may have common solutions

$$
\left\|\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
F_{r} & F_{s} & F_{t} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & F_{r} & F_{s} & F_{t} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & F_{r} & F_{s}^{\prime} & F_{t} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & F_{r} & F_{s} & F_{t} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & F_{r} & F_{s} & F_{t} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & F_{r} & F_{s} & F_{t} \\
G_{r} & G_{s} & G_{t} & 0 & H_{r} & H_{s} & H_{t} & 0 & K_{r} & K_{s} & K_{t} & 0 \\
0 & G_{r} & G_{s} & G_{t} & 0 & H_{r} & H_{s} & H_{t} & 0 & K_{r} & K_{s} & K_{t}
\end{array}\right\|=0
$$

And since
$(F, G)=(F, H)=(F, K)=(G, H)=(G, K)=(H K)=0$
for the same value of $\mu: \nu$, we have, in addition to the vanishing of the above matrix,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& F_{r}^{\left(G_{x}\right)-G_{r}\left(F_{x}\right)} \bar{F}_{t}^{\prime}\left(G_{y}\right)-G_{t}\left(F_{y}\right)
\end{aligned}=\frac{F_{r}\left(H_{x}\right)-H_{r}\left(F_{x}\right)}{F_{t}\left(H_{y}\right)-H_{t}\left(F_{y}\right)}=\frac{F_{r}\left(K_{x}\right)-K_{r}\left(F_{x}\right)}{F_{t}^{\prime}\left(K_{y}\right)-K_{t}\left(F_{y}^{\prime}\right)} .
$$

Obviously the plan is general, and one could write down the necessary conditions that a system of $n$ partial differential equations of the type above considered should have solutions in common.

## NOTE ON DETERMINANTS WHOSE TERMS ARE CERTAIN INTEGRALS.

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The object of the present note is to prove two simple identities involving a determinant whose elements are certain integrals, and to mention some special cases. Determinants of the form considered present themselves in problems connected with linear differential and integral equations and the calculus of

