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In ΔABC , A, B, C – angles. Find:

$$\Omega(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin(A + kx) & \sin(B + kx) & \sin(C + kx) \\ \cos(A + kx) & \cos(B + kx) & \cos(C + kx) \end{vmatrix}, x \in \mathbb{R}$$

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$$\text{Let } \Delta(k, x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin(A + kx) & \sin(B + kx) & \sin(C + kx) \\ \cos(A + kx) & \cos(B + kx) & \cos(C + kx) \end{vmatrix}$$

Using $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - (\cos kx)R_1$; $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 + (\sin kx)R_1$, we get

$$\Delta(k, x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ \cos A \sin kx & \cos B \sin kx & \cos C \sin kx \\ \cos A \cos kx & \cos B \cos kx & \cos C \cos kx \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

[$\therefore R_2$ and R_3 are proportional]. Now,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \Delta(k, x) = 0 \Rightarrow \Omega(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \Delta(k, x) = 0$$