

Matrices and Determinants - Class XII

Past Year JEE Questions

Questions

Question: 01

$$\text{If } \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -x & 1 \\ \cos \theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & -x & 1 \\ \cos 2\theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix}, x \neq 0;$$

then for all $\theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$:

- A. $\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 = x(\cos 2\theta - \cos 4\theta)$
- B. $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = -2x^3$
- C. $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = -2(x^3 + x - 1)$
- D. $\Delta_1 - \Delta_2 = -2x^3$

Solutions

Solution: 01

Explanation

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\sin \theta & -x & 1 \\ \cos \theta & 1 & x \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= x(-x^2 - 1) - \sin \theta(-x \sin \theta - \cos \theta) + \cos \theta(-\sin \theta + x \cos \theta)$$

$$= -x^3 - x + x \sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta - \cos \theta \sin \theta + x \cos^2 \theta$$

$$= -x^3 - x + x = -x^3$$

$$\text{Similarly } \Delta_2 = -x^3$$

$$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = -2x^3$$