

Q) If $1, \omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ are the n , n^{th} roots of unity, then

$$(1 - \omega) (1 - \omega^2) \dots (1 - \omega^{n-1}) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Solution:

Since $1, \omega, \omega^2, \omega^3, \dots, \omega^{n-1}$ are the n , n^{th} roots of unity, therefore, we have the identity

$$= (x - 1) (x - \omega) (x - \omega^2) \dots (x - \omega^{n-1}) = x^n - 1 \text{ or}$$

$$(x - \omega) (x - \omega^2) \dots (x - \omega^{n-1}) = \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}$$

$$= x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + x + 1$$

Putting $x = 1$ on both sides, we get

$$(1 - \omega) (1 - \omega^2) \dots (1 - \omega^{n-1}) = n$$