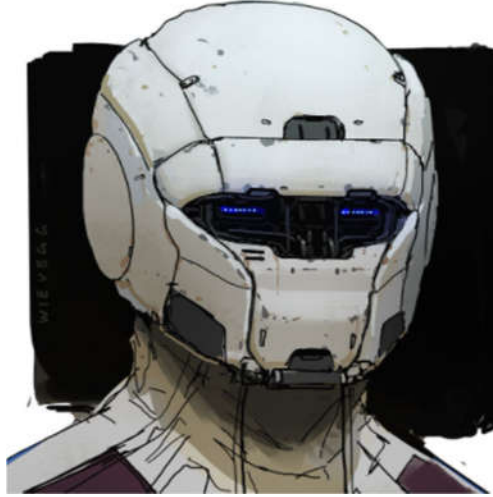


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Prove that:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Proposed by Mohammed Bouras-Fes-Morocco

Solution 1 by Samar Das-India, Solution 2 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria, Solution 3 by Mohammad Rostami-Kabul-Afghanistan

**Solution 1 by Samar Das-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k} \right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{n}{n^2 + k(k+1)} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{k+1}{n} \cdot \frac{k}{n} + 1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{k+1}{n} - \frac{k}{n}}{1 + \frac{k+1}{n} \cdot \frac{k}{n}} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{k+1}{n} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Khaled Abd Imouti-Damascus-Syria**

If  $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}_+^* \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $\gamma = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \beta$  then:

$$\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x + \beta + 1}{\alpha} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x + \beta}{\alpha} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\alpha}{x^2 + (2\beta + 1)x + \gamma} \right)$$

For  $\beta = 0, x = k$  then  $\gamma = k^2 > 0$ . So, suppose  $k = \alpha, \alpha = n, \beta = 0$ , we have:

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$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{n}{k^2 + k + n^2}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k+1}{n}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k}\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{n}{n^2 + k(k+1)}\right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{k+1}{n} \cdot \frac{k}{n} + 1}\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\frac{k+1}{n} - \frac{k}{n}}{1 + \frac{k+1}{n} \cdot \frac{k}{n}}\right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k+1}{n}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

### Solution 3 by Mohammad Rostami-Kabul-Afghanistan

$$\begin{aligned} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k}\right) = \alpha + \beta \rightarrow \tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k} \rightarrow \\ \frac{\tan\alpha + \tan\beta}{1 - \tan\alpha \cdot \tan\beta} = \frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k} \rightarrow \frac{n^2(\tan\alpha + \tan\beta)}{n^2 - n^2 \tan\alpha \cdot \tan\beta} = \frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} n^2(\tan\alpha + \tan\beta) = n \\ -n^2 \tan\alpha \cdot \tan\beta = k^2 + k \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} S = \tan\alpha + \tan\beta = \frac{1}{n} \\ P \setminus \tan\alpha \cdot \tan\beta = \frac{k^2 + k}{n^2} \end{cases}$$

$$Z^2 - SZ + P = 0 \rightarrow Z^2 - \frac{1}{n}Z - \frac{k^2 + k}{n^2} = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{2k+1}{n}\right)^2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n} \pm \frac{2k+1}{n} \right) \rightarrow \begin{cases} Z = \frac{2k+2}{2n} = \frac{k+1}{n} = \tan\alpha \\ Z = -\frac{2k}{2n} = -\frac{k}{n} = \tan\beta \end{cases} \rightarrow$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k+1}{n}\right), \beta = \tan^{-1}\left(-\frac{k}{n}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{n}{n^2 + k^2 + k}\right) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (\alpha + \beta) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k+1}{n}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)\right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tan^{-1}\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

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