

Problem 23: Let  $x_n + iy_n = (1 + i\sqrt{3})^n$ , where  $x_n$  and  $y_n$  are real and  $n$  is a positive integer. If  $x_{19}y_{91} + x_{91}y_{19} = 2^k\sqrt{3}$ , compute  $k$ . (Source: ARML)

We have

$$x_n + iy_n = \left(2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)\right)^n = 2^n \left(\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^n = 2^n e^{n\pi i/3}$$

Thus  $x_{19} + iy_{19} = 2^{19}e^{19\pi i/3} = 2^{19}e^{\pi i/3}$  and  $x_{91} + iy_{91} = 2^{91}e^{91\pi i/3} = 2^{91}e^{\pi i/3}$ .

So

$$\begin{aligned}x_{19} &= 2^{19} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 2^{18} \\y_{19} &= 2^{19} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = 2^{18}\sqrt{3} \\x_{91} &= 2^{91} \cos \frac{\pi}{3} = 2^{90} \\y_{91} &= 2^{91} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = 2^{90}\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}x_{19}y_{91} + x_{91}y_{19} &= 2^{18} \cdot 2^{90}\sqrt{3} + 2^{90} \cdot 2^{18}\sqrt{3} \\&= 2^{108}\sqrt{3} + 2^{108}\sqrt{3} \\&= 2^{109}\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\boxed{k = 109}$ .