

## Exemplar Problems

### Determinants

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$$\begin{vmatrix} 3x & -x+y & -x+z \\ x-y & 3y & z-y \\ x-z & y-z & 3z \end{vmatrix}$$

Solution:

Given, 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 3x & -x+y & -x+z \\ x-y & 3y & z-y \\ x-z & y-z & 3z \end{vmatrix}$$

[Applying  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ ]

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x+y+z & -x+y & -x+z \\ x+y+z & 3y & z-y \\ x+y+z & y-z & 3z \end{vmatrix}$$

[Taking  $(x+y+z)$  common from column  $C_1$ ]

$$= (x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -x+y & -x+z \\ 1 & 3y & z-y \\ 1 & y-z & 3z \end{vmatrix}$$

[Applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ ]

$$= (x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -x+y & -x+z \\ 0 & 2y+x & x-y \\ 0 & x-z & 2z+x \end{vmatrix}$$

[Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3$ ]

$$= (x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -x+y & -x+z \\ 0 & 3y & x-y \\ 0 & -3z & 2z+x \end{vmatrix}$$

[Expanding along first column]

$$= (x + y + z) \cdot 1[3y(3z + x) + (3z)(x - y)]$$

$$= (x + y + z)(3yz + 3yx + 3xz)$$

$$= 3(x + y + z)(xy + yz + zx)$$