

Exemplar Problems
Determinants

12. Find the value of θ satisfying

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \sin 3\theta \\ -4 & 3 & \cos 2\theta \\ 7 & -7 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

Solution:

Given,

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & \sin 3\theta \\ -4 & 3 & \cos 2\theta \\ 7 & -7 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

On expanding along C_3 , we have

$$\sin 3\theta \times (28 - 21) - \cos 2\theta \times (-7 - 7) - 2(3 + 4) = 0$$

$$7 \sin 3\theta + 14 \cos 2\theta - 14 = 0$$

$$\sin 3\theta + 2 \cos 2\theta - 2 = 0$$

$$(3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta) + 2(1 - 2 \sin^2 \theta) - 2 = 0$$

$$4 \sin^3 \theta - 4 \sin^2 \theta + 3 \sin \theta = 0$$

$$\sin \theta (4 \sin^2 \theta - 4 \sin \theta + 3) = 0$$

$$\sin \theta (4 \sin^2 \theta - 6 \sin \theta + 2 \sin \theta + 3) = 0$$

$$\sin \theta (2 \sin \theta + 1)(2 \sin \theta - 3) = 0$$

$$\sin \theta = 0 \text{ or } \sin \theta = -1/2 \text{ or } \sin \theta = 3/2$$

$$\theta = n\pi \text{ or } \theta = m\pi + (-1)^n \left(-\frac{\pi}{6} \right); m, n \in Z$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{-3}{2} \text{ is not possible}$$