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**1301. If  $y' + \alpha y = |x^2| - [e^{|x-\beta|}] + 1, y(0) = 0$  then find the possible expression for  $y(x)$  where  $[\cdot]$  is the floor function, and  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ .**

**You are not to use Laplace transform.**

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Et us define  $K(\alpha, \beta, x) = \int [e^{|x-\beta|}] e^{\alpha x} dx$ . Recall if  $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q \rightarrow$

$$y \cdot e^{\alpha x} = \int |x^2| e^{\alpha x} dx - \int [e^{|x-\beta|}] e^{\alpha x} dx + \int e^{\alpha x} dx \rightarrow$$

$$y = \frac{\alpha^2 x^2 - 2\alpha x + 2}{\alpha^3} - \frac{K(\alpha, \beta, x)}{e^{\alpha x}} + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{C}{e^{\alpha x}}, \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant.}$$

$$\text{Recall } y(0) = 0 \rightarrow C = K(\alpha, \beta, 0) + \frac{\alpha^2 - 2}{\alpha^3}$$

$$y = \frac{\alpha^2 x^2 - 2\alpha x + 2}{\alpha^3} - \frac{K(\alpha, \beta, x)}{e^{\alpha x}} + \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{K(\alpha, \beta, 0)}{e^{\alpha x}} + \frac{\alpha^2 - 2}{\alpha^3 e^{\alpha x}}$$

**1302. Show that:**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{((\sqrt{5} - 2)\varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{3n-1})^2}{\varphi^{7n}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 7}{\sqrt{5} - 7} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n ((\sqrt{5} - 2)\varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{3n-1})^2}{\varphi^{7n-1}}$$

**-where  $\varphi$  –Golden Ratio**

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$$S_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{((\sqrt{5} - 2)\varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{3n-1})^2}{\varphi^{7n}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^2 \cdot \varphi^{2n-2} + 2a \cdot \varphi^{4n-2} + \varphi^{6n-2}}{\varphi^{7n}} =$$

$$= a^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^{-5n-2} + 2a \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^{-3n-2} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi^{-n-2}, \text{ where } a = \sqrt{5} - 2$$

$$S_1 = \frac{a^2}{\varphi^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\varphi^5}\right)^n + \frac{2a}{\varphi^2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\varphi^3}\right)^n} + \frac{1}{\varphi^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\varphi}\right)^n \stackrel{(*)}{=} \frac{a^2}{\varphi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\varphi^5}} + \frac{2a}{\varphi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\varphi^3}} +$$

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$$+ \frac{1}{\varphi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\varphi}}, \text{ where } (*) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{1-x}, |x| < 1$$

$$S_1 = \frac{a^2}{\varphi^2} \cdot \frac{\varphi^5}{\varphi^5 - 1} + \frac{2a}{\varphi^2} \cdot \frac{\varphi^3}{\varphi^3 - 1} + \frac{1}{\varphi^2} \cdot \frac{\varphi}{\varphi - 1} + 2a \cdot \frac{\varphi}{\varphi^3 - 1} + \frac{1}{\varphi(\varphi - 1)} =$$

$$= a^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^3}{\varphi^5 - 1} + 2a \cdot \frac{\varphi}{\varphi^3 - 1} + \frac{1}{\varphi(\varphi - 1)} =$$

$$= a^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^3}{\varphi^5 - 1} + 2a \cdot \frac{\varphi}{\underbrace{(\varphi - 1)}_{\frac{1}{\varphi}} \underbrace{(\varphi^2 + \varphi + 1)}_{2\varphi^2}} + \frac{1}{\underbrace{\varphi(\varphi - 1)}_{\frac{1}{\varphi}}}$$

$$S_1 = a^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^3}{\varphi^5 - 1} + a + 1 \stackrel{a=\sqrt{5}-2}{=} (\sqrt{5} - 2)^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^3}{\varphi^5 - 1} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + 1 =$$

$$= (9 - 4\sqrt{5}) \cdot \frac{\varphi^3}{\varphi^5 - 1} + \sqrt{5} - 1 \stackrel{\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}{=} (9 - 4\sqrt{5}) \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^3}{\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^5 - 1} + \sqrt{5} - 1 =$$

$$= (9 - 4\sqrt{5}) \cdot \frac{2 + \sqrt{5}}{\frac{9 + 5\sqrt{5}}{2}} + \sqrt{5} - 1 = \frac{2(9 - 4\sqrt{5})(2 + \sqrt{5})}{9 + 5\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{5} - 1 =$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{5} - 4}{9 + 5\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{5} - 1 = \frac{2(\sqrt{5} - 2)}{9 + 5\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{9 - 5\sqrt{5}}{9 - 5\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{5} - 1 =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{22} \cdot (19\sqrt{5} - 43) + \sqrt{5} - 1 = \frac{21 + 3\sqrt{5}}{22} \rightarrow S_1 = \frac{3}{22} \cdot (7 + \sqrt{5}); (1)$$

$$S_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 7}{\sqrt{5} - 7} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \left( (\sqrt{5} - 2)\varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{3n-1} \right)^2}{\varphi^{7n-1}} =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (a^2 \cdot \varphi^{2n-2} + 2a \cdot \varphi^{4n-2} + \varphi^{6n-2})}{\varphi^{7n-1}}, \text{ where } a = \sqrt{5} - 2$$

$$S_2 = \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{\text{cdot}} (a^2 \cdot \varphi^{-5n-1} + 2a \cdot \varphi^{-3n-1} + \varphi^{-n-1}) =$$

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$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( \frac{a^2}{\varphi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\varphi^5}\right)^n + \frac{2a}{\varphi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\varphi}\right)^n + \frac{1}{\varphi} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{\varphi}\right)^n \right)^{(**)}$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( \frac{a^2}{\varphi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\varphi^5}} + \frac{2a}{\varphi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\varphi^3}} + \frac{1}{\varphi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\varphi}} \right),$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x)^n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{1+x}, |x| < 1$$

$$S_2 = \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( \frac{a^2}{\varphi} \cdot \frac{\varphi^5}{\varphi^5 + 1} + \frac{2a}{\varphi} \cdot \frac{\varphi^3}{\varphi^3 + 1} + \frac{1}{\varphi} \cdot \frac{\varphi}{\varphi + 1} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( a^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^4}{\varphi^5 + 1} + 2a \cdot \frac{\varphi^2}{\varphi^3 + 1} + \frac{1}{\varphi + 1} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( a^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^4}{\varphi^5 + 1} + 2a \cdot \frac{\varphi^2}{\underbrace{(\varphi + 1)}_{\varphi^2} \underbrace{(\varphi^2 - \varphi + 1)}_2} + \frac{1}{\underbrace{\varphi + 1}_{\varphi^2}} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( a^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^4}{\varphi^5 + 1} + a + \frac{1}{\varphi^2} \right) \stackrel{a=\sqrt{5}-2}{=} =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( (\sqrt{5} - 2)^2 \cdot \frac{\varphi^4}{\varphi^5 + 1} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + \frac{1}{\varphi^2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( (9 - 4\sqrt{5}) \cdot \frac{\varphi^4}{\varphi^5 + 1} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + \frac{1}{\varphi^2} \right) \stackrel{\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}}{=} =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( (9 - 4\sqrt{5}) \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^4}{\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^5 + 1} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( (9 - 4\sqrt{5}) \cdot \frac{7 + 3\sqrt{5}}{13 + 5\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)$$

$$S_2 = \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{13 + 5\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( \frac{3 - \sqrt{5}}{13 + 5\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{13 - 5\sqrt{5}}{13 - 5\sqrt{5}} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = \\
 &= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \left( \frac{32 - 14\sqrt{5}}{22} + \sqrt{5} - 2 + \frac{3 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) = \\
 &= \frac{27 + 7\sqrt{5}}{22} \cdot \frac{21 - 3\sqrt{5}}{22} = \frac{21 + 3\sqrt{5}}{22} = \frac{3}{22} (7 + \sqrt{5}); (2)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1),(2) it follows that:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left( (\sqrt{5} - 2)\varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{3n-1} \right)^2}{\varphi^{7n}} = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 7}{\sqrt{5} - 7} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \left( (\sqrt{5} - 2)\varphi^{n-1} + \varphi^{3n-1} \right)^2}{\varphi^{7n-1}}$$

**1303. If we have the integrals:**

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} \left( e^{\frac{3x}{2}} - 1 \right)^2 e^{-4x} dx = \log(A)$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} \left( e^{\frac{3x}{2}} + 1 \right)^2 e^{-4x} dx = \log(B)$$

then prove that:

$$AB = \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)}{3 \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)} \right)^4$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(a, n) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh(ax)}{x} e^{-nx} dx \Rightarrow \frac{d\Omega}{da} = \int_0^{\infty} \operatorname{sech}^2(ax) e^{-nx} dx = \left[ \frac{1}{a} \tanh(ax) e^{-nx} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
 &= \frac{n}{a} \int_0^{\infty} \left( \frac{1 - e^{-2ax}}{1 + e^{-2ax}} \right) e^{-nx} dx = \frac{n}{2a^2} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1-t}{1+t} \right) t^{\frac{n}{2a}-1} dt = \\
 &= \frac{n}{2a} \left( \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{n}{2a}-1}}{1+t} dt - \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{n}{2a}}}{1+t} dt \right) = \frac{n}{4a^2} \left( 2\psi\left(\frac{n}{2a} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{n}{2a}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{n}{4a} + 1\right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \therefore \int_0^1 \frac{t^m}{1+t} dt = \frac{1}{2} \left( \psi \left( \frac{m}{2} + 1 \right) - \psi \left( \frac{m}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) \\
 \Omega(a, n) &= \int_0^a \frac{n}{4a^2} \left( 2\psi \left( \frac{n}{4a} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{n}{4a} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{n}{4a} + 1 \right) \right) da \stackrel{z=\frac{n}{4a}}{=} \\
 &= \int_{\frac{n}{4a}}^{\infty} \left( 2\psi \left( z + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \psi(z) - \psi(z+1) \right) dz = \\
 &= \left[ 2\log \Gamma \left( z + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \log \Gamma(z) - \log \Gamma(z+1) \right]_{\frac{n}{4a}}^{\infty} = \log \left( \frac{\Gamma \left( \frac{n}{4a} \right) \Gamma \left( \frac{n}{4a} + 1 \right)}{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{n}{4a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)} \right) = \\
 &= \log \left( \frac{n}{4a} \cdot \frac{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{n}{4a} \right)}{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{n}{4a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)} \right) \Rightarrow \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh(ax)}{x} e^{-nx} dx = \log \left( \frac{n}{4a} \cdot \frac{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{n}{4a} \right)}{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{n}{4a} + \frac{1}{2} \right)} \right) \\
 & \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} \left( e^{\frac{3x}{2}} - 1 \right)^2 e^{-4x} dx, \\
 J &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} \left( e^{\frac{3x}{2}} + 1 \right)^2 e^{-4x} dx \\
 I + J &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} \left[ \left( e^{\frac{3x}{2}} - 1 \right)^2 + \left( e^{\frac{3x}{2}} + 1 \right)^2 \right] e^{-4x} dx = \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} (e^{-x} + e^{-4x}) dx = \\
 &= 2 \left( \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)}{x} e^{-x} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)}{x} e^{-4x} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh(2x)}{x} e^{-x} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tanh(2x)}{x} e^{-4x} dx \right) = \\
 &= 2 \left[ \Omega \left( \frac{1}{2}, 1 \right) + \Omega \left( \frac{1}{2}, 4 \right) + \Omega(2, 1) + \Omega(2, 4) \right] = \\
 &= 2 \left[ \log \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\Gamma^2(1)} \right\} + \log \left\{ 2 \cdot \frac{\Gamma^2(2)}{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{5}{2} \right)} \right\} + \log \left\{ \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\Gamma^2(1)} \right\} \right] = \\
 &= 2 \log \left\{ \frac{1}{16} \cdot \frac{\Gamma^4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)}{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{5}{2} \right)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{1}{8} \right)}{\Gamma^2 \left( \frac{5}{8} \right)} \right\}; \because \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \sqrt{\pi}, \Gamma \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \Gamma \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$



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$$I + J = \log \left\{ \frac{\pi}{9} \cdot \frac{\Gamma^2\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)} \right\}^2 = \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)} \right)^4$$

$$\therefore AB = \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)} \right)^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} \left(e^{\frac{3x}{2}} - 1\right)^2 e^{-4x} dx + \int_0^\infty \frac{\tanh\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \tanh(2x)}{x} \left(e^{\frac{3x}{2}} + 1\right)^2 e^{-4x} dx = \\ = \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)} \right)^4 = 4 \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3} \cdot \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{8}\right)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

**1304. Prove that:**

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \prod_{n=1}^k \cot\left(\frac{n\pi}{2k+1}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\right) - \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right)$$

-where  $\zeta(s, a)$  is Hurwitz function.

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \prod_{n=1}^k \cot\left(\frac{n\pi}{2k+1}\right) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{\prod_{n=1}^k \cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2k+1}\right)}{\prod_{n=1}^k \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{2k+1}\right)} = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{\frac{1}{2^k}}{\frac{\sqrt{2k+1}}{2^k}} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{\sqrt{2k+1}} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - 1 = \beta\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 1 = \\ &= 4^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}\right) - \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right) - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( 2 + \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\right) - \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right) - 1 = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{4}\right) - \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}\right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

$\beta(z)$  –Dirichlet beta function,  $\zeta(a, b)$  –Hurwitz zeta function.

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1305. Prove the relation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{((3n^3 + 2n^2 - n) \bmod 5)}{3n^3 + 2n^2 - n} = \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{2}{3}} + 3t^{\frac{2}{5}} + 4t^{\frac{4}{15}} - 4t^{\frac{7}{15}} - 16t^{\frac{1}{15}} + 12}{20(1-t)t^{\frac{13}{15}}} dt = \\ &= \frac{4\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)}{5} + \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)}{5} - \frac{3\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{2}{15}\right)}{5} - \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)}{5} - \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)}{20} - \frac{3\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{8}{15}\right)}{20} \end{aligned}$$

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**Solution 1 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{((3n^3 + 2n^2 - n) \bmod 5)}{3n^3 + 2n^2 - n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+1)(3n-1) \bmod 5}{n(n+1)(3n-1)} \\ & \quad n(n+1)(3n-1) \bmod 5 = \begin{cases} 4, & \text{for } n = 5n+1 \\ 1, & \text{for } n = 5n+3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ & \Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(5n+1)(5n+2)(15n+2)} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(5n+3)(5n+4)(15n+8)} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{5n+2} + \frac{9}{15n+2} - \frac{4}{5n+1} + \frac{1}{4(5n+4)} + \frac{9}{4(15n+8)} - \frac{1}{5n+3} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{n+\frac{2}{5}} + \frac{\frac{3}{5}}{n+\frac{2}{15}} - \frac{\frac{4}{5}}{n+\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{\frac{1}{20}}{n+\frac{4}{5}} + \frac{\frac{3}{20}}{n+\frac{8}{15}} - \frac{\frac{1}{5}}{n+\frac{3}{5}} \right) \\ & \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{((3n^3 + 2n^2 - n) \bmod 5)}{3n^3 + 2n^2 - n} = \\ &= \frac{4\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)}{5} + \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)}{5} - \frac{3\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{2}{15}\right)}{5} - \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)}{5} - \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)}{20} - \frac{3\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{8}{15}\right)}{20} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{5n-3} + \frac{9}{15n-13} - \frac{4}{5n-4} + \frac{1}{4(5n-1)} + \frac{9}{4(15n-7)} - \frac{1}{5n-2} \right)$$

Using  $MAZ_{\Sigma}$  identity:  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{L^{-1}\{f(s)\}}{e^t-1} dt$

$$\Omega = \int_0^1 \frac{L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{4}{s-\frac{3}{5}} + \frac{12}{s-\frac{13}{15}} - \frac{16}{s-\frac{4}{5}} + \frac{1}{s-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{3}{s-\frac{7}{15}} - \frac{4}{s-\frac{2}{5}} \right\}}{20(e^t-1)} dt =$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{4e^{\frac{3t}{5}} + 12e^{\frac{13t}{15}} - 16e^{\frac{4t}{5}} + e^{\frac{t}{5}} + 3e^{\frac{7t}{15}} - 4e^{\frac{2t}{5}}}{20(e^t-1)} \left( \frac{e^{-t}}{e^{-t}} \right) dt =$$

$$\stackrel{x=e^{-t}}{=} \int_0^1 \frac{4x^{-\frac{3}{5}} + 12e^{\frac{13}{15}} - 16e^{\frac{4t}{5}} + e^{\frac{t}{5}} + 3e^{\frac{7t}{15}} - 4e^{\frac{2t}{5}}}{20(1-x)} \left( \frac{x^{\frac{13}{15}}}{x^{\frac{13}{15}}} \right) dx$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{((3n^3 + 2n^2 - n) \bmod 5)}{3n^3 + 2n^2 - n} = \\ & = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{2}{3}} + 3t^{\frac{2}{5}} + 4t^{\frac{4}{15}} - 4t^{\frac{7}{15}} - 16t^{\frac{1}{15}} + 12}{20(1-t)t^{\frac{13}{15}}} dt \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{((3n^3 + 2n^2 - n) \bmod 5)}{3n^3 + 2n^2 - n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+1)(3n-1) \bmod 5}{n(n+1)(3n-1)}$$

$$n(n+1)(3n-1) \bmod 5 = \begin{cases} 4, & \text{for } n = 5n+1 \\ 1, & \text{for } n = 5n+3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(5n+1)(5n+2)(15n+2)} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(5n+3)(5n+4)(15n+8)} = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{5n+2} + \frac{9}{15n+2} - \frac{4}{5n+1} + \frac{1}{4(5n+4)} + \frac{9}{4(15n+8)} - \frac{1}{5n+3} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{5\left(n+\frac{2}{5}\right)} + \frac{3}{5\left(n+\frac{2}{15}\right)} - \frac{4}{5\left(n+\frac{1}{5}\right)} + \frac{1}{20\left(n+\frac{4}{5}\right)} + \frac{3}{20\left(n+\frac{8}{15}\right)} - \frac{1}{5\left(n+\frac{3}{5}\right)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)}{5} + \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)}{5} - \frac{3\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{2}{15}\right)}{5} - \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)}{5} - \frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)}{20} - \frac{3\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{8}{15}\right)}{20} = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{t^{\frac{2}{5}-1}}{5(1-t)} dx + \frac{3t^{\frac{2}{15}-1}}{5(1-t)} - \frac{4t^{\frac{1}{5}-1}}{5(1-t)} + \frac{t^{\frac{4}{5}-1}}{20(1-t)} + \frac{3t^{\frac{8}{15}-1}}{20(1-t)} - \frac{t^{\frac{3}{5}-1}}{5(1-t)} \right] dt = \\
 &\quad \because \psi(z) = - \int_0^1 \frac{t^{z-1}}{1-t} dt \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\left(4t^{-\frac{3}{5}} + 12t^{-\frac{13}{15}} - 16t^{-\frac{4}{5}} + t^{-\frac{1}{5}} + 3t^{-\frac{7}{15}} - 4t^{-\frac{2}{5}}\right) t^{\frac{13}{15}}}{20(1-t)t^{\frac{13}{15}}} dt = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{2}{3}} + 3t^{\frac{2}{5}} + 4t^{\frac{4}{15}} - 4t^{\frac{7}{15}} - 16t^{\frac{1}{15}} + 12}{20(1-t)t^{\frac{13}{15}}} dt
 \end{aligned}$$

**1306. Prove that:**

$$\psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}\log(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

where  $\psi(*)$  –is the digamma function.

*Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\because \psi(z+1) = -\gamma + \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^z}{1-t} dt \\
 &\psi\left(1 - \frac{3}{8}\right) = -\gamma + \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^{-\frac{7}{8}}}{1-t} dt; \quad \psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) = -\gamma + \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^{\frac{7}{8}}}{1-t} dt \\
 &\psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^{-\frac{3}{8}} - 1 + t^{-\frac{7}{8}}}{1-t} dt = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{-\frac{7}{8}} - t^{-\frac{3}{8}}}{1-t} dt \stackrel{z^8=t}{=} 8 \int_0^1 \frac{z^{-7} - z^{-3}}{1-z^8} z^7 dz = \\
 &= 8 \int_0^1 \frac{1-z^4}{1-z^8} dz = 8 \left( \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+z^4} dz + \int_0^1 \frac{\frac{1}{z^2}}{z^2 + \frac{1}{z^2}} dz \right) = \frac{8}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\frac{1}{z^2} - 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{z^2}}{z^2 + \frac{1}{z^2}} dz =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{8}{2} \left( \int_0^1 \frac{d\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)}{\left(z - \frac{1}{z}\right)^2 + 2} \right) = -\frac{8}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{d\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)}{\left(z + \frac{1}{z}\right)^2 - 2} \\
 &= \frac{8}{2\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left| \frac{z - \frac{1}{z}}{\sqrt{2}} \right|_0^1 + \frac{8}{2\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{z + \frac{1}{z} - \sqrt{2}}{z + \frac{1}{z} + \sqrt{2}} \right|_0^1 = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Akerele Olofin-Nigeria**

$$\psi\left(\frac{r}{m}\right) = -\gamma - \log(2m) - \frac{\pi}{2} \cot\left(\frac{r\pi}{m}\right) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi nr}{m}\right) \log\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{m}\right)\right),$$

$r < m, [*] - \text{GIF. Now,}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) &= -\gamma - \log 16 - \frac{\pi}{2} \cot\left(\frac{5\pi}{8}\right) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^3 \cos\left(\frac{10n\pi}{8}\right) \log\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{8}\right)\right) = \\
 &= -\gamma - 4\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{2}(1 - \sqrt{2}) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) = \\
 &= -\gamma - 4\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \pi + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) &= -\gamma - \log 16 - \frac{\pi}{2} \cot\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^3 \cos\left(\frac{2n\pi}{8}\right) \log\left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi n}{8}\right)\right) = \\
 &= -\gamma - 4\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{2}(1 + \sqrt{2}) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(\sqrt{2} - 1) = \\
 &= -\gamma - 4\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \pi + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(\sqrt{2} - 1) \Rightarrow \\
 &\quad \psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\gamma - 4\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \pi + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) - \left( -\gamma - 4\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \pi + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(\sqrt{2} - 1) \right) \\
 &= \sqrt{2}\pi + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) - \log(\sqrt{2} - 1) \right) = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

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### Solution 3 by Arslan Ahmed-Yemen

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = -\int_0^1 \frac{x^{-\frac{3}{8}} - x^{-\frac{7}{8}}}{1-x} dx \stackrel{u^8=x}{=} 8 \int_0^1 \frac{du}{1+u^4} = \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{u + \sqrt{2}}{u^2 + \sqrt{2}u + 1} du - \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{u - 2}{u^2 - \sqrt{2}u + 1} du = \\ &= [\sqrt{2} \log(u^2 + \sqrt{2}u + 1) - \sqrt{2} \log(u^2 - \sqrt{2}u + 1)]_0^1 - \\ &- [2\sqrt{2} \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2}u + 1) + 2\sqrt{2} \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2}u - 1)]_0^1 = \sqrt{2} \left( \log\left(\frac{(2 + \sqrt{2})^2}{2} + \pi\right) \right)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

### Solution 4 by Serlea Kabay-Liberia

Recall  $\psi(x) = -\gamma + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{n(n+x)}$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned}\omega &= \psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = -\gamma + \gamma + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{5}{8}}{n\left(n + \frac{5}{8}\right)} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{8}}{n\left(n + \frac{1}{8}\right)} \\ \omega &= \frac{1}{8} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{5}{n\left(n + \frac{5}{8}\right)} - \frac{1}{n\left(n + \frac{1}{8}\right)} \right) = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{64}{8n+1} - \frac{64}{8n+5} \right) = \\ &= 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{8n+1} - \frac{1}{8n+5} \right) = 8 \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{1+x^4} = \\ &= \frac{8}{2\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{x + \sqrt{2}}{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1} - \frac{x - \sqrt{2}}{x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1} \right) dx = \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(2 + \sqrt{2}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \log(2 - \sqrt{2}) + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1} dx + \\ &+ \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{2}}{x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1} dx = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) + \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

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**Solution 5 by Mohammad Rostami-Kabul-Afghanistan**

$$\begin{aligned} \because \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+a} &= -\psi(a), \quad \Phi(z, s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+a)^s} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{s-1} e^{-at}}{1 - ze^{-t}} dt \\ \psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\frac{5}{8}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{8}} = -\Phi\left(1, 1, \frac{5}{8}\right) + \Phi\left(1, 1, \frac{1}{8}\right) = \\ &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(1)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{5}{8}t}}{1 - e^{-t}} dt + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{8}t}}{1 - e^{-t}} dt \stackrel{e^{-t}=u}{=} \\ &= -\int_1^0 \frac{u^{\frac{5}{8}}}{1-u} \left(-\frac{du}{u}\right) + \int_1^0 \frac{u^{\frac{1}{8}}}{1-u} \left(-\frac{du}{u}\right) = \int_0^1 \frac{-u^{-\frac{3}{8}} + u^{-\frac{7}{8}}}{1-u} du \stackrel{y^8=u}{=} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{1-y^{-3} + y^{-7}}{1-y^8} (8y^7 dy) = 8 \int_0^1 \frac{1-y^4}{1-y^8} dy = 8 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+y^4} dy = \\ &= -4 \int_0^1 \frac{-\frac{2}{y^2}}{\frac{1}{y^2} + y^2} dy = -4 \int_0^1 \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{y^2} + 1\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{y^2} - 1\right)}{\frac{1}{y^2} + y^2} dy = \\ &= -4 \int_0^1 \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{y} + y\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{y} + y\right)^2 - 2} - 4 \int_0^1 \frac{d\left(\frac{1}{y} - y\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{y} - y\right)^2 + 2} = \\ &= -4 \left[ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \log \left( \frac{\frac{1}{y} + y - \sqrt{2}}{\frac{1}{y} + y + \sqrt{2}} \right) \right]_0^1 - 4 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{y} - y}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right]_0^1 = \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log \left( \frac{2 - \sqrt{2}}{2 + \sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \pi + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} \log \left( \frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2 - \sqrt{2}} \right) = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\psi\left(\frac{5}{8}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \pi\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})$$

**1307. If  $2 < a \leq b < 3$  then:**

$$\int_a^b \frac{\sin^{-1}(2x-5) \cdot \log x}{x} dx + 2 \int_a^b \frac{\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3-x}}{\sqrt{x-2}} \right) \cdot \log x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{8} \log(ab) \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

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**Solution by proposer**

$$f: (2, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}. f(x) = \sin^{-1}(2x - 5) + 2\tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{3-x}{x-2}}\right)$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \rightarrow f(x) = \text{constant}, f\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4} \rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\pi}{4}, \forall x \in (2, 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \frac{\sin^{-1}(2x-5) \cdot \log x}{x} dx + 2 \int_a^b \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{3-x}{x-2}}\right) \cdot \log x}{x} dx &= \\ = \int_a^b \frac{f(x) \cdot \log x}{x} dx &= \frac{\pi}{4} \int_a^b \frac{\log x}{x} dx = \frac{\pi}{8} (\log^2 b - \log^2 a) = \\ &= \frac{\pi}{8} \log(ab) \log\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) \end{aligned}$$

**1308. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function at  $x = 0$  such that:**

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) = x^2, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Then find the value of  $f(1)$ .**

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

$$f(0) + f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$$

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right) = x^2 \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \left[ f\left(\frac{1}{k}\right) + f\left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right) \right] = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2} \Rightarrow$$

$$f(1) + (-1)^{n-1} f\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2}; (1)$$

As  $f$  –continuous at 0,  $f\left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right) \rightarrow f(0) = 0$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow (-1)^{k-1} f\left(\frac{1}{k+1}\right) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

Taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on ask  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in (1), we get:

$$f(1) + 0 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{12}$$



**1309. Prove the integral:**

$$\int_0^1 x Li_2 \left( \frac{(1-x)^4}{(1+x)^4} \right) dx = \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 2\pi + 4 - 16 \log 2$$

**$Li_2$  – is Poly-log function.**

*Proposed by Srinivasa Raghava-AIRMC-India*

**Solution by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal**

Note that for all  $x \in (0, 1)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = \frac{d}{dx} Li_2 \left( \frac{(1-x)^4}{(1+x)^4} \right) = - \frac{8 \log 8 \left( \log x + \log(1+x^2) - 4 \log(1+x) \right)}{x^2 - 1}; \quad (1)$$

$$\int_0^1 x f(x) dx = \frac{f(x)}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 1) dx - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \left( f'(x) \int \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 1) dx \right) dx$$

Now, using the result

$$= \frac{1}{2} Li_2(1) + 4 \int_0^1 \log 8 \left( \log x + \log(1+x^2) - 4 \log(1+x) \right) dx = \frac{\pi^2}{12} + I$$

For all  $x \in (0, 1)$  the integrals are convergent so, we apply the linearity giving us

$$\int_0^1 \log x dx = (x \log x - x) \Big|_0^1 = -1; \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \log(1+x^2) dx &= x \log(1+x^2) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{2x^2}{1+x^2} dx = \log 2 + 2(\tan^{-1} x - x) \Big|_0^1 \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} - 2 + \log 2; \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^1 4 \log(1+x) dx = 4(x \log(1+x) + \log(1+x) - x) \Big|_0^1 = 4 \log 4 - 4; \quad (4)$$

Combining the results (2),(3),(4) we have our desired result:

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$$\int_0^1 x \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{(1-x)^4}{(1+x)^4}\right) dx = \frac{\pi^2}{12} + 2\pi + 4 - 16\log 2$$

The last two integral also can be evaluated by the Maclaurin series of  $\log(1+x)$  and  $\log(1+x^2)$ .

**1310. Prove that:**

$$\int_0^1 \frac{(1-2x)}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{x}-1}\right) \frac{dx}{x^2-x+1} = \frac{8}{3}G - \frac{\pi}{3}\log(2+\sqrt{3})$$

,where  $G$  –denotes Catalan's constant.

*Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal*

*Solution by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie*

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_0^1 \frac{(1-2x)}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{x}-1}\right) \frac{dx}{x^2-x+1} \stackrel{x=\cos^2 t}{=} 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{t \cos 2t}{\cos^4 t + \sin^2 t} dt = \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{t(\tan^2 t - 1)}{\cos^2 t + \tan^2 t} dt \\ I &\stackrel{x=\tan t}{=} 2 \int_0^{\infty} \tan^{-1} x \left( \frac{x^2-1}{\frac{1}{1+x^2} + x^2} \right) \frac{dx}{1+x^2} = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2-1}{x^4+x^2+1} \tan^{-1} x dx \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= \left[ \tan^{-1} x \log\left(\frac{x^2-x+1}{x^2+x+1}\right) \right]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} \log\left(\frac{x^2-x+1}{x^2+x+1}\right) dx \stackrel{x=\tan t}{=} \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t}{1-\frac{1}{2}\sin 2t}\right) dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}\sin t}{1-\frac{1}{2}\sin t}\right) dt = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \log\left(\frac{1+\frac{1}{2}\sin t}{1-\frac{1}{2}\sin t}\right) dt = \\ &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin t \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1-y^2 \sin^2 t} dy dt = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin t}{1-y^2 \sin^2 t} dt dy = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin t}{1 - y^2 + y^2 \cos^2 t} dt dy \stackrel{z = \cos t}{=} 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{y^2} \int_0^1 \frac{dz}{\left(\frac{1 - y^2}{y^2}\right) + z^2} dy = \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{y\sqrt{1 - y^2}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{yz}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}} \right) \Big|_0^1 dy = 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}} \right)}{y\sqrt{1 - y^2}} dy \stackrel{y = \sin \theta}{=} \\
 &= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta} d\theta = 2 \left[ \theta \log \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} - 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \log \left( \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \right) d\theta = \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{3} \log \left( \tan \frac{\pi}{12} \right) - \underbrace{4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{12}} \log(\tan \theta) d\theta}_{-\frac{2}{3}G} = \frac{\pi}{3} \log \left( \sqrt{\frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{2 + \sqrt{3}}} \right) + \frac{8}{3}G \\
 &= \frac{8}{3}G - \frac{\pi}{3} \log(2 + \sqrt{3})
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{(1 - 2x)}{\sqrt{x(1 - x)}} \tan^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{1}{x} - 1} \right) \frac{dx}{x^2 - x + 1} = \frac{8}{3}G - \frac{\pi}{3} \log(2 + \sqrt{3})$$

**1311. Find:**

$$\Omega(a) = \int_0^{\log a} x \cdot (1 + a^x \log a) \cdot a^{x+a^x} dx, a > 1$$

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**Solution 1 by Mohammad Rostami-Kabul-Afghanistan**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(a) &= \int_0^{\log a} x \cdot (1 + a^x \log a) \cdot a^{x+a^x} dx \stackrel{x=u, dv=(1+a^x \log a)^{x+a^x}}{=} uv \Big|_0^{\log a} - \int_0^{\log a} v dv \\
 x = u &\Rightarrow dx = du, \frac{1}{\log a} \int (1 + a^x \log a) a^{x+a^x} \cdot \log a dx = \int dv \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\log a} a^{x+a^x} = v
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Omega(a) = \frac{1}{\log a} x a^{x+a^x} \Big|_0^{\log a} - \frac{1}{\log a} \int_0^{\log a} a^{x+a^x} dx = a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log a} \underbrace{\int_0^{\log a} a^{a^x} a^x dx}_I$$

$$\begin{cases} a^x = t \\ x = \log a \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^x \log a = dt \\ t = a^{\log a} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a^x dx = \frac{dt}{\log a} \\ x = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$I = \int_0^{a^{\log a}} a^t \frac{dt}{\log a} = \frac{a^t}{\log^2 a} \Big|_1^{a^{\log a}} = \frac{a^{a^{\log a}} - a}{\log^2 a}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega(a) = a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log a} \left( \frac{a^{a^{\log a}} - a}{\log^2 a} \right) = a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log^3 a} (a^{a^{\log a}} - a)$$

### Solution 2 by Gabi Brehuescu-Romania

$$\Omega(a) = \int_0^{\log a} x \cdot (1 + a^x \log a) \cdot a^{x+a^x} dx = \int_0^{\log a} x(x + a^x)' a^{x+a^x} dx =$$

$$= \int_0^{\log a} x(a^{x+a^x})' \cdot \frac{dx}{\log a} = \frac{1}{\log a} \underbrace{\int_0^{\log a} x(a^{x+a^x})' dx}_{I_1}; (*)$$

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\log a} x(a^{x+a^x})' dx = x a^{x+a^x} \Big|_0^{\log a} - \int_0^{\log a} a^{x+a^x} dx =$$

$$= \log a \cdot a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \underbrace{\int_0^{\log a} a^{x+a^x} dx}_{I_2}; (**)$$

$$I_2 = \int_0^{\log a} a^{x+a^x} dx \stackrel{a^x=y \Rightarrow x=\log_a y}{=} \int_1^{a^{\log a}} y a^y \cdot \frac{dy}{y \log a} = \frac{1}{\log a} \int_1^{a^{\log a}} a^y dy = \frac{a^{a^{\log a}} - a}{\log^2 a} (***)$$

$$I_1 = \log a \cdot a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{a^{a^{\log a}} - a}{\log^2 a} \stackrel{(*)}{\Rightarrow}$$

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$$\Omega(a) = a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log^3 a} (a^{a^{\log a}} - a)$$

**Solution 3 by Oyebamiji Oluwasey-Nigeria**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(a) &= \int_0^{\log a} x \cdot (1 + a^x \log a) \cdot a^{x+a^x} dx = \int_0^{\log a} x \cdot \frac{d(a^{x+a^x})}{\log a} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\log a} x a^{x+a^x} \Big|_0^{\log a} - \frac{1}{\log a} \int_0^{\log a} a^{x+a^x} dx \\ \int_0^{\log a} a^{x+a^x} dx &= \int_0^{\log a} a^x a^{a^x} dx \stackrel{a^x=u}{=} \int_1^{a^{\log a}} u a^u \frac{du}{u \log a} = \frac{1}{\log a} \int_1^{a^{\log a}} a^u du \\ &= \frac{1}{\log^2 a} (a^{a^{\log a}} - a) \\ \Omega(a) &= a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log a} \left( \frac{a^{a^{\log a}} - a}{\log^2 a} \right) = \frac{1}{\log^3 a} [a^{a^{\log a}} (a^{\log a} \log^3 a - 1) + a] = \\ &= a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log^3 a} (a^{a^{\log a}} - a) \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 4 by Kaushik Mahanta-Assam-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \int (1 + a^x \log a) a^{x+a^x} dx &\stackrel{a^{x+a^x}=t}{=} \int \frac{dt}{\log a} = \frac{t}{\log a} + C = \frac{a^{x+a^x}}{\log a} + C \\ \Omega(a) &= \int_0^{\log a} x \cdot (1 + a^x \log a) \cdot a^{x+a^x} dx \stackrel{IBP}{=} x \frac{a^{x+a^x}}{\log a} \Big|_0^{\log a} - \int_0^{\log a} \frac{a^{x+a^x}}{\log a} dx = \\ &= a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log a} \int_0^{\log a} a^x a^{a^x} dx \stackrel{a^{a^x}=t}{=} \int_1^{a^{\log a}} a^{\log a + a^x} \frac{dt}{\log^2 a} - \frac{1}{\log^3 a} a^{a^x} \Big|_0^{\log a} = \\ &= a^{\log a + a^{\log a}} - \frac{1}{\log^3 a} (a^{a^{\log a}} - a) \end{aligned}$$

**1312. Find without any software:**

$$\Omega = \int \frac{(3 - 3\sinh^2 x - \sinh^4 x + \sinh^{10} x) \cosh x}{(\cosh^2 x - 2)^2} dx$$

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### **Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int \frac{(3 - 3\sinh^2 x - \sinh^4 x + \sinh^{10} x)\cosh x}{(\cosh^2 x - 2)^2} dx \stackrel{\sinh x=t}{=} \\
 &= \int \frac{(3 - 3t^2 - t^4 + t^{10})}{(t^2 - 1)^2} dt = \int \frac{3(1 - t^2) - t^4(1 - t^6)}{(t^2 - 1)^2} dt = \\
 &= \int \frac{3 - t^4(1 + t^2 + t^4)}{1 - t^2} dt = \int \frac{(1 - t^4) + (1 - t^6) + (1 - t^8)}{1 - t^2} dt = \\
 &= \int [(1 + t^2) + (1 + t^2 + t^4) + (1 + t^2 + t^4 + t^6)] dt = \\
 &= 3t + t^3 + \frac{2}{5}t^5 + \frac{1}{7}t^7 + C = \\
 &= 3\sinh x + \sinh^3 x + \frac{2}{5}\sinh^5 x + \frac{1}{7}\sinh^7 x + C
 \end{aligned}$$

### **Solution 2 by Hafiz Iqbal-Situbondo-Indonesia**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int \frac{(3 - 3\sinh^2 x - \sinh^4 x + \sinh^{10} x)\cosh x}{(\cosh^2 x - 2)^2} dx = \\
 &= \int \frac{e^{-7x}(e^{2x} + 1)(e^{12x} + 2e^{10x} + 31e^{8x} + 129e^{6x} + 31e^{9x} + 2e^{2x} + 1)}{128} dx \\
 &= \frac{1}{128} \int e^{7x} dx + \frac{1}{128} \int e^{-5x} dx + \frac{33}{128} \int e^{3x} dx + \frac{155}{128} \int e^x dx + \frac{155}{128} \int e^{-x} dx \\
 &\quad + \frac{33}{128} \int e^{-3x} dx + \frac{3}{128} \int e^{-5x} dx + \frac{1}{128} \int e^{-7x} dx = \\
 &= \frac{1}{128} \left( \frac{5e^{7x} + 21e^{5x} + 385e^{3x} + 5425e^x - 5425e^{-x} - 385e^{-3x} - 231e^{-5x} - 5e^{-7x}}{35} \right) + C
 \end{aligned}$$

### **Solution 3 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int \frac{(3 - 3\sinh^2 x - \sinh^4 x + \sinh^{10} x)\cosh x}{(\cosh^2 x - 2)^2} dx = \\
 &= \int \frac{(3 - 3\sinh^2 x - \sinh^4 x + \sinh^{10} x)}{(\sinh^2 x - 1)^2} \cosh x dx \stackrel{\sinh x=z}{=} \\
 &= \int \frac{3 - 3z^2 - z^4 + z^{10}}{(1 - z^2)^2} dz = 3 \int \frac{1 - z^2}{(1 - z^2)^2} dz - \int \frac{z^4(1 - z^6)}{(1 - z^2)^2} dz =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3 \int \frac{dz}{1-z^2} - \int \frac{z^4(1+z^2+z^4)}{1-z^2} dz = \int (z^6 + 2z^4 + 2z^2 + 3) dz = \\
 &= \frac{\sinh^7 x}{7} + \frac{2\sinh^5 x}{5} + \frac{2\sinh^3 x}{3} + 3\sinh x + C
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 4 by Samar Das-Kolkata-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int \frac{(3 - 3\sinh^2 x - \sinh^4 x + \sinh^{10} x)\cosh x}{(\cosh^2 x - 2)^2} dx = \\
 &= \int \frac{(3 - 3\sinh^2 x - \sinh^4 x + \sinh^{10} x)\cosh x}{(1 + \sinh^2 x - 2)^2} dx \stackrel{y=\sinh x}{=} \\
 &= \int \frac{(3 - 3y^2) - y^4 + y^{10}}{(y^2 - 1)^2} dy = 3 \int \frac{dy}{1-y^2} + \int \frac{(y^4(1+y^2+y^4))}{y^2-1} dy = \\
 &= 3 \int \frac{dy}{1-y^2} + \int \left( y^6 + 2y^4 + 3y^2 + 3 + \frac{3}{y^2-1} \right) dy = \\
 &= \frac{y^7}{7} + \frac{2y^5}{5} + y^3 + 3y + C = \frac{\sinh^7 x}{7} + \frac{2\sinh^5 x}{5} + \frac{2\sinh^3 x}{3} + 3\sinh x + C
 \end{aligned}$$

**1313. Find:**

$$\Omega(a) = \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx, \quad a > 0$$

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**Solution 1 by Noor Alam-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(a) &= \int \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx \stackrel{\sin x=t}{=} \int \frac{t^7}{1 + t^2 + t^4} dt = \\
 &= \int (t^3 - t) dt + \int \frac{t}{1 + t^2 + t^4} dt = \frac{t^4}{4} - \frac{t^2}{2} + C_1 + I_1 \\
 I_1 &= \int \frac{t}{1 + t^2 + t^4} dt \stackrel{t^2=u}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u^2 + u + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2t^2 + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) + C_2
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(a) &= \left[ \frac{\sin^4 x}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 x}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 x + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]_0^a = \\ &= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 a + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(a) &= \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx \stackrel{\sin^2 x = t}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\sin^2 a} \frac{t^3}{1 + t + t^2} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\sin^2 a} \frac{t^3 - 1 + 1}{1 + t + t^2} dt = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\sin^2 a} \left[ (t-1) + \frac{1}{\left(t + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} \right] dt = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{t^2}{2} - t + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{t + \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \right) \right]_0^{\sin^2 a} = \\ &= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 a + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$

**Solution 3 by Mikael Bernardo-Mozambique**

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega(a) &= \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx \stackrel{\sin x = u}{=} \int_0^{\sin a} \frac{u^7}{1 + u^2 + u^4} du = \\ &= \int_0^{\sin a} \left( u^3 - \frac{u^5 + u^3}{1 + u^2 + u^4} \right) du = \frac{u^4}{4} \Big|_0^{\sin a} - \int_0^{\sin a} \left( u - \frac{u}{1 + u^2 + u^4} \right) du = \\ &= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \int_0^{\sin a} \frac{u}{1 + u^2 + u^4} du = \\ &= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\sin a} \frac{2u}{\left(u^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} du = \\ &= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left( u^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right) \Big|_0^{\sin a} = \\ &= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 a + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}\end{aligned}$$



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### Solution 4 by Gabi Brehuescu-Romania

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(a) &= \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx = \\
 &= \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x - \sin x \cos x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx + \int_0^a \frac{\sin x \cos x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx = \\
 &= \int_0^a \frac{\sin x \cos x (\sin^6 x - 1)}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \frac{(\sin^2 x)'}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx = I_1 + I_2 \\
 I_1 &= \int_0^a \frac{\sin x \cos x (\sin^6 x - 1)}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx = \int_0^a \frac{\sin x \cos x (\sin^2 x - 1)(\sin^4 x + \sin^2 x + 1)}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx = \\
 &= \int_0^a \cos^3 x (\cos x)' dx = \frac{\cos^4 x}{4} \Big|_0^a = \frac{\cos^4 a - 1}{4}; (*) \\
 I_2 &= \int_0^a \frac{(\sin^2 x)'}{\sin^4 x + \sin^2 x + 1} dx = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 x + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \Big|_0^a = \\
 &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 a + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6} \right); (**).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (\*), (\*\*), we get:

$$\Omega(a) = \frac{\cos^4 a - 1}{4} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 a + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6} \right)$$

### Solution 5 by Probal Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(a) &= \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx \stackrel{\sin x = z}{=} \int_0^{\sin a} \frac{z^7}{1 + z^2 + z^4} dz = \\
 &= \int_0^{\sin a} \frac{z^7 + z^5 + z^3 - z^3 - z^5}{z^4 + z^2 + 1} dz = \int_0^{\sin a} \left[ \frac{z^3(z^4 + z^2 + 1)}{z^4 + z^2 + 1} - \frac{z(z^4 + z^2 + 1) - z}{z^4 + z^2 + 1} \right] dz = \\
 &= \int_0^{\sin a} (z^3 - z) dz + \int_0^{\sin a} \frac{z}{z^4 + z^2 + 1} dz =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 a + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}$$

**Solution 6 by Arslan Ahmed-Yemen**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(a) &= \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin^7 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx = \int_0^a \frac{\cos x \cdot \sin x \cdot \sin^6 x}{1 + \sin^2 x + \sin^4 x} dx = \\ &\quad \left( \sin x \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x; \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2x - 1) = \sin^2 x \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^a \frac{\left( \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2x - 1) \right)^3 (-2 \sin 2x)}{1 + \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2x - 1) + \left( \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2x - 1) \right)^2} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} u = \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2x - 1) \\ du = -\sin 2x dx \end{array} \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} (\cos 2a - 1)} \frac{u^3}{1 + u + u^2} du = -\frac{1}{4} \left( \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} (\cos 2a - 1)} \frac{du}{\left(u + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}} + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} (\cos 2a - 1)} (u - 1) du \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2u + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{u^2}{2} - u \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2} (\cos 2a - 1)} = \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{6} \left( 4\sqrt{3} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sqrt{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2a - 1) \right) + \sqrt{3}}{3} + 3 \left( \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2a - 1) \right)^2 - 6 \left( \frac{1}{2} (\cos 2a - 1) \right) \right) - \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\sin^4 a}{4} - \frac{\sin^2 a}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2\sin^2 a + 1}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

**1314. Solve for real numbers:**

$$\int_x^{2x} \log(1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan t) dt \cdot \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(1 + \tan 5x \cdot \tan t) dt = 0$$

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### Solution 1 by Gabi Brehuescu-Romania

$$\int_x^{2x} \log(1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan t) dt \cdot \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(1 + \tan 5x \cdot \tan t) dt = 0; (1)$$

From (1), we get:

$$\int_x^{2x} \log(1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan t) dt = 0; (I)$$

$$\int_{2x}^{3x} \log(1 + \tan 5x \cdot \tan t) dt = 0; (II)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_x^{2x} \log(1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan t) dt &= \int_x^{2x} \log\left(1 + \frac{\sin 3x \sin t}{\cos 3x \cos t}\right) dt = \\ &= \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos 3x \cos t + \sin 3x \sin t}{\cos 3x \cos t}\right) dt = \int_x^{2x} \log\left(1 + \frac{\cos(3x - t)}{\cos 3x \cos t}\right) dt = I_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$3x - t = y, dt = -dy$$

$$I_1 = \int_{2x}^x \log\left(\frac{\cos y}{\cos 3x \cos(3x - y)}\right) (-dy) = \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos t}{\cos 3x \cos(3x - t)}\right) dt = J_1$$

$$I_1 + J_1 = \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos(3x - t)}{\cos 3x \cos t}\right) dt + \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos t}{\cos 3x \cos(3x - t)}\right) dt =$$

$$= \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 3x}\right) dt = x \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 3x}\right)$$

$$\begin{cases} \cos 3x \neq 0 \\ \cos 5x \neq 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow I_1 = \frac{x}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 3x}\right)$$

$$I_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{x}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 3x}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 3x}\right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos^2 3x = 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x \in \left\{ \frac{k\pi}{3} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

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$$I_2 = \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(1 + \tan 5x \cdot \tan t) dt = \int_{2x}^{3x} \log\left(\frac{\cos(5x-t)}{\cos 5x \cos t}\right) dt \stackrel{5x=t=y}{=} \\ = \int_{3x}^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos y}{\cos 5x \cos(5x-y)}\right) (-dy) = \int_{2x}^{3x} \log\left(\frac{\cos t}{\cos 5x \cos(5x-t)}\right) dt$$

$$I_2 + J = \int_{2x}^{3x} \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 5x}\right) dt \Rightarrow I_2 = \frac{x}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 5x}\right)$$

$$I_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \log\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 5x}\right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos^2 5x = 1 \Leftrightarrow x \in \left\{\frac{k\pi}{5} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$$

Therefore,

$$x \in \left\{\frac{k\pi}{3} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\right\} \cup \left\{\frac{k\pi}{5} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$$

**Solution 2 by Mohammad Rostami-Kabul-Afghanistan**

$$\int_x^{2x} \log(1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan t) dt = I_1; \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(1 + \tan 5x \cdot \tan t) dt = I_2 \\ I_1 = \int_x^{2x} \log(1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan t) dt = \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cot 3x + \tan t}{\cot 3x}\right) dt = \\ = \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos 3x}{\sin 3x} + \frac{\sin t}{\cos t}\right) dt - \int_x^{2x} \log(\cot 3x) dt = \\ = \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos(3x-t)}{\sin 3x \cos t}\right) dt - t \log(\cot 3x) \Big|_x^{2x} = \\ = \overbrace{\int_x^{2x} \log(\cos(3x-t)) dt}^A - \int_x^{2x} \log(\sin x) dt - \overbrace{\int_x^{2x} \log(\cos t) dt}^{-A} - x \log(\cot 3x) = \\ = [t \log(\sin 3x)]_x^{2x} - x \log(\cot 3x) = -x \log(\cos 3x) \\ I_2 = \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(1 + \tan 5x \cdot \tan t) dt = \int_{2x}^{3x} \log\left(\frac{\cot 5x + \tan t}{\cot 5x}\right) dt =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{2x}^{3x} \log\left(\frac{\cos 5x}{\sin 5x} + \frac{\sin t}{\cos t}\right) dt - \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cot 5x) dt = \\
 &= \int_{2x}^{3x} \log\left(\frac{\cos(5x-t)}{\sin 5x \cos t}\right) dt - t \log(\cot 5x) \Big|_{2x}^{3x} = \\
 &= \overbrace{\int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos(5x-t)) dt}^B - \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\sin x) dt - \overbrace{\int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos t) dt}^{-B} - x \log(\cot 5x) = \\
 &= [t \log(\sin 5x)]_{2x}^{3x} - x \log(\cot 5x) = -x \log(\cos 5x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$I_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \log(\cos 3x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \cos 3x = 1 \Leftrightarrow x \in \left\{ \frac{2k\pi}{3} \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$I_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \log(\cos 5x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \cos 5x = 1 \Leftrightarrow x \in \left\{ \frac{2k'\pi}{5} \mid k' \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &= \int_x^{2x} \log(1 + \tan 3x \cdot \tan t) dt = \int_x^{2x} \log\left(1 + \frac{\sin 3x \sin t}{\cos 3x \cos t}\right) dt = \\
 &= \int_x^{2x} \log\left(\frac{\cos(3x-t)}{\cos 3x \cos t}\right) dt = \\
 &= \int_x^{2x} \log(\cos(3x-t)) dt - \log(\cos 3x) \int_x^{2x} dt - \int_x^{2x} \log(\cos t) dt = \\
 &= \int_x^{2x} \log(\cos(3x - (x + 2x - t))) dt - x \log(\cos 3x) - \int_x^{2x} \log(\cos t) dt = \\
 &= \int_x^{2x} \log(\cos t) dt - \int_x^{2x} \log(\cos t) dt - x \log(\cos 3x) = -x \log(\cos 3x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Next,

$$I_2 = \int_{x^2}^{3x} \log(1 + \tan 5x \cdot \tan t) dt = \int_{x^2}^{3x} \log\left(1 + \frac{\sin 5x \sin t}{\cos 5x \cos t}\right) dt =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{2x}^{3x} \log\left(\frac{\cos(5x-t)}{\cos 5x \cos t}\right) dt = \\
 &= \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos(5x-t)) dt - \log(\cos 5x) \int_{2x}^{3x} dt - \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos t) dt = \\
 &= \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos(5x-(x+4x-t))) dt - x \log(\cos 5x) - \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos t) dt = \\
 &= \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos t) dt - \int_{2x}^{3x} \log(\cos t) dt - x \log(\cos 5x) = -x \log(\cos 5x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now, } I_1 I_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3x^2 \log(\cos 3x) \log(\cos 5x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } \cos 3x = 1 \text{ or } \cos 5x = 1 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$x \in \left\{0, \frac{2n\pi}{3}, \frac{2m\pi}{3} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$$

**1315. Find:**

$$\Omega = \int \left[ 2 \left( 1 - \frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{(x+4)^3 - 64 - 12(x+3)} \sqrt[3]{(x+4)^3 - 64 - 12(x+3)} \sqrt[3]{\dots}} \right) \right]$$

*Proposed by Paul Olowo-Nigeria*

*Solution by Samar Das-India*

$$\text{Let } p = \sqrt[3]{(x+4)^3 - 64 - 12(x+3)} \sqrt[3]{(x+4)^3 - 64 - 12(x+3)} \sqrt[3]{\dots}$$

$$p = \sqrt[3]{(x+4)^3 - 64 - 12(x+4)p} \rightarrow p^3 + 12(x+4)p - (x+4)^3 + 64 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow p^3 - x^3 + 12xp + 48p - 12x^2 - 48x = 0$$

$$\rightarrow (p-x)(p^2 + xp + x^2 + 12x + 48) = 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } p = x \text{ but } \Delta = b^2 - 4ac < 0 \rightarrow p^2 + xp + x^2 + 12x + 48 = 0.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \int 2^{1-\frac{3}{x}} dx &= 2 \int 2^{-\frac{3}{x}} dx \stackrel{y=-\frac{3}{x}}{=} 2 \int 2^y \left( \frac{3}{y^2} dy \right) = 6 \int \frac{2^y}{y^2} dy = 6 \int \frac{e^{y \log 2}}{y^2} dy = \\ &= 6 \int \frac{1 + \frac{y \log 2}{1!} + \frac{(y \log 2)^2}{2!} + \frac{(y \log 2)^3}{3!} + \dots}{y^2} dy = \\ &= 6 \left\{ -\frac{1}{y} + \frac{\log 2}{1!} \cdot \log |y| + \frac{\log^2 2}{2!} \cdot y + \frac{\log^3 2}{3!} \cdot \frac{y^2}{2} + \dots \right\} = \\ &= 6 \left( -\frac{1}{y} + \frac{\log 2}{1!} \cdot |y| + \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\log^{r+1} 2}{(r+1)!} \cdot \frac{y^r}{r} \right) \right); \because y = -\frac{3}{x} \end{aligned}$$

1316. Prove that:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3(1-x) \log^2 x}{1-x} dx - 3 \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-x) Li_2^2(1-x)}{1-x} dx \\ = 6\zeta^2(3) - 8\zeta(6) \end{aligned}$$

-where  $Li_2(x)$  is dilogarithm function and  $\zeta(x)$  is Riemann zeta function.

Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal

Solution by Probal Chakraborty-India

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3(1-x) \log^2 x}{1-x} dx - 3 \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-x) Li_2^2(1-x)}{1-x} dx \stackrel{1-x=t}{=} \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3 x \log^2(1-x)}{x} dx - 3 \int_0^1 \frac{\log x Li_2^2(x)}{x} dx \\ I_1 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3 x \log^2(1-x)}{x} dx = \log^4 x \log^2(1-x) \Big|_0^1 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\log^4 x \log(1-x)}{1-x} dx \\ \because \frac{\log(1-x)}{1-x} &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n x^n = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{2} \int_0^1 x^n \log^4 x dx = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{2} \cdot \frac{\partial^4}{\partial s} \Big|_{s=4} \int_0^1 x^{n+s} dx = \\ &= - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{2} \cdot \frac{4!}{(n+1)^5} = 12\zeta^2(3) - 18\zeta(6) \\ I_2 &= 3 \int_0^1 \frac{\log x Li_2^2(x)}{x} dx = \frac{3}{2} [\log x Li_2^2(x)]_0^1 - 3 \int_0^1 \frac{Li_2(x) \log x \log(1-x)}{x} dx = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -3 \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{n-1} \log x \log(1-x)}{n^2} dx = -3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial a} \frac{\Gamma(n+s)\Gamma(a-1)}{\Gamma(n+s+a-1)} \Bigg|_{s=0, a=0} = \\
 &= -3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(n+s)\Gamma(-1)}{\Gamma(n+s-1)} - \frac{\Gamma(n+s)\Gamma(-1)\psi(n+s-1)}{\Gamma(n+s-1)} \right]_{s=0} \\
 &= -10\zeta(6) + 6\zeta^2(3)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{\log^3(1-x)\log^2 x}{1-x} dx - 3 \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-x)Li_2^2(1-x)}{1-x} dx = 6\zeta^2(3) - 8\zeta(6)$$

**1317. Find without any software:**

$$\Omega(n, x) = \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Samar Das-West Bengal-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(n, x) &= \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx = \int \frac{(1 + \tan^2 x) dx}{2 \tan x (1 + \tan^3 x)^n} \stackrel{y=\tan x}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{y^2 dy}{y^3 (1 + y^3)^n} \stackrel{z=1+y^3}{=} \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{dz}{(z-1)z^n} = -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{dz}{z^{n+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)}; \left( \because \left| \frac{1}{z} \right| < 1 \therefore z = 1 + y^3 = 1 + \tan^3 x \right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{\left(1 - \frac{1}{z}\right)^{-1}}{z^{n+1}} dz = -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{z^{n+1}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{z} + \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \dots \right\} dz = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6} \int (z^{-n-1} + z^{-n-2} + z^{-n-3} + \dots) dz = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{z^{-n}}{-n} + \frac{z^{-n-1}}{-n-1} + \dots \right) = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^{-n-r}}{n+r-1} + C = \\
 &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+r-1)(1 + \tan^3 x)^{n+r}} + C
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\Omega(n, x) = \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx; \Omega(0) = \int \csc(2x) dx = \frac{1}{2} \log |\tan x| + C$$



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$$\Omega(1) = \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{1 + \tan^3 x} dx \stackrel{t=\tan x}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dt}{t(1+t^3)} \stackrel{z=t^3}{=} \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{dz}{z(1+z)} = \frac{1}{6} \log \left| \frac{z}{1+z} \right| + C$$

For  $n \geq 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(n) &= \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx \stackrel{t=\tan x}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dt}{t(1+t^3)^n} \stackrel{z=t^3}{=} \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{dz}{z(1+z)^n} = \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \int \left( \frac{1}{z} - \frac{1}{1+z} - \frac{1}{(1+z)^2} - \dots - \frac{1}{(1+z)^n} \right) dz \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega(n) = \frac{1}{6} \log \left| \frac{z}{1+z} \right| - \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=2}^n \int \frac{dz}{(1+z)^k} = \frac{1}{6} \log \left| \frac{z}{1+z} \right| + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{(k-1)(1+z)^{k-1}}$$

$$\Omega(n) = \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx = \frac{1}{6} \left[ \log \left| \frac{\tan^3 x}{1 + \tan^3 x} \right| + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{(k-1)(1 + \tan^3 x)^{k-1}} \right] + C$$

**Solution 3 by Mikael Bernardo-Mozambique**

$$\Omega(n, x) = \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\csc x \sec x}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sec^2 x}{\tan x (1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx =$$

$$\stackrel{\tan x = u}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u(1+u^3)^n} \stackrel{u^3 = y}{=} \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{y^{\frac{1}{3}-1}}{y^{\frac{1}{3}}(1+y)^n} dy = \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{dy}{y(1+y)^n} = \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1+y-y}{y(1+y)^n} dy =$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int \left( \frac{1}{y(1+y)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{(1+y)^n} \right) dy = \frac{1}{6} \int \left( \frac{1+y-y}{y(1+y)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{(1+y)^n} \right) dy =$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int \left( \frac{1}{y(1+y)^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{(1+y)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{(1+y)^n} \right) dy =$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int \left( \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{1+y} - \frac{1}{(1+y)^2} - \dots - \frac{1}{(1+y)^{n-2}} - \frac{1}{(1+y)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{(1+y)^n} \right) dy =$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left( \log|y| - \log|1+y| + \frac{1}{1+y} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-3)(1+y)^{n-3}} + \frac{1}{(n-2)(1+y)^{n-2}} + \frac{1}{(n-1)(1+y)^{n-1}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \left( \log \left| \frac{u^3}{1+u^3} \right| + \frac{1}{1+u^3} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-3)(1+u^3)^{n-3}} + \frac{1}{(n-2)(1+u^3)^{n-2}} + \frac{1}{(n-1)(1+u^3)^{n-1}} \right)$$

$$\Omega(n, x) = \frac{1}{6} \left( \log \left| \frac{\tan^3 x}{1 + \tan^3 x} \right| + \frac{1}{1 + \tan^3 x} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-2)(1 + \tan^3 x)^{n-2}} + \frac{1}{(n-1)(1 + \tan^3 x)^{n-1}} \right) + C$$

**Solution 4 Serlea Kabay-Liberia**

$$\Omega(n, x) = \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx \stackrel{u=\tan^3 x}{=} \int \frac{\csc(2 \tan^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{x}))}{3u^{\frac{2}{3}}(u^{\frac{2}{3}} + 1)(1+u)^n} du =$$

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$$= \int \frac{du}{\sin(\tan^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{u})) \cos(\tan^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{u})) 6u^{\frac{2}{3}} (u^{\frac{2}{3}} + 1) (1+u)^n}$$

Since  $\sin(\tan^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{u})) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{u}}{\sqrt{u^{\frac{2}{3}}+1}}$  and  $\cos(\tan^{-1}(\sqrt[3]{u})) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{u^{\frac{2}{3}}+1}}$ , thus

$$\Omega(n, x) = \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{du}{\frac{\sqrt[3]{u}}{u^{\frac{2}{3}+1}} \cdot 6u^{\frac{2}{3}} (u^{\frac{2}{3}} + 1) (1+u)^n} = \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{du}{u^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \sqrt[3]{u} (1+u)^n} = \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{du}{u(1+u)^n}$$

$$\text{Now, } f(n) = \frac{1}{u(1+u)^n} = \frac{\alpha}{n} + \frac{\alpha_1}{1+u} + \frac{\alpha_2}{(1+u)^2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_n}{(1+u)^n} \rightarrow$$

$$\alpha = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0} u f(n) = 1; \alpha_n = \lim_{u \rightarrow -1} (1+u)^n f(n) = -1$$

$$\text{Now, } f(n) = \frac{1}{u(1+u)^n} = \frac{\alpha}{n} + \frac{\alpha_1}{1+u} + \frac{\alpha_2}{(1+u)^2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{(1+u)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{(1+u)^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1+u) f(n) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( (1+u) \left( \frac{1}{u} + \frac{\alpha_1}{1+u} + \frac{\alpha_2}{(1+u)^2} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_{n-1}}{(1+u)^{n-1}} - \frac{1}{(1+u)^n} \right) \right)$$

$$\alpha_1 + 1 = 0 \rightarrow \alpha_1 = -1$$

$$\Omega(n, x) = \int \left( \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{1+u} - \frac{1}{(1+u)^2} - \dots - \frac{1}{(1+u)^n} \right) du$$

$$\Omega(n, m) = \frac{1}{6} \left( \log|\tan^3 x| - \log|1 + \tan^3 x| + \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{(1 + \tan^3 x)(i-1)} \right)$$

### Solution 5 by Arslan Ahmed-Yemen

$$\Omega(n, x) = \int \frac{\csc(2x)}{(1 + \tan^3 x)^n} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dx}{\sin x \cos x (1 + \tan^3 x)^n} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{\sec x}{\sin x (1 + \tan^3 x)^n} \cdot \frac{\sec x}{\sec x} dx \stackrel{u=\tan x}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u(1+u^3)^n} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{-3u^2 du}{-u^3(1+u^3)^n} \stackrel{-z=u^3}{=} \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{dz}{z(1-z)^n} =$$

$$= \frac{(1-z)^{1-n}}{6z(1-n)} + \frac{1}{6(1-n)} \int \frac{(1-z)^{1-n}}{z^2} dz$$

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$$\omega = \int \frac{(1-z)^{1-n}}{z^2} dz = 2 \int \frac{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{z}}(1-\sqrt{z})^{1-n}(1+\sqrt{z})^{1-n}}{\sqrt{z^3}} dz \stackrel{\sqrt{z}=s}{\Rightarrow}$$

$$\xi = 2 \int \frac{(1-s)^{1-n}(1+s)^{1-n}}{s^3} ds = 2 \int s^{-2-1}(1-s)^{1-n}(1-(-s))^{1-n} \rightarrow$$

$$\xi = -\frac{1}{s^2} {}_2F_1[-2; n-1; n-1; -1; s; -s] + C$$

$$\omega = -\frac{1}{z} {}_2F_1[-2; n-1; n-1; -1; \sqrt{z}; -\sqrt{z}] + C$$

$$\Omega(n, z) = \frac{(1-z)^{1-n}}{6z(1-n)} - \frac{1}{u^3 6(1-n)} {}_2F_1[-2; n-1; n-1; -1; -\sqrt{z}; \sqrt{z}] + C$$

$$\Omega(n, u) = -\frac{(1+u^3)^{1-n}}{6u^3(1-n)} + \frac{1}{u^3 6(1-n)} {}_2F_1[-2; n-1; n-1; -1; -\sqrt{u^3}; \sqrt{u^3}] + C$$

$$\Omega(n, x) = -\frac{(1+\tan^3 x)^{1-n}}{6\tan^3 x(1-n)} + \frac{1}{6\tan^3 x(1-n)} {}_2F_1[-2; n-1; n-1; -1; -\sqrt{\tan^3 x}; \sqrt{\tan^3 x}] + C$$

**Solution 6 by Akerele Olofin-Nigeria**

$$\text{Let } \csc(2x) = \frac{1}{2\cos x \tan x} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(n, x) &= \int \sec^2 x \cdot \frac{dx}{2\tan x(1+\tan^3 x)^n} \stackrel{u=\tan x}{=} \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u(1+u^3)^n} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int 3u^2 \cdot \frac{du}{3u^3(u^3+1)^n} \stackrel{v=u^3}{=} \frac{1}{6} \int \frac{dv}{v(v+1)^n} = \\ &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{(v+1)^{1-n} {}_2F_1(1; 1-n; 2-n; v+1)}{n-1} + C \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega(n, x) = \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{(1+\tan^3 x)^{1-n} {}_2F_1(1; 1-n; 2-n; 1+\tan^3 x)}{n-1} \right) + C$$

**1318. Find:**

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 \log(1+x)}{x^4+1} dx$$

*Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa-Romania*

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**Solution by Zaharia Burghilea-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(t) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 \log(1+tx)}{1+x^4} dx \rightarrow I'(t) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^3}{(1+x^4)(1+tx)} dx = \\
 &= \frac{t}{1+t^4} \int_0^\infty \frac{1+t^2 x^2}{1+x^4} dx - \frac{t^2}{1+t^4} \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{1+x^4} dx + \frac{1}{1+t^4} \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{x^3}{1+x^4} - \frac{t}{1+tx} \right) dx \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{1+x^4} dx \stackrel{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}}{=} \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{1+x^4} dx \rightarrow \int_0^\infty \frac{1+t^2 x^2}{1+x^4} dx = \frac{1+t^2}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{1+x^2}{1+x^4} dx = \\
 &= \frac{1+t^2}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{1+\frac{1}{x^2}}{\left(x-\frac{1}{x}\right)^2+2} dx \stackrel{x-\frac{1}{x}=t}{=} \frac{1+t^2}{2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{1}{t^2+2} dt = \frac{\pi(1+t^2)}{2\sqrt{2}} \\
 &\quad \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{1+x^4} dx = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(x^2) \Big|_0^\infty = \frac{\pi}{4} \\
 &\int_0^\infty \left( \frac{x^3}{1+x^4} - \frac{t}{1+tx} \right) dx = \log \left( \frac{\sqrt[4]{1+x^4}}{1+tx} \right) \Big|_0^\infty = -\log t \rightarrow \\
 I'(t) &= \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{t(1+t^2)}{1+t^4} - \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{t^2}{1+t^4} - \frac{\log t}{1+t^4} \\
 I(0) &= 0 \rightarrow \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 \log(1+x)}{1+x^4} dx = \int_0^1 I'(t) dt = \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}} \cdot \int_0^1 \frac{t(1+t^2)}{1+t^4} dt - \frac{\pi}{4} \int_0^1 \frac{t^2}{1+t^4} dt - \int_0^1 \frac{\log t}{1+t^4} dt \\
 &\int_0^1 \frac{t+t^3}{1+t^4} dt = \left( \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(t^2) + \frac{1}{4} \log(1+t^4) \right) \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{1}{4} \log 2 \\
 &\int_0^1 \frac{t^2}{1+t^4} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1+t^2-1+t^2}{1+t^4} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1+\frac{1}{t^2}}{\left(t-\frac{1}{t}\right)^2-2} dt = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{x^2+2} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_2^\infty \frac{1}{x^2-2} dx = \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\log(1+\sqrt{2})}{2\sqrt{2}} \\
 &\int_0^1 \frac{\log t}{1+t^4} dt = \sum_{n=0}^\infty (-1)^n \int_0^1 t^n \log t dt = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{(4n+1)^2} =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(8n+5)^2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(8n+1)^2} = \frac{1}{64} \left( \Psi_1 \left( \frac{5}{8} \right) - \Psi_1 \left( \frac{1}{8} \right) \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 \log(1+x)}{x^4+1} dx = \frac{\pi \log 2}{8\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\pi \log(1+\sqrt{2})}{8\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{64} \left( \Psi_1 \left( \frac{5}{8} \right) - \Psi_1 \left( \frac{1}{8} \right) \right)$$

**1319. For all  $n \geq 0$ , prove that:**

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) x^k dx = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{(n+1)^3} + \frac{2^n}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \log 2$$

*Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal*

**Solution 1 by Gabriel Brehuescu-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) x^k dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) (1+x)^n dx := I \\ I &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n+1} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) ((1+x)^{n+1})' dx \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)} (1+x)^{n+1} \log^2(1+x) \Big|_0^1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)} \int_0^1 (1+x)^n \log(1+x) dx = \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left( 2^{n+1} \log^2 2 - 2 \int_0^1 \log(1+x) ((1+x)^{n+1})' dx \right) \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left( 2^{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2}{n+1} \left( (1+x)^{n+1} \log(1+x) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 (1+x)^n dx \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left[ 2^{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2}{n+1} \left( 2^{n+1} \log 2 - \int_0^1 (1+x)^n dx \right) \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left[ 2^{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2}{n+1} \left( 2^{n+1} \log 2 - \frac{(1+x)^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_0^1 \right) \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left[ 2^{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2}{n+1} \left( 2^{n+1} \log 2 - \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{n+1} \right) \right] = \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{2^n}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \log 2 + \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{(n+1)^3}$$

### Solution 2 by Surjeet Singhania-India

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) x^k dx &= \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k dx = \\ &= \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) (1+x)^n dx \stackrel{x \rightarrow x+1}{=} \int_1^2 x^n \log^2 x dx \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \log^2 x \Big|_1^2 - \frac{2}{n+1} \int_1^2 x^{n+1} \cdot \frac{\log x}{x} dx = \\ &= \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2}{n+1} \left[ \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \cdot \log x \Big|_1^2 - \frac{1}{n+1} \int_1^2 x^n dx \right] = \\ &= \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2^{n+2}}{(n+1)^2} \log 2 + \frac{2}{(n+1)^2} \int_1^2 x^n dx = \\ &= \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2^{n+2}}{(n+1)^2} \log 2 + \frac{2}{(n+1)^3} (2^{n+1} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) x^k dx = \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{(n+1)^3} + \frac{2^n}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \log 2$$

### Solution 3 by Akerele Olofin-Nigeria

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) x^k dx &= \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k dx = \\ &= \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x) (1+x)^n dx \stackrel{x \rightarrow x+1}{=} \int_1^2 x^n \log^2 x dx = \\ &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} \Big|_{a=0} \int_1^2 x^{a+n} dx = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial a^2} \Big|_{a=0} \frac{2^{a+n+1} - 1}{a+n+1} = \\ &= \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{(n+1)^3} + \frac{2^n}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+1} \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

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$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \int_0^1 \log^2(1+x)x^k dx = \frac{2^{n+1}-1}{(n+1)^3} + \frac{2^n}{n+1} \log^2 2 - \frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} \log 2$$

1320. Find a closed form:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{-\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{k}} (x^8 + x^4 + 1) \cos^{-1}(kx) dx \right)$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution by Serlea Kabay-Liberia

$$\text{Let } I = \int_{-\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{k}} (x^8 + x^4 + 1) \cos^{-1}(kx) dx \stackrel{u=kx}{=} \frac{1}{k} \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{u^8}{k^8} + \frac{u^4}{k^4} + 1 \right) \cos^{-1} u du \stackrel{IBP}{=}$$

$$= \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{u^9}{9k^8} + \frac{u^5}{5k^4} + u \right) \cos^{-1} u \Big|_{-1}^1 + \frac{1}{k} \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{u^9}{9k^8} + \frac{u^5}{5k^4} + u \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du =$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{k} \left( \frac{1}{9k^8} + \frac{1}{5k^4} + 1 \right) + \frac{1}{k} \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{u^9}{9k^8} + \frac{u^5}{5k^4} + u \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du}_{I_1}$$

$$I_1 = \int_{-1}^1 \left( \frac{u^9}{9k^8} + \frac{u^5}{5k^4} + u \right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} du = 0 \quad \because \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0, f - \text{odd function.}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\pi}{k} \left( \frac{1}{9k^8} + \frac{1}{5k^4} + 1 \right) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{9k^9} + \frac{1}{5k^5} + \frac{1}{k} \right) \right) =$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \frac{H_n^{(9)}}{9} - \frac{H_n^{(5)}}{5} - H_n \right)$$

$$\because H_n^{(a)} = \zeta(a) + (-1)^{a-1} \frac{\Psi_{a-1}(n+1)}{(a-1)!}$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\log n - H_n) - \frac{1}{9} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \zeta(9) - \frac{\Psi_8(n+1)}{8!} \right) - \frac{1}{5} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \zeta(5) - \frac{\Psi_4(n+1)}{4!} \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = -\gamma - \frac{\zeta(5)}{5} - \frac{\zeta(9)}{9}$$

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Where  $\gamma, \Psi, H_n, \zeta$  –denote the Euler constant, Polygamma function, Harmonic Series and zeta function respectively.

### Generalization by Ay Men-Algerie

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^n \int_{-\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{k}} \sum_{m=0}^p x^{2m} \cos^{-1}(kx) dx \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{m=0}^p \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \int_{-\frac{1}{k}}^{\frac{1}{k}} \frac{kx^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)\sqrt{1-k^2x^2}} dx - \frac{\pi}{2m+1} \left(-\frac{1}{k}\right)^{2m+1} \right) \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \sum_{m=0}^p \frac{1}{2m+1} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^{2m+1} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log n - \left( \sum_{m=1}^p \frac{1}{2m+1} \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k}\right)^{2m+1} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right) \right) = \\ &= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{m=1}^p \frac{1}{2m+1} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^{2m+1}} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \log n \right) = \\ &= - \left( \sum_{m=1}^p \frac{1}{2m+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^{2m+1}} + \gamma \right) = - \left( \sum_{m=1}^p \frac{\zeta(2m+1)}{2m+1} + \gamma \right) \end{aligned}$$

1321. Find a closed form:

$$\Omega(a, b) = \int_a^b \log \left( \frac{\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{x} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)}}{\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)}} \right) dx, \quad 1 < a < b$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution by Mikael Bernardo-Mozambique

$$\Omega(a, b) = \int_a^b \log \left( \frac{\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{\frac{1}{x} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)}}{\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)}} \right) dx =$$



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$$= \int_a^b \frac{1}{x} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{x}\right) \log\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) dx - \int_a^b \frac{1}{x} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \log\left(\frac{b}{x}\right) dx = \Omega_1 - \Omega_2$$

$$\Omega_1: \frac{b}{x} = \frac{t}{a} \rightarrow x = \frac{ab}{t} \rightarrow dx = -\frac{ab}{t^2} dt$$

$$\Omega_1 = \int_a^b \frac{t}{ab} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \log\left(\frac{b}{t}\right) \frac{ab}{t^2} dt = \int_a^b \frac{1}{t} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{t}{a}\right) \log\left(\frac{b}{t}\right) dt = \Omega_2 \rightarrow$$

$$\Omega(a, b) = \Omega_1 - \Omega_2 = 0$$

**1322. Find a closed form:**

$$\Omega(a) = \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x^2}\right)}{x^2\sqrt{1+2x^2}} dx, a > 0$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

*Solution 1 by Igor Soposki-Skopje-Macedonia*

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(a) &= \int \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x^2}\right)}{x^2\sqrt{1+2x^2}} dx \stackrel{u=\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x^2}\right)}{=} - \int \frac{t}{\sqrt{t^2+2}} dt \stackrel{t^2+2=u^2}{=} -u = \\ &= -\sqrt{t^2+2} = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}+2} = -\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x} \\ \Omega &= -\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x^2}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x} - \int \frac{2x}{(x^2+1)\sqrt{1+2x^2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x} dx \\ \Omega(a) &= -\left[\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x^2}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x} + 2\tan^{-1}x\right]_{\frac{1}{a}}^a = \\ &= -\left[\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a^2}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a} + 2\tan^{-1}a\right] + \left[\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2}}{\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2}\right) \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+2\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^2}}{\frac{1}{a}} + 2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{a}\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

*Solution 2 by Samar Das-India*

$$\Omega(a) = \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x^2}\right)}{x^2\sqrt{1+2x^2}} dx \stackrel{y=\frac{1}{x}}{=} \int_a^{\frac{1}{a}} \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{y^2}}}{\frac{1}{y^2}}\right)}{\frac{1}{y^2}\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{y^2}}} \left(-\frac{1}{y^2}\right) dy =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{\tan^{-1}(y\sqrt{y^2+2})}{\sqrt{y^2+2}} y dy = \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{\tan^{-1}(x\sqrt{x^2+1})}{\sqrt{x^2+2}} x dx \quad x^2+2=z^2 \\
 &= \int_{\frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a}}^{\sqrt{a^2+2}} \frac{\tan^{-1}(z\sqrt{z^2-2})}{z} z dz = \int_{\frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a}}^{\sqrt{a^2+2}} \tan^{-1}(z\sqrt{z^2-2}) dz \\
 &(\because \int \tan^{-1}(z\sqrt{z^2-2}) dz =) z \tan^{-1}(z\sqrt{z^2-2}) - \int \frac{2(z^2-1)z dz}{(z^2-1)^2 \sqrt{z^2-2}} = \\
 &= z \tan^{-1}(z\sqrt{z^2-2}) - 2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{z^2-2} + C \\
 \Omega(a) &= \left[ z \tan^{-1}(z\sqrt{z^2-2}) - 2 \tan^{-1} \sqrt{z^2-2} \right]_{\frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a}}^{\sqrt{a^2+2}} = \\
 &= \sqrt{a^2+2} \tan^{-1}(a\sqrt{a^2+2}) - 2 \tan^{-1} a - \frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{a} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a}\right) \\
 &+ 2 \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) = \\
 &\sqrt{a^2+2} \tan^{-1}(a\sqrt{a^2+2}) - 2 \tan^{-1} a - \frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2a^2}}{a^2}\right) - 2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right. \\
 &\left. - 2 \cot^{-1} a\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega(a) &= \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{1+2x^2}}{x^2}\right)}{x^2 \sqrt{1+2x^2}} dx = \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{\tan^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}+2}}{x^3 \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}+2}} dx \quad \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}+2} = \tan \theta, b = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{a^2+2}) \\ c = \tan^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{a^2}+2}\right) \end{array} \\
 &= \int_b^c \frac{\theta}{\tan \theta} (-\tan \theta) \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \int_c^b \theta \sec^2 \theta d\theta = \\
 &= [\theta \tan \theta]_c^b - \int_c^b \tan \theta d\theta = b \tan b - c \tan c - [\log(\sec \theta)]_c^b = \\
 &= \sqrt{a^2+2} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{a^2+2} - \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{1+2a^2} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1+2a^2}{a^2}} + \log \sqrt{\frac{1+\tan^2 c}{1+\tan^2 b}} =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{a^2 + 2} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{a^2 + 2} - \frac{1}{a} \sqrt{1 + 2a^2} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{1 + 2a^2}{a^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{3a^2 + 1}{a^2(3 + a^2)} \right)$$

**Solution 4 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(a) &= \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}}{x^2} \right)}{x^2 \sqrt{1 + 2x^2}} dx \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}}{x^2} \right) \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{1 + 2x^2}} - \int \left( \frac{d}{dx} \left( \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}}{x^2} \right) \right) \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{1 + 2x^2}} \right) dx \right]_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \\ &\because \int \frac{dx}{x^2 \sqrt{1 + 2x^2}} \stackrel{x=\frac{1}{t}}{=} - \int \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{t^2}}} = -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2t dt}{\sqrt{t^2 + 2}} = -\sqrt{t^2 + 2} = -\frac{\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}}{x} \\ &\because \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}}{x^2} \right) \right] = -\frac{2x}{(x^2 + 1)\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}} \\ \Omega(a) &= -\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}}{a^2} \right) \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}}{a} + \tan^{-1} (a\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}) \\ &\quad - \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{2x\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}}{(x^2 + 1)x\sqrt{1 + 2x^2}} dx = \\ &= -\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}}{a^2} \right) \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}}{a} + \tan^{-1} (a\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}) - \int_{\frac{1}{a}}^a \frac{2}{x^2 + 1} dx = \\ &= -\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}}{a^2} \right) \frac{\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}}{a} + \tan^{-1} (a\sqrt{1 + 2a^2}) - 2 \left( \tan^{-1} a - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{a} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

**1323. Prove or disprove:**

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin(a\pi x)}{(1 - x^2)(2^2 - x^2) \cdots (n^2 - x^2)} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi 2^{2n-1}}{(n!)^2} (1 - (-1)^a)$$

*Proposed by Ghazaly Abiodun-Nigeria*

**Solution by Syed Shahabudeen-India**

Let us check for  $a \in 2k + 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n = 2$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}
 LHS &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin(a\pi x)}{x(1-x^2)(4-x^2)} dx = \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^z \sin(a\pi x) \left( \frac{1}{4x} - \frac{1}{6(x+1)} + \frac{1}{6(1-x)} + \frac{1}{24(2-x)} + \frac{1}{24(x+2)} \right) dx = \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{a\pi z} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt + \frac{1}{6} \int_{a\pi}^{a\pi(1+z)} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt - \frac{1}{6} \int_{a\pi}^{a\pi(1-z)} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt - \frac{1}{24} \int_{2a\pi}^{a\pi(2-z)} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{24} \int_{2a\pi}^{a\pi(2+z)} \frac{\sin t}{t} dt \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{24} (6Si(a\pi z) + 4Si(a\pi + \pi z) - 4Si(a\pi - \pi z) - Si(2a\pi - 2z) + Si(2a\pi \\
 &\quad + 2z)) = \frac{2^3\pi}{4!} = \frac{\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

If we check the RHS then it gives:  $RHS = \frac{2^4\pi}{(2!)^2} \Rightarrow LHS \neq RHS$

If we observe the pattern in LHS for different values of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  it should be

$$\frac{\pi 2^{2n-1}}{(n!)^2} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\sin(a\pi x)}{(1-x^2)(2^2-x^2) \cdots (n^2-x^2)} \frac{dx}{x} = \frac{\pi 2^{2n-2}}{(2n!)^2} (1 - (-1)^n)$$

**1324. Show that:**

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\cos(2\theta)}{2\cos^2\theta}} d\theta = \frac{\pi^2}{24}$$

*Proposed by Simon Peter-Vangaindrano-Madagascar*

*Solution by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{\cos(2\theta)}{2\cos^2\theta}} d\theta = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\cos(2\theta)}{2\cos^2\theta}}}{1 + \frac{\cos(2\theta)}{2\cos^2\theta} x^2} dx d\theta \\
 \Omega &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{1-2\sin^2\theta}}{2-2\sin^2\theta + (1-2\sin^2\theta)x^2} \sqrt{2}\cos\theta d\theta dx \stackrel{\sqrt{2}\sin\theta = \sin\varphi}{=}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos^2 \varphi}{2\cos^2 \varphi + \sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi x^2} d\varphi dx = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos^2 \varphi}{\sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi (x^2 + 2)} d\varphi dx = \int_0^1 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1}{\tan^2 \varphi + x^2 + 2} d\varphi dx \\
 &\quad \Omega \stackrel{y=\tan \varphi}{=} \int_0^1 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(x^2 + y^2 + 2)(1 + y^2)} dy dx \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \int_0^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{y^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + 2} \right) dy dx \\
 \Omega &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \left[ \tan^{-1} y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2}} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2}} \right) \right]_0^{\infty} dx = \\
 &= \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{1 + x^2} - \frac{1}{(x^2 + 1)\sqrt{x^2 + 2}} \right) dx \\
 \Omega \stackrel{x=\tan z}{=} &= \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\cos z}{\sqrt{1 + \cos^2 z}} dz = \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\cos z}{\sqrt{2 - \sin^2 z}} dz \stackrel{\sqrt{2}t = \sin z}{=} \\
 &= \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi}{2} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dt}{\sqrt{1 - t^2}} \\
 \Omega &= \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi}{2} \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{12} = \frac{\pi^2}{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

1325. Find:

$$\Omega = \int x^{-2} \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) dx$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

**Solution 1 by Yen Tung Chung-Taichung-Taiwan**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int x^{-2} \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) dx \stackrel{\theta = \frac{1}{6x}}{=} \\
 &= \int \tan(3\theta) \tan(2\theta) \tan\theta \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{6} d\theta\right) = -\frac{1}{6} \int \tan(3\theta) \tan(2\theta) \tan\theta d\theta = \\
 &\quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \because \tan(3\theta) = \tan(2\theta + \theta) = \frac{\tan(2\theta) + \tan\theta}{1 - \tan 2\theta \tan\theta} \Rightarrow \\ \tan(3\theta) \tan(2\theta) \tan\theta = \tan(3\theta) - \tan(2\theta) - \tan\theta \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -\frac{1}{6} \int (\tan(3\theta) - \tan(2\theta) - \tan\theta) d\theta = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{18} \log|\sec 3\theta| + \frac{1}{12} \log|\sec 2\theta| + \frac{1}{6} \log|\sec\theta| + C = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{18} \log \left| \sec\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) \right| + \frac{1}{12} \log \left| \sec\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) \right| + \frac{1}{6} \log \left| \sec\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) \right| + C
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Hussain Reza Zadah-Afghanistan**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \int x^{-2} \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) \cdot \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) dx \stackrel{u=\frac{1}{x}}{=} \\
 &= - \int \tan\left(\frac{u}{2}\right) \tan\left(\frac{u}{3}\right) \tan\left(\frac{u}{6}\right) du \stackrel{\frac{u}{6}=t}{=} \\
 &= -6 \int \tan(3t) \tan(2t) \tan t dt = \\
 &(\because \tan(3t) \tan(2t) \tan t = \tan(3t) - \tan(2t) - \tan t) \\
 &= -6 \int (\tan(3t) - \tan(2t) - \tan t) dt = \\
 &= -6 \left( -\frac{1}{3} \log|\cos 3t| + \frac{1}{2} \log|\cos(2t)| + \log|\cos t| \right) + C = \\
 &= 2 \log \left| \cos\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) \right| - 3 \log \left| \cos\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) \right| - 6 \log \left| \cos\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) \right| + C
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{3x} = \frac{1}{6x} &\Rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x} - \frac{1}{3x}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) \Rightarrow \\
 \frac{\tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right)}{1 + \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right)} &= \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) \\
 \left(\because \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right)\right) & \\
 \Omega = \int \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \tan\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{1}{3x}\right) - \tan\left(\frac{1}{6x}\right) \right) dx \stackrel{\frac{1}{x}=y}{=} & \\
 = - \int \tan\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) dy + \int \tan\left(\frac{y}{3}\right) dy + \int \tan\left(\frac{y}{6}\right) dy = & \\
 = -2 \int \frac{1}{2} \tan\left(\frac{y}{2}\right) dy + 3 \int \frac{1}{3} \tan\left(\frac{y}{3}\right) dy + 6 \int \frac{1}{6} \tan\left(\frac{y}{6}\right) dy = &
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= 2\log \left| \cos \frac{y}{2} \right| - 3\log \left| \cos \frac{y}{3} \right| - 6\log \left| \cos \frac{y}{6} \right| + C$$

**1326. Evaluate the integral in a closed –form:**

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos \left( \frac{3x}{4} \right)}{2\sin \left( \frac{3x}{4} \right) + 1} + \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} \right) dx$$

*Proposed by Srinivasa Raghava-AIRMC-India*

**Solution 1 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos \left( \frac{3x}{4} \right)}{2\sin \left( \frac{3x}{4} \right) + 1} + \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} \right) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx +$$

$$+ \left[ 6\sqrt{2}\log \left( 2\sin \left( \frac{3x}{4} \right) + 1 \right) - 4\log(1 + 4\cos x) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}}$$

$$\Omega = 6\sqrt{2}\log(1 + \sqrt{2}) + 4\log \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) + \underbrace{\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx}_I$$

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x \cos^3 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx = 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \cos \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)}{\cos^2 x \cos^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)} dx =$$

$$= 4 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \cos \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)}{\left( 1 - \sin^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right) \left( 1 - 2\sin^2 \left( \frac{x}{2} \right) \right)^2} dx$$

$$I \stackrel{t=\sin \frac{x}{2}}{=} 8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{t^2}{(1-t^2)(1-2t^2)^2} dt = 8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{2}{2t^2-1} + \frac{1}{(2t^2-1)^2} - \frac{1}{t^2-1} \right) dt =$$

$$= 8 \left[ \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{8} \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}-2t}{2t+\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{t}{2(1-2t^2)} + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1+t}{1-t} \right) \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} =$$

$$= 3\sqrt{2}\log \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}+1} \right) + 4 + 4\log 3 = 4 - 6\sqrt{2}\log(1 + \sqrt{2}) + 4\log 3 =$$

$$= 6\sqrt{2}\log(1 + \sqrt{2}) + 4\log \left( \frac{5}{3} \right) + 4 - 6\sqrt{2}\log(1 + \sqrt{2}) + 4\log 3 = 4(1 + \log 5)$$

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Therefore,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + 1} + \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} \right) dx = 4(1 + \log 5)$$

**Solution 2 by Samar Das-India**

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + 1} + \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} \right) dx = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{4\sin^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \cos \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{\left(1 - \sin^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \left(1 - 2\sin^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)^2} + \frac{32\sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}{5 - 8\sin^2 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos \left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)}{1 + 2\sin \left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)} \right) dx = \\ & \stackrel{y=\sin \frac{x}{2}}{=} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{8y^2}{(1-y^2)(1-2y^2)^2} dy + 64 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{y dy}{5-8y^2} + 6\sqrt{2} \log \left| 1 + 2\sin \left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) \right|_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} = \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{1-2y^2} \left( \frac{1}{y^2-1} - \frac{1}{2y^2-1} \right) dy - \frac{64}{16} \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{y dy}{5-8y^2} + 6\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) = \\ &= -8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{y^2-1} - \frac{1}{y^2-\frac{1}{2}} \right) dy + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{y-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} - \frac{1}{y+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \right) dy \\ &\quad - 4 \left( \log \left| 5 - \frac{8}{4} \right| - \log 5 \right) + 6\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) = \\ &= -4 \log \left| \frac{y-1}{y+1} \right|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{8\sqrt{2}}{2} \log \left| \frac{y-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{y+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \right|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dy}{\left(y-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} + \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dy}{\left(y+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} - \\ &\quad - 2 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{dy}{y^2 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} - 4 \log \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) + 6\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) = \\ &= -4 \log \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) - 4 \log \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) + 4\sqrt{2} \log \left| \frac{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \right| + \left( \frac{1}{y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \right)_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \log \left| \frac{y - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{y + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \right|_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad + 6\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,



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$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + 1} + \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} \right) dx = 4(1 + \log 5)$$

**Solution 3 by Timson Azeez Folorunsho-Nigeria**

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + 1} + \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} \right) dx = \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + 1} dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} dx = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \\ I_1 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x \cos^3 \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} dx \stackrel{y=\frac{x}{2}}{\cong} 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\sin^2(2y) dy}{\cos^2(2y) \cos^3 y} = \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\sin^2 y (1 - \sin^2 y) \cos y}{(1 - 2\sin^2 y)^2 (1 - \sin^2 y)^2} dy = 8 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\cos y \sin^2 y}{(1 - 2\sin^2 y)(1 - \sin^2 y)} dy \stackrel{u=\sin y}{\cong} \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{2}{2u^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{(2u^2 - 1)^2} + \frac{1}{2(u+1)} - \frac{1}{2(u-1)} \right) du = \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}u - 1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}u + 1} + \frac{1}{(2u^2 - 1)^2} + \frac{1}{2(u+1)} - \frac{1}{2(u-1)} \right) du = \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}u - 1} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}u + 1} + \frac{1}{4(\sqrt{2}u + 1)} + \frac{1}{4(\sqrt{2}u + 1)^2} - \frac{1}{4(\sqrt{2}u - 1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(\sqrt{2}u - 1)^2} + \frac{1}{2(u+1)} - \frac{1}{2(u-1)} \right) du = \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \log \left| \frac{\sqrt{2} - 2}{\sqrt{2} + 2} \right| + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 + 5 \\ I_2 &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + 1} dx \stackrel{v=\frac{3x}{4}}{\cong} \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos v}{2\sin v + 1} dv \stackrel{y=2\sin v+1}{\cong} \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \int_1^{1+\sqrt{2}} \frac{9\sqrt{2}}{2y} dy = 6\sqrt{2} \int_1^{1+\sqrt{2}} \frac{dy}{y} = 6\sqrt{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$I_3 = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} dx \stackrel{y=4\cos x+1}{\cong} -4 \int_5^3 \frac{dy}{y} = 4\log\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \left( \frac{\tan^2 x}{\cos^3\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)} + \frac{9\sqrt{2}\cos\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right)}{2\sin\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + 1} + \frac{16\sin x}{4\cos x + 1} \right) dx = 4(1 + \log 5)$$

**1327. Prove that:**

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) dx = \pi$$

*Proposed by Mohammed Bouras-Morocco*

**Solution 1 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) dx = \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) dx = \\ &= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) - \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1-x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) \right] dx = \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) dx \\ \Omega &= \underbrace{\left[ -\sqrt{1-x^2} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) \right]_0^1}_{=0} + 2 \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{1-x^2} dx \stackrel{x=\sin\theta}{\cong} 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta} d\theta = \pi \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) dx = \pi$$

**Solution 2 by Serlea Kabay-Liberia**

$$\Omega = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) dx =$$

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$$= \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x \log(1+x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx}_{I_1} - \underbrace{\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x \log(1+\sqrt{1-x^2})}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx}_{I_2}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x \log(1+x)}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin\theta \log(1+\sin\theta) d\theta = \\ &= \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos^2\theta}{1+\sin\theta} d\theta = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (1-\sin\theta) d\theta = \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} + \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} + \cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) = \pi \end{aligned}$$

$$I_2 = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{x \log(1+\sqrt{1-x^2})}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} dx = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx; \because f(-x) = f(x) \Rightarrow$$

$$2I_2 = \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx - \int_{-1}^1 f(x) dx = 0 \Rightarrow I_2 = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \log\left(\frac{1+x}{1+\sqrt{1-x^2}}\right) dx = \pi$$

**1328. Prove without any software:**

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^5}{1+x^5+x^{10}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} dx < 1$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

By AM-GM inequality:  $\forall x \in [0, 1]$ , we have:

$$1 + x^7 + x^8 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{x^{15}} = 3x^5 \rightarrow \frac{x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} \leq \frac{x^2}{3}$$

$$1 + x^5 + x^{10} \geq 3\sqrt[3]{x^{15}} = 3x^5 \rightarrow \frac{x^5}{1+x^5+x^{10}} \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$1 + x^3 + x^{12} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + x^3 + x^{12} \geq 5\sqrt[5]{\frac{x^{15}}{27}} \rightarrow \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} \leq \frac{\sqrt[5]{27}}{5} \rightarrow$$

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$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^5}{1+x^5+x^{10}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} dx \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{\sqrt[5]{27}}{5} + \frac{4}{9} \stackrel{(*)}{\leq} 1; (*) \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[5]{27} \leq \frac{25}{9}$$

-which is true because,  $\sqrt[5]{27} < \sqrt[5]{32} = 2 < \frac{25}{9}$

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

$$x \in [0, 1] \rightarrow 1 - x^2 \in [0, 1] \rightarrow x^3(1 - x^2) \geq x^{10}(1 - x^2) \rightarrow$$

$$1 + x^3 + x^{12} \geq 1 + x^{10} + x^5 \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x^3+x^{12}} \leq \frac{1}{1+x^5+x^{10}}; (1)$$

$$x \in [0, 1] \rightarrow 1 + x^5 + x^{10} \geq 1 + x^7 + x^{12} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x^3+x^{12}} \leq \frac{1}{1+x^5+x^{12}}; (2)$$

$$1 + x^7 + x^8 \geq 3\sqrt[3]{x^{15}} = 3x^5 \rightarrow \frac{1}{1+x^7+x^8} \leq \frac{1}{3x^5}; (3)$$

$$1 + x^3 + x^{12} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + x^3 + x^{12} \geq 5\sqrt[5]{\frac{1}{12}x^{15}} \rightarrow \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} \leq \frac{2}{5}; (4)$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^5}{1+x^5+x^{10}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} dx \leq$$

$$\leq \int_0^1 \frac{x^3+x^5+x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} dx \leq \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^5+x^7}{3x^5} dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} dx + \frac{4}{9} \leq \frac{2}{5} + \frac{4}{9} < 1$$

### Solution 3 by Sanong Huayrerai-Nakon Pathom-Thailand

$$\because \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} < \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow x^{12} - x^3 - (x^3 - 1) \geq 0, \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

$$(x^3 - 1)(x^3(x^6 + x^3 + 1) - 1) \geq 0 \text{ true } \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

$$\because \frac{x^5}{1+x^5+x^{10}} < \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow x^{10} - x^5 - (x^5 - 1) \geq 0$$

$$(x^5 - 1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ true } \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

$$\because \frac{x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} < \frac{1}{3} \Leftrightarrow x^8 - x^7 - (x^7 - 1) \geq 0$$

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$$(x-1)(x^7 - x^6 - x^5 - x^4 - x^3 - x^2 - x - 1) \geq 0 \text{ true } \forall x \in [0, 1]$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^5}{1+x^5+x^{10}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} dx \\ & < \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} dx = 1 \end{aligned}$$

### Solution 4 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India

$$\text{For } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \rightarrow 1+x^3+x^{12}, 1+x^5+x^{10}, 1+x^7+x^8 \geq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \frac{x^3}{1+x^3+x^{12}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^5}{1+x^5+x^{10}} dx + \int_0^1 \frac{x^7}{1+x^7+x^8} dx \leq \\ & \leq \int_0^1 x^3 dx + \int_0^1 x^5 dx + \int_0^1 x^7 dx = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{13}{24} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

1329. If  $0 < a \leq b$  then:

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x + y + z} dx dy dz \leq \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{(b-a)(b^3-a^3)}{3}}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

### Solution by Adrian Popa-Romania

We must to prove that:

$$\frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x + y + z} \leq \frac{\frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x}}{3} \Leftrightarrow \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x + y + z} \leq \frac{x^3z + y^3x + z^3y}{3xyz}$$

$$3x^3yz + 3xy^3z + 3xyz^3 \leq x^4z + y^3x^2 + z^3xy + x^3yz + y^4x + x^3z^2 + y^3xz + z^4y$$

$$f(x, y, z) = x^4z + y^4x + z^4y + x^3z^2 + y^3x^2 + z^3y^2 - 2x^3yz - 2y^3zx - 2z^3xy \geq 0$$

$$f(x, y, z) \geq 0 \text{ if } \begin{cases} f(x, 1, 1) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \\ f(0, y, z) \geq 0, \forall y, z \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

$$f(x, 1, 1) = (x-1)^2(x^2+x+2) \geq 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(0, y, z) = z^4y + z^3y^2 > 0 \text{ because } y, z > 0. \text{ Thus,}$$

$$3 \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x + y + z} \leq \frac{x^2}{y} + \frac{y^2}{z} + \frac{z^2}{x} \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & 3 \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x + y + z} dx dy dz \leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2}{y} dx dy dz + \\
 & + \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{y^2}{z} dx dy dz + \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{z^2}{x} dx dy dz = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \\
 I_1 &= \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2}{y} dx dy dz = \int_a^b x^2 dx \int_a^b \frac{1}{y} dy \int_a^b dz = \frac{x^3}{3} \cdot \log y \cdot z \Big|_a^b = \\
 &= \frac{(b-a)(b^3-a^3)}{3} \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right) = \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{(b-a)(b^3-a^3)}{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$I_2 = \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{y^2}{z} dx dy dz = \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{(b-a)(b^3-a^3)}{3}}$$

$$I_3 = \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{z^2}{x} dx dy dz = \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{(b-a)(b^3-a^3)}{3}}$$

$$3 \int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x + y + z} dx dy dz \leq 3 \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{(b-a)(b^3-a^3)}{3}}$$

Therefore,

$$\int_a^b \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}{x + y + z} dx dy dz \leq \log \left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^{\frac{(b-a)(b^3-a^3)}{3}}$$

**1330. If  $0 < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{2}$  then:**

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \leq b - a + \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \sin \left( \frac{b-a}{2} \right)$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania**

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{ab} \leq \frac{a+b}{2} \\ \cos x \downarrow, x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \end{cases} \rightarrow \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \geq \cos \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right)$$

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$$\cos(\sqrt{ab})\sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \geq \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin b - \sin a}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \cos x \, dx$$

We must show that:

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq \int_a^b dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \cos x \, dx$$

$$3 \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq \int_a^b (2x + \cos x) \, dx \Leftrightarrow \frac{3\sin x}{x} \leq 2 + \cos x \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3\sin x \leq 2x + x\cos x$$

$$f(x) = 2x + x\cos x, x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), f'(x) = 2 - 2\cos x - x\sin x$$

$$f''(x) = \sin x - x\cos x > 0; \left(\sin x \geq x\cos x \Leftrightarrow \tan x \geq x, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) \rightarrow$$

$$3\sin x \leq 2x + x\cos x, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

### Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania

Let's prove that:

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq b - a + \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3 \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq 2(b-a) + 2\cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3 \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq 2 \int_a^b dx + \sin b - \sin a \Leftrightarrow$$

$$3 \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq 2 \int_a^b dx + \int_a^b \cos x \, dx \Leftrightarrow 3 \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} \, dx \leq \int_a^b (2 + \cos x) \, dx$$

We need to prove that:

$$\frac{3\sin x}{x} \leq 2 + \cos x \Leftrightarrow 3\sin x \leq 2x + x\cos x \Leftrightarrow 2x + x\cos x - 3\sin x \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\text{Let } f: \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 2x + x\cos x - 3\sin x \rightarrow f'(x) = 2 - 2\cos x - x\sin x$$

$$f''(x) = \sin x - x\cos x, f'''(x) = x\sin x \geq 0 \rightarrow f''(x) > 0 \rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \rightarrow f \nearrow \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$f(x) \geq f(0) = 0 \rightarrow 2x + x\cos x - 3\sin x \geq 0 \rightarrow$$

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$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \leq b - a + \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right) \text{ is true.}$$

$x \rightarrow \cos x$  is decreasing on  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ ,  $\frac{a+b}{2} \geq \sqrt{ab} \rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \rightarrow$

$$b - a + \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \leq b - a \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right); (2)$$

From (1),(2) it follows that:

$$\frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \leq b - a + \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)$$

**Solution 3 by Samar Das-India**

$$m(b-a) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq M(b-a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \leq \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin b}{b} (b-a) = (b-a) \frac{\sin b}{b} + \frac{1}{2} (b-a) \frac{\sin b}{b} \\ &\leq (b-a) + \frac{b-a}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin b}{b}; (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \sin x - x \rightarrow f'(x) = \cos x - 1, x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \sin x \leq x \rightarrow \frac{\sin b}{b} \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \sin\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) &\geq \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right) \\ \because \frac{a+b}{2} &\geq \sqrt{ab} \rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin b - \sin a); (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q &= (b-a) \frac{\sin b}{b} - (\sin b - \sin a) = (b-a) \left( \frac{\sin b}{b} - \frac{\sin b - \sin a}{b-a} \right); \left(0 < a \leq b < \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{b} (b \sin b - a \sin b - b \sin b + b \sin a) = \frac{1}{b} (b \sin a - a \sin b) = \\ &= a \left( \frac{\sin a}{a} - \frac{\sin b}{b} \right) < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\because (b-a)f(a) \leq \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \leq (b-a)f(b) \rightarrow (b-a) \frac{\sin a}{a} \leq (b-a) \frac{\sin b}{b} \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{\sin a}{a} \leq \frac{\sin b}{b}$$



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$$q \leq 0 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(b-a) \frac{\sin b}{b} - \frac{1}{2}(\sin b - \sin a) < 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(b-a) \frac{\sin b}{b} < \frac{1}{2}(\sin b - \sin a); (3)$$

$$p = \frac{3}{2} \int_a^b \frac{\sin x}{x} dx \stackrel{(1)}{\leq} (b-a) + \frac{1}{2}(b-a) \frac{\sin b}{b} \stackrel{(3)}{\leq} (b-a) + \frac{1}{2}(\sin b - \sin a) \stackrel{(2)}{\leq} \\ \leq (b-a) + \cos(\sqrt{ab}) \sin\left(\frac{b-a}{2}\right)$$

**1331. If  $0 < a \leq b, f: [a, b] \rightarrow [0, \infty), f$  –continuous function, then:**

$$2(b-a) \int_a^b f(x) dx \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{f^2(x) + f^2(y)} dx dy + \left( \int_a^b \sqrt{f(x)} dx \right)^2$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Mohamed Amine Ben Ajiba-Tanger-Morocco**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_a^b \sqrt{f(x)} dx \right)^2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{f^2(x) + f^2(y)} dx dy = \\ & = \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{f(x)} \sqrt{f(y)} dx dy + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{f^2(x) + f^2(y)} dx dy = \\ & = \int_a^b \int_a^b \left[ \sqrt{f(x)f(y)} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(f^2(x) + f^2(y))} \right] dx dy \stackrel{CBS}{\leq} \\ & \leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{2 \left[ f(x)f(y) + \frac{1}{2}(f^2(x) + f^2(y)) \right]} dx dy = \int_a^b \int_a^b (f(x) + f(y)) dx dy = \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad 2(b-a) \int_a^b f(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned} 2(b-a) \int_a^b f(x) dx & \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{f^2(x) + f^2(y)} dx dy + \left( \int_a^b \sqrt{f(x)} dx \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \\ 2(b-a) \int_a^b f(x) dx & \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{f^2(x) + f^2(y)}{2}} dx dy + \left( \int_a^b \sqrt{f(x)} dx \right)^2 \Leftrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$\int_a^b \int_a^b (f(x) + f(y)) dx dy \geq \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{\frac{f^2(x) + f^2(y)}{2}} dx dy + \int_a^b \int_a^b \sqrt{f(x)} \sqrt{f(y)} dx dy$$

We need to prove that:  $a + b \geq \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} + \sqrt{ab} \Leftrightarrow \frac{a+b}{2} \geq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{ab}$ ; (1)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4} x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \leq 0 \Rightarrow$

$f$  -concave  $\Rightarrow \forall t_1, t_2 \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  such that  $t_1 + t_2 = 1$  and  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in I$ :

$$t_1 f(x_1) + t_2 f(x_2) \leq f(t_1 x_2 + t_2 x_2); \text{ (JENSEN)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2}{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{ab} \leq \sqrt{\frac{a^2+b^2+2ab}{4}} = \frac{a+b}{2} \Rightarrow (1) \text{ is true.}$$

1332. If  $e \leq a \leq b$  then:

$$\int_a^b (\log x)^{\log x} dx \cdot \int_a^b (\log x)^{-\log x} dx \leq \log \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} \right)^{b^2-a^2}$$

Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania

Solution by proposer

Let be  $x, y \geq e$ . WLOG  $x \leq y \rightarrow 1 \leq \log x \leq \log y \rightarrow$

$$(\log x)^{\log x} \leq (\log y)^{\log y}, \frac{1}{y} \leq \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{y} (\log x)^{\log x} \leq \frac{1}{x} (\log y)^{\log y} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow (\log x)^{\log x} \cdot (\log y)^{-\log y} \leq \frac{x}{y} \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \int_a^b \int_a^b (\log x)^{\log x} \cdot (\log y)^{-\log y} dx dy \leq \int_a^b \int_a^b \frac{x}{y} dx dy \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow \int_a^b (\log x)^{\log x} dx \cdot \int_a^b (\log y)^{-\log y} dx \leq \int_a^b x dx \cdot \int_a^b \frac{1}{y} dy =$$

$$= \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2} \cdot (\log b - \log a) = \log \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} \right)^{b^2-a^2}$$

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$$\int_a^b (\log x)^{\log x} dx \cdot \int_a^b (\log x)^{-\log x} dx \leq \log \left( \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} \right)^{b^2 - a^2}$$

**1333. Prove without any software:**

$$\int_{\frac{1}{16}}^{\frac{1}{8}} \log \left( 1 + 4x + 8x^2 + \frac{32x^4}{3} \right) dx < \frac{3}{128}$$

*Proposed by Nikos Ntorvas-Greece*

*Solution by proposer*

Let be the function  $f(x) = 36e^x - 6x^3 - 18x^2$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  $f''(x) = 36(e^x - x - 1) \geq 0$

Due to the well-known inequality  $e^x \geq x + 1$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have that  $f$  –is convex on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The tangent for  $A(0, f(0))$  is the  $y = 36x + 36$ . Because  $f$  –is convex we have that

$$f(x) \geq y, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}; (1)$$

So, we have that (1) holds for  $x := 4x > 0$

$$f(4x) \geq y \Rightarrow 36e^{4x} - 6(4x)^3 - 18(4x)^2 \geq 36(4x) + 36 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$4x \geq \log \left( 1 + 4x + 8x^2 + \frac{32x^4}{3} \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\int_{\frac{1}{16}}^{\frac{1}{8}} \log \left( 1 + 4x + 8x^2 + \frac{32x^4}{3} \right) dx < \frac{3}{128}$$

**1334. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot \left( \sum_{i+j+k+l=n} ijkl \right) \left( \sum_{i+j+k=n} ijk \right)^{-1}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

*Solution by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India*

$$1) \because \binom{r}{r} + \binom{r+1}{r} + \dots + \binom{n}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r+1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \binom{r}{r} + \binom{r+1}{r} + \cdots + \binom{n}{r} = \binom{r+1}{r} + \binom{r+1}{r} + \cdots + \binom{n}{r} = \\ &= \binom{r+2}{r} + \binom{r+2}{r} + \cdots + \binom{n}{r} = \cdots = \binom{n+1}{r+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$2) \forall n \geq 2, A_n = \sum_{i+j=n} ij = \binom{n+1}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS_{A_n} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i(n-i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i[(n+1) - (i+1)] = (n+1) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{i+1}{2} = \\ &= \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)}{2} - 2 \binom{n+1}{3} = 3 \binom{n+1}{3} - 2 \binom{n+1}{3} = \binom{n+1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\because B_n = \sum_{i+j+k=n} ijk = \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} k \sum_{i+j=n-k} ij = \sum_{k=1}^{n-2} k A_{n-k} =$$

$$= 1 \cdot A_{n-1} + 2 \cdot A_{n-2} + 3A_{n-3} + \cdots + (n-2)A_2 = \sum_{r=2}^{n-1} (n-r)A_r =$$

$$= \sum_{r=2}^{n-1} (n-2) \binom{r+1}{3} = \sum_{r=2}^{n-1} [(n+2) - (r+2)] \binom{r+1}{3} =$$

$$= (n+2) \sum_{r=2}^{n-1} \binom{r+1}{3} - 4 \sum_{r=2}^{n-1} \binom{r+2}{4} = (n+2) \binom{n+1}{4} - 4 \binom{n+2}{5} = \binom{n+2}{5}$$

$$\because C_n = \sum_{i+j+k+l=n} ijkl = \sum_{l=1}^{n-3} l \sum_{i+j+k=n-l} ijk =$$

$$= 1 \cdot B_{n-1} + 2 \cdot B_{n-2} + \cdots + (n-3) \cdot B_3 = \sum_{r=3}^{n-1} (n-r)S_r =$$

$$= \sum_{r=3}^{n-1} (n-r) \binom{r+2}{5} = \sum_{r=3}^{n-1} [n+3 - (r+3)] \binom{r+2}{5} =$$

$$= \sum_{r=3}^{n-1} (n+3) \binom{r+3}{5} - \sum_{r=3}^{n-1} (r+3) \binom{r+2}{5} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (n+3) \left( \binom{5}{5} + \binom{6}{5} + \dots + \binom{n+1}{5} \right) - 6 \sum_{r=3}^{n-1} \binom{r+3}{6} = \\
 &= 7 \binom{n+3}{7} - 6 \binom{n+3}{7} = \binom{n+3}{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C_n}{n^2 B_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\binom{n+3}{7}}{n^2 \binom{n+2}{5}} = \frac{1}{42} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+3)!(n-3)!}{(n-4)!(n+2)!n^2} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{42} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+3)(n-3)}{n^2} = \frac{1}{42}
 \end{aligned}$$

**1335. Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be sequences of positive real numbers such that:**

$$x_1 = 1, nx_{n+1} = (n-1)x_n + x_n^{1-n}; y_1 > 0, y_{n+1} = \frac{(n+x_n)n^n y_n}{y_n^n + n^n(n-x_n)}$$

**Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{y_n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{4\pi x_k y_k}{2y_n + x_n} \right)$$

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania**

$$nx_{n+1} = (n-1)x_n + x_n^{1-n} \Leftrightarrow x_{n+1} = \frac{1 + (n-1)x_n^n}{nx_n^{n-1}}$$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{1 + 0 \cdot x_1^1}{1 \cdot x_1^0} = 1$$

$$n=2 \Rightarrow x_3 = \frac{1 + x_2^2}{2 \cdot x_2^1} = 1$$

$$\text{Suppose that } x_n = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then } x_{n+1} = \frac{1+(n-1) \cdot 1^n}{n \cdot 1^{n-1}} = 1.$$

So,  $x_n = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,

$$n=1 \Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{2 \cdot 1^1 \cdot y_1}{y_1^1 + 1^1 \cdot 0} = \frac{2y_1}{y_1} = 2$$

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$$n = 2 \Rightarrow y_3 = \frac{3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2}{2^2 + 2^2 \cdot 1} = \frac{24}{8} = 3$$

Suppose that  $y_n = n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we have:

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1) \cdot n^n \cdot n}{n^n + n^n(n-1)} = \frac{(n+1)n^{n+1}}{n^n(1+n-1)} = n+1.$$

So,  $y_n = n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{y_n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{4\pi x_k y_k}{2y_n + x_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \cos^2 \frac{4\pi \frac{k}{n}}{2 + \frac{1}{n}} = \int_0^1 \cos^2(2\pi x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1 + \cos(4\pi x)}{2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$nx_{n+1} = (n-1)x_n + x_n^{1-n} \Leftrightarrow x_{n+1} = \frac{1 + (n-1)x_n^n}{nx_n^{n-1}}$$

$$n = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{1 + 0 \cdot x_1^1}{1 \cdot x_1^0} = 1$$

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow x_3 = \frac{1 + x_2^2}{2 \cdot x_2^1} = 1$$

$$\text{Suppose that } x_n = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \text{ then } x_{n+1} = \frac{1+(n-1) \cdot 1^n}{n \cdot 1^{n-1}} = 1.$$

So,  $x_n = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now,

$$n = 1 \Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{2 \cdot 1^1 \cdot y_1}{y_1^1 + 1^1 \cdot 0} = \frac{2y_1}{y_1} = 2$$

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow y_3 = \frac{3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2}{2^2 + 2^2 \cdot 1} = \frac{24}{8} = 3$$

Suppose that  $y_n = n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we have:

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{(n+1) \cdot n^n \cdot n}{n^n + n^n(n-1)} = \frac{(n+1)n^{n+1}}{n^n(1+n-1)} = n+1.$$

So,  $y_n = n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{y_n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{4\pi x_k y_k}{2y_n + x_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right)$$

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$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) \rightarrow 2a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( 1 + \cos \frac{4k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = n + \sum_{k=1}^n \cos \frac{4k\pi}{2n+1} =$$

$$= n - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sin \left( \frac{2n+1}{2} \cdot \frac{4\pi}{2n+1} \right)}{2 \sin \frac{2\pi}{2n+1}}$$

$$\frac{2a_n}{n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2n} + \frac{\frac{2\pi}{2n+1}}{\sin \frac{2\pi}{2n+1}} \cdot \frac{2n+1}{2\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2n} \cdot \sin 2\pi = 1 - \frac{1}{2n}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{y_n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{4\pi x_k y_k}{2y_n + x_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \cos^2 \frac{2k\pi}{2n+1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n} = \frac{1}{2}$$

1336. For  $x \in [-1, 1]$  define:

$$P(x) = \frac{\cos(n \cdot \cos^{-1} x)}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \cos^{n-1} \frac{k\pi}{n} \cos \frac{(n-1)k\pi}{n}$$

Prove that  $P(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$  with rational coefficients and coefficient to  $x^n$  is 1.

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

*Solution by Adrian Popa-Romania*

$$(\cos t + i \sin t)^n = \cos(nt) + i \sin(nt); (1)$$

$$(\cos t + i \sin t)^n = \binom{n}{0} \cos^n t + i \binom{n}{1} \cos^{n-1} t \sin t - \binom{n}{2} \cos^{n-2} t \sin^2 t -$$

$$- i \binom{n}{3} \cos^{n-3} t \sin^3 t + \dots + \binom{n}{n} (i \sin t)^n; (2)$$

From (1),(2) it follows that:

$$\cos(nt) = \binom{n}{0} \cos^n t - \binom{n}{2} \cos^{n-2} t \sin^2 t + \binom{n}{4} \cos^{n-4} t \sin^4 t + \dots =$$

$$= \binom{n}{0} \cos^n t - \binom{n}{2} \cos^{n-2} t (1 - \cos^2 t) + \binom{n}{4} \cos^{n-4} t (1 - \cos^2 t)^2 + \dots \xrightarrow{t = \cos^{-1} x}$$

$$\cos(n \cos^{-1} x) = \binom{n}{0} x^n - \binom{n}{2} (x^{n-2} - x^n) + \binom{n}{4} (x^{n-4} - 2x^{n-2} + x^n) - \dots =$$

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$$= x^n \left( \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{4} + \dots \right) - x^{n-2} \left( \binom{n}{2} + 2 \binom{n}{4} + 3 \binom{n}{6} + \dots \right) + \dots =$$

$$= 2^{n-1} x^n - p x^{n-2} + q x^{n-4} + \dots, p, q \in \mathbb{Q}. \text{ Next,}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \cos^{n-1} \frac{k\pi}{n} \cos \frac{(n-1)k\pi}{n} = \int_0^1 \cos^{n-1}(\pi x) \cdot \cos(n-1)\pi x \, dx = I_{n-1}$$

$$I_{n-1} = \int_0^1 \cos^{n-1}(\pi x) \cdot \cos(n-1)\pi x \, dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 \cos^{n-1}(\pi x) \cos(\pi x) (\cos(\pi x) \cos(n-2)\pi x - \sin(\pi x) \sin(n-2)\pi x) \, dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 (\cos^{n-2}(\pi x) \cos(n-2)\pi x \cos^2(\pi x) - \cos^{n-2}(\pi x) \cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi x) \sin(n-2)\pi x) \, dx =$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{2} I_{n-2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \cos^{n-2}(\pi x) \cos(\pi x) \, dx$$

Similarly,

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

$$I_{n-3} = \frac{1}{2} I_{n-4} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \cos^{n-4}(\pi x) \cos(n+2)\pi x \, dx$$

⋮

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{2} I_0 + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \cos^0 x \cdot \cos(2n-2)\pi x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} I_0 = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow I_{n-1} = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$

Therefore,  $P(x) = x^n - \frac{p}{2^{n-1}} x^{n-2} + \frac{q}{2^{n-1}} x^{n-4} - \dots, p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$

1337.  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}, x_1 = 1, 15^{x_{n+2}} = 12^{x_{n+1}} + 9^{x_n}$

Prove that the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is increasing, bounded and find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

Proposed by 1 by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

**Solution 1 by proposer**

$$15^{x_2} = 12^{x_1} + 9^{x_0} = 1 + 3 = 15 \rightarrow x_2 = 1$$



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$x_1 \geq x_0$ . Suppose that:  $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_k$  and we prove that  $x_k \leq x_{k+1}, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$15^{x_{k+1}} - 15^{x_k} = 12^{x_k} + 9^{x_{k-1}} - 12^{x_k} - 12^{x_{k-1}} = (12^{x_k} - 12^{x_{k-1}}) + (9^{x_k} - 9^{x_{k-1}}) \geq 0 \rightarrow (x_n)_{n \geq 1} \text{ --increasing} \rightarrow x_n \geq x_0 \text{ inferior bounded.}$$

We must to prove that  $x_n < 2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Suppose  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_k < 2$ , then  $x_k < 2 \rightarrow 12^{x_k} < 12^2$  and  $x_{k-1} < 2 \rightarrow 9^{x_{k-1}} < 9^2 \rightarrow 12^{x_k} + 9^{x_{k-1}} \leq 144 + 81 \rightarrow 15^{x_{k+1}} < 15^2 \rightarrow x_{k+1} < 2 \rightarrow (x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  --is convergent.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l, l \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 15^{x_{n+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (12^{x_n} + 9^{x_{n-1}}) \rightarrow 15^l = 12^l + 9^l \rightarrow$$

$l = 2$  unique solution. Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 2$$

### Solution 2 by Iulian Cristi-Romania

By induction  $x_n < 2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2} < 2$ . Suppose  $x_i < 2, \forall i \in \overline{0, k+1}$

$$15^{x_{k+3}} = 12^{x_{k+2}} + 9^{x_{k+1}} < 12^2 + 9^2 = 15^2 \rightarrow x_{k+3} < 2. \text{ Hence, } x_n < 2, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$x_0 < x_1$ . Suppose  $x_k \leq x_{k+1}, \forall k \in \overline{0, n-1} \rightarrow x_n \leq x_{n+1} \leq x_{n+2} \rightarrow$

$$9^{x_n} \leq 9^{x_{n+1}} \text{ and } 12^{x_{n+1}} \leq 12^{x_{n+2}} \rightarrow 15^{x_{n+2}} \leq 15^{x_{n+3}} \rightarrow (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ --is increasing}$$

$\rightarrow (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  --is convergent. Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 2$$

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

$$x_0 = \frac{1}{2}, x_1 = 1, 15^{x_2} = 12^{x_1} + 9^{x_0} = 15 \rightarrow x_2 = 1.$$

We assume that  $x_n \leq 2, \forall n \geq 0$ . We have that  $x_0, x_1, x_2 \leq 2$ .

Assume that  $x_k \leq 2, \forall 0 \leq k \leq n+1$ , we have:

$$15^{x_{n+2}} = 12^{x_{n+1}} + 9^{x_n} \leq 12^2 + 9^2 = 15^2 \rightarrow x_{n+2} \leq 2. \text{ Thus, by the principle of mathematical induction, } x_n \leq 2, \forall n \geq 0.$$

Assume that  $x_0 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq x_{n+1} \rightarrow 12^{x_n} + 9^{x_{n-1}} \leq 12^{x_{n+1}} + 9^{x_n} \rightarrow 15^{x_{n+1}} \leq 15^{x_{n+2}} \rightarrow x_{n+1} \leq x_{n+2}$ . Thus,  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  --increasing sequence and bounded, then

$(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  --converges. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 15^{x_{n+2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (12^{x_{n+1}} + 9^{x_n}) \rightarrow$$

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$$15^l = 12^l + 9^l \rightarrow l = 2.$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 2$$

1338. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \log(1 + x + x^2 + x^3) dx - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \right)$$

Proposed by Mohammed Bouras-Fes-Morocco

**Solution 1 by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \log(1 + x + x^2 + x^3) dx &= \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\log(1-x^4)}{x} - \frac{\log(1-x)}{x} \right) dx = \\ &= \left[ -\frac{1}{4} Li_2(x^4) + Li_2(x) \right]_0^1 = \frac{\pi^2}{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{8} - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+3)^2} = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+2n+3)^2} = \frac{1}{4} \psi_1 \left( n + \frac{3}{2} \right)$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} \psi_1 \left( n + \frac{3}{2} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} + o(n^{-3}) \right) = \frac{1}{4}$$

**Solution 2 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \log(1 + x + x^2 + x^3) dx - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{\log[(1+x)(1+x^2)]}{x} dx - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \right] = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} + \frac{\log(1+x^2)}{x} \right) dx - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \right] = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{12} + \frac{\pi^2}{24} - \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \frac{1}{4} \psi_1 \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]; (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$-\psi_1 \left( n + \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} - 4 \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \psi_1 \left( n + \frac{3}{2} \right); (2)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left( \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} \log(1+x+x^2+x^3) dx - \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{(2k+1)^2} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \left[ \frac{\pi^2}{8} - \frac{\pi^2}{8} + \frac{1}{4} \psi_1 \left( n + \frac{3}{2} \right) \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} \psi_1 \left( n + \frac{3}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{4}\end{aligned}$$

1339. Prove that:

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

Proposed by Mohammed Bouras-Fes-Morocco

*Solution 1 by Samar Das-India*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thus,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**1340. Prove that:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{k}} - \frac{3n+1}{2\sqrt[3]{n}} \right) = \zeta \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

-where  $\zeta(z)$  – is Riemann zeta function.

*Proposed by Naren Bhandari-Bajura-Nepal*

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*Solution and generalization by Serlea Kabay-Liberia*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } \omega(a) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^a} - \frac{n}{(1-a)n^a} - \frac{1}{2n^a} \right), \forall a \in \mathbb{R}_+ \\
 \omega(a) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( H_n^{(a)} - \frac{n}{(1-a)n^a} - \frac{1}{2n^a} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \zeta(a) - \zeta(a, n+1) - \frac{n}{(1-a)n^a} - \frac{1}{2n^a} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \zeta(a) - \frac{1}{n^a} \left( -\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{n}{1-a} - \frac{1}{2n^a} + \frac{1}{2n^a} + \frac{a}{12n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \zeta(a) - \frac{a}{12n^{a+1}} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^a \right) \\
 &\therefore \omega(a) = \zeta(a), \forall a \in \mathbb{R}_+ \\
 \text{For } &= \frac{1}{3}, \omega\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \zeta\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

**1341. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n k^k \cdot e^{\sum_{k=1}^n k e n^{\frac{k}{2}}}} \right)$$

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

*Solution 1 by Ali Jaffal-Lebanon*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } \Omega_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n k^k \cdot e^{\sum_{k=1}^n k e n^{\frac{k}{2}}}} \\
 \log \Omega_n &= -\frac{1}{2} \log n + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k \log k + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k e n^{\frac{k}{2}} = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2} \log n + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k \log \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) + \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^2} \log n + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k e n^{\frac{k}{2}} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \log \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \log n + \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k e n^{\frac{k}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log n = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \log \left( \frac{k}{n} \right) = \int_0^1 x \log x \, dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \log x \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{2} \, dx = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Next,  $1 + x \leq e^x \leq 1 + x + (e - 2)x^2, \forall x \in [0, 1]$ . Let  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , then

$$1 + \frac{k}{n^2} \leq e^{\frac{k}{n^2}} \leq 1 + \frac{k}{n^2} + (e - 2) \frac{k^2}{n^4}$$

$$1 + \frac{k^2}{n^2} \leq k e^{\frac{k}{n^2}} \leq k + \frac{k^2}{n^2} + (e - 2) \frac{k^3}{n^4}$$

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^2} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n k e^{\frac{k}{n^2}} \leq \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^2} + (e-2) \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4n^4}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^2} = \frac{1}{2}, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^4} = 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (e-2) \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4n^6} = 0$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k e^{\frac{k}{n^2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n k^k \cdot e^{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n^2}}} \right) = \sqrt[4]{e}$$

### Solution 2 by proposer

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1 \rightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta_\varepsilon > 0 \text{ such that } \left| \frac{e^x - 1}{x} - 1 \right| < \varepsilon \rightarrow$$

$$(1 - \varepsilon) \frac{k}{n^2} + 1 < e^{\frac{k}{n^2}} < (1 + \varepsilon) \frac{k}{n^2} + 1 \leftrightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (1 - \varepsilon) \frac{k^2}{n^2} + k \right] \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k e^{\frac{k}{n^2}} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (1 + \varepsilon) \frac{k^2}{n^2} + k \right]$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (1 - \varepsilon) \frac{k^2}{n^2} + k \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ (1 + \varepsilon) \frac{k^2}{n^2} + k \right] = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k e^{k/n^2} = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt[n^2]{e^{\sum_{k=1}^n k e^{k/n^2}}} \right) = \sqrt{e}; \quad (1)$$

Now,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n k^k} = \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^k} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \sqrt[n^2]{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}} = \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^k} \cdot n^{\frac{1}{2n}} = a_n \cdot n^{\frac{1}{2n}}; \quad n^{\frac{1}{2n}} \rightarrow 1$$

$$a_n = \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^k} \rightarrow \log a_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \log \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \sigma_{\Delta}(f, \xi);$$

$$\Delta = \left(0, \frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, 1\right), \xi \in \left\{\frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, 1\right\}, f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \begin{cases} x \log x, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2} \log x - \frac{x^2}{4}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \log \left(\frac{k}{n}\right) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{e}}; \quad (2)$$

From (1),(2) it follows that:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \sqrt[n^2]{\prod_{k=1}^n k^k \cdot e^{\sum_{k=1}^n k e^{k/n^2}}} \right) = \sqrt[4]{e}$$

1342.

$$\Omega_n = \sin \left( \pi \cdot \sqrt[p]{\prod_{k=1}^n (n+k)} \right), n \in \mathbb{N}$$

Find  $p \in \mathbb{N}, p \geq 2$  such that the sequence  $(\Omega_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a convergent one.

*Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania*

*Solution by proposer*

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$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sin \left( \pi \cdot \sqrt[p]{\prod_{k=1}^n (n+k)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \cdot \sin \left[ \pi \sqrt[p]{(n+1)(n+2) \dots (n+p)} - n \right] = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \cdot \sin \left( \frac{\pi((1+2+\dots+p)n^{p-1} + \dots + 1)}{\sqrt[p]{(n+1) \dots (n+p)^{p-1} + \dots + n^{p-1}}} \right) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \sin \left( \frac{\pi \cdot p(p+1)}{2p} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \sin \left( \frac{\pi(p+1)}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

If  $p$  – is even number, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \right) = \pm (-1)^n$  is divergent.

If  $p$  – is odd number, then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \sin(k+1)\pi = 0$ .

$|(-1)^n \sin(k+1)\pi| = \sin(k+1)\pi = 0 \rightarrow p$  – is odd.

**1343. Find a closed form:**

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{3n+1} - \frac{1}{3n+2} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)} - \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+2)} \right) = \\ &= 3 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{3n+1} - \frac{1}{3n+3} \right) - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{3n+2} - \frac{1}{3n+3} \right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$



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$$\because \psi(z+1) = -\gamma + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+z} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+\frac{2}{3}} \right) - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( -\gamma - \psi\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \right) + \left( \psi\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) + \gamma \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\gamma - \psi(1) \right) = \psi\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \psi\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - \frac{\psi(1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi(1-x) - \psi(x) = \pi \operatorname{ctg}(\pi x), \psi(x+1) = \psi(x) + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s &= \psi\left(1 + \frac{2}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \psi\left(1 + \frac{1}{3}\right) - \frac{\psi(1)}{2} = \psi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \psi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 3 \right) - \frac{\psi(1)}{2} = \\ &= \psi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \frac{\psi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)}{2} - \frac{\psi(1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\psi\left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \pi \operatorname{ctg}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow$$

$$s = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3 \log 3}{2} - \gamma \right) + \frac{\gamma}{2} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}} - \frac{3 \log 3}{4} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} - 3 \log 3}{4}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} - 3 \log 3}{4}$$

**Solution 2 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \Omega + \frac{1}{2} = S =$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{3}{2(3n+1)} - \frac{3}{3n+2} + \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \right]$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} F(t) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{e^t - 1} dt = \Omega$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} L^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s+\frac{1}{3}} \right) - L^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s+\frac{2}{3}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} L^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{s+1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{3}t} - e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-t}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{3}t}}{e^t - 1} dt - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{3}{2}t}}{e^t - 1} dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{e^t - 1} dt = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{t}{3}} - 2e^{-\frac{2}{3}t} + e^{-t}}{e^t - 1} dt = \\ &= \frac{e^{-t}}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2z^{\frac{2}{3}} + z}{1 - z} dz = \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{t - 2t^2 + t^3}{1 - t^3} t^2 dt \stackrel{z=t^3}{=} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{t^3 - 2t^4 + t^5}{1 - t^3} dt = \frac{1}{4} (-2 + \sqrt{3}\pi - 3\log 3) = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{4} - \frac{3\log 3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} - 3\log 3}{4}$$

**Solution 3 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \sum_{(n=0)}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{3}{2(3n+1)} - \frac{3}{3n+2} + \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \right] = \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{3}{2(3n+1)} - 3 \sum_{n=0}^m \frac{1}{3n+2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \right] = \\ &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \psi \left( m + \frac{4}{3} \right) - \psi \left( m + \frac{5}{3} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \psi(m+2) \right] + \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \psi \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) + \psi \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) + \frac{\gamma}{3} \right] = \\ &= 0 + \frac{\gamma}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3\log 3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} - 3\log 3}{4}$$

**Solution 4 by Syed Shahabudeen-India**

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2(n+1)} + \frac{1}{2\left(n+\frac{1}{3}\right)} - \frac{1}{n+\frac{2}{3}} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{n}{n+\frac{2}{3}} \right) =\end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( 2\psi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) + 2\gamma - \left(\psi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \gamma\right) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 2\psi\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \gamma \right) = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} - 3\log 3}{4}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} - 3\log 3}{4}$$

**Solution 5 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

$$\text{Let } a_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)}$$

$$a_n = \frac{3}{(3n+1)(3n+1)(3n+3)} = 3 \left[ \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3n+1} - \frac{1}{3n+2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3n+3} \right] =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{3n+1} - \frac{1}{3n+2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1}{3n+2} - \frac{1}{3n+3} \right)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k = \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{3k+1} - \frac{1}{3k+2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{3k+2} - \frac{1}{3k+3} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{3k} (1-x) dx - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{3k+1} (1-x) dx$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k = \int_0^1 \left( (1-x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{3k} \right) dx - \int_0^1 \left( (1-x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^{3k+1} \right) dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[ (1-x) \cdot \frac{1}{1-x^3} - \frac{(1-x)x}{1-x^3} \right] dx =$$

$$= \int_0^1 \left[ \frac{1}{1+x+x^2} - \frac{x}{1+x+x^2} \right] dx = \int_0^1 \frac{1-x}{\left(x+\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} dx \stackrel{x+\frac{1}{2}=t}{=} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1-(t-\frac{1}{2})}{t^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} dt$$

$$= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1-(t-\frac{1}{2})}{t^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} dt = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left[ \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2t}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \log \left( t^2 + \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)^2 \right) \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{3}{2}} =$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \left( \frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log 3$$

Therefore,

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$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(3n+1)(3n+2)} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3} - 3\log 3}{4}$$

**1344. Find a closed form:**

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Akerele Olofin-Nigeria**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{4}{3(4n+1)} + \frac{4}{4n+3} - \frac{1}{3(n+1)} - \frac{2}{2n+1} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{4}} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n + \frac{3}{4}} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n + \frac{1}{2}} \\ \therefore \psi^m(z) &= (-1)^{m+1} (m!) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+z)^{m+1}} \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+z)^{m+1}} = \frac{\psi(z)}{(-1)^{m+1} (m!)} \\ \Omega &= -\frac{\psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)}{3} - \psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \frac{\psi^{(0)}(1)}{3} + \psi^{(0)}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \\ &= -\frac{1}{3} \left( -\gamma - \frac{\pi}{2} - 3\log 2 \right) - \gamma + \frac{\pi}{2} - 3\log 2 + \frac{1}{3} (-\gamma) + (-\gamma - 2\log 2) = \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\log 2 = 2\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = 2\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}$$

**Solution 2 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{4}{3(4n+1)} + \frac{4}{4n+3} - \frac{1}{3(n+1)} - \frac{2}{2n+1} \right) = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{3}\psi(1) + \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{3}\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \\
 &= -\frac{\gamma}{3} - \gamma - 2\log 2 + \frac{\gamma}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} + \log 2 + \gamma - \frac{\pi}{2} + 3\log 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = 2\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } a_n &= \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = \frac{8}{(4n+1)(4n+2)(4n+3)(4n+4)} = \\
 &= 8 \left[ \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{4n+1} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4n+2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4n+3} - \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{4n+4} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \left[ \int_0^1 x^{4n} dx - \int_0^1 x^{4n+3} dx \right] - 4 \left[ \int_0^1 x^{4n+1} dx - \int_0^1 x^{4n+2} dx \right] = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 x^{4n}(1-x^3) dx - 4 \int_0^1 x^{4n+1}(1-x) dx \\
 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n &= \frac{4}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{4n}(1-x^3) dx - 4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{4n+1}(1-x) dx = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{1-x^3}{1-x^4} dx - 4 \int_0^1 \frac{(1-x)x}{1-x^4} dx = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{1+x+x^2}{(1+x)(1+x^2)} dx - 4 \int_0^1 \frac{x}{(1+x)(1+x^2)} dx = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-x)^2}{(1+x)(1+x^2)} dx = \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{2}{1+x} - \frac{x}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{1+x^2} \right) dx = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \left[ 2\log(1+x) - \frac{1}{2} \log(1+x^2) - \tan^{-1}x \right]_0^1 = 2\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = 2\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}$$

**Solution 4 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} =$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = I + \frac{1}{6} \\
 I &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} + 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{4n+3} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} \\
 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F(n) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{e^t - 1} dt, \quad f(t) = L^{-1}(F(n)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{4}t}}{e^t - 1} dt + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{3t}{4}}}{e^t - 1} dt - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{e^t - 1} dt - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}}{e^t - 1} dt \stackrel{e^{-t}=z}{=} \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{z^4}{1-z^4} dz + 4 \int_0^1 \frac{z^6}{1-z^4} dz - \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{z^7}{1-z^4} dz - 4 \int_0^1 \frac{z^5}{1-z^4} dz = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{z^4 + 3z^6 - z^7 - 3z^5}{1-z^4} dz = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \left( \int z^3 dz - 3 \int z^2 dz + 3 \int z dz - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{2z}{z^2+1} dz - \int dz + 2 \int \frac{dz}{z+1} - \int \frac{dz}{z^2+1} \right) = \\
 &= \frac{4}{3} \left[ \frac{z^4}{4} - 3 \frac{z^3}{3} + \frac{3}{2} z^2 - \frac{1}{2} \log|z^2+1| - z - 2 \log|z+1| - \tan^{-1} z \right]_0^1 = \\
 &= 2 \log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(2n+1)(4n+1)(4n+3)} = 2 \log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}$$

1345. Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \varepsilon > 0}} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 \frac{\sqrt{x} \log x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx$$

Proposed by Vasile Mircea Popa-Romania

Solution by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \varepsilon > 0}} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 \frac{\sqrt{x} \log x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} dx \stackrel{x=z^{\frac{2}{3}}}{=} \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{\log z}{z^2 + z + 1} dz = \frac{4}{9} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-z) \log z}{1-z^3} dz$$

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$$\Omega = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 (z^{3n} - z^{3n+1}) \log z \, dz \stackrel{z=e^{-t}}{=} \frac{4}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} t (e^{-(3n+2)t} - e^{-3(3n+1)t}) \, dt$$

$$\Omega = \frac{4}{9} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{(3n+2)^2} - \frac{1}{(3n+1)^2} \right) = \frac{4}{81} \left( \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \right)$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \varepsilon > 0}} \int_{\varepsilon}^1 \frac{\sqrt{x} \log x}{x^3 + x\sqrt{x} + 1} \, dx = \frac{4}{81} \left( \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) - \psi^{(1)} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) \right)$$

1346. If  $m > 0$ , then prove:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \left( \psi \left( \frac{m+x}{2x} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{m}{2x} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{m}$$

Proposed by Angad Singh-India

**Solution 1 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{k-1}}{1+t} \, dt &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \psi \left( \frac{k}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{k}{2} \right) \right) \stackrel{k=\frac{m}{x}}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{x} \left( \psi \left( \frac{m}{2x} + \frac{1}{2} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{m}{2x} \right) \right) = \frac{2}{x} \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{m}{x}-1}}{1+t} \, dt \stackrel{z=\frac{m}{x}}{=} \frac{2}{m} \int_0^1 \frac{z t^{z-1}}{1+z} \, dt \stackrel{IBP}{=} \\ &= \frac{2}{m} \left[ \frac{t^z}{(1+t)^2} \right]_0^1 + \frac{2}{m} \int_0^1 \frac{t^z}{(1+t)^2} \, dt \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \left( \psi \left( \frac{m+x}{2x} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{m}{2x} \right) \right) &= \frac{1}{m} + \frac{2}{m} \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \frac{t^z}{(1+t)^2} \, dt \stackrel{t=\frac{1}{t}}{=} \\ &= \frac{1}{m} + \frac{2}{m} \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^z (1+t)^2} = \frac{1}{m} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \left( \psi \left( \frac{m+x}{2x} \right) - \psi \left( \frac{m}{2x} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{m}$$

**Solution 2 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\because \psi(z) = - \int_0^1 \frac{t^{z-1}}{1-t} \, dt$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi\left(\frac{m}{2x} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{m}{2x}\right) &= \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{m}{2x}-1} - t^{\frac{m}{2x}+\frac{1}{2}-1}}{1-t} dt = \int_0^1 \frac{t^{\frac{m}{2x}-1}}{1+t^{\frac{1}{2}}} dt \stackrel{t=k^2}{=} \\
 &= 2 \int_0^1 \frac{x^{\frac{m}{k}}}{1+k} dk = 2 \int_0^1 k^{\frac{m}{x}} (1-k+k^2-\dots) dk = \\
 &= 2 \int_0^1 k^{\frac{m}{x}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n k^n dk = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_0^1 k^{\frac{m+nx}{x}} dx = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x}{m+(n+1)x} \\
 \Omega &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x}{m+(n+1)x} \right) = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{1}{m} = \\
 &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{m} \cdot \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n = \frac{2}{m} \cdot \frac{1}{1-(-1)} = \frac{1}{m}
 \end{aligned}$$

**1347. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)}$$

*Proposed by George Florin Şerban-Romania*

**Solution 1 by proposer**

$$\begin{aligned}
 k^4 + 4 &= (k^2 + 2)^2 - (2k)^2 = (k^2 + 2k + 2)(k^2 - 2k + 2) \\
 &= [(k+1)^2 + 1][(k-1)^2 + 1] \\
 \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} &= \frac{4(k^2 + 2k + 2) - (k^2 - 2k + 2)}{2^k(k^2 + 2k + 2)(k^2 - 2k + 2)} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^{k-2}[(k-1)^2 + 1]} - \frac{1}{2^k[(k+1)^2 + 1]} \\
 &= \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{2(2^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{2^3(4^2 + 1)} + \frac{1}{2^2(3^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{2^4(5^2 + 1)} + \frac{1}{2^3(4^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{2^5(6^2 + 1)} + \dots \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2^{n-4}[(n-3)^2 + 1]} - \frac{1}{2^{n-2}[(n-1)^2 + 1]} + \frac{1}{2^{n-3}[(n-2)^2 + 1]} - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}(n^2 + 1)} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{1}{2^{n-2}[(n-1)^2+1]} - \frac{1}{2^n[(n+1)^2+1]} \\
 \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2+10k+6}{2^k(k^4+4)} &= \frac{1}{2(2^2+1)} + \frac{1}{2^2(3^2+1)} - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}(n^2+1)} - \frac{1}{2^n[(n+1)^2+1]} \\
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2+10k+6}{2^k(k^4+4)} &= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} = \frac{1}{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 k^4 + 4 &= k^4 - (2i)^2 = (k^2 - 2i)(k^2 + 2i) = (k^2 - (1+i)^2)(k^2 - i^2(1+i)^2) = \\
 &= (k - (i+1))(k + (i+1))(k - i(i+1))(k + i(i+1))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{3k^2+10k+6}{2^k(k^4+4)} = \frac{A}{k-(i+1)} + \frac{B}{k+(i+1)} + \frac{C}{k-(i-1)} + \frac{D}{k+(i-1)}$$

$$A = \lim_{k \rightarrow i+1} \frac{3k^2+10k+6}{(k+(i+1))(k-(i-1))(k+(i-1))} = -2i$$

$$B = \lim_{k \rightarrow -(i+1)} \frac{3k^2+10k+6}{(k-(i+1))(k-(i-1))(k+(i-1))} = -\frac{1}{2}i$$

$$C = \lim_{k \rightarrow i-1} \frac{3k^2+10k+6}{(k-(i+1))(k+(i+1))(k+(i-1))} = \frac{1}{2}i$$

$$D = \lim_{k \rightarrow 1-i} \frac{3k^2+10k+6}{(k-(i+1))(k+(i+1))(k-(i-1))} = 2i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2+10k+6}{2^k(k^4+4)} &= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{2i}{2^k(k-1-i)} - \frac{-\frac{1}{2}i}{2^k(k+1+i)} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}i}{2^k(k+1-i)} \right) = \\
 &= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{i}{2^{k-1}(k-1-i)} - \frac{i}{2^{k+1}(k+1+i)} + \frac{i}{2^{k+1}(k+1-i)} + \frac{i}{2^{k-1}(k-1+i)} \right) = \\
 &= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} i \left( -\frac{1}{2^{k-1}(k-1-i)} - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}(k+1+i)} + \frac{1}{2^{k+1}(k+1-i)} + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}(k-1+i)} \right) = \\
 &= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} i \left[ \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \left( \frac{1}{k+i-1} - \frac{1}{k-i-1} \right) - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \left( \frac{1}{k+1+i} - \frac{1}{k+1-i} \right) \right] =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \cdot \frac{2}{(k-1)^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{2^{k+1}} \cdot \frac{2}{(k+1)^2 + 1} \right] = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} + \frac{1}{2^{n-2}((n-1)^2 + 1)}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} = \frac{5}{40} = \frac{1}{8}$$

**Solution 3 by Remus Florin Stanca-Romania**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{k^4 + 4} &= \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{(k^2 - 2k + 2)(k^2 + 2k + 2)} = \\ &= \frac{A}{k^2 - 2k + 2} + \frac{B}{k^2 + 2k + 2} = \frac{k^2(A + B) + 2k(A - B) + 2A + 2B}{(k^2 - 2k + 2)(k^2 + 2k + 2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} A + B = 3 \\ A - B = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 2A = 8 \Rightarrow A = 4, B = -1 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} = \frac{1}{2^k} \left( \frac{4}{k^2 - 2k + 2} - \frac{1}{k^2 + 2k + 2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{k-2}(k^2 - 2k + 2)} - \frac{1}{2^k(k^2 + 2k + 2)}$$

$$\text{Let } a_k = \frac{1}{2^{k-2}(k^2 - 2k + 2)} \rightarrow a_{k+2} = \frac{1}{2^k(k^2 + 2k + 2)} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} &= \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (a_k - a_{k+2}) = a_3 + a_4 - a_{n+1} - a_{n+2} = \\ &= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}((n+1)^2 - 2(n+1) + 2)} - \frac{1}{2^n((n+2)^2 - 2(n+2) + 2)} \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} = \frac{1}{8}$$

**Solution 4 by Bedri Hajrizi-Mitrovica-Kosovo**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} &= \frac{1}{2^k} \cdot \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{(k^2 - 2k + 2)(k^2 + 2k + 2)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2^k} \cdot \frac{4(k^2 + 2k + 2) - (k^2 - 2k + 2)}{(k^2 - 2k + 2)(k^2 + 2k + 2)} = \frac{1}{2^k} \left( \frac{4}{(k-1)^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{(k+1)^2 + 1} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{k-1}((k-1)^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{2^k((k+1)^2 + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} &= \sum_{k=3}^n \left( \frac{1}{2^{k-1}((k-1)^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{2^k((k+1)^2 + 1)} \right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2^1(2^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{2^3(4^2 + 1)} + \frac{1}{2^2(3^2 + 1)} - \frac{1}{2^4(5^2 + 1)} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{n-2}((n-1)^2 + 1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2^n((n+1)^2 + 1)} = \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} - \frac{1}{2^{n-3}((n-2)^2 + 1)} \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=3}^n \frac{3k^2 + 10k + 6}{2^k(k^4 + 4)} &= \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{40} = \frac{1}{8} \end{aligned}$$

1348. Compute the sum in a closed form:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3}{(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \cdots + n)^3}$$

Proposed by Srinivasa Raghava-AIRMC-India

Solution by Izumi Ainsworth-Lima-Peru

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} \right)^3}{(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \cdots + n)^3} &= 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3}{n^3(n+1)^3} = \\ &= 8 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} h_n^3 \left( -\frac{1}{(n+1)^3} - \frac{3}{(n+1)^2} - \frac{6}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n^3} - \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{6}{n} \right) = \\ &= 8 \left[ -\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1})^3}{(n+1)^3} - 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1})^3}{(n+1)^3} - 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1})^3}{n+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3}{n^3} - 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} + 6 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n} \right] = \\ &= 8 \left[ -\left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3}{n^3} - 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^4} + 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^6} \right) \right. \\ &\quad - 3 \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3}{n^2} - 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^3} + 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^4} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^5} \right) \\ &\quad - 6 \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3}{n} - 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} + 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^3} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} \right) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3}{n^3} - 3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} \\ &\quad \left. + 6 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n} \right] = \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 8 \left[ 1 + 3 - 6 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^3}{n^2} + 6 + 3 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^4} - 1 \right) + 9 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^3} - 1 \right) + 18 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} - 1 \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 3 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^5} - 1 \right) - 9 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^4} - 1 \right) - 18 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^3} - 1 \right) + (\zeta(6) - 1) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 3(\zeta(5) - 1) + 6(\zeta(4) - 1) \right] = \\
 &= 8 \left[ 10 - 6(10\zeta(5) + \zeta(2)\zeta(3)) + 3 \left( \frac{97}{24} \zeta(6) - 2\zeta^2(3) - 1 \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 9 \left( \frac{7}{2} \zeta(5) - \zeta(2)\zeta(3) - 1 \right) + 18 \left( \frac{17}{4} \zeta(4) - 1 \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - 3 \left( \frac{7}{4} \zeta(6) - \frac{1}{2} \zeta^2(3) - 1 \right) - 9(3\zeta(5) - \zeta(2)\zeta(3) - 1) - 18 \left( \frac{5}{4} \zeta(4) - 1 \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \zeta(6) + 3\zeta(5) + 6\zeta(4) - 10 \right] = \\
 &= 3 \left( 21\zeta(6) - 140\zeta(5) + 160\zeta(4) - 12\zeta^2(3) - 16\zeta(2)\zeta(3) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

**1349. Prove that:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \psi(x) + \omega \psi(\omega x) + \omega^2 \psi(\omega^2 x) + \frac{3}{x} \right) = -3\zeta(3)$$

**-where  $\omega^2 + \omega + 1 = 0$  and  $\psi(x)$  is the digamma function.**

*Proposed by Angad Singh-India*

*Solution by Probal Chakraborty-India*

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \psi(x) + \omega \psi(\omega x) + \omega^2 \psi(\omega^2 x) + \frac{3}{x} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( -\gamma + \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^x}{1-t} dt - \gamma\omega + \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^{\omega x}}{1-t} dt - \omega^2\gamma + \int_0^1 \frac{1-t^{\omega^2 x}}{1-t} dt + \frac{3}{x} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( -\gamma(1 + \omega + \omega^2) + \int_0^1 \frac{3 - t^x - t^{\omega x} - t^{\omega^2 x}}{1-t} dt + \frac{3}{x} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \int_0^1 \frac{3 - (t^x + t^{\omega x} + t^{\omega^2 x})}{1-t} dt + \frac{3}{x} \right) =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 (3t^n - t^{x+n} - t^{\omega x+n} - t^{\omega^2 x+n}) dt + \frac{3}{x} \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3}{n+1} + \frac{3}{x} - \frac{1}{x+n+1} - \frac{1}{\omega x+n+1} - \frac{1}{\omega^2 x+n+1} \right) \right) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{3x+3n+3}{(n+1)x} - \frac{1}{x+n+1} - \frac{1}{\omega x+n+1} - \frac{1}{\omega^2 x+n+1} \right) \right) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{x^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{3(x+n+1)}{(n+1)x} - \frac{(x+n+1)(\omega x+n+1) + (\omega^2 x+n+1)(x+n+1) + (\omega x+n+1)(\omega^2 x+n+1)}{(x+n+1)(\omega x+n+1)(\omega^2 x+n+1)} \right) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{3}{x^2} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+x+1}{(n+1)x} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{(\omega x^2 + \omega x(n+1) + (n+1)^2)(\omega^2 x+n+1)} \right) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( 3 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+x+1}{(n+1)x^3} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{(x^3 + (1-\omega x)(n+1)^2 + \omega x^2(n+1) + (n+1)^3)x^2} \right) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3 \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+x+1}{(n+1)x^3} - \frac{(n+1)^2}{(x^3 + (2-\omega x+n)(n+1)^2 + \omega x^2(n+1))x^2} \right] = \\
 &= -3 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)^3} = -3\zeta(3)
 \end{aligned}$$

1350.

$$x_1 = p + 1, p, n \in \mathbb{N}, p \geq 2, x_{n+1} = x_n^2 - (2p-1)x_n + p^2, n \geq 1.$$

Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k - p + 1}$$

Proposed by Marian Ursărescu-Romania

*Solution by proposer*

$$P(n): x_n \geq n + p, \forall n \geq 1$$

$$P(1): x_1 \geq p + 1 \text{ true.}$$

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Suppose that  $P(k): x_k \geq p + k$  is true, then we have:

$$x_{k+1} = x_k(x_k - 2p + 1) + p^2 > (p + k)(k - p + 1) + p^2 = \\ = k^2 - p^2 + p + k + p^2 = k^2 + k + p > p + k + 1 \Leftrightarrow k^2 \geq 1 \text{ true. So, } x_n \geq n + p \text{ and}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = +\infty.$$

$$\frac{1}{x_{k+1} - p} = \frac{1}{x_k^2 - 2px_k + x_k + p^2 - p} = \frac{1}{(x_k - p)^2 + x_k - p} = \\ = \frac{1}{(x_k - p)(x_k - p + 1)} = \frac{1}{x_k - p} - \frac{1}{x_k - p + 1} \Rightarrow \\ \frac{1}{x_k - p + 1} = \frac{1}{x_k - p} - \frac{1}{x_k - p + 1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k - p + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{x_k - p} - \frac{1}{x_k - p + 1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{x_1 - p} - \frac{1}{x_{n+1} - p} \right) = \\ = \frac{1}{x_1 - p} = 1$$

### Solution 2 by Ruxandra Daniela Tonilă-Romania

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^2 - 2px_n + x_n + p^2$$

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = x_n^2 - 2px_n + p^2 = (x_n - p)^2 > 0 \rightarrow x_{n+1} > x_n, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 = p + 1 \\ x_2 = x_1 + (x_1 - p)^2 = p + 2 \\ x_3 = x_2 + (x_2 - p)^2 = p + 6 \\ x_4 = x_3 + (x_3 - p)^2 = p + 42 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \begin{cases} x_1 - p + 1 = p + 1 - p + 1 = 2 \\ x_2 - p + 1 = p + 2 - p + 1 = 3 \\ x_3 - p + 1 = p + 6 - p + 1 = 7 \\ x_4 - p + 1 = p + 42 - p + 1 = 43 \\ \dots \end{cases}$$

Let  $s_n = x_n - p + 1$ . From (1) it follows that  $s_n$  is Sylvester's sequence

$$\left( s_n + \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} s_i = s_{n-1}(s_{n-1} - 1) + 1, s_1 = 2 \right)$$

$$s_i = s_{i-1}(s_{i-1} - 1) + 1 \Leftrightarrow s_i - 1 = s_{i-1}(s_{i-1} - 1) \Leftrightarrow$$

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$$\frac{1}{s_i - 1} = \frac{1}{s_{i-1}(s_{i-1} - 1)} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{s_i - 1} = \frac{1}{s_{i-1} - 1} - \frac{1}{s_i - 1} \rightarrow \frac{1}{s_{i-1}} = \frac{1}{s_{i-1} - 1} - \frac{1}{s_i - 1} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{s_i} = \frac{1}{s_i - 1} - \frac{1}{s_{i+1} - 1} \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{s_1} = \frac{1}{s_1 - 1} - \frac{1}{s_2 - 1} \\ \frac{1}{s_2} = \frac{1}{s_2 - 1} - \frac{1}{s_3 - 1} \\ \frac{1}{s_3} = \frac{1}{s_3 - 1} - \frac{1}{s_4 - 1} \\ \dots \\ \frac{1}{s_{n-1}} = \frac{1}{s_{n-1} - 1} - \frac{1}{s_n - 1} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{s_k} = \frac{1}{s_1 - 1} - \frac{1}{s_n - 1} + \frac{1}{s_n}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{s_k} = \frac{1}{s_1 - 1} - \frac{1}{s_n - 1} + \frac{1}{s_n}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{x_k - p + 1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{s_k} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{s_1 - 1} - \frac{1}{s_n - 1} + \frac{1}{s_n} \right) = \frac{1}{s_1 - 1} = 1$$

**1351. Prove the summation:**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2}{(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n)^2} = 4(7\zeta(4) - 6\zeta(3))$$

*Proposed by Srinvasa Raghava-AIRMC-India*

**Solution 1 by Izumi Ainsworth-Lima-Peru**

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right)^2}{(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n)^2} &= 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2(n+1)^2} = \\ &= 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_n^2 \left( \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{n+1} - \frac{2}{n} \right) = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 4 \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^2}{(n+1)^2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} + \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^2}{n+1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n} \right] \right\} = \\
 &= 4 \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} + 2 \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n} - 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n} \right] \right\} = \\
 &= 4 \left\{ 2 \left( \frac{17}{4} \zeta(4) - 1 - 2 \left( \frac{5}{4} \zeta(4) - 1 \right) + \zeta(4) - 1 + 2[-1 - 2(2\zeta(3) - 1) + \zeta(3) - 1] \right\} \\
 &= 4(7\zeta(4) - 6\zeta(3))
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2}{(1+2+3+4+\dots+n)^2} = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2(n+1)^2} = \\
 &= 4 \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{n=1}^M \left(\frac{H_n}{n}\right)^2 + 2 \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{H_n^2}{n+1} + \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{H_n^2}{(n+1)^2} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^M \frac{H_n^2}{n} \right) \\
 &= 4(L_1 + 2L_2 + L_3 - 2L_4) \\
 &L_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{H_n}{n}\right)^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \int_0^1 x^{n-1} \log(1-x) dx \int_0^1 y^{n-1} \log(1-y) dy \right] = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-x) \log(1-y)}{1-xy} dx dy = \int_0^1 \log(1-y) \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-x)}{1-xy} dx dy \stackrel{xy=t}{=} \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} \left( \int_0^y \frac{\log\left(1-\frac{t}{y}\right)}{1-t} dt \right) dy = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} dy \left( - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{ky^k} \int_0^y t^{k+n} dt \right) = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} dy \left( - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{y^{k+n+1}}{ky^k(n+k+1)} \right) = \\
 &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} dy \left( - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^{n+1}}{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{k(n+k+1)} \right) =
 \end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} dy \left( -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{y^{n+1} H_{n+1}}{n+1} \right) = \int_0^1 \frac{\log(1-y)}{y} \left( -\text{Li}_2(y) - \frac{1}{2} \log^2(1-y) \right) dy \\ &= -\int_0^1 \frac{\text{Li}_2(y) \log(1-y)}{y} dy - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{\log^3(1-y)}{y} dy = \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^3} + 3\zeta(4) = \frac{5}{4} \zeta(4) + 3\zeta(4) = \frac{17}{4} \zeta(4) \end{aligned}$$

$$S = 4 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} + 2 \frac{H_n^2}{n+1} + \frac{H_n^2}{(n+1)^2} - 2 \frac{H_n^2}{n} \right) = 4(L_1 + 2L_2 + L_3 - 2L_4)$$

$$L_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n^2} = \frac{17}{4} \zeta(4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n+1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{H_{n+1}^2}{n+1} - \frac{2H_{n+1}}{(n+1)^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^3} \right) \stackrel{H_{n+1}=H_n+\frac{1}{n+1}}{=} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n}{n^2} + \zeta(3) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n} - 3\zeta(3) = L_4 - 3\zeta(3) \end{aligned}$$

$$L_3 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n+1} = \frac{11}{4} \zeta(4), \quad L_4 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{H_n^2}{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 4 \left( \frac{17}{4} \zeta(4) + 2L_4 - 6\zeta(3) + \frac{11}{4} \zeta(4) - 2L_4 \right) = 4 \left( \frac{28}{4} \zeta(4) - 6\zeta(3) \right) \\ &= 4(7\zeta(4) - 6\zeta(3)) \end{aligned}$$

**1352. Find a closed form:**

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)}$$

*Proposed by Daniel Sitaru-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Ravi Prakash-New Delhi-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a_n &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{(-1)^{n+4}}{(2n+1)(2n+2)(2n+3)(2n+4)} = \\ &= 4(-1)^n \left[ \frac{1}{6(2n+1)} - \frac{1}{2(2n+2)} + \frac{1}{2(2n+3)} - \frac{1}{6(2n+4)} \right] = \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{4}{6}(-1)^n \left[ \frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{2n+4} \right] + 2(-1)^{n+1} \left[ \frac{1}{2n+2} - \frac{1}{2n+3} \right] = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3}(-1)^n \int_0^1 x^{2n}(1-x^3)dx + 2(-1)^n \int_0^1 x^{2n+1}(1-x)dx \Rightarrow \\
 &\quad \Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 x^{2n}(1-x^3)dx - 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \int_0^1 x^{2n+1}(1-x)dx = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x^{-2})^n (1-x^3)dx - 2 \int_0^1 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^2)^n x(1-x)dx = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{1-x^3}{1+x^2} dx - 2 \int_0^1 \frac{x(1-x)}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{1-x^3-3x+3x^2}{1+x^2} dx = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 \left( 3-x - \frac{2(x+1)}{x^2+1} \right) dx = \frac{2}{3} \left[ 3x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \log(x^2+1) - 2\tan^{-1}x \right]_0^1 = \\
 &\quad = \frac{5}{3} - \frac{2}{3}\log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Probal Chakraborty-India**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{1}{6} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} \\
 \Omega &= \frac{1}{6} - \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ -\frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{3(n+2)} + \frac{2(-1)^{n-1}}{3(2n+1)} + \frac{2(-1)^{n-1}}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right\} \right] = \frac{1}{6} - I \\
 &\quad \because \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{m-1} F(m) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{f(t)}{e^t+1} dt, f(t) = L^{-1}(F(m)) \\
 I &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left\{ -\frac{1}{3(n+2)} + \frac{1}{3\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)} + \frac{1}{n+\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right\} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{-e^{-2t} + e^{-\frac{1}{2}t}}{e^t+1} dt + \int_0^1 \frac{e^{-\frac{3}{2}t}}{e^t+1} dt - \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}}{e^t+1} dt =
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{2}t} - e^{-2t} + 3e^{-\frac{3}{2}t} - 3e^{-t}}{e^t + 1} dt \stackrel{e^{-t}=z}{=} \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{z^{\frac{1}{2}} - z^2 + 3z^{\frac{3}{2}} - 3z}{z + 1} dz \stackrel{z=t^2}{=} \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{t^2 - t^5 + 3t^3 - 3t^3}{1 + t^2} dt = \frac{2}{3} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{2t}{t^2 + 1} + \frac{2}{t^2 + 1} - t^3 - 2t - 2 + 3t^2 - t^3 \right) dt = \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \left[ \log(t^2 + 1) - \frac{1}{4}t(t^3 - 4t^2 + 4t + 8) + \tan^{-1}t \right]_0^1 = \frac{5}{3} - \frac{2}{3} \log 2 - \frac{\pi}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 3 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n-1)(2n+3)} = \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left( \frac{2}{3(2n-1)} + \frac{2}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{3(n+1)} - \frac{1}{n} \right) \\
 &\quad \because \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} f(n) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{L^{-1}\{f(s)\}}{e^t + 1} dt \\
 \Omega &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{L^{-1}\left\{ \frac{2}{3(2s-1)} + \frac{2}{2s+1} - \frac{1}{3(s+1)} - \frac{1}{s} \right\}}{e^t + 1} dt = \\
 &= -\frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \log(x^2 + 1) - 3x + 2\tan^{-1}x \right]_0^1 = -\frac{2}{3} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \log 2 - 3 + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{1}{3} (5 - \pi - \log 4)$$

**Solution 4 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( \frac{2}{3(2n+1)} + \frac{2}{2n+3} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{3(n+2)} \right) = \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2}{3(4n+1)} + \frac{2}{4n+3} - \frac{1}{2n+1} - \frac{1}{3(2n+2)} \right) - \left( \frac{2}{3(4n+3)} + \frac{2}{4n+5} - \frac{1}{2n+2} - \frac{1}{3(2n+3)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2}{3(4n+1)} + \frac{4}{3(4n+3)} - \frac{2}{4n+5} + \frac{1}{3(n+1)} - \frac{1}{2n+1} + \frac{1}{3(2n+3)} \right) = \\
 &= -\frac{1}{6}\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{3}\psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + \frac{1}{2}\psi\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{3}\psi(1) + \frac{1}{2}\psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{6}\psi\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \\
 &= \gamma\left(\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6}\right) + \left(2 - \frac{1}{3}\right) - \pi\left(-\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4}\right) \\
 &\quad - \log 2\left(-\frac{1}{2} - 1 + \frac{3}{2} + 1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{1}{3}(5 - \pi - \log 4)$$

### Solution 5 by Serlea Kabay-Liberia

$$\frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = -\frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{3(n+2)} + \frac{2}{2n+3} + \frac{2}{3(2n+1)}$$

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left( -\frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} - \frac{(-1)^n}{3(n+2)} + \frac{2(-1)^n}{2n+3} + \frac{2(-1)^n}{3(2n+1)} \right)$$

$$A = -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+2} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+1} = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\psi(1) - \psi\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$A = -\frac{1}{2}(-\gamma - (\gamma - 2\log 2)) = -\log 2$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{3}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+2} = \frac{1}{3}\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+3} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n+2}\right) = -\frac{1}{6}\left(\psi\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - \psi(1)\right)$$

$$B = -\frac{1}{6}(2 - \gamma - 2\log 2 + \gamma) = -\frac{1}{3}(1 - \log 2)$$

$$C = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^n}{2n+1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{4}} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\frac{3}{4}}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}\left(\psi\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right)$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{2}\left(-\gamma - \frac{\pi}{2} - 3\log 2 - \left(-\gamma + \frac{\pi}{2} - 3\log 2\right)\right) = -\frac{1}{2}(-\pi) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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$$D = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{2(-1)^n}{3(2n+3)} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n + \frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{3} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n + \frac{3}{2}} - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n + \frac{5}{2}} \right)$$

$$D = -\frac{1}{6} \left( \psi\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) - \psi\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) \right) = \frac{4}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = A + B + C + D = \frac{1}{3}(5 - \pi - \log 4)$$

### Solution 6 by Mohammad Rostami-Kabul-Aghanistan

$$B(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(2n+1)^s}, \Phi(z, s, a) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{(n+a)^s} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{s-1} e^{-at}}{1 - ze^{-t}} dt$$

$$\eta(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n^s} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{s-1}}{e^x + 1} dx$$

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} =$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \left( -\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{-\frac{1}{3}}{n+2} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{2n+1} + \frac{2}{2n+3} \right) =$$

$$= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+2} + \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n + \frac{3}{2}} =$$

$$= -\eta(1) - \frac{1}{3} \Phi(-1, 1, 2) + \frac{2}{3} B(1) + \Phi\left(-1, 1, \frac{3}{2}\right) =$$

$$= -\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+e^x} dx - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-2x}}{1+e^{-x}} dx + \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{3}{2}x}}{1+e^{-x}} dx \stackrel{e^x=t}{=} =$$

$$= -\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{u(u+1)} du - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 \frac{t}{1+t} dt + \frac{\pi}{6} + \int_0^1 \frac{\sqrt{t}}{1+t} dt =$$

$$= -\int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{u} - \frac{1}{1+u} \right) du - \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+t} \right) dt + \frac{\pi}{6} + 2 \int_0^1 \frac{y^2}{1+y^2} dy =$$

$$= -\log\left(\frac{u}{u+1}\right)_0^1 - \frac{1}{3} [u - \log(1+t)]_0^1 + \frac{\pi}{6} + 2 \int_0^1 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1+y^2} \right) dy =$$

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$$= \frac{1}{3}(5 - \pi - \log 4)$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \frac{1}{3}(5 - \pi - \log 4)$$

**Solution 7 by Syed Shahabudeen-India**

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+1)(2n+3)} = \\ &= -\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+2} + \frac{2}{3} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n+\frac{3}{2}} = A + \frac{B}{3} + \frac{2}{3}C + 2D; \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

$$A = -\log 2; \left( \because -\log(1+x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right)$$

$$B = \log 2 - 1, C = \tan^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \because \tan^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2n+1} \right)$$

$$D = 1 - \tan^{-1}(1) = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Omega = -\log 2 + \frac{1}{3}(\log 2 - 1) + \frac{2}{3} \tan^{-1}(1) - 2\left(\tan^{-1} 1 - 1\right) = \frac{1}{3}(5 - \pi - \log 4)$$

**1353. If  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq k$  and  $f_k: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \left[0, \frac{n}{n+k-1}\right]$  continuous function. Prove**

**that:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) \cdot {}^{n+k-1} \sqrt{1 - f(k) + \frac{1-k}{n} f(k)} \right) < \log 2$$

*Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania*

**Solution 1 by Nassim Nicholas Taleb-New York-USA**

Determine the summand  $S(n, k) = f(n, k) \left( \frac{(1-k)f(n, k)}{n} - f(n, k) + 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{k+n-1}}$

$S(\cdot)$  – is maximum for  $f(n, k) = \frac{n}{n+k-1} - \epsilon, 0 < \epsilon < \frac{n}{n+k-1}$ .

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Maximizing, we have  $\frac{\partial S(n,k)}{\partial \epsilon} = 0$  for  $\epsilon = \frac{n}{(k+n-1)(k+n)}$ . Allora

$$\sum_{k=1}^n S^{Max}(n, k) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k+n} \right)^{\frac{k+n}{-1+k+n}} \leq \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{k+n} \right) = \psi^{(0)}(2n+1) - \psi^{(0)}(n+1),$$

Where  $\psi$  – is the polygamma function. Allora

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \psi^{(0)}(2n+1) - \psi^{(0)}(n+1) \right) = \log 2$$

**Solution 2 by proposer**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n}{n+k} &= \frac{(n+k-1)f(k) + n - (n+k-1)f(k)}{n+k} \stackrel{AM-GM}{\geq} \\ &\geq \sqrt[n+k]{f^{n+k-1}(k)(n - (n+k-1)f(k))} \Leftrightarrow \\ f^{n+k-1}(k)(n - (n+k-1)f(k)) &\leq \left( \frac{n}{n+k} \right)^{n+k-1} \cdot \frac{n}{n+k} \Leftrightarrow \\ f(k)^{n+k-1} \sqrt[n+k-1]{\frac{n+k}{n}(n - (n+k-1)f(k))} &\leq \frac{n}{n+k} \\ \frac{f(k)}{n} \cdot \sqrt[n+k-1]{\frac{n+k}{n}(n - (n+k-1)f(k))} &\leq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{n+k} \Leftrightarrow \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) \cdot \sqrt[n+k-1]{1 - f(n) + \frac{1-k}{n}f(n)} &\leq \\ \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) \cdot \sqrt[n+k-1]{\frac{n+k}{n}(n - (n+k-1)f(k))} &\leq \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n}{n+k} = \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n}{n+k} &= \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x+1} dx = \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(k) \cdot \sqrt[n+k-1]{1 - f(k) + \frac{1-k}{n}f(k)} \right) < \log 2$$

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1354. If  $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ ,  $a_1 = e$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$   $a_n = e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1} \cdot a_{n-1}$  then find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_{n+1} a_n$$

Proposed by Florică Anastase-Romania

**Solution 1 by Mikael Bernardo-Mozambique**

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_n)_{n \geq 1}, a_1 = e, n \in \mathbf{N}, n \geq 2 \ a_n = e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1} \cdot a_{n-1} \Rightarrow a_{n+1} > a_n \Rightarrow (a_n)_{n \geq 1} \uparrow \\ & \Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_{n+1} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_{n+1} (e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1} \cdot a_{n-1}) = \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( (\sqrt[n]{e} - 1) \log_{n+1} e + \log_{n+1} a_{n-1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{e} - 1}{\log(n+1)} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_{n+1} e^{\log a_{n-1}} = \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_{n-1}}{n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\log(n+1)} \stackrel{LC-S}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_n - \log a_{n-1}}{n+1-n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n+1}} = \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \log \left( \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} \right) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left( \frac{e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1} \cdot a_{n-1}}{a_{n-1}} \right) (n+1) = \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log(e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1})(n+1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1})}{\frac{1}{n+1}} \stackrel{LC-S}{=} \\ & = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1} e^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( -\frac{1}{n^2} \right)}{e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1} - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{1}{n}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Ali Jaffal-Lebanon**

$$\begin{aligned} & \log a_n = e^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 + \log a_{n-1} \Leftrightarrow \log a_n - \log a_{n-1} = e^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \\ & \log a_n - \log a_1 = e^{\frac{1}{2}} + e^{\frac{1}{3}} + \dots + e^{\frac{1}{n}} - (n-1) \\ & \log a_n = e^{\frac{1}{2}} + e^{\frac{1}{3}} + \dots + e^{\frac{1}{n}} - n + 2 \\ & \therefore 1 + x \leq e^x \leq 1 + x + (e-2)x^2, \forall x \in [0, 1] \\ & n + H_n - 1 \leq \log a_n + n - 2 \leq n + H_n - 1 + (e-2) \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \end{aligned}$$



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$$H_n + 1 \leq \log a_n \leq H_n + 1 + (e - 2) \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$\because \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k^2} \leq \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k(k-1)} = \sum_{k=2}^n \left( \frac{1}{k-1} - \frac{1}{k} \right) < 1 - \frac{1}{n} \leq 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$H_n + 1 \leq \log a_n \leq H_n + e$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_n}{\log(n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n + \gamma + \varphi(n)}{\log(n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\log n}{\log(n+1)} + \frac{\gamma + \varphi(n)}{\log(n+1)} \right) = 1$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_{n+1} a_n = 1$$

**Solution 3 by proposer**

$$a_n = e^{\sqrt[n]{e}-1} \cdot a_{n-1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{ea_n}{a_{n-1}} = e^{\sqrt[n]{e}} \Leftrightarrow 1 + \log a_n - \log a_{n-1} = e^{\frac{1}{n}} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\log a_n - \log a_{n-1} = e^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1$$

Summing, it follows that:

$$\log a_n - \log a_1 = e^{\frac{1}{2}} + e^{\frac{1}{3}} + \dots + e^{\frac{1}{n}} - (n-1) \rightarrow$$

$$\log a_n = e^{\frac{1}{2}} + e^{\frac{1}{3}} + \dots + e^{\frac{1}{n}} - n + 2$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log_{n+1} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log a_n}{\log(n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{2}} + e^{\frac{1}{3}} + \dots + e^{\frac{1}{n}} - n + 2}{\log(n+1)} \stackrel{LCS}{=} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - 1}{\log(n+2) - \log(n+1)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{n+1}} - 1}{\frac{1}{n+1}} \cdot \frac{1}{\log\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n+1}} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

**1355. Prove that:**

$$\left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{n}{k}^2}{(a+4)^n} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \binom{n}{k}^2}{a^n} \right) = 1; a > 4$$

*Proposed by Mohammed Bouras-Morocco*

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**Solution 1 by Izumi Ainsworth-Lima-Peru**

$$\begin{aligned}
 s &= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{n}{k}^2}{(a+4)^n} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \binom{n}{k}^2}{a^n} \right) = \\
 &= \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(2n+1)}{(a+4)^n \Gamma^2(n+1)} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(2n+1)}{a^n \Gamma^2(2n+1)} \right) = \\
 &= \left( {}_1F_0 \left( \frac{1}{2}; ; \frac{4}{a+4} \right) \right) \left( {}_1F_0 \left( \frac{1}{2}; ; \frac{-4}{a} \right) \right); a > 4 \\
 &\quad {}_1F_0(a; ; z) = (1-z)^a \quad |z| < 1 \\
 \Rightarrow s &= \left( 1 - \frac{4}{a+4} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{-4}{a} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{a+4}{a}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{a}{a+4}} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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

For  $|x| > 1$  we have:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^n} \binom{n}{k}^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^n} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^2 \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^n} \binom{2n}{n} = \left( 1 - \frac{4}{x} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Thus, for  $a > 4$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\binom{n}{k}^2}{(a+4)^n} \right) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \binom{n}{k}^2}{a^n} \right) &= \left( 1 - \frac{4}{a+4} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( 1 + \frac{4}{a} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \\
 &= \left( \frac{a}{a+4} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{a+4}{a} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

**1356. Solve the equation using matrix exponential:**

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2x + 3y \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 3x + 3y$$

*Proposed by Probal Chakraborty-India*

**Solution by Tobi Joshua-Nigeria**

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$$

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Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ , we find eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

$$|A - \lambda I_2| = 0 \Rightarrow \left| \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix} - \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 0$$

Characteristic equation is  $\begin{vmatrix} 2-\lambda & 3 \\ 3 & 3-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (2-\lambda)(3-\lambda) - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{5+\sqrt{37}}{2}, \lambda_2 = \frac{5-\sqrt{37}}{2} \text{ (eigenvalues).}$$

For  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  we have  $P_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{37}-1}{6} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}; P_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{-1-\sqrt{37}}{6} \end{pmatrix}$

By matrix exponential diagonalization:

$$P C e^k = C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{37}-1}{6} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{-1-\sqrt{37}}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \frac{\sqrt{37}-1}{6} \\ C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \frac{-1-\sqrt{37}}{6} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \frac{\sqrt{37}-1}{6} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ C_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + C_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \frac{-1-\sqrt{37}}{6} \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} C_1 e^{t \frac{5+\sqrt{37}}{6}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{37}-1}{6} + C_2 e^{\frac{5-\sqrt{37}}{6} t} \\ C_1 e^{t \frac{5+\sqrt{37}}{6}} + C_2 e^{\frac{5-\sqrt{37}}{6} t} \cdot \frac{-1-\sqrt{37}}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = C_1 e^{t \frac{5+\sqrt{37}}{6}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{37}-1}{6} + C_2 e^{\frac{5-\sqrt{37}}{6} t}$$

$$y(t) = C_1 e^{t \frac{5+\sqrt{37}}{6}} + C_2 e^{\frac{5-\sqrt{37}}{6} t} \cdot \frac{-1-\sqrt{37}}{6}$$

**1357. Find:**

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \epsilon > 0}} \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx$$

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*Solution 1 by Mohammad Rostami-Kabul-Afghanistan*

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} \frac{d}{da} \Big|_{a=0} x^a dx = \frac{d}{da} \Big|_{a=0} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx =$$

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$$= \frac{d}{da} \Big|_{a=0} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a(x^2+1)}{(x^2+1)(x^4-x^2+1)} dx = \frac{d}{da} \Big|_{a=0} \left( \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{a+2}}{x^6+1} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{x^6+1} dx \right)$$

$$I_1 = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{a+2}}{x^6+1} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{\frac{a+2}{6}}}{t+1} \cdot \frac{1}{6t^{\frac{5}{6}}} dt = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{\frac{a-3}{6}}}{t+1} dt \quad t=x^6 \rightarrow x=\sqrt[6]{t}$$

$$\left( \because \begin{cases} m-1 = \frac{a-3}{6} \\ m+n = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} m = \frac{a+3}{6} \\ n = \frac{3-a}{6} \end{cases} \right)$$

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{6} B(m, n) = \frac{1}{6} B(n, m) = \frac{1}{6} B(n, 1-n) = \frac{\pi}{6 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} a\right)} = \frac{\pi}{6 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} a\right)}$$

$$I_2 = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{x^6+1} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{\frac{a}{6}}}{t+1} \cdot \frac{dt}{6t^{\frac{5}{6}}} = \frac{1}{6} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t^{\frac{a-5}{6}}}{t+1} dt =$$

$$\left( \because \begin{cases} m-1 = \frac{a-5}{6} \\ m+n = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} m = \frac{a+1}{6} \\ n = \frac{5-a}{6} \end{cases} \right)$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{6} B(m, n) = \frac{1}{6} B(n, m) = \frac{1}{6} B(n, 1-n) = \frac{\pi}{6 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} a\right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \frac{d}{da} \Big|_{a=0} (I_1 + I_2) = \left[ \frac{\pi}{6 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} a\right)} + \frac{\pi}{6 \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} a\right)} \right]_{a=0} = \\ &= \frac{\pi^2 \cos\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{36 \sin^2\left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{18} \pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

### Solution 2 by Serlea Kabay-Liberia

$$\Omega = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{(1+x^2)\log x}{1+x^6} dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\log x}{1+x^6} dx + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2 \log x}{1+x^6} dx$$

$$I_1(n) := \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{1+x^6} dx \stackrel{x^6=u}{=} \frac{1}{6} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^{\frac{n}{6}-\frac{5}{6}}}{1+u} du$$

$$\because \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{1+x} dx = -\pi \csc(\pi n); n > -1$$

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$$I_1(n) = -\frac{1}{6}\pi \operatorname{csc}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}(n-5)\right) \Rightarrow I_1'(0) = -\frac{\pi^2}{6\sqrt{3}}$$

Also,

$$I_2(n) = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^{2+n}}{1+x^6} dx \stackrel{x^6=u}{=} \frac{1}{6} \int_0^\infty \frac{u^{\frac{n-3}{6}}}{1+u} du = \frac{1}{6}\pi \operatorname{csc}\left(\frac{\pi}{6}(n-3)\right) \Rightarrow I_2'(0) = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } I = I_1'(0) + I_2'(0) = -\frac{\pi^2\sqrt{3}}{18}$$

### Solution 3 by Rana Ranino-Setif-Algerie

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \epsilon > 0}} \int_\epsilon^\infty \frac{\log x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{(1+x^2)\log x}{x^6 + 1} dx \stackrel{t=x^6}{=} \frac{1}{36} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{-\frac{5}{6}} - t^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{1+t} \log t dt$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\pi}{36} \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{-(\frac{5}{6}-s)} - t^{-(\frac{1}{2}-s)}}{1+t} dt$$

$$\because \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{-a}}{1+t} dt = \frac{\pi}{\sin(\pi a)}$$

$$\Omega = \frac{\pi}{36} \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6} - \pi s\right)} - \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \pi s\right)} \right] =$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{36} \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \left[ \frac{1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + s\pi\right)} - \frac{1}{\cos(s\pi)} \right] = -\frac{\pi^2}{36} \cdot \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)} = -\frac{\pi^2}{6\sqrt{3}}$$

Therefore,

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \epsilon > 0}} \int_\epsilon^\infty \frac{\log x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx = -\frac{\pi^2}{6\sqrt{3}}$$

### Solution 4 by Probal Chakraborty-Kolkata-India

$$\Omega = \lim_{\substack{\epsilon \rightarrow 0 \\ \epsilon > 0}} \int_\epsilon^\infty \frac{\log x}{x^4 - x^2 + 1} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{\log x}{x^6 + 1} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2 \log x}{x^6 + 1} dx + \int_0^\infty \frac{(1+x^2)\log x}{x^6 + 1} dx$$

$$\stackrel{t=x^6}{=} \frac{\pi}{36} \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \int_0^\infty \frac{t^{-(\frac{5}{6}-s)} - t^{-(\frac{1}{2}-s)}}{1+t} dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} \left( \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{6} + s\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{6} - s\right) + \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + s\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} - s\right) \right] \right) =$$