

## CHAPTER – 4: DETERMINANTS

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### NCERT Important Questions & Answers

1. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 18 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 18 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$ , then find the value of  $x$ .

**Ans:**

$$\text{Given that } \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 18 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 18 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

On expanding both determinants, we get

$$x \times x - 18 \times 2 = 6 \times 6 - 18 \times 2 \Rightarrow x^2 - 36 = 36 - 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 36 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 6$$

2. Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 2a & 3a+2b & 4a+3b+2c \\ 3a & 6a+3b & 10a+6b+3c \end{vmatrix} = a^3$

**Ans:**

Applying operations  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - 2R_1$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_1$  to the given determinant  $\Delta$ , we have

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 0 & a & 2a+b \\ 0 & 3a & 7a+3b \end{vmatrix}$$

Now applying  $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 3R_2$ , we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 0 & a & 2a+b \\ 0 & 0 & a \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $C_1$ , we obtain

$$\Delta = a \begin{vmatrix} a & 2a+b \\ 0 & a \end{vmatrix} + 0 + 0 = a(a^2 - 0) = a(a^2) = a^3$$

3. Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix} = 4abc$

**Ans:**

$$\text{Let } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_2 - R_3$  to  $\Delta$ , we get

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2c & -2b \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_1$ , we obtain

$$\Delta = 0 \begin{vmatrix} c+a & b \\ c & a+b \end{vmatrix} - (-2c) \begin{vmatrix} b & b \\ c & a+b \end{vmatrix} + (-2b) \begin{vmatrix} b & c+a \\ c & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2c(ab + b^2 - bc) - 2b(bc - c^2 - ac) \\
&= 2abc + 2cb^2 - 2bc^2 - 2b^2c + 2bc^2 + 2abc \\
&= 4abc
\end{aligned}$$

4. If  $x, y, z$  are different and  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  then show that  $1 + xyz = 0$

Ans:

$$\text{We have } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now, we know that If some or all elements of a row or column of a determinant are expressed as sum of two (or more) terms, then the determinant can be expressed as sum of two (or more) determinants.

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \Delta &= \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 \\ y & y^2 & 1 \\ z & z^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & x^3 \\ y & y^2 & y^3 \\ z & z^2 & z^3 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} + xyz \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } C_3 \leftrightarrow C_2 \text{ and then } C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2) \\
&= (1 + xyz) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix} \\
&= (1 + xyz) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & y-x & y^2-x^2 \\ 0 & z-x & z^2-x^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Taking out common factor  $(y-x)$  from  $R_2$  and  $(z-x)$  from  $R_3$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta &= (1 + xyz)(y-x)(z-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1 & y+x \\ 0 & 1 & z+x \end{vmatrix} \\
&= (1 + xyz)(y-x)(z-x)(z-y) \quad (\text{on expanding along } C_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Delta = 0$  and  $x, y, z$  are all different, i.e.,  $x-y \neq 0, y-z \neq 0, z-x \neq 0$ , we get  $1 + xyz = 0$

5. Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = abc \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right) = abc + bc + ca + ab$

Ans:

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking out factors  $a, b, c$  common from  $R_1, R_2$  and  $R_3$ , we get

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a}+1 & \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b}+1 & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c}+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$ , we have

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} \\ \frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b}+1 & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c}+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ , we get

$$\Delta = abc \begin{vmatrix} 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{c} & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = abc \left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right) [1(1-0)]$$

$$= abc \left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right) = abc + bc + ca + ab = \text{RHS}$$

**6. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ a+b & p+q & x+y \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix}$$

**Ans:**

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & q+r & y+z \\ c+a & r+p & z+x \\ a+b & p+q & x+y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ q+r & r+p & p+q \\ y+z & z+x & x+y \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{interchange row and column})$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & -2c \\ q+r & r+p & -2r \\ y+z & z+x & -2z \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{using } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - (C_1 + C_2)]$$

$$= (-2) \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & c \\ q+r & r+p & r \\ y+z & z+x & z \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{taking '-2' common from } C_3)$$

$$= (-2) \begin{vmatrix} b & a & c \\ q & p & r \\ y & x & z \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_3 \text{ and } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_3)$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \leftrightarrow C_2)$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & p & x \\ b & q & y \\ c & r & z \end{vmatrix} = RHS \quad (\text{interchange row and column})$$

7. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & -b^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & -c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

Ans:

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ba & -b^2 & bc \\ ca & cb & -c^2 \end{vmatrix} = abc \begin{vmatrix} -a & b & c \\ a & -b & c \\ a & b & -c \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{taking out factors } a \text{ from } R_1, b \text{ from } R_2 \text{ and } c \text{ from } R_3]$$

$R_3]$

$$= (abc)(abc) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{taking out factors } a \text{ from } C_1, b \text{ from } C_2 \text{ and } c \text{ from } C_3)$$

$$= a^2b^2c^2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \text{ and } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3)$$

Expanding corresponding to first row  $R_1$ , we get

$$= a^2b^2c^2 \times 2 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a^2b^2c^2 \times 2(0 + 2) = 4a^2b^2c^2 = RHS$$

8. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that

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

Ans:

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - R_3$  and  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3$ , we get

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-c & a^2-c^2 \\ 0 & b-c & b^2-c^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & a-c & (a-c)(a+c) \\ 0 & b-c & (b-c)(b+c) \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking common factors  $(a-c)$  and  $(b-c)$  from  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  respectively, we get

$$= (a-c)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & (a+c) \\ 0 & 1 & (b+c) \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now, expanding corresponding to  $C_1$ , we get

$$= (a-c)(b-c)(b+c-a-c) = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a) = \text{RHS}$$

**9. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$$

**Ans:**

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-b & b-c & c \\ a^3-b^3 & b^3-c^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-b & b-c & c \\ (a-b)(a^2+ab+b^2) & (b-c)(b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking common  $(a-b)$  from  $C_1$  and  $(b-c)$  from  $C_2$ , we get

$$= (a-b)(b-c) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ a-b & b-c & c \\ (a^2+ab+b^2) & (b^2+bc+c^2) & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Now, expanding along  $R_1$ , we get

$$= (a-b)(b-c) [1 \times (b^2+bc+c^2) - 1 \times (a^2+ab+b^2)]$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c) [b^2+bc+c^2 - a^2 - ab - b^2]$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c) (bc - ab + c^2 - a^2)$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c) [b(c-a) + (c-a)(c+a)]$$

$$= (a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c) = \text{RHS.}$$

**10. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ y & y^2 & zx \\ z & z^2 & xy \end{vmatrix} = (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(xy+yz+zx)$$

**Ans:**

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ y & y^2 & zx \\ z & z^2 & xy \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow xR_1, R_2 \rightarrow yR_2$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow zR_3$ , we have

$$= \frac{1}{xyz} \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & xyz \\ y^2 & y^3 & xyz \\ z^2 & z^3 & xyz \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{xyz}{xyz} \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & 1 \\ y^2 & y^3 & 1 \\ z^2 & z^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{take out } xyz \text{ common from } C_3)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x^3 & 1 \\ y^2 - x^2 & y^3 - x^3 & 0 \\ z^2 - x^2 & z^3 - x^3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

Expanding corresponding to  $C_3$ , we get

$$= 1 \begin{vmatrix} y^2 - x^2 & y^3 - x^3 \\ z^2 - x^2 & z^3 - x^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= [(y^2 - x^2)(z^3 - x^3) - (z^2 - x^2)(y^3 - x^3)]$$

$$= (y + x)(y - x)(z - x)(z^2 + x^2 + xz) - (z + x)(z - x)(y - x)(y^2 + x^2 + xy)$$

$$= (y - x)(z - x)[(y + x)(z^2 + x^2 + xz) - (z + x)(y^2 + x^2 + xy)]$$

$$= (y - x)(z - x)[yz^2 + yx^2 + xyz + xz^2 + x^3 + x^2z - zy^2 - zx^2 - xyz - xy^2 - x^3 - x^2y]$$

$$= (y - x)(z - x)[yz^2 - zy^2 + xz^2 - xy^2]$$

$$= (y - x)(z - x)[yz(z - y) + x(z^2 - y^2)]$$

$$= (y - x)(z - x)[yz(z - y) + x(z - y)(z + y)]$$

$$= (y - x)(z - x)[(z - y)(xy + yz + zx)]$$

$$= (x - y)(y - z)(z - x)(xy + yz + zx) = \text{RHS.}$$

**11. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+4 & 2x & 2x \\ 2x & x+4 & 2x \\ 2x & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix} = (5x+4)(4-x)^2$$

**Ans:**

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} x+4 & 2x & 2x \\ 2x & x+4 & 2x \\ 2x & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 5x+4 & 2x & 2x \\ 5x+4 & x+4 & 2x \\ 5x+4 & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= (5x+4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2x & 2x \\ 1 & x+4 & 2x \\ 1 & 2x & x+4 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{take out } (5x+4) \text{ common from } C_1].$$

$$= (5x+4) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2x & 2x \\ 0 & -x+4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -x+4 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

Expanding along  $C_1$ , we get

$$= (5x+4) \{1(4-x)(4-x)\}$$

$$= (5x+4)(4-x)^2 = \text{RHS.}$$

**12. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} y+k & y & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix} = k^2(3y+k)$$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} y+k & y & y \\ y & y+k & y \\ y & y & y+k \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 3y+k & y & y \\ 3y+k & y+k & y \\ 3y+k & y & y+k \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= (3y+k) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & y \\ 1 & y+k & y \\ 1 & y & y+k \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{take out } (3y+k) \text{ common from } C_1].$$

$$= (3y+k) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & y \\ 0 & k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & k \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

Expanding along  $C_3$ , we get

$$= (3y+k) [1(k^2 - 0)]$$

$$= k^2(3y+k) = \text{RHS}$$

**13. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)^3$$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & a+b+c & a+b+c \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3)$$

Take out  $(a+b+c)$  common from  $R_1$ , we get

$$= (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2b & -b-c-a & 0 \\ 2c & 0 & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ and } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1)$$

Expanding along  $R_1$ , we get

$$= (a+b+c) \{1(-b-c-a)(-c-a-b)\}$$

$$= (a+b+c) [-(b+c+a) \times (-)(c+a+b)]$$

$$= (a+b+c)(a+b+c)(a+b+c) = (a+b+c)^3 = \text{RHS}$$

**14. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+y+2z & x & y \\ z & y+z+2x & y \\ z & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix} = 2(x+y+z)^3$$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} x+y+2z & x & y \\ z & y+z+2x & y \\ z & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2(x+y+z) & x & y \\ 2(x+y+z) & y+z+2x & y \\ 2(x+y+z) & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= 2(x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 1 & y+z+2x & y \\ 1 & x & z+x+2y \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{take out } 2(x+y+z) \text{ common from } C_1].$$

$$= 2(x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & y+z+x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & z+x+y \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

$$= 2(x+y+z)(x+y+z)(x+y+z) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & y \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_3$ , we get

$$= 2(x+y+z)(x+y+z)(x+y+z)[1(1-0)]$$

$$= 2(x+y+z)(x+y+z)(x+y+z) = 2(x+y+z)^3 = \text{RHS}$$

**15. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ x^2 & 1 & x \\ x & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (1-x^3)^2$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ x^2 & 1 & x \\ x & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1+x+x^2 & x & x^2 \\ 1+x+x^2 & 1 & x \\ 1+x+x^2 & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= (1+x+x^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & 1 & x \\ 1 & x^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{take out } (1+x+x^2) \text{ common from } C_1].$$

$$= (1+x+x^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1-x & x-x^2 \\ 0 & x^2-x & 1-x^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$



$$= (1+x+x^2) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1-x & x(1-x) \\ 0 & x(x-1) & 1-x^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Take out  $(1-x)$  common from  $R_2$  and same from  $R_3$ , we get

$$= (1+x+x^2)(1-x)(1-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 0 & 1 & x \\ 0 & -x & 1+x \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $C_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= (1+x+x^2)(1-x)(1-x) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x \\ -x & 1+x \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (1+x+x^2)(1-x)(1-x)(1+x+x^2) \\ &= (1-x^3)(1-x^3) = (1-x^3)^2 = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

**16. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

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

**Ans:**

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

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2+b^2 & 0 & -2b \\ 0 & 1+a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ b(1+a^2+b^2) & -a(1+a^2+b^2) & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

(Using  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - bC_3$  and  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + aC_3$ )

$$= (1+a^2+b^2)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2b \\ 0 & 1 & 2a \\ b & -a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (1+a^2+b^2)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2b \\ 0 & 1 & 2a \\ 0 & 0 & 1+a^2+b^2 \end{vmatrix} \quad (R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - bR_1 + aR_2)$$

Expanding along  $R_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= (1+a^2+b^2)^2 [1(1+a^2+b^2)] \\ &= (1+a^2+b^2)^3 = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

**17. Using the property of determinants and without expanding, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2+1 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix} = 1+a^2+b^2+c^2$$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2+1 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking out common factors  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  from  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  respectively, we get

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a + \frac{1}{a} & b & c \\ a & b + \frac{1}{b} & c \\ a & b & c + \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a + \frac{1}{a} & b & c \\ -\frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{b} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{a} & 0 & \frac{1}{c} \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

Multiply and divide  $C_1$  by  $a$ ,  $C_2$  by  $b$  and  $C_3$  by  $c$  and then take common out from  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  respectively, we get

$$= abc \times \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + 1 & b^2 & c^2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + 1 & b^2 & c^2 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $R_3$ , we get

$$= -1 \times (-c^2) + 1[1(a^2 + 1) + 1(b^2)]$$

$$= 1 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = RHS$$

**18. Find values of  $k$  if area of triangle is 4 sq. units and vertices are**

**(i)  $(k, 0)$ ,  $(4, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$  (ii)  $(-2, 0)$ ,  $(0, 4)$ ,  $(0, k)$**

**Ans:**

$$(i) \text{ We have Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} k & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow |k(0 - 2) + 1(8 - 0)| = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow k(0 - 2) + 1(8 - 0) = \pm 8$$

On taking positive sign  $-2k + 8 = 8$

$$\Rightarrow -2k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 0$$

On taking negative sign  $-2k + 8 = -8$

$$\Rightarrow -2k = -16$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 0, 8$$

$$(ii) \text{ We have Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 0 & k & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow |-2(4 - k) + 1(0 - 0)| = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow -2(4 - k) + 1(0 - 0) = \pm 8$$

$$\Rightarrow [-8 + 2k] = \pm 8$$

On taking positive sign,  $2k - 8 = 8 \Rightarrow 2k = 16 \Rightarrow k = 8$

On taking negative sign,  $2k - 8 = -8 \Rightarrow 2k = 0 \Rightarrow k = 0$

$$\Rightarrow k = 0, 8$$

19. If area of triangle is 35 sq units with vertices (2, -6), (5, 4) and (k, 4). Then find the value of k.

Ans:

$$\text{We have Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -6 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 & 1 \\ k & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 35$$

$$\Rightarrow |2(4-4) + 6(5-k) + 1(20-4k)| = 70$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(4-4) + 6(5-k) + 1(20-4k) = \pm 70$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 - 6k + 20 - 4k = \pm 70$$

$$\text{On taking positive sign, } -10k + 50 = 70$$

$$\Rightarrow -10k = 20 \Rightarrow k = -2$$

$$\text{On taking negative sign, } -10k + 50 = -70$$

$$\Rightarrow -10k = -120 \Rightarrow k = 12$$

$$\therefore k = 12, -2$$

20. Using Cofactors of elements of second row, evaluate  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$

Ans:

$$\text{Given that } \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Cofactors of the elements of second row

$$A_{21} = (-1)^{2+1} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 8 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -(9-16) = 7$$

$$A_{22} = (-1)^{2+2} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = (15-8) = 7$$

$$\text{and } A_{23} = (-1)^{2+3} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -(10-3) = -7$$

Now, expansion of  $\Delta$  using cofactors of elements of second row is given by

$$\Delta = a_{21}A_{21} + a_{22}A_{22} + a_{23}A_{23}$$

$$= 2 \times 7 + 0 \times 7 + 1(-7) = 14 - 7 = 7$$

21. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , show that  $A^2 - 5A + 7I = O$ . Hence find  $A^{-1}$ .

Ans:

$$\text{Given that } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } A^2 - 5A + 7I = O$$

$$A^2 = A.A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9-2 & 3+2 \\ -3-2 & -1+4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + 7 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 5 \\ -5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 7-15+7 & 5-5+0 \\ -5+5+0 & 3-10+3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O$$

$$\therefore A^2 - 5A + 7I = O$$

$$\therefore |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 6 + 1 = 7 \neq 0$$

$\therefore A^{-1}$  exists.

$$\text{Now, } A.A - 5A = -7I$$

Multiplying by  $A^{-1}$  on both sides, we get

$$A.A(A^{-1}) - 5A(A^{-1}) = -7I(A^{-1})$$

$$\Rightarrow AI - 5I = -7A^{-1} \quad (\text{using } AA^{-1} = I \text{ and } IA^{-1} = A^{-1})$$

$$A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{7}(A - 5I) = \frac{1}{7}(5I - A) = \frac{1}{7} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

22. For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $A^2 + aA + bI = O$ .

**Ans:**

$$\text{Given that } A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = A.A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9+2 & 6+2 \\ 3+1 & 2+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } A^2 + aA + bI = O$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + a \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + b \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = O$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3a & 2a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} = O$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 11+3a+b & 8+2a \\ 4+a & 3+a+b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

If two matrices are equal, then their corresponding elements are equal.

$$\Rightarrow 11 + 3a + b = 0 \dots(i)$$

$$8 + 2a = 0 \dots(ii)$$

$$4 + a = 0 \dots(iii)$$

$$\text{and } 3 + a + b = 0 \dots(iv)$$

Solving Eqs. (iii) and (iv), we get  $4 + a = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a = -4$$

$$\text{and } 3 + a + b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - 4 + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = 1$$

Thus,  $a = -4$  and  $b = 1$

23. For the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , Show that  $A^3 - 6A^2 + 5A + 11I = O$ . Hence, find  $A^{-1}$ .

**Ans:**

$$\text{Given that } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = A.A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+1+2 & 1+2-1 & 1-3+3 \\ 1+2-6 & 1+4+3 & 1-6-9 \\ 2-1+6 & 2-2-3 & 2+3+9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 8 & -14 \\ 7 & -3 & 14 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{and } A^3 = A^2.A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 8 & -14 \\ 7 & -3 & 14 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4+2+2 & 4+4-1 & 4-6+3 \\ -3+8-28 & -3+16+14 & -3-24-42 \\ 7-3+28 & 7-6-14 & 7+9+42 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 & 1 \\ -23 & 27 & -69 \\ 32 & -13 & 58 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^3 - 6A^2 + 5A + 11I$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 & 1 \\ -23 & 27 & -69 \\ 32 & -13 & 58 \end{bmatrix} - 6 \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 1 \\ -3 & 8 & -14 \\ 7 & -3 & 14 \end{bmatrix} + 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} + 11 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 & 1 \\ -23 & 27 & -69 \\ 32 & -13 & 58 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 24 & 12 & 6 \\ -18 & 48 & -84 \\ 42 & -18 & 84 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 5 & 10 & -15 \\ 10 & -5 & 15 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8-24+5+11 & 7-12+5+0 & 1-6+5+0 \\ -23+18+5+0 & 27-48+10+11 & -69+84-15+0 \\ 32-42+10+0 & -13+18-5+0 & 58-84+15+11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O$$

$$\therefore |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1(6-3) - 1(3+6) + 1(-1-4) = 3-9-5 = -11 \neq 0$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} \text{ exist}$$

$$\text{Now, } A^3 - 6A^2 + 5A + 11I = O$$

$$\Rightarrow AA(AA^{-1}) - 6A(AA^{-1}) + 5(AA^{-1}) + 11(AA^{-1}) = O$$

$$\Rightarrow AAI - 6AI + 5I + 11A^{-1} = O$$

$$\Rightarrow A^2 - 6A + 5I = -11A^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{11}(A^2 - 6A + 5I)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{11}(-A^2 + 6A - 5I)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & -8 & 14 \\ -7 & 3 & -14 \end{bmatrix} + 6 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - 5 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \left( \begin{bmatrix} -4 & -2 & -1 \\ 3 & -8 & 14 \\ -7 & 3 & -14 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 6 & 6 \\ 6 & 12 & -18 \\ 12 & -6 & 18 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} -4+6-5 & -2+6-0 & -1+6-0 \\ 3+6-0 & -8+12-5 & 14-18-0 \\ -7+12-0 & 3-6-0 & -14+18-5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \frac{1}{11} \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 & 5 \\ 9 & -1 & -4 \\ 5 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**24. Solve system of linear equations, using matrix method,**

$$2x + y + z = 1$$

$$x - 2y - z = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$3y - 5z = 9$$

**Ans:**

The given system can be written as  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -4 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & -5 \end{vmatrix} = 2(20+6) - 1(-10-0) + 1(6-0)$$

$$= 52 + 10 + 6 = 68 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is non-singular, Therefore, its inverse exists.

Therefore, the given system is consistent and has a unique solution given by  $X = A^{-1}B$ .

Cofactors of  $A$  are

$$A_{11} = 20 + 6 = 26,$$

$$A_{12} = -(-10 + 0) = 10,$$

$$A_{13} = 6 + 0 = 6$$

$$A_{21} = -(-5 - 3) = 8,$$

$$A_{22} = -10 - 0 = -10,$$

$$A_{23} = -(6 - 0) = -6$$

$$A_{31} = (-2 + 4) = 2,$$

$$A_{32} = -(-4 - 2) = 6,$$

$$A_{33} = -8 - 2 = -10$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 26 & 10 & 6 \\ 8 & -10 & -6 \\ 2 & 6 & -10 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 26 & 8 & 2 \\ 10 & -10 & 6 \\ 6 & -6 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (\text{adj}A) = \frac{1}{68} \begin{bmatrix} 26 & 8 & 2 \\ 10 & -10 & 6 \\ 6 & -6 & -10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{68} \begin{bmatrix} 26 & 8 & 2 \\ 10 & -10 & 6 \\ 6 & -6 & -10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{68} \begin{bmatrix} 26+24+18 \\ 10-30+54 \\ 6-18-90 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{68} \begin{bmatrix} 68 \\ 34 \\ -102 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $x=1$ ,  $y=\frac{1}{2}$  and  $z=\frac{-3}{2}$

**25. Solve system of linear equations, using matrix method,**

$$x - y + z = 4$$

$$2x + y - 3z = 0$$

$$x + y + z = 2$$

**Ans:**

The given system can be written as  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1(1+3) - (-1)(2+3) + 1(2-1) = 4 + 5 + 1 = 10 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is non-singular, Therefore, its inverse exists.

Therefore, the given system is consistent and has a unique solution given by  $X = A^{-1}B$ .

Cofactors of  $A$  are

$$A_{11} = 1 + 3 = 4,$$

$$A_{12} = -(2 + 3) = -5,$$

$$A_{13} = 2 - 1 = 1,$$

$$A_{21} = -(-1 - 1) = 2,$$

$$A_{22} = 1 - 1 = 0,$$

$$A_{23} = -(1 + 1) = -2,$$

$$A_{31} = 3 - 1 = 2,$$

$$A_{32} = -(-3 - 2) = 5,$$

$$A_{33} = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}(\text{adj}A) = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 2 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 16+0+4 \\ -20+0+10 \\ 4+0+6 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{10} \begin{bmatrix} 20 \\ -10 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = -1$  and  $z = 1$ .

**26. Solve system of linear equations, using matrix method,**

$$2x + 3y + 3z = 5$$

$$x - 2y + z = -4$$

$$3x - y - 2z = 3$$

**Ans:**

The given system can be written as  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(4 + 1) - 3(-2 - 3) + 3(-1 + 6)$$

$$= 10 + 15 + 15 = 40 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is non-singular. Therefore, its inverse exists. Therefore, the given system is consistent and has a unique solution given by  $X = A^{-1}B$

Cofactors of  $A$  are

$$A_{11} = 4 + 1 = 5,$$

$$A_{12} = -(-2 - 3) = 5,$$

$$A_{13} = (-1 + 6) = 5,$$

$$A_{21} = -(-6 + 3) = 3,$$

$$A_{22} = (-4 - 9) = -13,$$

$$A_{23} = -(-2 - 9) = 11,$$

$$A_{31} = 3 + 6 = 9,$$

$$A_{32} = -(2 - 3) = 1,$$

$$A_{33} = -4 - 3 = -7$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5 & 5 \\ 3 & -13 & 11 \\ 9 & 1 & -7 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 9 \\ 5 & -13 & 1 \\ 5 & 11 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}(\text{adj}A) = \frac{1}{40} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 9 \\ 5 & -13 & 1 \\ 5 & 11 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{40} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 3 & 9 \\ 5 & -13 & 1 \\ 5 & 11 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{40} \begin{bmatrix} 25 - 12 + 27 \\ 25 + 52 + 3 \\ 25 - 44 - 21 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{40} \begin{bmatrix} 40 \\ 80 \\ -40 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$  and  $z = -1$ .

**27. Solve system of linear equations, using matrix method,**

$$x - y + 2z = 7$$

$$3x + 4y - 5z = -5$$

$$2x - y + 3z = 12$$

**Ans:**

The given system can be written as  $AX = B$ , where



$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & -5 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ -5 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & -5 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1(12 - 5) - (-1)(9 + 10) + 2(-3 - 8)$$

$$= 7 + 19 - 22 = 4 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is non-singular. Therefore, its inverse exists.

Therefore, the given system is consistent and has a unique solution given by  $X = A^{-1}B$

Cofactors of  $A$  are

$$A_{11} = 12 - 5 = 7,$$

$$A_{12} = -(9 + 10) = -19,$$

$$A_{13} = -3 - 8 = -11,$$

$$A_{21} = -(-3 + 2) = 1,$$

$$A_{22} = 3 - 4 = -1,$$

$$A_{23} = -(-1 + 2) = -1,$$

$$A_{31} = 5 - 8 = -3,$$

$$A_{32} = -(-5 - 6) = 11,$$

$$A_{33} = 4 + 3 = 7$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -19 & -11 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -3 & 11 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & -3 \\ -19 & -1 & 11 \\ -11 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}(\text{adj}A) = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & -3 \\ -19 & -1 & 11 \\ -11 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 1 & -3 \\ -19 & -1 & 11 \\ -11 & -1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 49 - 5 - 36 \\ -133 + 5 + 132 \\ -77 + 5 + 84 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 1$  and  $z = 3$ .

28. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  find  $A^{-1}$ . Using  $A^{-1}$ , Solve system of linear equations:

$$2x - 3y + 5z = 11$$

$$3x + 2y - 4z = -5$$

$$x + y - 2z = -3$$

**Ans:**

The given system can be written as  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -3 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 2(-4 + 4) - (-3)(-6 + 4) + 5(3 - 2)$$

$$= 0 - 6 + 5 = -1 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is non-singular. Therefore, its inverse exists.

Therefore, the given system is consistent and has a unique solution given by  $X = A^{-1}B$

Cofactors of  $A$  are

$$A_{11} = -4 + 4 = 0,$$

$$A_{12} = -(-6 + 4) = 2,$$

$$A_{13} = 3 - 2 = 1,$$

$$A_{21} = -(6 - 5) = -1,$$

$$A_{22} = -4 - 5 = -9,$$

$$A_{23} = -(2 + 3) = -5,$$

$$A_{31} = (12 - 10) = 2,$$

$$A_{32} = -(-8 - 15) = 23,$$

$$A_{33} = 4 + 9 = 13$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -9 & -5 \\ 2 & 23 & 13 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -9 & 23 \\ 1 & -5 & 13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}(\text{adj}A) = \frac{1}{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -9 & 23 \\ 1 & -5 & 13 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 9 & -23 \\ -1 & 5 & -13 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 9 & -23 \\ -1 & 5 & -13 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ -5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 5 + 6 \\ -22 - 45 + 69 \\ -11 - 25 + 39 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$  and  $z = 3$ .

**29. The cost of 4 kg onion, 3 kg wheat and 2 kg rice is Rs 60. The cost of 2 kg onion, 4 kg wheat and 6 kg rice is Rs 90. The cost of 6 kg onion 2 kg wheat and 3 kg rice is Rs 70. Find cost of each item per kg by matrix method.**

**Ans:**

Let the prices (per kg) of onion, wheat and rice be Rs.  $x$ , Rs.  $y$  and Rs.  $z$ , respectively then

$$4x + 3y + 2z = 60, 2x + 4y + 6z = 90, 6x + 2y + 3z = 70$$

This system of equations can be written as  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 90 \\ 70 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 4(12 - 12) - 3(6 - 36) + 2(4 - 24)$$

$$= 0 + 90 - 40 = 50 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is non-singular. Therefore, its inverse exists. Therefore, the given system is consistent and has a unique solution given by  $X = A^{-1}B$

Cofactors of  $A$  are,

$$A_{11} = 12 - 12 = 0,$$

$$A_{12} = -(6 - 36) = 30,$$

$$A_{13} = 4 - 24 = -20,$$

$$A_{21} = -(9 - 4) = -5,$$

$$A_{22} = 12 - 12 = 0,$$

$$A_{23} = -(8 - 18) = 10,$$

$$A_{31} = (18 - 8) = 10,$$

$$A_{32} = -(24 - 4) = -20,$$

$$A_{33} = 16 - 6 = 10$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 30 & -20 \\ -5 & 0 & 10 \\ 10 & -20 & 10 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & 10 \\ 30 & 0 & -20 \\ -20 & 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|}(\text{adj}A) = \frac{1}{50} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & 10 \\ 30 & 0 & -20 \\ -20 & 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{50} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -5 & 10 \\ 30 & 0 & -20 \\ -20 & 10 & 10 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 60 \\ 90 \\ 70 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{50} \begin{bmatrix} 0 - 450 + 700 \\ 1800 + 0 - 1400 \\ -1200 + 900 + 700 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{50} \begin{bmatrix} 250 \\ 400 \\ 400 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\therefore x = 5, y = 8$  and  $z = 8$ .

Hence, price of onion per kg is Rs. 5, price of wheat per kg is Rs. 8 and that of rice per kg is Rs. 8.

**30. Without expanding the determinant, prove that**

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & bc \\ b & b^2 & ca \\ c & c^2 & ab \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix}$$

**Ans:**

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & bc \\ b & b^2 & ca \\ c & c^2 & ab \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow aR_1, R_2 \rightarrow bR_2$  and  $R_3 \rightarrow cR_3$ , we get

$$= \frac{1}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a^3 & abc \\ b^2 & b^3 & abc \\ c^2 & c^3 & abc \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{abc}{abc} \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a^3 & 1 \\ b^2 & b^3 & 1 \\ c^2 & c^3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{[Taking out factor } abc \text{ from } C_3]$$

$$= (-1)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} \quad \text{(using } C_1 \leftrightarrow C_3 \text{ and } C_2 \leftrightarrow C_3)$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a^2 & a^3 \\ 1 & b^2 & b^3 \\ 1 & c^2 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = RHS$$

31. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are real numbers, and  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix} = 0$ . Show that either  $a + b + c = 0$  or

$a = b = c$ .

Ans:

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2(a+b+c) & c+a & a+b \\ 2(a+b+c) & a+b & b+c \\ 2(a+b+c) & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c+a & a+b \\ 1 & a+b & b+c \\ 1 & b+c & c+a \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{take out } 2(a+b+c) \text{ common from } C_1].$$

$$= 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & c+a & a+b \\ 0 & b-c & c-a \\ 0 & b-a & c-b \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

Expanding along  $C_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} b-c & c-a \\ b-a & c-b \end{vmatrix} \\ &= 2(a+b+c) [(b-c)(c-b) - (c-a)(b-a)] \\ &= 2(a+b+c) [bc - b^2 - c^2 + bc - (bc - ac - ab + a^2)] \\ &= 2(a+b+c) [bc - b^2 - c^2 + bc - bc + ac + ab - a^2] \\ &= 2(a+b+c) [ab + bc + ac - a^2 - b^2 - c^2] \end{aligned}$$

It is given that  $\Delta = 0$ ,

$$2(a+b+c) [ab + bc + ac - a^2 - b^2 - c^2] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } a+b+c=0 \text{ or } ab+bc+ac-a^2-b^2-c^2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow ab+bc+ac-a^2-b^2-c^2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ab+2bc+2ac-2a^2-2b^2-2c^2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a^2+2b^2+2c^2-2ab-2bc-2ac=0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2+b^2-2ab+b^2+c^2-2bc+c^2+a^2-2ac=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = (b-c)^2 = (c-a)^2 = 0 \quad [\text{since square of any real number is never negative}]$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b) = (b-c) = (c-a) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b, b = c, c = a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b = c$$

**32. Prove that** 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & bc & ac+c^2 \\ a^2+ab & b^2 & ac \\ ab & b^2+bc & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 4a^2b^2c^2$$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & bc & ac+c^2 \\ a^2+ab & b^2 & ac \\ ab & b^2+bc & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking out a from  $C_1$ , b from  $C_2$  and c from  $C_3$ , we get

$$= abc \begin{vmatrix} a & b & a+c \\ a+b & b & a \\ b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= abc \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c & a+c \\ 2b & b & a \\ 2b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 - C_3]$$

$$= abc \begin{vmatrix} 0 & c & a+c \\ 0 & -c & a-c \\ 2b & b+c & c \end{vmatrix} \quad [\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_3]$$

Expanding along  $C_1$ , we get

$$= (abc) [ (2b) \{ c(a-c) + c(a+c) \} ]$$

$$= 2(ab^2c)(2ac) = 4a^2b^2c^2 = \text{RHS.}$$

**33. Using properties of determinants, prove that** 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \beta+\gamma \\ \beta & \beta^2 & \gamma+\alpha \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & \alpha+\beta \end{vmatrix} = (\beta-\gamma)(\gamma-\alpha)(\alpha-\beta)(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)$$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \beta+\gamma \\ \beta & \beta^2 & \gamma+\alpha \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & \alpha+\beta \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha+\beta+\gamma \\ \beta & \beta^2 & \gamma+\alpha+\beta \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & \alpha+\beta+\gamma \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1)$$

$$= (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \beta & \beta^2 & 1 \\ \gamma & \gamma^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Taking out } (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) \text{ common from } C_1)$$

$$= (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & 1 \\ \beta-\alpha & \beta^2-\alpha^2 & 0 \\ \gamma-\alpha & \gamma^2-\alpha^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Using } R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \text{ and } R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1)$$

Expanding along  $C_3$ , we get

$$= (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) [ (\beta-\alpha)(\gamma^2-\alpha^2) - (\gamma-\alpha)(\beta^2-\alpha^2) ]$$

$$= (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) [ (\beta-\alpha)(\gamma-\alpha)(\gamma+\alpha) - (\gamma-\alpha)(\beta-\alpha)(\beta+\alpha) ]$$

$$= (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) (\beta-\alpha)(\gamma-\alpha)[\gamma+\alpha-\beta-\alpha]$$

$$= (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) (\beta-\alpha)(\gamma-\alpha)(\gamma-\beta)$$

$$= (\alpha+\beta+\gamma) (\alpha-\beta)(\beta-\gamma)(\gamma-\alpha) = \text{RHS}$$

**34. Using properties of determinants, prove that** 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 3a & -a+b & -a+c \\ -b+a & 3b & -b+c \\ -c+a & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix} = 3(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca)$$

**Ans:**

$$LHS = \begin{vmatrix} 3a & -a+b & -a+c \\ -b+a & 3b & -b+c \\ -c+a & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & -a+b & -a+c \\ a+b+c & 3b & -b+c \\ a+b+c & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3)$$

$$= (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -a+b & -a+c \\ 1 & 3b & -b+c \\ 1 & -c+b & 3c \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Taking out } (a+b+c) \text{ common from } C_1)$$

Now applying  $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1, R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ , we get

$$= (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -a+b & -a+c \\ 0 & 2b+a & a-b \\ 0 & a-c & 2c+a \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along  $C_1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= (a+b+c)[(2b+a)(2c+a) - (a-b)(a-c)] \\ &= (a+b+c)[4bc + 2ab + 2ac + a - a + ac + ba - bc] \\ &= (a+b+c)(3ab + 3bc + 3ac) = 3(a+b+c)(ab+bc+ca) = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

**35. Solve the system of equations:**

$$\frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{y} + \frac{10}{z} = 4$$

$$\frac{4}{x} - \frac{6}{y} + \frac{5}{z} = 1$$

$$\frac{6}{x} + \frac{9}{y} - \frac{20}{z} = 2$$

**Ans:**

Let  $\frac{1}{x} = p, \frac{1}{y} = q$  and  $\frac{1}{z} = r$ , then the given equations become

$$2p + 3q + 10r = 4, 4p - 6q + 5r = 1, 6p + 9q - 20r = 2$$

This system can be written as  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 4 & -6 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 & -20 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} p \\ q \\ r \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 10 \\ 4 & -6 & 5 \\ 6 & 9 & -20 \end{vmatrix} = 2(120 - 45) - 3(-80 - 30) + 10(36 + 36)$$

$$= 150 + 330 + 720 = 1200 \neq 0$$

Thus,  $A$  is non-singular. Therefore, its inverse exists.

Therefore, the above system is consistent and has a unique solution given by  $X = A^{-1}B$

Cofactors of  $A$  are

$$A_{11} = 120 - 45 = 75,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{12} &= -(-80 - 30) = 110, \\
A_{13} &= (36 + 36) = 72, \\
A_{21} &= -(-60 - 90) = 150, \\
A_{22} &= (-40 - 60) = -100, \\
A_{23} &= -(18 - 18) = 0, \\
A_{31} &= 15 + 60 = 75, \\
A_{32} &= -(10 - 40) = 30, \\
A_{33} &= -12 - 12 = -24
\end{aligned}$$

$$adj(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 110 & 72 \\ 150 & -100 & 0 \\ 75 & 30 & -24 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (adjA) = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 75 & 150 & 75 \\ 110 & -100 & 30 \\ 72 & 0 & -24 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 300 + 150 + 150 \\ 440 - 100 + 60 \\ 288 + 0 - 48 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{1200} \begin{bmatrix} 600 \\ 400 \\ 240 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{1}{2}, q = \frac{1}{3}, r = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, y = 3 \text{ and } z = 5.$$

**36. If  $a, b, c$ , are in A.P, then find the determinant of**

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$$

**Ans:**

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ 0 & 0 & 2(2b-a-c) \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{using } R_2 \rightarrow 2R_2 - R_1 - R_3)$$

But  $a, b, c$  are in AP. Using  $2b = a + c$ , we get

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\text{Since, all elements of } R_2 \text{ are zero}]$$

37. Show that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the equation  $A^2 - 4A + I = O$ , where  $I$  is  $2 \times 2$

identity matrix and  $O$  is  $2 \times 2$  zero matrix. Using this equation, find  $A^{-1}$ .

Ans:

$$\text{Given that } A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = AA = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 12 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } A^2 - 4A + I &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 12 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} - 4 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 12 \\ 4 & 7 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 12 \\ 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7-8+1 & 12-12+0 \\ 4-4+0 & 7-8+1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = O \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } A^2 - 4A + I = O$$

$$\Rightarrow AA - 4A = -I$$

$$\Rightarrow AA(A^{-1}) - 4AA^{-1} = -IA^{-1} \quad (\text{Post multiplying by } A^{-1} \text{ because } |A| \neq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow A(AA^{-1}) - 4I = -A^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow AI - 4I = -A^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = 4I - A = 4 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4-2 & 0-3 \\ 0-1 & 4-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

38. Solve the following system of equations by matrix method.

$$3x - 2y + 3z = 8$$

$$2x + y - z = 1$$

$$4x - 3y + 2z = 4$$

Ans:

The system of equation can be written as  $AX = B$ , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Here, } |A| = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 4 & -3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 3(2-3) + 2(4+4) + 3(-6-4) = -17 \neq 0$$

Hence,  $A$  is nonsingular and so its inverse exists. Now

$$A_{11} = -1, A_{12} = -8, A_{13} = -10$$

$$A_{21} = -5, A_{22} = -6, A_{23} = 1$$

$$A_{31} = -1, A_{32} = 9, A_{33} = 7$$

$$\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -8 & 10 \\ -5 & -6 & 1 \\ -1 & 9 & 7 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -5 & -1 \\ -8 & -6 & 9 \\ -10 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{|A|} (\text{adj}A) = -\frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -5 & -1 \\ -8 & -6 & 9 \\ -10 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$X = A^{-1}B \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -5 & -1 \\ -8 & -6 & 9 \\ -10 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{17} \begin{bmatrix} -17 \\ -34 \\ -51 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$  and  $z = 3$ .

**39. Show that**  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (y+z)^2 & xy & zx \\ xy & (x+z)^2 & yz \\ xz & yz & (x+y)^2 \end{vmatrix} = 2xyz(x+y+z)^3$

**Ans:**

Given that  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (y+z)^2 & xy & zx \\ xy & (x+z)^2 & yz \\ xz & yz & (x+y)^2 \end{vmatrix}$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow xR_1$ ,  $R_2 \rightarrow yR_2$ ,  $R_3 \rightarrow zR_3$  to  $\Delta$  and dividing by  $xyz$ , we get

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{xyz} \begin{vmatrix} x(y+z)^2 & x^2y & x^2z \\ xy^2 & y(x+z)^2 & y^2z \\ xz^2 & yz^2 & z(x+y)^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking common factors  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  from  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  respectively, we get

$$\Delta = \frac{xyz}{xyz} \begin{vmatrix} (y+z)^2 & x^2 & x^2 \\ y^2 & (x+z)^2 & y^2 \\ z^2 & z^2 & (x+y)^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$ ,  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$ , we have

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (y+z)^2 & x^2 - (y+z)^2 & x^2 - (y+z)^2 \\ y^2 & (x+z)^2 - y^2 & 0 \\ z^2 & 0 & (x+y)^2 - z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking common factor  $(x+y+z)$  from  $C_2$  and  $C_3$ , we have

$$\Delta = (x+y+z)^2 \begin{vmatrix} (y+z)^2 & x - (y+z) & x - (y+z) \\ y^2 & (x+z) - y & 0 \\ z^2 & 0 & (x+y) - z \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - (R_2 + R_3)$ , we have

$$\Delta = (x+y+z)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 2yz & -2z & -2y \\ y^2 & x - y + z & 0 \\ z^2 & 0 & x + y - z \end{vmatrix}$$

Applying  $C_2 \rightarrow (C_2 + \frac{1}{y}C_1)$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + \frac{1}{z}C_1$ , we get

$$\Delta = (x+y+z)^2 \begin{vmatrix} 2yz & 0 & 0 \\ y^2 & x+z & \frac{y^2}{z} \\ z^2 & \frac{z^2}{y} & x+y \end{vmatrix}$$

Finally expanding along R1, we have

$$\Delta = (x+y+z)^2 (2yz) [(x+z)(x+y) - yz] = (x+y+z)^2 (2yz) (x^2 + xy + xz) = (x+y+z)^3 (2xyz)$$

40. Use product  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$  to solve the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} x - y + 2z &= 1 \\ 2y - 3z &= 1 \\ 3x - 2y + 4z &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Ans:

Consider the product  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2-9+12 & 0-2+2 & 1+3-4 \\ 0+18-18 & 0+4-3 & 0-6+6 \\ -6-18+24 & 0-4+4 & 3+6-8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence,  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Now, given system of equations can be written, in matrix form, as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 2 & -3 \\ 6 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2+0+2 \\ 9+2-6 \\ 6+1-4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 5$  and  $z = 3$