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Theorem 1. Let there be given indeterminates $u_i, v_i, k_i, x_i, y_i, L_i$, for $1 \leq i \leq n$. We define the following $n \times n$ matrices

$$U_n = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 & u_2 & \dots & u_n \\ k_1 v_1 & k_2 v_2 & \dots & k_n v_n \\ k_1^2 u_1 & k_2^2 u_2 & \dots & k_n^2 u_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad V_n = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \dots & v_n \\ k_1 u_1 & k_2 u_2 & \dots & k_n u_n \\ k_1^2 v_1 & k_2^2 v_2 & \dots & k_n^2 v_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where the rows contain alternatively u 's and v 's. Similarly:

$$X_n = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \dots & x_n \\ L_1 y_1 & L_2 y_2 & \dots & L_n y_n \\ L_1^2 x_1 & L_2^2 x_2 & \dots & L_n^2 x_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad Y_n = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ L_1 x_1 & L_2 x_2 & \dots & L_n x_n \\ L_1^2 y_1 & L_2^2 y_2 & \dots & L_n^2 y_n \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

There holds

$$\det_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} \left(\frac{u_i y_j - v_i x_j}{L_j - k_i} \right) = \frac{1}{\prod_{i,j} (L_j - k_i)} \begin{vmatrix} U_n & X_n \\ V_n & Y_n \end{vmatrix}_{2n \times 2n} \quad (3)$$

Proof. Let A, B, C, D be $n \times n$ matrices, with A and C invertible.

Using $\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & A^{-1}B \\ 0 & C^{-1}D \end{pmatrix}$ we obtain

$$\begin{vmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{vmatrix} = |A||C|C^{-1}D - A^{-1}B \quad (4)$$

where vertical bars denote determinants. Let $d(u) = \text{diag}(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ and $p_u = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} u_i$. We define similarly $d(v)$, $d(x)$, $d(y)$ and p_v, p_x, p_y . From the previous identity we get

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} A d(u) & B d(x) \\ C d(v) & D d(y) \end{vmatrix} &= |A||C| p_u p_v \left| d(v)^{-1} C^{-1} D d(y) - d(u)^{-1} A^{-1} B d(x) \right| \\ &= |A||C| \left| d(u) C^{-1} D d(y) - d(v) A^{-1} B d(x) \right| \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The special case $A = C, B = D$, gives

$$\begin{vmatrix} A d(u) & B d(x) \\ A d(v) & B d(y) \end{vmatrix}_{2n \times 2n} = \det(A)^2 \det_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} ((u_i y_j - v_i x_j) (A^{-1} B)_{ij}) \quad (6)$$

Let $\mathcal{W}(k)$ be the Vandermonde matrix with rows $(1 \dots 1)$, $(k_1 \dots k_n)$, $(k_1^2 \dots k_n^2)$, ..., and $\Delta(k) = \det \mathcal{W}(k)$ its determinant. Let

$$\mathcal{K}(t) = \prod_{1 \leq m \leq n} (t - k_m) \quad (7)$$

and let C be the $n \times n$ matrix $(c_{l,m})_{1 \leq l, m \leq n}$, where the $c_{l,m}$'s are defined by the partial fraction expansions:

$$1 \leq l \leq n \quad \frac{t^{l-1}}{\mathcal{K}(t)} = \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} \frac{c_{l,m}}{t - k_m} \quad (8)$$

We have the two matrix equations:

$$C = \mathcal{W}(k) \mathcal{L} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{K}'(k_1)^{-1}, \dots, \mathcal{K}'(k_n)^{-1}) \quad (9a)$$

$$C \cdot \left(\frac{1}{L_j - k_m} \right)_{1 \leq m, j \leq n} = \mathcal{W}(L) \mathcal{L} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{K}(L_1)^{-1}, \dots, \mathcal{K}(L_n)^{-1}) \quad (9b)$$

This gives the (well-known) identity:

$$\left(\frac{1}{L_j - k_m} \right)_{1 \leq m, j \leq n} = \mathcal{L} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{K}'(k_1), \dots, \mathcal{K}'(k_n)) \mathcal{W}(k)^{-1} \mathcal{W}(L) \mathcal{L} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{G} (\mathcal{K}(L_1)^{-1}, \dots, \mathcal{K}(L_n)^{-1}) \quad (10)$$

We can thus rewrite the determinant we want to compute as:

$$\left| \frac{u_l y_j - v_l x_j}{L_j - k_l} \right|_{1 \leq l, j \leq n} = \prod_m \mathcal{K}'(k_m) \prod_j \mathcal{K}(L_j)^{-1} \left| (u_l y_j - v_l x_j) (\mathcal{W}(k)^{-1} \mathcal{W}(L))_{lj} \right|_{n \times n} \quad (11)$$

We shall now make use of (6) with $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{W}(k)$ and $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{W}(L)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{u_l y_j - v_l x_j}{L_j - k_l} \right|_{1 \leq l, j \leq n} &= \Delta(k)^{-2} \prod_m \mathcal{K}'(k_m) \prod_j \mathcal{K}(L_j)^{-1} \left| \begin{array}{cc} \mathcal{W}(k) d(u) & \mathcal{W}(L) d(x) \\ \mathcal{W}(k) d(v) & \mathcal{W}(L) d(y) \end{array} \right| \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}}{\prod_{l,j} (L_j - k_l)} \left| \begin{array}{cc} \mathcal{W}(k) d(u) & \mathcal{W}(L) d(x) \\ \mathcal{W}(k) d(v) & \mathcal{W}(L) d(y) \end{array} \right|_{2n \times 2n} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The sign $(-1)^{n(n-1)/2} = (-1)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$ is the signature of the permutation which exchanges rows l and $n + l$ for $l = 2, 4, \dots, 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ and transforms the determinant on the right-hand side into $\begin{vmatrix} u_n & x_n \\ v_n & y_n \end{vmatrix}$.

This concludes the proof. \square