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Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{4} - a_n^2 \right) n$ , where  $a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \arctan \frac{1}{k^2 - k + 1}$

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$$\begin{aligned} \arctan \frac{1}{k^2 - k + 1} &= \arctan \frac{k - (k - 1)}{1 + k(k - 1)} = \arctan(k) - \arctan(k - 1) \\ \text{then, } \sum_{k=1}^n \arctan \frac{1}{k^2 - k + 1} &= (\arctan 1 - \arctan 0) + (\arctan 2 - \arctan 1) + \dots + (\arctan(n) - \arctan(n - 1)) \\ &= \arctan(n) - \arctan(0) = \arctan(n) \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{4} - a_n^2 \right) n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\pi^2}{4} - (\arctan(n))^2 \right) n = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \left( \arctan \left( \frac{1}{z} \right) \right)^2 \right)}{z} \\ &\quad \left( \text{let } n = \frac{1}{z}, \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ then } z \rightarrow 0 \right) \\ &\quad \text{using L'Hospital Rule } \left( \frac{0}{0} \right) \text{ from we get} \\ \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( -2 \arctan \frac{1}{z} \right) \cdot \frac{z^2}{z^2+1} \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{z^2} \right)}{1} &= \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( 2 \arctan \frac{1}{z} \right) \cdot \frac{1}{z^2+1}}{1} = 2 \times \frac{\pi}{2} = \pi \end{aligned}$$