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similarly,  $\left(\frac{1}{n^3}, \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so,  $\frac{1}{(n+1)!} \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\frac{1}{((n+1)!)^2} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty; \frac{1}{((n+1)!)^3} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Hence, our limit is,  $\Omega = 1$  (Answer)

165. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( m \sum_{p=m+1}^n p \right)$$

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Solution 1 by Nirapada Pal-Jhargram-India, Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India, Solution 3 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India, Solution 4 by Madan Beniwal-India

Solution 1 by Nirapada Pal-Jhargram-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( m \sum_{p=m+1}^n p \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( m \left( \sum_{p=1}^n p - \sum_{p=1}^m p \right) \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( m \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \frac{m(m+1)}{2} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left( n(n+1) \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m - \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m^3 - \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n(n+1)n(n-1)}{2} - \frac{n^2(n-1)^2}{4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m^2 = 0$$

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$$= \frac{1}{8} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} n^2 (n-1)(n+3) = \frac{1}{8} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{8}$$

*Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=m+1}^n p &= \frac{1}{2} (n-m)(n+m+1) = \frac{1}{2} (n^2 - m^2(n-m)) \\ \Rightarrow m \sum_{p=m+1}^n p &= \frac{1}{2} (n^2 + n)m - \frac{1}{2} m^3 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \Rightarrow \sum_{m+1}^{n-1} \left( m \sum_{p=m+1}^n p \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (n^2 + n) \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m^3 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} m^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (n^2 + n) \frac{1}{2} (n-1)n - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} (n-1)^2 n^2 - \frac{1}{12} (n-1)(n)(2n-1) \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( m \sum_{p=m+1}^n p \right) &= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} - 0 = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 3 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India*

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ m \left( \frac{1}{8} (4n^2 + 4n + 1) - \frac{1}{8} (2m+1)^2 \right) \right] \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ m \left( \frac{1}{8} (4n^2 + 4n + 1) - \frac{1}{8} (4m^2 + 1 + 4m) \right) \right] \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{4mn^2 + 4mn + m - 4m^3 - 4m^2 - m}{8} \right] \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{mn^2}{2} + \frac{mn}{2} + \frac{m}{8} - \frac{4m^3}{8} - \frac{m^2}{2} - \frac{m}{8} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{mn^2}{2} + \frac{mn}{2} - \frac{m^3}{2} - \frac{m^2}{2} \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{mn^2 + mn - m^3 - m^2}{2} \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ \left( \frac{mn(n+1)}{2} \right) - \frac{m^3}{2} - \frac{m^2}{2} \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{m(n^2+n)}{2} \right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{m^3}{2} \right) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{m^2}{2} \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n^4} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{(n^2+n)(n-1)(n)}{2} \right] - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left[ \frac{(n(n-1))^2}{8} \right] - \\
 &\quad - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left( \frac{(n-1)(n)(2(n-1)+1)}{12} \right) \\
 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n^4} \left[ \frac{(n^2+n)(n^2-n)}{2} \right] - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8n^4} [n^2(n-1)^2] - \\
 &\quad - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left[ \frac{(n^2-n)(2n-1)}{12} \right] \\
 &\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2n^4} \left[ \frac{n^4 - n^3 + n^3 - n^2}{2} \right] - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{8n^4} [n^2(n^2 + 1 - 2n)] - \\
 &\quad - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \left[ \frac{2n^3 - 3n^2 + n}{12} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} - 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2-1}{8} \text{ (OR) } \Omega = \frac{1}{8} \text{ (Answer)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Madan Beniwal-India

$$\sum_{p=m+1}^n p = [(m+1) + (m+2) + \dots + m + (n-m-1) + n]$$

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$$= m(n - m + 1) + \frac{(n - m - 1)(n - m - 1 + 1)}{2} + n$$

$$= (n - m - 1) \left[ \frac{2m + n - m}{2} \right] + n$$

$$\sum_{p=m+1}^n p = \frac{(n - m + 1)(m + n)}{2} + n = \frac{mn + n^2 - m^2 - mn - m - n}{2} + n$$

$$\sum_{p=m+1}^n p = \frac{n^2 - m^2 - m - n + 2n}{2} = \left( \frac{n^2 - m^2 - m + n}{2} \right)$$

Then  $m \sum_{p=m+1}^n p = \frac{1}{2} (mn^2 - m^3 - m^2 + nm)$ . Now

$$\sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \left( m \sum_{p=m+1}^n p \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} (mn^2 - m^3 - m^2 + nm)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ n^2 \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - \left[ \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right]^2 - \frac{(n-1)(n)(2n-1)}{6} + \frac{n(n-1)n}{2} \right]$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left[ n^4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) n^4 - \left( \frac{2}{6} \right) n^3 + 0 \right] = \frac{1}{8}$$

166. Find:

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

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Solution 1 by Yen Tung Chung-Taichung-Taiwan

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(n+2) \cdots (2n-2) \tan^{-1} \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-3)} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n-2))(n(n+1)(n+2) \cdots (2n-2)) \tan^{-1} \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{(1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-3))(2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n-2))} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(2n-2)! \tan^{-1} \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{(2n-2)!} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{2^n \tan^{-1} \frac{\pi}{2^n}}_{\text{let } t = \frac{1}{2^n}} = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\tan^{-1} \pi t}{t} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{\pi}{1 + \pi^2 t^2}}{1} \stackrel{\text{L'Hospital Rule}}{=} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \pi = \frac{\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_n &= \frac{n(n+1) \cdots (2n-2) \arctan \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2n-3)} = \frac{n(n+1) \cdots (2n-2) \arctan \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{\frac{(2n-2)!}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdots (2n-2)}} \\
 &= \frac{n(n+1) \cdots (2n-2) \arctan \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{(2n-2)!} \\
 &= \frac{2^{n-1} \cdot 1 \cdot 2 \cdots (n-1) \cdot n(n+1) \cdots (2n-2) \arctan \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{(2n-2)!} \\
 &= 2^{n-1} \frac{(2n-2)!}{(2n-2)!} \arctan \frac{\pi}{2^n} = 2^{n-1} \arctan \frac{\pi}{2^n} \\
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} A_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} 2^{n-1} \arctan \frac{\pi}{2^n} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{a \tan \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{\frac{\pi}{2^n}} = \lim_{\frac{\pi}{2^n} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{a \tan \frac{\pi}{2^n}}{\frac{\pi}{2^n}} = \frac{\pi}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

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*Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India*

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(n+2) \cdots (2n-2)}{(1)(3)(5) \cdots (2n-3)} \operatorname{arc} \left( \frac{\pi}{2^n} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2)(4)(6) \cdots (2n-2)n(n+1) \cdots (2n-2)}{(1)(2)(3) \cdots (2n-3)(2n-2)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{n-1}(2n-2)!}{(2n-2)!} \operatorname{arc} \left( \frac{\pi}{2^n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{n-1} \left( \frac{\pi}{2^n} \right) \times \frac{\operatorname{arc} \left( \frac{\pi}{2^n} \right)}{\frac{\pi}{2^n}} = \frac{\pi}{2} (1) = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**167. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \int_1^{n^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx}{\int_1^{n^3} [\sqrt{x}] dx}, [*] - \text{great integer function}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania*

*Solution by Francis Fregeau-Quebec-Canada*

Let  $\beta$  be a natural number.  $\beta^2 < x \leq (\beta + 1)^2 \Rightarrow [\sqrt{x}] = \beta + 1$

Let  $n$  be a perfect square, and  $1 \leq x \leq n^2$ . Divide the interval  $(1, n^2)$  into

the partition:  $(1, 4] \cup (4, 9] \cup \dots \cup (k^2, (k+1)^2] \cup \dots \cup ((n-1)^2, n^2)$

$$\text{Now: } \int_{j^2}^{(j+1)^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx = \int_{j^2}^{(j+1)^2} (j+1) dx = (2j+1)(j+1) = 2j^2 + 3j + 1$$

$$\therefore \int_1^{n^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx = \sum \int_{j^2}^{(j+1)^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx; 1 \leq j \leq n-1. \text{ Let } n-1 = m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_1^m \int_{j^2}^{(j+1)^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx &= \sum_1^m 2j^2 + 3j + 1 = \frac{2m^3 + 3m^2 + m}{3} + \frac{3m(m+1)}{2} + m \\ &= \frac{4m^3 + 15m^2 + 17m}{6} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\therefore n \int_1^{n^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx = (m + 1) \cdot \frac{4m^3 + 15m^2 + 17m}{6} = n \cdot \frac{4(n-1)^3 + 15(n-1)^2 + 17(n-1)}{6}$$

But  $n^3$  is also a perfect square since  $n$  is a perfect square.

$$\Rightarrow \int_1^{n^3} [\sqrt{x}] dx = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1} 2j^2 + 3j + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \int_1^{n^3} [\sqrt{x}] dx &= \frac{4\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)^3 + 15\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)^2 + 17\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)}{6} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot \int_1^{n^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx}{\int_1^{n^3} [\sqrt{x}] dx} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \left(4(n-1)^3 + 15(n-1)^2 + 17(n-1)\right)}{4\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)^3 + 15\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)^2 + 17\left(n^{\frac{3}{2}} - 1\right)} \end{aligned}$$

Applying De l'Hôpital's rule four times yields:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot \int_1^{n^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx}{\int_1^{n^3} [\sqrt{x}] dx} = 0 \text{ when } n \text{ is a perfect square.}$$

But for every real number  $R$ , there exists a perfect square  $n$  such that

$$R < n \therefore \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{R \cdot \int_1^{R^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx}{\int_1^{R^3} [\sqrt{x}] dx} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n \cdot \int_1^{n^2} [\sqrt{x}] dx}{\int_1^{n^3} [\sqrt{x}] dx} = 0$$

168. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n + 1} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k\sqrt{k}}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} \stackrel{\text{Cauchy-D'Alembert}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!}$$

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

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n+1} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k\sqrt{k!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{n+1} \frac{1}{k\sqrt{k!}} - \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k\sqrt{k!}}}{3n+4-3n-1} = \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1\sqrt{(n+1)!}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{n+1}{n+1}\sqrt{(n+1)!}} \right) = \frac{e}{3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{(n+1)!}}{\frac{1}{n!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} = 0. \text{ Let } \epsilon > 0, \text{ there exists}$$

$$m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \left| \left( \frac{1}{n!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \quad \forall n > m \Rightarrow 0 < \left( \frac{1}{n!} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < \epsilon \quad \forall n > m$$

$$\text{Let } a = \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \frac{1}{k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}}. \text{ For } \frac{n > m}{n}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \frac{1}{k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} + \sum_{k=m+1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \Rightarrow 0 < \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} < a + (n-m)\epsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{3n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} < \frac{a}{3n+1} + \frac{n-m}{3n+1} \epsilon$$

$$\text{Taking limit as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ we get } 0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k!} \right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3}$$

This is true for each  $\epsilon > 0$



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$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{3n+1} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k!}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} = 0$$

169. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(e + \sqrt{2}) \cdot (e + \sqrt{3}) \cdot \dots \cdot (e + \sqrt{n})}{(\pi + \sqrt{2}) \cdot (\pi + \sqrt{3}) \cdot \dots \cdot (\pi + \sqrt{n})}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Carlos Suarez-Quito-Ecuador

Solution 2 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia

Solution 1 by Carlos Suarez-Quito-Ecuador

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

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

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{e}{\pi} \right) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{i=1}^n \left( 1 - \frac{e}{\pi} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{i}}} \right] = 0$$

Solution 2 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia

$$\text{Find } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(e + \sqrt{2})(e + \sqrt{3}) \dots (e + \sqrt{n})}{(\pi + \sqrt{2})(\pi + \sqrt{3}) \dots (\pi + \sqrt{n})}$$

$$\ln \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(e + \sqrt{2})^n + \ln(e + \sqrt{3})^n + \dots + \ln(e + \sqrt{n})^n}{n}$$

$$- \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(\pi + \sqrt{2})^n + \ln(\pi + \sqrt{3})^n + \dots + \ln(\pi + \sqrt{n})^n}{n} \stackrel{\text{Stolz-Cesaro}}{=} \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(e + \sqrt{n})^n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln(\pi + \sqrt{n})^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left( \frac{e + \sqrt{n}}{\pi + \sqrt{n}} \right)^n = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left( \frac{e + \sqrt{n}}{\pi + \sqrt{n}} \right)}{\frac{1}{n}} \stackrel{L'Hospital}{=} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{\pi + \sqrt{n}}{e + \sqrt{n}} \cdot \frac{\pi - e}{2\sqrt{n}(\pi + \sqrt{n})^2}}{-\frac{1}{n^2}} = -\frac{\pi - e}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}{(e + \sqrt{n})(\pi + \sqrt{n})} = \\
 &= -\frac{\pi - e}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}n^{-\frac{1}{2}}(\pi + \sqrt{n}) + \frac{1}{2}n^{-\frac{1}{2}}(e + \sqrt{n})} = \\
 &= -\frac{3}{2}(\pi - e) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\pi + e + 2\sqrt{n}} = -\frac{3}{2}(\pi - e) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}n^{-\frac{1}{2}}} = \\
 &= -\frac{3}{2}(\pi - e) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} = -\infty \Rightarrow \ln \Omega = -\infty \Rightarrow -\Omega = \frac{1}{e^\infty} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

170. If  $a, b, c, x, y, z > 0, a + b + c = 1$

$$\Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( a^{\sqrt[1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}]{}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\text{then: } \Omega(ax + by + cz) \geq \Omega(x^a y^b z^c)$$

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Solution 1 by Khanh Hung Vu-Ho Chi Minh-Vietnam

If  $a, b, c, x, z > 0, a + b + c = 1. \Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}} - 1} \right)$

then  $\Omega(ax + by + cz) \geq \Omega(x^a y^b z^c)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &= 1 + n \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n \\ \Rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &< 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} \Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}} - 1 > \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}} - 1} - 1 \right) < n \left( a^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Lemma: } 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} < e$$

On the other hand, using the lemma, we have  $1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} < e \Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt[n]{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}} - 1 < \sqrt[n]{e} - 1 \Rightarrow n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}} - 1} - 1 \right) > n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{e} - 1} - 1 \right) \quad (2)$$

$$(1) \text{ and } (2) \Rightarrow n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{e} - 1} - 1 \right) < n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}} - 1} - 1 \right) < n \left( a^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right) \quad (3)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$+) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( a^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\frac{\ln a}{n}} - 1}{\frac{\ln a}{n}} \cdot \ln a = \ln a \quad (4)$$

$$+) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{e}} - 1 \right)$$

Put  $x = \sqrt[n]{e} - 1 \Rightarrow n = \ln(x + 1)$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x = 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{e}} - 1 \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{\ln(x + 1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{\ln(x + 1)} = \\ &= \ln a \cdot 1 = \ln a \quad (5) \end{aligned}$$

$$(3), (4) \text{ and } (5) \Rightarrow \Omega(a) = \ln a$$

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**By Becnuli inequality, we have  $x^a < e^{a(x-1)}$**

**Similarly, we have  $y^b < e^{b(y-1)}$  and  $c^z < e^{c(z-1)}$**

$$\Rightarrow x^a y^b c^z < e^{a(x-1)+b(y-1)+c(z-1)} \Rightarrow x^a y^b c^z < e^{ax+by+cz-1} \Rightarrow \ln(x^a y^b c^z) < ax + by + cz - 1 \quad (6)$$

**By Becnuli inequality, we have  $e^{ax+by+cz} \geq ax + by + cz + 1$  (7)**

**(6) and (7)  $\Rightarrow$  QED**

Solution 2 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{\sum_{h=0}^n \frac{1}{h!}} - 1} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( a^{\sqrt[n]{U_n} - 1} - 1 \right); U_n = \sum_{h=0}^n \frac{1}{h!}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} U_n = e; \text{ on pose, } V_n = U_n - e; \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} V_n = 0$$

$$\Omega(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \left( e^{(\sqrt[n]{U_n} - 1) \ln a} - 1 \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^{(\frac{1}{U_n} - 1) \ln a} - 1}{\left( \frac{1}{U_n} - 1 \right) \ln a} \cdot n \left( U_n - 1 \right) \ln a$$

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

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

$$= 1 \times 1 \times \ln e \cdot \ln a = \ln a$$

$$\left( \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} e^{\frac{\ln(V_n + e)}{n}} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln(V_n + e)}{n}} = e^0 = 1 \right) \right); \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1 \right)$$

$$\Omega(a) = \ln a. \text{ if: } x \geq y \geq z$$

$$* f(x, y, z) = \ln(ax + by + cz) - (a \ln x + b \ln y + c \ln z)$$

$$* g(x) = f(x, y, z)$$

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$$g'(x) = \frac{a}{ax + by + cz} - \frac{a}{x} = a \left( \frac{x - (ax + by + cz)}{x(ax + by + cz)} \right)$$

$$= a \left( \frac{(a + b + c)x - (ax + by + cz)}{x(ax + by + cz)} \right) = \frac{a(b(x - y) + c(x - z))}{x(ax + by + cz)}$$

$$\forall x > y > z; g'(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow g(x) \geq g(z) \Leftrightarrow f(x, y, z) \geq f(z, y, z)$$

$$* h(y) = f(z, y, z); h'(y) = \frac{b}{az + by + cz} - \frac{b}{y} = b \left( \frac{y - (az + by + cz)}{y(az + by + cz)} \right)$$

$$= b \frac{y(1 - b) - z(a + c)}{y(az + by + cz)} = \frac{b(y - z)(a + c)}{y(az + by + cz)}; \forall y > z; h'(y) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h(y) \geq h(z) \Leftrightarrow f(z, y, z) \geq f(z, z, z) \Rightarrow f(x, y, z) \geq f(z, z, z)$$

$$f(z, z, z) = \ln((a + b + c)z) - ((a + b + c) \ln z) = \ln z - \ln z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x, y, z) \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \ln(ax + by + cz) \geq (a \ln x + b \ln y + c \ln z)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln(ax + by + cz) \geq \ln(x^a y^b z^c) \Leftrightarrow \Omega(ax + by + cz) \geq \Omega(x^a y^b z^c)$$

if  $x \geq y \geq z$

171. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 + 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots + (10k - 9)}{2k - 1}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 + 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots + (10k - 9)}{2k - 1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(2k - 1)(2 + 10(k - 1))}{2 \times (2k - 1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n (5k - 4) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5n^2 - 3n}{2} = \infty\end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco*

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{h=1}^n \frac{1 + 6 + \dots + (10k - 9)}{2k - 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{h=1}^n \frac{\sum_{p=0}^{2h-2} (5p + 1)}{2k - 1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{h=1}^n \frac{s \cdot \frac{(2h-2)(2h-1)}{2} + (2h+1)}{2h-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \sum_{h=1}^n \frac{s}{2} (2h-2) + 1 \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{h=1}^n sk - 4 = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} s \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 4n = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} n \left( \frac{s}{2} (n+1) - 1 \right) = +\infty\end{aligned}$$

*Solution 3 by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijan*

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1 + 6 + 11 + \dots + (10k - 9)}{2k - 1} &= \\ 1 + 6 + 11 + \dots + (10k - 9) &= \frac{a_1 + a_n}{2} n = \frac{1 + 5n - 4}{2} \cdot n = \frac{(5n - 3)n}{2} \\ a_n &= a_1 + d(n - 1) = 1 + 5n - 5 = 5n - 4 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(5n - 3)n}{2n - 1} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 - \frac{3}{n}}{\frac{2}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{0} = \alpha \\ \Omega &= \alpha\end{aligned}$$

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172. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+3} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}}$$

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*Solution 1 by Kays Tomy-Nador-Tunisia, Solution 2 by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje, Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

*Solution 1 by Kays Tomy-Nador-Tunisia*

$\frac{1}{n+3} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} e$ . Let us recall Stirling's formula  $\ln(n!) \sim n \ln(n) - n$

then we have  $\frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = \exp\left(\ln\left(\frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}\right)\right) \sim \exp\left(\ln(n) - \frac{\ln(n!)}{n}\right)$   
 $\sim \exp(\ln(n) - \ln(n) + 1) \rightarrow_{\infty} e$ . Let us Apply Cesaro lemma

Now we get.  $\frac{1}{n+3} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} = \frac{n-2}{n+3} \cdot \frac{\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}}}{n-2} \rightarrow e$ . Finally we get

$$\frac{1}{n+3} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} \rightarrow_{\infty} e$$

*Solution 2 by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje*

$$L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+3} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+3} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt[k]{k!}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \sqrt[n]{n!}} = \frac{1}{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{n}(\ln \frac{1}{n} + \ln \frac{2}{n} + \ln \frac{3}{n} + \dots + \ln \frac{n}{n})}}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{e^{\int_0^1 \ln x dx}} = \frac{1}{e^{-1}} = e$$

Solution 3 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{n!}{n^n}} \stackrel{\text{Cauchy}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+1)^{n+1}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \cdot \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \right) = \frac{1}{e} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+3} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} &\stackrel{\text{Cesaro-Stolz}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{n+1} \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}} - \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k}{\sqrt[k]{k!}}}{n+4 - (n+3)} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{n+1 \sqrt[n+1]{(n+1)!}} = e \end{aligned}$$

173. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^5} \sum_{k=1}^n k^4 \arctan \left( \frac{k}{n} \right)^5$$

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Solution by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n^5} \sum_{k=1}^n k^4 \arctan^5 \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{k}{n} \right)^4 \arctan^5 \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) \\ &= \int_0^1 x^4 \arctan^5 x dx = \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \cdot \arctan^5 x \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{x^5}{5} \cdot \frac{5x^4}{x^{10} + 1} dx \end{aligned}$$



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$$= \frac{\pi}{20} - \int_0^1 \frac{x^9}{x^{10} + 1} dx = \frac{\pi}{20} - \left[ \frac{1}{10} \ln|x^{10} + 1| \right]_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{20} - \frac{\ln 2}{10}$$

174. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{m=1}^n \left( \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right) \sum_{p=1}^m p! (1 + p^2) \right)}$$

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$$p!(1 + p^2) = p!((p + 1)(p + 2) - 3(p + 1) + 2) = [(p + 2)! - (p + 1)!] - 2[(p + 1)! - p!]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=1}^m p!(1 + p^2) &= \sum_{p=1}^m [(p + 2)! - (p + 1)!] - 2[(p + 1)! - p!] = \\ &= [(m + 2)! - 2!] - 2[(m + 1)! - 1!] = (m + 2)! - 2(m + 1)! \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)((m + 2)! - 2(m + 1)!) = (m + 1)(m + 1)! = (m + 2)! - (m + 1)!$$

$$\sum_{m=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right)((m + 2)! - 2(m + 1)!) = \sum_{m=1}^n (m + 2)! - (m + 1)! = (n + 2)! - 2!$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{m=1}^n \left( \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right) \sum_{p=1}^m p!(1 + p^2) \right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{(n + 2)! - 2} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{(n + 2)!} =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} \sqrt[n]{(n + 1)(n + 2)} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{e} \rightarrow \infty$$

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Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{m=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right) \sum_{p=1}^m (p! (1 + p^2))}$

First let's compute the sum  $\sum_{p=1}^m (p! (1 + p^2))$

$$\begin{aligned} p! (1 + p^2) &= p! [(p + 2)(p + 1) - 3(p + 1) + 2] \\ &= (p + 2)! - 3(p + 1)! + 2p! \\ &= [(p + 2)! - (p + 1)!] - 2[(p + 1)! - p!] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p=1}^m p! (1 + p^2) &= \sum_{p=1}^m [(p + 2)! - (p + 1)!] - 2 \sum_{p=1}^m [(p + 1)! - p!] \\ &= (m + 2)! - 2! - 2((m + 1)! - 1!) = (m + 2)! - 2 - 2(m + 1)! + 2 \\ &= (m + 2)! - 2(m + 1)! = (m + 1)! [m + 2 - 2] = m(m + 1)! \end{aligned}$$

Let  $a_n = \sum_{m=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right) \sum_{p=1}^m p! (1 + p^2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } a_n &= \sum_{m=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{m}\right) (m(m + 1)!) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{(m + 1)}{m} m (m + 1)! = \sum_{m=1}^n (m + 1)(m + 1)! \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n [(m + 2)! - (m + 1)!] = (n + 2)! - 2! = (n + 2)! - 2 \end{aligned}$$

We want to compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n}$

We know that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$ . So  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n + 3)! - 2}{(n + 2)! - 2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n + 3 - \frac{2}{(n + 2)!}}{1 - \frac{2}{(n + 2)!}} = \infty$$

175. Find:

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$$\Omega = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( 1 + \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{3^n} + \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{2 \cdot 3^n} \right)$$

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**Solution 2 by Anisoara Dudu-Romania**

*Solution 1 by Subhajit Chattopadhyay-Bolpur-India*

$$\Omega = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{3^n} + \left(\frac{1}{e}\right)^{2 \cdot 3^n} \right]. \text{ Note, } 1 + x_n + x_n^2 = \frac{1-x_n^3}{1-x_n}$$

$$\therefore \Omega = \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1-e^{-3^{n+1}})}{(1-e^{-3^n})} = \frac{1-e^{-3}}{1-e^{-1}} \times \frac{1-e^{-9}}{1-e^{-3}} \quad (1)$$

$$[\because e^{-\infty} = 0] = \frac{e}{e-1}$$

*Solution 2 by Anisoara Dudu-Romania*

$$\frac{1}{e} = a \text{ (not) } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \prod_{k=0}^n [1 + a^{3^k} + (a^2)^{3^k}]; \quad 1 + x + x^2 = \frac{x^3-1}{x-1}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^{3^{k+1}} - 1}{a^{3^{k-1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^3 - 1}{a - 1} \cdot \frac{a^9 - 1}{a^3 - 1} \cdots \frac{a^{3^{n+1}} - 1}{a^{3^n} - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a^{3^{n+1}} - 1}{a - 1} = \frac{0 - 1}{a - 1} = \frac{1}{1 - a} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{e}} = \frac{e}{e - 1}$$

176.  $x_1 = 2, \frac{1}{n+1\sqrt{x_{n+1}-1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{n\sqrt{x_n-1}}$

**Find the closed form and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$**

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*Solution 1 by Avishek Mitra-Kolkata-India*

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 = 2 &\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt{x_2-1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2-1} = 2 \therefore x_2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 \\ &\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x_3-1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}-1} = 3 \therefore x_3 = \frac{64}{27} = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3 \\ &\therefore \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{x_4-1}} = 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{4}{3}-1} = 4 \therefore x_4 = \frac{625}{256} = \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^4 \\ &\therefore \text{Closed form } x_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e\end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India*

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Let } b_n &= \frac{1}{(a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}-1}}, \text{ then } b_1 = \frac{1}{2-1} = 1. \text{ Also, } b_{n+1} - b_n = 1 \quad \forall n \\ \Rightarrow \langle b_n \rangle &\text{ is an A.P. with } d = 1 \Rightarrow b_n = b_1 + (n-1)(1) = n \\ \Rightarrow (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 &= \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = e\end{aligned}$$

*Solution 3 by Kuniyiko Chikaya-Tokyo-Japan*

$$x_1 = 2 \quad \frac{1}{\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{x_{n+1}-1}}} = 1 + \frac{1}{n\sqrt{x_n-1}} \cdot \text{Find } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

The sequence  $\left\{\frac{1}{n\sqrt{x_n-1}}\right\}$  is an arithmetic progression with common

$$\text{difference } 1 \therefore \frac{1}{n\sqrt{x_n-1}} = \frac{1}{x_1-1} + 1 \cdot (n-1) = n$$

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$$\Leftrightarrow \sqrt[n]{x_n} = 1 + \frac{1}{n} \therefore x_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \quad (n \geq 1); \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = e$$

*Solution 4 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco*

$$\begin{aligned} \forall k \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt[k]{x_{k+1}} - 1} &= 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[k]{x_k} - 1} \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{h=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt[h+1]{x_{h+1}} - 1} &= \sum_{h=1}^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[h]{x_h} - 1}\right) \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{x_n} - 1} &= (n-1) + \frac{1}{x_1 - 1} \Leftrightarrow x_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} e^{n \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} = \lim_{\frac{1}{n} \rightarrow 0} e^{\frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}}} = e \end{aligned}$$

**177. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \sqrt[n]{7^i \cdot 5^{n-i}}$$

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$$\sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{k}{n}} = \frac{\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}+1}}{\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1}; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5 \left(-1 + \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{1 + \frac{1}{n}}\right)}{n \left(-1 + \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}\right)} = \frac{2}{\log\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)}$$

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Solution 2 by Abdelhak Maoukuf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \sqrt[n]{7^i 5^{n-i}} = 5 \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \sqrt[n]{\frac{7}{5}} \right)^i = 5 \frac{\left( \sqrt[n]{\frac{7}{5}} \right)^n - 1}{\left( \sqrt[n]{\frac{7}{5}} \right) - 1} = \frac{2}{\left( \sqrt[n]{\frac{7}{5}} \right) - 1}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \sqrt[n]{7^i 5^{n-i}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\ln \frac{7}{5}} \cdot \frac{\frac{\ln \frac{7}{5}}{n}}{e^{\frac{\ln \frac{7}{5}}{n}} - 1} = \frac{2}{\ln 7 - \ln 5}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \sqrt[n]{7^i 5^{n-i}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{\frac{i}{n}} = 5 \int_0^1 \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^x dx = \\ &= 5 \int_0^1 e^{x \ln \frac{7}{5}} dx = 5 \left[ \frac{e^{x \ln \frac{7}{5}}}{\ln \frac{7}{5}} \right]_0^1 = \frac{2}{\ln 7 - \ln 5} \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje

$$I. \quad \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} 5 \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{\frac{i}{n}} = 5 \int_0^1 \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^x dx = \frac{2}{\ln \frac{7}{5}}$$

$$II. \quad \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot 5 \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{\frac{i}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5}{n} \cdot \frac{\left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1}{\left( \frac{7}{5} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1}$$

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

Solution 4 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

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$$\Rightarrow 5 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^i} \Rightarrow 5 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^{\frac{i}{n}}$$

Applying Reimann sum or limit as a sum, we get,  $\frac{i}{n} = x \Rightarrow 5 \int_0^1 \left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^x dx$

$$\text{As we know, } \int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln(a)} + c \Rightarrow 5 \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)^x}{\ln\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)} \right]_0^1 \Rightarrow 5 \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{7}{5}-1\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)} \right] \text{ (OR) } \Omega = \frac{2}{\ln\left(\frac{7}{5}\right)}$$

(Answer)

178.  $\Omega_n \in [1, \infty)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_n = \Omega \in \mathbb{R}$

Find:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\sqrt[n]{(1+\ln \Omega_1)(1+\ln \Omega_2) \dots (1+\ln \Omega_n)} - 1}$$

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Solution 1 by Anas Adlany-El Zemamra-Morocco

Let  $a_n = \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n (1 + \ln(\Omega_k))}$ , then

$$\ln(a_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln[1 + \ln(\Omega_k)] \rightarrow \lim(\ln[1 + \ln(\Omega_n)]) = \ln(1 + \ln(\Omega))$$

Hence;  $e^{a_n-1} \rightarrow \Omega$

Solution 2 by Abdelhak Maoukuf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_n = \Omega \Leftrightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \Omega_n = \ln \Omega$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n (1 + \ln \Omega_k)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{n} \ln \prod_{k=1}^n (1 + \ln \Omega_k)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \ln(1 + \ln \Omega_k)}$$

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$$\stackrel{\text{Cesaro}}{\cong} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln(1+\ln \Omega_k)} = 1 + \ln \Omega \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n (1+\ln \Omega_k)} - 1} = e^{1+\ln \Omega - 1} = \Omega$$

Solution 3 by Abdallah Almalih-Damascus-Syria

$$\Omega_n \in [1, \infty[, n \geq 1, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_n = \Omega \in \mathbb{R} \text{ find } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n (1+\ln \Omega_k)} - 1}$$

$$\text{Sol. Let } a_n = \prod_{k=1}^n (1 + \ln(\Omega_k)) \text{ so } a_{n+1} = [1 + \ln(\Omega_{n+1})] \cdot a_n$$

$$\text{We know } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n}$$

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [1 + \ln(\Omega_{n+1})]$$

from continuance of ln function

$$\cong 1 + \ln(\Omega)$$

from continuance of exp function

$$\text{so } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\sqrt[n]{a_n} - 1} \cong e^{1+\ln(\Omega) - 1} = \Omega$$

179. Find:

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

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Solution 1 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India, Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-

New Delhi-India, Solution 3 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco,

Solution 4 by Nirapada Pal-Jhargram-India, Solution 5 by Soumitra Mandal-

Chandar Nagore-India

Solution 1 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India

$$\text{Let, } I = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{n+1}}. \text{ Let, } x = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta; dx = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta$$



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$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n+1} \sec^{2n+2}} \Rightarrow \frac{4^{n+1}}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n}(\theta) d\theta$$

Let,  $A = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n}(\theta) d\theta$ . Let,  $\cos \theta = u$ ,  $\sin \theta d\theta = du$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 \frac{u^{2n}}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du. \text{ Let, } u^2 = y \Rightarrow u = (y)^{\frac{1}{2}}; du = \frac{1}{2} y^{\frac{1}{2}-1} dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{y^n}{\sqrt{1-y}} y^{\frac{1}{2}-1} dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 y^{\frac{2n+1}{2}-1} (1-y)^{\frac{1}{2}-1} dy \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} B\left(\frac{2n+1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{2n+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma(n+1)} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{n!} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{\pi} (2n-1)!! \sqrt{\pi}}{n!} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{(2n-1)!!}{n!} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} \left[ \frac{(2n)!}{2^n (n!)^2} \right]$$

$$(OR) A = \frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}} \left[ \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \right], \forall n > 0 \quad (OR) I = \frac{4^{n+1}}{2} \left[ \frac{\pi}{2^{n+1}} \left( \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \right) \right]$$

$$(OR) I = 2 \left[ \pi \left( \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \right) \right]. \text{ Now, } \sqrt[n]{I} = 2^{\frac{1}{n}} \pi^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

As, we know, the Stirling's formula, we get,  $n! = \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}$ , so,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (I)^{\frac{1}{n}} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{\frac{1}{n}} \pi^{\frac{1}{n}} \left[ \frac{\left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{2n} \sqrt{2\pi n}}{\left(\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}\right)^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Now, applying Ratio Test, we get,

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And many terms are cancelling, we get, our limit  $\Omega = 4$  (Answer)

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } I_n &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^n}. \text{ Put } x = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta, dx = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\ I_n &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{n+1} \sec^{2n+2} \theta} = 2^{2n+1} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n} \theta d\theta \\ &= 2^{2n+1} \cdot \frac{2n-1}{2n} \cdot \frac{2n-3}{2n-2} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = 2^{2n+1} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{(2^n(n!))^2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{(2n)! \pi}{n! n!} \\ (I_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_{n+1}}{I_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)! \pi}{(n+1)! (n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n! n!}{(2n)! \pi} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1)(n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(2 + \frac{2}{n}\right) \left(2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} = 4 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^n} = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 dx}{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{n+1}} + \int_0^\infty \frac{\frac{1}{4} dx}{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^{n+1}} \\ &= \left[ -\frac{x}{2n \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^n} \right] + \int_0^\infty \frac{\frac{1}{4} dx}{2n \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)^n} + I_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2n} I_n + \frac{I_{n+1}}{4} \\ \rightarrow \frac{I_{n+1}}{I_n} &= 2 \cdot \frac{2n-1}{n} \Rightarrow \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{I_{k+1}}{I_k} = \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{2k-1}{k} \times \frac{2k}{k} \Leftrightarrow \\ &\Leftrightarrow \frac{I_{n+1}}{I_1} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \\ I_1 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{4}\right)} = [2a \tan 2x]_0^\infty = \pi \rightarrow I_{n+1} = \pi \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{I_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\prod \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi \frac{(2n+2)!}{((n+1)!)^2}}{\pi \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1)^2} = 4\end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Nirapada Pal-Jhargram-India

$$\text{Let } \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x^2 + \frac{1}{4})^{n+1}} = x_n$$

So we have to find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^{\frac{1}{n}}$

$$\text{But } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} \text{ (when the limits exists)}$$

$$\text{Now, } x_n = \int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x^2 + \frac{1}{4})^{n+1}} = 2^{2n} B\left(n, \frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ after putting } x = \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$$

$$\text{So } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x_{n+1}}{x_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^{2n+2} B\left(n+\frac{3}{2}\right)}{2^{2n} B\left(n, \frac{1}{2}\right)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^2 \frac{n}{n+\frac{1}{2}} = 2^2 = 4$$

Solution 5 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{dx}{(x^2 + \frac{1}{4})^{n+1}}}. \text{ Let } x = \frac{\tan \theta}{2} \Rightarrow dx = \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{2} d\theta. \text{ When } x = 0, \theta = 0;$$

$$\text{when } x \rightarrow \infty, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}. \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\int_0^\infty \frac{dx}{(x^2 + \frac{1}{4})^{n+1}}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sec^2 \theta d\theta}{\left(\frac{\sec^2 \theta}{4}\right)^{n+1}}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{2n+1} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n} \theta d\theta}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{2n+1} \cdot \frac{\beta\left(n, \frac{1}{2}\right)}{2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{2n} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(n)\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}} = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{2n} \cdot \frac{(n-1)! \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\frac{(2n-1)!}{2^{2n-1}(n-1)!} \sqrt{\pi}}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{4n-1} \cdot \frac{\{(n-1)!\}^2}{(2n-1)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{4n-1} \cdot \frac{\{(n-1)!\}^2}{(2n-1)(2n-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{4n-1} \cdot \frac{(n-1)!}{2^{n-1}(2n-1)(2n-3) \dots 3 \cdot 1}} = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{3n-1} \cdot \frac{(n-1)(n-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}{(2n-1)(2n-3) \dots 3 \cdot 1}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{2^{3n-1} \cdot \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{n-3}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{n-2}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{n-1}{n}\right)}{\left(2 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(2 - \frac{3}{n}\right) \dots \left(2 - \frac{n-2}{n}\right)\left(2 - \frac{n-1}{n}\right)}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{2 - \frac{1}{n}} = 4 \text{ (Ans :)}
 \end{aligned}$$

180. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sqrt[n]{\frac{((2n)!!)^2}{(2n)!}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sqrt[n]{\frac{((2n)!!)^2}{(2n)!}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2^n(n!))^2}{(2n)!}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sqrt[n]{\frac{\left(2^n \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n}\right)^2}{\left(\left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{2n} \sqrt{4\pi n}\right)}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sqrt[n]{\sqrt{\pi n}} \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

181. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^1 x^{2n} \sqrt{(1-x^2)^{2n+1}} dx$$

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*Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

**Let  $x = \sin \theta \Rightarrow dx = \cos \theta d\theta$ , when  $x = 0, \theta = 0; x = 1, \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^1 x^{2n} \sqrt{(1-x^2)^{2n+1}} dx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} \theta \cos^{2n+2} \theta d\theta$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{2} \beta(n, n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(2n+1)}} \quad \text{CAUCHY-D'ALEMBERT} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(n+2)}{\Gamma(2n+3)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2n+1)}{\Gamma(n)\Gamma(n+1)} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{Ans:})
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Let  $a_n = \int_0^1 x^{2n} (1-x^2)^{\frac{(2n+1)}{2}} dx$ . Put  $x^2 = t$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 t^{\frac{2n-1}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{(2n+1)}{2}} dt \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 t^{n+\frac{1}{2}-1} (1-t)^{n+\frac{3}{2}-1} dt = \frac{1}{2} \beta\left(n+\frac{1}{2}, n+\frac{3}{2}\right) \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\beta\left(n+\frac{3}{2}, n+\frac{5}{2}\right)}{\beta\left(n+\frac{1}{2}, n+\frac{3}{2}\right)} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{n+\frac{5}{2}}}{\sqrt{2n+4}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2n+2}}{\sqrt{n+\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{n+\frac{3}{2}}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(n+\frac{3}{2}\right)\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)}{(2n+3)(2n+2)} = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1+\frac{1}{2n}\right)}{\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)} = \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 3 by Abdelhak Maoukuf-Casablanca-Morocco

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$$\begin{aligned}
 I_n &= \int_0^1 x^{2n} \sqrt{(1-x^2)^{2n+1}} \stackrel{x=\sin t}{=} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} t \sqrt{(1-\sin^2 t)^{2n+1}} \cos t dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} t \times \cos^{2n+2} t dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} t \times \cos^{2n} t (1-\sin^2 t) dt \\
 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} t \times \cos^{2n} t dt - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n+2} t \times \cos^{2n} t dt \\
 &\stackrel{t=\frac{\pi}{2}-u}{=} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} 2t dt - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n+2} u \times \sin^{2n} u du \\
 \rightarrow 2I &= \frac{1}{2^n} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} 2t dt = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} t dt = \frac{1}{2^{n-2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} t dt \\
 \rightarrow I &= \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} t dt = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n}(n!)^2} = \pi \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{2^{4n}(n!)^2} \\
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{I_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\pi \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{2^{4n}(n!)^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi \cdot \frac{(2n+2)!}{2^{4n+4}((n+1)!)^2}}{\pi \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{2^{4n}(n!)^2}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{16(n+1)^2} = \frac{1}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 4 by Geanina Tudose-Romania

Consider  $\int_0^1 x^{2n} \sqrt{(1-x^2)^{3n+1}} dx$ . Let  $x = \sin x$ ,  $x = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 0 = 0$

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$$dx = \cos \alpha \, dx \quad x = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x \cdot \sqrt{(1 - \sin^3 \alpha)^{3n+1}} \cos \alpha \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} \alpha \cdot \cos^{2n+1} \alpha \cos x \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} \alpha \cos^{2n+3} \alpha \, d\alpha = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\sin^2 \alpha \cos^2 \alpha)^n \cdot \cos^2 \alpha \, d\alpha$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \frac{\sin^3 2\alpha}{2^3} \right)^n \cdot \frac{\cos 2\alpha + 1}{2} \, d\alpha$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} 2\alpha \cdot \cos 2\alpha \, d\alpha}_{I_1} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} 2\alpha \, d\alpha}_{I_2}$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} 2\alpha \cdot \cos 2\alpha \, d\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{(2n+1) \cdot 2} \sin^{2n+1} 2\alpha \Big|_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = 0$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2^{2n+1}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} 2\alpha \, d\alpha = \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \int_0^{\pi} \sin^{2n} x \, dx; \quad x = 2\alpha \Rightarrow d\alpha = 2d\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} \alpha \, d\alpha \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\pi} \sin^{2n} x \, dx \right) = \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \left( \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x \, dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n} x \, dx \right)$$

$$\text{But } I_{2n} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2n} x \, dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^{2n} x \, dx = \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}. \text{ Hence } I = I_2 = \frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \cdot 8 \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!} \cdot \pi$$



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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!} \cdot \pi}. \text{ Using Cauchy D'Alembert } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!}} =$$

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

$$\text{Thus } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{1}{2^{2n+2}} \cdot \frac{(2n-1)!!}{(2n)!!} \cdot \pi^n} = \frac{1}{4}$$

**182. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{13 \cdot 25 \cdot 37 \cdot \dots \cdot (12n-11)}{7 \cdot 19 \cdot 31 \cdot \dots \cdot (12n-5)}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania*

*Solution 1 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco, Solution 2 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India*

*Solution 1 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco*

$$U_n = \prod_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{12k-11}{12k-5} \right) \text{ we have } 0 < U_n < 1; \text{ So we put } \lim U_n = l$$

$$U_n = \frac{12n-11}{12-5} U_{n-1} \Leftrightarrow (12(n+1)-11)U_n - (12n-11)U_{n-1} = 6U_n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^n ((12(k+1)-11)U_k - (12k-11)U_{k-1}) = \sum_{k=2}^n 6U_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (12(n+1)-11)U_n + 5U_1 = 6 \sum_{k=1}^n U_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 12U_n + \frac{U_n + 5U_1}{n} = 6 \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n U_k}_{\text{Cesaro's Lemma}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 12l + 0 = 6l \Leftrightarrow l = 0 \rightarrow \lim U_n = 0$$

*Solution 2 by Shivam Sharma-New Delhi-India*

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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{13 \cdot 25 \cdot 37 \cdot \dots \cdot (12n - 11)}{7 \cdot 9 \cdot 31 \cdot \dots \cdot (12n - 5)} \right] \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\prod_{k=2}^n (12k - 11)}{\prod_{k=1}^n (12k - 5)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\frac{12^n \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{12}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)}}{\frac{12^n \Gamma\left(n + \frac{7}{12}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{12}\right)}} \right] \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{12}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{7}{12}\right)}{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{7}{12}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{12}\right)} \right]$$

Now, applying Ratio test, we get,  $\Omega = 0$

(Answer)

183. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2^k} \right) \right)$$

Proposed by Hung Nguyen Viet-Hanoi-Vietnam

Solution 1 by Daniel Sitaru-Romania, Solution 2 by Mehmet Sahin-Ankara-Turkey

Solution 1 by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

$$\Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2^k} \right) \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2^k} - \sin^2 \frac{x}{2^k}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2^k}} \right) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{\cos \frac{x}{2^{k-1}}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2^k}} \right) \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{x}{2^k}} \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot \frac{1}{\prod_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{x}{2^k}} \right) =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot \frac{2^n \sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{2^n \sin \frac{x}{2^n} \prod_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{x}{2^k}} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos x}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot \frac{x}{\sin x} \right) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Mehmet Sahin-Ankara-Turkey*

$$1 - \tan^2 x = 1 - \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{\cos 2x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$x \rightarrow \frac{x}{2}, \frac{x}{2^2}, \frac{x}{2^4}, \dots, \frac{x}{2^n}$  write. In this case

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2}\right) \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{4}\right) \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{8}\right) \dots \left(1 - \tan^2 \frac{x}{2^n}\right) \\
 &= \frac{\cos 2 \cdot \frac{x}{2}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{\cos 2 \cdot \frac{x}{4}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{4}} \cdot \frac{\cos 2 \cdot \frac{x}{8}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{8}} \dots \frac{\cos 2 \cdot \frac{x}{2^n}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2^n}} = \\
 &= \frac{\cos x \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{4} \dots \cos \frac{x}{2^{n-1}}}{\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{x}{4} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{x}{8} \dots \cos^2 \frac{x}{2^n}} \\
 &= \frac{\cos x}{\cos \frac{x}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{8} \dots \cos \frac{x}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \cos^2 \frac{x}{2^n}} \\
 &= \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{8} \dots \sin \frac{x}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\left(\sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\sin \frac{x}{4} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{4}\right) \cdot \left(\sin \frac{x}{8} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{8}\right) \dots \left(\sin \frac{x}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2^{n-1}}\right) \cdot \left(\sin \frac{x}{2^n} \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2^n}\right) \cdot \cos \frac{x}{2^n}} \\
 &= \frac{2^n \cdot \cos x \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{8} \dots \sin \frac{x}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\sin x \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{4} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{8} \dots \sin \frac{x}{2^{n-2}} \cdot \sin \frac{x}{2^{n-1}} \cdot \left(\cos \frac{x}{2^n}\right)} \\
 &= 2^n \cdot \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}} = 2^n \cdot \cot x \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}} = \cot x \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot x \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= x \cdot \cot x \cdot \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x \cdot \cot x) \left( \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2^n}}{\frac{x}{2^n}} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos \frac{x}{2^n}} \right) = x \cdot \cot x \because$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot \cot x = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} \right) \cdot \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x \right) = 1.$$

as desired  $\therefore$

**184. Solve over the set of real numbers the following system of equations written on base – 42 numeral system:**

$$a_a^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + \dots + a_{2018}^2 = 4 \cdot (97a_1 - 1)$$

$$a_1^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + \dots + a_{2018}^2 = 4 \cdot (97a_2 - 1)$$

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_4^2 + \dots + a_{2018}^2 = 4 \cdot (97a_3 - 1)$$

.....

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + \dots + a_{2017}^2 = 4 \cdot (97a_{2018} - 1)$$

*Proposed by Koczinger Éva and Kovács Béla – Romania*

*Solution by Koczinger Éva and Kovács Béla – Romania*

$$2017_{42} = 2 \cdot 42^3 + 42 + 7 = 148225 = 385^2 = (9 \cdot 42 + 7)^2 = (97_{42})^2$$

*Taking into account:  $2017_{42} = (97_{42})^2$ , adding the equations;*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2018} (2017a_k^2 - 4 \cdot 97a_k + 4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{2018} (97^2 \cdot a_k^2 - 4 \cdot 97a_k + 4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{2018} (97a_k - 2)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_{2018} = \frac{2}{97}$$

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So, the solution to the equation system is:  $(\frac{2}{97}, \frac{2}{97}, \frac{2}{97}, \dots, \frac{2}{97})$ .

Or, rewriting the equations into decimal numeral system:

$$a_2^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + \dots + a_{148226}^2 = 4 \cdot (385a_1 - 1)$$

$$a_1^2 + a_3^2 + a_4^2 + \dots + a_{148226}^2 = 4 \cdot (385a_2 - 1)$$

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_4^2 + \dots + a_{148226}^2 = 4 \cdot (385a_3 - 1)$$

.....

$$a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 + \dots + a_{148225}^2 = 4 \cdot (385a_{148226} - 1)$$

Adding then, we get:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{148226} (148225a_k^2 - 4 \cdot 385a_k + 4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{148226} (385^2 \cdot a_k^2 - 4 \cdot 385a_k + 4) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{148226} (385a_k - 2)^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_{148226} = \frac{2}{385}$$

So, the solution to the equation system is:  $(\frac{2}{385}, \frac{2}{385}, \frac{2}{385}, \dots, \frac{2}{385})$ .

185. Solve for real numbers:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1 \\ x^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{4}\right)^2 \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijan, Solution 2 by Shahlar Maharramov-Jebrail-Azerbaijan, Solution 3 by Uche Eliezer Okeke-Anambra-Nigeria, Solution 4 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia, Solution 5 by Kunihiro Chikaya-Tokyo-Japan

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*Solution 1 by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijani*

**Solve for real numbers:**  $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{4}\right)^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = a \quad y^2 = b; \quad 16a + 25b = 400$$

$$a + b = \frac{a^2}{25} + \frac{b^2}{16} + \frac{ab}{10} = \frac{16a^2 + 25b^2 + 40ab}{400} = \frac{(4a + 5b)^2}{400}$$

$$400(a + b) = (4a + 5b)^2; \quad (16a + 25b)(a + b) = (4a + 5b)^2$$

$$16a^2 + 16ab + 25ab + 25b^2 = 16a^2 + 25b^2 + 40ab$$

$$ab = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0 \quad x = 0 \Rightarrow 25b = 400 \quad b = 16 \quad y = \pm 4 \text{ answer } (0; 4) \text{ and } (0; -4)$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0 \quad y = 0 \Rightarrow 16a = 400 \quad a = 25 \quad x = \pm 5 \text{ answer } (5; 0) \text{ and } (-5; -0)$$

*Solution 2 by Shahlar Maharramov-Jebrail-Azerbaijani*

$x = 5 \sin t, y = 4 \cos t$ , put these in second equation  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow 25 \sin^2 t + 16 \cos^2 t = (5 \sin^2 t + 4 \cos^2 t)^2 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 25 \sin^2 t \underbrace{(1 - \sin^2 t)}_{\cos^2 t} + 16 \cos^2 t \underbrace{(1 - \cos^2 t)}_{\sin^2 t} = 40 \sin^2 t \cos^2 t$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 t \cos^2 t = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2t = 0 \Rightarrow \sin 2t = 0 \Rightarrow 2t = \pi k \Rightarrow t = \frac{\pi}{2} k$$

$k = 0, 1, 2, 3$  after these it repeated

1)  $k = 0, x = 5 \sin 0 = 0, y = 4$

2)  $k = 1, x = 5 \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 5, y = 0$

3)  $k = 2, x = 0, y = -4$

4)  $k = 3, x = -5, y = 0$

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*Solution 3 by Uche Eliezer Okeke-Anambra-Nigeria*

$$\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{4}\right)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Set } x = 5 \sin \theta \quad (3), y = 4 \cos \theta \quad (4)$$

*Transformation of (2) gives*

$$\Leftrightarrow (5 \sin \theta)^2 + (4 \cos \theta)^2 = \left(\frac{(5 \sin \theta)^2}{5} + \frac{(4 \cos \theta)^2}{4}\right)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 25 \sin^2 \theta + 16 \cos^2 \theta = (5 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 25(1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 16 \cos^2 \theta = (5(1 - \cos^2 \theta) + 4 \cos^2 \theta)^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow y = 4 \cos \theta = 4(0) = 0 \\ \cos \theta = \pm 1 \Rightarrow y = \pm 4 \cos \theta = \pm 4(1) = \pm 4 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \cos^2 \theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sin^2 \theta = \sqrt{1 - 0^2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \sin \theta = \pm 1 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 5 \sin \theta = \pm 5(1) = \pm 5 \\ \cos \theta = 1 \Leftrightarrow \cos \theta = \sqrt{1 - 1^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 5 \sin \theta = 5(0) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\text{Solution } (x, y) = (\pm 5, 0)(0, \pm 4)$$

*Solution 4 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia*

$$\text{Substitutions } \frac{x}{5} = u, \frac{y}{4} = v \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u^2 + v^2 = 1 \quad (1) \\ 25u^2 + 16v^2 = (5u^2 + 4v^2)^2 \quad (2) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{From (2)} \Rightarrow 25(1 - v^2) + 16v^2 = (5 - v^2)^2 \Leftrightarrow 25 - 9v^2 = 25 - 10v^2 + v^4 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v^2(v^2 - 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow v = 0 \vee v = \pm 1.$$

$$\text{For } v = 0 \Rightarrow u = \pm 1 \text{ For } v = \pm 1 \Rightarrow u = 0. \text{ Solutions are } (\pm 5, 0); (0, \pm 4)$$

*Solution 5 by Kuniyiko Chikaya-Tokyo-Japan*

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{a}{25} + \frac{b}{16} = 1 \quad (*) \\ a + b = \left(\frac{a}{5} + \frac{b}{4}\right)^2 \end{array} \right.$$

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$a = x^2 \geq 0; b = y^2 \geq 0; \text{Cauchy - Schwarz}$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt{a}}{5}\sqrt{a} + \frac{\sqrt{b}}{4}\sqrt{b}\right)^2 \leq \left\{\left(\frac{\sqrt{a}}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{b}}{4}\right)^2\right\} \{(\sqrt{a})^2 + (\sqrt{b})^2\}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{a}{5} + \frac{b}{4}\right)^2 \leq 1 \cdot (a + b). \text{Equality: } \left(\frac{\sqrt{a}}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{b}}{4}\right) \& (*) \Leftrightarrow ab = 0 \& (*) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\text{Ans } \begin{aligned} (x, y) &= (\pm 5, 0), (0, \pm 4) \\ (a, b) &= (25, 0), (0, 16) \end{aligned}$$

186. Find  $A, B, C \in (0, \pi), A + B + C = \pi$  such that:

$$\begin{cases} \cos A |\cos B| + \cos B |\cos A| = 1 + \cos 2C \\ \cos B |\cos C| + \cos C |\cos B| = 1 + \cos 2A \\ \cos C |\cos A| + \cos A |\cos C| = 1 + \cos 2B \end{cases}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution 1 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia, Solution 2 by Seyran

Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijani, Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

Solution 1 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia

$$\begin{cases} \cos A |\cos B| + \cos B |\cos A| = 1 + \cos 2C \dots (1) \\ \cos B |\cos C| + \cos C |\cos B| = 1 + \cos 2A \dots (2) \\ \cos C |\cos A| + \cos A |\cos C| = 1 + \cos 2B \dots (3) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{From (1)} \Rightarrow \cos A |\cos B| + \cos B |\cos A| = 2 \cos^2 C > 0 \Rightarrow \cos A > 0, \cos B > 0$$

$$\text{From (2)} \Rightarrow \cos B |\cos C| + \cos C |\cos B| = 2 \cos^2 A > 0 \Rightarrow \cos B > 0, \cos C > 0$$

$$\text{From (3)} \Rightarrow \cos C |\cos A| + \cos A |\cos C| = 2 \cos^2 B > 0 \Rightarrow \cos A > 0, \cos C > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow A, B, C \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \cos A \cos B = \cos^2 C \dots (4) \\ \cos B \cos C = \cos^2 A \dots (5) \\ \cos A \cos C = \cos^2 B \dots (6) \end{cases}$$

$$(5) - (4) \Rightarrow \cos A (\cos A - \cos B) = \cos C (\cos B - \cos C) \dots (7)$$



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$$(6) - (5) \Rightarrow \cos B (\cos B - \cos C) = \cos A (\cos C - \cos A) \dots (8)$$

$$(6) - (4) \Rightarrow \cos B (\cos B - \cos A) = \cos C (\cos A - \cos C) \dots (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (7) + (8) &\Rightarrow (\cos B - \cos C)(\cos B + \cos C) = \\ &= \cos A (\cos C - \cos B) \Rightarrow (\cos B - \cos C) \underbrace{(\cos A + \cos B + \cos C)}_{>0} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \cos B = \cos C \Rightarrow B = C \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From (9)} \Rightarrow \cos C (\cos C - \cos A) = \cos C (\cos A - \cos C) \Rightarrow 2(\cos C - \cos A) \cos C = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\cos C = \cos A \Rightarrow A = C \quad \cos C \neq 0 \text{ because } c \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

*Solution 2 by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijani*

**If  $\cos A = a$ ,  $\cos B = b$ ,  $\cos C = c$  then  $a, b, c \neq 0$**

$$\begin{cases} a|b| + b|a| = 2c^2 \\ b|c| + c|b| = 2a^2 \\ c|a| + a|c| = 2b^2 \end{cases}$$

**1)  $a, b, c > 0 \rightarrow ab > 0, bc > 0, ac > 0$  must**

**2)  $a, b, c < 0 \Rightarrow a, b, c \neq 0$**   
*not true because*

$$\begin{cases} ab = c^2 \\ bc = a^2 \Rightarrow 2) \\ ac = b^2 \end{cases} \quad \begin{aligned} &1) a = b = c \text{ true} \\ &a > b > c \\ &a^2 > b^2 \\ &bc > ac \rightarrow b > 0 \text{ not true} \end{aligned}$$

**answer  $a = b = c$ ,  $\cos A = \cos B = \cos C = \frac{1}{2}$ ;  $A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$**

*Solution 3 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India*

$$\cos A |\cos B| + \cos B |\cos A| = 1 + \cos 2C \quad (1)$$

$$\cos B |\cos C| + \cos C |\cos B| = 1 + \cos 2A \quad (2)$$

$$\cos C |\cos A| + \cos A |\cos C| = 1 + \cos 2B \quad (3)$$

**Assume  $C$  is obtuse, then  $|\cos C| = -\cos C$ , (2) becomes  $0 = 2 \cos^2 A$**

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*Not possible. If  $C = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , then (2) become  $0 = 2 \cos^2 A$ . Not possible.*

*Thus,  $A, B, C$  must be all acute angles. From (1)*

$$2 \cos A \cos B = 2 \cos^2 C \Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 C = \cos(A + B) + \cos(A - B)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 C + \cos C \leq 1 \Rightarrow (2 \cos C - 1)(\cos C + 1) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \cos C \leq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{3} \leq C < \frac{\pi}{2}. \text{ Similarly, from (2), (3)}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3} \leq A, B < \frac{\pi}{2}. \text{ As } A + B + C = \pi \text{ and } \frac{\pi}{3} \leq A, B, C < \frac{\pi}{2},$$

$$\text{we get } A = B = C = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

**187. Solve for real numbers:**

$$\begin{cases} 27^x + 2 = 3^{y+1} \\ 27^y + 2 = 3^{z+1} \\ 27^z + 2 = 3^{x+1} \end{cases}$$

*Proposed by Seyran Ibrahimov-Maasilli-Azerbaijan*

*Solution 1 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia, Solution 2 by Rustem Zeynalov-Baku-Azerbaijan*

*Solution 1 by Boris Colakovic-Belgrade-Serbia*

$$\begin{cases} 3^{3x} + 2 = 3^{y+1} \\ 3^{3y} + 2 = 3^{z+1} \\ 3^{3z} + 2 = 3^{x+1} \end{cases} \text{ Substitutions } 3^x = a; 3^y = b, 3^z = c; \begin{cases} a^3 + 2 = 3b \\ b^3 + 2 = 3c \\ c^3 + 2 = 3a \end{cases}$$

$$a^3 + 1 + 1 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{a^3} = 3a$$

$$b^3 + 1 + 1 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{b^3} = 3b$$

$$c^3 + 1 + 1 \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} 3 \sqrt[3]{c^3} = 3a$$

**Equality holds for  $a = 1; b = 1; c = 1$**

$$3^x = 1 \Rightarrow x = 0, 3^y = 1 \Rightarrow y = 0, 3^z = 1 \Rightarrow z = 0$$

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*Solution 2 by Rustem Zeynalov-Baku-Azerbaijan*

$$\begin{cases} 27^x + 2 = 3^{y+1} \\ 27^y + 2 = 3^{z+1} \\ 27^z + 2 = 3^{x+1} \end{cases} \text{Symetric } x = y = z; 27^x + 2 = 3^{x+1}; 3^x = a$$

$$a^3 + 2 = 3a; a^3 - 3a + 2 = 0; a^3 - 1 - 3a + 3 = 0$$

$$(a - 1)(a^2 + a + 1) - 3(a - 1) = 0; (a - 1)(a^2 + a - 2) = 0$$

$$a - 1 = 0, a^2 + a - 2 = 0; a_1 = 1; a_2 = -2; a_3 = 1$$

$$3^x = -2 \emptyset; 3^x = 1; x = 0; x = y = z = 0$$

**188. Solve for real numbers:**

$$[\tan x] \cdot (\cot x - [\cot x]) = (\tan x - [\tan x]) \cdot [\cot x]$$

[\*] – great integer function

*Proposed by Rovsen Pirgulyev-Sumgait-Azerbaijan*

*Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India*

$$[\tan x](\cot x - [\cot x]) = (\tan x - [\tan x])[\cot x] \quad (1)$$

For  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $0 < \tan x < 1$ ,  $[\tan x] = 0$  and  $[\cot x] \geq 1$

$$\text{Now (1) becomes } 0 = (\tan x)[\cot x] \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  (1) has no solution for  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

For  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , (1) becomes  $1(1 - 1) = (1 - 1)(1)$  which is clearly holds.

For  $\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $[\tan x] \geq 1$  and  $[\cot x] = 0$ . Now (1) becomes

$$[\tan x] \cot x = 0. \text{ i.e. } 0 = [\tan x] \cot x \neq 0$$

$\therefore$  (1) has no solution for  $\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Next, let  $-\frac{\pi}{4} < x < 0$ ,

$$[\tan x] = -1, [\cot x] \leq -2. \text{ Write (1) as}$$

$$(-1)(\cot x - [\cot x]) = (\tan x + 1)[\cot x] \Rightarrow -\cot x = (\tan x)[\cot x] \quad (2)$$

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Let  $[\cot x] = k$ , then  $k \leq -2$  and  $\cot x \leq k$  LHS of (2)  $\geq -k$   
and RHS of (2)  $< -k$ . Thus, (1) has not solution for  $-\frac{\pi}{4} < x < 0$ .

For  $x = -\frac{\pi}{4}$ , (1) is satisfied.

Similarly, (1) has no solution for  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < -\frac{\pi}{4}$

As  $\tan x$  and  $\cot x$  are periodic with period  $\pi$ , we get solution set to be

$$(2k + 1)\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ where } k \text{ is an integer.}$$

189. Prove that:

$$\sin^2 \frac{7\pi}{18} \cdot \sin \frac{5\pi}{18} - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{18} \cdot \sin \frac{7\pi}{18} + \sin^2 \frac{5\pi}{18} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{18} = \frac{3}{4}$$

Proposed by George Apostolopoulos – Messolonghi – Greece

Solution by Kevin Soto Palacios – Huarmey – Peru

*Evaluar la siguiente expresión*

$$E = \sin^2 \frac{7\pi}{18} \cdot \sin \frac{5\pi}{18} - \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{18} \cdot \sin \frac{7\pi}{18} + \sin^2 \frac{5\pi}{18} \cdot \sin \frac{\pi}{18}$$

*Tener en cuenta las siguientes identidades*

$$2 \sin^2 x = 1 - \cos 2x, \sin x + \sin y = 2 \sin \left( \frac{x+y}{2} \right) \cos \left( \frac{x-y}{2} \right),$$

$$\sin x - \sin y = 2 \sin \left( \frac{x-y}{2} \right) \cos \left( \frac{x+y}{2} \right)$$

$$\sin 10^\circ + \sin 50^\circ = 2 \sin 30^\circ \cos 20^\circ = \sin 70^\circ \Leftrightarrow \sin 10^\circ + \sin 50^\circ - \sin 70^\circ = 0$$

*Lo pedido es equivalente*

$$4E = 4 \sin^2 70^\circ \cdot \sin 50^\circ - 4 \sin^2 10^\circ \cdot \sin 70^\circ + 4 \sin^2 50^\circ \cdot \sin 10^\circ$$

$$4E = 2(1 - \cos 140^\circ) \sin 50^\circ - 2(1 - \cos 20^\circ) \sin 70^\circ + 2(1 - \cos 100^\circ) \sin 10^\circ$$

$$4E = 2(1 + \cos 40^\circ) \sin 50^\circ - 2(1 - \cos 20^\circ) \sin 70^\circ + 2(1 + \cos 80^\circ) \sin 10^\circ$$

$$E = 2(\sin 10^\circ + \sin 50^\circ - \sin 70^\circ) + 2 \sin 50^\circ \cos 40^\circ + 2 \sin 70^\circ \cos 20^\circ + 2 \sin 10^\circ \cos 80^\circ$$

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$$4E = 2(\sin 10^\circ + \sin 50^\circ - \sin 70^\circ) + (\sin 90^\circ + \sin 10^\circ) + (\sin 90^\circ + \sin 50^\circ) + (\sin 90^\circ - \sin 70^\circ)$$

$$4E = 3(\sin 10^\circ + \sin 50^\circ - \sin 70^\circ) + 3 \sin 90^\circ$$

$$4E = 3 \sin 90^\circ = 3 \Leftrightarrow E = \frac{3}{4}$$

190.  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(4n-2)^2-1} \right) > 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(4n-1)^2-1} \right)$ .

*Proposed by Uche Eliezer Okeke-Anambra-Nigeria*

*Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India*

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(4n-2)^2-1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{4n-3} - \frac{1}{4n-1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - x^2 + x^4 - x^6 + \dots) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^2} \\ S_2 &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4n-1)^2-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{4n-2} - \frac{1}{4n} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2n-1} - \frac{1}{2n} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x} \\ \therefore S_1 - S_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{1+x} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{x(1-x)}{(1+x^2)(1+x)} dx > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow S_1 > S_2 \end{aligned}$$

191. **Find:**

$$\Omega = \int_a^b \tan(\arccos(\sin(\arctan x))) dx, 0 < a < b < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania*

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*Solution 1 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco*

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \int_a^b \tan(\arccos(\sin(\arctan(x)))) dx \\ &= \int_a^b \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arcsin(\sin(\arctan(x)))\right) dx \because \arctan x \in \left]0; \frac{\pi}{2}\right[ \\ &= \int_a^b \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan(x)\right) dx = \int_a^b \tan\left(\arctan\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) dx = \int_a^b \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)\end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Anas Adlany-El Zemamra-Morocco*

$$\text{We prove that } \tan(\arccos(\sin(\arctan(x)))) = \frac{1}{x}.$$

*First, let  $t = \arctan(x)$  then*

$$\tan(\arccos(\sin(t))) = \tan\left(\arccos\left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right)\right)\right) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - t\right) = \frac{1}{\tan(t)} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\text{Hence } \Omega = \int_a^b \tan(\arccos(\sin(\arctan(x)))) dx = \int_a^b \frac{dx}{x} = \ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$$

*Solution 3 by Rozeta Atanasova-Skopje*

$$\arccos(\sin x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - x \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \int_a^b \tan(\arccos(\sin(\arctan x))) dx = \int_a^b \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan x\right) dx = \\ &= \int_a^b \cot(\arctan x) dx = \int_a^b \frac{dx}{x} = \ln\frac{b}{a}\end{aligned}$$

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192. If  $m, n, p \geq 2$

$$\Omega(n) = 4^{n-1} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-x}}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{x}}\right) dx$$

then:

$$\Omega(n)\Omega(m)\Omega(p) \geq 64\sqrt[3]{mnp}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\text{Let } I_n = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{(2-x)^{\frac{1}{n}}}\right) dx = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \left[1 + \frac{1}{x^n} + \frac{1}{(2-x)^{\frac{1}{n}}} + \frac{1}{[x(2-x)]^{\frac{1}{n}}}\right] dx$$

$$\text{Also } \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{(2-x)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \geq \frac{2}{[x(2-x)]^{\frac{1}{2n}}} \text{ and } x(2-x) = 1 - (1-x)^2 \leq 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{x^n} + \frac{1}{(2-x)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \geq 2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{[x(2-x)]^{\frac{1}{n}}} \geq 1. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$I_n \geq \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} u dx = 4 \Rightarrow \Omega(n) \geq 4^{n-1}u = 4^n$$

$$\text{Now, } \Omega(n)\Omega(m)\Omega(p) \geq 4^{m+n+p} \geq 4^{3(mnp)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = 64(mnp)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

193. If  $a \in \mathbb{R}, f: [a, a+2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \in C^2([a, a+2]), 6 \leq f''(x) \leq 12$ , then:

$$1 + f(a+1) \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} f(x) dx \leq 2 + f(a+1)$$

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Let  $\varphi(x) = f(x) - 3x^2$  for all  $x \in [a, a + 2]$ ,  $\varphi''(x) = f''(x) - 6 \geq 0$

hence  $\varphi$  is convex. By Hermite Hadamard inequality

$$\varphi(a + 1) \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} \varphi(x) dx \Rightarrow f(a + 1) - 3(a + 1)^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} f(x) dx - \frac{3}{2} \int_a^{a+2} x^2 dx$$

$\Rightarrow 1 + f(a + 1) \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} f(x) dx$ . Let  $G(x) = 6x^2 - f(x)$  for all  $x \in [a, a + 2]$ .  $G''(x) = 12 - f''(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, a + 2]$  hence  $G$  is

convex. By Hermite Hadamard inequality

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} G(x) dx \geq G(a + 1) \Rightarrow \frac{6}{2} \int_a^{a+2} x^2 dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} f(x) dx \geq 6(a + 1)^2 - f(a + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + f(a + 1) \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} f(x) dx \therefore 2 + f(a + 1) \geq \frac{1}{2} \int_a^{a+2} f(x) dx \geq 1 + f(a + 1)$$

194. If  $a, b > 0$  then:

$$2 \int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} e^x \ln(x + 1) dx \leq \int_0^a e^x \ln(x + 1) dx + \int_0^b e^x \ln(x + 1) dx$$

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Solution 1 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$\forall x > 0: f(x) = e^x \ln(x + 1)$  &  $F(x)$  his primitive function.

$$\text{So, } F''(x) = f'(x) = \left( \frac{1}{x+1} + \ln(x + 1) \right) e^x > 0.$$

$$\text{So, } F \text{ is a convex function} \Rightarrow F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{F(a)+F(b)}{2}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} f(x) dx \stackrel{AM-GM}{\leq} \int_0^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f(x) dx \quad \because f(x) \geq 0 \\
 &= \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f(x) dx + \int_0^b f(x) dx + \int_b^{\frac{a+b}{2}} f(x) dx \\
 &= \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^b f(x) dx + 2F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - F(a) - F(b) \\
 &\leq \int_0^a f(x) dx + \int_0^b f(x) dx \\
 &\rightarrow 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} e^x \ln(x+1) dx \leq \int_0^a e^x \ln(x+1) dx + \int_0^b e^x \ln(x+1) dx
 \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Anunoy Chakraborty-India*

$$\text{Let } f(n) = \int_0^n e^n(1 + \ln x) dn; f'(n) = e^n(1 + \ln n)$$

$$f''(n) = \frac{e^n}{n} + e^n(1 + \ln n) > 0; f''(n) > 0; \forall n > 0$$

$$\text{By Jensen's inequality, } f(a) + f(b) \geq 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore \int_0^a e^n(1 + \ln n) dn + \int_0^b e^n(1 + \ln n) dn \geq 2 \int_0^{\frac{a+b}{2}} e^n(1 + \ln n) dn$$

$$2 \int_0^{\frac{a+b}{2}} e^n(1 + \ln n) dn \geq 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} e^n(1 + \ln n) dn \quad [\text{By AM-GM Inequality}]$$

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$$\therefore \int_0^a e^n(1 + \ln n) dn + \int_0^b e^n(1 + \ln n) dn \geq 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} e^n(1 + \ln n) dn$$

*Solution 3 by Geanina Tudose-Romania*

**Let  $f: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = e^x \ln(x + 1)$  continuous and let  $F$  be an antiderivative. Since  $f(x) \geq 0$ ,  $(\forall) x \in [0, +\infty) \Rightarrow F$  is strictly increasing**

$$f'(x) = e^x \ln(x + 1) + \frac{e^x}{x + 1} = e^x \left( \ln(x + 1) + \frac{1}{x + 1} \right) > 0 \Rightarrow$$

**$F$  a convexe function**

$$2 \int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} e^x \ln(x + 1) dx \leq \int_0^a e^x \ln(x + 1) dx + \int_0^b e^x \ln(x + 1) dx$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2F(\sqrt{ab}) - 2F(0) \leq F(a) - F(0) + F(b) - F(0) \Leftrightarrow F(\sqrt{ab}) \leq \frac{F(a) + F(b)}{2}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Since } \sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a + b}{2} \\ F \text{ increasing} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow F(\sqrt{ab}) \leq F\left(\frac{a + b}{2}\right) \stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\leq} \frac{F(a) + F(b)}{2}$$

*Solution 4 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

**Let  $f(t) = \int_0^t e^x \ln(x + 1) dx$  for all  $t \geq 0$**

**$f''(t) = e^t \left( \ln(t + 1) + \frac{1}{t+1} \right) > 0$  for all  $t \geq 0$ . Hence  $f$  is convex**

**$\therefore$  for  $a, b \geq 0$ ,  $f(a) + f(b) \geq 2f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)$**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a e^x \ln(1 + x) dx + \int_0^b e^x \ln(1 + x) dx &\geq 2 \int_0^{\frac{a+b}{2}} e^x \ln(1 + x) dx \geq \\ &\geq 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{ab}} e^x \ln(1 + x) dx \end{aligned}$$

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195. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^x \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x} - 1}{x} dx}{\int_0^x \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+3x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2x} - 1}{x} dx}$$

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Solution 1 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2t} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3t} - 1}{t} = \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2t} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3t} - \sqrt[5]{1+3t} + \sqrt[5]{1+3t} - 1}{t} = \\ &= \frac{\sqrt[5]{1+3t}(\sqrt[3]{1+2t} - 1) + (\sqrt[5]{1+3t} - 1)}{t} = \frac{\sqrt[5]{1+3t} \frac{(1+2t-1)}{\sum_{k=0}^2 (\sqrt[3]{1+2t})^k} + \frac{(1+3t-1)}{\sum_{k=0}^4 (\sqrt[5]{1+3t})^k}}{t} = \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt[5]{1+3t}}{\sum_{k=0}^2 (\sqrt[3]{1+2t})^k} + \frac{3}{\sum_{k=0}^4 (\sqrt[5]{1+3t})^k} \end{aligned}$$

$$g(t) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+3t} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2t} - 1}{t} = \frac{3\sqrt[5]{1+2t}}{\sum_{k=0}^2 (\sqrt[3]{1+3t})^k} + \frac{2}{\sum_{k=0}^4 (\sqrt[5]{1+2t})^k} \quad \because \text{By the same way}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^x f(t) dt}{\int_0^x g(t) dt} \stackrel{\text{Hospital}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^x \left( \frac{2\sqrt[5]{1+3t}}{\sum_{k=0}^2 (\sqrt[3]{1+2t})^k} + \frac{3}{\sum_{k=0}^4 (\sqrt[5]{1+3t})^k} \right) dt}{\int_0^x \left( \frac{3\sqrt[5]{1+2t}}{\sum_{k=0}^2 (\sqrt[3]{1+3t})^k} + \frac{2}{\sum_{k=0}^4 (\sqrt[5]{1+2t})^k} \right) dt}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Hospital}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{2\sqrt[5]{1+3x}}{\sum_{k=0}^2 (\sqrt[3]{1+2x})^k} + \frac{3}{\sum_{k=0}^4 (\sqrt[5]{1+3x})^k} \right)}{\left( \frac{3\sqrt[5]{1+2x}}{\sum_{k=0}^2 (\sqrt[3]{1+3x})^k} + \frac{2}{\sum_{k=0}^4 (\sqrt[5]{1+2x})^k} \right)} = \frac{\left( \frac{2}{\sum_{k=0}^2 1} + \frac{3}{\sum_{k=0}^4 1} \right)}{\left( \frac{3}{\sum_{k=0}^2 1} + \frac{2}{\sum_{k=0}^4 1} \right)} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5}}{\frac{3}{3} + \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{19}{21}$$

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*Solution 2 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^x \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2t} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3t} - 1}{t} dt}{\int_0^x \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+3t} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2t} - 1}{t} dt} \stackrel{\text{Hospital}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x} - 1}{x}}{\frac{\sqrt[3]{1+3x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2x} - 1}{x}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x} - 1}{\sqrt[3]{1+3x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2x} - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\exp(\ln(\sqrt[3]{1+2x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x})) - 1}{\exp(\ln(\sqrt[3]{1+3x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2x})) - 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\exp\left(\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}\right) - 1}{\exp\left(\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}\right) - 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\exp\left(\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}\right) - 1}{\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}}}{\frac{\exp\left(\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}\right) - 1}{\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}}} \cdot \frac{\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}}{\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \underbrace{\frac{\frac{\exp\left(\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}\right) - 1}{\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}}}{\frac{\exp\left(\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}\right) - 1}{\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}}}}_{\rightarrow 1} \cdot \frac{\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}}{\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\ln(1+2x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+3x)}{5}}{\frac{\ln(1+3x)}{3} + \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{5}} \stackrel{\ln(1+ax) \sim ax}{x \rightarrow 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2x}{3} + \frac{3x}{5}}{\frac{3x}{3} + \frac{2x}{5}} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5}}{\frac{3}{3} + \frac{2}{5}} = \frac{19}{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 3 by Serban George Florin-Romania*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &\stackrel{0}{0} \text{L.H.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x} - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{1+3x} \sqrt[5]{1+2x} - 1} = \\
 &\stackrel{0}{0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x} - 1}{\sqrt[3]{1+3x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2x} - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Omega \stackrel{L.H.}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{3}(1+2x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x} + \frac{1}{5}(1+3x)^{-\frac{4}{5}} \cdot 3 \sqrt[3]{1+2x}}{\frac{1}{3}(1+3x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 3 \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2x} + \frac{1}{5}(1+2x)^{-\frac{4}{5}} \cdot 2 \cdot \sqrt[3]{1+3x}}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{5}}{1 + \frac{5}{5}} = \frac{19}{15} \cdot \frac{5}{7} = \frac{19}{21}$$

Solution 4 by Lazaros Zachariadis-Thessaloniki-Greece

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\int_0^x \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2t} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3t} - 1}{t} dt}{\int_0^x \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+3t} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2t} - 1}{t} dt} \stackrel{\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{1+2x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+3x} - 1}{\sqrt[3]{1+3x} \cdot \sqrt[5]{1+2x} - 1} \stackrel{DLH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\frac{2x}{3}} \cdot e^{\frac{3x}{5}} - 1}{e^x \cdot e^{\frac{2x}{3}} - 1}$$

$$\stackrel{e^x \approx x+1}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[3]{e^{2x}} \cdot \sqrt[5]{e^{3x}} - 1}{\sqrt[3]{e^{3x}} \cdot \sqrt[5]{e^{2x}} - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\frac{19x}{15}} - 1}{e^{\frac{21x}{15}} - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{19x}{15}}{\frac{21x}{15}} = \frac{19}{21}$$

196. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{1! + \sqrt{2! + \sqrt{3! + \sqrt{4! \dots \sqrt{n!}}}}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru – Romania

Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

We first show that  $n! < 2^{2^n} \forall n \geq 1$ . For  $n = 1, n! = 1! = 1$  and  $2^{2^1} = 2^2 = 4 \therefore 1! < 2^{2^1}$ . Assume  $k! < 2^{2^k}$ , for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,

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$$k + 1 < 2^{2^k} \Rightarrow k!(k + 1) < 2^{2^k} \cdot 2^{2^k} = 2^{2^{k+1}} \Rightarrow (k + 1)! < 2^{2^{k+1}}$$

$$\therefore n! < 2^{2^n} \quad \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\text{Now, for } n \geq 1, n! < 2^{2^n} \Rightarrow \sqrt{n!} < (2^{2^n})^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2^{(2^n)(\frac{1}{2})} = 2^{2^{n-1}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (n - 1)! + \sqrt{n!} < 2^{2^{n-1}} + 2^{2^{n-1}} = (2)2^{2^{n-1}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(n - 1)! + \sqrt{n!}} < \sqrt{2} \cdot 2^{2^{n-2}} < 2(2^{2^{n-2}}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow (n - 2)! + \sqrt{(n - 1)! + \sqrt{n!}} < 3(2^{2^{n-2}}) \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(n - 2)! + \sqrt{(n - 1)! + \sqrt{n!}}} < \sqrt{3}(2^{2^{n-3}}) < (3)(2^{2^{n-3}})$$

*Continuing in this way we get*

$$\sqrt{1! + \sqrt{2! + \sqrt{3! + \dots + \sqrt{n!}}}} < (\sqrt{n})2^{2^{n-n}} = 2\sqrt{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\sqrt{1! + \sqrt{2! + \sqrt{3! + \dots + \sqrt{n!}}}}}{n} < \frac{2\sqrt{n}}{n} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\text{As } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\sqrt{n}} = 0, \text{ we get } \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{1! + \sqrt{2! + \sqrt{3! + \dots + \sqrt{n!}}}}}{n} = 0$$

$$197. \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\sqrt{3\sqrt{4\sqrt{5\sqrt{\dots\sqrt{n}}}}}}}{n}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{For } n \geq 2, \text{ let } a_n &= \sqrt{2 \sqrt{3 \sqrt{4 \sqrt{5 \dots \sqrt{n}}}}} \Rightarrow a_n^2 = 2 \sqrt{3 \sqrt{4 \sqrt{5 \dots \sqrt{n}}}} \Rightarrow \\
 \Rightarrow (a_n^2)^2 &= 2^2 \cdot 3 \sqrt{4 \sqrt{5 \dots \sqrt{n}}} \Rightarrow (a_n^{2^2})^2 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 4 \sqrt{5 \dots \sqrt{n}} \\
 \Rightarrow (a_n^{2^3})^2 &= 2^{2^3} \cdot 3^{2^2} \cdot 4^2 \cdot 5 \sqrt{6 \dots \sqrt{n}} \\
 &\dots \dots \dots \\
 a_n^{2^{n-1}} &= 2^{2^{n-2}} \cdot 3^{2^{n-3}} \cdot 4^{2^{n-4}} \dots (n-1)^2 n \\
 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a_n}{n}\right)^{2^{n-1}} &= \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{2^{n-2}} \left(\frac{3}{n}\right)^{2^{n-3}} \dots \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{n}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \leq \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{2^{n-2}} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{a_n}{n} \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{a_n}{n} &\leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \quad \forall n \geq 2. \text{ As } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} = 0, \text{ we get} \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

**198. Find:**

$$\Gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\Omega(n) - \Omega(n+1)), \Omega(n) = \int_1^e \frac{dx}{x(1+x^3)^n}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

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$$\Omega(n) = \int_1^e \frac{dx}{x(1+x^3)^n} = \frac{1}{3} \int_1^e \frac{3x^2}{x^3(1+x^3)^n} dx$$

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Put  $1 + x^3 = t, 3x^2 dx = dt \therefore \Omega(n) = \frac{1}{3} \int_2^{1+e^3} \frac{dt}{(t-1)t^n}$ . For  $n \geq 2$

$$\Omega(n) - \Omega(n-1) = \frac{1}{3} \int_2^{1+e^3} \frac{1}{t-1} \left( \frac{1}{t^n} - \frac{1}{t^{n-1}} \right) dt = \frac{1}{3} \int_2^{1+e^3} \frac{1}{t-1} \cdot \frac{(1-t)}{t^n} dt =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \int_2^{1+e^3} t^{-n} dt = -\frac{1}{3(-n+1)} [t^{-n+1}]_2^{1+e^3} = \frac{1}{3(n-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{(1+e^3)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \right]$$

$$\therefore \Gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\Omega(n) - \Omega(n-1)] = 0$$

For  $n \geq 2, 1 \leq x \leq e \Rightarrow 2 \leq 1 + x^3 \leq 1 + e^3 \Rightarrow 2^n \leq (1 + x^3)^n \leq (1 + e^3)^n$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n \leq x(1 + x^3)^n \leq e(1 + e^3)^n \Rightarrow \frac{1}{e(1 + e^3)^n} \leq \frac{1}{x(1 + x^3)^n} \leq \frac{1}{2^n} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{e-1}{e(1+e^3)^n} \leq \int_1^e \frac{dx}{x(1+x^3)^n} \leq \frac{e-1}{2^n}. \text{ As } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e-1}{e(1+e^3)^n} = 0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e-1}{2^n}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^e \frac{1}{x(1+x^3)^n} dx = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega(n) = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\Omega(n) - \Omega(n-1)) = 0$$

199. Find:

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

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Solution 1 by Abdelhak Maoukouf-Casablanca-Morocco,

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt[n]{n!} + n)^n}{(2n)!} \stackrel{\text{Stirling}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left( \sqrt[n]{\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n} + n \right)^n}{\left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{2n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n(e^{-1} + 1))^n}{\left(\frac{2n}{e}\right)^{2n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n(1 + e^{-1})}{4n^2} e^2 \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(e^2 + e)}{4n} \right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{(e^2 + e)}{4n} \right)^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{n \ln\left(\frac{(e^2 + e)}{4n}\right)} = e^{-\infty} = 0\end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\begin{aligned}\text{For } n \geq 1, n! \leq n^n \Rightarrow (n!)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq n \Rightarrow \left( n + (n!)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^n \leq (2n)^n \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{\left( n + (n!)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^n}{(2n)!} \leq \frac{(2n)^n}{(2n)!} = b_n \text{ (say) } (1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} = \frac{(2n)^n}{(2n)!} \cdot \frac{(2n+2)!}{(2n+2)^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \cdot (2n+1) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Let  $R > 1$ , then  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{b_n}{b_{n+1}} > R \quad \forall n \geq m \Rightarrow \frac{b_m}{b_{m+1}} \cdot \frac{b_{m+1}}{b_{m+2}} \cdots \frac{b_{n-1}}{b_n} > R^{n-m} \quad \forall n > m \\ \Rightarrow 0 < b_n < \frac{R^m b_m}{R^n} \quad \forall n > m\end{aligned}$$

As,  $\frac{1}{R^n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $b_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . From (1), we get

$$\frac{\left( n + (n!)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right)^n}{(2n)!} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Solution 3 by Geanina Tudose-Romania

$$\Omega_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt[n]{n!} + n)^n}{(2n)!} \text{ we have } \sqrt[n]{n!} \leq n \text{ since } n! \leq n^n.$$

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$$\text{Hence } \Omega_n \leq \frac{(n+n)^n}{(2n)!} = \frac{(2n)^n}{(2n)!} = a_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} &= \frac{(2(n+1))^{n+1}}{(2n+2)!} \cdot \frac{(2n)!}{(2n)^n} = \frac{(2n+2)^{n+1}}{(2n+1)(2n+2)} \cdot \frac{1}{(2n)^n} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2n+1} \cdot \left(\frac{2n+2}{2n}\right)^n = \frac{1}{2n+1} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } \left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \rightarrow 0 < 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0 \\ 0 \leq \Omega_n \leq a_n \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \lim \Omega_n = 0$$

*Solution 4 by Su Tanaya-India*

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \frac{(\sqrt[n]{n!} + n)^n}{(2n)!} &= \left( \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{\sqrt[n]{(2n)!}} + \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{(2n)!}} \right)^n < \left( \frac{1}{((n+1) \dots (2n))^{\frac{1}{n}}} + \frac{1}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^n \\ &< \left( \frac{2}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{n}}} \right)^n = \frac{2^n}{n!} \because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2^n}{n!} = 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt[n]{n!} + n)^n}{(2n)!} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**By Sandwich theorem**

**200. Find**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \arctan \left( \frac{9}{9 + (3k+5)(3k+8)} \right)$$

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*Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India, Solution 2 by Serban George Florin-Romania*

*Solution 1 by Soumitra Mandal-Chandar Nagore-India*

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{9}{9 + (3k+5)(3k+8)} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \tan^{-1} \left( k + \frac{8}{3} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left( k + \frac{5}{3} \right) \right) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( n + \frac{8}{3} \right) - \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{3} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \frac{8}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Serban George Florin-Romania*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \arctan x - \arctan y &= \arctan \frac{x - y}{1 + xy} \\
 \arctan \frac{9}{9 + (3k + 5)(3k + 8)} &= \arctan \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3k + 5}{3} \cdot \frac{3k + 8}{3}} \\
 &= \arctan \frac{\frac{3k + 8}{3} - \frac{3k + 5}{3}}{1 + \frac{3k + 5}{3} \cdot \frac{3k + 8}{3}} = \arctan \frac{3k + 8}{3} - \arctan \frac{3k + 5}{3} \\
 \sum_{k=1}^n \arctan \left( \frac{9}{9 + (3k + 5)(3k + 8)} \right) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \arctan \frac{3k + 8}{3} - \arctan \left( \frac{3k + 5}{3} \right) \right) \\
 &= \arctan \frac{11}{3} - \arctan \frac{8}{3} + \arctan \frac{14}{3} - \arctan \frac{11}{3} + \dots + \arctan \left( \frac{3n + 8}{3} \right) - \\
 &\quad - \arctan \left( \frac{3n + 5}{3} \right) = \arctan \left( \frac{3n + 8}{3} \right) - \arctan \frac{8}{3} \\
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \arctan \left( \frac{9}{9 + (3k + 5)(3k + 8)} \right) = \\
 &= \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \arctan \left( \frac{3n + 8}{3} \right) - \arctan \frac{8}{3} \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan \frac{8}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

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