

Summation of Determinants.

Let $\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} f(r) & a & l \\ g(r) & b & m \\ h(r) & c & n \end{vmatrix}$, where a, b, c, l, m and n are constants, independent of r .

$$\text{Then, } \sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} \sum_{r=1}^n f(r) & a & l \\ \sum_{r=1}^n g(r) & b & m \\ \sum_{r=1}^n h(r) & c & n \end{vmatrix}.$$

Here function of r can be the elements of only one row or

one column.