

Exemplar Problem

Matrix and Determinants

58. The maximum value of $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 + \sin\theta & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 + \cos\theta \end{vmatrix}$ is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Ans: Here, we have $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 + \sin\theta & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 + \cos\theta \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $[C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_3]$ and $[C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3]$, we get

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \sin\theta & 1 \\ -\cos\theta & -\cos\theta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now, expanding along R_1

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 1(0 + \sin\theta \cdot \cos\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \sin\theta \cdot \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{2}{2} \sin\theta \cdot \cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta$$

Also, we know that, $[-1 \leq \sin 2\theta \leq 1]$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \leq \Delta \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Thus, maximum value of given determinant is $\frac{1}{2}$

Hence, the given statement is true.