



Algebraic Identities Ex 4.3 Q15

**Answer :**

In the given problem, we have to find the value of  $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ ,  $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$ ,  $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$

Given  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$

We shall use the identity  $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$

Here putting  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 &= x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} \\ (3)^2 &= x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times \cancel{x} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{x}} \\ 9 &= x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \\ 9 - 2 &= x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \\ 7 &= x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\end{aligned}$$

Again squaring on both sides we get,

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 = (7)^2$$

We shall use the identity  $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy$

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 = x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 2 \times x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$(7)^2 = x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 2 \times \cancel{x^2} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{x^2}}$$

$$49 = x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 2$$

$$49 - 2 = x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$47 = x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$$

Again cubing on both sides we get,

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = (3)^3$$

We shall use identity  $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a + b)$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$(3)^3 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times \cancel{x} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{x}} \times 3$$

$$27 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 9$$

$$27 - 9 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$18 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$$

Hence the value of  $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}, x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}, x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$  is 7,18,47 respectively.

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