

# Determinant

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- **Example 1:** Prove without expanding:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 19 & 17 & 15 \\ 9 & 8 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

**Solution:**  $C_1 = C_1 - C_3$  and  $C_2 = C_2 - C_3$ , we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 19 - 15 & 17 - 15 & 15 \\ 9 - 7 & 8 - 7 & 7 \\ 1 - 1 & 1 - 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$= \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 2 & 15 \\ 2 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking 2 common from column 1, we get

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 15 \\ 1 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Since, column 1 and 2 are same, hence the determinant will be zero. **Proved**

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- **Example 2:** Following properties of determinant evaluate:

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

**Solution:**  $C_1 = C_1 - C_3$  and  $C_2 = C_2 - C_3$ , we get

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

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■ **Example 1:**

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

Now, taking  $(a-c)$  common from column 1 and  $(b-c)$  common from column 2

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

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*Expanding the determinant by row 1*

$$= (a - c)(b - c)[1(b + c) - 1(a + c)]$$

$$= (a - c)(b - c)(b - a)$$

$$= (a - b)(b - c)(b - a) \text{ **Answer**}$$