

**Question # 10714**

Factorize  $(x - y)^3 + (y - z)^3 + (z - x)^3$ .

**Solution.** Using identity  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ac)$ , one can get that  $(x - y)^3 + (y - z)^3 + (z - x)^3 = 3(x - y)(x - z)(y - z) + (x - y + y - z + z - x) \cdot (\dots) = 3(x - y)(y - z)(x - z) + 0$ .

**Answer**  $3(x - y)(y - z)(x - z)$ .