

Matrices and Determinants - Class XII

Past Year JEE Questions

Questions

Question: 01

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & b & 1 \\ b & b^2 + 1 & b \\ 1 & b & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } b > 0.$$

Then the minimum value of $\frac{\det(A)}{b}$ is -

- A. $\sqrt{3}$
- B. $-2\sqrt{3}$
- C. $-\sqrt{3}$
- D. $2\sqrt{3}$

Solutions

Solution: 01

Explanation

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & b & 1 \\ b & b^2 + 1 & b \\ 1 & b & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (b > 0)$$

$$|A| = 2(2b^2 + 2 - b^2) - b(2b - b) + 1(b_2 - b_2 - 1)$$

$$|A| = 2(b^2 + 2) - b^2 - 1$$

$$|A| = b^2 + 3$$

$$\frac{|A|}{b} = b + \frac{3}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{b+\frac{3}{b}}{2} \geq \sqrt{3}$$

$$b + \frac{3}{b} \geq 2\sqrt{3}$$