

## Determinants - Class XII

### Related Questions with Solutions

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#### Questions

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##### Question: 01

The value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} -(2^5 + 1)^2 & 2^{10} - 1 & \frac{1}{2^5 - 1} \\ 2^{10} - 1 & -(2^5 - 1)^2 & \frac{1}{2^5 + 1} \\ \frac{1}{2^5 - 1} & \frac{1}{2^5 + 1} & -\frac{1}{(2^{10} - 1)^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

is -

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 4

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#### Solutions

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##### Solution: 01

Taking  $2^5 + 1 = a$  and  $2^5 - 1 = b$ , then  $2^{10} - 1 = (2^5 + 1)(2^5 - 1) = ab$ , therefore the given determinant equals.

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & \frac{1}{b} \\ ab & -b^2 & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{a} & -\frac{1}{a^2 b^2} \end{vmatrix}$$

Multiplying  $R_1$  with  $b$ ,  $R_2$  with  $a$  and  $R_3$  with  $a^2 b^2$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{a^3 b^3} \begin{vmatrix} -ba^2 & ab^2 & 1 \\ ba^2 & -ab^2 & 1 \\ ba^2 & ab^2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2$

$$= \frac{1}{a^3 b^3} \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ ba^2 & -ab^2 & 1 \\ ba^2 & ab^2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_1$

$$= \frac{2}{a^3 b^3} \begin{vmatrix} ba^2 & -ab^2 \\ ba^2 & ab^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2}{a^3 b^3} (a^3 b^3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

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#### Correct Options

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Answer:01

Correct Options: D