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$x^n + \frac{1}{x^n}$ の値

(例) $x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{5}$ のとき、次の式の値を求めよ。

- (1) $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ (2) $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$ (3) $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$

point

$$\frac{1}{x} = y \text{ とおくと } x + y = \sqrt{5}, xy = 1 \text{ となり}$$

$$(1) x^2 + y^2 \quad (2) x^3 + y^3 \quad (3) x^4 + y^4$$

→ 基本対称式で表せる

$$(1) x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 2 \cdot x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \quad \leftarrow x^2 + y^2 = (x + y)^2 - 2xy \\ = (\sqrt{5})^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \\ = 3$$

$$(2) x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 3 \cdot x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \quad \leftarrow x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)^3 - 3xy(x + y) \\ = (\sqrt{5})^3 - 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \sqrt{5} \\ = 2\sqrt{5}$$

(別解)

$$x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \left(x^2 - x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \quad \leftarrow x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) \\ = \sqrt{5}(3 - 1) \\ = 2\sqrt{5}$$

$$(3) x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 - 2 \cdot x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \leftarrow O^2 + \Delta^2 = (O + \Delta)^2 - 2O\Delta \\ = 3^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \\ = 7$$

(別解)

$$x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) - \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \quad \leftarrow (x + \frac{1}{x})(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}) = \underbrace{x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}}_{\text{分子}} + \underbrace{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}}_{\text{分子}} \\ = \sqrt{5} \cdot 2\sqrt{5} - 3 \\ = 7$$