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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

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

- (1)  $x^2 + y^2$     (2)  $x^3 + y^3$     (3)  $x^4 + y^4$

→ 基本対称式で表せる

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

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

(別解)

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

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} &= \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 - 2 \cdot x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \leftarrow \bigcirc^2 + \Delta^2 = (\bigcirc + \Delta)^2 - 2\bigcirc\Delta \\ &= 3^2 - 2 \cdot 1 \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

(別解)

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