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$$\begin{vmatrix} b+c & a-b & a \\ c+a & b-c & b \\ a+b & c-a & c \end{vmatrix} = 3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LHS} &= \begin{vmatrix} b+c & a-b & a \\ c+a & b-c & b \\ a+b & c-a & c \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{vmatrix} b+c+a & -b & a \\ c+a+b & -c & b \\ a+b+c & -a & c \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= -(b+c+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b & a \\ 1 & c & b \\ 1 & a & c \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= -(b+c+a) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & b & a \\ 0 & c-b & b-a \\ 0 & a-b & c-a \end{vmatrix} \\
 &= -(b+c+a) [(c-b)(c-a) - (b-a)(a-b)] \\
 &= 3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3 \\
 &= RHS
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} a+b & b+c & c+a \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} = 2 \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} a+b & b+c & c+a \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix}$$

Apply: $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 2(a+b+c) & b+c & c+a \\ 2(a+b+c) & c+a & a+b \\ 2(a+b+c) & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & b+c & c+a \\ a+b+c & c+a & a+b \\ a+b+c & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix}$$

Apply: $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & -a & -b \\ a+b+c & -b & -c \\ a+b+c & -c & -a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & a & b \\ a+b+c & b & c \\ a+b+c & c & a \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= 2 \left(\begin{vmatrix} c & a & b \\ a & b & c \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a & a & b \\ b & b & c \\ c & c & a \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} b & a & b \\ c & b & c \\ a & c & a \end{vmatrix} \right)$$

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

$$= RHS$$

We need to prove the following identity:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a+b+2c & a & b \\ c & b+c+2a & b \\ c & a & c+a+2b \end{vmatrix} = 2(a+b+c)^3$$

Applying $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3$, we have,

$$L.H.S = \begin{vmatrix} 2a+2b+2c & a & b \\ 2a+2b+2c & b+c+2a & b \\ 2a+2b+2c & a & c+a+2b \end{vmatrix}$$

Taking the term $2a+2b+2$ as common, we have

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= (2a+2b+2c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & b+c+2a & b \\ 1 & a & c+a+2b \end{vmatrix} \\ \Rightarrow L.H.S &= 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & b+c+2a & b \\ 1 & a & c+a+2b \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$ and $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - R_1$ we have

$$L.H.S = 2(a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & a+b+c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a+b+c \end{vmatrix}$$

Thus, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.S &= 2(a+b+c)[1 \times (a+b+c)^2] \\ &= 2(a+b+c)(a+b+c)^2 \\ &= 2(a+b+c)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)^3$$

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

Apply: $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$.

$$= \begin{vmatrix} a+b+c & a+b+c & a+b+c \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$$

Take $(a+b+c)$ common from R_1

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

Apply: $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1$, $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$

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

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

$$= (a+b+c)^3$$

$= RHS$

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