

Math Diversion Problem 654

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Ramanujan once remarked to Hardy that the number 1729 is not a dull number, saying, "...it is a very interesting number; it is the smallest number expressible as the sum of two cubes in two different ways.

— G.H. Hardy referring to a discussion he had with Ramanujan

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mt1mZKDgKv8>

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1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$z^i = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}, \quad (1)$$

find the values for z .

2 The Solution

The Given relation can be rewritten as

$$z^i = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{2\pi i n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (2)$$

Now, raise both sides to the $-i$ power:

$$z = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{2}} e^{2\pi n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (3)$$

Next, we simplify,

$$z = -ie^{2\pi n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (4)$$