

ON THE SOLUTION TO NAREN-SERGIO'S PROPOSAL AND ITS CONTINUATION

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Here, I present evaluations to some amazing identities involving $\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s}$ proposed by Naren Bhandari and Sergio Esteban in the Romanian Mathematical magazine.

1.1

prove that

$$\prod_{s=0}^{\infty} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1\sqrt[n]{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}}} \right) = \frac{1}{e^{\zeta(2)}}$$

also for $s = 1$ prove the following special case

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n \frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}} \left((n!)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n \frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}} \prod_{k=1}^n k^k \right) = A$$

where A is Glaisher Kinkelin constant

1.2

prove that for all $m \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(s+1)^{ms}} \left(\frac{1}{s+1\sqrt[n]{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}}} \right)^{-1} \right)^{s^{ms}} = e^{e^{-m}}$$

1.3

prove that

$$\prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \prod_{s=1}^m \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1\sqrt[n]{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} \right) = \frac{e^3}{e^{\zeta(2) + \frac{7}{4}\zeta(4)}}$$

Considering **1.1**

$$\text{let } J = \prod_{s=0}^{\infty} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}}} \right) \text{ and } A(m) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} \therefore A(1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}}}$$

$$\therefore J = \prod_{s=0}^{\infty} A(1)$$

$$\text{considering } A(m) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} \log(A(m)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(\frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\log \left(\frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \right) + \log \left(\left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} \right) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{\log(n)}{s+1} + \frac{\log(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s})}{n^{s+1}m^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{\log(n)}{s+1} + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n k^s \log(k)}{n^{s+1}m^2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{\log(n)}{s+1} + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \log\left(\frac{kn}{n}\right)}{nm^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{\log(n)}{s+1} + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \left(\log\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) + \log(n)\right)}{nm^2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(-\frac{\log(n)}{s+1} + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \log\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) + \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \log(n)}{nm^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\log(n) \left(-\frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \right) + \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \log\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\left(\log(n) \left(-\frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \right) \right)}_{L_1} + \frac{1}{m^2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \log\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \right)}_{L_2}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \log(A(m)) = L_1 + \frac{1}{m^2} L_2}$$

recall that the riemann sum of a function is related to the definite integral as follows:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f(c_k) \Delta x_k = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$\text{where } \Delta x_k = \frac{b-a}{n}$$

consider that; for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and that $1 < k < n$

$$\text{if } \frac{k-1}{n} \leq x \leq \frac{k}{n}$$

$$\text{then } \left(\frac{k-1}{n}\right)^s \leq x^s \leq \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \text{ and } \frac{1}{nm^2} \left(\frac{k-1}{n}\right)^s \leq \int_{\frac{k-1}{n}}^{\frac{k}{n}} x^s dx \leq \frac{1}{nm^2} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \text{ hence } \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k-1}{n}\right)^s \leq \int_0^1 x^s dx \leq \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s$$

$$\frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \leq \frac{1}{s+1} \leq \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s = -\frac{1}{nm^2} + \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s < \frac{1}{s+1} < \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s = -\frac{1}{nm^2} < \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s < 0$$

$$\therefore 0 < -\frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s < \frac{1}{nm^2}$$

multiplying through by $\log(n)$

$$0 < \log(n) \left(-\frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \right) < \frac{\log(n)}{nm^2}$$

$$\therefore L_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\log(n) \left(-\frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{1}{nm^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \right) \right) = 0$$

$$\text{considering } L_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \log \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \right); \text{ using that } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left(\frac{b-a}{n}\right) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$$

$$L_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^s \log \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \right) = \int_0^1 x^s \log(x) dx = -\frac{1}{(s+1)^2} \therefore L_2 = -\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$\text{recall } \log(A(m)) = L_1 + \frac{1}{m^2} L_2 \quad ; L_1 = 0 \text{ and } L_2 = -\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$\therefore \log(A(m)) = -\frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2} \text{ and } \boxed{A(m) = e^{-\left(\frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2}\right)}}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore A(m) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n^{s+1}}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1} m^2}} = e^{-\left(\frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2}\right)}}$$

$$\text{recall that } J = \prod_{s=0}^{\infty} A(1) = \prod_{s=0}^{\infty} e^{-\left(\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\right)} = e^{\sum_{s=0}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}} = e^{-\zeta(2)} = \frac{1}{e^{\zeta(2)}}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \prod_{s=0}^{\infty} \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n^{s+1}}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}}} \right) = \frac{1}{e^{\zeta(2)}}$$

to prove the following special case

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}}} \left((n!)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}}} \prod_{k=1}^n k^k \right) = A$$

where A is Glaisher Kinkelin constant

consider; $\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = e^{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \log\left(\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}\right)} = e^{\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \log(n!) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \log(k!) - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \log(n-k)!}$

$$= e^{(n-1)\log(n!) - \log G(n+1) - \log G(n+1)} = e^{(n-1)\log(n!) - 2\log G(n+1)}$$

$$= e^{\log(n!)^{(n-1)} - \log G(n+1)^2} = e^{\log\left(\frac{(n!)^{(n-1)}}{G(n+1)^2}\right)} = \frac{(n!)^{(n-1)}}{G(n+1)^2}$$

hence $(n!)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} = \frac{(n!)^{(2n)}}{G(n+1)^2} = \left(\frac{(n!)^{(n)}}{G(n+1)}\right)^2$ and $\left((n!)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{(n!)^{(n)}}{G(n+1)}$

recall that $H(n) = \prod_{k=1}^n k^k = \frac{(n!)^{(n)}}{G(n+1)}$

$$\therefore \left((n!)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{(n!)^{(n)}}{G(n+1)} = H(n) = \prod_{k=1}^n k^k$$

hence $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}}} \left((n!)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}}} \prod_{k=1}^n k^k \right)$

recall that $A = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(n)}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}} e^{-\frac{n^2}{4}}}$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}}} \left((n!)^{n+1} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{k} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}}} \prod_{k=1}^n k^k \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[4]{e^{n^2}}}{n^{\frac{6n^2+6n+1}{12}}} H(n) \right) = A$$

where A is Glaisher Kinkelin constant

$G(n+1) = \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} k!$ is the Barnes function, $H(n) = \prod_{k=1}^n k^k$ is the hyperfactorial function

Considering 1.2

$$\text{let } \alpha = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(s+1)^{ms}} \left(\frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}}} \right)^{-1} \right)^{s^{ms}}$$

$$\text{and recall that } A(m) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} = e^{-\left(\frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2}\right)}$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(s+1)^{ms}} (A(1))^{-1} \right)^{s^{ms}} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{(s+1)^{ms}} \left(e^{-\left(\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}\right)} \right)^{-1} \right)^{s^{ms}} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{e^{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}}}{(s+1)^{ms}} \right)^{s^{ms}}$$

$$\log(\alpha) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s^{ms} \log \left(1 + \frac{e^{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}}}{(s+1)^{ms}} \right) \sim \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s^{ms} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}}}{(s+1)^{ms}} \right)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} s^{ms} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}}}{(s+1)^{ms}} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}} \left(\frac{s}{s+1} \right)^{ms}$$

$$\text{let } \beta = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}} \left(\frac{s}{s+1} \right)^{ms} \quad \therefore \log(\alpha) = \beta$$

$$\log(\beta) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(e^{\frac{1}{(s+1)^2}} \left(\frac{s}{s+1} \right)^{ms} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{(s+1)^2} + \log \left(\frac{s}{s+1} \right)^{ms} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(\log \left(\frac{s}{s+1} \right)^{ms} \right) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} ms \left(\log \left(1 - \frac{1}{s+1} \right) \right)$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} ms \left(\log \left(1 - \frac{1}{s+1} \right) \right) \sim \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{ms}{s+1}$$

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{ms}{s+1} = -m \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{s+1} \right) = -m$$

$$\therefore \log(\beta) = -m, \beta = e^{-m}$$

$$\text{recall that } \log(\alpha) = \beta \quad \therefore \alpha = e^\beta = e^{-m}$$

$$\boxed{\therefore \alpha = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(s+1)^{ms}} \left(\frac{1}{s+1\sqrt{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}}} \right)^{-1} \right)^{s^{ms}} = e^{-m}}$$

Considering **1.3**

$$\text{let } P = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \prod_{s=1}^m \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} \right) \text{ and recall } A(m) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt[n]{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} = e^{-\left(\frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2}\right)}$$

$$\text{hence } P = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \prod_{s=1}^m A(m) = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \prod_{s=1}^m e^{-\left(\frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2}\right)} = e^{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^m -\frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2}} = e^{-\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2}}$$

$$\text{considering the sum } \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{1}{m^2(s+1)^2} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{1}{(s+1)^2}$$

$$\text{using that } \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{1}{(s+1)^n} = H_{m+1}^{(n)} - 1 \text{ then } \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} = H_{m+1}^{(2)} - 1$$

$$\therefore \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2} \sum_{s=1}^m \frac{1}{(s+1)^2} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{m+1}^{(2)} - 1}{m^2} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{m+1}^{(2)}}{m^2} - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{m+1}^{(2)}}{m^2} - \zeta(2)$$

$$\text{we know that; } H_m^{(r)} = H_{m+1}^{(r)} - \frac{1}{(m+1)^r}$$

$$\therefore H_{m+1}^{(2)} = H_m^{(2)} - \frac{1}{(m+1)^2}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_{m+1}^{(2)}}{m^2} - \zeta(2) = \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_m^{(2)}}{m^2}}_{S_1} - \underbrace{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2(m+1)^2}}_{S_2} - \zeta(2)$$

$$\therefore \boxed{P = e^{-(S_1 - S_2 - \zeta(2))}}$$

$$\text{consider } S_1 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_m^{(2)}}{m^2}$$

$$\text{from euler sums we know that } s_h(m, n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k^{(m)}}{k^n} = \sigma_h(m, n) + \zeta(m+n)$$

$$\text{when } m = n; \sigma_h(n, n) = \frac{1}{2} [(\zeta(n))^2 - \zeta(2n)] \therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k^{(n)}}{k^n} = \frac{1}{2} [(\zeta(n))^2 - \zeta(2n)] + \zeta(2n)$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_k^{(2)}}{k^2} = \frac{1}{2} [(\zeta(2))^2 - \zeta(4)] + \zeta(4) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\pi^2}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{\pi^4}{90} \right] + \frac{\pi^4}{90} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{\pi^4}{36} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} \right] + \frac{\pi^4}{90} = \frac{\pi^4}{120} + \frac{\pi^4}{90} = \frac{7\pi^4}{360} = \frac{7}{4} \zeta(4)$$

$$\therefore S_1 = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_m^{(2)}}{m^2} = \frac{7\pi^4}{360} = \frac{7}{4} \zeta(4)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{consider } S_2 &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2(m+1)^2} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m^2} + \frac{1}{(m+1)^2} + \frac{2}{(m+1)} - \frac{2}{m} \right) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m+1)^2} - 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{m+1} \right) \\
&= \zeta(2) + (\zeta(2) - 1) - 2 = 2\zeta(2) - 3 \\
\therefore S_2 &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^2(m+1)^2} = 2\zeta(2) - 3
\end{aligned}$$

recall that $P = e^{-(S_1 - S_2 - \zeta(2))}$

$$\therefore P = e^{-(S_1 - S_2 - \zeta(2))} = e^{-\left(2\zeta(2) - 3 + \frac{7}{4}\zeta(4) - \zeta(2)\right)} = e^{-\left(-3 + \zeta(2) + \frac{7}{4}\zeta(4)\right)} = e^{\left(3 - \zeta(2) - \frac{7}{4}\zeta(4)\right)} = e^3 e^{-\left(\zeta(2) + \frac{7}{4}\zeta(4)\right)} = \frac{e^3}{e^{\zeta(2) + \frac{7}{4}\zeta(4)}}$$

$$\boxed{P = \prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \prod_{s=1}^m \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s+1 \sqrt[n]{n}} \left(\prod_{k=1}^n k^{k^s} \right)^{\frac{1}{n^{s+1}m^2}} \right) = \frac{e^3}{e^{\zeta(2) + \frac{7}{4}\zeta(4)}}}$$