

Key Takeaways



Properties of Determinants

The value of determinant is not altered by adding to the elements of any row (or column) a constant multiple of corresponding elements of any other row (or column).

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} \qquad R_1 \to R_1 + pR_2 \quad \text{, where p is a scalar.}$$

$$\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} + pa_{21} & a_{12} + pa_{22} & a_{13} + pa_{23} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$$