

$n$  を自然数とし、 $f(n) = (x+y)^n - (x^n + y^n)$  で定義する。

$f(3), f(5), f(7)$  を整式の範囲でそれぞれ因数分解せよ。

(解答)

$$f(3) = (x+y)^3 - (x^3 + y^3) = 3x^2y + 3xy^2 = 3xy(x+y)$$

$$f(5) = (x+y)^5 - (x^5 + y^5) = 5x^4y + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5xy^4$$

$$= 5xy(x^3 + 2x^2y + 2xy^2 + y^3) = 5xy(x^3 + y^3 + 2x^2y + 2xy^2)$$

$$= 5xy\{(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2) + 2xy(x+y)\} = 5xy(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

$$f(7) = (x+y)^7 - (x^7 + y^7) = 7x^6y + 21x^5y^2 + 35x^4y^3 + 35x^3y^4 + 21x^2y^5 + 7xy^6$$

$$= 7xy(x^5 + 3x^4y + 5x^3y^2 + 5x^2y^3 + 3xy^4 + y^5)$$

$$= 7xy(x^5 + y^5 + 3x^4y + 3xy^4 + 5x^3y^2 + 5x^2y^3)$$

$$= 7xy\{(x+y)(x^4 - x^3y + x^2y^2 - xy^3 + y^4) + 3xy(x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)\}$$

$$+ 5x^2y^2(x+y)\}$$

$$= 7xy(x+y)\{(x^4 - x^3y + x^2y^2 - xy^3 + y^4) + 3xy(x^2 - xy + y^2) + 5x^2y^2\}$$

$$= 7xy(x+y)(x^4 + 2x^3y + 3x^2y^2 + 2xy^3 + y^4)$$

$$= 7xy(x+y)(x^4 + 2x^2y^2 + y^4 - x^2y^2 + 2x^3y + 2x^2y^2 + 2xy^3)$$

$$= 7xy(x+y)\{(x^2 + y^2)^2 - x^2y^2 + 2xy(x^2 + xy + y^2)\}$$

$$= 7xy(x+y)\{(x^2 + y^2 - xy)(x^2 + y^2 + xy) + 2xy(x^2 + xy + y^2)\}$$

$$= 7xy(x+y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)^2$$