

**Problem 1.**  $P(x) = x^3 + 33x^2 + 327x + 935$  Let  $a, b, c$  be the roots of  $P(x)$ . Find  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  without solving  $P(x) = 0$

**Problem 2.** Let a polynomial  $P(x)$  be defined as  $P(x) = x^2 - 2x + 6$  with its (complex) roots  $a$  and  $b$ . Then what is the value of  $a^{10} + b^{10}$ ?

**Problem 3.** If roots of the polynomial  $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$  are  $a$  and  $b$ , what is  $a^7 + b^7$ ?

**Problem 4.** If the roots of the polynomial  $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x - 9$  are  $a, b$  and  $c$ , what is the value of  $a^5 + b^5 + c^5$ ?

**Problem 5.** If the roots of  $P(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x - 8$  are  $a, b,$  and  $c$ , what is the value of  $a^2(1 + a^2) + b^2(1 + b^2) + c^2(1 + c^2)$ ?

**Problem 6.** Consider the cubic equation  $245x^3 - 287x^2 + 99x - 9 = 0$  with roots  $a, b, c$ . If

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a^n + b^n + c^n)$$

is of the form  $\frac{m}{n}$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are coprime positive integers, what is the value of  $\frac{m}{n+1}$ ?

**Problem 7.** If

$$\begin{aligned} a + b + c &= 1 \\ a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &= 2 \\ a^3 + b^3 + c^3 &= 3, \end{aligned}$$

what is the value of  $abc$ ?

**Problem 8.** Evaluate  $(1 + \sqrt{5}i)^{10} + (1 - \sqrt{5}i)^{10}$ .

**Problem 9.** The number of ordered pairs of integers  $(m, n)$  for which  $mn \geq 0$  and  $m^3 + n^3 + 99mn = 33^3$  is equal to 2, 3, 33, 35, or 99? (AHSME)

**Problem 10.** Given the system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 1 \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= 2 \\ x^3 + y^3 + z^3 &= 3, \end{aligned}$$

find the smallest positive integer value of  $n (> 3)$  such that  $x^n + y^n + z^n$  is an integer.

**Problem 11.** (AIME) Suppose that the sum of the squares of two complex numbers  $x$  and  $y$  is 7 and the sum of the cubes is 10. What is the largest real value that  $x + y$  can have?

**Problem 12.** Find  $x, y,$  and  $z$  if

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 8 \\x^2 + y^2 + z^2 &= 62 \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} &= \frac{1}{90},\end{aligned}$$

and  $x \geq y \geq z$

**Problem 13.** Determine  $k,$  a positive integer if,

$$\begin{aligned}a^1 + b^1 + c^1 &= k \\a^2 + b^2 + c^2 &= k \\a^3 + b^3 + c^3 &= k \\abc &= 5!\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 14.** Let  $P_n = a^n + b^n$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are the roots of  $x^2 + x + 1,$  find the value of

$$\sum_{n=1}^{1729} (-1)^n P_n$$

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**Problem 15.** Find the value of  $-a$  for which the roots  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  of  $x^3 - 6x^2 + ax - a = 0$  satisfy  $(x_1 - 3)^3 + (x_2 - 3)^3 + (x_3 - 3)^3 = 0$

**Problem 16.**  $P(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1.$   $Q(x) = x^3 + Ax^2 + Bx + C$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients such that its roots are the 5th power of the roots of  $P(x).$  What is the value of  $A + B + C?$

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