

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9 & 4 \\ 7 & 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \begin{vmatrix} 9 & 4 \\ 6 & 5 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 7 & 5 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} 8 & 9 \\ 7 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 21 - 2 \times 12 + 3(-15) = -48$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+n & 2+n & 3+n \\ 8+n & 9+n & 4+n \\ 7+n & 6+n & 5+n \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1+n & 2+n & 3+n \\ 7 & 7 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3+\frac{6}{7}n \\ 7 & 7 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3+\frac{6}{7}n \\ 0 & -7 & -20-6n \\ 0 & -8 & -16-\frac{36}{7}n \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3+\frac{6}{7}n \\ 0 & -7 & -20-6n \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{48}{7}+\frac{12}{7}n \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\det = 1 \times (-7) \left( \frac{48}{7} + \frac{12}{7}n \right) = -48 - 12n$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x^1 & x^2 & x^3 \\ x^8 & x^9 & x^4 \\ x^7 & x^6 & x^5 \end{vmatrix} = (x)(x^4)(x^5) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ x^4 & x^5 & 1 \\ x^2 & x & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= x^5 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & -x \\ x & 1 & 1 \\ x^2 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + x^2 \begin{vmatrix} x^4 & x^5 \\ x^2 & x \end{vmatrix} = x^5 (-x - x - x + x + x - x) + x^2 (x^4 - x^3)$$

$$= x^{10} (-x + x^3 + x^7 - x^9)$$