

Chapter 12

Determinants and Systems of Linear Equations

EXERCISE 12A

Level 1

1. Consider $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$.

(a) Find M_{13} .

(b) Find A_{31} .

(c) Find A_{12} .

2. Consider $\begin{vmatrix} 9 & 0 & 3 \\ 8 & 8 & 1 \\ 9 & 9 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$.

(a) Find M_{23} .

(b) Find A_{32} .

(c) Find A_{21} .

3. Consider $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -6 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -4 \\ 5 & -7 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$.

(a) Find M_{12} .

(b) Find A_{21} .

(c) Find A_{32} .

4. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ by the following methods.

(a) Expand along the 2nd column.

(b) Expand along the 2nd row.

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Properties of determinants:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} c_1 & b_1 & a_1 \\ c_2 & b_2 & a_2 \\ c_3 & b_3 & a_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & 0 \\ a_2 & b_2 & 0 \\ a_3 & b_3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & kb_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & kb_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & kb_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & kb_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & kb_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & kb_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 + a_1' & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 + a_2' & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 + a_3' & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a_1' & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2' & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3' & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 + kb_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 + kb_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 + kb_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = a_1 \begin{vmatrix} b_2 & c_2 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} - a_2 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} + a_3 \begin{vmatrix} b_1 & c_1 \\ b_2 & c_2 \end{vmatrix}$$

5. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ by the following methods.

(a) Expand along the 1st row.

(b) Expand along the 1st column.

6. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 7 & 2 \\ 3 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$.

7. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$.

8. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} -11 & -2 \\ 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$.

Level 2

9. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$.

10. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$.

11. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 4 & 5 & -6 \\ 2 & -2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$.

12. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 7 & 2 \\ 8 & -1 & -3 \\ 9 & -2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$.

13. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & -2 \\ -5 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ by cofactor expansion.

14. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 7 & -2 & 2 \\ 5 & 8 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$ by cofactor expansion.

15. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & -1 & 5 \\ 2 & 2 & -10 \\ 4 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ by cofactor expansion.

16. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}$ by cofactor expansion.

17. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$ by cofactor expansion.

18. Find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 7 & -2 & 4 \\ -5 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & -6 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ by cofactor expansion.

19. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 5 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 4$.

20. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} -3 & x \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 2$.

21. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2x \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 14$.

22. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2x \\ x & 6 \end{vmatrix} = -20$.

Level 3

23. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ x & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 9$.

24. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -4 & 3 \\ x & 1 & 2x \end{vmatrix} = 11$.

25. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & x & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & x \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -7$.

26. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & x \\ -1 & x & 3 \\ x & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$.

27. Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta & \sin \theta \\ 2 & \sin \theta \end{vmatrix} = -1$, where $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$.



EXERCISE 12B

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Level 1

28. Find the value of each of the following determinants.

(a) $\begin{vmatrix} 7 & 7 \\ 8 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 6 & 9 \\ 7 & 6 & 5 \\ 6 & 12 & 18 \end{vmatrix}$

29. Find the value of each of the following determinants.

(a) $\begin{vmatrix} 9 & 1 & 8 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 9 & 1 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{vmatrix} p & p-1 & 2p \\ q & q-1 & 2q \\ r & r-1 & 2r \end{vmatrix}$

30. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 7 & x \end{vmatrix}$$

31. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 8 \\ 8 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} -1 & x \\ 8 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

32. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 8 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = - \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 4 \\ -7 & x \end{vmatrix}$$

33. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = x \begin{vmatrix} 4 & 6 \\ 8 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

34. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 1 & 6 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = x \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 9 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

35. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 9 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & -5 & 9 \\ 3 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & x & 8 \end{vmatrix}$$

36. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & -4 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & x \\ 1 & -4 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$$

37. Without evaluating the determinant, find the unknown in the following.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 & y \\ 5 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Level 2

38. Simplify $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$, and evaluate the determinant by expanding it along the 1st column.

39. Simplify $\begin{vmatrix} -4 & 1 & -5 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$, and evaluate the determinant by expanding it along the 2nd row.

40. Simplify $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 & 5 \\ -4 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$, and evaluate the determinant by expanding it along the 1st row.

41. Simplify $\begin{vmatrix} 6 & -1 & 2 \\ 12 & 4 & 5 \\ 9 & -5 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$, and evaluate the determinant by expanding it along the 3rd column.

42. If $\begin{vmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{vmatrix} = 3$, find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} p+r & r \\ q+s & s \end{vmatrix}$.

43. If $\begin{vmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{vmatrix} = 2$, find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 3r+3s & 2s \\ 3p+3q & 2q \end{vmatrix}$.

44. If $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = 5$, find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} p & q & r \\ a+2p & b+2q & c+2r \\ 3x-a & 3y-b & 3z-r \end{vmatrix}$.

45. If $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = 7$, find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 2a & 2c & 2b \\ p & r & q \\ x+a+p & z+c+r & y+b+q \end{vmatrix}$.

46. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} a+1 & b & c \\ a & b+1 & c \\ a & b & c+1 \end{vmatrix} = a+b+c+1$.

47. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} x^4 & x^2 & 1 \\ y^4 & y^2 & 1 \\ z^4 & z^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (y^2 - x^2)(z^2 - x^2)(y^2 - z^2)$.

48. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^3 \\ 1 & y & y^3 \\ 1 & z & z^3 \end{vmatrix} = (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(x+y+z)$.

49. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} k^7 & k^3 & 1 \\ k^5 & k^2 & 1 \\ k^3 & k & 1 \end{vmatrix} = k^5(k-1)^3(k+1)$.

50. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} x & x & x \\ \sin^2 x & \sin^2 y & \sin^2 z \\ \cos^2 x & \cos^2 y & \cos^2 z \end{vmatrix} = 0$.

51. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta & \sin \theta + \cos \theta & 1 \\ -\cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta & \tan \theta \\ \sin \theta & \sin \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1$.

52.(a) Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & y+1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & z+1 \end{vmatrix} = xy + yz + zx + xyz$.

(b) Hence find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$.

53. (a) Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & bc \\ 1 & b & ac \\ 1 & c & ab \end{vmatrix} = (a-b)(b-c)(c-a).$

(b) Hence find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 12 \\ 1 & 3 & 8 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 \end{vmatrix}.$

54. Factorize $\begin{vmatrix} x+y & y & z \\ y+z & z & x \\ z+x & x & y \end{vmatrix}.$

55. Factorize $\begin{vmatrix} n & n & m \\ n & m & n \\ m & n & n \end{vmatrix}.$

56. Factorize $\begin{vmatrix} m+n & n & m \\ m & m+n & n \\ n & m & m+n \end{vmatrix}.$

57. (a) Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & yz \\ y & y^2 & xz \\ z & z^2 & xy \end{vmatrix} = (x-y)(y-z)(z-x)(xy+yz+xz).$

(b) Hence find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 6 & 9 & 2 \end{vmatrix}.$

58. (a) Factorize $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ yz & xz & xy \\ x^2 & y^2 & z^2 \end{vmatrix}.$

(b) Hence find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 30 & 16 \\ 1 & 24 & 25 \\ 1 & 20 & 36 \end{vmatrix}.$

59. Given that $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9$ form a geometric sequence, find the value of

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ x_4 & x_5 & x_6 \\ x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \end{vmatrix}.$$

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$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_4 & x_7 \\ x_2 & x_5 & x_8 \\ x_3 & x_6 & x_9 \end{vmatrix}.$$

61. Given that F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots is the Fibonacci sequence (i.e. $F_1 = F_2 = 1, F_n = F_{n-2} + F_{n-1}$, where $n > 2$),

find the value of $\begin{vmatrix} F_{11} & F_{14} & F_{17} \\ F_{12} & F_{15} & F_{18} \\ F_{13} & F_{16} & F_{19} \end{vmatrix}.$

EXERCISE 12C

Level 1

62. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 2x + y = 4 \\ 3x - 2y = -1 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.
63. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 3x - 5y = 1 \\ 4x - 3y = 5 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.
64. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} -7x + 5y = 12 \\ 2x - 3y = -5 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.
65. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 2x - 5y = -19 \\ -7x + 2y = 20 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.
66. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 9x + 5y = -46 \\ 7x - 2y = -24 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.

67. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} x - y + 2z = -2 \\ 4x - y + 2z = 1 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.

68. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y + z = 7 \\ 4x + 5y - z = -3 \\ x + y - z = -2 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.

69. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 2x - 5y + z = 7 \\ -x + 4y + 2z = 7 \\ 3x - 11y - z = -4 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.

70. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 2x - 3y + 4z = 15 \\ -x + 2y + 3z = 2 \\ 4x + 2y + 5z = 16 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.

71. Solve the system of linear equations $\begin{cases} 11x + 7y + 5z = -8 \\ -4x - 9y - 8z = -21 \\ 9x - 4y + 2z = 8 \end{cases}$ by Cramer's rule.

Level 2

72. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x - 2y = 1 \\ 2x - 4y = 3 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.

73. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x + 3y = 2 \\ 3x + 9y = 5 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.

74. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} 4x - 3y = -2 \\ 2x + y = 4 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.

75. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} 3x + 2y = 2 \\ 7x - 3y = -26 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.

76. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x - y = 2 \\ 3x - 3y = 6 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
77. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x + 5y = -8 \\ -4x - 20y = 32 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
78. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x - y + z = 1 \\ 2x - 2y + 3z = 3 \\ 4x - 4y + 4z = 3 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
79. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} 3x + y - 2z = 4 \\ 6x + y - 2z = 5 \\ 6x + 2y - 4z = 7 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
80. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} 2x - y + z = 1 \\ 3x - 2y - z = -2 \\ x + y - z = 2 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
81. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x - y + z = 2 \\ 2x + y + 4z = -3 \\ x - 4y - 6z = 4 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
82. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x - y - z = -2 \\ 3x + y + 5z = 14 \\ 3x - y + z = 4 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
83. Determine whether the system of equations $\begin{cases} x + y - z = -2 \\ 2x + y - 4z = -9 \\ 2x - y - 8z = -19 \end{cases}$ has solutions. If it does, solve the system of equations.
84. Find the range of values of k such that the following system of equations has a unique solution.
- $$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 4 \\ ky + z = 5 \\ x - y + z = 3 \end{cases}, \text{ where } k \text{ is a real number.}$$

85. Find the range of values of k such that the following system of equations has a unique solution.

$$\begin{cases} x - y + z = 2 \\ 2x - y - kz = 1 \\ 3x + 2y + 5z = -3 \end{cases}, \text{ where } k \text{ is a real number.}$$

86. Consider the system of equations (*) $\begin{cases} x - y + z = 2 \\ x + ky + z = 1 \\ 2x - y + 3z = 4 \end{cases}$, where k is a real number.

(a) Find the value of k such that the system (*) has no unique solution.

(b) For the value of k obtained in (a), determine whether the system (*) has solutions.

87. Consider the system of equations (*) $\begin{cases} x + z = 1 \\ y - kz = 2 \\ x - y + z = 3 \end{cases}$, where k is a real number.

(a) Find the value of k such that the system (*) has no unique solution.

(b) For the value of k obtained in (a), determine whether the system (*) has solutions.

88. Consider the system of equations (*) $\begin{cases} ax + by = 1 \\ ax + (b + c)y + az = 1 \\ (a + c)x + by + bz = 1 \end{cases}$, prove that (*) has a unique solution when all a , b and c are not equal to zero.

89. If the system of equations $\begin{cases} x + y - 2z = p \\ x + y - 8z = p \\ 2x + 2y + 6z = p^2 \end{cases}$ has solutions, where p is a non-zero real number, find the value of p and solve the system of equations.

90. (a) Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$.

(b) Consider the system of equations (*) $\begin{cases} kx + y + z = 1 \\ x + ky + z = k \\ x + y + kz = k^2 \end{cases}$, where k is a real number.

(i) Find the range of values of k such that (*) has a unique solution.

(ii) Suppose that $k = -2$. Solve (*).

91. Consider the system of equations (*)
$$\begin{cases} (k-1)x + y + z = 1 \\ x + (k-1)y + z = k \\ x + y + (k-1)z = k^2 \end{cases}$$
, where k is a real number.

- (a) Find the range of values of k such that (*) has a unique solution.
 (b) Solve (*) when it has a unique solution.
 (c) Suppose that $k = 2$. Solve (*).

92. Consider the system of equations (*)
$$\begin{cases} kx - 2y + z = 0 \\ -x + ky + z = -k \\ k^2x + (k-2)y - z = k \end{cases}$$
, where k is a real number.

- (a) Find the range of values of k such that (*) has a unique solution.
 (b) Suppose that $k = 1$. Solve (*).

(c) Suppose (x, y, z) satisfies
$$\begin{cases} x - 2y + z = 0 \\ -x + y + z = -1 \\ x - y - z = 1 \end{cases}$$
. Find the least value of $2x^2 + y^2 + 3z^2$ and the corresponding values of x, y, z .

93. (a) Prove that if the system of equations (*)
$$\begin{cases} ax + by + c = 0 \\ dx + ey + f = 0 \\ gx + hy + i = 0 \end{cases}$$
 is consistent, then $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & d & g \\ b & e & h \\ c & f & i \end{vmatrix} = 0$.

- (b) If $\Delta = 0$, is the system (*) consistent for sure?

94. (a) Consider the system of equations
$$\begin{cases} ax + by + cz = 0 \\ dx + ey + fz = 0 \end{cases}$$
, where $ae - bd \neq 0$.

Prove that $x : y : z = \begin{vmatrix} c & b \\ f & e \end{vmatrix} : \begin{vmatrix} a & c \\ d & f \end{vmatrix} : \begin{vmatrix} b & a \\ e & d \end{vmatrix}$.

(b) Hence solve the system of equations
$$\begin{cases} 2x - y + z = 0 \\ x - 2y - 4z = 0 \\ x^3 - y^3 - 3z^3 = -128 \end{cases}$$
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