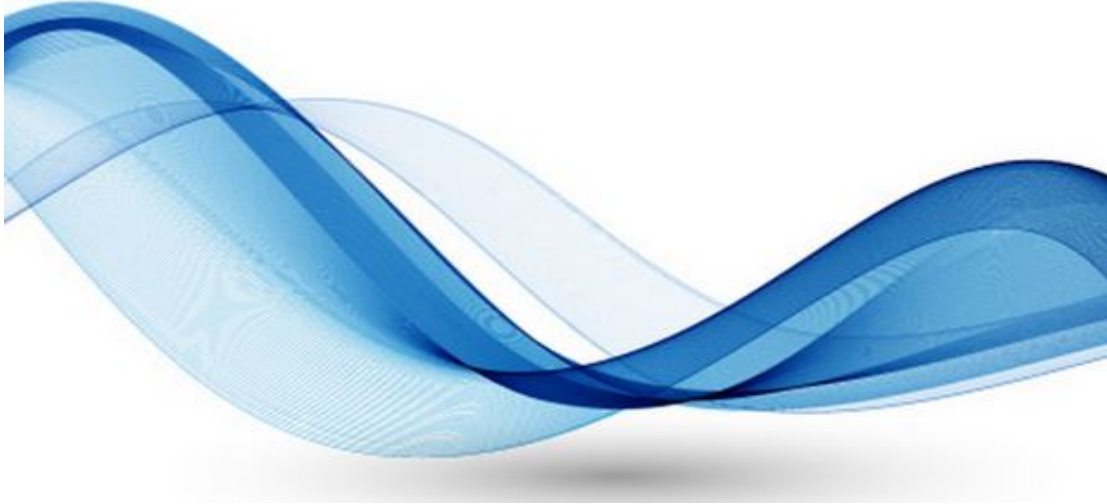


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**Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{j-i}{n}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{i+j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + n^4}}$$

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***Solution 1 by Florentin Vişescu-Romania***

$$\begin{aligned} \cos\left(\frac{j-i}{n}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{i+j}{n}\right) &= 2\sin\frac{j}{n}\sin\frac{i}{n} \\ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{j-i}{n}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{i+j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + n^4}} &= 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\sin\frac{j}{n}\sin\frac{i}{n}}{\sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + n^4}} \\ 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\sin\frac{j}{n}\sin\frac{i}{n}}{\sqrt{(n-1)^2 + n^2 + n^4}} &\leq 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\sin\frac{j}{n}\sin\frac{i}{n}}{\sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + n^4}} \leq 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\sin\frac{j}{n}\sin\frac{i}{n}}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + n^4}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2}{\sqrt{(n-1)^2 + n^2 + n^4}} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n} &\leq 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n}}{\sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + n^4}} \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + n^4}} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n} \end{aligned}$$

We want to find:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n} \\ \left( \sin \frac{1}{n} + \sin \frac{2}{n} + \dots + \sin \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 &= 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \sin^2 \frac{i}{n} \\ \frac{1}{n^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \sin \frac{i}{n} \right)^2 &= \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sin^2 \frac{i}{n} \\ \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sin \frac{i}{n} \right)^2}_{\rightarrow \left( \int_0^1 \sin x dx \right)^2} &= \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sin^2 \frac{i}{n}}_{\rightarrow \alpha \in \mathbb{R}} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n} &= (\cos 1 - \cos 0)^2 = \left( -2 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 = 4 \sin^4 \frac{1}{2} \\ \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\cos \left( \frac{j-i}{n} \right) - \cos \left( \frac{i+j}{n} \right)}{\sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + n^4}} = 4 \sin^4 \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

### Solution 2 by Florică Anastase-Romania

Lemma. If  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous function, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} f \left( \frac{i}{n} \right) f \left( \frac{j}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right)^2$$

Proof.

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n f \left( \frac{i}{n} \right) \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n f^2 \left( \frac{i}{n} \right) + 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} f \left( \frac{i}{n} \right) f \left( \frac{j}{n} \right) \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) \right)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n f^2\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) \right] + \sum_{i=1}^n f^2\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n f^2\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right) &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n f^2\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) \right)^2 + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f^2\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{j-i}{n}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{i+j}{n}\right) = 2 \sin \frac{j}{n} \sin \frac{i}{n}$$

Let  $f(t) = \sin t$

$$2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{n^4 + 2n^2}} \leq 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{n^4 + i^2 + j^2}} \leq 2 \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{n^4 + n^2}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{n^4 + 2n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{n^2}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right)^2 =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^1 \sin x dx \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \cos 1)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 = 2 \sin^4 \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{n^4 + n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{f\left(\frac{i}{n}\right) f\left(\frac{j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{n^2}}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_0^1 f(x) dx \right)^2 = 2 \sin^4 \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{j-i}{n}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{i+j}{n}\right)}{\sqrt{i^2 + j^2 + n^4}} = 4 \sin^4 \frac{1}{2}$$