

## Question Bank - Matrices and Determinants

### LEVEL-I

1. If  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are three distinct non zero real numbers, then show that the system of equations  $x + y + z = 0$ ,  $ax + by + cz = 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{a}x + \frac{1}{b}y + \frac{1}{c}z = 0$ , cannot have infinity many solutions.
  
2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2x^{\log_4 3} & 0 & 15 \\ 10 & 16 & 3^{\log_4 x} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $\text{trace } A = \sum_{i \neq j} a_{ij}$ , find  $x$ .
  
3. Show if  $A$  is idempotent, then  $(I + A)^n = I + (2^n - 1)A$ .
  
4. Explain why the notation  $A/B$  is ambiguous when  $A$  and  $B$  are matrices, even if  $\det B \neq 0$ .
  
5. Matrix  $A$  is such that  $A^2 = 2A - I$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix. Then for  $n \geq 2$ , show that  $A^n = nA - (n - 1)I$ .
  
6. Prove the followings :
  - (i) Adjoint of a symmetric matrix is a symmetric matrix.
  - (ii) Adjoint of unit matrix is unit matrix.
  - (iii)  $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A$ .
  - (iv) Adjoint of a diagonal matrix is a diagonal matrix.
  
7. Show that every skew-symmetric matrix of odd order is singular.
  
8. A square matrix  $A$  is said to be involutory  $A^2 = I$ . If a square matrix  $P$  is such that  $P^2 = P$ , then show that  $A = 2P - I$  is involutory and  $B = \frac{1}{2}(A + I)$  satisfies the condition  $B^2 = B$ .
  
9. Show that  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\tan \frac{\theta}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ .
  
10. Find all the value of  $c$  for which the equations  $2x + 3y = 3$ ,  $(c + 2)x + (c + 4)y = c + 6$  and  $(c + 2)^2 x + (c + 4)^2 y = (c + 6)^2$  are constant. Also solve the above equations for these values of ' $c$ '

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1. If  $D = \text{diag} (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$  where  $a_i \neq 0 \forall i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , then show that  $D^{-1} = \text{diag}(a_1^{-1}, a_2^{-1}, \dots, a_n^{-1})$ .
2. If  $\text{adj. } B = A$  and  $|P| = |Q| = 1$ , then prove that  $\text{adj. } (Q^{-1} B P^{-1}) = P A Q$ .
3. Prove that the system of equations  $x + y - z = 7, 3x - 5y + 2z = 8, kx - 4y + z = 15$  has infinity many solutions for  $k = 4$  and a unique solution for any other value of  $k$ .
4. Prove that the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the equation  $x^2 - (a + d)x + ad - bc = 0$ .
5. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are distinct, solve the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 - a^2 & x^2 - b^2 & x^2 - c^2 \\ (x - a)^3 & (x - b)^3 & (x - c)^3 \\ (x + a)^3 & (x + b)^3 & (x + c)^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  for  $x$ .
6. If  $\Delta(n, r) = \begin{vmatrix} {}^nC_r & {}^nC_{r+1} & {}^nC_{r+2} \\ {}^{n+1}C_r & {}^{n+1}C_{r+1} & {}^{n+1}C_{r+2} \\ {}^{n+2}C_r & {}^{n+2}C_{r+1} & {}^{n+2}C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix}$ . Show that  $\Delta(n, r) = \frac{{}^{n+2}C_3}{{}^{r+2}C_3} \Delta(n-1, r-1)$ . Hence  
or otherwise, prove that  $\Delta(n, r) = \frac{{}^{n+2}C_3 \cdot {}^{n+1}C_3 \cdots {}^{n-r+3}C_3}{{}^{r+2}C_3 \cdot {}^{r+1}C_3 \cdots {}^3C_3}$ .
7. If  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 - 5x + 3 & 2x - 5 & 3 \\ 3x^2 + x + 4 & 6x + 1 & 9 \\ 7x^2 - 6x + 9 & 14x - 6 & 21 \end{vmatrix} = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ , Then prove that  $a = 0, b = 0, c = 0$ .
8. For each  $x, -1 < x < 1$  let  $A(x)$  be the matrix  $A(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -x \\ -x & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  show that  
 $A(x) A(y) = \sqrt{1+xy} A(z)$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R} -1 < x < 1 \quad z = \frac{x+y}{1+xy}$ .
9. Suppose  $f(x)$  is a function satisfying the following conditions :  
(a)  $f(0) = 2, f(1) = 1$   
(b)  $f(x)$  has a minimum value of  $x = 5/2$  and  
(c)  $f'(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 2ax & 2ax - 1 & 2ax + b + 1 \\ b & b + 1 & -1 \\ 2(ax + b) & 2ax + 2b + 1 & 2ax + b \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $a, b$  are some constants.  
Determine the constants  $a, b$  and the function  $f(x)$ .
10. Let  $A$  be a square matrix of order  $n \times n$  and  $B$  be its adjoint; then show that  $|AB + kI_n| = (|A| + k)^n$ .

**IIT JEE PROBLEMS**

**(OBJECTIVE)**

**A. Fill in the blanks**

1. Let  $p\lambda^4 + q\lambda^3 + r\lambda^2 + s\lambda + t = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda^2 + 3\lambda & \lambda - 1 & \lambda + 3 \\ \lambda + 1 & -2\lambda & \lambda - 4 \\ \lambda - 3 & \lambda + 4 & 3\lambda \end{vmatrix}$  be an identity in  $\lambda$ , where  $p, q, r, s$  and  $t$  are constants. Then, the value of  $t$  is ..... . [IIT - 1981]

2. The solution set of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is ..... . [IIT - 1981]

3. A determinant is chosen at random from the set of all determinants of order 2 with elements 0 or 1 only. the probability that the value of determinant chosen is positive is ..... . [IIT - 1982]

4. Given that  $x = -9$  is a root of  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  the other two roots are ..... and ..... . [IIT - 1983]

5. The system of equation  $\lambda x + y + z = 0$ ,  $-x + \lambda y + z = 0$ ,  $-x - y + \lambda z = 0$  will have a nonzero solution. If real values of  $\lambda$  are given by ..... [IIT - 1984]

6. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 - bc \\ 1 & b & b^2 - ca \\ 1 & c & c^2 - ab \end{vmatrix}$  is ..... [IIT - 1988]

7. For positive numbers  $x, y$  and  $z$ , the numerical value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is ..... . [IIT - 1993]

**B. True/False**

1. The determinants  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & bc \\ 1 & b & ca \\ 1 & c & ab \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$  are not identically equal. [IIT - 1983]

2. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & 1 \\ a_3 & b_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  then the two triangles with vertices  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$ , and  $(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2), (a_3, b_3)$  must be congruent. [IIT - 1985]

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### C. Multiple choice Question with One or More than One Correct Answer

1. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & a\alpha + b \\ b & c & b\alpha + c \\ a\alpha + b & b\alpha + c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to zero, if
- (A)  $a, b, c$  are in A.P. (B)  $a, b, c$  are in G.P.  
 (C)  $a, b, c$  are in H.P. (D)  $\alpha$  is a root of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$   
 (E)  $(x - \alpha)$  is a factor of  $ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$  [IIT-1986]

2. The values of  $\theta$  lying between  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \pi/2$  and satisfying the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4\theta \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ are}$$
 [IIT - 1986]

- (A)  $\frac{7\pi}{24}$  (B)  $\frac{5\pi}{24}$  (C)  $\frac{11\pi}{24}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi}{24}$

3. If  $\begin{vmatrix} 6i & -3i & 1 \\ 4 & 3i & -1 \\ 20 & 3 & i \end{vmatrix} = x + iy$ , then [IIT-1998]
- (A)  $x = 3, y = 1$  (B)  $x = 1, y = 3$   
 (C)  $x = 0, y = 3$  (D)  $x = 0, y = 0$

### D. Multiple choice Question with One Correct Answer

1. Consider the set A of all determinants of order 3 with entries 0 or 1 only. Let B be the subset of A consisting of all determinants with value 1. Let C be the subset of A consisting of all determinants with value -1. Then [IIT - 1981]
- (A) C is empty (B) B has as many elements as C  
 (C)  $A = B \cup C$  (D) B has twice as many elements as elements as C

2. Let  $\omega (\neq 1)$  is a cube root of unity, then  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+i+\omega^2 & \omega^2 \\ 1-i & -1 & \omega^2-1 \\ -i & -i+\omega-1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to [IIT - 1995]
- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) i (D)  $\omega$

3. Let  $a, b, c$  be the real numbers. The following system of equations in  $x, y$  and  $z$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, -\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \text{ has}$$
 [IIT - 1995]

- (A) no solution (B) unique solution  
 (C) infinitely many solutions (D) finitely many solutions

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4. If A and B are square matrices of equal degree, then which one is correct among the following [IIT - 1995]  
 (A)  $A + B = B + A$  (C)  $A + B = A - B$  (C)  $A - B = B - A$  (D)  $AB = BA$
5. Let  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x^3 & \sin x & \cos x \\ 6 & -1 & 0 \\ p & p^2 & p^3 \end{vmatrix}$ , where p is a consistent. Then  $\frac{d^3f(x)}{dx^3}$  at  $x = 0$  is [IIT - 1996]  
 (A) p (B)  $p + p^2$   
 (C)  $p + p^3$  (D) independent of p
6. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} xp + y & x & y \\ yp + z & y & z \\ 0 & xp + y & yp + z \end{vmatrix} = 0$  if [IIT - 1997]  
 (A) x, y, z are in A. P. (B) x, y, z are in G. P.  
 (C) x, y, z are in H. P. (D) xy, yz, zx are in A. P.
7. The parameter, on which the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ \cos(p-d)x & \cos px & \cos(p+d)x \\ \sin(p-d) & \sin px & \sin(p+d)x \end{vmatrix}$  does not depend upon, is [IIT - 1997]  
 (A) a (B) p (C) d (D) x
8. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x+1 \\ 2x & x(x-1) & (x+1)x \\ 3x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2) & x(x+1)(x-1) \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(100)$  is equal to [IIT - 1999]  
 (A) 0 (B) 1  
 (C) 100 (D) -100
9. If the system of equations  $x - ky - z = 0$ ,  $kx - y - z = 0$ ,  $x + y - z = 0$  has a nonzero solution, then the possible values of k are [IIT-2000]  
 (A) -1, 2 (B) 1, 2 (C) 0, 1 (D) -1, 1
10. The number of distinct real roots of  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  in the interval  $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  is [IIT-2001]  
 (A) 0 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 3

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11. Let  $\omega = \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , then the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1-\omega^2 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 \end{vmatrix}$  is [IIT-2002]
- (A)  $3\omega$  (B)  $3\omega(\omega-1)$  (C)  $3\omega^2$  (D)  $3\omega(1-\omega)$
12. The number of values of  $k$  for which the system of equations,  $(k+1)x + 8y = 4k$ ;  $kx + (k+3)y = 3k-1$  has infinitely many solution is [IIT-2002]
- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) infinite
13. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then value of  $\alpha$  for which  $A^2 = B$  is [IIT-2003]
- (A) 1 (B)  $-1$  (C) 4 (D) no real values
14. Given  $2x - y + 2z = 2$ ,  $x - 2y + z = -4$ ,  $x + y + \lambda z = 4$  then the value of  $\lambda$  such that the given system of equation has no solution, is
- (A) 3 (B) 1 (C) 0 (D)  $-3$
15. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|A^3| = 125$ , then  $\alpha$  equals [IIT-2004]
- (A)  $\pm 3$  (B)  $\pm 5$  (C)  $\pm 1$  (D) 0
16. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A^{-1} = \left[ \frac{1}{6}(A^2 + cA + dI) \right]$ , then  $(c, d)$  is [IIT-2005]
- (A)  $(-6, 11)$  (B)  $(-11, 6)$  (C)  $(11, 6)$  (D)  $(6, 11)$
17. If  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Q = PAP^T$ , then  $P^T Q^{2005} P$  is [IIT-2005]
- (A)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2005 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (B)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2005 \\ 2005 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (C)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2005 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (D)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

**E. Write up**

**[IIT-2006]**

**W I**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , if  $U_1, U_2$  and  $U_3$  are column matrices satisfying.

$AU_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, AU_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $U$  is  $3 \times 3$  matrix whose column are  $U_1, U_2, U_3$  then answer the

following questions :

1. The value of  $|U|$  is  
 (A) 3 (B) -3 (C)  $3/2$  (D) 2
2. The sum of the elements of  $U^{-1}$  is  
 (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) 3
3. The value of  $[3 \ 2 \ 0] U \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is  
 (A) [5] (B)  $[5/2]$  (C) [4] (D)  $[3/2]$

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(SUBJECTIVE)

- Let  $a, b, c$  be positive and not all equal. Show that the value of determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$  is negative.
- Without expanding a determinant at any stage, show that  $\begin{vmatrix} x^2 + x & x+1 & x-2 \\ 2x^2 + 3x - 1 & 3x & 3x - 3 \\ x^2 + 2x + 3 & 2x - 1 & 2x - 1 \end{vmatrix} = xA + B$ ,  
where  $A$  and  $B$  are determinants of order 3 not involving  $x$ . [IIT– 1982]
- Show that the system of equations  $3x - y + 4z = 3$ ,  $x + 2y - 3z = -2$ ,  $6x + 5y + \lambda z = -3$  has at least one solution for any real number  $\lambda$ . Find the set of solutions if  $\lambda = -5$ . [IIT– 1983]
- If  $\alpha$  be a repeated root of a quadratic equation  $f(x) = 0$  and  $A(x)$ ,  $B(x)$  and  $C(x)$  be polynomials of degree 3, 4 and 5 respectively, then show that  $\begin{vmatrix} A(x) & B(x) & C(x) \\ A(\alpha) & B(\alpha) & C(\alpha) \\ A'(\alpha) & B'(\alpha) & C'(\alpha) \end{vmatrix}$  is divisible by  $f(x)$ ,  
where prime denotes the derivatives. [IIT– 1984]
- Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} {}^x C_r & {}^x C_{r+1} & {}^x C_{r+2} \\ {}^y C_r & {}^y C_{r+1} & {}^y C_{r+2} \\ {}^z C_r & {}^z C_{r+1} & {}^z C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} {}^x C_r & {}^{x+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{x+2} C_{r+2} \\ {}^y C_r & {}^{y+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{y+2} C_{r+2} \\ {}^z C_r & {}^{z+1} C_{r+1} & {}^{z+2} C_{r+2} \end{vmatrix}$ . [IIT– 1985]
- Consider the system of linear equations in  $x, y, z$  :  
 $(\sin 3\theta)x - y + z = 0$ ,  $(\cos 2\theta)x + 4y + 3z = 0$ ,  $2x + 7y + 7z = 0$ . Find the values of  $\theta$  for which this system has nontrivial solutions. [IIT– 1986]
- Let  $\Delta_a = \begin{vmatrix} a-1 & n & 6 \\ (a-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (a-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 2n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$ . Show that  $\sum_{a=1}^n \Delta_a = c$  is a constant. [IIT– 1989]
- Let the three digit numbers  $A28$ ,  $3B9$  and  $62C$ , where  $A, B$  and  $C$  are integers between 0 and 9, be divisible by a fixed integer  $k$ . Show that the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} A & 3 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 & C \\ 2 & B & 2 \end{vmatrix}$  is divisible by  $k$ . [IIT– 1990]
- Evaluate :  $\begin{vmatrix} {}^x C_1 & {}^x C_2 & {}^x C_3 \\ {}^y C_1 & {}^y C_2 & {}^y C_3 \\ {}^z C_1 & {}^z C_2 & {}^z C_3 \end{vmatrix}$ . [IIT– 1990]



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10. Suppose three digit number A 28, 3 B 9 and 62 C where A, B, C are integers between 0 and 9, are

divisible by a fixed integer k. Prove that the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} A & 3 & 6 \\ 8 & 9 & C \\ 2 & B & 2 \end{vmatrix}$  is also divisible by k.

[IIT-1990]

11. If  $a \neq p, b \neq q, c \neq r$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$ . Then find the value of  $\frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c}$ .

12. For a fixed integer n, if  $D = \begin{vmatrix} n! & (n+1)! & (n+2)! \\ (n+1)! & (n+2)! & (n+3)! \\ (n+2)! & (n+3)! & (n+4)! \end{vmatrix}$ , then show that  $\left[ \frac{D}{(n!)^3} - 4 \right]$  is divisible by n.

[IIT-1992]

13. For positive number x, y and z the numerical value of determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ .

[IIT-1993]

14. Let  $\lambda$  and  $\alpha$  be real. Find the set of all values of  $\lambda$  for which the system of linear equation  $\lambda x + (\sin \alpha)y + (\cos \alpha)z = 0$ ,  $x + (\cos \alpha)y + (\sin \alpha)z = 0$ ,  $-x + (\sin \alpha)y - (\cos \alpha)z = 0$  has nontrivial solution for  $\lambda = 1$ , find the value of  $\alpha$ .

[IIT-1993]

15. For all values of A, B, C and P, Q, R, show that  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos(A-P) & \cos(A-Q) & \cos(A-R) \\ \cos(B-P) & \cos(B-Q) & \cos(B-R) \\ \cos(C-P) & \cos(C-Q) & \cos(C-R) \end{vmatrix} = 0$

[IIT-1994]

16. Let  $a > 0, d > 0$ . Find the value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a(a+d)} & \frac{1}{a(a+d)(a+2d)} \\ \frac{1}{a+d} & \frac{1}{(a+d)(a+2d)} & \frac{1}{(a+2d)(a+3d)} \\ \frac{1}{a+2d} & \frac{1}{(a+2d)(a+3d)} & \frac{1}{(a+3d)(a+4d)} \end{vmatrix}$$

[IIT-1996]

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17. Find those values of  $c$  for which the equations  $2x + 3y = 3$ ,  $(c+2)x + (c+4)y = c+6$ ,  $(c+2)^2x + (c+4)^2y = (c+6)^2$  are consistent. Also solve above equations for these values of  $c$ . **[IIT-1996]**

18. Solve for  $x$ : 
$$\begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & a & 1 \\ \sin(n+1)x & \sin nx & \sin(n-1)x \\ \cos(n+1)x & \cos nx & \cos(n-1)x \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$
 **[IIT-97]**

19. If the  $p^{\text{th}}$ ,  $q^{\text{th}}$  and  $r^{\text{th}}$  terms of an H.P. be  $a, b, c$  respectively, then prove that  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ p & q & r \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ . **[IIT-1997]**

20. Prove that for all values of  $\theta$ , 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta + \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \\ \sin\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$
 **[IIT-2000]**

21. Find the real values of  $r$  for which the following system of linear equations has a nontrivial solutions. Also find the non-trivial solutions:  $2rx - 2y + 3z = 0$ ,  $x + ry + 2z = 0$ ,  $2x + 0y + rz = 0$ . **[IIT-2000]**

22. Let  $a, b, c$  be real numbers with  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ . Show that the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} ax - by - c & bx + ay & cx + a \\ bx + ay & -ax + by - c & cy + b \\ cx + a & cy + b & -ax - by + c \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ represents a straight line.} \quad \text{[IIT-2001]}$$

23. If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a, b, c$  real positive numbers,  $abc = 1$  and  $A^T A = I$ , then find the value of  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$ . **[IIT-2003]**

24. If  $M$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix, where  $\det M = 1$  and  $MM^T = I$ , where ' $I$ ' is an identity matrix, prove that  $\det(M - I) = 0$ .

25. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & c & b \\ 1 & d & b \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & c & d \\ f & g & h \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $U = \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \\ h \end{bmatrix}$  and  $V = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

If there is a vector matrix,  $X$ , so that  $AX = U$  has infinitely many solutions, prove that  $BX = V$  can not have a unique solution. If  $afd \neq 0$ , then that  $BX = V$  has no solution. **[IIT-2004]**

**PROBLEMS ASKED IN PET-CET**

- Q.1** The equations  $2x + y = 5$ ,  $x + 3y = 5$ ,  $x - 2y = 0$  have [P.E.T. 1985]  
 (A) no solution (B) one solution  
 (C) two solution (D) infinity many solutions
- Q.2** If A is  $3 \times 4$  matrix and B is a matrix such that  $A'B$  and  $BA'$  are both defined. Then B is of the type [P.E.T. 1986]  
 (A)  $3 \times 4$  (B)  $3 \times 3$  (C)  $4 \times 4$  (D)  $4 \times 3$
- Q.3** For the equations  $x + 2y + 3z = 1$ ,  $2x + y + 3z = 2$ ,  $5x + 5y + 9z = 4$  [P.E.T. 1987]  
 (A) there is only one solution (B) there exists infinitely many solutions  
 (C) there is no solution (D) none of these
- Q.4** If  $A = [a, b]$ ,  $B = [-b - a]$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -a \end{bmatrix}$ , then the correct statement is [P.E.T. 1987]  
 (A)  $A = -B$  (B)  $A + B = A - B$  (C)  $AC = BC$  (D)  $CA = CB$
- Q.5** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^2$  is equal to [C.E.T. 1990]  
 (A) A (B)  $-A$  (C) null matrix (D) I
- Q.6** Consider the system of equations  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0$ ,  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$ ,  $a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = 0$ .  
 If  $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ , then the system has [Roorkee 1990]  
 (A) more than two solutions (B) one trivial and one nontrivial solutions  
 (C) no solution (D) only trivial solution (0, 0, 0)
- Q.7** Form the matrix equation  $AB = AC$  we can conclude  $B = C$  provided [C.E.T. 1992]  
 (A) A is singular (B) A is non-singular  
 (C) A is symmetric (D) A is square
- Q.8** If k is a scalar and A is an  $n \times n$  square matrix, then  $|kA| =$  [C.E.T. 1992]  
 (A)  $k |A|^n$  (B)  $k |A|$  (C)  $k^n |A|^n$  (D)  $k^n |A|$
- Q.9** A and B are two square matrices of same order and  $A'$  denotes the transpose of A, then [C.E.T. 1992]  
 (A)  $(AB)' = B'A'$  (B)  $(AB)' = A'B'$   
 (C)  $AB = 0 \Rightarrow |A| = 0$  or  $|B| = 0$  (D)  $AB = 0 \Rightarrow A = 0$  or  $B = 0$
- Q.10** Matrix A is the such that  $A^2 = 2A - I$ , where I is the identity matrix. Then for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $A^n$  is equal to [EAMCET-92]  
 (A)  $nA - (n-1)I$  (B)  $nA - I$  (C)  $2^{n-1}A - (n-1)I$  (D)  $2^{n-1}A - I$

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- Q.11** If A is a singular matrix, then Adj A is [C.E.T. 1993]  
 (A) singular (B) non-singular (C) symmetric (D) not defined
- Q.12** A and B are two nonzero square matrices such that  $AB = 0$ . Then [C.E.T. 1993]  
 (A) both A and B are singular (B) either of them is singular  
 (C) neither matrix is singular (D) none of these
- Q.13** The order of  $\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  is [EAMCET 1994]  
 (A)  $3 \times 1$  (B)  $1 \times 1$  (C)  $1 \times 3$  (D)  $3 \times 3$
- Q.14** If A and B are two matrices such that  $AB = B$  and  $BA = A$ , then  $A^2 + B^2$  is equal to [EAMCET 1994]  
 (A)  $2AB$  (B)  $2BA$  (C)  $A + B$  (D)  $AB$
- Q.15** If  $\begin{bmatrix} x & 0 \\ 1 & y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then [P.E.T. 1994]  
 (A)  $x = -3, y = -2$  (B)  $x = 3, y = -2$   
 (C)  $x = 3, y = 2$  (D)  $x = -3, y = 2$
- Q.16** If A', B' are transpose matrices of the square matrices A, B respectively, then  $(AB)'$  is equal to [P.E.T. 1994]  
 (A)  $A'B'$  (B)  $B'A'$  (C)  $AB'$  (D)  $BA'$
- Q.17** If A is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and  $\det(3A) = k \{ \det(A) \}$ , k is equal to [EAMCET 1996]  
 (A) 9 (B) 6 (C) 1 (D) 27
- Q.18** For what real values of k, the system of equations  $x + 2y + z = 1$ ;  $x + 3y + 4z = k$ ;  $x + 5y + 10z = k^2$  has solution? Find the solution in each case. [Roorkee 1997]
- Q.19** Using matrix method find the value of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  so that the system of equations  $2x - 3y + 5z = 12$ ,  $3x + y + \lambda z = \mu$ ,  $x - 7y + 8z = 17$  has (i) a unique solution (ii) infinite solutions and (iii) no solution. [Roorkee 1998]
- Q.20** The matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is [EAMCET 1998]  
 (A) non-singular (B) singular  
 (C) skew-symmetric (D) symmetric

**SET - I**

1. If a, b, and c are complex numbers then  $z = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -b & -c \\ \bar{b} & 0 & -a \\ \bar{c} & \bar{a} & 0 \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 (A) real (B) purely imaginary (C) 0 (D) none of these
2. If A and B are two matrices such that  $AB = B$  and  $BA = A$ , then  $A^2 + B^2 =$   
 (A) 2AB (B) 2BA (C) A + B (D) AB
3. Given  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , which of the following results is true?  
 (A)  $A^2 = I$  (B)  $A^2 = -I$  (C)  $A^2 = 2I$  (D) none of these
4. If A is an orthogonal matrix, then  $A^{-1}$  equals  
 (A) A (B)  $A'$  (C)  $A^2$  (D) none of these
5. If a, b and c are positive integers, then the coefficient of x in  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+x & (1+x)^a & (1+x)^{bc} \\ 1+x & (1+x)^b & (1+x)^{ca} \\ 1+x & (1+x)^c & (1+x)^{ab} \end{vmatrix}$  is  
 (A)  $a + b + c$  (B) abc (C)  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  (D) 0
6. If A is a square matrix of order n then  $\text{adj}(\text{adj} A)$  is equal to  
 (A)  $|A|^n A$  (B)  $|A|^{n-1} A$  (C)  $|A|^{n-2} A$  (D)  $|A|^{n-3} A$
7. If a is a square matrix, then  $\text{adj}(A') - (\text{adj} A)'$  is equal to  
 (A)  $2|A|$  (B)  $2|A|I$  (C) null matrix (D) unit matrix
8. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x & 0 \\ -\sin x & \cos x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = f(x)$ , then  $A^{-1}$  is equal to  
 (A)  $f(-x)$  (B)  $f(x)$  (C)  $-f(x)$  (D)  $-f(-x)$
9. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos x & \sin x \\ -\sin x & \cos x \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A \text{adj} A = k \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  the value of k is  
 (A)  $\sin x \cos x$  (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3
10. Which of the following is incorrect  
 (A)  $\text{adj}(\text{adj} A) = A$  (B)  $(A^T)^T = A$   
 (C)  $(A^{-1})^T = (A^T)^{-1}$  (D)  $(A - I)(I + A) = 0 \Leftrightarrow A^2 = I$
11. For the equations :  $x + 2y + 3z = 1$ ,  $2x + y + 3z = 2$ ,  $5x + 5y + 9z = 4$   
 (A) there is only one solution (B) there exists infinitely many solutions  
 (C) there is no solution (D) none of there

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12. If  $I_3$  is the identity matrix of order 3, then  $(I_3)^{-1}$  is equal to  
 (A) 0 (B)  $3 I_3$  (C)  $I_3$  (D) not necessarily exists
13. If  $D_k = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & n & n \\ 2k & n^2 + n + 1 & n^2 + n \\ 2k - 1 & n^2 & n^2 + n + 1 \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n D_k = 56$ , then  $n$  equals  
 (A) 4 (B) 6 (C) 8 (D) 7
14.  $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x+2 & x+\lambda \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+\mu \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+v \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , where  $\lambda, \mu, v$  are in A.P., is  
 (A) an equation whose all roots are real (B) an identity in  $x$   
 (C) an equation with only one root is real (D) none of these
15. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $3 \times 3$  matrices, then  $AB = 0$  implies  
 (A)  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$  (B)  $|A| = 0$  and  $|B| = 0$   
 (C)  $|A| = 0$  or  $|B| = 0$  (D)  $A = 0$  and  $B = 0$
16. Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $f(A)$  is equal to  
 (A)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & -10 \\ -5 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  (B)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -3 \\ -1 & -1 & -10 \\ -5 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  (C)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -10 \\ -5 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  (D)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 & -3 \\ 0 & -1 & -10 \\ -5 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
17. Matrix  $A$  is such that  $A^2 = 2A - I$ , where  $I$  is the identity matrix. Then for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $A^n =$   
 (A)  $nA - (n-1)I$  (B)  $nA - I$  (C)  $2^{n-1} A - (n-1)I$  (D)  $2^{n-1} A - I$
18. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^2$  is equal to  
 (A)  $A$  (B)  $-A$  (C) null matrix (D)  $I$
19. Consider the system of equations  $a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0$ ,  $a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$ ,  $a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = 0$ . If  
 $\begin{bmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{bmatrix} = 0$ , then the system has  
 (A) infinite solutions (B) one trivial and one non-trivial solutions  
 (C) no solution (D) only trivial solution  $(0, 0, 0)$
20. Let  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$  be a square matrix, and let  $c_{ij}$  be cofactor of  $a_{ij}$  in  $A$ . If  $C = [c_{ij}]$ , then  
 (A)  $|C| = |A|$  (B)  $|C| = |A|^{n-1}$  (C)  $|C| = |A|^{n-2}$  (D) none of these

**SET - II**

1. If A is a matrix such that  $A^2 = I$  and I is unit matrix of same order, then  $(I - A)(I + A)$  is  
(A) Zero matrix      (B) A      (C) I      (D) 2A
2. If  $A = \text{dig}(2, -1, 3)$ ,  $B = \text{dig}(-1, 3, 2)$ , then  $A^2B$  is equal to  
(A)  $\text{dig}(5, 4, 11)$       (B)  $\text{dig}(-4, 3, 18)$       (C)  $\text{dig}(3, 1, 8)$       (D) B
3. If A and B are two matrices and  $(A + B)(A - B) = A^2 - B^2$ , then :  
(A)  $AB = BA$       (B)  $A^2 + B^2 = A^2 - B^2$   
(C)  $A^{-1}B^{-1} = AB$       (D) None of the above
4.  $\text{Adj.}(AB) - (\text{Adj.}B)(\text{Adj.}A)$  is equal to  
(A)  $\text{Adj.}A - \text{Adj.}B$       (B) I      (C) O      (D) none of these
5. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 6 & -1 \\ 3 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $C = [3 \ 1 \ 2]$ . The expression/s which is/are not defined is:  
(A)  $B'B$       (B) CAB      (C)  $A + B'$       (D)  $A^2 + A$
6. If matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$  and its inverse is denoted by  $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}$ , then the value of  $a_{23} =$   
(A)  $\frac{21}{20}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{5}$       (C)  $-\frac{2}{5}$       (D)  $\frac{2}{5}$
7. From the matrix equation  $AB = AC$ , we conclude  $B = C$  provided  
(A) A is singular      (B) A is non-singular      (C) A is symmetric      (D) A is a square
8. If A is a square matrix of order  $m^n$  where m is odd, then the true statement is (where I is unit matrix).  
(A)  $\det(-A) = -\det A$       (B)  $\det A = 0$   
(C)  $\det(A + I) = I + \det A$       (D)  $\det 2A = 2 \det A$
9. If A & B are the symmetric matrices of same order. Then which of the following statements are true  
(A)  $AB - BA$  is a symmetric matrix      (B)  $A + B$  is a symmetric matrix  
(C)  $A^2 - B^2$  is a skew-symmetric matrix      (D) none of these
10. Which of the following relations is incorrect  
(A)  $(A + B + \dots + I)^T = A^T + B^T + \dots + I^T$       (B)  $(AB \dots \dots \dots I)^T = A^T B^T \dots \dots \dots I^T$   
(C)  $(kA)^T = kA^T$       (D)  $(A^T)^T = A$

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11. Which of the following statement is true :  
 (A) Non singular square matrix does not have a unique inverse  
 (B) Determinant of a singular matrix is not also always zero  
 (C) If  $|A| \neq 0$  then  $|A \text{ adj } (A)| = |A|^{(n-1)}$  where  $A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n}$   
 (D) none of these
12. If A and B are two square matrices such that  $AB = A$  and  $BA = B$ , then  
 (A) only B is idempotent (B) A, B are idempotent  
 (C) only A is idempotent (D) none of these
13. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^{100} =$   
 (A)  $2^{100} A$  (B)  $2^{99} A$  (C)  $2^{101} I$  (D) none of these
14. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \cos x & 1 \\ \sin x & 1 & 3 \cos x \\ 1 & \sin x & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then the maximum value of  $f(x)$  is  
 (A) 5 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 20
15. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_k\}$  be the set of all the third order matrices that can be made with the distinct nonzero real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_9$  (repetition of element in a matrix is allowed). Then  
 (A)  $k = 9!$  (B)  $k = 9\{9!\}$  (C)  $\sum_{i=1}^k |A_i| = 0$  (D) none of these
16. If  $A = [a \ b]$ ,  $B = [-b \ -a]$  and  $C = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ -a \end{bmatrix}$ , then the correct statement is  
 (A)  $A = -B$  (B)  $A + B = A - B$  (C)  $AC = BC$  (D)  $CA = CB$
17. If A and B are two matrices such that  $A + B$  and  $AB$  are both defined, then  
 (A) A and B are two matrices not necessarily of same order  
 (B) A and B are square matrices of same order  
 (C) Number of columns of A = number of rows of B  
 (D) None of these
18. The order of  $[x \ y \ z] \begin{bmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$  is  
 (A)  $3 \times 1$  (B)  $1 \times 1$  (C)  $1 \times 3$  (D)  $3 \times 3$
19.  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & x+2 \\ 2x-3 & x+1 \end{bmatrix}$  is symmetric, then  $x =$   
 (A) 3 (B) 5 (C) 2 (D) 4
20. If k is a scalar and A is an  $n \times n$  square matrix, then  $|kA| =$   
 (A)  $k|A|^n$  (B)  $k|A|$  (C)  $k^n|A^n|$  (D)  $k^n|A|$



**SET - III**

**More than One**

1. Let  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a+d & a+2d \\ a+d & a+2d & a \\ a+2d & a & a+d \end{vmatrix}$ , then  
 (A)  $\Delta$  depends on a      (B)  $\Delta$  depends on d      (C)  $\Delta$  is a constant      (D) all above
  
2. Let  $a, b > 0$  and  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -x & a & b \\ b & -x & a \\ a & b & -x \end{vmatrix}$ , then  
 (A)  $a + b - x$  is a factor of  $\Delta$   
 (B)  $x^2 + (a + b)x + a^2 + b^2 - ab$  is a factor of  $\Delta$   
 (C)  $\Delta = 0$  has two real roots if  $a = b$   
 (D) none of these
  
3. If A and B are square matrices of the same order such that  $A^2 = A$ ,  $B^2 = B$ ,  $AB = BA = 0$ , then  
 (A)  $A(B)^2 = 0$       (B)  $(A + B)^2 = A + B$   
 (C)  $(A - B)^2 = A - B$       (D) All above
  
4. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , (where  $b \neq c$ ) satisfies the equation  $x^2 + k = 0$ , then  
 (A)  $a + d = 0$       (B)  $k = -|A|$       (C)  $k = |A|$       (D) none of these
  
5. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  
 (A)  $\text{Adj } A$  is a zero matrix      (B)  $\text{Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   
 (C)  $A^{-1} = A$       (D)  $A^2 = I$
  
- WI If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 5 + \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 4 \sin 2x \\ \sin^2 x & 5 + \cos^2 x & 4 \sin 2x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 5 + \sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$ , then  
 6. Domain of  $f(x)$  is  
 (A)  $(0, \infty)$       (B)  $(-\infty, \infty)$       (C)  $(-\infty, 0)$       (D)  $(1, \infty)$   
 7. Range of function  $f(x)$  is  
 (A)  $[50, 100]$       (B)  $[-50, 0]$       (C)  $[-50, 50]$       (D)  $[50, 250]$

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8. Period of function  $f(x)$  is  
 (A)  $\pi$  (B)  $2\pi$  (C)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
9. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - 150}{x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 150 (C) 200 (D) 250
- W II** If  $a, b > 0$  and  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & a & a \\ b & x & a \\ b & b & x \end{vmatrix}$ , then
10.  $\Delta(x)$  is increasing in  
 (A)  $(-\sqrt{ab}, \sqrt{ab})$  (B)  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{ab}) \cup (\sqrt{ab}, \infty)$   
 (C)  $(-\sqrt[3]{ab}, \sqrt[3]{ab})$  (D) none of these
11.  $\Delta(x)$  is decreasing in  
 (A)  $(-\sqrt{ab}, \sqrt{ab})$  (B)  $(-\sqrt[3]{ab}, \sqrt[3]{ab})$   
 (C)  $(-\infty, -\sqrt[3]{ab}) \cup (\sqrt[3]{ab}, \infty)$  (D) none of these
12.  $\Delta(x)$  has a local minimum, at :  
 (A)  $x = \sqrt[3]{ab}$  (B)  $x = -\sqrt[3]{ab}$  (C)  $x = \sqrt{ab}$  (D)  $x = -\sqrt{ab}$
- W III** If  $abc = p$  and  $A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $A$  is an orthogonal matrix. Then
13. The value of  $a + b + c$  is  
 (A) 2 (B)  $p$  (C)  $2p$  (D)  $\pm 1$
14. The value of  $ab + bc + ca$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $p$  (C)  $2p$  (D)  $3p$
15. The value of  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $p$  (C)  $2p$  (D)  $3p$
16. The value of  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$  is  
 (A)  $p$  (B)  $2p$  (C)  $3p$  (D) none of these
17. The equation whose roots are  $a, b, c$  is  
 (A)  $x^3 - 2x^2 + p = 0$  (B)  $x^3 - px^2 + px + p = 0$   
 (C)  $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2px + p = 0$  (D)  $x^3 \pm x^2 - p = 0$

**18. TRUE FALSE**

- (i) There is unique unit matrix
- (ii) There exists an algebra of matrices similar to algebra of numbers.
- (iii) If A and B are matrices such that  $A + B$  and  $AB$  are both defined, then A and B are square matrices of the same order.
- (iv) A diagonal matrix commutes with every other matrix of the same order
- (v) The determinant of the sum of two matrices is equal to the sum of the determinants of the matrices.

**19. If A and B are  $3 \times 3$  symmetric matrices, then**

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|--------------------|---------------|
| (a) Symmetric      | (P) $AB + BA$ |
| (b) Anti-symmetric | (Q) $A + B$   |
|                    | (R) $AB - BA$ |
|                    | (S) $A - B$   |

**20. Using n distinct real numbers, matrices each having distinct elements and of all possible orders are to be made, then the possible arrangements are :**

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|-------------|---------------------------|
| (a) $n = 3$ | (P) 72 possible matrices  |
| (b) $n = 4$ | (Q) 12 possible matrices  |
| (c) $n = 5$ | (R) 240 possible matrices |

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### ANSWER

### LEVEL-I

2.  $x = 16$

10.  $c = 0, -10$ ; when  $c = 0$ ,  $x = 3$ ,  $y = -3$ , when  $c = -10$ ;  $x = -1/2$ ,  $y = 4/3$

### LEVEL-II

3. (i)  $\lambda = 3, \mu \neq 10$  (ii)  $\lambda \neq 3, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$  (iii)  $\lambda = 3, \mu = 10$  5. 2

5.  $x = 0, \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}(bc + ca + ab)}$  9.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1069 & 1558 \\ 2337 & 3046 \end{bmatrix}$

### IIT JEE PROBLEMS

### (OBJECTIVE)

(A)

1. 0 2. -1, 2 3. 3/16  
4. 2, 7 5. 0 6. 0 7. 0

(B)

1. F 2. F

(C)

1. B, E 2. A, C 3. D

(D)

1. B 2. A 3. B 4. A 5. D  
6. B 7. B 8. A 9. D 10. C  
11. B 12. B 13. D 14. D 15. A  
16. A 17. A

(E)

1. A 2. B 3. A

### IIT JEE PROBLEMS

### (SUBJECTIVE)

6.  $\theta = \frac{n\pi}{3} + \frac{\alpha}{3} [(-1)^n - 1]$ , where  $\alpha = \tan^{-1} 2$  9.  $\frac{xyz(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)}{12}$

11. 2 13. 0 14.  $2\alpha = 2\alpha\pi \pm \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4}$

16.  $\frac{4d^4}{a(a+d)^2(a+2d)^2(a+3d)^2(a+4d)}$  17.  $c = 0, x = -3, y = 3$   $c = -10, x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{4}{3}$

18.  $x = n\pi, 2n\pi \pm \cos^{-1} \frac{1-a^2}{2a}$  21.  $r = 2, x = k, y = \frac{k}{2}, z = -k$

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### SET-I

- |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. B  | 2. C  | 3. B  | 4. B  | 5. D  | 6. C  |
| 7. C  | 8. A  | 9. B  | 10. A | 11. A | 12. C |
| 13. D | 14. B | 15. C | 16. A | 17. A | 18. D |
| 19. A | 20. B |       |       |       |       |

### SET-II

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. A  | 2. B  | 3. A  | 4. C  | 5. C  | 6. D  |
| 7. B  | 8. A  | 9. B  | 10. B | 11. D | 12. B |
| 13. B | 14. B | 15. C | 16. C | 17. B | 18. B |
| 19. B | 20. D |       |       |       |       |

### SET-III

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|----------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. AB          | 2. ABC            | 3. AB      | 4. ABC     | 5. BC           | 6. B  |
| 7. D           | 8. A              | 9. C       | 10. B      | 11. A           | 12. C |
| 13. B          | 14. A             | 15. A      | 16. D      | 17. D           |       |
| 18. (i) False  | (ii) False        | (iii) True | (iv) False | (v) False, True |       |
| 19. A-PQR, B-R | 20. A-Q, B-P, C-R |            |            |                 |       |

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