

Answer on Question 46848, Math, Algebra

$a + b + c = 0$  then find

$$\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ac} + \frac{c^2}{ab}$$

It's obvious that

$$\frac{a^2}{bc} + \frac{b^2}{ac} + \frac{c^2}{ab} = \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc}$$

Let's find

$$(a + b + c)^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b + c)^3 &= ((a + b) + c)^3 = (a + b)^3 + 3(a + b)^2c + 3(a + b)c^2 + c^3 = \\ &= (a^3 + b^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2) + 3(a^2 + 2ab + b^2)c + 3(a + b)c^2 + c^3 = \\ &= a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a^2b + ab^2 + a^2c + ac^2 + b^2c + bc^2) + 6abc\end{aligned}$$

As  $a + b + c = 0$ , then  $a + b = -c$ ,  $a + c = -b$ ,  $b + c = -a$ , therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}(a + b + c)^3 &= a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + 3(a + b)c^2 + 3(a + c)b^2 + 3(b + c)a^2 + 6abc = \\ &= a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3c^3 - 3b^3 - 3a^3 + 6abc = -2a^3 - 2b^3 - 2c^3 + 6abc\end{aligned}$$

As  $a + b + c = 0$ , then  $(a + b + c)^3 = 0$ , therefore

$$6abc = 2(a^3 + b^3 + c^3) \Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$

which gives us the answer

$$\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc} = 3$$