

Solución a “Find the requested sum”

Enunciado:

if $3^x + 3^y = 10$ and $3^{x+y} = 5$

find : $3^{x-y} + \frac{1}{3^{x-y}}$

Solución:

$$3^{x-y} + \frac{1}{3^{x-y}} = \frac{3^x}{3^y} + \frac{1}{\frac{3^x}{3^y}} = \frac{3^x}{3^y} + \frac{3^y}{3^x} = \frac{3^{2x} + 3^{2y}}{3^x \cdot 3^y} = \frac{(3^x)^2 + (3^y)^2}{3^{x+y}} = \frac{(3^x)^2 + (3^y)^2}{5}$$

Por otro lado:

$$3^x + 3^y = 10 \Rightarrow 100 = (3^x + 3^y)^2 = (3^x)^2 + (3^y)^2 + 2 \cdot 3^x \cdot 3^y = (3^x)^2 + (3^y)^2 + 2 \cdot 3^{x+y} = (3^x)^2 + (3^y)^2 + 10$$

Por lo que: $(3^x)^2 + (3^y)^2 = 90$

Sustituyendo obtenemos: $3^{x-y} + \frac{1}{3^{x-y}} = \frac{90}{5} = 18$

Solución: 18

