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$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\sum_{k=1}^n \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2n-2k}{n-k} \frac{1}{(k+1)(n-k+1)}}$$

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We know that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{2n}{n} x^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x}}$ for $|x| < \frac{1}{4}$ by integrating this we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \sqrt{1-4x}) \quad \text{Using cauchy's Product}$$

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

$$\text{Where } c_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{2k}{k} \binom{2n-2k}{n-k} \frac{1}{(k+1)(n-k+1)}$$

$$\text{Compare coefficients } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n x^{n+2} = -x + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{2k}{k} \frac{1}{k+1} x^{k+1}$$

Hence $c_n = \binom{2n+2}{n+1} \frac{1}{n+2}$ Now we will find our Ω

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

$$= \frac{3n}{(n+1)(n+2)} \binom{2n}{n} \quad \text{Hence } \Omega = 4 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{3n}{(n+1)(n+2)}} = 4$$