

**Inspired by Prof. Dan Sitaru**

Prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8^n}{n \binom{2n-2}{n-1}^2} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \left( 1 + \frac{2k}{n} \binom{n}{k} \right)^2 - 4 \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \right) = 32\pi$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{32^n}{\sqrt{n^3} \binom{2n-2}{n-1}^3} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \left( 1 + \frac{2k}{n} \binom{n}{k} \right)^2 - 4 \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \right) = 128\sqrt{\pi^3}$$

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Solutions: Denote  $X_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left( 1 + \frac{2k}{n} \binom{n}{k} \right)^2 = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( 1 + 2 \binom{n-1}{k-1} \right)^2$

$$X_n = n + 1 + 4 \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1}^2}_X + 4 \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} = n + 1 + 4X + 4 \times 2^{n-1}$$

$$X = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n-1}{k-1}^2 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k}^2$$

cauchy integral formula can help us here

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{(1+z)^n}{z^{k+1}} dz = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-k+1)}{k!} = \binom{n}{k}$$

$$X = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{(1+z)^{n-1}}{z^{k+1}} dz = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{(1+z)^{n-1}}{z} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{k} \frac{1}{z^k} dz$$

$$\boxed{X = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=1} \frac{(1+z)^{2n-1}}{z^n} dz = \binom{2n-2}{n-1}}$$

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

First limit becomes  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8^n}{n \binom{2n-2}{n-1}^2} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \left( 1 + \frac{2k}{n} \binom{n}{k} \right)^2 - 4 \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \right)$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8^n (n + 1 + 2^{n+1})}{n \binom{2n-2}{n-1}^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8^n (n + 1 + 2^{n+1})}{n \left( \frac{4^{2n-2}}{\pi(n-1)} \right)} = \pi \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n + 1 + 2^{n+1}}{2^{n-4}} = 32\pi$$

I used stirling's approximation i.e  $\binom{2n}{n} \sim \frac{4^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}}$  in previous steps and will use in next steps

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Second limit } & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{32^n}{\sqrt{n^3} \binom{2n-2}{n-1}^3} \left( \sum_{k=0}^n \left( 1 + \frac{2k}{n} \binom{n}{k} \right)^2 - 4 \binom{2n-2}{n-1} \right) \\
& = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{32^n (n+1+2^{n+1})}{\frac{4^{3n-3}}{\sqrt{\pi^3}}} = \sqrt{\pi^3} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1+2^{n+1}}{2^{n-6}} = 128\sqrt{\pi^3}
\end{aligned}$$