

PROPOSED PROBLEM

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Let $f_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n ((2n-1)!! F_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$. Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f_{n+1} - f_n)$ where F_n denotes the n^{th} Fibonacci number (given by $F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$, and by $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$ for all $n \geq 1$).

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!! F_n}}{n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n-1)!! F_n}{n^n}} \\ \text{Cauchy D'Alembert} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \cdot \frac{\frac{(2n+2)!}{2^{n+1}(n+1)!}}{\frac{(2n)!}{2^n n!}} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \right\} &= \\ &= \frac{\varphi}{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n+1}{n+1} = \frac{2\varphi}{e} \end{aligned}$$

Let $x_n = \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!! F_{n+1}}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!! F_n}}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!! F_{n+1}}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!! F_n}} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \right) = 1 \\ \therefore \frac{\frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} x_n - 1}{\ln x_n} &= \frac{\frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} x_n - 1}{\ln \left\{ \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} x_n \right\}} \text{ tends to } 1 \cdot \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} x_n \rightarrow 1 \\ \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(2n+1)!! F_{n+1}}{(2n-1)!! F_n} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n-1)!! F_{n+1}}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!! F_{n+1}}} \right) = \left(\varphi \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{e}{2\varphi} \right) = e \\ \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (f_{n+1} - f_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1} \sqrt[n+1]{(2n+1)!! F_{n+1}} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!! F_n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \cdot \frac{\sqrt[n]{(2n-1)!! F_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{\frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} x_n - 1}{\ln x_n} \cdot \ln x_n^n \right) = e \cdot \frac{2\varphi}{e} \cdot \ln e = 2\varphi \end{aligned}$$

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