

## Differentiation and Integration of Determinants.

### (1) Differentiation of a determinant:

(i) Let  $\Delta(x)$  be a determinant of order two. If we write  $\Delta(x) = |C_1 \ C_2|$ , where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  denote the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> columns, then

$$\Delta'(x) = |C'_1 \ C_2| + |C_1 \ C'_2|$$

Where  $C'_i$  denotes the column which contains the derivative of all the functions in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column  $C_i$ .

In a similar fashion, if we write  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\Delta'(x) = \begin{vmatrix} R'_1 \\ R_2 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} R_1 \\ R'_2 \end{vmatrix}$

(ii) Let  $\Delta(x)$  be a determinant of order three. If we write  $\Delta(x) = |C_1 \ C_2 \ C_3|$ , then

$$\Delta'(x) = |C'_1 \ C_2 \ C_3| + |C_1 \ C'_2 \ C_3| + |C_1 \ C_2 \ C'_3|$$

and similarly if we consider  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\Delta'(x) = \begin{vmatrix} R'_1 \\ R_2 \\ R_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} R_1 \\ R'_2 \\ R_3 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} R_1 \\ R_2 \\ R'_3 \end{vmatrix}$

(iii) If only one row (or column) consists functions of  $x$  and other rows (or columns) are constant, viz.

$$\text{Let } \Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1(x) & f_2(x) & f_3(x) \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix},$$

$$\text{Then } \Delta'(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f'_1(x) & f_2(x) & f_3(x) \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \text{ and in general } \Delta^n(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f_1^n(x) & f_2^n(x) & f_3^n(x) \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Where  $n$  is any positive integer and  $f^n(x)$  denotes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $f(x)$ .