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501. Find all functions $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ such that $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$2(f(x) + f(y))(f^2(x) + f^2(y) + 3f(x) + 3f(y)) = 3(f(x) + 3)(f(y) + 3)(f(x) + f(y) - 2)$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Canh-Vietnam & Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution 1 by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$\text{Let } x = y \text{ we have: } 2 \cdot 2f(x) \cdot [2f^2(x) + 6f(x)] = 3 \cdot 2[f(x) + 3]^2[f(x) - 1]$$

$$(\text{Let } F = f(x) \Rightarrow F > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$4F(F^2 + 3F) = 3[F + 3]^2[F - 1]$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (F + 3)(F - 3)^2 = 0 \stackrel{F > 0}{\Leftrightarrow} F = 3 \Leftrightarrow f(x) = 3 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$\text{Answer: } f(x) = 3 \ (\forall x \in \mathbb{R})$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let $x = y$ and put $f(x) = t > 0$. Equation gives us:

$$2(t + t)(t^2 + t^2 + 3t + 3t) = 3(t + 3)(t + 3)(t + t - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2t)(2t)(t + 3) = 3(t + 3)^2(2t - 2) \Rightarrow 4t^2 = 3(t + 3)(t - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4t^2 = 3(t^2 + 2t - 3) \Rightarrow t^2 - 6t + 9 = 0 \Rightarrow (t - 3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 3$$

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) = 3 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

502. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \varepsilon > 0}} \left(\int_{\varepsilon}^{\frac{\pi^2}{4} - \varepsilon} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \tan(\sqrt{x}) + \cot(\sqrt{x})} \right) dx \right)$$

Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa-Romania

Solution 1 by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

We put $x = t^2, dx = 2t dt$

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2t}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} dt$$

Now, we use the formula

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$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(a+b-x) dx$$

and we get:

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right)}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} dt$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Omega &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\pi - 2t + 2t}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} dt = \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dt}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} = \left| \begin{array}{l} \tan t = u \\ t = \arctan u \\ dt = \frac{u}{1+u^2} \end{array} \right| = \\ &= \pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\frac{du}{1+u^2}}{1+u+\frac{1}{u}} = \pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\frac{du}{1+u^2}}{\frac{u+u^2+1}{u}} = \\ &= \pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u du}{(1+u^2)(u^2-u-1)} = \pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^2+1} - \pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{du}{u^2+u+1} = \\ &= \pi \arctan(u) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \pi \int_0^{\infty} \frac{du}{\left(u+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}} = \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan\left(\frac{u+\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}\right) \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan\left(\frac{2u+1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \Big|_0^{\infty} = \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{2\pi^2}{2\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2\pi^2}{6\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left(1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\right) \Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \left(1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Kelvin Hong-Rawang-Malaysia

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi^2}{4}} \frac{1}{1 + \tan \sqrt{x} + \cot \sqrt{x}} dx \stackrel{u^2=x}{=} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2u du}{1 + \tan u + \cot u} \\ &\stackrel{u=\frac{\pi}{2}-t}{=} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\pi - 2t}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\pi}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} - \frac{2t}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} dt \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\pi}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} dt - I = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + \tan t + \cot t} dt \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan t}{\tan^2 t + \tan t + 1} dt \stackrel{k=\tan t}{=} \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{k}{(k^2 + k + 1)(k^2 + 1)} dk \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{k^2 + k + 1} dk = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2 + 1} - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(\frac{2k+1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + 1} dk \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\tan^{-1} k - \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2k+1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\tan^{-1} k - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2k+1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right] = \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \right] = \left(\frac{9 - 4\sqrt{3}}{36} \right) \pi^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int_0^{\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2} \frac{dx}{1 + \tan \sqrt{x} + \cot \sqrt{x}} \\
 &\text{Put } \sqrt{x} = \theta \text{ or } x = \theta^2 \\
 \Omega &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2\theta d\theta}{1 \tan \theta + \cot \theta} d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) d\theta}{1 + \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) + \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right)} \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(\pi - 2\theta) d\theta}{1 + \tan \theta + \cot \theta} \Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{\pi}{2} I
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{d\theta}{1 + \tan \theta + \cot \theta}$$

Put $\tan \theta = t$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t}{(1+t^2+t)(1+t^2)} dt = \int_0^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{1+t^2} - \frac{1}{1+t^2+t} \right) dt \\
 &= \left(\tan^{-1} t - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2t+1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \\
 \Omega &= \frac{\pi^2}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

503. Let $\Omega(x) = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} \tanh^{2k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2\Gamma(x)} \right)$

Prove that:

$$\int_{0.5}^{1.5} e^{-\Gamma(x)} \psi(x) \{1 + \Omega(x)\} dx = \frac{e^{-\sqrt{\pi}} - 2e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

Proposed by Obidah Al Sharafy-Sana'a-Yemen

Solution 1 by Kamel Benaicha-Algeirs-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(x) &= 2 \sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} \frac{\tanh^{2k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2\Gamma(x)} \right)}{2k+1} \\
 I &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp(-\Gamma(x)) (1 + \Omega(x)) \Psi(x) dx \\
 \operatorname{arctanh}(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+t}{1-t} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p=1}^{+\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^{p-1} + 1}{p} \right) t^p = \sum_{p=0}^{+\infty} \frac{t^{2p+1}}{2p+1} \\
 \therefore \Omega(x) &= 2 \frac{1}{2\Gamma(x)} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} \\
 \therefore I &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp(-\Gamma(x)) \left(\frac{\Gamma(x)+1}{\Gamma(x)} \right) \psi(x) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$t = \Gamma(x) \Rightarrow dt = \Gamma'(x) dx \quad t \in \left[\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}, \sqrt{\pi} \right]$$

$$\therefore I = - \int_{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}}^{\sqrt{\pi}} \exp(-t) \left(1 + \frac{1}{t} \right) \frac{1}{t} dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int \exp(-t) \left(1 + \frac{1}{t} \right) \frac{1}{t} dt &= \int \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} dt + \int \frac{\exp(-t)}{t^2} dt \\ &= \int \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} dt - \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} - \int \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} dt = - \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore I = \frac{\exp(-t)}{t} \Bigg|_{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}^{\sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{\exp(-\sqrt{\pi})}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{2 \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$\therefore \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp(-\Gamma(x)) (1 + \Omega(x)) \Psi(x) dx = \frac{e^{-\sqrt{\pi}} - 2e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$$

Solution 2 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\Omega(x) = 2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2k+1} \tanh^{2k+1} \left(\frac{1}{2\Gamma(x)} \right) = 2 \tanh^{-1} \left(\tanh \left(\frac{1}{2\Gamma(x)} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(x)}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\Gamma(x)} \Psi_0(x) (1 + \Omega(x)) dx &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\Gamma(x)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} \right) \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)} dx = \\ &= - \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \left(e^{-\Gamma(x)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} \right) + e^{-\Gamma(x)} \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(x)} \right) \right) dx = - \left[\frac{e^{-\Gamma(x)}}{\Gamma(x)} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{e^{-\sqrt{\pi}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}}{\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}} \\ \therefore \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\Gamma(x)} \Psi_0(x) (1 + \Omega(x)) dx &= \frac{e^{-\sqrt{\pi}} - 2e^{-\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \end{aligned}$$

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504. Find:

$$\Omega = \int (4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2) e^x dx, x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Artan Ajredini-Preseva-Serbie

We have: $4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2 = \cot x (\cot^2 x + 1) + 3 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x - 2 =$
 $= \cot x \csc^2 x + \cot^2 x + 1 + 3(\cot^3 x - 1) =$
 $= \cot x \csc^2 x + \csc^2 x + 3(\cot x - 1)(\cot^2 x + \cot x + 1) =$
 $= \cot x \csc^2 x + \csc^2 x + 3(\cot x - 1)(\csc^2 x + \cot x) =$
 $= \cot x \csc^2 x + \csc^2 x + 3(\cot x \csc^2 x + \cot^2 x - \csc^2 x - \cot x) =$
 $= \cot x \csc^2 x + \csc^2 x + 3 \cot x \csc^2 x + 3(\cot^2 x + 1) - 3 - 3 \csc^2 x - 3 \cot x =$
 $= \cot x \csc^2 x + \csc^2 x + 3 \cot x \csc^2 x + 3 \csc^2 x - 3 \csc^2 x - 3 \cot x - 3 =$
 $= 4 \cot x \csc^2 x + \csc^2 x - 3 \cot x - 3.$ Now, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int (4 \cot x \csc^2 x + \csc^2 x - 3 \cot x - 3) e^x dx = \\ &= \int 4 \cot x \csc^2 x \cdot e^x dx + \int e^x \csc^2 x dx - 3 \int e^x \cot x dx - 3 \int e^x dx \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= -2e^x \cot^2 x + 2 \int \cot^2 x \cdot e^x dx + \int e^x \csc^2 x dx - 3 \int e^x \cot x dx - 3 \int e^x dx = \\ &= -2e^x + \cot^2 x + 3 \int e^x \csc^2 x dx - 3 \int e^x \cot x dx - 5 \int e^x dx \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= -2e^x \cot^2 x - 3e^x \cot x + 3 \int e^x \cot x dx - 3 \int e^x \cot x dx - 5 \int e^x dx = \\ &= -2e^x \cot^2 x - 3e^x \cot x - 5e^x + c \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria

Suppose $F(x) = (A \cdot \cot^2 x + B \cot x + C)e^x$ such that

$$F'(x) = (4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2) = f(x), \forall x \in \left]0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right[$$

$$F'(x) = (-A \cdot 2 \cot x (1 + \cot^2 x) - B(1 + \cot^2 x)) \cdot e^x + e^x (A \cot^2 x + B \cot x + C)$$

$$F'(x) = (-2A(\cot x + \cot^3 x) - B - B \cot^2 x + A \cot^2 x + B \cot x + C)e^x$$

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$$F'(x) = (-2A \cot^3 x - 2A \cot x - B - B \cot^2 x + A \cot^2 x + B \cot x + C) \cdot e^x$$

$$F'(x) = (-2A \cot^3 x + (A - B) \cot^2 x + (-2A + B) \cot x + (C - B)) \cdot e^x$$

$$f(x) = 4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2$$

$$-2A = 4 \Rightarrow A = -2$$

$$A - B = 1 \Rightarrow A - 1 = B \Rightarrow B = -3$$

$$-2\Delta A + B = 1 \text{ is true.}$$

$$C - B = -2$$

$$C + 3 = -2 \Rightarrow C = -5$$

$$\text{So: } F(x) = (-2 \cot^2 x - 3 \cot x - 5)e^x$$

$$\Omega = \int (4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2) e^x dx = (-2 \cot^2 x - 3 \cot x - 5)e^x + C$$

Solution 3 by Avishek Mitra-West Bengal-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \int (4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2) e^x dx \\ &= \int [4 \cot x (\csc^2 x - 1) + (\csc^2 x - 1) + \cot x - 2] e^x dx \\ &= \int [4 \cot x \cdot \csc^2 x - 3 \cot x - 2 \csc^2 x + 3 \csc^2 x - 3] e^x dx \\ &= \int e^x [-3(1 + \cot x) + 3 \csc^2 x] dx - \int e^x (2 \csc^2 x - 4 \cot x \cdot \csc^2 x) dx \\ &= -3e^x(\cot x + 1) - 2e^x \csc^2 x + c \\ & \text{By applying: } \int e^x [f(x) + f'(x)] = e^x f(x) + c \\ &= -3e^x(\cot x + 1) - 2e^x(\cot^2 x + 1) + c \\ &= -e^x(5 + 3 \cot x + 2 \cot^2 x) + c \quad (\text{Answer}) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\begin{aligned} & \int (4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2) e^x dx = \int e^x (4 \cot x \csc^2 x + \cot^2 x - 3 \cot x - 2) dx = \\ &= -2e^x \cot^2 x + \int e^x (3 \cot^2 x - 3 \cot x - 2) \\ &= -2e^x \cot^2 x + \int e^x (3 \csc^2 x - 3 \cot x - 5) dx = -2e^x \cot^2 x - 3e^x \cot x - 5 \int e^x dx \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore \int (4 \cot^3 x + \cot^2 x + \cot x - 2) e^x dx = -e^x(2 \cot^2 x + 3 \cot x + 5) + C$$

505. If $x < a, a \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$(1 + ax - x^2)e^{x^2} < \frac{1}{a-x} \int_x^a e^{x^2} dx < (a^2 - ax)e^{a^2} + e^{x^2}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$(1 + ax - x^2)e^{x^2} \stackrel{(1)}{<} \frac{1}{a-x} \int_x^a e^{x^2} dx \stackrel{(2)}{<} (a^2 - ax)e^{a^2} + e^{x^2}$$

Let $f(x) = e^{x^2}$. Then $f''(x) = (4x^2 + 2)e^{x^2} > 0 \therefore f(x)$ is convexe

\therefore by Hermite – Hadamard inequality,

$$\frac{1}{a-x} \int_x^a e^{x^2} dx \leq \frac{e^{x^2} + e^{a^2}}{2} \stackrel{?}{<} (a^2 - ax)e^{a^2} + e^{x^2} \Leftrightarrow e^{x^2} + e^{a^2} < 2(a^2 - ax)e^{a^2} + 2e^{x^2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e^{a^2} - e^{x^2} < 2ae^{a^2}(a-x) \Leftrightarrow \frac{e^{a^2} - e^{x^2}}{a-x} \stackrel{(2a)}{<} 2ae^{a^2} (\because a-x > 0)$$

By Cauchy's MVT, there exists θ satisfying $a > \theta > x$, such that $\frac{e^{a^2} - e^{x^2}}{a-x} = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{x^2})_{x=\theta}$

$\therefore \frac{e^{a^2} - e^{x^2}}{a-x} = 2\theta e^{\theta^2}$, where $a > \theta > x < 2ae^{a^2} (\because \theta < a) \Rightarrow (2a)$ is true $\Rightarrow (2)$ is true.

Also, by Hermite – Hadamard's inequality,

$$\frac{1}{a-x} \int_x^a e^{x^2} dx \geq e^{\left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right)^2} \stackrel{?}{>} (1 + ax - x^2)e^{x^2} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right)^2 \stackrel{(1a)}{>} \ln(1 + ax - x^2) + x^2$$

Now, $\ln\{1 + (ax - x^2)\} \stackrel{(i)}{\leq} ax - x^2 (\because \ln(1 + m) \leq m)$

(i) \Rightarrow RHS of (1a) $\leq ax < \left(\frac{a+x}{2}\right)^2 \Leftrightarrow (a-x)^2 \stackrel{?}{>} 0 \rightarrow$ true $\therefore (1a)$ is true $\Rightarrow (1)$ is true

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506. Let $0 < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{4}$. Prove:

$$\frac{1}{a+b} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) \, dx \, dy \leq (b-a)^2$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Nho-Nghe An-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Chris Kyriazis-Athens-Greece

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < a \leq x \leq b < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 0 < a \leq y \leq b < \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 < x+y < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } 0 < \sin(x+y) < 1 < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\text{So, } \sin(\sin(x+y)) > 0 \text{ and final } \sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) > 0$$

So, we know, that for positive x holds that $\sin x < x$. This means that:

$$\sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) < \sin(\sin(x+y)) < \sin(x+y) < x+y.$$

Taking integrals, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) \, dx \, dy &< \int_a^b \int_a^b (x+y) \, dx \, dy = \\ &= \int_a^b \left[\frac{x^2}{2} + yx \right]_a^b dy = \int_a^b \left(\frac{b^2}{2} - \frac{a^2}{2} \right) + y(b-a) dy \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[\left(\frac{b^2-a^2}{2} \right) y + \frac{y^2}{2} (b-a) \right]_a^b = \frac{(b-a)(b+a)}{2} b - a + \frac{b^2-a^2}{2} (b-a) = \frac{(b-a)^2(b+a)}{2} \cdot 2. \text{ So,}$$

$$\frac{1}{a+b} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) \, dx \, dy < (b-a)^2$$

Solution 2 by Serban George Florin-Romania

$$\sin t \leq t \Rightarrow \sin(x+y) \leq x+y \Rightarrow \sin(\sin(x+y)) \leq \sin(x+y) \leq x+y,$$

$$\sin(\sin(x+y)) \leq x+y$$

$$\sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) \leq \sin(x+y) \leq x+y \Rightarrow \sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) \leq x+y$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{a+b} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin(\sin(\sin(x+y))) \, dx \, dy &\leq \frac{1}{a+b} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^b (x+y) \, dx \right) dy = \\
 &= \frac{1}{a+b} \int_a^b \left(\frac{x^2}{2} + yx \right) dy \Big|_a^b = \frac{1}{a+b} \int_a^b \left(\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} + y(b-a) \right) dy = \\
 &= \frac{1}{a+b} \left[\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \cdot y + \frac{y^2}{2} (b-a) \right]_a^b = \frac{1}{a+b} \cdot \left[\frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \cdot (b-a) + \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} (b-a) \right] = \\
 &= \frac{1}{a+b} \cdot (b^2 - a^2)(b-a) = \frac{(b-a)(b+a)(b-a)}{a+b} = (b-a)^2 \text{ true.}
 \end{aligned}$$

507. If $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(1) = 3$, f - continuous, f - convexe then:

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) \, dx < 1 + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) \, dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Abdallah El Farisi-Bechar-Algerie

We have:

$$\frac{4}{3} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) \, dx \stackrel{H-H}{\leq} \frac{4f(1) + f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{4} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \stackrel{H-H}{\leq} 1 + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx$$

then:

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) \, dx \leq 1 + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) \, dx$$

Solution 2 by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

Since f is a convex function, we have: $f(ta + (1-t)b) \leq tf(a) + (1-t)f(b)$

For $a = 0$ and $b = 1$ we have: $f(1-t) \leq (1-t)f(1) = 3(1-t)$ (1)

By integrating the inequality a) side by side for t from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 we have.

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$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(1-t) dt \leq 3 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1-t) dt$$

We substitute $1-t = x$ and we have: $\int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq 3 \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \frac{3}{2} x^2 \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{8}$ (2)

By integrating the inequality (1) side by side for t from 0 to $\frac{1}{2}$ we have:

$$\int_0^1 f(1-t) dt \leq 3 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (1-t) dt$$

Also, by substituting $1-t = x$ we have: $\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx \leq 3 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 x dx = \frac{3}{2} x^2 \Big|_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 = \frac{9}{8}$ (3)

From (2) and (3) we have:

$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx \leq \frac{9}{8} = 3 \cdot \frac{3}{8} = 3 \cdot \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \Rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx - 3 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \leq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^1 f(x) dx - \int_0^1 f(x) dx \leq 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx + 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \quad (4)$$

Substituting (1) and (3) to (4) and we have:

$$3 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx - \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \leq 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx + 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \leq 2 \frac{9}{8} + 2 \frac{3}{8} = \frac{9}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

Deductively,

$$3 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx - \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \leq 3 \Rightarrow 3 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx \leq 3 + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx \leq 1 + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} f(x) dx$$

Q.E.D.

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508.

$$a, b, c \geq \frac{\pi}{4}, \Omega(a) = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^a \left(\frac{x^2 + 1 + \tan^{-1} x}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 + (\tan^{-1} x)^2} \right) dx$$

Prove that:

$$(1 + 2\Omega(a))b^2 + (1 + 2\Omega(b))c^2 + (1 + 2\Omega(c))a^2 \leq a^4 + b^4 + c^4$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

By Bergström inequality:

$$x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 + (\tan^{-1} x)^2 = (x^2 + 1)^2 + (\tan^{-1} x)^2 \geq \frac{(x^2 + 1 + \tan^{-1} x)^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{x^2 + 1 + \tan^{-1} x}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 + (\tan^{-1} x)^2} \leq 2 \frac{x^2 + 1 + \tan^{-1} x}{(x^2 + 1 + \tan^{-1} x)^2} = \frac{2}{x^2 + 1 + \tan^{-1} x} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq a \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x > -1. \text{ So, } \frac{x^2 + 1 + \tan^{-1} x}{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 + (\tan^{-1} x)^2} \leq \frac{2}{x^2 + 1 - 1} = \frac{2}{x^2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (2) we have: } \Omega(a) \leq 2 \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^a \frac{dx}{x^2} = -\frac{2}{x} = -\frac{2}{a} + \frac{2}{\frac{\pi}{4}} = -\frac{2}{a} + \frac{8}{\pi} < -\frac{2}{0} + 8 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From (3) we have: } (1 + 2\Omega(0))b^2 \leq \left(17 - \frac{4}{a}\right)b^2 = (17a - 4)\frac{b^2}{a} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Since } a \geq \frac{\pi}{4} > 0 \text{ we have: } (a + 1)^3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$a^3 + 3a^2 + 3a + 1 \geq a^3 - 2a + 3a + 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 \geq 17a - 1 > 17a - 4 \quad (5)$$

By substituting (5) to (4) we have: $(1 + 2\Omega(a))b^2 \leq \frac{a^3}{a}b^2 = a^2b^2$. Hence,

LHS $\leq a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2$. By Cauchy-Schwarz inequality we have:

$$\text{LHS} \leq a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2c^2 \leq a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

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509.

$$si(x) = - \int_x^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sin t}{t} \right) dt, x > 0$$

$$\Omega_1 = \int_{\gamma}^e \left(\frac{1}{x} (si(e^2x) - si(\pi x)) \right) dx, \Omega_2 = \int_{\pi}^{e^2} (si(ex) - si(\gamma x)) dx$$

$$A \cdot \Omega_1 < \Omega_2, B \cdot \Omega_1 = \Omega_2, C \cdot \Omega_1 > \Omega_2$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$si(x) = - \int_x^{\infty} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} d\theta$$

$$si'(x) = - \left[\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} - \frac{\sin x}{x} \right] = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= \int_{\gamma}^e \frac{1}{x} (si(e^2x) - si(\pi x)) dx = \int_{\gamma}^e \left(\int_{\pi}^{e^2} si'(tx) dt \right) dx = \\ &= \int_{\pi}^{e^2} \left(\int_{\gamma}^e si'(tx) dx \right) dt \end{aligned}$$

[Interchange order of integration]

$$= \int_{\pi}^{e^2} \frac{si(tx)}{t} \Big|_{\gamma}^e dt = \int_{\pi}^{e^2} \frac{si(te) - si(\gamma t)}{t} dt = \int_{\pi}^{e^2} \frac{si(ex) - si(\gamma x)}{x} dx = \Omega_2$$

510. If $1 < a \leq b$ then:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \log \left(\frac{x+y}{2} \right)^{x+y} dx dy \geq (b-a)^2 \log \left(\frac{a+b}{2} \right)^{a+b}$$

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Solution by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

We consider the function $f(x) = x \ln x$, for $x > 0$

$$f'(x) = \ln x + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow f - \text{convex}$$

Therefore, we apply the Hermite – Hadamard inequality for double integral:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(b-a)^2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \log\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^{x+y} &\geq \log\left(\frac{\frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{a+b}{2}}{2}\right)^{\left(\frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{a+b}{2}\right)} = \log\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{(a+b)} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \int_a^b \int_a^b \log\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^{x+y} &\geq (b-a)^2 \log\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^{(a+b)} \end{aligned}$$

511.

$$0 < a, b, c \leq 1, \Omega(a) = \frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^a \frac{x \cos(10 \cos^{-1} x) dx}{(x^2 + a^2)(\cos(11 \cos^{-1} x) + \cos(9 \cos^{-1} x))}$$

Prove that:

$$(\Omega(a) + \Omega(b) + \Omega(c)) \left(6 + \frac{1}{\Omega^3(a)} + \frac{1}{\Omega^3(b)} + \frac{1}{\Omega^3(c)}\right) \geq 27$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(11\theta) + \cos(9\theta) &= 2 \cos(10\theta) \cos \theta \Rightarrow \cos(11 \cos^{-1} x) + \cos(9 \cos^{-1} x) = \\ &= 2 \cos(10 \cos^{-1} x) \cos(\cos^{-1} x) = 2x \cos(10 \cos^{-1} x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Omega(a) = \frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^a \frac{x \cos(10 \cos^{-1} x) dx}{(x^2 + a^2)[\cos(11 \cos^{-1} x) + \cos(9 \cos^{-1} x)]} =$$

$$= \frac{8}{\pi} \int_0^a \frac{x \cos(10 \cos^{-1} x)}{(x^2 + a^2) 2x \cos(10 \cos^{-1} x)} dx = \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a} \Big|_0^a = \frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\text{Now, } [\Omega(a) + \Omega(b) + \Omega(c)] \left[6 + \frac{1}{\Omega^3(a)} + \frac{1}{\Omega^3(b)} + \frac{1}{\Omega^3(c)}\right] = \left[\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right] [6 + a^3 + b^3 + c^3] \geq$$

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$$\geq 3 \left(\frac{1}{abc} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} 9(1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1)^{\frac{1}{9}} = 27 \left(\frac{1}{abc} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} (abc)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 27$$

512. $f: [a, b] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ f – continuous, $0 < a \leq b$

$$\Omega(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{f^2(x) + f^2(y)}{f(x) + f(y)} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{f^2(y) + f^2(z)}{f(y) + f(z)} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{f^2(z) + f^2(x)}{f(z) + f(x)} \right)^3$$

Prove that:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \Omega(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz \geq 3(b-a)^2 \int_a^b f^3(x) \, dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } a, b > 0, \left(\frac{a^2+b^2}{a+b} \right)^3 &\geq \frac{1}{2}(a^3 + b^3) \Leftrightarrow 2(a^2 + b^2)^3 \geq (a^3 + b^3)(a + b)^3 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2(a^6 + 3a^4b^2 + 3a^2b^4 + b^6) \geq (a^3 + b^3)(a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3) \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow a^6 + b^6 - 3a^5b - 2a^3b^3 - 3ab^5 + 3a^2b^4 + 3a^4b^2 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a^3 - b^3)^2 - 3ab(a^3 - b^3)(a - b) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a^3 - b^3)[a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a - b)] \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow (a^3 - b^3)(a - b)^3 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow (a - b)^4(a^2 + ab + b^2) \geq 0 \text{ which is true} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \Omega(x, y, z) &= \left(\frac{f(x)^2+f(y)^2}{f(x)+f(y)} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{f(y)^2+f(z)^2}{f(y)+f(z)} \right)^3 + \left(\frac{f(z)^2+f(x)^2}{f(z)+f(x)} \right)^3 \geq \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}(f(x)^3 + f(y)^3) + \frac{1}{2}(f(y)^3 + f(z)^3) + \frac{1}{2}(f(z)^3 + f(x)^3) = f(x)^3 + f(y)^3 + f(z)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \Omega(x, y, z) \, dx \, dy \, dz &\geq \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b [f(x)^3 + f(y)^3 + f(z)^3] \, dx \, dy \, dz = \\ &= 3(b-a)^2 \int_a^b f(x)^3 \, dx \end{aligned}$$

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513. If $f, g, h: [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, f, g, h - continuous then:

$$27e^{\int_0^1 (\log(f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x))) dx} \leq \left(\int_0^1 (f(x) + g(x) + h(x)) dx \right)^3$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

Integral Analogue of $AM \geq GM$. Suppose $f: [a, b] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ be continuous function,

$$\text{then } e^{\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \ln f(x) dx} \leq \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$\text{Now, } e^{\frac{1}{1-0} \int_0^1 \ln f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x) dx} = e^{\int_0^1 (\ln f(x) + \ln g(x) + \ln h(x)) dx}$$

$$= e^{\int_0^1 \ln f(x) dx + \int_0^1 \ln g(x) dx + \int_0^1 \ln h(x) dx} = \prod_{cyc} \left(\int_0^1 f(x) dx \right) \stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\leq} \frac{1}{27} \left(\sum_{cyc} \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right)^3$$

$$27e^{\int_0^1 \ln f(x) \cdot g(x) \cdot h(x) dx} \leq \left(\sum_{cyc} \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right)^3$$

(proved)

514. Prove without softs:

$$\left(\int_0^1 (\gamma^x \cdot e^{1-x}) dx \right) \left(\int_0^1 (e^x \cdot \pi^{1-x}) dx \right) < e \int_0^1 (\gamma^x \cdot \pi^{1-x}) dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

According to Chebyshev's inequality

$$\left(\int_0^1 e^{1-x} \cdot \gamma^x dx \right) \left(\int_0^1 e^x \cdot \pi^{1-x} dx \right) < (1-0)^2 \int_0^1 e^{1-x} \gamma^x e^x \pi^{1-x} dx = e \int_0^1 \gamma^x \pi^{1-x} dx$$

(Proved)

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515. If $0 < a \leq b$ then:

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4} \right) dx dy \leq \left(\log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \right)^2$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4 &= (x^4 + y^4 + 2x^2 y^2) - x^2 y^2 = (x^2 + y^2)^2 - (xy)^2 \stackrel{(1)}{=} \\ &= (x^2 + y^2 + xy)(x^2 + y^2 - xy) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } (x - y)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 - 2xy \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2x^2 + 2y^2 - 2xy \geq x^2 + y^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} 2(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow LHS \leq \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2 \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{(x^2 - xy + y^2) dx dy}{(x^2 + xy + y^2)(x^2 - xy + y^2)} = 3 \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{x^2 + xy + y^2} \stackrel{A-G}{\leq} 3 \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{3xy}$$

$$= \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{xy} = \int_a^b \left[\int_a^b \frac{dx}{x} \right] \frac{dy}{y} = \left(\ln \frac{b}{a} \right) \int_a^b \frac{dy}{y} = \left(\ln \frac{b}{a} \right)^2$$

(Proved)

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\text{We know, } x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4 \geq \frac{3}{4} (x^2 + y^2)^2$$

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4} dx dy \leq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{x^2 + y^2} \stackrel{AM \geq GM}{\leq} \left(\int_a^b \frac{dx}{x} \right) \left(\int_a^b \frac{dy}{y} \right) = \left(\log \frac{b}{a} \right)^2$$

(proved)

Solution 3 by Togrul Ehmedov-Baku-Azerbaijan

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2 + y^2}{x^4 + x^2 y^2 + y^4} dx dy \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} \right) dx dy$$

$$\leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{xy} = \int_a^b \frac{1}{y} \ln x \Big|_a^b dy = \int_a^b \frac{1}{y} \ln \frac{b}{a} dy = \ln^2 \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

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516. If $0 < a \leq b$ then:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{xy}} + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{yz}} + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{zx}} \right) dx dy dz \leq 3(b - a)^2 \log \left(\frac{1 + b}{1 + a} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

WLOG we suppose that $x \geq y \geq z$. Then

$$\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{xy}} \leq \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{y^2}} = \frac{1}{1 + y}, 0 < a \leq y \leq b$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{yz}} \leq \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{z^2}} = \frac{1}{1 + z}, 0 < a \leq z \leq b$$

$$\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{zx}} \leq \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{z^2}} = \frac{1}{1 + z}, 0 < a \leq z < b$$

By summing the above inequalities, we get: $\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{xy}} + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{yz}} + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{zx}} \leq \frac{1}{1 + y} + \frac{2}{1 + z}$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{xy}} + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{yz}} + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{zx}} \right) dx dy dz &\leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{1 + y} + \frac{2}{1 + z} \right) dx dy dz = \\ &= \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy dz}{1 + y} + 2 \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy dz}{1 + z} = \\ &= (b - a)^2 \log(1 + y) \Big|_0^b + 2(b - a)^2 \log(1 + z) \Big|_0^b = \\ &= (b - a)^2 \log \left(\frac{1 + b}{1 + a} \right) + 2(b - a)^2 \log \left(\frac{1 + b}{1 + a} \right) = 3(b - a)^2 \log \left(\frac{1 + b}{1 + a} \right) \end{aligned}$$

517. If $0 < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{2}$ then:

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan x}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x} \right)^2 dx \leq \log \left| \frac{\tan b}{\tan a} \right|$$

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Solution 1 by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

By Bergström's inequality: $\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x \geq \frac{(\cos^2 x + \tan x)^2}{2}$. Therefore

$$\left(\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan x}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x}\right)^2 \leq 4 \frac{(\cos^2 x + \tan x)^2}{(\cos^2 x + \tan x)^4} = \frac{4}{(\cos^2 x + \tan x)^2} \quad (1)$$

By AM-GM inequality we have: $(\cos^2 x + \tan x)^2 \geq 4 \cos^2 x \tan x$ (2)

We substitute (2) to (1) and we get: $\left(\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan x}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x}\right)^2 \leq \frac{1}{\cos^2 x \tan x}$. Definetly,

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan x}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x}\right)^2 dx \leq \int_a^b \frac{dx}{\cos^2 x \tan x} = \int_a^b \frac{\cos^2 x}{\tan x} dx = \int_a^b \frac{d(\tan x)}{\tan x} = \ln \left| \frac{\tan b}{\tan a} \right|$$

Solution 2 by El Harati Youness-Morocco

$$A = \int_a^b \left(\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan x}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x}\right)^2 dx$$

$$\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{x^2+y^2}{2} \therefore A \leq 2 \int_a^b \frac{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x}{|\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x|^2} dx$$

$$= \int_a^b \frac{2 dx}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x} \leq \int_a^b \frac{dx}{\sqrt{\cos^4 x \tan^2 x}} = \int_a^b \frac{1}{\cos^2 x \tan x} dx = [\log |\tan x|]_a^b = \log \left| \frac{\tan b}{\tan a} \right|$$

Solution 3 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\because a \leq x \leq b \text{ \& } a > 0 \text{ \& } b < \frac{\pi}{2} \therefore 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \therefore \tan x > 0$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan x}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x}\right)^2 = \frac{(\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x) + 2 \cos^2 x \tan x}{(\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x)^2} = \frac{1}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x} + \frac{2 \cos^2 x \tan x}{(\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x)^2}$$

$$\stackrel{A-G}{\leq} \frac{1}{2 \cos^2 x \tan x} + \frac{2 \cos^2 x \tan x}{4 \cos^4 x \tan^2 x} \quad (\because \tan x > 0)$$

$$= \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \int_a^b \left(\frac{\cos^2 x + \tan x}{\cos^4 x + \tan^2 x}\right)^2 dx \leq \int_a^b \frac{\sec^2 x dx}{\tan x} = [\ln |\tan x|]_a^b$$

$$= \ln |\tan b| - \ln |\tan a| = \ln \left| \frac{\tan b}{\tan a} \right| \quad (\text{Proved})$$

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518. If $f: [a, b] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, $a \leq 5 < 7 \leq b$, f continuous then:

$$\frac{\left(\int_a^b f^5(x) dx\right)^7}{\left(\int_a^b f^7(x) dx\right)^5} < (b-a)^2$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Omran Kouba-Damascus-Syria

By Hölder's inequality we have for $g: [a, b] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$

$$\int_a^b g(x) dx \leq \left(\int_a^b dx\right)^{\frac{2}{7}} \left(\int_a^b (g(x))^{\frac{7}{5}} dx\right)^{\frac{5}{7}}$$

Taking seventh power and applying this to $g(x) = (f(x))^5$ we get

$$\left(\int_a^b (f(x))^5 dx\right)^7 \leq (b-a)^2 \left(\int_a^b (f(x))^7 dx\right)^5$$

With equality if f is constant. The desired inequality follows, with no conditions on a and b .

Solution 2 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\left(\int_a^b f^5(x) dx\right)^7}{\left(\int_a^b f^7(x) dx\right)^5} &= \frac{\left(\int_a^b f^5(x) dx\right)^5}{\int_a^b f^7(x) dx} \cdot \left(\int_a^b f^5(x) dx\right)^2 \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b \frac{f^5(x)}{f^7(x)} dx\right)^5 \cdot \left(\int_a^b f^5(x) dx\right)^2 = \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx\right)^5 \cdot \left(\int_a^b f^5(x) dx\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx\right)^2 \cdot \left(\int_a^b f^5(x) dx\right)^2 \cdot \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx\right)^3 \leq \left(\int_a^b \frac{f^5(x)}{f^2(x)} dx\right)^2 \cdot \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx\right)^3 \\ &= \left(\int_a^b f^3(x) dx\right)^2 \cdot \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx\right)^2 \cdot \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx\right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left(\int_a^b \frac{f^3(x)}{f^2(x)} dx \right)^2 \cdot \int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx = \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right)^2 \cdot \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f^2(x)} dx \right) \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{f^2(x)} dx \right) \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right) = \left(\int_a^b \frac{1}{f(x)} dx \right) \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right) \\ &\leq \int_a^b \frac{f(x)}{f(x)} dx = \int_a^b 1 dx = x \Big|_a^b, a \leq 5 < 7 \leq b = b - a \leq (b - a)^2 \end{aligned}$$

519. If $a, b, c > 0, a + b + c = 2$ then:

$$b^3 \Omega(a) + c^3 \Omega(b) + a^3 \Omega(c) \geq \frac{8}{25}, \Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{(x+a)^2} dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Theorem: Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f$ continuous. Then:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^1 x^n f(x) dx = f(1)$$

$$\text{In our case } f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+a)^2} \Rightarrow \Omega(a) = \frac{1}{(1+a)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{From (1) we must show: } \frac{b^3}{(1+a)^2} + \frac{c^3}{(1+b)^2} + \frac{a^3}{(1+c)^2} \geq \frac{8}{25} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From Hölder's inequality we have: } \frac{b^3}{(1+a)^2} + \frac{c^3}{(1+b)^2} + \frac{a^3}{(1+c)^2} \geq \frac{(a+b+c)^3}{(a+b+c+3)^2} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{We have } a + b + c = 2 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (3) + (4) } \Rightarrow \frac{b^3}{(1+a)^2} + \frac{c^3}{(1+b)^2} + \frac{a^3}{(1+c)^2} \geq \frac{8}{25} \Rightarrow (2) \text{ its true.}$$

520.

$$a, b, c > 0, 2e(a + b + c) = 3e + 2, \Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n+a} - e \right)$$

Prove that:

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$$\Omega(a) \cdot \Omega(b) \cdot \Omega(c) \leq \frac{1}{27}$$

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Solution by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

$$L(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^{2+\frac{1}{x}} - e}{x}$$

$$L(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}(1+x)^a - e}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e\left(1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{11}{24}x^2\right)(1+ax + \dots) - e}{x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e\left(1 + ax - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{ax^2}{2} + \dots - 1\right)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e(2a-1)}{2} + 0(x)$$

$$L(a) = \frac{e(2a-1)}{2}; L(a) + L(b) + L(c) \geq 3(L(a)L(b)L(c))^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$L(a)L(b)L(c) \leq \frac{(L(a) + L(b) + L(c))^3}{27}$$

$$L(a) + L(b) + L(c) = \frac{e}{2}(2(a+b+c) - 3) \text{ and } a+b+c = \frac{3e+2}{2e}$$

$$2(a+b+c) = \frac{3e+2}{e}$$

$$L(a) + L(b) + L(c) = \frac{e}{2}\left(3 + \frac{2}{e} - 3\right) = 1. \text{ Hence } \prod L(a) \leq \frac{1}{27} \text{ (proved)}$$

521.

$$\int_b^a \frac{\sqrt[4]{1 + \sin 2x} - \sqrt[4]{1 - \sin 2x}}{\sqrt[4]{1 + \sin 2x} + \sqrt[4]{1 - \sin 2x}} dx \leq \log \left| \frac{\cos a}{\cos b} \right|, \frac{\pi}{4} < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \leq \tan x < \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow 1 \leq \tan x < \infty \Rightarrow \tan x \geq 1 \Rightarrow \sin x \geq \cos x$$

$$\int_a^b \frac{\sqrt[4]{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x} - \sqrt[4]{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x - 2 \sin x \cos x}}{\sqrt[4]{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x} + \sqrt[4]{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x - 2 \sin x \cos x}} dx$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt[4]{(\cos x + \sin x)^2} - \sqrt[4]{(\cos x - \sin x)^2}}{\sqrt[4]{(\cos x + \sin x)^2} + \sqrt[4]{(\cos x - \sin x)^2}} dx \\
 &= \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{(\cos x + \sin x)} - \sqrt{\sin x - \cos x}}{\sqrt{\cos x + \sin x} + \sqrt{\sin x - \cos x}} dx; \{\sin x > \cos x\}; \\
 &= \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{\tan x + 1} - \sqrt{\tan x - 1}}{\sqrt{\tan x + 1} + \sqrt{\tan x - 1}} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Rationalizing

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_a^b \frac{(\sqrt{\tan x + 1} - \sqrt{\tan x - 1})(\sqrt{\tan x + 1} - \sqrt{\tan x - 1})}{(\sqrt{\tan x + 1} + \sqrt{\tan x - 1})(\sqrt{\tan x + 1} - \sqrt{\tan x - 1})} dx \\
 &\int_a^b \frac{(\sqrt{\tan x + 1} - \sqrt{\tan x - 1})^2}{(\tan x + 1) - (\tan x - 1)} dx = \int_a^b \frac{\tan x + 1 + \tan x - 1 - 2\sqrt{\tan^2 x - 1}}{\tan x + 1 - \tan x + 1} dx \\
 &= \int_a^b \frac{2(\tan x - \sqrt{\tan^2 x - 1})}{2} dx = \int_a^b \tan x - \sqrt{\tan^2 x - 1} dx
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because \tan x \geq 1 \Rightarrow \tan^2 x - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\tan^2 x - 1} \geq 0 \Rightarrow -\sqrt{\tan^2 x - 1} \leq 0$$

$$= \int_a^b \tan x - \sqrt{\tan^2 x - 1} dx \leq \int_a^b \tan x dx \leq -[\ln|\cos x|]_a^b \leq -\ln \left| \frac{\cos b}{\cos a} \right| \leq \ln \left| \frac{\cos a}{\cos b} \right|$$

522. If $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, f continuous then:

$$\int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a \left(\frac{f^4(x) + f^4(y) + f^4(z)}{f^3(x) + f^3(y) + f^3(z)} \right)^5 dx dy dz \geq a^2 \int_0^a f^5(x) dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, continuous, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 3(f^4(x) + f^4(y) + f^4(z))^5 &\geq (f^4(x) + f(x)f^3(y) + f(x)f^3(z))^5 + \\
 &+ (f(y)f^3(x) + f^4(y) + f(y)f^3(z))^5 + (f(z)f^3(x) + f(z)f^3(y) + f^4(z))^5 \geq
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\geq (f^5(x) + f^5(y) + f^5(z))(f^3(x) + f^3(y) + f^3(z))^5$$

$$\text{Hence } \left(\frac{f^4(x)+f^4(y)+f^4(z)}{f^3(x)+f^3(y)+f^3(z)} \right)^5 \geq \frac{f^5(x)+f^5(y)+f^5(z)}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence } \int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a \left(\frac{f^4(x)+f^4(y)+f^4(z)}{f^3(x)+f^3(y)+f^3(z)} \right)^5 dx dy dz &\geq \frac{1}{3} \int_0^a \int_0^a \int_0^a (f^5(x) + f^5(y) + f^5(z)) dx dy dz = \\ &= a^2 \int_0^a f^5(x) dx. \text{ Therefore, it is to be true.} \end{aligned}$$

523.

$$\Omega(n) = \int_{-1}^1 x \log(1 + n^{3x}) dx, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

Prove that:

$$9(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n})^2 > 4e^{2\Omega(n)}(1 + e^{\Omega(n)})$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\Omega(n) = \int_{-1}^1 x \log(1 + n^{3x}) dx, \text{ let } x = -t; dx = -dt, \text{ when } x = 1, t = -1$$

$$\text{when } x = -1, t = 1 \text{ then } \Omega(n) = \int_1^{-1} (-t) \log(1 + n^{-3t}) (-dt) = \int_{-1}^1 t \log\left(\frac{1+n^{3t}}{n^{3t}}\right) dt$$

$$= -\Omega(n) + \int_{-1}^1 3t^2 \log n dx \Rightarrow 2\Omega(n) = \log n [t^3]_{t=-1}^{t=1} \Rightarrow \Omega(n) = \log n$$

$$4e^{2\Omega(n)}(1 + e^{\Omega(n)}) = 4n^2(1 + n). \text{ We need to prove}$$

$$9(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n})^2 > 4n^2(1 + n). \text{ For } n = 1, \text{ the statement is true}$$

$$\text{From } = 2, 9(1 + \sqrt{2})^2 > 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow 1 + \sqrt{2} > \sqrt{5 \cdot 33}, \text{ which is true.}$$

$$\text{Let's us assume its true for } n = k, \text{ then } 9\left(\sum_{p=1}^k \sqrt{p}\right)^2 > 4k^2(1 + k)$$

$$\text{Now, } 9\left(\sum_{p=1}^{k+1} \sqrt{p}\right)^2 = 9\left(\sum_{p=1}^k \sqrt{p}\right)^2 + 18\left(\sum_{p=1}^k \sqrt{p}\right)\sqrt{k+1} + 9(k+1)$$

$$> 4k^2(1 + k) + 12\sqrt{k^2(k+1)} \cdot \sqrt{k+1} + 9(k+1) = (k+1)(2k+3)^2$$

$$> 4(k+1)^2(1 + (1+k)), \text{ hence by mathematical induction}$$

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$$9(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n})^2 > 4e^{2\Omega(n)}(1 + \Omega(n)) \quad (\text{proved})$$

Solution 2 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\Omega(n) = \int_{-1}^1 x \log(1 + n^{3x}) dx$$

$$\text{Using } \int_0^a F(x) dx = \int_0^a F(a-x) dx \Rightarrow \Omega(n) = \int_{-1}^1 -x \log(1 + n^{-3x}) dx$$

$$\Omega(n) = \int_{-1}^1 -x[\log(1 + n^{3x}) - \log(n^{3x})] dx, \Omega(n) = -\int_{-1}^1 x \log(1 + n^{3x}) dx + \int_{-1}^1 x \log(n^{3x}) dx$$

$$\Omega(n) = -\Omega(n) + \int_{-1}^1 (3x^2) \log(n) dx, 2\Omega(n) = 3 \int_{-1}^1 x^2 (\log n) dx$$

$$2\Omega(n) = (3 \log n) \int_{-1}^1 x^2 dx, 2\Omega(n) = (3 \log n) \times 2 \int_0^1 x^2 dx$$

$$\Omega(n) = 3 \log n \times \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \Omega(n) = \log_e n. \text{ The Inequality is}$$

$$9(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n})^2 > 4e^{2\Omega(n)}(1 + e^{\Omega(n)}). \text{ i.e., we have to prove}$$

$$9(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n})^2 > 4e^{2 \ln n}(1 + e^{\ln n})$$

$$9(1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n})^2 > 4n^2(n + 1)$$

$$\text{Or } (1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n}) > \left(\frac{2n\sqrt{n+1}}{3}\right) \quad (1)$$

Using AM of m^{th} power $\geq m^{\text{th}}$ power of AM: $\frac{a_1^m + a_2^m + \dots + a_n^m}{n} \leq \left(\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n}{n}\right)^m, \forall m \in (0, 1)$

$$\text{Using this, } \left(\frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}+\dots+\sqrt{n}}{n}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2n}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \dots + \sqrt{n}}{n}\right) > \frac{2\sqrt{n+1}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2n}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} > \frac{2\sqrt{n+1}}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{\sqrt{2}} > \frac{2\sqrt{n+1}}{3} \Rightarrow 3 > 2\sqrt{2} \rightarrow \text{which is true}$$

Hence the inequality in (1) is true.

Solution 3 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega(n) &= \int_{-1}^1 x \ln(1 + n^{3x}) dx \\ x = -t \mid' \Rightarrow dx &= -dt \quad x = -1 \Rightarrow t = 1 \quad x = 1 \Rightarrow t = -1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega(n) = \Omega(n) = \int_1^{-1} -t \ln(1 + n^{-3t}) (-dt) = - \int_1^{-1} t \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^{3t}}\right) dt =$$

$$= - \int_{-1}^1 t \ln\left(\frac{n^{3t} + 1}{n^{3t}}\right) dt = - \int_{-1}^1 t \ln(1 + n^{3t}) dt + \int_{-1}^1 t \ln n^{3t} dt \Rightarrow$$

$$2\Omega(n) = \int_{-1}^1 3t^2 \ln n dt \Rightarrow 2\Omega(n) = t^3 \ln n \Big|_{-1}^1 \Rightarrow \Omega(n) = \ln n \Rightarrow$$

we must show this: $9(1 + \sqrt{2} + \dots + \sqrt{n})^2 > 4n^2(n + 1) \Leftrightarrow$

$$1 + \sqrt{2} + \dots + \sqrt{n} > \frac{2n\sqrt{n+1}}{3}, \forall n \geq 1$$

$$P(1): 1 > \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \Leftrightarrow 3 > 2\sqrt{2} \text{ true.}$$

$$\text{Now: } P(k): 1 + \sqrt{2} + \dots + \sqrt{k} > \frac{2k\sqrt{k+1}}{3}$$

$$P(k+1): 1 + \sqrt{2} + \dots + \sqrt{k+1} > \frac{2(k+1)\sqrt{k+2}}{3}$$

$$\text{From } P(k) \Rightarrow 1 + \sqrt{2} + \dots + \sqrt{k} + \sqrt{k+1} > \frac{2k\sqrt{k+1}}{3} + \sqrt{k+1}$$

$$\text{We must show this: } \frac{2k\sqrt{k+1}}{3} + \sqrt{k+1} > \frac{2(k+1)\sqrt{k+2}}{3} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$2k + 3 > 2\sqrt{(k+1)(k+2)} \Leftrightarrow 4k^2 + 12k + 9 > 4k^2 + 12k + 8 \Leftrightarrow 9 > 8 \text{ true.}$$

524. If $0 < a \leq b \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ then:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x + y + z) dx dy dz \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{4}$$

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Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

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$$\sin(x+y+z) \leq 1 \text{ then } \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x+y+z) dx dy dz$$

$$\leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z dx dy dz = \left(\int_a^b \sin x dx \right) \left(\int_a^b \sin y dy \right) \left(\int_a^b \sin z dz \right)$$

$$= (\cos a - \cos b)^3, \text{ we need to prove } (\cos a - \cos b)^3 \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{4}$$

now $\sin x$ is concave on $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ so applying Hermite Hadamard

$$(b-a) \frac{\sin a + \sin b}{2} \leq \int_a^b \sin x dx \leq (b-a) \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos a - \cos b \leq \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \text{ need to show } \frac{(b-a)^3(b+a)^3}{8} \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{4}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (b-a)^3 \{2 - (a+b)^3\} \geq 0, \text{ which is true } \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{since, } a+b \leq \frac{\pi}{8} \\ \left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)^3 < 2 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x+y+z) dx dy dz \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{4} \text{ (proved)}$$

Solution 2 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\text{Let } P = \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x+y+z)$$

$$\text{Let } F(u) = \sin u \Rightarrow F'(u) = \cos u; F''(u) = -\sin u \leq 0, \forall u \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow F(u) \text{ is a concave function } \forall u \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right] \Rightarrow \frac{F(x)+F(y)+F(z)}{3} \leq F\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin x + \sin y + \sin z}{3} \leq \sin\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Using } GM \leq AM: (\sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z)^{\frac{1}{3}} \leq \frac{\sin x + \sin y + \sin z}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \leq \left(\frac{\sin x + \sin y + \sin z}{3}\right)^3 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1) \& (2): } \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \leq \sin^3\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) \therefore P \leq \left\{\sin\left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right)\right\}^3 \sin(x+y+z)$$

$$\text{Let } \left(\frac{x+y+z}{3}\right) = t \therefore P \leq (\sin^3 t)(\sin 3t); P \leq (\sin^3 t)(3 \sin t - 4 \sin^3 t)$$

$$P \leq 3 \sin^4 t - 4 \sin^6 t \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Let } G(t) = 3 \sin^4 t - 4 \sin^6 t$$

$$G'(t) = 12 \sin^3 t \cos t - 24 \sin^5 t \cos t = 12 \sin^3 t \cos t (1 - 2 \sin^2 t) =$$

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$$= 12 \sin^3 t \cos t [1 - 2(1 - \cos^2 t)]$$

$$G'(t) = 12 \sin^3 t \cos t (2 \cos^2 t - 1). \text{ We have } 0 < t \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \cos t \geq \cos \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\cos^2 t \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow (2 \cos^2 t - 1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow G'(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right] \Rightarrow G(t) \text{ is an increasing}$$

function so, $G(t)$ is maximum at $t = \frac{\pi}{4} \therefore [G(t)]_{\max} = (3 \sin^4 t - 4 \sin^6 t)$ at $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$[G(t)]_{\max} = G\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \therefore G(t) \leq \frac{1}{4} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (3) \& (4): } P \leq 3 \sin^4 t - 4 \sin^6 t \leq \frac{1}{4} \therefore P \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b P \, dx \, dy \, dz \leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{1}{4} \, dx \, dy \, dz \leq \frac{1}{4} \left(\int_a^b dx \right) \left(\int_a^b dy \right) \left(\int_a^b dz \right) \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \sin x \cdot \sin y \cdot \sin z \cdot \sin(x+y+z) \, dx \cdot dy \cdot dz \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{4}$$

525. Prove that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) d\theta}{1 + \theta^2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2e\sqrt{e}} (e^{\sin^2 \theta} + e^{\cos^2 \theta}), \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proposed by Surjeet Singhania-India

Solution by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin\left(\theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) d\theta}{1 + \theta^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\cos \theta d\theta}{1 + \theta^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{i\theta} d\theta}{1 + \theta^2} = 2\pi \times \left(\frac{e^{i\theta}}{\theta + i} \right)_{\theta=i} = \frac{\pi}{e} =$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{e\sqrt{e}} \sqrt{e^{\sin^2 \theta} \cdot e^{\cos^2 \theta}} \leq \frac{\pi}{2e\sqrt{e}} (e^{\sin^2 \theta} + e^{\cos^2 \theta})$$

526. If $0 < a \leq b$ then:

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$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2}} \right) dx dy \geq \sqrt{3} \cdot \log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{b-a}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Togrul Ehmedov-Baku-Azerbaijan

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2}} dx dy \geq \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{xy}} dx dy \\ & \geq \sqrt{3} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}} dx dy \geq \frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) dx dy \geq \frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \left[\ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) + \frac{1}{y} (b-a) \right] dy \\ & \geq 3(b-a) \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) = 3 \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{b-a} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Vietnam

For $x, y > 0$ we have $\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2} \right)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{4x^2} - \frac{1}{2xy} + \frac{1}{4y^2} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{2y} \right)^2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{true})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2}} dx dy \geq \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) dx dy \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) dx dy = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \int_a^b \left[(\ln x + \frac{1}{y} x) \Big|_a^b \right] dy \\ & = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \int_a^b \left[\ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) + \frac{b-a}{y} \right] dy = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) y + (b-a) \ln y \right] \Big|_a^b \\ & = \sqrt{3}(b-a) \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) = \sqrt{3} \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{b-a} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2} \geq \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right)^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2}} \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right)$$

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$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2}} dx dy \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^b \frac{dx}{x} \right) dy + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \int_a^b \left(\int_a^b \frac{dy}{y} \right) dx = \sqrt{3} \log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{b-a}$$

Solution 4 by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

$$\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} \right)^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} \geq \frac{2}{xy} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2} \right)} \geq \sqrt{3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{xy}}$$

WLOG we suppose that $x \geq y$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2} \right)} \right) dx dy &\geq \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}} dx dy \geq \\ &\geq \sqrt{3} \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{dx dy}{x} = \sqrt{3} (b-a) \log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) = \sqrt{3} \log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{b-a} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 5 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

For $0 < a \leq b$, we have: $\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2}} \geq \sqrt{\frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right)$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \int_a^b \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{y^2} \right)} \right) dx dy &\geq \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) dx dy = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (x \ln y + y \ln x) \Big|_a^b = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (b-a) (\ln y + \ln x) \Big|_a^b = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} (b-a) (\ln b - \ln a) = \sqrt{3} (b-a) \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) \\ &\geq \sqrt{3} (b-a) \log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right) = \sqrt{3} \log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)^{(b-a)}. \text{ Therefore, it is to be true.} \end{aligned}$$

527.

$$Ci(x) = \gamma + \log x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^n}{2n \cdot (2n)!}$$

Prove that:

$$\int_a^b \left(\frac{\cos x}{x} \right)^2 dx + \int_a^b Ci^2(x) dx \geq Ci^2(b) - Ci^2(a), 0 < a \leq b$$

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Solution by Avishek Mitra-India

As we know

$$\begin{aligned} Ci(x) &= \gamma + \log x + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^n}{2n(2n)!} \Rightarrow Ci'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot x^{2n-1}}{(2n)!} = \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots \infty \right) = \frac{\cos x}{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, by AM} \geq \text{AM: } \frac{\left(\frac{\cos x}{x}\right)^2 + Ci^2(x)}{2} \geq \frac{\cos x}{x} \cdot Ci(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b S dx \geq \int_a^b Ci(x) \frac{\cos x}{x} dx \geq \int_a^b Ci(x) d\{Ci(x)\} \geq \frac{Ci^2(b) - Ci^2(a)}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } \int_a^b \left(\frac{\cos x}{x}\right)^2 dx + \int_a^b Ci^2(x) dx \geq Ci^2(b) - Ci^2(a)$$

528. If $a \geq 0$ then:

$$\int_0^a \frac{x^2 dx}{(e^x + 1)^2} + \int_0^a \frac{(e^x(1-x) + 1)^2}{(e^x + 1)^4} dx \geq \frac{a^2}{(e^a + 1)^2}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Avishek Mitra-West Bengal-India

By AM \geq GM:

$$\frac{\frac{x^2}{(e^x + 1)^2} + \frac{[e^x(1-x) + 1]^2}{(e^x + 1)^4}}{2} \geq \frac{x[e^x(1-x) + 1]}{(e^x + 1)^3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S}{2} \geq \frac{ex^x(1-x) + x}{(e^x + 1)^3} \Rightarrow \int_0^a \frac{S}{2} dx \geq \int_0^a \frac{x(e^x + 1) - x^2 e^x}{(e^x + 1)^3} dx$$

$$\text{Now, } I = \int_0^a \frac{x^2 e^x}{(e^x + 1)^3} dx = \left[-x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2(e^x + 1)^2} \right]_0^a - 2 \int_0^a \frac{x}{-2(e^x + 1)^2} dx = -\frac{a^2}{2(e^a + 1)^2} + \int_0^a \frac{x}{(e^x + 1)^2} dx$$

$$\text{Hence, we have } \Rightarrow \int_0^a \frac{S}{2} dx \geq \frac{a^2}{2(e^a + 1)^2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \int_0^a \frac{x^2}{(e^x + 1)^2} dx + \int_0^a \frac{[e^x(1-x) + 1]^2}{(e^x + 1)^4} dx \geq \frac{a^2}{(e^a + 1)^2}$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$\text{Let } f(a) = \int_0^a \frac{x^2 dz}{(e^x+1)^2} + \int_0^a \frac{[e^x(1-x)+1]^2}{(e^x+1)^4} - \frac{a^2}{(e^a+1)^2}; \forall a \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(a) = \frac{a^2}{(e^a + 1)^2} + \frac{(e^a(1-a) + 1)^2}{(e^a + 1)^4} + \frac{2a(e^a(a-1) - 1)}{(e^a + 1)^3}$$

$$= \frac{(a+e^a(2a-1)-1)^2}{(e^a+1)^4} \geq 0; \forall a \geq 0 \Rightarrow f(a) \nearrow [0; +\infty) \Rightarrow f(a) \geq f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Proved.}$$

529. If $0 < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{2}$ then:

$$\left(\int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} (\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \sin x) dx \right) \left(\int_0^{\frac{a+b}{2}} (\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \cos x) dx \right) \leq \left(\int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} (\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \cos x) dx \right) \left(\int_0^{\frac{a+b}{2}} (\sqrt[3]{x} \cdot \sin x) dx \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$\text{Let } u = \sqrt{ab}, v = \frac{a+b}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < u \leq v < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$f(v) = \left(\int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \cos x dx \right) \left(\int_0^v \sqrt[3]{x} \sin x dx \right) - \left(\int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \sin x dx \right) \left(\int_0^v \sqrt[3]{x} \cos x dx \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(v) = \sqrt[3]{v} \sin v \cdot \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \cos x dx - \sqrt[3]{v} \cos v \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \sin x dx$$

$$= \sqrt[3]{v} \left(\sin v \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \cos x dx - \cos v \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \sin x dx \right)$$

$$g(v) = \sin v \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \cos x dx - \cos v \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \sin x dx$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(v) = \cos v \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \cos x dx + \sin v \int_0^u \sqrt[3]{x} \sin x dx > 0$$

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$g(0) \cdot g\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) < 0 \Rightarrow \exists! v_0 \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) : g(v_0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(v) \geq f(v_0) \geq f(u) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Proved.}$

530. If $a, b, c > 1, a + b + c = 6$ then:

$$\frac{\Gamma'(a)}{\Gamma(a)} + \frac{\Gamma'(b)}{\Gamma(b)} + \frac{\Gamma'(c)}{\Gamma(c)} + \frac{ab + bc + ca}{2abc} < 3 \log 2$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Avishek Mitra-West Bengal-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\Gamma'(a)}{\Gamma(a)} + \frac{\Gamma'(b)}{\Gamma(b)} + \frac{\Gamma'(c)}{\Gamma(c)} = \psi(a) + \psi(b) + \psi(c) \\ & = \psi(a+1) + \psi(b+1) + \psi(c+1) - \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{c} \\ & = \log a + \log b + \log c - \frac{1}{2a} - \frac{1}{2b} - \frac{1}{2c} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n}}{2n \cdot a^{2n}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n}}{2n \cdot b^{2n}} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_{2n}}{2n \cdot c^{2n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, given } \Omega &= \frac{\Gamma'(a)}{\Gamma(a)} + \frac{\Gamma'(b)}{\Gamma(b)} + \frac{\Gamma'(c)}{\Gamma(c)} + \frac{ab+bc+ca}{2abc} \\ &= \log(abc) - \frac{1}{2a} - \frac{1}{2b} - \frac{1}{2c} + \frac{ab + bc + ca}{2abc} - S_1 - S_2 - S_3 \\ &= \log(abc) - S_1 - S_2 - S_3 \end{aligned}$$

as $a, b, c > 1$ and $a + b + c = 6$, for equality we may take $a = b = c = 2$, by putting values $\Leftrightarrow \Omega = \log(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2) - S_1 - S_2 - S_3 = 3 \log 2 - (S_1 + S_2 + S_3)$

Clearly $\Omega < 3 \log 2$ (proved)

531. Prove that:

$$\ln \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{8^{\sin x}}{3^{\sin x} + 4^{\sin x}} + \frac{27^{\sin x}}{2^{\sin x} + 4^{\sin x}} + \frac{64^{\sin x}}{2^{\sin x} 3^{\sin x}} \right) dx \right) > \ln \left(\frac{9 \left((4!)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1 \right)}{4 \ln(4!)} \right)$$

Proposed by Nguyen Van Nho-Nghe An-Vietnam

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\ln \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\frac{8^{\sin x}}{3^{\sin x} + 4^{\sin x}} + \frac{27^{\sin x}}{2^{\sin x} + 4^{\sin x}} + \frac{64^{\sin x}}{2^{\sin x} + 3^{\sin x}} \right) dx \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \stackrel{\text{HOLDER'S INEQUALITY}}{\geq} \ln \left(\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(2^{\sin x} + 3^{\sin x} + 4^{\sin x})^3}{6(2^{\sin x} + 3^{\sin x} + 4^{\sin x})} dx \right) = \ln \left(\frac{1}{6} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\sum_{\text{cyc}} 2^{\sin x} \right)^2 dx \right) \\
 & \stackrel{\text{AM} \geq \text{GM}}{\geq} \ln \left(\frac{9}{6} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left(\sqrt[3]{2^{\sin x} \cdot 3^{\sin x} \cdot 4^{\sin x}} \right)^2 dx \right) = \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (4!)^{\frac{2}{3} \sin x} dx \right) \\
 & \geq \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (4!)^{\frac{2}{3} \sin x} \cdot \cos x dx \right) = \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{(4!)^{\frac{2}{3} \sin x}}{\frac{2}{3} \ln(4!)} \right]_{x=0}^{x=\frac{\pi}{2}} \right) = \ln \left(\frac{9 \left((4!)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1 \right)}{4 \ln(4!)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

532. $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow (1, \infty)$, f – continuous. Prove that if $0 < a \leq b$ then:

$$4(b-a)^3 + 6(b-a)^2 \int_a^b \log(f(x)) dx \leq 3(b-a)^2 \int_a^b f(x) dx + \left(\int_a^b f(x) dx \right)^3$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Tran Hong-Vietnam

We have: $\log t \leq t - 1, \forall t \geq 1$ (*). In fact: Let $\varphi(t) = t - 1 - \log t$ ($t \geq 1$)

$$\varphi'(t) = 1 - \frac{1}{t} = \frac{t-1}{t} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(t) \nearrow [1; +\infty) \Rightarrow \varphi(t) \geq \varphi(1) = 0 \Rightarrow (*) \text{ true.}$$

Now, let $m = \int_a^b f(x) dx$ ($f(x) \geq 1 \Rightarrow m \geq b - a$); $RHS = 3(b-a)^2 m + m^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS & \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 4(b-a)^3 + 6(b-a)^2 \left\{ \int_a^b [f(x) - 1] dx \right\} \\
 & = 4(b-a)^3 + 6(b-a)^2 [m - (b-a)] = 6(b-a)^2 m - 2(b-a)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Must show that: $m^3 + 3(b-a)^2 m \geq 6(b-a)^2 m - 2(b-a)^3$

$$\Leftrightarrow m^3 - 3(b-a)^2 m + 2(b-a)^3 \geq 0 \quad (**)$$

$$\text{Let } f(m) = m^3 - 3(b-a)^2 m + 2(b-a)^3 \quad (m \geq b-a)$$

$$\therefore f'(m) = 3m^2 - 3(b-a)^2 \geq 3(b-a)^2 - 3(b-a)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow f(m) \nearrow [b-a; +\infty]$$

$$\Rightarrow f(m) \geq f(b-a) = (b-a)^3 - 3(b-a)^3 + 2(b-a)^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (**) \text{ true} \Rightarrow LHS \leq RHS.$$

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533. If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ then:

$$b^3 + 6 \int_a^b (\tan^{-1} x) dx \geq 3 \log \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right) + a^3$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Khaled Abd Almuti-Damascus-Syria

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, then: (suppose $a \leq b$) then: $b^3 + 6 \int_a^b (\arctan x) dx \geq 3 \log \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right) + a^3$

$$I_1 = b^3 + 6 \left[\arctan x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x^2) \right]_a^b$$

$$I_1 = b^3 + 6 \left[\left(\arctan b - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+b^2) \right) - \left(\arctan a - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+a^2) \right) \right]$$

$$I_1 = b^3 + 6 \left[\arctan b - \arctan a + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+a^2}{1+b^2} \right) \right]$$

$$I_1 = b^3 + 6(\arctan b - \arctan a) = 3 \ln \left(\frac{1+a^2}{1+b^2} \right)$$

$$I_1 = b^3 + 6(\arctan b - \arctan a) - 3 \ln \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right)$$

$$b^3 + 6(\arctan b - \arctan a) - 3 \ln \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 3 \log \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right) + a^3$$

$$6(\arctan b - \arctan a) \stackrel{?}{\geq} 6 \log \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right) + a^3 - b^3$$

$$\arctan b - \arctan a \stackrel{?}{\geq} \log \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right) + \frac{1}{6}(a^3 - b^3)$$

$$\arctan b - \arctan a \geq \log(1+b^2) - \log(1+a^2) + \frac{1}{8}a^3 - \frac{1}{6}b^3$$

$$\arctan b - \log(1+b^2) + \frac{1}{6}b^3 \stackrel{?}{\geq} \arctan a - \log(1+a^2) + \frac{1}{6}a^3$$

Let be the function: $f(x) = \arctan x - \log(1+x^2) + \frac{1}{6}x^3$

f is derivable on $\mathbb{R} =]-\infty, \infty[$

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$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{2x}{1+x^2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 = \frac{1-2x}{1+x^2} + \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1-2x+x^2+x^4}{2(1+x^2)} = \frac{x^4+x^2-2x+1}{2(1+x^2)} = \frac{x^4+(x-1)^2}{2(1+x^2)} > 0$$

So, f is completely increasing on \mathbb{R} . So: If $a \leq b \Rightarrow f(b) \geq f(a)$

$$\arctan b - \log(1+b^2) + \frac{1}{6}b^3 \geq \arctan a - \log(1+a^2) + \frac{1}{6}a^3$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Vietnam

\therefore Suppose $b \geq a$; let $I = \int_a^b (\tan^{-1} x) dx$;

$$\begin{cases} u = \tan^{-1} x \\ dv = dx \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} du = \frac{dx}{x^2+1} \\ v = x \end{cases} \Rightarrow I = x \tan^{-1} x \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{x dx}{x^2+1}$$

$$= (b \tan^{-1} b - a \tan^{-1} a) - \frac{1}{2} \log(x^2+1) \Big|_a^b$$

$$= (b \tan^{-1} b - a \tan^{-1} a) - \frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{b^2+1}{a^2+1}\right)$$

$$\text{Inequality} \Leftrightarrow b^3 + 6(b \tan^{-1} b - a \tan^{-1} a) \geq 6 \log\left(\frac{b^2+1}{a^2+1}\right) + a^3$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b^3 + 6[b \tan^{-1} b - \log(b^2+1)] \geq a^3 + 6[a \tan^{-1} a - \log(a^2+1)] \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 + 6[x \tan^{-1} x - \log(x^2+1)] \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; \quad f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6\left[\tan^{-1} x - \frac{x}{x^2+1}\right]$$

$$f''(x) = 6x \left[\frac{2x}{(x^2+1)^2} + 1 \right]; \quad f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \quad \left(\because \frac{2x}{(x^2+1)^2} + 1 \geq 1 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{8} > 0 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) \geq f'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \nearrow \text{ on } \mathbb{R}.$$

Hence, $b \geq a \Rightarrow f(b) \geq f(a) \Rightarrow (*)$ true \Rightarrow proved.

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^2 + 2(\tan^{-1} x) - \frac{2x}{1+x^2} \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f'(x) = 2x + \frac{4x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}, \quad f''(x) = 2 + \frac{8x}{(1+x^2)^2} - \frac{32x^2}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

For $f'(a) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$ then $f''(a) = 2 > 0$. Hence f attains minimum at $x = 0$.

$$\therefore f(x) \geq f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 2(\tan^{-1} x) \geq \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b x^2 dx + 2 \int_a^b \tan^{-1} x dx \geq \int_a^b \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b^3 - a^3}{3} + 2 \int_a^b \tan^{-1} x dx \geq \ln \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right)$$

$$\therefore b^3 + 6 \int_a^b \tan^{-1} x dx \geq 3 \ln \left(\frac{1+b^2}{1+a^2} \right) + a^3$$

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$$\alpha(x) = \frac{4}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)^n \cdot \cos^3(3^{n-1}x) \right), x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right), \beta(x) = \alpha \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right)$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0 \\ x > 0}} \left(\frac{\beta(x)\beta(3x) \cdot \dots \cdot \beta((2n-1)x)}{\beta(2x)\beta(4x) \cdot \dots \cdot \beta(2nx)} \right)}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Sagar Kumar-Kolkata-India

$$\cos^3 x = \frac{1}{4}(\cos(3x) + 3 \cos x); \cos^3(3^{n-1}x) = \frac{1}{4}((\cos 3^n x) + 3 \cos(3^{n-1}x))$$

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{4}{3} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)^n (\cos 3^n x + 3 \cos(3^{n-1}x)) \right)$$

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{3} \left(-\frac{1}{3}(\cos 3x + 3 \cos x) + \frac{1}{9}(\cos 9x + 3 \cos 3x) - \frac{1}{27}(\cos 27x + 3 \cos 9x) \dots \alpha(x) = \frac{1}{3} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -\frac{\cos 3x}{3} - \cos x \\ \frac{\cos 9x}{9} + \frac{\cos 3x}{3} \\ -\frac{\cos 27x}{27} - \frac{\cos 9x}{9} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{3} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{3} \right)^n \cos(3^n x) - \cos x \right), \alpha(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{3}; \alpha \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x \right) = \frac{-\sin x}{3}$$

$$\beta(x) = -\frac{\sin x}{3}, \frac{\beta(x)\beta(3x)\dots\beta(2n-1)x}{\beta(2x)\beta(4x)\dots\beta(nx)} = M$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} M = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n)} = N, \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (N)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2n!}{(2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n))^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}, \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}; \Omega = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2nC_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

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Using Stirling approximation $n! \sim \sqrt{2n\pi} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$, $\Omega = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt{4n\pi} \cdot \left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{2n}}{(\sqrt{2n\pi}) \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^{2n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n\pi}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1$$

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$$a, b, c > 0, 2e(a + b + c) = 3e + 2, \Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n+a} - e \right)$$

Prove that:

$$\Omega(a) \cdot \Omega(b) \cdot \Omega(c) \leq \frac{1}{27}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$\Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\left(\frac{n+1}{n} \right)^{n+a} - e \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+a} - e}{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{\text{Heine}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{x+a} - e}{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{x+a} - e}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+y)^{\frac{1}{y}+a} - e}{y} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (1+y)^{\frac{1}{y}+a} \left[-\frac{1}{y^2} \ln(1+y) + \left(\frac{1}{y} + a\right) \frac{1}{1+y} \right]$$

$$= e \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(1+y) \ln(1+y) + y + ay^2}{y^3 + y^2} \stackrel{L'H}{=} e \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\ln(1+y) - 1 + 1 + 2ay}{3y^2 + 2y} \stackrel{L'H}{=} e \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1+2a}{6y+2} = \frac{e(2a-1)}{2} \quad (1)$$

From (1) we must show: $\frac{e^3}{8} (2a-1)(2b-1)(2c-1) \leq \frac{1}{27} \Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{e}{2} \sqrt[3]{(2a-1)(2b-1)(2c-1)} \leq \frac{1}{3} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{But } \sqrt[3]{(2a-1)(2b-1)(2c-1)} \leq \frac{2(a+b+c)-3}{3} \quad (3)$$

From (2)+(3) we must show: $\frac{e}{2} \left[\frac{2(a+b+c)}{3} - 3 \right] \leq \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow 2e(a+b+c) - 3e \leq 2 \Leftrightarrow$

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$\Leftrightarrow 2e(a + b + c) \leq 3e + 2$ which its true.

536. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} \right) dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Omran Kouba-Damascus-Syria

Consider a continuous function $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \alpha, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \beta$$

Then, for positive a, b we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{f(ax) - f(bx)}{x} dx &= \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{f(ax)}{x} dx - \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{f(bx)}{x} dx = \int_{\frac{a}{n}}^{\frac{an}{n}} \frac{f(x)}{x} dx - \int_{\frac{b}{n}}^{\frac{bn}{n}} \frac{f(x)}{x} dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{a}{n}}^{\frac{b}{n}} \frac{f(x)}{x} dx + \int_{\frac{bn}{n}}^{\frac{an}{n}} \frac{f(x)}{x} dx \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\alpha - \beta) \ln \frac{b}{a} + \int_{\frac{a}{n}}^{\frac{b}{n}} \frac{f(x) - \alpha}{x} dx + \int_{\frac{bn}{n}}^{\frac{an}{n}} \frac{f(x) - \beta}{x} dx$$

$$\text{But } \left| \int_{\frac{a}{n}}^{\frac{b}{n}} \frac{f(x) - \alpha}{x} dx \right| \leq \sup \left\{ |f(x) - \alpha| : 0 < x < \frac{\max(a,b)}{n} \right\} \left| \ln \frac{b}{a} \right| \text{ and}$$

$$\left| \int_{\frac{bn}{n}}^{\frac{an}{n}} \frac{f(x) - \beta}{x} dx \right| \leq \sup \{ |f(x) - \beta| : x > n \min(a, b) \} \left| \ln \frac{a}{b} \right|$$

$$\text{Thus } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{a}{n}}^{\frac{b}{n}} \frac{f(x) - \alpha}{x} dx = 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{bn}{n}}^{\frac{an}{n}} \frac{f(x) - \beta}{x} dx = 0$$

$$\text{So, letting } n \text{ tend to } \infty \text{ in (1) we get } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{f(ax) - f(bx)}{x} dx = (\alpha - \beta) \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

$$\text{In particular, if } a = 3, b = 2 \text{ we get: } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} \right) dx = \ln \frac{2}{3}$$

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Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} \right) dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} \right) dx \\
 &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} dx - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} dx = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\varepsilon}^X \frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} dx - \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\varepsilon}^X \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} dx \\
 &= \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{3\varepsilon}^{3X} \frac{\cos u}{1+u} du - \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{2\varepsilon}^{2X} \frac{\cos v}{1+v} dv \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{let } 3x = u, 2x = v; dx = \frac{du}{3}, dx = \frac{dv}{2} \\ \text{when } x = \varepsilon, u = 3\varepsilon; x = X, u = 3X \\ \text{when } x = \varepsilon, v = 2\varepsilon, x = X, v = 2X \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \left[\int_{3\varepsilon}^{2\varepsilon} \frac{\cos u}{1+u} du + \int_{2\varepsilon}^{2X} \frac{\cos u}{1+u} du + \int_{2X}^{3X} \frac{\cos u}{1+u} du \right] - \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{2\varepsilon}^{2X} \frac{\cos u}{1+u} du \\
 &= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{3\varepsilon}^{2\varepsilon} \frac{\cos u}{1+u} du - \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \int_{3X}^{2X} \frac{\cos u}{1+u} du = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos \xi}{1+\xi} \int_{3\varepsilon}^{2\varepsilon} \frac{du}{u} - \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos \zeta}{1+\zeta} \int_{3X}^{2X} \frac{du}{u} \\
 &\quad \text{[By First Mean value Theorem there exists } \xi \in [2\varepsilon, 3\varepsilon] \text{ and } \zeta \in [2X, 3X]\text{]} \\
 &= \log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \quad (\text{Ans:})
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} \right) dx &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} dx \\
 \left[\text{Let } f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{1+x} \therefore f(0) = 1, f(\infty) = 0 \right] &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(3x) - f(2x)}{x} dx = \\
 &= [f(0) - f(\infty)] \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \quad \text{[Using Frullani integrals]} \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{\cos 3x}{1+3x} - \frac{\cos 2x}{1+2x} \right) dx &= \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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537. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{\sqrt[7]{k+n^{14}}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$0 \leq \sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \leq \frac{k}{n}$$

$$n^{14} \leq k + n^{14} \leq n + n^{14} \Rightarrow n^2 \leq \sqrt[7]{k + n^{14}} \leq \sqrt[7]{n + n^{14}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0}{(n + n^{14})^{\frac{1}{7}}} \leq \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{\sqrt[7]{k + n^{14}}} \leq \frac{k}{n^3} \Rightarrow 0 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{(k + n^{14})^{\frac{1}{7}}} \leq \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n k$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{(k + n^{14})^{\frac{1}{7}}} \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^3}$$

$$\text{As } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{2n^2} = 0 \therefore \text{by the Sandwich theorem,}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{[k + n^{14}]^{\frac{1}{7}}} = 0$$

Solution 2 by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

$$\text{We have: } -\frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{k+n^{14}}} \leq \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{\sqrt[7]{k+n^{14}}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{k+n^{14}}} \quad (1)$$

From AM-GM inequality we have:

$$\frac{k + n^{14}}{2} \geq \sqrt[2]{k - n^{14}} \Rightarrow k + n^{14} \geq 2\sqrt[2]{k - n^{14}} \Rightarrow k + n^{14} \geq 2 \cdot n^7 \sqrt[2]{k} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[7]{k + n^{14}} \geq \sqrt[7]{2} \cdot n^1 \sqrt[2]{k} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{k+n^{14}}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{2} \cdot n^1 \sqrt[2]{k}} \quad (2)$$

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{k+n^{14}}} \geq -\frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{2} \cdot n^1 \sqrt[2]{k}} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Substitution (2) and (3) to (1) and we have: } -\frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{2} \cdot n^1 \sqrt[2]{k}} \leq \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{\sqrt[7]{k+n^{14}}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[7]{2} \cdot n^1 \sqrt[2]{k}} \quad (4)$$

By summing side by side for $k = \overline{1, n}$ and adding with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ we have:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{k}} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{\sqrt[3]{k+n^{14}}} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{k}} \\
 & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt[14]{k}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{14}} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt[14]{k/n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[14]{n}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt[14]{k/n}} = \\
 & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[14]{n}} \cdot \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt[14]{x}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[14]{n}} \cdot \frac{x^{13}}{\frac{13}{14}} \Big|_0^1 = 0 \quad (6)
 \end{aligned}$$

We substitute (6) to (5) and by sandwich theorem we have:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\sin\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)}{\sqrt[3]{k+n^{14}}} = 0$$

538.

$$\Omega(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k^2 + 2nk + k - 1}{(2k + 2n + 2)!!}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n! \cdot \Omega(n))$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\Omega(n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k^2 + 2nk + k - 1}{(2k + 2n + 2)!!} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k}{(2k + 2n)!!} - \frac{k + 1}{(2k + 2n + 2)!!} \right) = \frac{1}{(2n + 2)!!}$$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n! \cdot \Omega(n)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n!}{(2n+2)!!} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^{n+1}(n+1)} \right) \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n! \cdot \Omega(n)) = 0$$

$$\Omega n = 0$$

539. If $a_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n x \, dx$, $n = 2, 3, \dots$ Find the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n-2)(a_n + a_{n-2})} \right]^{2n}$$

Proposed by Dimitris Kastriotis-Athens-Greece

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Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } n \geq 3, a_n + a_{n-2} &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\tan x)^{n-2} (1 + \tan^2 x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\tan x)^{n-2} \sec^2 x dx = \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{n-1} (\tan x)^{n-1} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n-2)(a_n + a_{n-2})} \right]^{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n-2) \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \right)} \right]^{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n-1}{n-2} \right]^{2n} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n-2} \right)^{n-2} \right]^2 \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n-2} \right)^n \right] = (e^2)(1) = e^2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n x dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x \sec^2 x dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x dx = \frac{1}{n-1} - a_{n-2} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a_n + a_{n-2}} = n-1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{(n-2)(a_n + a_{n-2})} \right)^{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} \right)^{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\left(\frac{1-\frac{1}{n} \right)^n}{\left(1-\frac{2}{n} \right)^n} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{e^{-1}}{e^{-2}} \right)^2 \\ \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{(n-2)(a_n + a_{n-2})} \right)^{2n} &= e^2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Yen Tung Chung-Taichung-Taiwan

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since, } a_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n x dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x \sec^2 x dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2} x dx \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \tan^{n-1} x \right) \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} - a_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-1} - a_{n-2} \text{ we have } a_n + a_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \text{ so,} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n-2)(a_n + a_{n-2})} \right]^{2n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} \right)^{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left\{ 2n \ln \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} \right) \right\} = \\ &= \exp \left\{ 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n-1) - \ln(n-2)}{\frac{1}{n}} \right\} = \exp \left\{ 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n-2}}{-\frac{1}{n^2}} \right\} = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \exp \left\{ 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} \right\} = \exp(2) = e^2$$

Solution 4 by Sagar Kumar-Kolkata-India

$$a_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^n x \, dx; \quad a_n = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{n-2}(x) \sec^2 x \, dx - a_{n-2}$$

$$a_n + a_{n-2} = \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{(n-2)(a_n + a_{n-2})} \right]^{2n} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n-1}{n-2} \right)^{2n} = e^2$$

540. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1+k^2}{(k-1)k(k+1)!}}$$

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Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{k^2 + 1}{(k-1)k(k+1)!} = \frac{(k+1)^2 - 2k}{(k-1)k(k+1)!} = \frac{k+1}{(k-1)kk!} - \frac{2}{(k-1)(k+1)!} = \\ & = \frac{1}{(k-1)k!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)kk!} - \frac{2}{(k-1)(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{(k-1)k!} - \frac{2}{(k-1)(k+1)!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)kk!} \\ & = \frac{k-1}{(k-1)(k+1)!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)kk!} = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)kk!} = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} + \frac{1-k+k}{(k-1)kk!} = \\ & = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} - \frac{k-1}{(k-1)kk!} + \frac{k}{(k-1)kk!} = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} - \frac{1}{kk!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)k!} = \\ & = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} + \frac{1-k+k}{(k-1)k!} - \frac{1}{kk!} = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} - \frac{k-1}{(k-1)k!} + \frac{k}{(k-1)k!} - \frac{1}{kk!} \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{k^2 + 1}{(k-1)k(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{(k+1)!} - \frac{1}{k!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)(k-1)!} - \frac{1}{kk!} \Rightarrow \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1+k^2}{(k-1)k(k+1)!} = \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{(k+1)!} - \frac{1}{k!} + \frac{1}{(k-1)(k-1)!} - \frac{1}{kk!} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{(n+1)!} - \frac{1}{2!} + 1 - \frac{1}{nn!} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} - \frac{1}{nn!} \Rightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1+k^2}{(k-1)k(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)!} \quad (1)$$

From (1) we must calculate: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)!} \right)}$ = $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)!} \right)}{\frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)!} \right)}$ =

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)!}}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)!}} = 1$$

Solution 2 by Sagar Kumar-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{k^2 + 1}{(k^2 - 1)kk!} \right) = \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{k \cdot k!} + \frac{(k+1) - (k-1)}{(k+1)!k(k-1)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{kk!} + \frac{1}{kk!(k-1)} - \frac{1}{(k+1)!k} \right) = \sum_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{1}{k!(k-1)} - \frac{1}{(k+1)!k} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{(n+1)!n} \right); \quad \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^{\left(\frac{1}{n} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\log(\Omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)!} \right) \cdot \frac{\ln(n)}{n}}{n}; \quad \log(\Omega) = 0; \quad \Omega = 1 \quad (\text{Answer})$$

Solution 3 by Naren Bhandari-Nepal

Given that: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k^2+1}{(k+1)!k(k-1)}}$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{k^2 + 1}{(k+1)!k(k-1)} = \frac{k}{(k+1)!(k+1)} - \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \left(\frac{1}{k-1} - \frac{1}{k} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{k!(k-1)} - \frac{1}{(k+1)!(k-1)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)!(k-1)} - \frac{1}{k(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{k!(k-1)} - \frac{1}{k(k+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, partial sum of $\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k^2+1}{k(k+1)!(k-1)} = \left(\frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{n(n+1)!} \right)$. Thus, our required limit is

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2n} \left(1 - \frac{2!}{n(n+1)!} \right) \right]^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{2n}} \left(\underbrace{1 - \frac{2!}{n^2(n+1)!} + O(n^3)}_{\text{Taylor series up to 3rd order}} \right) = 1$$

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$$\text{Note } L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \exp \left[\frac{-\ln(2n)}{n} + \ln \left(1 - \frac{2}{n^2(n+1)!} + O(n^3) \right) \right] = e^0 = 1$$

541. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2k}{n^2} + \frac{k^2}{n^3} \right)$$

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Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a_n &= \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2k}{n^2} + \frac{k^2}{n^3} \right) \\ \log a_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{2k}{n^2} + \frac{k^2}{n^3} \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{2k}{n^2} + \frac{k^2}{n^3} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{2k}{n^2} + \frac{k^2}{n^3} \right)^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{2k}{n^2} + \frac{k^2}{n^3} \right)^3 \dots \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{n^3} (n+k)^2 - \frac{1}{2n^6} (n+k)^2 + \frac{1}{3n^9} (n+k)^3 + \dots \right] \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\sum_{k=1}^n (n+k)^r$ is a polynomial of degree $r+1$ in

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^{3r}} \sum_{k=1}^n (n+k)^r \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Also, } \sum_{k=1}^n (n+k)^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{2n} k^2 - \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (2n)(2n+1)(4n+1) - \frac{1}{6} n(2n+1)(n+1) = \frac{1}{6} n(2n+1)[2(4n+1) - (n+1)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} n(2n+1)(7n+2) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n (n+k)^2 \rightarrow \frac{7}{3} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log(a_n) = \frac{7}{3} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^{\frac{7}{3}} \text{ or } \Omega = e^{\frac{7}{3}}$$

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\text{Let } a_n = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} \right) \Rightarrow \ln a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \ln \left(1 + \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} \right)$$

$$\text{Now, using: } x - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq \ln(1+x) \leq x, \forall x \geq 0$$

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$$x = \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} \Rightarrow \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} - \frac{(n+1)^4}{2n^6} \leq \ln \left(1 + \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} \right) \leq \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(n+1)^4}{2n^6} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \ln \left(1 + \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} \right) \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(n+k)^2}{n^3} \quad (1)$$

But $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n (n+k)^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{k}{n} \right)^2 = \int_0^1 (1+x)^2 dx = \frac{(1+x)^3}{3} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{7}{3}$

(2)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n^6} \sum_{k=1}^n (n+k)^4 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{k}{n} \right)^4 \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} \left(\int_0^1 (1+x)^4 dx \right) = 0$$

(3)

From (1)+(2)+(3) $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln a_n = \frac{7}{3} \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^{\frac{7}{3}}$

542. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(n^7 \cdot \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^7}} \frac{x \sin x + \cos x}{2 \sin x + 3 \cos x + 6} dx \right)$$

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Solution 1 by Dimitris Kastriotis-Athens-Greece

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(n^7 \cdot \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^7}} \frac{x \sin x + \cos x}{2 \sin x + 3 \cos x + 6} dx \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\int_0^{\frac{1}{n^7}} \frac{x \sin x + \cos x}{2 \sin x + 3 \cos x + 6} dx}{\frac{1}{n^7}} \right)$$

$$\stackrel{t=\frac{1}{n^7}}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\int_0^t \frac{x \sin x + \cos x}{2 \sin x + 3 \cos x + 6} dx}{t} \right) \stackrel{DLH}{=} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \frac{x \sin x + \cos x}{2 \sin x + 3 \cos x + 6} dx}{\frac{d}{dt}(t)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{t \sin t + \cos t}{2 \sin t + 3 \cos t + 6} = \frac{0 + 1}{0 + 3 + 6} = \frac{1}{9}$$

Solution 2 by Kartick Chandra Betal-India

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[n^7 \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^7}} \frac{x \sin x + \cos x}{2 \sin x + 3 \cos x + 6} dx \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial \left(\frac{1}{n^7} \right)}{\partial n}}{\frac{\partial \left(\frac{1}{n^7} \right)}{\partial n}} \cdot \left\{ \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n^7} \right) \sin \left(\frac{1}{n^7} \right) + \cos \left(\frac{1}{n^7} \right)}{2 \sin \left(\frac{1}{n^7} \right) + 3 \cos \left(\frac{1}{n^7} \right) + 6} \right\} \right] = \frac{1}{3+6} = \frac{1}{9}$$

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543.

$$\Omega_n = \binom{n}{7} + 2 \binom{n-1}{7} + 3 \binom{n-2}{7} + \dots + (n-6) \binom{7}{7}, n \geq 7$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\Omega_n}$$

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Solution 1 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_n &= \infty \text{ because } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n-6) \binom{7}{7} = \infty \\ \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\Omega_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln(\Omega_n)}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln \Omega_{n+1}}{\Omega_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Omega_{n+1}}{\Omega_n} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\binom{n+1}{7} + 2 \binom{n}{7} + \dots + (n-5) \binom{7}{7}}{\binom{n}{7} + 2 \binom{n-1}{7} + \dots + (n-6) \binom{7}{7}} \stackrel{\infty}{=} \stackrel{\infty}{=} \text{Stolz-Cesaro} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\binom{n+2}{7} + \dots + \binom{7}{7}}{\binom{n+1}{7} + \binom{n}{7} + \dots + \binom{7}{7}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\binom{n+3}{7}}{\binom{n+2}{7}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+3)!}{(n-4)!}}{\frac{(n+2)!}{(n-5)!}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n-3)(n-2)(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{(n-4)(n-3)(n-2)(n-1)n(n+1)(n+2)} = 1 \\ \Omega &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Rovsen Pirgulyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan

$$\text{It is known that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\Omega_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Omega_{n+1}}{\Omega_n} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{n+1} &= \binom{n+1}{7} + 2 \binom{n}{7} + 3 \binom{n-1}{7} + \dots + (n-5) \binom{7}{7} = \\ &= \binom{n+1}{7} + \binom{n}{7} + \binom{n-1}{7} + \dots + (n-5) \binom{7}{7} + \Omega_n \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Using (2) in (1), we have:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\Omega_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\binom{n+1}{7} + \binom{n}{7} + \binom{n-1}{7} + \dots + (n-5) \binom{7}{7} + \Omega_n}{\Omega_n} =$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{\binom{n+1}{7} + \binom{n}{7} + \binom{n-1}{7} + \dots + (n-5) \binom{7}{7}}{\binom{n}{7} + 2 \binom{n-1}{7} + 3 \binom{n-2}{7} + \dots + (n-6) \binom{7}{7}} \right) = 1$$

Solution 3 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

We have $\Omega_n \leq (n-6) \cdot \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{7} = (n-6) \binom{n+1}{8} = (n-6) \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{8!(n-7)!} = S_n$ that is

$$1 \leq \Omega_n \leq S_n \rightarrow 1 \leq \sqrt[n]{\Omega_n} \leq \sqrt[n]{S_n}. \text{ But}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (S_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{8!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n-6)(n-5)\dots(n-1)n(n+1)}{n}} \quad (1)$$

But $(n-6)^2(n-5) \cdot \dots \cdot (n-1)n(n+1) < (n+1)^9$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)^9}{n} = 9 \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n+1)}{n} = 9 \cdot 0 = 0$$

Therefore from (1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1 \cdot e^0 = 1$ and therefore $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega = 1$

544. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - \sqrt[n]{5} - \sqrt[n]{15} - \sqrt[n]{25} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n-5}}{n - \sqrt[n]{10} - \sqrt[n]{20} - \sqrt[n]{30} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n}}$$

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Solution 1 by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - \sqrt[n]{5} - \sqrt[n]{15} - \sqrt[n]{25} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n-5}}{n - \sqrt[n]{10} - \sqrt[n]{20} - \sqrt[n]{30} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n}} \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (10n-5)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \text{ as } e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(10n-5)}{n}} = e^0 = 1. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (10n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - \sum_1^n (10n-5)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{n - \sum_1^n (10n)^{\frac{1}{n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - (n + \xi_n)}{n - (n + \theta_n)} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ for the following reason:}$$

(2) We can write $(10n-5)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ as $1 + a_n$ where a_n is a sequence with zero limit and $\sum_1^n (10n-5)^{\frac{1}{n}} = n + \xi$ or $= \sum 1 + a_n$ where $\xi_n \rightarrow 0$ as sum of zero sequences. The

same applies to denominator: $\sum (10n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = n + \theta_n, \theta_n \rightarrow 0$.

(2) now allows the application of DLH on (1) for $x \geq 1$.

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$$\frac{d(10x-5)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{dx} = (10x-5)^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot \left(\frac{10}{x(10x-5)} - \frac{\ln(10x-5)}{x^2} \right) \rightarrow 0, x \rightarrow \infty$$

Likewise, $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(10x)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{dx} \rightarrow 0$, when $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$(1) \rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x)' - \sum \left[(10x-5)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right]'}{(x)' - \sum \left[(10x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right]'} = \frac{1 - \sum 0}{1 - \sum 0} = 1. \text{ Therefore } \Omega = 1.$$

Solution 2 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n - \sqrt[n]{5} - \sqrt[n]{15} - \sqrt[n]{25} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n-5}}{n - \sqrt[n]{10} - \sqrt[n]{20} - \sqrt[n]{30} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt[n]{5} - 1) + (\sqrt[n]{15} - 1) + (\sqrt[n]{25} - 1) + \dots + (\sqrt[n]{10n-5} - 1)}{(\sqrt[n]{10} - 1) + (\sqrt[n]{20} - 1) + (\sqrt[n]{30} - 1) + \dots + (\sqrt[n]{10n} - 1)} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n} (\ln 5 + \ln 15 + \ln 25 + \dots + \ln(10n-5)) + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)}{\frac{1}{n} (\ln 10 + \ln 20 + \ln 30 + \dots + \ln(10n)) + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{r=1}^n \ln(10n-5)}{\sum_{r=1}^n \ln(10n)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{Stolz-Cesaro th}^m}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(10n-5)}{\ln(10n)} \\ \therefore \Omega &= \frac{n - \sqrt[n]{5} - \sqrt[n]{15} - \sqrt[n]{25} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n-5}}{n - \sqrt[n]{10} - \sqrt[n]{20} - \sqrt[n]{30} - \dots - \sqrt[n]{10n}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

545. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(1 - \frac{\log \left(1 + \frac{10\sqrt[n]{10}}{n} \right)^{n+1}}{\log \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{10}}{n+1} \right)^n} \right)$$

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Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(1 - \frac{(n+1) \ln \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt[n]{10}}{n} \right)}{n \ln \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{10}}{n+1} \right)} \right) =$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\frac{n \ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - (n+1) \ln \left(1 + \frac{10\sqrt{10}}{n} \right)}{n \ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{10\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - \ln \left(1 + \frac{10\sqrt{10}}{n} \right) \right]}{\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right)} - \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{10\sqrt{10}}{n} \right)}{\ln \left(1 + \frac{10\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right)} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right)}{\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right)}{\frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n}}}{\frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right)}{\frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1}}} \cdot \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{n\sqrt{10}} = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - \ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right) \right]}{\frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right)}{\frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - \ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right) \right]}{\frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{n\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n}} \cdot n \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - \ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right) \right] =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - \ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right) \right] \quad (3)$$

Let $f: [n, n+1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \ln \left(1 + \frac{10x}{x} \right)$. From Lagrange's theorem

$$\Rightarrow \exists c \in (n, n+1) \text{ which } \frac{f(n+1) - f(n)}{n+1 - n} = f'(c) \Rightarrow \ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - \ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right) = \frac{-10c^{\frac{1}{c}}}{c^2} \cdot \frac{c + \ln 10}{c + 10c^{\frac{1}{c}}} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (3)+(4)} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{n+1\sqrt{10}}{n+1} \right) - \ln \left(1 + \frac{n\sqrt{10}}{n} \right) \right] =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \cdot \frac{\left(-10c^{\frac{1}{c}} \right)}{c^2} \cdot \frac{c + \ln 10}{c + 10c^{\frac{1}{c}}} = -1 \quad (5) \text{ because } c \in (n, n+1).$$

From (1)+(2)+(5) $\Rightarrow \Omega = -2$.

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546. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}} - (H_n)^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}} \right)$$

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\pi + H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} - (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\pi + H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} - (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} - (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} \quad (1)$$

$$H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n = \infty$$

$$\Omega_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\pi + H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} - (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} \left(\left(\frac{\pi + H_n}{H_n} \right)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} - 1 \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\frac{1}{H_n}} \cdot H_n \left(e^{(1+\frac{1}{H_n}) \ln(1+\frac{\pi}{H_n})} - 1 \right) \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\frac{1}{H_n}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln H_n}{H_n}} \stackrel{C.S.}{=} e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln H_{n+1} - \ln H_n}{H_{n+1} - H_n}} = e \cdot \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{H_n + 1}{H_n}}{\frac{1}{n+1}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)} \cdot \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{H_{n+1} - H_n}{H_n} \right)}{\frac{H_{n+1} - H_n}{H_n}} \cdot \frac{H_{n+1} - H_n}{H_n}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)} \cdot \frac{1}{(n+1)H_n} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H_n}} = e^0 = 1 \quad (3)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n \cdot \frac{\left(e^{(1+\frac{1}{H_n}) \ln(1+\frac{\pi}{H_n})} \right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{H_n} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{H_n} \right)} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{H_n} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{H_n} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + H_n) \frac{\ln(1+\frac{\pi}{H_n})}{\frac{\pi}{H_n}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{H_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + H_n) \cdot \frac{\pi}{H_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{1+n} + \pi \right) = \pi \quad (4)$$

$$\text{From (2)+(3)+(4)} \Rightarrow \Omega_1 = \pi \quad (5)$$

$$\Omega_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{H_n}} - (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n)^{1+\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} \left(H_n^{\frac{\pi}{H_n(1+H_n)}} - 1 \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} \cdot H_n \left(H_n^{\frac{\pi}{H_n(1+H_n)}} - 1 \right) \quad (6)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} = 1 \quad (\text{from 3})$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_n \left(e^{\frac{\pi \ln H_n}{H_n(1+H_n)}} - 1 \right)}{\frac{\pi \ln H_n}{H_n(1+H_n)}} \cdot \frac{\pi \ln H_n}{H_n(1+H_n)} = \pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln H_n}{1+H_n} \stackrel{C.S.}{=} \pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln H_{n+1} - \ln H_n}{H_{n+1} - H_n} =$$

$$\pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \frac{H_{n+1}}{H_n}}{\frac{1}{n+1}} = 0 \quad (\text{from (3)}) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{From (6)+(7)} \Rightarrow \Omega_2 = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\text{From (5)+(8)} \Rightarrow \Omega = \pi$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}} = \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}} = \infty$$

$$\Omega \stackrel{\infty-\infty}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}} \left(\frac{(\pi+H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} \right) \right) =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(H_n^{\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(H_n \left(\frac{(\pi+H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} \right) \right) \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}} \stackrel{\infty^0}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln H_n}{\pi+H_n}} \stackrel{\text{Stolz-Cesaro}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln \frac{H_{n+1}}{H_n}}{\frac{1}{n+1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{(n+1)H_n} \right)}{\frac{1}{(n+1)H_n}}} = e^0 = 1$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n \left(\frac{(\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} \right) =$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n \left(e^{\left(\frac{\ln \left(\frac{(\pi+H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} \right) - 1 \right)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n \frac{e^{\left(\frac{\ln \left(\frac{(\pi+H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} \right) - 1 \right)} - 1}{\ln \left(\frac{(\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} \right)} \cdot \frac{\ln \left(\frac{(\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} \right)}{1} =$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n \cdot \ln \left(\frac{(\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1}{H_n}} \cdot \pi + H_n}{H_n^{\frac{1}{\pi + H_n}}} \right) \text{ because } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1+H_n}{H_n}}}{H_n^{\frac{1+\pi+H_n}{\pi+H_n}}} = 1$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(\left(\frac{(\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1}{H_n}} \cdot \pi + H_n}{H_n^{\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}}} \right)^{H_n} \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(\pi + H_n)^{\frac{1}{H_n}} \cdot \pi + H_n}{H_n^{\frac{1}{\pi+H_n}}} \right)^{H_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi + H_n}{H_n} \right)^{H_n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi + H_n}{H_n^{\frac{\pi+H_n}{H_n}}} \right) = l$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi + H_n}{H_n} \right)^{H_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\pi}{H_n} + 1 \right)^{\frac{H_n}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\pi}{H_n} \cdot H_n} = e^\pi$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi + H_n}{H_n^{\frac{\pi+H_n}{H_n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi}{H_n^{\frac{\pi+H_n}{H_n}}} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_n}{H_n^{\frac{\pi+H_n}{H_n}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n^{\frac{\pi}{\pi+H_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\pi}{\pi+H_n} \cdot \ln H_n} =$$

$$e^0 = 1 \Rightarrow l = e^\pi \Rightarrow \Omega = \ln e^\pi = \pi \Rightarrow \Omega = \pi.$$

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$$\omega_n = \sin \left(\frac{1}{n+1} \right) + \sin \left(\frac{1}{n+2} \right) + \dots + \sin \left(\frac{1}{2n} \right), n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{(n+1) \cdot \omega_{n+1}^{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{n \cdot \omega_n^n} \right)$$

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$$x \cos x \leq \sin x \leq x, \forall x \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n+k} \cos \frac{1}{2n} \leq \frac{1}{n+k} \cos \frac{1}{n+k} \leq \sin \frac{1}{n+k} \leq \frac{1}{n+k} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{1}{n+k} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{1+\frac{k}{n}} = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x} dx = \ln 2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega_n = \ln 2 \quad (3)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} \cdot \omega_{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} \omega_n \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} \cdot \omega_{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} \cdot \omega_{n+1} + \sqrt[n]{n} \omega_{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} \omega_n \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{n+1} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} \right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} (\omega_{n+1} - \omega_n) \quad (4) \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} (\omega_{n+1} - \omega_n) &= 1 \cdot (\ln 2 - \ln 2) = 0 \quad (5)\end{aligned}$$

Let $f: [n, n+1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{x}}$. From Lagrange's theorem $\exists c \in (n, n+1)$, so that:

$$\frac{f(n+1) - f(n)}{n+1 - n} = f'(c) \Rightarrow (n+1)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - n^{\frac{1}{n}} = f'(c) \quad (6)$$

$$f'(x) = x^{\frac{1}{x}} \left(\frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} \right) \quad (7)$$

$$\text{From (6) + (7)} \Rightarrow \sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} = c^{\frac{1}{c}} \left(\frac{1 - \ln c}{c^2} \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c^{\frac{1}{c}} \left(\frac{1 - \ln c}{c^2} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Because } c \in (n, n+1), \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{x}} \cdot \left(\frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} \right) = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{x}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{\ln x}{x}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}} = e^0 = 1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\frac{1}{x}}{2x} = 0\end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow (9)$$

$$\text{From (9)} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega_{n+1} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[n]{n} \right) = \ln 2 \cdot 0 = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\text{From (4) + (5) + (10)} \Rightarrow \Omega = 0.$$

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$$H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}, G_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}, T_n = \frac{H_n}{G_n}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\log(1 + 2^{T_n}) \log(1 + 7^{T_n})}{\log(1 + 3^{T_n}) \log(1 + 5^{T_n})} \right)$$

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+7^{T_n}) \cdot \ln(1+2^{T_n})}{\ln(1+5^{T_n}) \cdot \ln(1+3^{T_n})} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln(1+7^{T_n})}{T_n} \cdot \frac{\ln(1+2^{T_n})}{T_n}}{\frac{\ln(1+5^{T_n})}{T_n} \cdot \frac{\ln(1+3^{T_n})}{T_n}} \quad (1)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_n}{G_n} = \infty. \text{ Let } a > 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+a^{T_n})}{T_n} &\stackrel{\text{c.s.}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+a^{T_{n+1}}) - \ln(1+a^{T_n})}{T_{n+1} - T_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1+a^{T_{n+1}}}{1+a^{T_n}}\right)}{T_{n+1} - T_n} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1+a^{T_{n+1}}}{1+a^{T_n}} - 1\right)}{T_{n+1} - T_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{a^{T_{n+1}} - a^{T_n}}{1+a^{T_n}}\right)}{\frac{a^{T_{n+1}} - a^{T_n}}{1+a^{T_n}}} \cdot \frac{a^{T_{n+1}} - a^{T_n}}{(1+a^{T_n})(T_{n+1} - T_n)} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^{T_n}(a^{T_{n+1}-T_n}-1)}{(1+a^{T_n})(T_{n+1}-T_n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^{T_{n+1}-T_n-1}}{\left(\frac{1}{a^{T_n}}+1\right)(T_{n+1}-T_n)} = \ln a \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

From (1) $\Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{\ln 7 \cdot \ln 2}{\ln 5 \cdot \ln 3}$. **Observation:** $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{n+1} - T_n = 0$, because.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{H_{n+1}}{G_{n+1}} - \frac{H_n}{G_n} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}}{1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n^2+1)^2}} - \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) - \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}\right)}{G_n \cdot G_{n+1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{G_n \cdot G_{n+1}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) - \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{n+1} \right]}{G_n \cdot G_{n+1}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{because } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G_n = \frac{\pi^2}{6}, \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{n+1} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln(1+7^{T_n}) \ln(1+2^{T_n})}{\ln(1+5^{T_n}) \ln(1+3^{T_n})} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln(1+7^{T_n})}{\ln(1+5^{T_n})} \right) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln(1+2^{T_n})}{\ln(1+3^{T_n})} \right)$$

$$l_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln(1+7^{T_n})}{\ln(1+5^{T_n})} \right) \text{ and } l_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\ln(1+2^{T_n})}{\ln(1+3^{T_n})} \right)$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{1^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{\underset{\infty}{\infty}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}} = \infty \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n = \infty$$

$$l_1 \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{\underset{\infty}{\infty}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1+7^{T_{n+1}}}{1+7^{T_n}}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{1+5^{T_{n+1}}}{1+5^{T_n}}\right)}. \text{ Let } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+, \text{ we need to compute the limit:}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \alpha^{T_{n+1}}}{1 + \alpha^{T_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^{T_{n+1} - T_n} \frac{\alpha^{T_{n+1}} + 1}{\frac{1}{\alpha^{T_n}} + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha^{T_{n+1} - T_n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_{n+1} - T_n) \stackrel{\infty - \infty}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n \left(\frac{T_{n+1}}{T_n} - 1 \right) =$$

$$\frac{6}{\pi^2} \ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}}{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}}{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}} \right)^{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^{-1} \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n+1}}{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(n+1) \left(1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right)} \right)^{(n+1) \left(1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right)} = e^0 = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}}{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}} \right)^{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2 \left(1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)} \right)^{(n+1)^2 \left(1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \right)} = e^0 = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(\frac{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}}{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}} \right)^{1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^{-1} = 1$$

$$> \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_{n+1} - T_n = \ln(1) = 0 > \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \alpha^{T_{n+1}}}{1 + \alpha^{T_n}} = \alpha^0 = 1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{7^{T_{n+1}+1}}{7^{T_n+1}}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{5^{T_{n+1}+1}}{5^{T_n+1}}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\ln\left(\frac{7^{T_{n+1}}}{7^{T_n+1}} - 1 + 1\right)}{7^{T_{n+1}} - 7^{T_n}} \cdot \frac{7^{T_{n+1}} - 7^{T_n}}{7^{T_n+1}}}{\frac{\ln\left(\frac{5^{T_{n+1}+1}}{5^{T_n+1}} - 1 + 1\right)}{5^{T_{n+1}} - 5^{T_n}}} \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7^{T_{n+1}} - 7^{T_n}}{7^{T_n+1}} \cdot \frac{5^{T_n+1}}{5^{T_{n+1}} - 5^{T_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7^{T_{n+1}} - 7^{T_n}}{5^{T_{n+1}} - 5^{T_n}} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{T_n} = \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{T_n} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{7}\right)^{T_n} \cdot \frac{7^{T_{n+1}-T_n} - 1}{5^{T_{n+1}-T_n} - 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{7^{T_{n+1}-T_n} - 1}{5^{T_{n+1}-T_n} - 1} = \frac{\ln 7}{\ln 5} = l_1 \end{aligned}$$

Because we proved that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (T_{n+1} - T_n) = 0$ we can prove in the same way that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1 + 2^{T_n})}{\ln(1 + 3^{T_n})} = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3} = l_2 \Rightarrow \Omega = l_1 l_2 = \frac{\ln 7}{\ln 5} \cdot \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3} \Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{\ln 7}{\ln 5} \cdot \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$

549. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \log 2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{1}{n+k} \right)^n$$

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Solution by Michael Sterghiou-Greece

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \ln 2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{1}{k+n} \right)^n \quad (1)$$

Lemma: $\forall x \in [0, \Gamma]: x \left(1 - \frac{x}{\Gamma}\right) \leq \sin x \leq x$. LHS is easily proven by considering the function

$$f(x) = x \left(1 - \frac{x}{\Gamma}\right) - \sin x \text{ over } [0, \Gamma].$$

$$x = \frac{1}{k+n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{n+k} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(n+k)}\right] \leq \sin \frac{1}{n+k} \leq \frac{1}{n+k} \quad (2). \text{ We know that}$$

$\sum_1^\infty \frac{1}{n} = \infty$ and that $\sum_1^n \frac{1}{k} = \ln 2 - \gamma + \varepsilon_n$ where $\gamma = \text{constant}$ and $\varepsilon \simeq \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 0, k \rightarrow \infty$.

Also $\sum_1^{2n} \frac{1}{k} = \ln(2n) - \gamma + \varepsilon_{2n}, \varepsilon_{2n} \simeq \frac{1}{4n}$. This means that

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$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{2n} \frac{1}{k} \right) - \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right) = \ln 2 - \frac{1}{4n}. \text{ Now, } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{r^2}{6}, \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2n)^2} = \frac{r^2}{6} \text{ therefore}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(n+k)^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty. \text{ Taking sums to infinity in (2)} \rightarrow$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k+n} - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\Gamma(k+n)^2} \right) = \ln 2 - 0 \text{ and in the RHS } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} = \ln 2.$$

We can write also $\ln 2 - \frac{1}{4n} < \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k+n} < \ln 2 - \frac{1}{4n}$ and in turn:

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{4n} \right)^n < \left(1 - \ln 2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \sin \frac{1}{k+n} \right)^n < \left(1 - \frac{1}{4n} \right)^n$$

Taking limits $e^{-\frac{1}{4}} < \Omega < e^{-\frac{1}{4}}$ hence $\Omega = e^{-\frac{1}{4}}$. Done!

550. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1 + 2^p \cdot \sqrt{2} + 3^p \cdot \sqrt[3]{3} + \dots + n^p \cdot \sqrt[n]{n})^{q+1}}{(1^q + 3^q + 5^q + \dots + (2n-1)^q)^{p+1}}, p, q \in \mathbb{N}, p, q \geq 1$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\Omega_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1 + 2^p \sqrt{2} + 3^p \sqrt[3]{3} + \dots + n^p \sqrt[n]{n})^{q+1}}{(1^q + 3^q + \dots + (2n-1)^q)^{p+1}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n \cdot y_n) \text{ where } x_n = \frac{(1 + 2^p \sqrt{2} + 3^p \sqrt[3]{3} + \dots + n^p \sqrt[n]{n})^{q+1}}{n} \text{ and}$$

$$y_n = \frac{n}{(1 + 3^q + \dots + (2n-1)^q)^{p+1}} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, p, q \geq 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[q+1]{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2^p \sqrt{2} + 3^p \sqrt[3]{3} + \dots + n^p \sqrt[n]{n}}{q+1 \sqrt[n]{n}} \stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{p+1} \sqrt[n+1]{n+1}}{q+1 \sqrt[n+1]{n+1} - q+1 \sqrt[n]{n}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^{\frac{q}{q+1}} \frac{(n+1)^{p+1} \sqrt[n+1]{n+1}}{1}}{\frac{(1+\frac{1}{n})^{q+1} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) = (q+1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{q}{q+1}} (n+1)^p \text{ where } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = (q+1)^{q+1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^q (n+1)^{p(q+1)}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[p+1]{y_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[p+1]{n}}{1 + 3^q + \dots + (2n-1)^q} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[p+1]{n+1} - \sqrt[p+1]{n}}{(2n+1)^q}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(n^{-\frac{p}{1+p}} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{(2n+1)^q} \right) = \frac{1}{p+1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{p}{1+p}} (2n+1)^q}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \frac{1}{(p+1)^{p+1}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^p (2n+1)^{q(p+1)}}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = \frac{(q+1)^{q+1}}{(p+1)^{p+1}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^q (n+1)^{p(q+1)}}{n^p (2n+1)^{q(p+1)}} = \frac{(q+1)^{q+1}}{2^{p(q+1)} (p+1)^{p+1}} \text{ (Answer)}$$

551. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} (-1)^k \cdot \frac{1}{\binom{2n}{k}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \frac{(-1)^k (k)! (2n-k)!}{(2n)!}; \quad L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} \sum_{k=0}^{2n} (2n-k)! (k)! (-1)^k \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(2n)!} ((2n)! - (2n-1)! + (2n-2)! (2)! - (2n-3)! (3)! \dots) + (2n-1)! + (2n)! \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2((2n)! - (2n-1)! + (2n-2)! (2)!)}{(2n)!} + \frac{(n!)^2 (-1)^n}{(2n)!} = 2 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n (n!)^2}{(2n)!} \\ &= 2 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n\pi \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^{2n}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sqrt{2n} \left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{2n}} \end{aligned}$$

$$L = 2 + L_1; \quad L_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sqrt{n\pi}}{(2)_{2n}} \Rightarrow L_1 = 0; \quad L = 2 \text{ (Answer)}$$

552. Find:

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$$\Omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (\zeta(n+1) - 1)$$

Proposed by Khalef Ruhemi-Jarash-Jordan

Solution by proposer

$$\begin{aligned} I &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (\zeta(n+1) - 1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^{n+1}} - 1 \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^{n+1}} \right) = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{j^{n+1}} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{j} \right)^{n+1} = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{1}{j} \right)^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{j}} \right) = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2 + j} = \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{j} - \frac{1}{j+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} + \dots = \frac{1}{2} \\ \therefore I &:= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} (\zeta(n+1) - 1) = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

553. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{n^2 + n + k^2}{n^2 + k^2} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Șerban George Florin – Romania

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{n^2 + n + k^2}{n^2 + k^2} = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2 + k^2} \right) > 1 \\ \ln a_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n \ln \left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2 + k^2} \right) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} &= 1, (\forall) x_n \rightarrow 0, (\forall) \varepsilon > 0, \left| \frac{\ln(1+x_n)}{x_n} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

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$$-\varepsilon < \frac{\ln(1+x_n)}{x_n} - 1 < \varepsilon, -\varepsilon x_n < \ln(1+x_n) - x_n < \varepsilon x_n$$

$$(1-\varepsilon)x_n < \ln(1+x_n) < (1+\varepsilon)x_n, x_n = \frac{n}{n^2+k^2} \rightarrow 0; n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(1-\varepsilon) \frac{n}{n^2+k^2} < \ln\left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2+k^2}\right) < (1+\varepsilon) \frac{n}{n^2+k^2}$$

$$(1-\varepsilon)n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n^2+k^2} < \sum_{k=1}^n \ln\left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2+k^2}\right) < (1+\varepsilon)n \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n^2+k^2}$$

$$\frac{(1-\varepsilon)n}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2} < \ln a_n < \frac{(1+\varepsilon)n}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2}$$

$$(1-\varepsilon) \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2} < \ln a_n < (1+\varepsilon) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2}$$

$$\downarrow < \ln a_n < \downarrow$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} < \ln a_n < \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln a_n = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = \arctan x \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Solution 2 by Nassim Nicholas Taleb – USA

$$\Omega = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Proof.

$$f = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2 + n^2 + n}{k^2 + n^2}$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{x-1}{x} < \log(x) < x-1,$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n}{k^2 + n + n^2} < \log(f) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\log\left(\frac{k^2 + n^2 + n}{k^2 + n^2}\right) \right) < \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n}{k^2 + n^2}$$

We have various ways to go about it. Note that by removing the logs we have something resembling Dirichlet series.

$$\text{We have the upper bound taken continuously } \int_0^n \frac{n}{k^2+n^2} dk = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

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and the lower bound $\int_0^n \frac{n}{k^2+n^2+n} dk = \frac{\sqrt{n} \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}}\right)}{\sqrt{n+1}}$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n} \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{n+1}}\right)}{\sqrt{n+1}} = \frac{\pi}{4}$, which completes the proof.

554. Evaluate:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{x} dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

As $\tan^{-1} x$ is an increasing function, $\tan^{-1}(2n) \leq \tan^{-1} x \leq \tan^{-1}(3n)$,

$$\forall x \in [2n, 3n] \Rightarrow \frac{\tan^{-1}(2n)}{x} \leq \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} \leq \frac{\tan^{-1}(3n)}{x} \quad \forall x \in [2n, 3n]$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}(2n) \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{1}{x} dx \leq \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{x} dx \leq \tan^{-1}(3n) \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{1}{x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow (\tan^{-1}(2n)) \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \leq \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{x} dx \leq \tan^{-1}(3n) \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Taking limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\tan^{-1}(x)}{x} dx \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Solution 2 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} dx [x \rightarrow nx] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^3 \frac{\tan^{-1} nx}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_2^3 \frac{dx}{x} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{2} \ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Solution 3 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

Let $\frac{x}{n} = y$; $dx = n dy \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tan^{-1}(ny)}{y} dy \Rightarrow \int_2^3 \frac{1}{y} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\tan^{-1}(ny)) dy$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \int_2^3 \frac{1}{y} dy \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} [\ln(y)]_2^3 \text{ (OR) } \Omega = \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\ln\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\right) \text{ (Q.E.D)}$$

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Solution 4 by Amir Sofi-France

By integration par parts

$$\int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx = \arctan 3n \ln 3n - \arctan 2n \ln 2n - \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \ln x dx$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\arctan 3n \ln 3n - \arctan 2n \ln 2n) = \frac{1}{2} \pi \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{\ln 2n}{1+9n^2} \leq \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \ln x dx \leq \frac{\ln 3n}{1+4n^2} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \ln x dx = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \int_{2n}^{3n} \frac{\arctan(x)}{x} dx \xrightarrow{n \nearrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \pi \ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$$

555. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \varepsilon > 0}} \left(\int_{\varepsilon}^1 \left(\frac{\log(1+x)}{x(1+x^2)} \right) dx \right)$$

Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa – Romania

Solution by Togrul Ehmedov-Baku-Azerbaijan

$$I = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x(1+x^2)} dx = \int_0^1 \ln(1+x) \left[\frac{A}{x} + \frac{Bx+C}{1+x^2} \right] dx$$

$$A = 1; B = -1; C = 0$$

$$I = \int_0^1 \ln(1+x) \left[\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{1+x^2} \right] dx = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} dx - \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln(1+x)}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$N = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} dx; M = \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln(1+x)}{1+x^2} dx$$

$$N = \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} dx = \ln(x) \ln(1+x) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{\ln x}{1+x} dx = - \int_0^1 \frac{\ln x}{1+x} dx = -Li_2(-1) = \frac{\pi^2}{12}$$

$$M = \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln(1+x)}{1+x^2} dx; M(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{x \ln(1+ax)}{1+x^2} dx$$

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$$M'(a) = \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{(1+x^2)(1+ax)} dx = \int_0^1 \left[\frac{Ax+B}{1+x^2} + \frac{C}{1+ax} \right] dx$$

$$A = \frac{a}{1+a^2}; B = -\frac{1}{1+a^2}; C = \frac{1}{1+a^2}$$

$$M'(a) = \int_0^1 \left[\frac{\frac{a}{1+a^2}x - \frac{1}{1+a^2}}{1+x^2} + \frac{1}{1+ax} \right] dx = \frac{1}{1+a^2} \int_0^1 \frac{ax-1}{1+x^2} dx + \frac{1}{1+a^2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+ax}$$

$$= \frac{a}{1+a^2} \int_0^1 \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx - \frac{1}{1+a^2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx + \frac{1}{1+a^2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+ax} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{a}{1+a^2} - \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{1+a^2} + \frac{\ln(1+a)}{a(1+a^2)}$$

$$M(a) = M(1) - M(0) = M(1)$$

$$M = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 \int_0^1 \frac{a}{1+a^2} da - \frac{\pi}{4} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+a^2} da + \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+a)}{a(1+a^2)} da = \frac{1}{4} \ln^2 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{16} + I$$

$$I = N - M = \frac{\pi^2}{12} - \left(\frac{1}{4} \ln^2 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{16} + I \right); I = \frac{7\pi^2}{96} - \frac{1}{8} \ln^2 2$$

556. Find:

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{(25k^2 + 5k - 6)(n-k+1)^2} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Naren Bhandari-Nepal

Since $\frac{1}{25k^2+5k-6} = \frac{1}{(5k+3)(5k-2)} = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{5k-2} - \frac{1}{5k+3} \right)$. The sum can be written as:

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{5k-2} - \frac{1}{5k+3} \right) \frac{1}{(n-k+1)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5k-2} - \frac{1}{5k+3} \right) \frac{1}{(n-k+1)^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5k-2} - \frac{1}{5k+3} \right) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{90}$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Vietnam

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{25k^2 + 5k - 6} \cdot \frac{1}{(n-k+1)^2} \right] \right) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{25k^2 + 5k - 6} \cdot \frac{1}{(n-k+1)^2} \right] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{25k^2 + 5k - 6} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{25k^2 + 5k - 6} \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{6} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{5k-2} - \frac{1}{5k+3} \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{30} \cdot \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{8} - \dots - \frac{1}{5m-2} + \frac{1}{5m-2} - \frac{1}{5m+3} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{30} \cdot \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5m+3} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{90} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{5} \left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5k-2} - \frac{1}{5k+3} \right) \left(\frac{1}{(n-k+1)^2} \right) \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \left[\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right) \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5k-2} - \frac{1}{5k+3} \right) \right) \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{30} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{5k+3} - \frac{1}{5k+8} \right) \right] \\ &\Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{30} \left[\frac{1}{5} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{k + \frac{3}{5}} - \frac{1}{k + \frac{8}{5}} \right) \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{150} \left[\psi \left(\frac{8}{5} \right) - \psi \left(\frac{3}{5} \right) \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\pi^2}{150} \left[\frac{5}{3} \right] \\ &\text{(OR) } \Omega = \frac{\pi^2}{90} \text{ (Answer)} \end{aligned}$$

557. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\operatorname{arcsec}(nx) \cdot \log(1-x)}{2x^2 - 2x + 1} \right) dx \right)$$

Proposed by Abdul Mukhtar-Nigeria

Solution 1 by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\sec^{-1}(nx) \ln(1-x)}{2 \left(x^2 - x + \frac{1}{2} \right)} dx, \quad \Omega = \frac{\pi}{4} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(1-x)}{\left(x - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2} dx$$

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$$\Omega = \pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2} + x\right) dx}{(2x)^2 + 1}, \quad \Omega = \pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(2x + 1) - \ln 2}{(2x)^2 + 1} dx$$

$$\Omega = \pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\ln(2x + 1)}{(2x)^2 + 1} dx - \left(\frac{\pi^2 \ln 2}{8}\right)$$

$$\text{Put } 2x = t, I = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\ln(1+t)}{t^2+1} dt = \frac{\pi^2}{16} \ln 2; \quad \Omega = \frac{\pi^2 \ln 2}{16}$$

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\operatorname{arcsec}(nx) \log(1-x)}{2x^2 - 2x + 1} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{arcsec}(nx) \log(1-x)}{2 \left\{ \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \right\}} dx = \frac{\pi}{4} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\log(1-x)}{\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{4}} dx \\ &= -\frac{\pi}{4} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^0 \frac{\log\left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{z^2 + \frac{1}{4}} dz \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{where } \frac{1}{2} - x = z \Rightarrow dx = -dz \\ \text{when } x = 0, z = \frac{1}{2}; \text{ when } x = \frac{1}{2}, z = 0 \end{array} \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{4} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\log\left(z + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{z^2 + \frac{1}{4}} dz = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \log\left(\frac{\tan \theta + 1}{2}\right) d\theta \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{where } z = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta \Rightarrow dz = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\ \text{when } z = 0, \theta = 0; \text{ when } z = \frac{1}{2}, \theta = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{array} \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \log\left(\frac{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \theta\right) + 1}{2}\right) d\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \log\left(\frac{1 - \tan \theta}{1 + \tan \theta} + 1\right) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{8} \log 2 - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log\left(\frac{\tan \theta + 1}{2}\right) d\theta \Rightarrow 2\Omega = \frac{\pi^2 \log 2}{8} \Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{\pi^2 \log 2}{16} \end{aligned}$$

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558. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^n} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(2 - \frac{3}{3k-1} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For $0 \leq x < 1$, let $f(x) = e^{-x} - (1-x)$; $f'(x) = -e^{-x} + 1 = 1 - e^{-x} > 0$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ increases on $[0, 1] \Rightarrow f(x) > f(0)$ for $0 < x < 1 \Rightarrow e^{-x} > 1-x$ for $0 < x < 1$

Let $a_k = \frac{3}{6k-2}$. Note $0 < a_k < 1$. Thus, $1 - a_k < e^{-a_k} \Rightarrow$

$0 < \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - a_k) < e^{-\sum_{k=1}^n a_k}$. As $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ diverges, $e^{-\sum_{k=1}^n a_k} \rightarrow e^{-\infty} = 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - a_k) = 0$$

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Vietnam

$$U_n = \frac{1}{2^n} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(2 - \frac{3}{3k-1} \right) = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{6k-5}{6k-2};$$

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{4};$$

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{10} = \frac{7}{40} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6 \cdot 2 - 6}};$$

$$U_3 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{10} \cdot \frac{13}{16} = \frac{91}{640} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6 \cdot 3 - 6}};$$

$$U_4 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{7}{10} \cdot \frac{13}{16} \cdot \frac{19}{22} = \frac{1729}{14080} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6 \cdot 4 - 6}}$$

...

$$U_n = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{6k-5}{6k-2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6n-6}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < U_n < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6n-6}} \quad \forall n \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_n = 0$$

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Solution 3 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{1}{2^n} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(2 - \frac{3}{3k-1}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{3}{6k-2}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{6k-5}{6k-2} \quad (1)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{1 \cdot 7} < \frac{1+7}{2} = 4 \\ \sqrt{7 \cdot 13} < \frac{7+13}{2} = 10 \\ \sqrt{13 \cdot 19} < \frac{13+19}{2} = 16 \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{(6n-11)(6n-5)} < 6n-8 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot \dots \cdot (6n-11) \sqrt{6n-5} < 4 \cdot 10 \cdot \dots \cdot (6n-8) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot \dots \cdot (6n-11) \sqrt{6n-5}}{4 \cdot 10 \cdot \dots \cdot (6n-8)} < 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot \dots \cdot (6n-5)}{4 \cdot 10 \cdot \dots \cdot (6n-2)} < \frac{\sqrt{6n-5}}{6n-2} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1)+(2)} \Rightarrow 0 < a_n < \frac{\sqrt{6n-5}}{6n-2} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$$

559. $x_0 > 0, x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{x_1^p} + \frac{1}{x_2^p} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n^p}, p \in \mathbb{N}^*$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[p+1]{n^{p+2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j} \right)$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\text{We know, } \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+u)^r - 1}{u} = r$$

$$x_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^p} = x_n + \frac{1}{x_n^p}, p \in \mathbb{N}^* \text{ and } x_0 > 0$$

Now, $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is an increasing function hence let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l$

$$\therefore l = l + \frac{1}{l^p} \Rightarrow l \rightarrow \infty, \text{ which is a contradiction, } \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$$

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$$\therefore \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[p+1]{n^{p+2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j} \right) \Rightarrow \sqrt{2}\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[p+1]{n^{p+2}}} \cdot \sqrt{2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2}\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt[p+1]{n^{p+2}}} \cdot \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{\sqrt[p+1]{n^{p+2}}}$$

$$\left[\because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}{n^{p+1}} = 0 \right]$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{\frac{p+2}{p+1}} - n^{\frac{p+2}{p+1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x_{n+1}}{\sqrt[p+1]{n}}}{\frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{p+2}{p+1}} - 1}{\frac{1}{n}}} = \frac{p+1}{p+2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{\sqrt[p+1]{n}}$$

$$= \frac{p+1}{p+2} \sqrt[p+1]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}^{p+1}}{n}} \stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \frac{p+1}{p+2} \sqrt[p+1]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+2}^{p+1} - x_{n+1}^{p+1})}$$

$$= \frac{p+1}{p+2} \sqrt[p+1]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(x_{n+1} + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^p} \right)^{p+1} - x_{n+1}^{p+1} \right\}} = \frac{p+1}{p+2} \sqrt[p+1]{\lim_{x_{n+1} \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^{p+1}}\right)^{p+1} - 1}{\frac{1}{x_{n+1}^{p+1}}}}$$

$$= \frac{(p+1)^{p+1} \sqrt[p+1]{p+1}}{p+2} = \frac{p+1 \sqrt[p+1]{(p+1)^{p+2}}}{p+2} \Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{p+1 \sqrt[p+1]{(p+1)^{p+2}}}{\sqrt{2}(p+2)} \quad (\text{Answer})$$

560. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{ne}^{n\pi} \frac{\log(1+5x)}{x \log(1+2x)} dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{ne}^{n\pi} \frac{\ln(1+5x)}{x \ln(1+2x)} dx [x \rightarrow nx] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_e^{\pi} \frac{\ln(1+5nx)}{x \ln(1+2nx)} dx =$$

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$$= \int_e^\pi \frac{1}{x} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+5nx)}{\ln(1+2nx)} dx = \int_e^\pi \frac{1}{x} dx \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{ne}^{n\pi} \frac{\ln(1+5x)}{x \ln(1+2x)} dx = \ln \pi - 1$$

Solution 2 by Igor Soposki-Skopje-Macedonia

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{ne}^{n\pi} \frac{\ln(1+5x)}{x \ln(1+2x)} dx = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x}{n} = t \\ x = nt \\ dx = ndt \end{array} \right\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_e^\pi \frac{\ln(1+5nt)}{nt \ln(1+2nt)} \cdot ndt =$$

$$= \int_e^\pi \frac{1}{t} \cdot \underbrace{\left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot \ln(1+5nt)}{n \cdot \ln(1+2nt)} \right]}_L dt = \int_e^\pi \frac{dt}{t} = \ln t = \ln \frac{\pi}{e}$$

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+5nt)}{\ln(1+2nt)} \stackrel{LR}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+5nt} \cdot 5t}{\frac{1}{1+2nt} \cdot 2t} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{1+2nt}{1+5nt} \stackrel{LR}{=} \frac{5}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2t}{5t} = 1$$

Solution 3 by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

$$I = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{ne}^{n\pi} \frac{\ln(1+5x)}{x \ln(1+2x)} dx$$

Put $x = ny$; $dx = ndy$

$$I = \int_e^\pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(1+5ny)}{y \ln(1+2ny)} dy = \int_e^\pi \frac{dy}{y} = \ln \left(\frac{\pi}{e} \right)$$

561. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \right)^n$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Caesaro}}{=} \stackrel{\text{Stolz}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}} = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = -1$$

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Let us consider a sequence $u_n: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ for all $n \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n &= \frac{\pi^2}{6} \text{ now } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^n = \lim_{\frac{1}{u_n} \rightarrow \infty} \left\{1 + \frac{1}{u_n}\right\}^{nu_n} \\ &= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right)} = \frac{1}{e} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$, we have $1^\infty \Rightarrow$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right)^n = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right)} \quad (1)$$

Now, using Cesaro-Stolz for $\frac{0}{0} \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{6}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{(n+1)^2}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{(n+1)^2}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}}{n(n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-n}{n+1} = -1 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

From (1)+(2) $\Rightarrow \Omega = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$.

562. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 \cdot n + 3 \cdot (n-1) + 5 \cdot (n-2) + \dots + (2n-1) \cdot 1}{(n+1)^4 - n^4}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\sum_{r=1}^n (2r-1)(n-r+1)}{(n+1)^4 - n^4} \right]; \quad \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\sum_{r=1}^n (2rn - 2r^2 + 2r - n + r - 1)}{(n+1)^4 - n^4} \right] \\ \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2n \sum_{r=1}^n r - 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^n r - (1+n) \sum_{r=1}^n 1 + \sum_{r=1}^n r}{(n+1)^4 - n^4} \right] \\ \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\frac{2n \cdot n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + 3 \sum_{r=1}^n r - n(n+1)}{(n+1)^4 - n^4} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n^2(n+1) - \frac{2n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + \frac{3n(n+1)}{2} - n(n+1)}{[(n+1)^2 + n^2][(n+1)^2 - n^2]} \right]$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1) \left[n - \frac{(2n+1)}{3} + \frac{3}{2} - 1 \right]}{[(n+1)^2 + n^2][(2n+1)]}; \quad \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6(2n+1)(2n^2 + 2n + 1)} \right]$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(n^2 + n)}{6(2n^2 + 2n + 1)} \right]; \quad \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{6 \left[\frac{2(n^2 + n) + 1}{n^2 + n} \right]} \right]$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{6 \left[2 + \frac{1}{n^2 + n} \right]} \right]; \quad \Omega = \frac{1}{12}$$

563. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\log \left(\Gamma \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \right) + \log \left(\Gamma \left(\frac{2}{n} \right) \right) + \dots + \log \left(\Gamma \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) \right)}{n} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Farid Khelili-Algerie

Let $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \ln \Gamma \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) + \ln \Gamma \left(\frac{2}{n} \right) + \dots + \ln \Gamma \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) \right\}$ then

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln \left\{ \Gamma \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \cdot \Gamma \left(\frac{2}{n} \right) \cdot \dots \cdot \Gamma \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) \right\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(a_n)}{n}$$

$$\text{where } a_n = \Gamma \left(\frac{1}{n} \right) \cdot \Gamma \left(\frac{2}{n} \right) \cdot \dots \cdot \Gamma \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Gamma \left(\frac{k}{n} \right)$$

Since $a_n = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Gamma \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Gamma \left(1 - \frac{k}{n} \right)$ then $a_n^2 = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left\{ \Gamma \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) \Gamma \left(1 - \frac{k}{n} \right) \right\} = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\pi}{\sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{n} \right)}$

where we have used the reflection formula $\Gamma \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) \Gamma \left(1 - \frac{k}{n} \right) = \frac{\pi}{\sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{n} \right)}$

Using the factorization $\frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1} = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \left(x - \exp \left(\frac{2k\pi i}{n} \right) \right); n \geq 1$

to get $\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{n} \right) = \frac{n}{2^{n-1}}$; then $a_n^2 = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{\pi}{\sin \left(\frac{k\pi}{n} \right)} = \frac{1}{n} (2\pi)^{n-1}; n \geq 1$

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It follows that $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(a_n)}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(a_n^2)}{2n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{n}(2\pi)^{n-1}\right)}{2n}$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n} \{(n-1) \ln(2\pi) - \ln n\} = \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi) = \ln(\sqrt{2\pi})$$

Solution 2 by Naren Bhandari-Nepal

$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \log \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \right) = \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(x) dx$. We have that:

$$\int_0^z \log \Gamma(x) dx = \frac{z}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{z(z-1)}{2} + z \log(z) - \log G(z+1)$$

Setting limits gives us $L = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi)$

Note: $G(z+1) = \Gamma(z)G(z)$ where $G(z)$ is the G -function and $G(0) = 0, G(1) = 1$.

Solution 3 by Abdul Mukhtar-Nigeria

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \ln \left(\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \right) = \int_0^1 \ln(\Gamma(x)) dx = \int_0^{n+1} \log \Gamma(x) dx$$

Set $f(a) = \int_0^{a+1} \log \Gamma(x) dx$. Differentiate both sides

$$f'(a) = \log(1+a) - \log \Gamma(a) = \log(a); f'(a) = \log(a)$$

Integrate both sides $f(a) = a \log(a) - a + c$. Set $a = 0$

$$f(0) = 0 + c \Rightarrow c = \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(x) dx. \text{ By reflection formula}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(x) dx &= \int_0^1 \log(\pi) dx - \int_0^1 \log \sin(\pi x) dx - \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(1-x) dx \\ &= 2 \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(x) dx = \int_0^1 \log(\pi) dx - \int_0^1 \log \sin(\pi x) dx = \log(2\pi) - \int_0^1 \log |2 \sin(\pi x)| dx \end{aligned}$$

$\int_0^1 \log |2 \sin(\pi x)| dx \Rightarrow$ Clausen integral. So, $\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \log \left| 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \right| dx = \frac{2}{\pi} Cl_2(2\pi) = 0$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 \log \Gamma(x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) = \log \sqrt{2\pi}$$

Solution 4 by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^{n-1} \left(\log \left(\Gamma \left(\frac{r}{n} \right) \right) \right)$$

$$\Gamma = \int_0^1 \log(\Gamma(x)) dx \quad (1), \quad \Omega = \int_0^1 \log(\Gamma(1-x)) dx \quad (2)$$

$$(1)+(2): \Omega = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log(\pi \csc(x\pi)) dx$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{2} \left(\log \pi + \int_0^1 \ln(\csc \pi x) dx \right) \quad \Omega = \ln \sqrt{\pi} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \ln(\csc x) dx$$

$$\Omega = \ln \sqrt{\pi} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\sin x) dx$$

$$\Omega = \ln \sqrt{\pi} + \frac{\pi}{2\pi} (\ln 2) = \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}) \quad (\text{Answer})$$

Solution 5 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \ln \left(\Gamma \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \ln \left(\Gamma \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) \right) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 \ln(\Gamma(t)) dt \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Let } I(x) = \int_x^{x+1} \ln(\Gamma(t)) dt$$

$$I'(x) = \ln(\Gamma(x+1)) - \ln(\Gamma(x)) \quad (2)$$

$$I'(x) = \ln(x) \quad (3)$$

Now, integrate equation (3), w.r.t. x , we get, $I(x) = x \ln(x) - x + C \quad (4)$

$$\text{Now, } I(0) = \int_0^1 \ln(\Gamma(t)) dt \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln(\pi) [t]_0^1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \ln(\sin(\pi t)) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ln(\pi)}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \ln(\sin t) dt \Rightarrow \frac{\ln(\pi)}{2} + \frac{\ln(2)}{2}$$

$$(OR) I(0) = \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}). \text{ Put } x = 0 \text{ in equation (4), we get, } \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}) = I(0) = C + 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Put } x = 0, \text{ we get, } \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}) = x \ln(x) - x + C. \text{ We get, } C = \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}) \quad (6)$$

$$\text{Putting the value of } C \text{ in equation (4), we get, } I(x) = x \ln(x) - x + \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}) \quad (7)$$

Now, coming back to the (1). Put $x = 0$ in equation (8), we get, $\Omega = I(0) = \ln(\sqrt{2\pi})$

$$(OR) \Omega = \ln(\sqrt{2\pi}) \quad (\text{Answer})$$

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Solution 6 by Nassim Nicholas Taleb-USA

$$\text{First, } \exp\left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \log\left(\Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)\right)}{n}\right) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

We can use 2 identities:

$$\text{First identity, } \Gamma(x)\Gamma(1-x) = \pi \cos[\pi x]$$

$$\text{Second, } \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{n}\right) = \frac{2^{-1+n}}{n}$$

We have

$$\left(\prod_{k=1}^n \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)\right)^2 = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \Gamma\left(1 - \frac{k}{n}\right) = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \pi \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{n}\right) = \frac{2^{n-1} \pi^{n-1}}{n}$$

$$\left(\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{n-k}{n}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \Gamma\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \left(\frac{(2\pi)^{-1+n}}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2/n}}$$

$$\text{Taking logs, we need the } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left(\frac{(2\pi)^{n-1}}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{2n}} =$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\log[2]}{2} - \frac{\log[2]}{2n} - \frac{\log[n]}{2n} + \frac{\log[\pi]}{2} - \frac{\log[\pi]}{2n}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \log[2\pi]$$

Solution 7 by Nassim Nicholas Taleb-USA

$$\text{Looking for } \int_0^1 \log(\Gamma(x)) dx$$

We have, for x real,

$$\int \frac{\Gamma'(x)}{\Gamma(x)} dx = \log(\Gamma(x)) \cdot \int_0^z \log(\Gamma(x)) dx \text{ is therefore by definition the Polygamma}$$

function with negative second order derivative

$$\psi^{(-2)}(z). \text{ For } z = 1, \psi^{(-2)}(1) = \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi).$$

564. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \left({}^{n+5}\sqrt{7} - {}^{n+8}\sqrt{7} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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Solution 1 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{7^{\frac{1}{n+5}} - 7^{\frac{1}{n+8}}}{\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right)} \right]$$

$$\text{Put } n = \frac{1}{t}, n \rightarrow \infty, t \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{7^{\frac{t}{71+5t} - \frac{t}{71+8t}}}{t^2} \right)$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 7^{\frac{t}{71+8t}} \frac{\left[7^{\left(\frac{t}{71+5t} - \frac{t}{71+8t}\right)} - 1 \right]}{t^2}, \quad \Omega = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 7^{\frac{t}{71+8t}} \frac{\left[7^{\frac{3t^2}{7(1+5t)(1+8t)}} - 1 \right]}{t^2}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} 7^{\frac{t}{71+8t}} \left[\frac{7^{\frac{3t^2}{7(1+5t)(1+8t)}} - 1}{\frac{3t^2}{(1+5t)(1+8t)}} \right] \cdot \frac{3t^2}{t^2(1+5t)(1+8t)}$$

$$\Omega = 1 \times \ln 7 \times \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{3t^2}{t^2(1+5t)(1+8t)} \left\{ \because \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^t - 1}{t} = \ln a \right\}$$

$$\Omega = 3 \ln 7$$

Solution 2 by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{7^{\frac{x}{5x+1}} - 7^{\frac{x}{8x+1}}}{x^2} \right] \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln 7 \frac{\left(\frac{x}{5x+1} - \frac{x}{8x+1} \right)}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln 7 \left(\frac{3x^2}{x^2(40x^2 + 13x + 1)} \right) \Rightarrow 3 \ln 7 = \ln(343)$$

Solution 3 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \left(7^{\frac{1}{n+5}} - 7^{\frac{1}{n+8}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 7^{\frac{1}{n+8}} \left(7^{\frac{1}{n+5} - \frac{1}{n+8}} - 1 \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \cdot \frac{1}{7^{\frac{1}{n+8}}} \cdot \left(7^{\frac{3}{(n+5)(n+8)}} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 7^{\frac{1}{n+8}} \frac{\left(7^{\frac{3}{(n+5)(n+8)}} - 1 \right)}{\frac{3}{(n+5)(n+8)}} \cdot \frac{3n^2}{(n+5)(n+8)} = 3 \ln 7 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Kartick Chandra Betal-India

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 \left[7^{\frac{1}{n+5}} - 7^{\frac{1}{n+8}} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 e^{\frac{1}{n+8}} \left[e^{\left(\frac{1}{n+5} - \frac{1}{n+8}\right) \ln 7} - 1 \right]$$

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$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[e^{\frac{1}{n+8}} \right] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{e^{\frac{3 \ln 7}{(n+5)(n+8)} - 1}}{3 \ln 7} \right] \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{3 \ln 7}{\left(1 + \frac{5}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{8}{n}\right)} \right] = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 \ln 7 = 3 \ln 7$$

565.

$$x_0 > 0, \sqrt[p]{x_n} = \frac{1 + x_n - x_{n+1}}{x_{n+1} - x_n}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*, p \in \mathbb{N}^*, p \geq 2$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{p+1}}{n^p}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We know, $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+u)^r - 1}{u} = r$ now $\sqrt[p]{x_n} = \frac{1+x_n-x_{n+1}}{x_{n+1}-x_n} \Rightarrow x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt[p]{x_{n+1}}}$ for all

$x_0 > 0$ where $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since, $x_0 > 0$ then $x_1 > x_0, x_2 > x_1, \dots, x_{k+1} > x_k$, hence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ is increasing hence it converges to a limit. So, let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l$ then $l = l + \frac{1}{\sqrt[p]{l+1}} \Rightarrow$

$$l \rightarrow \infty$$

Hence the claim is contradictory. So $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{p+1}}{n^p} \Rightarrow \sqrt[p]{\Omega} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}}{n} \stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}^{\frac{p+1}{p}} - x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}}{n+1-n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}}{x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}} + x_n} \right) \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}} + x_n} \right)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} - 1}{\frac{1}{x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}} + x_n}} = \frac{p+1}{p} \lim_{x_n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[p]{x_n}}} = \frac{p+1}{p} \Rightarrow \Omega = \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} \right)^p \text{ (Answer)}$$

Solution 2 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{p+1}}{n^p} = \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{p+1}}{n} \right\}^p = \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(x_{n+1}^{\frac{p+1}{p}} - x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \right) \right\}^p \quad [\text{Stolz - Cesaro th}^m] =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \left(\left(\frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \right)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} - 1 \right) \right\}^p$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{x_n + x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}} \right)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} - 1 \right) \right\}^p = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}} \left(\frac{\frac{p+1}{p}}{x_n + x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}} \right) \right\}^p =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(\frac{\frac{p+1}{p}}{x_n^{\frac{1}{p}} + 1} \right) \right\}^p \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_n^{p+1}}{n^p} = \left(\frac{p+1}{p} \right)^p$$

$$\left[\text{Here } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x_n + x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}} = 0 \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x_n + x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}} \right)^{\frac{p+1}{p}} - 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{p+1}{p}}{x_n + x_n^{\frac{p+1}{p}}} \right) \& \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^{\frac{1}{p}} = 0 \right]$$

566.

$$x_0 \in (0, 1), x_{n+1} = x_n^p \sqrt{1 - x_n}, y_0 > 0, y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{y_n^{p-1}}, n, p \in \mathbb{N}, p \geq 2.$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (y_n^p \sqrt{x_n})$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\text{We know, } \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+u)^r - 1}{u} = r \text{ and } \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1-u)^{-r} - 1}{u} = r$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^p \sqrt{1 - x_n} \text{ where } x_0 \in (0, 1),$$

$$\text{then we have } 1 > x_0 \geq x_1 \geq x_2 \geq x_3 \geq \dots \geq x_n \geq \dots > 0$$

$$\therefore \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ is a decreasing function similarly, } \{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{ defined by}$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{y_n^{p-1}} \text{ is an increasing function.}$$

$$\text{Let } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = m \text{ then } l = l^p \sqrt{1-l} \Rightarrow l = 0 \text{ and}$$

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$$m = m + \frac{1}{m^{p-1}} \Rightarrow m = \infty \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (y_n^p \sqrt{x_n}) \Rightarrow \Omega^p = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{y_n^p}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{x_n} \right) \stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{n+1}^p - y_n^p}{n+1-n} \cdot \frac{n+1-n}{\frac{1}{x_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{x_n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(y_n + \frac{1}{y_n^{p-1}} \right)^p - y_n^p \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x_n^p \sqrt{1-x_n}} - \frac{1}{x_n}} \\ &= \lim_{y_n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{y_n^p} \right)^p - 1}{\frac{1}{y_n^p}} \cdot \lim_{x_n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{(1-x_n)^{\frac{1}{p}} - 1}{x_n}} = p^2 \Rightarrow \Omega = \sqrt[p]{p^2} \end{aligned}$$

567. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sqrt[p]{\frac{n^2}{i \cdot j}}, p \in \mathbb{N}, p \geq 2$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution 1 by Artan Ajredini-Presheva-Serbie

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sqrt[p]{\frac{n^2}{ij}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{j}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=2}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{j}} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} \sum_{j=2}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{j}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{j}} - \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{1}} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{j}} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[p]{n}}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} = L_1 - L_2 \quad (1) \\ L_1 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} \sum_{j=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{j}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{j}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \end{aligned}$$

From the definition of double integral, we have:

$$L_1 = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (xy)^{\frac{1}{p}} dx dy = \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{p}} dx \int_0^1 y^{-\frac{1}{p}} dy = \frac{x^{1-\frac{1}{p}}}{1-\frac{1}{p}} \Big|_0^1 \frac{y^{1-\frac{1}{p}}}{1-\frac{1}{p}} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{p}} \cdot \frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{p}} = \frac{p^2}{(p-1)^2} \quad (2)$$

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$$L_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[p]{n}}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[p]{\frac{n}{i}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-\frac{1}{p}}} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^{-\frac{1}{p}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{1-\frac{1}{p}}} \int_0^1 x^{-\frac{1}{p}} dx = 0 \quad (3)$$

We substitute (2) and (3) to (1) and we have: $\Omega = \frac{p^2}{(p-1)^2}$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

For $p > 2$. Let $a_i = \left(\frac{n}{i}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}$

$$2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \Rightarrow 2 \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^2 - \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$$

$$2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i\right)^2 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2\right)$$

$$= \left(\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^{\frac{1}{p}}} dx\right)^2 - \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n}\right) \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^{\frac{2}{p}}} dx = \left(\left[x^{\frac{1}{p}+1}\right]_0^1\right)^2 - (0) \left[\frac{x^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{1-\frac{2}{p}}\right]_0^1 = \frac{p^2}{(p-1)^2} - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} a_i a_j = \frac{p^2}{2(p-1)^2}$$

568. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \int_0^{n^2} \frac{e^{(bx)^2} - e^{(ax)^2}}{x \cdot e^{(a^2+b^2)x^2}} dx, a < b$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Igor Soposki-Skopje-Macedonia

$$I = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n^2}}^{n^2} \frac{e^{(bx)^2} - e^{(ax)^2}}{x e^{(a^2+b^2)x^2}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^2 = t \\ 2x dx = dt \end{array} \right\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \left[\frac{e^{-a^2 t} - e^{-b^2 t}}{t} \right] dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \frac{e^{-a^2 t} - e^{-b^2 t}}{t} dt$$

$$I_1(\alpha) = \int_0^t \frac{e^{-at}}{\underbrace{t}_{f(\alpha,t)}} dt = ? f'_\alpha(\alpha, t) = \frac{-te^{-at}}{t} = -e^{-at}$$

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$$I_1'(\alpha) = \int_0^t -e^{-at} dt = +\frac{1}{\alpha} \cdot e^{-at} \Big|_0^t = -\frac{1}{\alpha} \Rightarrow I_1(\alpha) = \int \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) d\alpha = -\ln \alpha$$

$$I = \frac{1}{2}[-\ln(a^2) + \ln(b^2)] = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 = \ln \frac{b}{a}$$

Solution 2 by Sagar Kumar-Patna Bihar-India

$$I = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n^2}}^{n^2} \frac{e^{b^2 x^2} - e^{a^2 x^2}}{x e^{(a^2+b^2)x^2}} dx; a < b; I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2} - e^{-b^2 x^2}}{x} dx$$

$$\text{Let } I(a) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2} - 1}{x} dx; I'(a) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2} (-2ax^2)}{x} dx = -2a \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-a^2 x^2} dx$$

$$\text{Put } a^2 x^2 = t \quad 2x dx = \frac{dt}{a^2} = \frac{-a}{a^2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} dt = \frac{1}{a} (e^{-t}) \Big|_0^{\infty} = -\frac{1}{a}$$

$$I(a) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) + C_1 \quad I(1) = C_1. \text{ Similarly, } I(b) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{b}\right) + C_2; I(1) = C_2 = C_1$$

$$I(a) - I(b) = I = \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

Solution 3 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n^2}}^{n^2} \frac{e^{(bx)^2} - e^{(ax)^2}}{x \cdot e^{(a^2+b^2)x^2}} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-(ax)^2} - e^{-(bx)^2}}{x} dx$$

[Using Frullani integral]

$$= [e^0 - e^{-\infty}] \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n^2}}^{n^2} \frac{e^{(bx)^2} - e^{(ax)^2}}{x \cdot e^{(a^2+b^2)x^2}} dx = \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

Solution 4 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^n \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2} - e^{-b^2 x^2}}{x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2} - e^{-b^2 x^2}}{x} dx$$

$$= \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\varepsilon}^X \frac{e^{-a^2 x^2}}{x} dx - \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{\varepsilon}^X \frac{e^{-b^2 x^2}}{x} dx = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{a\varepsilon}^{aX} \frac{e^{-u^2}}{u} du - \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{b\varepsilon}^{bX} \frac{e^{-v^2}}{v} dv$$

$$= \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \left[\int_{a\varepsilon}^{b\varepsilon} \frac{e^{-u^2}}{u} du + \int_{b\varepsilon}^{bX} \frac{e^{-u^2}}{u} du + \int_{bX}^{aX} \frac{e^{-u^2}}{u} du \right] - \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+ \\ X \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{b\varepsilon}^{bX} \frac{e^{-u^2}}{u} du$$

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$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{a\varepsilon}^{b\varepsilon} \frac{e^{-u^2}}{u} du - \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \int_{aX}^{bX} \frac{e^{-u^2}}{u} du = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} e^{-\xi^2} \int_{a\varepsilon}^{b\varepsilon} \frac{du}{u} - \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\zeta^2} \int_{aX}^{bX} \frac{du}{u}$$

[By First Mean value Theorem There Exists $\xi \in [a\varepsilon, b\varepsilon]$ and $\zeta \in [aX, bX]$]

$$= \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} e^{-\xi^2} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) - \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\zeta^2} \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

569. $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = (\sin^{-1} x)^2, f^{(n)} - n'$ th derivative. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[2n]{f^{(2n)}(0)}}{n}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let $y = (\sin^{-1} x)^2 = f(x)$. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(f^{(2n)}(0))^{\frac{1}{2n}}}{n}$. Let $y = (\sin^{-1} x)^2, y_1 = \frac{2(\sin^{-1} x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$$\sqrt{1-x^2} y_1 = 2(\sin^{-1} x) \Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} y_2 - \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} y_1 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-x^2)y_2 - xy_1 = 2 \quad (1)$$

By the Leibniz's rule for nth derivative: $(1-x^2)y_{n+2} + n_{C_1(-2x)}y_{n+1} + n_{C_2(2)(-1)}y_n$

$$- [xy_{n+1} + ny_n] = 0 \Rightarrow (1-x^2)y_{n+2} - (2n+1)xy_{n+1} - n^2y_n = 0$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, y_{n+2}(0) = n^2 y_n(0) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{From (1): } y_2(0) = 2, \text{ From (2): } y_{n+2}(0) = n^2 y_n(0)$$

$$y_4(0) = 2^2 y_2(0) = 2^2(2)$$

$$y_6(0) = 4^2 y_4(0) = (4^2)(2^2)(2) = (2!)^2 2^5$$

$$y_8(0) = 6^2 y_6(0) = 6^2(4^2)(2^2)(2) = (3!)^2 2^7$$

$$y_{10}(0) = 8^2 y_8(0) = (4!)^2 2^9$$

$$y_{2n+2}(0) = (n!)^2 2^{2n+1} \Rightarrow y_{2n}(0) = ((n-1)!)^2 2^{2n-1}$$

$$\frac{(y_{2n}(0))^{\frac{1}{2n}}}{n} = \frac{((n-1)!)^{\frac{1}{n}} 2^{1-\frac{1}{n}}}{n} = \left(\frac{(n-1)!}{n^n}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} 2^{1-\frac{1}{n}}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n-1)!}{n^n} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{(n-1)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{e} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(f^{2n}(0))^{\frac{1}{2n}}}{n} = \frac{2}{e}$$

Solution 2 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$f(x) = (\sin^{-1} x)^2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{2 \sin^{-1} x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} f'(x) = 2 \sin^{-1} x \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} f''(x) - \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} f'(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-x^2) f''(x) - x f'(x) = 2 \Rightarrow (1-x^2) f^{n+2}(x) - (2n+1) x f^{n+1}(x) - n^2 f^n(x) = 0$$

[Using Leibniz's th^m]

$$\Rightarrow f^{n+2}(0) - n^2 f^n(0) = 0 [x=0] \Rightarrow \frac{f^{2n+2}(0)}{f^{2n}(0)} = 4n^2 [n \rightarrow 2n] \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{f^{2n+2}(0)}{(n!)^2}}{\frac{f^{2n}(0)}{\{(n-1)!\}^2}} = 2 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{f^{2n}(0)}{\{(n-1)!\}^2}} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{f^{2n}(0)}{n^{2n}}} = 2 \left[\because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \{(n-1)!\}^2 \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n!)^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{2n}}{e^{2n}} \right] \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{f^{2n}(0)}}{n} = \frac{2}{e}$$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We know, $(\arcsin x)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2x)^{2n}}{n^2 \binom{2n}{n}}$ where $x \in [-1, 1]$

$$f^{(2n)}(x) = \frac{2^{2n-1} (n!)^2}{n^2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{2^{2m} x \cdot (2m)!}{m^2 \binom{2m}{m}} \Rightarrow f^{(2n)}(0) = \frac{2^{2n-1} (n!)^2}{n^2}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{f^{(2n)}(0)}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{\sqrt[n]{2^{2n-1} (n!)^2}}{n^2}} = \sqrt[n]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{2^{2n-1} \cdot (n!)^2}}{n^{2(n+1)}}}$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{CAUCHY-}}{=} \stackrel{\text{D'ALEMBERT}}{=} \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2^{2n+1} \cdot \{(n+1)!\}^2}{(n+1)^{2(n+2)}} \cdot \frac{n^{2(n+1)}}{2^{2n-1} \cdot (n!)^2} \right)} = \sqrt{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{2n}} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^4}} = \frac{2}{e}$$

570. $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 2, x_{n+1} = (2n+3)(x_n + (2n+1)!!(n+2)), a_n > 0,$

$$n \in \mathbb{N}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{na_n} = a > 0$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1}^2}{x_{n+1}}} - \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n^2}{x_n}} \right)$$

Proposed by D.M. Bătinețu – Giurgiu and Neculai Stanciu – Romania

Solution by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$x_{n+1} = (2n+3)(x_n + (2n+1)!!(n+2)) \Rightarrow \frac{x_{n+1}}{(2n+3)!!} - \frac{x_n}{(2n+1)!!} = n+2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x_n}{(2n+1)!!} - x_0 = \frac{n(n+3)}{2} \Rightarrow x_n = \frac{n(n+3)}{2} (2n+1)!!$$

$$\therefore \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \frac{(n+1)(n+4)(2n+3)}{n(n+3)}$$

$$\text{Now, } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1}^2}{x_{n+1}}} - \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n^2}{x_n}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((n+1) \cdot \sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1}^2}{(n+1)^{n+1} \cdot x_{n+1}}} - n \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n^2}{n^n \cdot x_n}} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{a_{n+1}^2}{(n+1)^{n+1} \cdot x_{n+1}}}{\frac{a_n^2}{n^n \cdot x_n}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^3(n+3)}{(n+1)^2(n+4)(2n+3)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \left(\frac{a_{n+1}}{na_n}\right)^2 \right)$$

$$\therefore \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n+1]{\frac{a_{n+1}^2}{x_{n+1}}} - \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n^2}{x_n}} \right) = \frac{a^2}{2e}$$

571. Find:

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

We shall use the following results:

$$1. \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{n}{2}$$

$$2. \sum_{k=0}^n k(k-1) \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{n(n-1)}{4}$$

$$3. (1), (2) \Rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{2^n} = \frac{n(n+1)}{4}$$

$$4. \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{n}{2} - k \right)^2 = \frac{1}{4} n^2 - \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)}{4} = \frac{n}{4}$$

Main question

Let $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$. As $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = \frac{1}{2}$, given $\varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$ such

that: $\left| f(x) - \frac{\pi}{6} \right| = \left| f(x) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ whenever, $\left| x - \frac{1}{2} \right| < \delta$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

Now, $\frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left[\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) - \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$

$$\left[\because \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \left[f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{2^n} \binom{n}{k} \left\{ \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6} \right\} \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{2^n} \binom{n}{k} \left| \sin^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6} \right| \quad (1)$$

We split the set $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ into two subsets A and B.

$0 \leq k \leq n$, $k \in A$ if $\left| \frac{k}{n} - \frac{1}{2} \right| < \delta$ and $k \in B$ if $\left| \frac{k}{n} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \geq \delta$.

Now, $\sum_{k \in A} \frac{1}{2^n} \binom{n}{k} \left| f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \sum_{k \in A} \frac{1}{2^n} \binom{n}{k} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} (1) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (2)$

If $k \in B$, then $\left| \frac{k}{n} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \geq \delta \Rightarrow \left(k - \frac{n}{2} \right)^2 \geq n^2 \delta^2$

Now, $\sum_{k \in B} \frac{1}{2^n} \binom{n}{k} \left| f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| \leq \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \frac{1}{n^2 \delta^2} \sum_{k \in B} \left(k - \frac{n}{2} \right)^2 \binom{n}{k} \frac{1}{2^n} \leq \frac{\pi}{n^2 \delta^2} \cdot \frac{n}{4} \quad [\text{using (4)}]$

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k \in B} \frac{1}{2^n} \binom{n}{k} \left| f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{4n\delta^2} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{We choose } n \text{ sufficiently large, so that } \frac{\pi}{4n\delta^2} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad (4)$$

[This is possible as $\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$]

$$\text{Using (1), (2), (3), (4) we get: } \left| \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) - \frac{\pi}{6} \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\text{for sufficiently large values of } n. \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

572. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sinh \frac{1}{n+1} + \sinh \frac{1}{n+2} + \cdots + \sinh \frac{1}{2n} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\therefore \sinh(x) = \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right) \therefore \sinh\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \left(\frac{e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - e^{-\frac{1}{n+1}}}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sinh\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - e^{-\frac{1}{n+1}}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - 1}{\left(\frac{1}{n+1} - 1\right)} \times \frac{\left(\frac{1}{n+1} - 1\right)}{2} \right\} - \left\{ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{n+1}} - 1}{\left(-\frac{1}{n+1} - 1\right)} \times \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{n+1} - 1\right)}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Using } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\left\{ 1 \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{n+1} - 1}{2} \right) \right\} - \left\{ 1 \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{n+1} - 1\right)}{2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{n}{2(n+1)} \right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{(n+2)}{2(n+1)} \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-n + n + 2}{2(n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)}$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sinh\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sinh\left(\frac{1}{n+2}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+2)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2n}\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2n}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sinh\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) + \sinh\left(\frac{1}{n+2}\right) + \dots + \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2n}\right) \right\} &= \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+n} \right\} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{n+r} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{r}{n}\right)} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+x)} dx = [\log_e(1+x)]_0^1 = \ln 2 - \ln 1 = \ln 2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

It's easy to prove: $x \leq \sinh x \leq x \cosh x, \forall x \geq 0$

$$x = \frac{1}{n+1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n+1} \leq \sinh \frac{1}{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{n+1} \cosh \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{n+2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n+2} \leq \sinh \frac{1}{n+2} \leq \frac{1}{n+2} \cosh \frac{1}{n+2}$$

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$$x = \frac{1}{2n} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2n} \leq \sinh \frac{1}{2n} \leq \frac{1}{2n} \cosh \frac{1}{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \leq a_n \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \cdot \cosh \frac{1}{n+k} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \cosh \frac{1}{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \leq a_n \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} \cosh \frac{1}{2n} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{But } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n+\frac{k}{n}} = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x} dx = \ln(1+x) \Big|_0^1 = \ln 2 \quad (2)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cosh \frac{1}{2n} = 1 \quad (3)$$

From (1)+(2)+(3) $\Rightarrow \Omega = \ln 2$.

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$$x_0 > 0, x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_n^4 + x_n^2 + 1}}$$

Find:

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j}{n^2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{n^2}}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution 1 by Shafiqur Rahman-Bangladesh

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j}{n^2 \sqrt[3]{n^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}{n^3} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n^3} \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n^{\frac{4}{3}}} \right)^2 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n^3} \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{\frac{4}{3}-n^{\frac{4}{3}}}} \right)^2 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{(n+1)^{\frac{8}{3}-n^{\frac{8}{3}}}} \right] \quad [\text{Stolz - Cesaro th}^m] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x_{n+1}}{n^{\frac{4}{3}} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} - 1 \right)} \right)^2 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{n^{\frac{8}{3}} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{8}{3}} - 1 \right)} \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x_{n+1}}{n^{\frac{4}{3}} \left(\frac{4}{3n} \right)} \right)^2 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{n^{\frac{8}{3}} \left(\frac{8}{3n} \right)} \right] = \frac{9}{32} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x_{n+1}}{n^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right)^2 - \frac{3}{16} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}^2}{n^{\frac{5}{3}}} = \\ &= \frac{9}{32} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x_{n+1}^3}{n} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{3}{16} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x_{n+1}^5}{n} \right)^{\frac{5}{3}} \\ &= \frac{9}{32} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+2}^3 - x_{n+1}^3)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{3}{16} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n^{\frac{6}{5}} - x_n^{\frac{6}{5}})^{\frac{5}{3}} \quad [\text{Stolz - Cesaro th}^h] \\ &= \frac{9}{32} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(x_{n+1}^3 \left(\left(\frac{x_{n+2}}{x_{n+1}} \right)^3 - 1 \right) \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{3}{16} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(x_{n+1}^{\frac{6}{5}} \left(\left(\frac{x_{n+2}}{x_{n+1}} \right)^{\frac{6}{5}} - 1 \right) \right)^{\frac{5}{3}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{9}{32} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(x_{n+1}^3 \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^4}}} \right) - 1 \right) \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} -$$

$$- \frac{3}{16} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(x_{n+1}^6 \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^3 \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^4}}} \right) - 1 \right) \right)^{\frac{5}{3}}$$

[Here $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$ & $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^k - 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{n}$]

$$= \frac{9}{32} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^4}}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{3}{16} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{6}{5x_{n+1}^{\frac{9}{5}} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^4}}} \right)^{\frac{5}{3}} =$$

$$= \frac{9}{32} 3^{\frac{2}{3}} - 0 \therefore \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j}{n^2 n^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{3^{\frac{8}{3}}}{32}$$

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

We know, $\lim_{u \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+u)^r - 1}{u} = r$ and $x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_n^4 + x_{n+1}^2 + 1}}$

Now, $x_0 > 0$ then $x_1 > x_0, x_2 > x_1, \dots, x_{k+1} > x_k, \dots$ hence $\{x_n\}_n^\infty = 0$

Is monotone increasing. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l$ so, $l = l + \frac{1}{\sqrt{l^4 + l^2 + 1}} \Rightarrow l \rightarrow \infty$

Hence our claim is contradictory, we have, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \infty$ then

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_i x_j}{n^2 \sqrt[3]{n^2}} \Rightarrow 2\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^2}{n^{\frac{8}{3}}} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n^{\frac{8}{3}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2\Omega} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n^{\frac{4}{3}}} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n^{\frac{8}{3}}} = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2\Omega} & \stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{(n+1)^{\frac{4}{3}} - n^{\frac{4}{3}}} = \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{\sqrt[3]{n}} \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{4}{3}} - 1} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \\
 & = \frac{3}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[3]{\frac{x_{n+1}^3}{n}} \stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_{n+2}^3 - x_{n+1}^3)} \\
 & = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{\lim_{x_n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(x_{n+1} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^4 + x_{n+1}^2 + 1}} \right)^3 - x_{n+1}^3 \right\}} \\
 & = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{\lim_{x_n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}^3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^6 + x_{n+1}^4 + x_{n+1}^2}} \right)^3 - 1}{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^6 + x_{n+1}^4 + x_{n+1}^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_{n+1}^6 + x_{n+1}^4 + x_{n+1}^2}}}} \\
 & = \frac{3}{4} \sqrt[3]{3 \lim_{x_n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^2} + \frac{1}{x_{n+1}^4}}}} = \frac{3\sqrt[3]{3}}{4} \Rightarrow \Omega = \frac{3^{\frac{8}{3}}}{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

574. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{3^{n-k-1}(4n-4k-1)}{n-k+1} \cdot \binom{n+1}{k+1} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{3^{n-k-1}(4n-4k-1)}{n-k+1} \binom{n+1}{k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} (4n-4k-1) \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-k)!(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{1}{n-k+1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} (4n - 4k - 1) \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-k+1)!(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{1}{n+2} = \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} (4n - 4k - 1) \binom{n+2}{k+1} \cdot \frac{1}{n+2} = \frac{1}{n+2} \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} (4n - 4k - 1) \binom{n+2}{k+1} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{n+2} \left(\sum_{k=0}^n 4(n-k) 3^{n-k-1} \binom{n+2}{k+1} - \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} \binom{n+2}{k+1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n+2} \left(4 \sum_{k=0}^n (n-k) 3^{n-k-1} \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{(n+1-k)!(k+1)!} - \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-k+1)!(k+1)!} \right) = s_1 \\
 &= 4 \sum_{k=0}^n (n-k+1) 3^{n-k-1} \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-k+1)!(k+1)!} - 4 \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-k+1)!(k+1)!} = s_1 \\
 &= 4 \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-k)!(k+1)!} = 4 \sum_{k=0}^n (n+2) 3^{n-k-1} \cdot \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-k)!(k+1)!} = \\
 &= \frac{4(n+2)}{3} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k+1} 3^{n+1-(k+1)} \cdot 1^{k+1} = \frac{4(n+2)}{3} (4^{n+1} - 3^{n+1}) \\
 &= \frac{4}{9} \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-k+1)!(k+1)!} = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+2}{k+1} 3^{n+2-(k+1)} \cdot 1^{k+1} = \frac{4}{9} (4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}) \\
 &\Rightarrow s_1 = \frac{4(n+2)}{3} (4^{n+1} - 3^{n+1}) - \frac{4}{9} (4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} \binom{n+2}{k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k-1} \cdot \frac{(n+2)!}{(n-k+1)!(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{9} \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{(n+2)-(k+1)} \cdot \binom{n+2}{k+1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{9} (4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}) > s = \frac{1}{n+2} \left(\frac{4(n+2)(4^{n+1} - 4^{n+1})}{3} - \frac{4}{9} (4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}) - \frac{1}{9} (4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}) \right) \\
 &= \frac{4(4^{n+1} - 3^{n+1})}{3} - \frac{4}{9(n+2)} (4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}) - \frac{1}{9(n+2)} (4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}) \\
 &= \frac{4(4^{n+1} - 3^{n+1})}{3} - 5 \cdot \frac{4^{n+2} - 3^{n+2}}{9(n+2)} = \\
 &= \frac{(3n+6)(4^{n+2} - 4 \cdot 3^{n+1}) - 5 \cdot 4^{n+2} + 5 \cdot 3^{n+2}}{9(n+2)} =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{4^{n+2}(3n+1) - 3^{n+2}(4n+3)}{9(n+2)} = \frac{3^{n+2}(4n+3)}{9(n+2)} \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n+2} \cdot \frac{3n+1}{4n+3} - 1}{1} >$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \infty \cdot \infty = \infty.$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a_n &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{3^{n-k-1}(4n-4k-1)}{n-k+1} \binom{n+1}{k+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{3^{n-k-1}(4n-4k+4-5)}{n-k+1} \binom{n+1}{k+1} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{(n+1)-(k+1)} \binom{n+1}{k+1} - \frac{5}{9} \sum_{k=0}^n 3^{n-k+1} \frac{1}{n-k+1} \binom{n+1}{k+1} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} [(1+3)^{n+1} - 3^{n+1}] - \frac{5}{9} \sum_{k=0}^n \int_0^3 x^{n-k} \binom{n+1}{k+1} dx \\ &= \frac{4}{3} (4^{n+1} - 3^{n+1}) - \frac{5}{9} \int_0^3 \left[\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+1}{k+1} x^{n+1-(k+1)} \right] dx \\ &= \frac{4}{3} (4^{n+1} - 3^{n+1}) - \frac{5}{9} \int_0^3 [(1+x)^{n+1} - x^{n+1}] dx \\ &= \frac{4}{3} (4^{n+1} - 3^{n+1}) - \frac{5}{9(n+2)} [(4^{n+2} - 1) - 3^{n+2}] \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{5}{9(n+2)} \right] 4^{n+2} - \left(4 - \frac{5}{n+2} \right) 3^n + \frac{5}{9(n+2)} \\ a_n &= \frac{(3n+1)4^{n+2}}{9(n+2)} - \frac{(4n+3)}{n+2} (3^n) + \frac{5}{9(n+2)} \\ a_n &\rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

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$$x_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{2^k}{5^n} \binom{2n-k}{n} \right)$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x_n} - \log \left(1 + x_n \right)^{\frac{1}{x_n^2}} \right)$$

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Solution 1 by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

$$x_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{2^k}{5^n} \binom{2n-k}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{5^n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(2^k \binom{2n-k}{n} \right)$$

By induction, it can be shown that: $\sum_{k=1}^n \left(2^k \binom{2n-k}{n} \right) = 4^n \Rightarrow x_n = \frac{4^n}{5^n}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{5^n}{4^n} - \left(\frac{5^n}{4^n} \right)^2 \log \left(1 + \frac{4^n}{5^n} \right) \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{5^n}{4^n} - \left(\frac{5^n}{4^n} \right)^2 \left(\frac{4^n}{5^n} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4^n}{5^n} \right)^2 + o \left(\left(\frac{4^n}{5^n} \right)^3 \right) \right) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$5^n x_n = \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k \binom{2n-k}{n} = a_n \text{ (say)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_n &= 2^n \binom{n}{0} + 2^{n-1} \binom{n+1}{1} + 2^{n-2} \binom{n+2}{2} + \dots + 2 \binom{2n-1}{n-1} + \binom{2n}{n} \\ &= 2^n \binom{n}{0} + 2^{n-1} \binom{n+1}{1} + 2^{n-2} \binom{n+2}{2} + \dots + 2 \binom{2n-1}{n-1} + \binom{2n}{n} \\ a_{n+1} &= 2^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{0} + 2^n \binom{n+2}{1} + 2^{n-1} \binom{n+3}{2} + \dots + 2^2 \binom{2n}{n-1} \\ &\quad + 2 \binom{2n+1}{n} + \binom{2n+2}{n+1} \\ &= 2^{n+1} \left[\binom{n}{0} \right] + 2^n \left[\binom{n+1}{0} + \binom{n+1}{1} \right] + 2^{n-1} \left[\binom{n+2}{1} + \binom{n+2}{2} \right] + \\ &\quad + 2^{n-2} \left[\binom{n+3}{2} + \binom{n+3}{3} \right] + \\ &+ \dots + 2^2 \left[\binom{2n-1}{n-1} + \binom{2n-1}{n-2} \right] + 2 \left[\binom{2n}{n-1} + \binom{2n}{n} \right] + \left[\binom{2n+1}{n} + \binom{2n+1}{n+1} \right] \\ &= 2 \left[2^n \binom{n}{0} + 2^{n-1} \binom{n+1}{1} + 2^{n-2} \binom{n+2}{2} + \dots + \binom{2n}{n} \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left[2^{n+1} \binom{n+1}{0} + 2^n \binom{n+2}{1} + 2^{n-1} \binom{n+3}{2} + \dots + \binom{2n+1}{n} (2) + \binom{2n+2}{n+1} \right] \\ &\quad \left[\because \binom{2n+1}{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \binom{2n+2}{n+1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a_{n+1} = 2a_n + \frac{1}{2} a_{n+1} \Rightarrow a_{n+1} = 4a_n \Rightarrow a_n = 4^{n-1} a_1 \text{ where } a_1 = \sum_{k=0}^1 2^k \binom{2-k}{1} = 4$$

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$$\therefore a_n = 4^n \Rightarrow x_n = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^n$$

Note $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$. Now, $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{x_n} - \log(1 + x_n)^{\frac{1}{x_n^2}} \right]$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{x_n} - \frac{1}{x_n^2} \left(x_n - \frac{1}{2} x_n^2 + \frac{1}{3} x_n^3 \dots \right) \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} x_n + \frac{1}{4} x_n^2 \dots \right] = \frac{1}{2} + 0 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\Omega_1(n) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^4}{(1+k^2)^2} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^5}{(1+k^2)^2} \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^6}{(1+k^2)^2} \right),$$

$$\Omega_2(n) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 \right)$$

Find:

$$\Psi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\Omega_1(n)}{n \cdot \Omega_2(n)} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Serban George Florin-Romania

$$\Omega_1(n) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^4}{k^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^5}{k^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^6}{k^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right)$$

$$\Omega_1(n) = \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right)$$

$$\Omega_2(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \cdot \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4} = \frac{n^4(n+1)^4(2n+1)}{48}$$

$$n\Omega_2(n) = \frac{n^5(n+1)^4(2n+1)}{48}$$

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$$0 < \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} < \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \frac{n}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{n^4}{(n^2 + 1)^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} = 0$$

$$0 < \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} < \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot \frac{n^4}{(n^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{n^4(n+1)}{2n^2(n^2 + 1)^2}$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} = 0$$

$$0 < \frac{1}{n^5} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} < \frac{1}{n^5} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right)^2} = \frac{1}{n^5} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} \cdot \frac{n^4}{(n^2 + 1)^2} =$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{6(n^2 + 1)^2} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^5} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} = 0$$

$$\Psi = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Omega_1(n)}{n\Omega_2(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n^5} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \cdot$$

$$\cdot \left(\frac{48n^{10}}{n^5(n+1)^4(2n+1)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n^3} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n^5} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right)^2} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{48n^{10}}{n^{10} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^4 \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \right) = 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 \cdot 24 = 0$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^4}{(1+k^2)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k^2}{1+k^2} \right)^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{k^2+1} \right)^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{(k^2+1)^2} - \frac{2}{k^2+1} \right)$$

$$\text{Let } a_k = \frac{1}{(k^2+1)^2} > \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^4}{(k^2+1)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n (1 + a_k - 2(k^2+1)a_k) = \sum_{k=1}^n (1 - a_k(2k^2+1))$$

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$$\text{In the same way } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^5}{(k^2+1)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n (k - ka_k(2k^2 + 1))$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^6}{(k^2+1)^2} = \sum_{k=1}^n (k^2 - k^2 a_k(2k^2 + 1))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n - \sum_{k=1}^n a_k(2k^2 + 1)}{n} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n k - \sum_{k=1}^n ka_k(2k^2 + 1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n k} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 - \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k(2k^2 + 1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n k^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n k^3} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (2k^2+1)}{n} \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n ka_k(2k^2+1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n k} \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k(2k^2+1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n k^2} \right) \cdot \\ &\quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n k^3} \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n a_k(2k^2 + 1)}{n} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}(2(n+1)^2 + 1)}{n+1-n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{((n+1)^2 + 1)^2} \cdot (2(n+1)^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n ka_k(2k^2 + 1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n k} &\stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)a_{n+1}(2(n+1)^2 + 1)}{n+1} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{((n+1)^2 + 1)^2} \cdot (2(n+1)^2 + 1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 a_k(2k^2 + 1)}{\sum_{k=1}^n k^2} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} 0_{(1)} > \Psi = 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 > \Psi = 0$$

Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^4}{(1+k^2)^2} < \sum_{k=1}^n (1) = n, \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^5}{(1+k^2)^2} < \sum_{k=1}^n k \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^6}{(1+k^2)^2} < \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$$

$$\therefore 0 < \Omega_1(n) < n(\sum_{k=1}^n k)(\sum_{k=1}^n k^2) \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\Omega_1(n)}{n\Omega_2(n)} < \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n k^3} = \frac{4}{n^2(n+1)^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Omega_1(n)}{n\Omega_2(n)} = 0$$

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$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{10}}{10^n \cdot n!} \right) \right)^{k^4}$$

Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{n^{10}}{(10^n)(n!)}, \text{ then } \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \frac{n^{10}}{(10^n)(n!)} \cdot \frac{10^{n+1}(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{10}} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right)^{10} (10)(n+1)$$

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$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \infty \therefore \sum a_n$ converges. Let $S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n > 0$. Now,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \right) \right)^{k^4} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{S}{k^2} \right)^{k^4} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(1 + \frac{S}{k^2} \right)^{k^2} \right]^{k^2} = (e^S)^{\infty} = \infty$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca – Romania

$$l = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right) \right)^{k^4}$$

$$\text{Let } k = n \cdot p, p > 0 > l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2 p^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right)^{(np)^4}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 p^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right) = \frac{1}{p^2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!}}{n^2} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{10}}{2n+1} =$$

$$= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{10^{n+1}(2n+1)} \cdot \frac{(n+1)^{10}}{(n+1)!} = 0 \text{ because the limit of } \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = 0 < 1$$

$$\text{where } x_n = \frac{n^{10}}{n!} \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^{10}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{n^{10}} = 0$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2 p^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right) \right)^{(np)^4} \stackrel{1^\infty}{=} e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 p^2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right)} = l \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right) \geq \frac{1}{10} \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \left(\frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right) > \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right) \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{i^{10}}{10^i \cdot i!} \right) = \infty \stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} l = e^\infty =$$

$$\infty \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{10}}{10^n \cdot n!} \right) \right)^{k^4} = \infty$$

578. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^5}} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Igor Soposki-Skopje-Macedonia

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \int \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} dx = \int \frac{\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2}}{\frac{x^4 + x^2 + 1}{x^2}} dx = \int \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)}{\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} dx = \\
 &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} x - \frac{1}{x} = t \\ \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) dx = dt \end{array} \right\} = \int \frac{dt}{t^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{t}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{x^2 - 1}{\sqrt{3}x} \\
 I &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{n^5}} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^4 + x^2 + 1} dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{x^2 - 1}{\sqrt{3}x} \Big|_0^{\frac{1}{n^5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{n^5 \sqrt{3}}{n^{10} - 1} \\
 L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^8 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot \arctan \frac{n^5 \sqrt{3}}{n^{10} - 1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\arctan \frac{n^5 \sqrt{3}}{n^{10} - 1}}{\frac{1}{(n)^8}} = \frac{0}{0} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1 + \left(\frac{n^5 \sqrt{3}}{n^{10} - 1}\right)^2} \cdot \frac{5\sqrt{3}n^4(n^{10} - 1) - 10\sqrt{3}n^5n^9}{(n^{10} - 1)^2}}{-\frac{8n^7}{n^{16}}} = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{5\sqrt{3}n^4(n^{10} - 1) - 10\sqrt{3}n^{14}}{(n^{10} - 1)^2 + 3n^{10}}}{-\frac{8}{n^9}} = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^9 [5\sqrt{3}n^{14} - 5\sqrt{3}n^4 - 10\sqrt{3}n^{14}]}{8[n^{20} - 2n^{10} + 1 + 3n^{10}]} = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^9 5\sqrt{3}[n^{14} + n^4]}{8[n^{20} + n^{10} + 1]} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^9 n^{14} \left[1 + \frac{1}{n^{10}}\right]}{n^{20} \left[1 + \frac{1}{n^{10}} + \frac{1}{n^{20}}\right]} = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{8} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^3 = +\infty \\
 L &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot (+\infty) = +\infty
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n+2)!!}$$

Find:

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left((\pi + n\omega)^{1+\frac{1}{n\omega}} - (n\omega)^{1+\frac{1}{\pi+n\omega}} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Srinivasa Raghava-AIRMC-India

$$\Omega = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2m-1)!!}{(2m+2)!!}. \text{ We know that: } (2m-1)!! = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)2^m}{\sqrt{\pi}} = \frac{2}{2m+1} \left(\frac{2m+1}{2}\right)!$$

$$(2m+2)!! = 2^m(2m+2)m!$$

then the above sum becomes

$$\omega = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{m+1}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\pi + n\omega)^{1+\frac{1}{n\omega}} - (n\omega)^{1+\frac{1}{\pi+n\omega}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\pi + \frac{n}{2} \right)^{1+\frac{2}{n}} - \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{1+\frac{1}{\pi+\frac{n}{2}}} \text{ (substituting}$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi + \frac{2\pi - 4\pi \ln(2) - 4\pi \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \text{ (series expansion around } n = \infty)$$

hence the answer is π .

Solution 2 by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

$$\text{Call } \omega = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{(2k-1)!!}{(2k+2)!!}. \text{ Since } \frac{(2k-1)!!}{(2k+2)!!} = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!} \left(\frac{1}{2(k+1) \cdot 2^k \cdot k!} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(2k)!}{2^{2k+1} \cdot k! (k+1)!} = \frac{1}{2^{2k}} \binom{2k}{k} - \frac{1}{2^{2k+2}} \binom{2(k+1)}{k+1}. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$\Omega = \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{2^{2k}} \binom{2k}{k} - \frac{1}{2^{2k+2}} \binom{2(k+1)}{k+1} \right)$$

Giving us the N th partial sum of the series as $\omega_{N \rightarrow \infty} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2^{2N+2}} \binom{2(N+1)}{N+1} = \frac{1}{2}$. Note

Setting $n = (N+1) \Rightarrow 2n = 2(N+1)$ which follows as

$$A = \frac{1}{2^{2N+2}} \binom{2(N+1)}{N+1} = \frac{1}{4^n} \binom{2n}{n} = \frac{1}{4^n} \left(\frac{4^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} \right)$$

by asymptotic form for central binomial coefficient and setting $n \rightarrow \infty$ we prove

$$A = 0. \text{ setting } \omega = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\pi + \frac{n}{2} \right)^{1 + \frac{2}{n}} - \left(\frac{n}{2} \right)^{1 + \frac{2}{2\pi + n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f(x))^{g(x)} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (h(x))^{j(x)}$$

for sufficiently large value of n , $g(x) = j(x) = 1$ implies $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\pi + \frac{n}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \right) = \pi$.

Thus, the limit is π .

Solution 3 by Pierre Mounir-Cairo-Egypt

$$\omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n+2)!!}$$

Whether ω is convergent or divergent, we have: $n\omega \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ($\omega > 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ (\pi + n)^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} - n^{1 + \frac{1}{\pi + n}} \right\} \quad (\omega n \rightarrow n) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left[(\pi + n)^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} - n^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right] + \left[n^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} - n^{1 + \frac{1}{\pi + n}} \right] \right\} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \times \left[\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{n} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right] + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1 + \frac{1}{\pi + n}} \times \left[n^{\frac{\pi}{n^2 + \pi n}} - 1 \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{n}} \times n \left[\frac{\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{n} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} - 1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{n} \right)} \right] \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \ln \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{n} \right) \\ &\quad + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{\frac{1}{\pi + n}} \times n \left[\frac{n^{\frac{\pi}{n^2 + \pi n}} - 1}{\left(\frac{\pi}{n^2 + \pi n} \right) \ln n} \right] \left(\frac{\pi}{n^2 + \pi n} \right) \ln n \\ &= 1 \times \lim_{x = \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{n} \right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{x - 1}{\ln x} \right] \times \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{n} \right)^{n+1} \\ &\quad + 1 \times \lim_{y = n^{\frac{\pi}{n^2 + \pi n}} \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{y - 1}{\ln y} \right] \times \pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(n)^{\frac{1}{n + \pi}} \\ &= 1 \times 1 \times \ln e^\pi + 1 \times 1 \times \pi \times \ln 1 \\ \therefore L &= \pi \end{aligned}$$

580. Find:

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\underbrace{(\sin x)^{(\sin x)^{(\sin x)^{\dots}}}}_{\text{for "n" times}}}{\underbrace{x^{x^{\dots}}}_{\text{for "n" times}}} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

Solution by Feti Sinani-Kosovo

$$\text{When } x \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ we have: } x^x = e^{x \ln x} = e^{\sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})} = 1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})$$

$$x^{x^x} = x^{1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})} = x e^{(\sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})) \ln(x)} = x \left(1 + \sqrt[3]{x} + o(\sqrt[3]{x}) \right) = x + o(x)$$

$$x^{x^{x^x}} = x^{x + o(x)} = e^{(x + o(x)) \ln x} = e^{\sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})} = 1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})$$

$$\left. x^{x^{\dots x^x}} \right\} n \text{ times} = \begin{cases} 1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x}) & n - \text{even} \\ x + o(x) & n - \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

$$(\sin x)^{(\sin x)^{\dots (\sin x)^{(\sin x)}}} = (x + o(x))^{(x + o(x))^{\dots (x + o(x))^{(x + o(x))}}} \quad x \rightarrow 0^+$$

$$(x + o(x))^{(x + o(x))} = e^{(x + o(x)) \ln(x + o(x))} = e^{(x + o(x)) \ln(x) + o(x)} = 1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x + o(x))^{(x + o(x))^{\dots (x + o(x))}} &= (x + o(x))^{1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})} = x^{1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})} e^{(1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x})) \ln(1 + o(1))} \\ &= (x + o(x))(1 + o(1)) = x + o(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. (\sin x)^{(\sin x)^{\dots (\sin x)^{(\sin x)}}} \right\} n \text{ times} = \begin{cases} 1 + \sqrt{x} + o(\sqrt{x}) & n - \text{even} \\ x + o(x) & n - \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(\sin x)^{(\sin x)^{\dots (\sin x)^{(\sin x)}}}}{x^{x^{\dots x^x}}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + o(1)) \right) = 1$$

581. Find:

$$\Omega_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^4}{90} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} \right)^n$$

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$$\Omega_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(4 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} \right)^n$$

$$\Omega_3 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(5 - 4 \log 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} \right)^n$$

$$\Omega_4 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \right)^n$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90} &\Rightarrow \Omega_1 \stackrel{1^\infty}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} \right)^{\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90}}} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} \right)^n = \\ &= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^4}}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{(n+1)^4} \cdot (n^2+n)} = e^0 = 1 \\ &> \Omega_1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(4 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} \right)^n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right)^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k+1)^2} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \\ &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 1 - 2 = \frac{\pi^2}{3} - 3 \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} > \Omega_2 \stackrel{1^\infty}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + 3 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{\left(3 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} \right)}} \left(3 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} \right)^n = \\ &= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(3 - \frac{\pi^2}{3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(k^2 + k)^2} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n^2+3n+2)^2}}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{1}{(n^2+3n+2)^2} \cdot (n^2+n)} = e^0 = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \Omega_2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Omega_3 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(5 - 4 \ln 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} \right)^n$$

$$\frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} = \frac{Ak+B}{k^2} + \frac{C}{2k+1} = \frac{2Ak^2 + Ak + 2Bk + B + Ck^2}{k^2(2k+1)} \quad \forall k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2A = -C, A = -2B, B = 1 \Rightarrow A = -2, C = 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} = \frac{-2k+1}{k^2} + \frac{4}{2k+1} = -\frac{2}{k} + \frac{1}{k^2} + \frac{4}{2k+1}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k(2k+1)} = l$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2k} - \frac{1}{2k+1} \right) = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n+1} \right) =$$

$$= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n+1} - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n} \right) \right) =$$

$$= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n+1} - 1 - \dots - \frac{1}{n} \right) = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n+1} - 1 \right) =$$

$$= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n+1} - \ln(2n+1) + \ln(2n+1) - \left(1 + \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \ln(n) + \ln(n) \right) - 1 \right) =$$

$$= -4 \ln(2) + 4 \Rightarrow l = \frac{\pi^2}{6} + 4 \ln(2) - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_3 \stackrel{1^\infty}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{n \left(4 - 4 \ln(2) - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2(2n+3)}}{-\frac{1}{n(n+1)}}} = e^0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_3 = 1$$

$$\Omega_4 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \right)^n$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n)^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} - \dots - \frac{1}{4n^2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_4 \stackrel{1^\infty}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{n \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \right)} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+n}{4n^2+4n+1}} = e^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

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$$> \Omega_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e}}$$

Solution 2 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90}}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^4}}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}} = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{(n+1)^3} \stackrel{\text{CESARO STOLZ}}{=} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^3 - 1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{(n+1)}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} = 0. \text{ Let } u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0$$

$$\Omega_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^4}{90} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^4} \right)^n = \lim_{\frac{1}{u_n} \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{u_n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{u_n}} \right\}^{nu_n} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nu_n}$$

= 1 (Answer)

$$\log 2 = 1 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2k+1} \Rightarrow 4 - 4 \log 2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{2}{k} - \frac{4}{2k+1} \right)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{2}{k} - \frac{4}{2k+1} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - 4 + 4 \log 2$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(4 - 4 \log 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 - 4 \log 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)}}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)^2(2n+3)}}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}} = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{3}{n}\right)} = 0$$

$$\text{Let } u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} + 4 - 4 \log 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0 \text{ then } \Omega_3 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(5 - 4 \log 2 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2(2k+1)} \right)^n$$

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$$= \frac{1}{u_n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{u_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{u_n}} \right\}^{nu_n} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nu_n} = e^0 = 1 \text{ (Answer)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{8} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{8}}{\frac{1}{n}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{CESARO}}{\text{STOLZ}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(2n+1)^2}}{\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n}} = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{(2n+1)^2} \stackrel{\text{CESARO}}{\text{STOLZ}} = -\frac{1}{4}. \text{ Let } u_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} - \frac{\pi^2}{8} \text{ for all}$$

$$n \in \mathbb{N}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n = 0; \Omega_4 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{(2k-1)^2} \right)^n =$$

$$\lim_{\frac{1}{u_n} \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{1}{u_n} \right)^{\frac{1}{u_n}} \right\}^{nu_n} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} nu_n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e}} \text{ (Answer)}$$

582. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{1 + \sin x} + \sqrt[n]{1 - \sin x} - 2}{n \left(\sqrt[n+1]{1 - \sin x} + \sqrt[n+1]{1 + \sin x} - 2 \right)} \right), x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Avishek Mitra-India

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{\sqrt[n]{1 + \sin x} + \sqrt[n]{1 - \sin x} - 2}{n \left(\sqrt[n+1]{1 - \sin x} + \sqrt[n+1]{1 + \sin x} - 2 \right)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{(1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \log(1 + \sin x) \left(-\frac{1}{n^2} \right) + (1 - \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \log(1 - \sin x) \left(-\frac{1}{n^2} \right)}{(1 - \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \cdot \log(1 - \sin x) \left(-\frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right) + (1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \cdot \log(1 + \sin x) \left(-\frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \right)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \log(1 + \sin x) + (1 - \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n}} \cdot \log(1 - \sin x)}{(1 - \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \cdot \log(1 - \sin x) + (1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{n+1}} \cdot \log(1 + \sin x)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\log(1 - \sin^2 x)}{\log(1 - \sin^2 x)} \\ &= 0 \cdot (1 + 0)^2 \cdot 1 = 0 \text{ (Answer)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt[n]{1 + \sin x} + \sqrt[n]{1 - \sin x} - 2 \right) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \left(\sqrt[n+1]{1 + \sin x} + \sqrt[n+1]{1 - \sin x} - 2 \right)}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sqrt[n+1]{1 + \sin x} + \sqrt[n+1]{1 - \sin x} - 2 \right) = \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sqrt[n+1]{1 + \sin x} - 1 \right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left(\sqrt[n+1]{1 - \sin x} - 1 \right) = \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \frac{e^{\frac{\ln(1+\sin x)}{n+1}} - 1}{\frac{\ln(1+\sin x)}{n+1}} \cdot \frac{\ln(1+\sin x)}{n+1} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \frac{e^{\frac{\ln(1-\sin x)}{n+1}} - 1}{\frac{\ln(1-\sin x)}{n+1}} \cdot \frac{\ln(1-\sin x)}{n+1} = \\ & = \ln(1 + \sin x) + \ln(1 - \sin x) = \ln(\cos^2 x) = 2 \ln|\cos x| > \Omega = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2 \ln|\cos x|} = 0 > \Omega = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

$$\text{Given that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(\sqrt[n]{1+\sin x} + \sqrt[n]{1-\sin x} - 2)}{n(\sqrt[n+1]{1+\sin x} + \sqrt[n+1]{1-\sin x} - 2)} \right)$$

For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$. Set $y = \sin x$ and for $|y| < 1$ we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[n]{1+y} + \sqrt[n]{1-y} &= 1 + \frac{y}{n} + \frac{y^2(1-n)}{2!n \cdot n} + O(y^3) + 1 - \frac{y}{n} + \frac{y^2(1-n)}{2!n \cdot n} - O(y^3) \\ \sqrt[n+1]{1+y} + \sqrt[n+1]{1-y} &= 1 + \frac{y}{n+1} + \frac{y^2n}{2!(n+1)^2} + O(y^3) + 1 - \frac{y}{n+1} + \frac{y^2n}{2!(n+1)^2} - O(y^3) \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying by n is 2nd series we get

$$1 + \frac{yn}{n+1} + \frac{y^2n^2}{2!(n+1)^2} + O(y^3) + 1 - \frac{yn}{n+1} - \frac{y^2n^2}{2!(n+1)^2} - O(y^3). \text{ Thus, we have then}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2 + \frac{2y^2(1-n)}{2!(n)^2} + O(y^4) - 2}{2n - \frac{2y^2n^2}{2!(n+1)^2} - O(y^4) - 2n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{(n+1)^{2(1-n)}}{n^4} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^3} - \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

583. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\left[\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)} \right]}{n[\sqrt{n}]} \right), [*] - \text{great integer function}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

We note that $x - 1 \leq [x] < x$ for $x > 0$. Here, then:

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$$\frac{\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)} - 1}{n(\sqrt{n} - 1)} \leq \frac{|\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)}|}{n\lfloor\sqrt{n}\rfloor} < \frac{\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)}}{n\sqrt{n}}$$

When the $n \rightarrow \infty$ the left and right hand sides approaches to 0. And hence by squeeze

theorem we deduce that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)}|}{n\lfloor\sqrt{n}\rfloor} = 0$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$\text{Let } \lfloor\sqrt{n}\rfloor = k \Rightarrow k \leq \sqrt{n} < k+1 \Rightarrow k^2 \leq n < (k+1)^2 \Rightarrow k^2 + 1 \leq n+1 < (k+1)^2 + 1$$

$$> k^2 + 2 \leq n+2 < (k+1)^2 + 2$$

$$k^2 \leq n < (k+1)^2$$

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$$> k^2(k^2+1)(k^2+2) \leq n(n+1)(n+2) < (k+1)^2((k+1)^2+1)((k+1)^2+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[6]{k^2(k^2+1)(k^2+2)} \leq \sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)} < \sqrt[6]{(k+1)^2((k+1)^2+1)((k+1)^2+2)}$$

$$\sqrt[6]{k^2(k^2+1)(k^2+2)} = \sqrt[6]{k^6 \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{k^2}\right)} = k \sqrt[6]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{k^2}\right)}$$

$$\text{We prove that } k \sqrt[6]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{k^2}\right)} < k+1 \forall k \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{k^2}\right) < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^6$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{k^2} < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^3 \quad (?) \Leftrightarrow \frac{k^2+1}{k^2} < \frac{(k+1)^3}{k^3} \Leftrightarrow k^3 + k < k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \quad (\text{true}) >$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^3 \quad (\text{proved})$$

$$1 + \frac{2}{k^2} < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^3 \quad (?) \Leftrightarrow \frac{k^2+2}{k^2} < \frac{(k+1)^3}{k^3} \Leftrightarrow k^3 + 2k < k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 \quad (\text{true}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{2}{k^2} < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^3 \quad (\text{proved}), \text{ so:}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{k^2} < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^3$$

$$1 + \frac{2}{k^2} < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^3$$

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$$\Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{k^2}\right) < \left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right)^6 \Leftrightarrow k \sqrt[6]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{k^2}\right)} < k+1 \quad (\text{proved})$$

$$k \leq k \sqrt[6]{\left(1 + \frac{1}{k^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{k^2}\right)} < k+1 \Rightarrow \left[\sqrt[6]{k^2(k^2+1)(k^2+2)} \right] = k \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\sqrt[6]{(k+1)^2((k+1)^2+1)((k+1)^2+2)} \right] = k+1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\left[\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)} \right] \in \{k; k+1\}$$

$$\text{If } \left[\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)} \right] = k \Rightarrow \left[\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)} \right] = \left[\sqrt{n} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left[\sqrt{n} \right]}{n \left[\sqrt{n} \right]} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{if } \left[\sqrt[6]{n(n+1)(n+2)} \right] = \left[\sqrt{n} \right] + 1 \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left[\sqrt{n} \right] + 1}{n \left[\sqrt{n} \right]} = \frac{1}{\infty} + \frac{1}{\infty} = 0 + 0 = 0 \quad (2)$$

from (1) and (2) we obtain that $\Omega = 0$.

584. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+2x+3}, f^{(0)}(x) = f(x), f^{(n)}(x) - n^{\text{th}} \text{ derivative}$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Avishek Mitra-India

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x^2+2x+3)} \Rightarrow [f(x) \cdot f(x^2+2x+3)]_{n+1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f^{(n+1)}(x) \cdot (x^2+2x+3) + (n+1) \cdot f^n(x)(2x+2) + {}^{n+1}C_2 \cdot f^{(n-1)}(x) \cdot 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3f^{(n+1)}(0) + 2(n+1) \cdot f^n(0) + 2 \cdot {}^{n+1}C_2 f^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(n+1)f^n(0) = -2 \cdot {}^{n+1}C_2 f^{(n-1)}(0) - 3f^{(n+1)}(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f^n(0)}{n!} = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{{}^{n+1}C_2 \cdot f^{(n-1)}(0)}{n!} - \frac{3}{2} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f^{(n+1)}(0)}{n!}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)! f^{(n-1)}(0)}{2! (n-1)! (n)!} - 0 = -\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1) f^{(n-1)}(0)}{2(n-1)(n-2)!} - 0 \\
 &= -\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) f^{(n-1)}(0)}{2\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)(n-2)!} - 0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Answer

Solution 2 by Pierre Mounir-Cairo- Egypt

$$\begin{aligned}
 L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f^{(n)}(0)}{n!}, f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x + 3} \\
 f(x) &= \frac{1}{(x+1)^2 + (\sqrt{2})^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left(\frac{1}{x+1-i\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{x+1+i\sqrt{2}} \right) \\
 f^{(n)}(x) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x+1-i\sqrt{2})^{n+1}} - \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x+1+i\sqrt{2})^{n+1}} \right] \\
 \therefore f^{(n)}(0) &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n!}{(1-i\sqrt{2})^{n+1}} - \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(1+i\sqrt{2})^{n+1}} \right] \\
 f^{(n)}(0) &= \frac{(-1)^n n!}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{(1+i\sqrt{2})^{n+1} - (1-i\sqrt{2})^{n+1}}{(3)^{n+1}} \right] \\
 f^{(n)}(0) &= \frac{(-1)^n n! (\sqrt{3})^{n+1}}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{e^{(n+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2})i} - e^{-(n+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2})i}}{(3)^{n+1}} \right] \\
 f^{(n)}(0) &= \frac{(-1)^n n!}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3})^{n+1}} \left[\frac{e^{(n+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2})i} - e^{-(n+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2})i}}{2i} \right] \\
 f^{(n)}(0) &= \frac{(-1)^n n! \sin[(n+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2})]}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3})^{n+1}} \\
 \therefore L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sin[(n+1)\tan^{-1}\sqrt{2}]}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3})^{n+1}} \\
 \text{We have: } 0 &\leq \left| \frac{(-1)^n \sin[(n+1)\tan^{-1}\sqrt{2}]}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3})^n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3})^{n+1}} \\
 0 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(-1)^n \sin[(n+1)\tan^{-1}\sqrt{2}]}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3})^n} \right| \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{3})^{n+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$0 \leq |L| \leq 0$, by squeeze theorem: $|L| = 0 \therefore L = 0$

Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x + 3} = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2 + 2} = \frac{1}{(x+1 + \sqrt{2}i)(x+1 - \sqrt{2}i)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{1}{x+1 - \sqrt{2}i} - \frac{1}{x+1 + \sqrt{2}i} \right]$$

$$f^n(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x+1 - \sqrt{2}i)^{n+1}} - \frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x+1 + \sqrt{2}i)^{n+1}} \right]$$

$$\frac{f^n(0)}{n!} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{1}{(1 - \sqrt{2}i)^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{(1 + \sqrt{2}i)^{n+1}} \right]$$

Put $1 = r \cos \alpha$; $\sqrt{2} = r \sin \alpha$, $r^2 = 3$, $\tan \alpha = \sqrt{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f^n(0)}{n!} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2\sqrt{2}i} \left[\frac{r^{n+1}(\cos(n+1)\alpha + i \sin(n+1)\alpha) - r^{n+1}(\cos(n+1)\alpha - i \sin(n+1)\alpha)}{(1+2)^{n+1}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^n}{2\sqrt{2}i} \cdot \frac{3^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}{3^{n+1}} \cdot 2i \sin(n+1)\alpha = \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sin(n+1)\alpha}{3^{\frac{n+1}{2}}}. \text{ As } \sin(n+1)\alpha \text{ is bounded,}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f^n(0)}{n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(-1)^n \sin(n+1)\alpha}{\sqrt{2} e^{\frac{n+1}{2}}} = 0$$

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$$x_1, y_1 > 0, a \in \mathbb{R}, a > 1, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1,$$

$$x_{n+1} = a^{-(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)}, y_{n+1} = a^{\frac{1}{y_1} + \frac{1}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{y_n}}$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n \cdot y_n)$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$x_{n+1} = a^{-(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)} = \frac{x_n}{a^{x_n}} \Rightarrow x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{x_n(1-a^{x_n})}{a^{x_n}} < 0 \text{ since } a > 1$$

So, $x_{n+1} < x_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, hence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is decreasing. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l$

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then $l = \frac{l}{a^l} \Rightarrow l = 0, \therefore x_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$y_{n+1} = a^{\frac{1}{y_1} + \frac{1}{y_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{y_n}} = y_n a^{\frac{1}{y_n}} \Rightarrow y_{n+1} - y_n = y_n (y_n \sqrt[n]{a} - 1) > 0 \text{ since, } a > 1$$

So, $y_{n+1} > y_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, hence $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is increasing. Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = m$

then $m = m \sqrt[m]{a} \Rightarrow m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{x_n} \cdot \frac{y_n}{n} \right) \stackrel{\text{CAESARO STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+1-n}{\frac{1}{x_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{x_n}} \cdot \frac{y_{n+1}-y_n}{n+1-n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{a^{y_n-1}}}{\frac{1}{y_n} - \frac{1}{a^{x_n-1}}} = \frac{\log_e a}{\log_e a} = 1 \text{ (Answer)} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

$$x_1, y_1 > 0, a \in \mathbb{R}, a > 1, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1,$$

$$x_{n+1} = a^{-(x_1 + \dots + x_n)}, y_{n+1} = a^{\frac{1}{y_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{y_n}}$$

$$\text{Find: } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n \cdot y_n)$$

$$x_{n+1} = a^{-(x_1 + \dots + x_{n-1})} \cdot a^{-x_n} > x_{n+1} = x_n \cdot a^{-x_n}$$

$$y_{n+1} = a^{\frac{1}{y_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{y_{n-1}}} \cdot a^{\frac{1}{y_n}} > y_{n+1} = y_n \cdot a^{\frac{1}{y_n}}$$

we prove by using the Mathematical induction that $x_n > 0$:

1) we prove that $P(1)$: " $x_1 > 0$ " is true (true).

2) we suppose that $P(n)$: " $x_n > 0$ " is true.

3) we prove that $P(n+1)$: " $x_{n+1} > 0$ " is true by using $P(n)$:

$$x_{n+1} = x_n \cdot a^{-x_n}, a > 1, x_n > 0 \Rightarrow x_{n+1} > 0 > x_n > 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (proved)}$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n \cdot a^{-x_n} \Rightarrow \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = a^{-x_n} \text{ (1). Also, we know that } a > 1 \text{ and } x_n > 0.$$

$$\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} < 1 \Rightarrow x_{n+1} < x_n \Rightarrow (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is a decreasing sequence.}$$

$x_n > 0$ and $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is decreasing sequence $\Rightarrow \exists l \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n) = l$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n \cdot a^{-x_n} > l = l \cdot a^{-l} > l(1 - a^{-l}) = 0 > l = 0 > \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n) = 0$$

we prove by using the Mathematical induction that $y_n > 0$:

1) we prove that $P(1)$: " $y_1 > 0$ " is true (true)

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2) we suppose that $P(n)$: " $x_n > 0$ " is true

3) we prove that $P(n + 1)$: " $x_{n+1} > 0$ " is true by using $P(n)$:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n \cdot a^{\frac{1}{y_n}}, y_n > 0 \Rightarrow y_{n+1} > 0 \Rightarrow y_n > 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ (proved)}$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n \cdot a^{\frac{1}{y_n}} > \frac{y_{n+1}}{y_n} = a^{\frac{1}{y_n}}, \text{ we know also that } a > 1 \text{ and } y_n > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{y_{n+1}}{y_n} > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{n+1} > y_n \Rightarrow (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is an increasing sequence (2)}$$

we suppose that y_n is verged $\stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} \exists l \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (y_n) = l$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n \cdot a^{\frac{1}{y_n}} \Rightarrow l = l \cdot a^{\frac{1}{l}} \Rightarrow l \left(1 - a^{\frac{1}{l}}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow l = 0, \text{ but } y_n > 0 \text{ and}$$

increasing \Rightarrow contradiction $\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \infty$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (nx_n) \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{y_n}{n}\right) (a)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_n}{n} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (y_{n+1} - y_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(y_n \left(a^{\frac{1}{y_n}} - 1 \right) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^{\frac{1}{y_n}} - 1}{\frac{1}{y_n}} = \ln(a) \quad (3)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (nx_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_n}} \stackrel{\text{Stolz Cesaro}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x_{n+1}} - \frac{1}{x_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{a^{x_n} - 1}{x_n} - \frac{1}{x_n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{a^{x_n} - 1}{x_n}} = \frac{1}{\ln(a)} \quad (4)$$

$$\stackrel{(a):(3):(4)}{\Rightarrow} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = \ln(a) \cdot \frac{1}{\ln(a)} = 1 \Rightarrow \Omega = 1.$$

586.

$$H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}, n \geq 1$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(H_n^2 \left(\left(\frac{1 + H_n}{H_n} \right)^{H_n} - \log \left(\frac{1 + H_n}{H_n} \right)^{e^{H_n}} \right) \right)$$

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{1 + H_n}{H_n} \right)^{H_n} - \ln \left(\frac{1 + H_n}{H_n} \right)^{e H_n} \right] \right\}$$

$\therefore (H_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a divergent sequence (partial sums).

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{H_n} \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} - e \ln(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{x^2} = e \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{e} - 1 - \ln \left[\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{e} \right]}{x^2}$$

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{e} - 1 \rightarrow 0^+ \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0^+ \Rightarrow \Omega = e \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{y - \ln(y+1)}{y^2} \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\left[\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{e} - 1 \right]^2}{x^2}$$

$$= e \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{y - \ln(y+1)}{y^2} \times \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} - 1}{x} \right]^2$$

$$\text{Let } M = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} - 1}{\ln \left[\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{e} \right]} \times \frac{\ln \left[\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{e} \right]}{x}. \text{ Let } z = \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{e} \rightarrow 1^- \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0^+ \Rightarrow$$

$$M = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{z - 1}{\ln z} \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x} \ln(1+x) - 1}{x}$$

$$M = 1 \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1+x) - x}{x^2} = -L \therefore \Omega = e \times L \times (-L)^2 = eL^3$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x - \ln(1+x)}{x^2}. \text{ We have: } 1 - y^2 < 1 < 1 + y^3 \quad \forall y > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$1 - y < \frac{1}{1+y} < 1 - y + y^2 \Rightarrow \int_0^x (1-y) dy < \int_0^x \frac{1}{1+y} dy < \int_0^x (1-y+y^2) dy \Rightarrow$$

$$x - \frac{x^2}{2} < \ln(1+x) < x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} \quad \forall x > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{3} < \frac{x - \ln(1+x)}{x^2} < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2} < \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x - \ln(1+x)}{x^2} < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{By squeeze theorem: } L = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \Omega = eL^3 = \frac{e}{8}$$

587. Find:

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(n \left(\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \right)^{\frac{\pi^2}{6}} - \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6} \right)^{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Solution by Yubian Andres Bedoya Henao-Medellin-Colombia

$$\text{Let } f(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \text{ and } L = \frac{\pi^2}{6} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = L \Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n[f(n)^L - L^{f(n)}] = ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)^L - L^{f(n)}}{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow \frac{0}{0} \quad (L'H)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L f(n)^{L-1} f'(n) - L^{f(n)} \ln(L) f'(n)}{-\frac{1}{n^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 f'(n) [L^{f(n)} \ln(L) - L f(n)^{L-1}] = L^L (\ln(L) - 1) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 f'(n)$$

$$\therefore f'(n) = \frac{d}{dn} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{d}{dn} \sum_{k=1}^n \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (xy)^{k-1} dx dy = \frac{d}{dn} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{1 - (xy)^n}{1 - xy} dx dy$$

$$= - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{(xy)^n \ln(xy)}{1 - xy} dx dy \quad (z = x^n \quad w = y^n) = - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{zw \ln(zw)^{\frac{1}{n}}}{1 - (zw)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \frac{(zw)^{\frac{1}{n}} dz dw}{n^2 zw}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^3} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\ln(zw) - \frac{\ln(zw)}{1 - (zw)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) dz dw$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 f'(n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\ln(zw) - \frac{\ln(zw)}{1 - (zw)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) dz dw$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\ln(zw) - \frac{\ln(zw)}{1 - (zw)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) dz dw = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\ln(zw)}{1 - (zw)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) dz dw \quad (L'H)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \ln(zw)}{\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) (zw)^{\frac{1}{n}} \ln(zw)} \right) dz dw = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{(zw)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right) dz dw = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 dz dw = 1$$

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$$\Rightarrow \Omega = L^L(\ln(L) - 1) = \left(\frac{\pi^2}{6}\right)^{\frac{\pi^2}{6}} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\pi^2}{6}\right) - 1\right]$$

588. Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \geq 0$. Find:

$$\Phi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n)!} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+1}{k} \frac{x^{2(n+1)}}{x^{2k}} \right)^{-1} dx \right]$$

Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

Solution by Zaharia Burghilea-Romania

$$\Phi = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2n)!!}{(2n)!} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+1}{k} \frac{x^{2(n+1)}}{x^{2k}} \right)^{-1} dx \right]$$

Since $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+1}{k} x^{-2k} = (1 + x^{-2})^{n+1}$. We have that:

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \binom{n+1}{k} \frac{x^{2(n+1)}}{x^{2k}} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1} \right)^{n+1} \frac{1}{x^{2(n+1)}} = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)^{n+1}}$$

$$I_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+1}{k} \frac{x^{2(n+1)}}{x^{2k}} \right)^{-1} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)^{n+1}}$$

$$\text{Substituting } x^2 = t \text{ we get: } I_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(t+1)^{n+1}} dt =$$

$$= B\left(\frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(n+1)} = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{n!} \cdot \frac{(2n)! \sqrt{\pi}}{4^n n!} = \pi \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2}$$

Where $B(x, y)$ and $\Gamma(x)$ are Euler's beta and gamma function.

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi} \text{ and } \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{(2n)! \sqrt{\pi}}{4^n n!}$$

Also, since $(2n)!! = [2n][2(n-1)][2(n-2)] \dots 2 = 2^n n!$.

$$\Phi = \pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2^n n!}{(2n)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{4^n (n!)^2} = \pi \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n n!} = \pi \sqrt{e}$$

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589. $\omega(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{i^2+i+1}{i^2-i+1} \right], [*]$ - great integer function

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\log(3n + 1) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\omega(k)} \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Pierre Mounir-Cairo-Egypt

Given: $\omega(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{i^2+i+1}{i^2-i+1} \right]$. Find: $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \ln(3n + 1) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\omega(k)} \right\}$

$$\omega(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[1 + \frac{2i}{i^2 - i + 1} \right] = n + \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{2i}{i^2 - i + 1} \right]$$

We have: $0 < \frac{2i}{i^2-i+1} < 1 \forall i \geq 3 \therefore \left[\frac{2i}{i^2-i+1} \right] = 0 \forall i \geq 3$

$$\omega(n) = n + [2] + \left[\frac{4}{3} \right] + \sum_{i=3}^n \left[\frac{2i}{i^2 - i + 1} \right] = n + 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \ln(3n + 1) - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k + 3} \right\} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \ln(3n + 1) - \ln n + \left(\ln n - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right) + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right\} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(3 + \frac{1}{n} \right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\ln n - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right) + \frac{11}{6} = \ln 3 - \gamma + \frac{11}{6} \end{aligned}$$

590. If $a_1, a_2, a_n, b_1, b_2, b_n$ denotes the distinct or identical digits and

$$17 \times a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_n \times 17 = b_1 + b_2 + \cdots + b_n$$

i.e. there exist the multiple of 17 such that the sum of the digits is 17. Find such smallest and largest four digit multiple of 17.

Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

Solution by proposer

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Call the four - digit $n = \overline{abcd}$ as per the divisibility test if 17. We have new number $m = \overline{abc} - 5d = 10^2a + 10b + c - 5d$. Assume the number is divisible by 17. Then

$$\text{we get: } 17m = 10^2a + 10b + c - 5d = 99a + 9b - 6d + \overbrace{(a + b + c + d)}^{17}$$

$$17(m - 1) = 3(33a + 3b - 2d) \Rightarrow 17\left(\frac{m-1}{3}\right) = 33a + 3b - 2d$$

For the smallest number we observe for the smallest four-digit number $m = 4$. Then

$$33a + 3b - 2d = 1 \times 17 = 17$$

Notice $a \neq 0$ so, the smallest possible value of $a = 1$ then the last equation becomes:

$$33 + 3b - 2d = 17 \Rightarrow 2d - 3b = 16 \Rightarrow d = \frac{16 + 3b}{2}$$

For $b = 0, 2$ then, $d = 8, 11$ respectively. Since $d \leq 9$, $\therefore d = 8, b = 0, a = 1$ & $c = 17 - 9 = 8$. Which makes 1088 as smallest required number:

For the largest number

$$\text{Further, simplifying we see the formula: } b = \frac{1}{3} \left[17 \left(\frac{m-1}{3} \right) - 33a + 2d \right] < 30, m \geq 4$$

For the largest value of \overline{abcd} we want to maximize the value of $a = 9$. Also, we

$$\text{notice that } 0 \leq b \leq 8 \text{ and: } 281 \leq 17 \left(\frac{m-1}{3} \right) \leq 305 \Rightarrow 50 \leq m \leq 54 \text{ or}$$

$$297 \leq 17 \left(\frac{m-1}{3} \right) \leq 321 \Rightarrow 53 \leq m \leq 57$$

Hence, we have $50 \leq m \leq 57$, the largest possible for m is 55 such that

$$b \in \mathbb{N} \leq 8. \text{ Plugging back to the above equation: } b = \frac{306 - 297 + 2d}{3} = \frac{9 + 2d}{3} \Rightarrow d = 0, 3, 6$$

which solves for $b = 5, 5, 7$ and the largest 4 digits numbers we have

$\overline{abcd} = 9530, 9503, 97c6$ (rejected). Therefore, the largest possible value of

$$\overline{abcd} = 9503 \text{ since it's the multiple 17 only less a 1000.}$$

591. Let x_1, x_2, x_3 be the roots of $x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$. Find:

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{x_1 + 3} + \frac{1}{x_2 + 3} + \frac{1}{x_3 + 3}$$

Proposed by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbie

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Solution 1 by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$y = \frac{1}{x+3} \rightarrow x+3 = \frac{1}{y} \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{y} - 3$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{y} - 3\right)^3 + 3\left(\frac{1}{y} - 3\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{y} - 3\right) - 5 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{y^3} - \frac{9}{y^2} + \frac{27}{y} - 27 + \frac{3}{y^2} - \frac{18}{y} + 27 + \frac{2}{y} - 6 - 5 = 0$$

$$1 - 9y + 27y^2 + 3y - 18y^2 + 5y^2 - 11y^3 = 0$$

$$-11y^3 + 11y^2 - 6y + 1 = 0$$

$$11y^3 - 11y^2 + 6y - 1 = 0$$

$$\Omega = \frac{1}{x_1+3} + \frac{1}{x_2+3} + \frac{1}{x_3+3} = y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = -\frac{-11}{11} = 1$$

Solution 2 by Sagar Kumar-Kolkata-India

$$x_1^3 + 3x_1^2 + 2x_1 + 6 = 11$$

$$\frac{x_1^2 + 2}{11} = \frac{1}{x_1 + 3}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 6}{11} \quad (1)$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = -3, x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_1x_3 = 2$$

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^2 = (11\Omega - 6) + 4 \Rightarrow \frac{9-4+6}{11} = \Omega = 1$$

Solution 3 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

$$p(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x - 5 = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$

$$p'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x + 2 = (x - x_2)(x - x_3) + (x - x_1)(x - x_2) + (x - x_1)(x - x_3)$$

$$\frac{p'(x)}{p(x)} = \frac{1}{x - x_1} + \frac{1}{x - x_2} + \frac{1}{x - x_3} \Rightarrow \frac{p'(-3)}{p(-3)} = \frac{1}{-3 - x_1} + \frac{1}{-3 - x_2} + \frac{1}{-3 - x_3} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega = \frac{-p'(-3)}{p(-3)} = -\frac{11}{-11} = 1$$

592. Solve for real numbers:

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$$\begin{cases} 2x\sqrt{1-y^2} + 2y\sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{3} \\ 2y\sqrt{1-z^2} + 2z\sqrt{1-y^2} = \sqrt{3} \\ 2z\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2x\sqrt{1-z^2} = \sqrt{3} \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Naren Bhandari-India

$$\begin{cases} 2y\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2y\sqrt{1-y^2} = \sqrt{3} \\ 2y\sqrt{1-z^2} + 2y\sqrt{1-y^2} = \sqrt{3} \\ 2z\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2z\sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{3} \end{cases}$$

These systems of equations can be further expressed as:

$$\begin{cases} \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3} & (1) \\ \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3} & (2) \\ \sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} z = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3} & (3) \end{cases}$$

Adding these equations, we have that: $\sin^{-1} x + \sin^{-1} y + \sin^{-1} z = \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi$ (4)

Notice that: $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow -1 \leq \phi \leq 1$ this implies the inequality above hold true for the following cases ie.

(1). If $x = y = z$ then: $\sin^{-1} x = \sin^{-1} y = \sin^{-1} z = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}$ which implies that

$$x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ from equation (4)}$$

(2). If any two of them are equal and third one is different. WLOG, let $x = y$ which directly implies $z = 0, x = y = 1$ which further follows as either $x = y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ or

$x = y = \frac{1}{2}$ and the same value will correspond either $x = 0$ case or $y = 0$. Thus, the

solutions are $0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. Thus, $x = 0, y = z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ $x = y = z = \frac{1}{2}$

$$x = 1, y = z = \frac{1}{2} \quad y = 1, x = z = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$z = 1, x = y = \frac{1}{2} \quad y = 0, x = z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

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$$x = 0, x = y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$2x\sqrt{1-y^2} + 2\sqrt{1-x^2} \stackrel{(1)}{=} \sqrt{3}$$

$$2y\sqrt{1-z^2} + 2z\sqrt{1-y^2} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \sqrt{3}$$

$$2z\sqrt{1-x^2} + 2x\sqrt{1-z^2} \stackrel{(3)}{=} \sqrt{3}$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 2x\sqrt{1-y^2} = \sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{1-x^2} \Rightarrow 4x^2(1-y^2) = 3 - 4\sqrt{3}y\sqrt{1-x^2} + 4y^2(1-x^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y^2 - 4\sqrt{3(1-x^2)}y + 3 - 4x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{4\sqrt{3(1-x^2)} \pm \sqrt{48(1-x^2) - 16(3-4x^2)}}{8} = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)} \pm x}{2}$$

$$\text{Similarly, (3)} \Rightarrow z = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)} \pm x}{2}$$

$$\text{Case 1) } y = z = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)} + x}{2}$$

$$\text{Then, using (2), } 4y\sqrt{1-y^2} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 16y^4 - 16y^2 + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow y^2 = \frac{16 \pm 8}{32} = \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow y = z = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Case 1a) } y = z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \therefore \sqrt{3(1-x^2)} + x = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 3(1-x^2) = (\sqrt{3} - x)^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \therefore \left(x = 0, y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \& \left(x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \text{ are two solutions.}$$

$$\text{Case 2b) } y = z = \frac{1}{2} \therefore \sqrt{3(1-x^2)} + x = 1 \Rightarrow 3(1-x^2) = (1-x)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)(2x+1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1, -\frac{1}{2}. \text{ Easy to verify that } x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ is inadmissible and}$$

that $\left(x = 1, y = \frac{1}{2}, z = \frac{1}{2}\right)$ is a solution. Easy to note that at most are among x, y, z

can be negative and $\therefore y = z = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$ are impossible cases.

$$\text{Case 2) } y = z = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)} - x}{2}$$

$$\text{using (2), } y = z = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

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Case 2a) $y = z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \therefore \sqrt{3(1-x^2)} - x = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 3(1-x^2) = (x + \sqrt{3})^2 \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x \Rightarrow x = 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. *Easy to verify that $x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ is inadmissible and that*

$(x = 0, y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ *is a solution*

Case 2b) $y = z = \frac{1}{2} \therefore \sqrt{3(1-x^2)} - x = 1 \Rightarrow 3(1-x^2) = x^2 + 2x + 1 \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow (x+1)(2x-1) = 0$. *Easy to verify that $x = -1$ is inadmissible and that*
 $(x = y = z = \frac{1}{2})$ *is a solution. Of course, $y = z = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}; y = z = -\frac{1}{2}$ are impossible.*

Case 3) $y = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)+x}}{2}, z = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)-x}}{2}$

$$1 - y^2 = \frac{1+2x^2-2x\sqrt{3(1-x^2)}}{4} = \frac{1-x^2+3x^2-2\sqrt{3(1-x^2)}x}{4} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}-\sqrt{3}x}{2}\right)^2 \text{ and}$$

$$1 - z^2 = \left(\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x}{2}\right)^2$$

Case 3a) $-1 \leq x < -\frac{1}{2} \therefore x < -\frac{1}{2}, 1 - x^2 < 3x^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} < -\sqrt{3}x \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x < 0 \therefore \sqrt{1-z^2} = \left|\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x}{2}\right| = -\left(\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x}{2}\right)$ *and of course,*

$$\sqrt{1-y^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} - \sqrt{3}x}{2} \quad (\because x < 0)$$

\therefore (2) *becomes:* $-8x\sqrt{1-x^2} = 2\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 16x^4 - 16x^2 + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}. \text{ But } -1 \leq x < -\frac{1}{2} \therefore x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$\therefore x = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, y = 0, z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. *But this solution doesn't satisfy given system.*

Case 3b) $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x < 0 \therefore x \geq -\frac{1}{2}, \therefore \sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{1-z^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x}{2}$

$$\text{Of course, } \sqrt{1-y^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} - \sqrt{3}x}{2} \quad (\because x < 0)$$

(1) *becomes:* $x\sqrt{1-x^2} = \sqrt{3}x^2 \Rightarrow x = 0, -\frac{1}{2}$

But $\therefore -\frac{1}{2} \leq x < 0, \therefore x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}, z = 1$. Easy to check that this solution doesn't satisfy the system.

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Case 3c) $0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2}$ $\sqrt{1-x^2} > \sqrt{3}x \Rightarrow \sqrt{1-y^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}-\sqrt{x}}{2}$ and of course,

$$\sqrt{1-z^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x}{2}$$

(1) becomes: $2x\sqrt{1-x^2} = 2\sqrt{3}x^2 \Rightarrow x = 0, \frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2}, \therefore (x = 0, y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ which is a solution.

Case 3d) $\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1$. Then $\sqrt{3}x \geq \sqrt{1-x^2} \therefore \sqrt{1-y^2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}x-\sqrt{1-x^2}}{2}$ and of course,

$$\sqrt{1-z^2} = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} + \sqrt{3}x}{2}$$

(2) becomes: $8x\sqrt{1-x^2} = 2\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 16x^4 - 16x^2 + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore (x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, z = 0)$ and $(x = \frac{1}{2}, y = 1, z = \frac{1}{2})$ are two solutions.

Case 4) $y = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)-x}}{2}, z = \frac{\sqrt{3(1-x^2)+x}}{2}$. In this case, roles of y and z are simply

interchanged. We'll obtain two more solutions:

$(x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, y = 0, z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$ and $(x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}, z = 1)$

\therefore all possible real solutions are:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x = 0 \\ y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}^{**}, \begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} x = 1 \\ y = \frac{1}{2} \\ z = \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}^*, \begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{1}{2} \\ y = \frac{1}{2} \\ z = \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ z = 0 \end{pmatrix}^{**}, \begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{1}{2} \\ y = 1 \\ z = \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}^*, \begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ y = 0 \\ z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{pmatrix}^{**}, \begin{pmatrix} x = \frac{1}{2} \\ y = \frac{1}{2} \\ z = 1 \end{pmatrix}^*$$

Solution 3 by Santos Martins Junior-Brussels-Belgium

Let $x\sqrt{(1-y^2)} = a$ (1)

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$$y\sqrt{(1-x^2)} = b \quad (2)$$

$$y\sqrt{(1-z)^2} = c \quad (3)$$

$$z\sqrt{(1-y^2)} = d \quad (4)$$

$$z\sqrt{(1-x^2)} = e \quad (5)$$

$$x\sqrt{(1-z^2)} = f \quad (6)$$

The system becomes: $(a + b) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (7); $(c + d) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$; $(e + f) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (9)

Doing $(1)^2 - (2)^2$: $(a^2 - b^2) = (x^2 - y^2)$

Doing: $(3)^2 - (4)^2$: $(c^2 - d^2) = (y^2 - z^2)$

Doing: $(5)^2 - (6)^2$: $(e^2 - f^2) = (z^2 - x^2)$

Adding up: $(a^2 + c^2 + e^2) = (b^2 + d^2 + f^2)$ (10)

Doing $(7)^2 + (8)^2 + (9)^2$: $(a^2 + b^2 + 2ab + c^2 + d^2 + 2cd + e^2 + f^2 + 2ef) = \frac{9}{4}$

using (10): $2(a^2 + c^2 + e^2) + 2(ab + cd + ef) = \frac{9}{4}$

: $a(a + b) + c(c + d) + e(e + f) = \frac{9}{8}$

using (7), (8), (9): $\left\{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right\}^* (a + c + e) = \frac{9}{8} \Rightarrow (a + c + e) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$ (11)

Doing (7) + (8) + (9): $(a + c + e) + (b + d + f) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

using (11): $(b + d + f) = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$ (12)

Also we know from equations (1) to (6) that: $(a * c * e) = (b * d * f)$ (13)

We got from (11), (12): $(a + c + e) = (b + d + f)$ (14)

We got from (10): $(a^2 + c^2 + e^2) = (b^2 + d^2 + f^2)$

Implying from (14) that $(ac + ce + ea) = (bd + df + fb)$ (15)

We got from (13): $(ace) = (bdf) \Rightarrow (a, c, e)$ and (b, d, f) are the 3 roots of the same

3rd degree polynomial $\Rightarrow \{a, c, e\} = \{b, d, f\}$

1) Let's pick: $a = b \Rightarrow x\sqrt{(1-y^2)} = y\sqrt{(1-x^2)} \Rightarrow xy$ have the same sign

\Rightarrow squaring: $x^2 = y^2 \Rightarrow (x + y)(x - y) = 0$

$x = -y$ is rejected $\Rightarrow x = y$: $x\sqrt{(1-x^2)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \Rightarrow x^4 - x^2 + \frac{3}{16} \Rightarrow$

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$$x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

\Rightarrow substituting in (8) or (9): when $x = y = \frac{1}{2}, z = 1$ or $z = \frac{1}{2}$ when

$$x = y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, z = 0 \text{ or } z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 1\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$2) \text{ picking } a = d \Rightarrow x\sqrt{(1-y^2)} = z\sqrt{(1-y^2)}$$

$y = 1$ solution \Rightarrow from (7) and (8) we get: $x = z = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

otherwise $x = z \Rightarrow$ from (9): $x\sqrt{(1-x^2)} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \Rightarrow x = z = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

substituting in (7) or (8): when $x = z = \frac{1}{2}, y = 1$ or $y = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{when } x = z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, y = 0 \text{ or } y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$(x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$3) \text{ picking } a = f \Rightarrow x\sqrt{(1-y^2)} = x\sqrt{(1-z^2)}$$

$x = 0$ is solution \Rightarrow from (7) and (9) we get: $y = z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Otherwise $y = z$ proceeding similarly we get

$$(x, y, z) = \left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

Solution 4 by Shahlar Maharramov-Azerbaijan

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{6}((-1)^n + (-1)^k + (-1)^n) + \frac{\pi}{2}(m + n + k)$$

Rearrangement, take places the cases: $(m, n, k) = (0, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 0), (1, 0, 0)$

$(0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)$

1) take $(0, 0, 0) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $\alpha + \beta = \beta + \gamma = \alpha + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{3} \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

2) take $(0, 1, 1) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{\pi}{3}; \beta + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{3}, \gamma + \alpha = \frac{2\pi}{3} \Rightarrow$

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$$\Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{\pi}{3} : 0 : \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} : 0 : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$3) (0, 1, 0) \text{ same process } (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(0 : \frac{\pi}{3} : \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$(x, y, z) = \left(0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

$$4) (1, 0, 0) \Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{\pi}{3} : \frac{\pi}{3} : 0\right), (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} : 0\right)$$

$$5) (0, 1, 1) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{\pi}{6} + \pi = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \quad (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{2} : \frac{1}{2} : 0\right)$$

$$6) (1, 0, 1) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(0 : \frac{1}{2} : \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$7) (1, 1, 0) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{5\pi}{6} \Rightarrow (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{\pi}{6} : \frac{\pi}{2} : \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{1}{2} : 0 : \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$8) (1, 1, 1) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{3\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left(\frac{2\pi}{3} : \frac{2\pi}{3} : \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \Rightarrow (x, y, z) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} : \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$

593. Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} 0 < x, y, z < 1 \\ \frac{x}{1-x^2} + \frac{y}{1-y^2} + \frac{z}{1-z^2} = \frac{4xyz}{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} \\ x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\sum x^2 \stackrel{(1)}{=} 1 \ \& \ \frac{x}{1-x^2} + \frac{y}{1-y^2} + \frac{z}{1-z^2} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \frac{4xyz}{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)(1-z^2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2) \Rightarrow x(1-y^2)(1-z^2) + y(1-z^2)(1-x^2) + z(1-x^2)(1-y^2) &= 4xyz \\ \Rightarrow x(1 - (1-x^2) + y^2z^2) + y(1 - (1-y^2) + z^2x^2) + z(1 - (1-z^2) + x^2y^2) &= \\ = 4xyz (\because \sum x^2 = 1) \Rightarrow \sum x^3 + xyz(\sum xy) = 4xyz \Rightarrow 3xyz + \sum x(1 - \sum xy) + & \\ + xyz(\sum xy) = 4xyz (\because \sum x^2 = 1) \Rightarrow \sum x(1 - \sum xy) = xyz(1 - \sum xy) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow (1 - \sum xy)(\sum x - xyz) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Now, $\sum x^2 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 3\sqrt[3]{x^2y^2z^2} \Rightarrow 1 \geq 27x^2y^2z^2 \Rightarrow 27x^2y^2z^2 \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} 1$. If $\sum x = xyz$, then,

$$\begin{aligned} (\sum x)^2 &= x^2y^2z^2 \Rightarrow 27(1 + 2\sum xy) = 27x^2y^2z^2 (\because \sum x^2 = 1) \stackrel{\text{by (2)}}{\leq} 1 \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow 54\sum xy \leq -26. \text{ But } 54\sum xy > 0 (\because x, y, z > 0) \therefore \sum x \neq xyz \therefore (1) \Rightarrow 1 = \sum xy \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum x^2 \geq \sum xy \text{ (equality when } x = y = z) \Rightarrow 1 \geq \sum xy,$$

with equality when $x = y = z$.

$$\& \because 1 = \sum xy \therefore x = y = z \ \& \because \sum x^2 = 1, \therefore x^2 = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow x = y = z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ (ans)}$$

Solution 2 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2x}{1-x^2} + \frac{2y}{1-y^2} + \frac{2z}{1-z^2} &= \frac{8xyz}{(1-x^2)(1-y^2)(1-z^2)} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right) + \left(\frac{2y}{1-y^2}\right) + \\ &+ \left(\frac{2z}{1-z^2}\right) = \left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)\left(\frac{2y}{1-y^2}\right)\left(\frac{2z}{1-z^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } x = \tan \alpha, y = \tan \beta, z = \tan \gamma \Rightarrow \tan 2\alpha + \tan 2\beta + \tan 2\gamma =$$

$$= (\tan 2\alpha)(\tan 2\beta)(\tan 2\gamma) \Rightarrow 2\alpha + 2\beta + 2\gamma = \pi$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = \frac{\sum \tan \alpha - \prod \tan \alpha}{1 - \sum \tan \alpha \tan \beta} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \sum \tan \alpha \tan \beta = 1$$

$$\because x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \tan^2 \alpha + \tan^2 \beta + \tan^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$(\tan \alpha + \tan \beta + \tan \gamma)^2 = \sum \tan^2 \alpha + 2 \sum \tan \alpha \tan \beta = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$\tan \alpha + \tan \beta + \tan \gamma = \sqrt{3} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \because x, y, z \in (0, 1) \\ \Rightarrow \tan \alpha > 0 \\ \tan \beta > 0 \\ \tan \gamma > 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Now, by Cauchy's Schwarz Inequality

$$(\tan^2 \alpha + \tan^2 \beta + \tan^2 \gamma)(1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2) \geq (\tan \alpha + \tan \beta + \tan \gamma)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\because \tan^2 \alpha + \tan^2 \beta + \tan^2 \gamma = 1$$

$$\tan \alpha + \tan \beta + \tan \gamma = \sqrt{3}$$

\therefore Equality holds in (1) {Cauchy's Inequality}

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tan \alpha}{1} = \frac{\tan \beta}{1} = \frac{\tan \gamma}{1} \because \tan \alpha + \tan \beta + \tan \gamma = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 3 \tan \alpha = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \alpha = \tan \beta = \tan \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = \tan \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \because y = \tan \beta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ z = \tan \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow (x, y, z) \equiv \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

594. Solve for real numbers:

$$x^3 + x^2 + 2x + \log(x^3 + 2x + 1) = y$$

$$y^3 + y^2 + 2y + \log(y^3 + 2y + 1) = x$$

Proposed by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

Solution 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

Observation: Let the symmetric and circular system:

$$(1) \begin{cases} f(x_1) = x_2 \\ f(x_2) = x_3 \\ \vdots \\ f(x_n) = x_1 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1. The system (1) is equivalent with the equation $f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f(x) = x$.

Theorem 2. If $f: D \rightarrow D$ is strictly increasing the equation

$$f \circ f \circ \dots \circ f(x) = x \Leftrightarrow f(x) = x$$

Solution 2 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 2x + \log(x^3 + 2x + 1)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3x^2+2}{x^3+2x+1} + 3x^2 + 2x + 2. \text{ We must have } x^3 + 2x + 1 > 0 \text{ for } \log(x^3 + 2x + 1)$$

$$\text{to be defined on } \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow x^3 + 2x + 1 > 0 \because f'(x) = \frac{3x^2+2}{x^3+2x+1} + (x+1)^2 + 2x^2 + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is an increasing f^n . Let us assume $x \geq y$. Then $f(x)$ is an increasing f^n ,

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$\therefore f(x) \geq f(y) \Rightarrow y \geq x (\because y = f(x) \& x = f(y)) \therefore x \geq y \& y \geq x$, we must have $x = y$.

If we assume $x \leq y$, then $f(y) \geq f(x) \Rightarrow x \geq y \Rightarrow x = y$. So, we conclude combining both cases that $x = y \therefore x^3 + x^2 + x + \log(x^3 + 2x + 1) = 0$. Let $g(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x +$

$$+ \log(x^3 + 2x + 1); g'(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 2}{x^3 + 2x + 1} + (x + 1)^2 + 2x^2 > 0 \Rightarrow g(x)$$

is an increasing f^n &

$\therefore g(0) = 0, \therefore g(x) = 0$ iff $x = 0 \therefore$ only possible pair satisfying given equation is

$$\begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases} \text{ (answer)}$$

595. Find $x, y, z \geq 2, t \geq 1$ such that:

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{x-2} + \sqrt[3]{y-2} + \sqrt[4]{z-2} = 3\sqrt{t} \\ x + y + z = 6 + 3t \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Marian Ursărescu – Romania

$x < 3$
First if $y < 3 \Rightarrow x + y + t < 9$, but $t \geq 1 \Rightarrow 6 + 3t \geq 9 \Rightarrow$ its false $\Rightarrow x, y, z \geq 3$.
 $z < 3$

Let $x - 2 = a, y - 2 = b, z - 2 = c, a, b, c \geq 1$

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[4]{c} = 3\sqrt{t} \\ a + b + c = 3t \end{cases} \Rightarrow \sqrt{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[4]{c} = \sqrt{3(a+b+c)} \quad (1)$$

Because $a, b, c \geq 1 \Rightarrow \sqrt[3]{b} \leq \sqrt{b}$ and $\sqrt[4]{c} \leq \sqrt{c}$ with equality for $b = c = 1 \Rightarrow$

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt[3]{b} + \sqrt[4]{c} \leq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} \quad (2). \text{ From (1)+(2) } \Rightarrow$$

$$\sqrt{3(a+b+c)} \leq \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c} \Rightarrow 3(a+b+c) \leq (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{From Cauchy's inequality } 3(a+b+c) \geq (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} + \sqrt{c})^2 \quad (4)$$

From (3)+(4) \Rightarrow in Cauchy's inequality we have equality $\Rightarrow a = b = c = 1 \Rightarrow y = 3 \Rightarrow t = 1$.
 $x = 3$
 $z = 3$

596. Solve for real numbers:

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$$\begin{cases} \begin{vmatrix} x & y & 2 & 3 \\ y & x & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & x & y \\ 3 & 2 & y & x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\ x + y - \sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}} \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

We have $x + y - \sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2}}$. Put $(x + y) = a, \sqrt{xy} = b \Rightarrow a - b = \sqrt{\frac{a^2 - 2b^2}{2}}$

Squaring both sides $\Rightarrow (a - b)^2 = \left(\frac{a^2 - 2b^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow 2(a^2 + b^2 - 2ab) = a^2 - 2b^2 \Rightarrow$
 $\Rightarrow 2a^2 + 2b^2 - 4ab = a^2 - 2b^2 \Rightarrow a^2 + 4b^2 - 4ab = 0 \Rightarrow (a - 2b)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 2b$ or

$$x + y = 2\sqrt{xy} \Rightarrow (\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y})^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{x} = \sqrt{y} \Rightarrow x = y$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 2 & 3 \\ y & x & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & x & y \\ 3 & 2 & y & x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow x = y \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & x & 2 & 3 \\ x & x & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & x & x \\ 3 & 2 & x & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Applying $R_2 \rightarrow (R_2 - R_1); R_4 \rightarrow (R_4 - R_3) \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & x & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & x & x \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1; C_4 \rightarrow C_4 - C_3 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & x & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Applying $R_3 \rightarrow R_3 - 2R_4 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 5 & x & 0 \\ 1 & -2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Expanding this determinant $\Rightarrow x \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 5 & x & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 5 & x & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Again expanding: $-4x^2 + 25 = 0$

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$$4x^2 = 25 \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{5}{2} \because x = y \Rightarrow x = y = \pm \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{But, } x + y - \sqrt{xy} = \sqrt{\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}}$$

$$\text{RHS} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{LHS} > 0 \Rightarrow x + y > \sqrt{xy} > 0 \therefore x + y > 0. \text{ So, } x \neq -\frac{5}{2}, y \neq -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{The only solution is } \left(x = y = \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

As \sqrt{xy} is involved, either both $x, y \leq 0$ or both $x, y \geq 0$. If $x, y < 0$, then

$$x + y - \sqrt{xy} < 0 \text{ and } \sqrt{\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}} > 0 \therefore \text{both } x, y \neq 0. \text{ Thus, } x, y \geq 0. \text{ Let}$$

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} x & y & 2 & 3 \\ y & x & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & x & y \\ 3 & 2 & y & x \end{vmatrix}. \text{ Applying } C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4, \text{ we get } \Delta = (x + y + 5)\Delta_1,$$

where

$$\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & x & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & x & y \\ 1 & 2 & y & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & y & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & x-y & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 3-y & x-2 & y-3 \\ 0 & 2-y & y-2 & x-3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} x-y & 1 & -1 \\ 3-y & x-2 & y-3 \\ 2-y & y-2 & x-3 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_1 + C_3, C_2 \rightarrow C_2 + C_3 \text{ gives } \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x-y-1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & x+y-5 & y-3 \\ x-y-1 & x+y-5 & x-3 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= (x-y-1)(x+y-5) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & y-3 \\ 1 & 1 & x-3 \end{vmatrix} = (x-y-1)(x+y-5) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & y-3 \\ 1 & 1 & x-2 \end{vmatrix} =$$

$$= (x-y-1)(x+y-5)(x-2-y+3) = (x-y-1)(x-y+1)(x+y-5)$$

Now, $\Delta = 0 \Rightarrow (x+y+5)\Delta_1 = 0$. As $x, y \geq 0$, we get $\Delta_1 = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow (x-y-1)(x-y+1)(x+y-5) = 0 \Rightarrow x-y = 1 \text{ or } x-y = -1 \text{ or } x+y = 5.$$

Case 1: $x-y = 1$. Let $x = t + \frac{1}{2}, y = t - \frac{1}{2}, t \geq \frac{1}{2}$. The second equation becomes

$$2t - \sqrt{t^2 - \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{4}} \Rightarrow 2t = \sqrt{t^2 - \frac{1}{4}} + \sqrt{t^2 + \frac{1}{4}}$$

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$$\Rightarrow 4t^2 = t^2 + \frac{1}{4} + t^2 - \frac{1}{4} + 2\sqrt{t^4 - \frac{1}{4}} \Rightarrow t^2 = \sqrt{t^4 - \frac{1}{4}} < t^2. \text{ Not possible.}$$

Similarly, $y - x = 1$ is not possible. Thus, we consider

Case 2: $x + y = 5$

$$\text{Let } x = \frac{5}{2} - t, y = \frac{5}{2} + t \text{ where } -\frac{5}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Second equation now becomes: } 5 - \sqrt{\frac{25}{4} - t^2} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{4} + t^2} \Rightarrow t = 0. \text{ Thus, } x = \frac{5}{2}, y = \frac{5}{2}.$$

597. Solve for real positive numbers:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x+y}{1+xy} + \frac{xy}{1+x} + \frac{xy}{1+y} + \frac{x+y+2xy}{(1+x)(1+y)xy} = 3 \\ \sin x = \cos y \end{array} \right.$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Hoang La Nhat Tung-Hanoi-Vietnam

$$\frac{x+y}{1+xy} + \frac{xy}{1+x} + \frac{xy}{1+y} + \frac{x+y+2xy}{(1+x)(1+y)xy} = 3$$

$$\frac{(x+1)(y+1)}{xy+1} + xy\left(\frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{1+y}\right) + \frac{x(y+1) + y(x+1)}{xy(1+x)(1+y)} = 4$$

$$\text{AM-GM: LHS} \geq \frac{(x+1)(y+1)}{xy+1} + \frac{2xy}{\sqrt{(1+x)(1+y)}} + \frac{2\sqrt{xy(1+x)(1+y)}}{xy(1+x)(1+y)} = \frac{(x+1)(y+1)}{xy+1} + \frac{2(\sqrt{(xy)^3+1})}{\sqrt{xy(1+x)(1+y)}}$$

$$\geq 2\sqrt{\frac{(x+1)(y+1) \cdot 2(\sqrt{(xy)^3+1})}{(xy+1)\sqrt{xy(x+1)(y+1)}}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{2(\sqrt{(xy)^3+1})\sqrt{(x+1)(y+1)}}{(xy+1)\sqrt{xy}}} \quad (1)$$

$$\sqrt{(xy)^3} + 1 \geq \sqrt{\frac{(xy+1)^3}{2}} = (xy+1)\sqrt{\frac{xy+1}{2}} \geq (xy+1) \cdot \sqrt[4]{xy} \quad (2)$$

$$(1), (2) \Rightarrow \text{LHS} \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{2(xy+1)^4\sqrt[4]{xy} \cdot \sqrt{2\sqrt{x} \cdot 2\sqrt{y}}}{(xy+1)\sqrt{xy}}} = 2\sqrt{\frac{4 \cdot \sqrt[4]{xy} \cdot \sqrt[4]{xy}}{\sqrt{xy}}} = 2\sqrt{4} = 4$$

\Rightarrow Equality occurs if $x = y = 1 \Rightarrow \sin x = \sin 1 \neq 0 > 1 = 0 > y \rightarrow$ (absurd)

\Rightarrow system has no solution.

598. Solve for real numbers:

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$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^4 &= xyz^4 \sqrt[4]{27 \sum x^4} \\ x^4 - 4y^3 + 6z^2 - 4x + 1 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right.$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Soumava Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^4 \stackrel{(1)}{=} xyz^4 \sqrt[4]{27 \sum x^4} \text{ \& } x^4 - 4y^3 + 6z^2 - 4x + 1 \stackrel{(2)}{=} 0$$

Let $x^4 = a, y^4 = b, z^4 = c$. Then $\because x, y, z \neq 0, \therefore a, b, c > 0$

$$\therefore (1) \Leftrightarrow \frac{ab}{c} + \frac{bc}{a} + \frac{ca}{b} \stackrel{(1a)}{=} xyz^4 \sqrt[4]{27 \sum a}$$

Now, LHS of (1) $> 0 \Rightarrow xyz^4 \sqrt[4]{27 \sum x^4} > 0 \Rightarrow xyz > 0$

Now, $(xyz)^4 = abc \Rightarrow (xyz)^2 = \sqrt{abc} \Rightarrow |xyz| = \sqrt[4]{abc} \Rightarrow xyz \stackrel{(1b)}{=} \sqrt[4]{abc} (\because xyz > 0)$

$$(1a), (1b) \Rightarrow \sum \frac{ab}{c} = \sqrt[4]{abc} \sqrt[4]{27 \sum a} \Leftrightarrow \left(\sum \frac{ab}{c}\right)^4 \stackrel{(1c)}{=} abc(27 \sum a)$$

$$\text{Now, } \sum \frac{ab}{c} = \sum \frac{a^2 b^2}{abc} = \frac{\sum a^2 b^2}{abc} \geq \frac{abc(\sum a)}{abc} = \sum a \Rightarrow \left(\sum \frac{ab}{c}\right)^4 \stackrel{(1d)}{=} (\sum a)^4$$

$$(1c), (1d) \Rightarrow abc(27 \sum a) \geq (\sum a)^4 \Rightarrow 27abc \stackrel{(1e)}{=} (\sum a)^3$$

But $(\sum a)^3 \stackrel{A-G}{\geq} 27abc$, equality when $a = b = c$

$$(i), (1e) \Rightarrow 27abc = (\sum a)^3 \Rightarrow a = b = c \Rightarrow x^4 = y^4 = z^4 \Rightarrow |x| = |y| = |z| \Rightarrow$$

$$y = \pm x, z = \pm x$$

Case 1) $y = -x$

$$(2) \Rightarrow x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1 \stackrel{(3)}{=} 0$$

Case 1a) $x \leq 0$

$$\text{Then, } -4x \geq 0 \Rightarrow -4x + 1 \geq 1 \stackrel{(m)}{\geq} 0$$

$$\& x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 = x^2(x^2 + 4x + 6) = x^2(x^2 + 4x + 4 + 2) = x^2(x + 2)^2 + 2x^2 \stackrel{(n)}{=} 0$$

$$(m) + (n) \Rightarrow x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow (3) \text{ has no roots} \Rightarrow \text{no real solution.}$$

Case 1b) $x > 0$ Then,

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$x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1 = x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2 + (2x - 1)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow (3)$ has not roots \Rightarrow no real solution

Case 2) $y = x$

$$(2) \Rightarrow x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 1)^4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow x = y = 1$$

& $\because xyz > 0 \therefore z$ must be > 0 (as $xy = 1 > 0$)

$$\therefore z^2 = x^2 \Rightarrow z^2 = 1 \Rightarrow z = 1 \quad (\because z > 0)$$

$$\therefore x = y = z = 1$$

\therefore only possible solution is: $x = y = z = 1$.

Solution 2 by Tran Hong-Vietnam

We have: $xyz > 0$. Must show that: $\left(\frac{xy}{z}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{yz}{x}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{zx}{y}\right)^4 \geq xyz\sqrt[4]{27(x^4 + y^4 + z^4)}$

$$a = \frac{xy}{z}; b = \frac{yz}{x}; c = \frac{zx}{y} \Rightarrow abc = xyz > 0; x^2 = ac > 0; y^2 = ab > 0; z^2 = bc > 0;$$

$$\Rightarrow a, b, c > 0$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq abc\sqrt[4]{27(a^2c^2 + a^2b^2 + b^2c^2)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (a^4 + b^4 + c^4)^4 \geq 27(abc)^4(a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2) \quad (*)$$

$$(*) \text{ true because: } \therefore (a^4 + b^4 + c^4)^3 \stackrel{\text{(Cauchy)}}{\geq} \left\{3\sqrt[3]{(abc)^4}\right\}^3 = 27(abc)^4$$

$$\therefore a^4 + b^4 + c^4 \geq a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Equality} \Leftrightarrow a = b = c \Rightarrow (x, y, z) \in \{(a, a, a); (-a, -a, a); (a, -a, -a); (-a, a, -a)\}$$

$$\therefore a^4 - 4a^3 + 6a^2 - 4a + 1 = 0 \quad (a > 0) \Leftrightarrow (a - 1)^4 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x, y, z) \in \{(1, 1, 1)\}$$

599. Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{\cot^{-1} x} = e^{\frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} y - \cot^{-1} y)} \\ \frac{\tan^{-1} y}{\cot^{-1} y} = e^{\frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x)} \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Rovsen Pirguliyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan

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Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

$$\frac{\tan^{-1} x}{\cot^{-1} x} = e^{\frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} y - \cot^{-1} y)} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\tan^{-1} y}{\cot^{-1} y} = e^{\frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x)} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Equality (1)} \Rightarrow \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{\cot^{-1} x} = e^{\frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} y - \cot^{-1} y)}$$

$$RHS > 0 \Rightarrow LHS = \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{\cot^{-1} x} > 0 \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} x > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$$

Similarly, from equality (2) $\Rightarrow y > 0$. So, $x, y > 0$

Taking logarithm on both sides of equation (1)

$$\log(\tan^{-1} x) - \log(\cot^{-1} x) = \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} y - \cot^{-1} y) \quad (3)$$

Taking log on both sides of equation (2)

$$\log(\tan^{-1} y) - \log(\cot^{-1} y) = \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x) = \log(\tan^{-1} y) - \log(\cot^{-1} y) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Equality (3)+ (4): } \log(\tan^{-1} x) - \log(\cot^{-1} x) + \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x) =$$

$$= \log(\tan^{-1} y) - \log(\cot^{-1} y) + \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} y - \cot^{-1} y)$$

$$\text{Now, let } F(t) = \log(\tan^{-1} t) - \log(\cot^{-1} t) + \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} t - \cot^{-1} t)$$

\Rightarrow Equation (3)+ (4) $\Rightarrow F(x) = F(y)$. Now, differentiation $F(t)$ w.r.t t

$$F'(t) = \frac{1}{\tan^{-1} t (1+t^2)} + \frac{1}{\cot^{-1} t (1+t^2)} + \frac{4}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{1+t^2} + \frac{1}{1+t^2} \right)$$

$$F'(t) = \frac{1}{(1+t^2)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\tan^{-1} t} + \frac{1}{\cot^{-1} t} \right\} + \frac{8}{\pi(1+t^2)}. \text{ Using power mean inequality}$$

$$\frac{(\tan^{-1} t)^{-1} + (\cot^{-1} t)^{-1}}{2} \geq \left(\frac{\tan^{-1} t + \cot^{-1} t}{2} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\geq \left(\frac{\pi}{4} \right)^{-1} \left\{ \tan^{-1} t + \cot^{-1} t = \frac{\pi}{2} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\tan^{-1} t} + \frac{1}{\cot^{-1} t} \geq \frac{8}{\pi} \quad (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow F'(t) \geq \frac{8}{\pi(1+t^2)} + \frac{8}{\pi(1+t^2)} \geq \frac{16}{\pi(1+t^2)} > 0 \Rightarrow F(t) \text{ is strictly increasing function}$$

$$\text{But } F(x) = F(y) \Rightarrow x = y. \text{ Equation (1)} \Rightarrow \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{\cot^{-1} x} = e^{\frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x)} \{ \because x = y \}$$

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Taking log on both sides: $\ln(\tan^{-1} x) - \ln(\cot^{-1} x) = \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x)$

Let $G(x) = \ln(\tan^{-1} x) - \ln(\cot^{-1} x) - \frac{4}{\pi}(\tan^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} x)$

$$G'(x) = \frac{1}{\tan^{-1} x(1+x^2)} + \frac{1}{\cot^{-1} x(1+x^2)} - \frac{4}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{1+x^2} + \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right\}$$

$$G'(x) = \frac{1}{(1+x^2)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\tan^{-1} x} + \frac{1}{\cot^{-1} x} - \frac{8}{\pi} \right\}$$

From (V) $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\tan^{-1} x} + \frac{1}{\cot^{-1} x} \geq \frac{8}{\pi} \Rightarrow G'(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow G(x)$ is an increasing function

So, $G(x) = 0$ can have only one real root. Also, we can see that real root exists only

when $\tan^{-1} x = \cot^{-1} x \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$ is the only possible real root.

600. Solve the following system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x^e + y^e + z^e + u^e = \frac{56}{12\pi} \\ (xy)^e + (xz)^e + (xu)^e + (yz)^e + (yu)^e + (zt)^e = \frac{89}{12\pi^2} \\ (xyz)^e + (xyu)^e + (xzu)^e + (yzu)^e = \frac{56}{12\pi^3} \\ (xyzu)^e = \frac{1}{\pi^4} \end{array} \right.$$

Proposed by Jhoaw Carlos-La Paz-Bolivia

Solution by Amit Dutta-Jamshedpur-India

Let $\pi x^e = a, \pi y^e = b, \pi z^e = c, \pi u^e = d$. This system of equations reduces to

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum a = \frac{56}{12} \\ \sum ab = \frac{89}{12} \\ \sum abc = \frac{56}{12} \\ abcd = 1 \end{array} \right. . \text{ Let us create a biquadratic equation in which } a, b, c, d \text{ are its roots.}$$

$$t^4 - \left(\frac{56}{12}\right)t^3 + \left(\frac{89}{12}\right)t^2 - \left(\frac{56}{12}\right)t + 1 = 0; 12t^4 - 56t^3 + 89t^2 - 56t + 12 = 0$$

$$\text{Dividing throughout by } t^2 (\because t \neq 0) \Rightarrow 12t^2 - 56t + 89 - \frac{56}{t} + \frac{12}{t^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 \left(t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} \right) - 56 \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) + 89 = 0 \Rightarrow 12 \left[\left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right)^2 - 2 \right] - 56 \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) + 89 = 0$$

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$$\Rightarrow 12 \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right)^2 - 56 \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) + 65 = 0 \text{ Let } k = \left(t + \frac{1}{t} \right) \Rightarrow 12k^2 - 56k + 65 = 0$$

$$k = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{13}{6}; t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{5}{2}, 2t^2 - 5t + 2 = 0; t = 2, \frac{1}{2} \text{ Or } t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{13}{6}; 6t^2 - 13t + 6 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow t = 2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \right.$$

$$a = \pi x^e = 2 \Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}}; b = \pi y^2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}}; c = \pi z^e = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow z = \left(\frac{3}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}}$$

$$d = \pi u^e = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow u = \left(\frac{2}{3\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}}$$

$$(a, b, c, d) \equiv (\pi x^e, \pi y^e, \pi z^e, \pi u^e) \equiv \left(2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x = \left(\frac{2}{\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \\ y = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \\ z = \left(\frac{3}{2\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \\ u = \left(\frac{2}{3\pi} \right)^{\frac{1}{e}} \end{array} \right.$$

Note: Since (x, y, z, u) are symmetric in the given problem, so any combination of the above set is possible for (x, y, z, u) .

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