

次の式を計算せよ.

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}-1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}+1}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{\sqrt{5}+1}\right)^2$$

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【答】 $3\sqrt{5} + 24\sqrt{2}$

【解答】

項の順序をかえ、分母を有理化してから式を整理すると

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\text{与式}) \\
 & = \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{\sqrt{5}+1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{\sqrt{2}-1} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}+1} \right)^2 \\
 & = \left(\frac{6+2\sqrt{5}}{5-1} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{6-2\sqrt{5}}{5-1} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{3+2\sqrt{2}}{2-1} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{3-2\sqrt{2}}{2-1} \right)^2 \quad (\text{分母の有理化}) \\
 & = \left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 + (3+2\sqrt{2})^2 - (3-2\sqrt{2})^2 \\
 & = \frac{6 \cdot 2\sqrt{5}}{4} + 6 \cdot 4\sqrt{2} \quad (\because A^2 - B^2 = (A+B)(A-B)) \\
 & = 3\sqrt{5} + 24\sqrt{2} \qquad \qquad \qquad \cdots \cdots \text{(答)}
 \end{aligned}$$

となる。