

# Cal Poly Department of Mathematics

## Puzzle of the Week

Oct 15 - 21, 2010

From Jeremy Kun:

Suppose  $x$  satisfies  $x + \frac{1}{x} = -1$ . What is the value of  $x^{65} + \frac{1}{x^{65}}$ ?

*Solutions should be submitted to Morgan Sherman:*

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*before next Friday. Those with correct and complete solutions will have their names listed on the puzzle's web site (see below) as well as in next week's email announcement. Anybody is welcome to make a submission.*

<http://www.calpoly.edu/~sherman1/puzzleoftheweek>