



Some algebra practice

The golden ratio Φ and the golden ratio conjugate ϕ are defined as

$$\Phi = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}, \quad \phi = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}.$$

Prove the following identities by direct calculation:

(a) $\phi = \Phi - 1$

(b) $\phi = 1/\Phi$

(c) $\Phi^2 = \Phi + 1$

(d) $\phi^2 = -\phi + 1$

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