



Determinants Ex 6.1 Q11

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 & x & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding the given determinant along the first column

$$|A| = x^2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} - 0 \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 3 \begin{vmatrix} x & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$28 = x^2 (8 - 1) - 0 (4x - 1) + 3 (x - 2)$$

$$28 = 7x^2 + 3x - 6$$

or

$$7x^2 + 3x - 6 = 28$$

$$7x^2 + 3x - 34 = 0$$

Solving using quadratic formula, we get $x = 2$.

Determinants Ex 6.1 Q12(i)

A matrix A is called singular if $|A| = 0$

Now expanding along the first row $|A|$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x-1) \begin{vmatrix} x-1 & 1 \\ 1 & x-1 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x-1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ x-1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= (x-1) [(x-1)^2 - 1] - 1 [x-1-1] + 1 [1-x+1] \\ &= (x-1) (x^2 + 1 - 2x - 1) - 1 (x-2) + 1 (2-x) \\ &= (x-1) (x^2 - 2x) - x + 2 + 2 - x \\ &= (x-1) x x (x-2) + (4-2x) \\ &= (x-1) x x (x-2) + 2(2-x) \\ &= (x-1) x x (x-2) - 2(x-2) \\ &= (x-2) [x(x-1) - 2] \end{aligned} \quad \text{(Taking } (x-2) \text{ common)}$$

Since A is a singular matrix, so $|A| = 0$

$$\therefore (x-2) (x^2 - x - 2) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{either } (x-2) &= 0 & \text{or } x^2 - x - 2 &= 0 \\ x &= 2 & \text{or } x^2 - 2x + x - 2 &= 0 \\ & & x(x-2) + 1(x-2) &= 0 \\ & & (x-2)(x+1) &= 0 \\ & & x &= 2, -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } -1$$

Determinants Ex 6.1 Q12(ii)

A matrix A is said to be singular if $|A| = 0$

Now

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+x & 7 \\ 3-x & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$8 + 8x - 21 + 7x = 0$$

$$15x = 13$$

$$x = \frac{13}{15}$$

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