

DETERMINANT

1. Let α, β and γ be real numbers. consider the following system of linear equations

$$x + 2y + z = 7$$

$$x + \alpha z = 11$$

$$2x - 3y + \beta z = \gamma$$

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Match each entry in **List-I** to the correct entries in **List-II**.

List-I

(P) If $\beta = \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha - 3)$ and $\gamma = 28$, then the system has

(Q) If $\beta = \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha - 3)$ and $\gamma \neq 28$, then the system has

(R) If $\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha - 3)$ where $\alpha = 1$ and $\gamma \neq 28$, then the system has

(S) If $\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha - 3)$ where $\alpha = 1$ and $\gamma = 28$, then the system has

List-II

(1) a unique solution

(2) no solution

(3) infinitely many solutions

(4) $x = 11, y = -2$ and $z = 0$ as a solution

(5) $x = -15, y = 4$ and $z = 0$ as a solution

The correct option is :

(A) (P) → (3) (Q) → (2) (R) → (1) (S) → (4) (B) (P) → (3) (Q) → (2) (R) → (5) (S) → (4)

(C) (P) → (2) (Q) → (1) (R) → (4) (S) → (5) (D) (P) → (2) (Q) → (1) (R) → (1) (S) → (3)

2. Let p, q, r be nonzero real numbers that are, respectively, the $10^{\text{th}}, 100^{\text{th}}$ and 1000^{th} terms of a harmonic progression. Consider the system of linear equations

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$10x + 100y + 1000z = 0$$

$$qr x + pr y + pq z = 0.$$

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List-I		List-II	
(I)	If $\frac{q}{r} = 10$, then the system of linear equations has	(P)	$x = 0, y = \frac{10}{9}, z = -\frac{1}{9}$ as a solution
(II)	If $\frac{p}{r} \neq 100$, then the system of linear equations has	(Q)	$x = \frac{10}{9}, y = -\frac{1}{9}, z = 0$ as a solution
(III)	If $\frac{p}{q} \neq 10$, then the system of linear equations has	(R)	infinitely many solutions
(IV)	If $\frac{p}{q} = 10$, then the system of linear equations has	(S)	no solution
		(T)	at least one solution

The correct option is:

(A) (I) → (T); (II) → (R); (III) → (S); (IV) → (T)

(B) (I) → (Q); (II) → (S); (III) → (S); (IV) → (R)

(C) (I) → (Q); (II) → (R); (III) → (P); (IV) → (R)

(D) (I) → (T); (II) → (S); (III) → (P); (IV) → (T)

3. The total number of distinct $x \in \mathbb{R}$ for which
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ 2x & 4x^2 & 1+8x^3 \\ 3x & 9x^2 & 1+27x^3 \end{vmatrix} = 10$$
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4. Which of the following values of α satisfy the equation
$$\begin{vmatrix} (1+\alpha)^2 & (1+2\alpha)^2 & (1+3\alpha)^2 \\ (2+\alpha)^2 & (2+2\alpha)^2 & (2+3\alpha)^2 \\ (3+\alpha)^2 & (3+2\alpha)^2 & (3+3\alpha)^2 \end{vmatrix} = -648\alpha ?$$

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(A) -4

(B) 9

(C) -9

(D) 4

SOLUTIONS

1. Ans. (A)

Sol. Given $x + 2y + z = 7$ (1)

$x + \alpha z = 11$ (2)

$2x - 3y + \beta z = \gamma$ (3)

Now, $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \alpha \\ 2 & -3 & \beta \end{vmatrix} = 7\alpha - 2\beta - 3$

\therefore if $\beta = \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha - 3)$

$\Rightarrow \Delta = 0$

Now, $\Delta_x = \begin{vmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 11 & 0 & \alpha \\ \gamma & -3 & \beta \end{vmatrix}$

$= 21\alpha - 22\beta + 2\alpha\gamma - 33$

\therefore if $\gamma = 28$

$\Rightarrow \Delta_x = 0$

$\Delta_y = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 & 1 \\ 1 & 11 & \alpha \\ 2 & \gamma & \beta \end{vmatrix}$

$\Delta_y = 4\beta + 14\alpha - \alpha\gamma + \gamma - 22$

\therefore if $\gamma = 28$

$\Rightarrow \Delta_y = 0$

Now, $\Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 11 \\ 2 & -3 & \gamma \end{vmatrix} = 56 - 2\gamma$

If $\gamma = 28$

$\Rightarrow \Delta_z = 0$

\therefore if $\gamma = 28$ and $\beta = \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha - 3)$

\Rightarrow system has infinite solution

and if $\gamma \neq 28$

\Rightarrow system has no solution

$\Rightarrow P \rightarrow (3); Q \rightarrow (2)$

Now if $\beta \neq \frac{1}{2}(7\alpha - 3)$

$\Rightarrow \Delta \neq 0$

and for $\alpha = 1$ clearly

$y = -2$ is always be the solution

\therefore if $\gamma \neq 28$

System has a unique solution

if $\gamma = 28$

$\Rightarrow x = 11, y = -2$ and

$z = 0$ will be one of the solution

$\therefore R \rightarrow 1; S \rightarrow 4$

\therefore option 'A' is correct

2. Ans. (B)

Sol. If $\frac{q}{r} = 10 \Rightarrow A = D \Rightarrow D_x = D_y = D_z = 0$

So, there are infinitely many solutions

Look of infinitely many solutions can be given as

$x + y + z = 1$

& $10x + 100y + 1000z = 0$

$\Rightarrow x + 10y + 100z = 0$

Let $z = \lambda$

then $x + y = 1 - \lambda$

and $x + 10y = -100\lambda$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{10}{9} + 10\lambda; y = \frac{-1}{9} - 11\lambda$

i.e., $(x, y, z) \equiv \left(\frac{10}{9} + 10\lambda, \frac{-1}{9} - 11\lambda, \lambda\right)$

$Q\left(\frac{10}{9}, \frac{-1}{9}, 0\right)$ valid for $\lambda = 0$

$P\left(0, \frac{10}{9}, \frac{-1}{9}\right)$ not valid for any λ .

(I) $\rightarrow Q, R, T$

(II) If $\frac{p}{r} \neq 100$, then $D_y \neq 0$

So no solution

(II) $\rightarrow (S)$

(III) If $\frac{p}{q} \neq 10$, then $D_z \neq 0$ so, no solution

(III) $\rightarrow (S)$

(IV) If $\frac{p}{q} = 10 \Rightarrow D_z = 0 \Rightarrow D_x = D_y = 0$

so infinitely many solution

(IV) $\rightarrow Q, R, T$

3. Ans. (2)

$$\text{Sol. } x^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1+x^3 \\ 2 & 4 & 1+8x^3 \\ 3 & 9 & 1+27x^3 \end{vmatrix} = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 \end{vmatrix} + x^3 \cdot x^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 3 & 9 & 27 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3(25 - 23) + 6x^6 \cdot 2 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^6 + x^3 - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = \frac{5}{6}, -1$$

two real solutions

4. Ans. (B, C)

$$\text{Sol. } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 4 & 2\alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 9 & 3\alpha & \alpha^2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -648\alpha$$

$$\alpha^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 2 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = -648\alpha$$

$$-8\alpha^3 = -648\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 = 81\alpha$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 0, 9, -9$$