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UP.528 If $a_n > 0; r_n > 0; a_{n+1} = a_n + n \cdot r_n; n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = r > 0$$

then find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2H_n - \log a_n)$$

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Solution 1 by proposers

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n^2} &\stackrel{\text{CESARO-STOLZ}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{(n+1)^2 - n^2} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{nr_n}{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{2n+1} \cdot r = \frac{r}{2} \\ \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2H_n - \log a_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2H_n - 2 \log n + 2 \log n - \log a_n) = \\ &= 2 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n - \log n) + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log \left(\frac{n^2}{a_n} \right) = 2\gamma + \log \left(\frac{2}{r} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Solution 2 by Djamel Arrouche-Algeria

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+1} &= a_n + n \cdot r_n, & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n &= r \\ \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2H_n - \log(a_n)), & a_{n+1} - a_n &= n \cdot r_n \\ & & \frac{a_{n+1} - a_n}{n} &= r_n \\ \forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N, \forall n \geq N & r - \epsilon < r_n < r + \epsilon \Rightarrow n(r - \epsilon) < a_{n+1} - a_n < (r + \epsilon)n \\ & \Rightarrow \sum_N^n k(r - \epsilon) < \sum_{k=N}^n (a_{k+1} - a_k) < \sum_{k=N}^n (r + \epsilon)k \\ & \Rightarrow (r - \epsilon) \frac{(n+N)(n-N+1)}{2} < a_{n+1} - a_N < (r + \epsilon) \frac{(n-N+1)(n+N)}{2} \\ & \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon}{r}\right) \left(1 + \frac{n}{N}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1-N}{n}\right) < \frac{2}{n^2 r} (a_{n+1} - a_N) < \\ & < \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{r}\right) \left(1 + \frac{n}{N}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1-N}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

ϵ is arbitrary small

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{n^2 r} (a_{n+1} - a_N) = 1$$

Since $a_N \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_{n+1} \cdot \frac{2}{n^2 r} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2H_n - \log(a_n) &= 2H_n + \log\left(\frac{2}{n^2 r}\right) - \log\left(\frac{2}{n^2 r} a_n\right) = \\
 &= 2H_n - 2\log(n) + \log(2) + \log\left(\frac{2}{n^2 r} a_n\right) \\
 &= 2(H_n - \log(n)) + \log\left(\frac{2}{r}\right) + \log\left(\frac{2}{n^2 r} a_n\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log\left(\frac{a_n \cdot 2}{n^2 r}\right) = \log(1) = 0$; $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H_n - \log(n) = \gamma$: Euler Mascheroni Constant

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2H_n - \log(a_n)), \quad \Omega = 2 \cdot \gamma + \log\left(\frac{2}{r}\right)$$

Solution 3 by Kamel Gandouli Rezgui-Algeria

$$a_{n+1} - a_n = nr_n; n > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_{k+1} - a_k = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} kr_k \Rightarrow a_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} kr_k + a_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(a_n) = \log\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} kr_k + a_1\right) = \log n^2 + \log\left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} kr_k + \frac{a_1}{n^2}\right)$$

$$= \log n^2 + \log\left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k - \frac{r_n}{n} + \frac{a_1}{n^2}\right)$$

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

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k(r_k - r) = 0 \text{ Cesaro lemma} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n k(r_k - r) = 0$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n kr = \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^2} r \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n kr = \frac{r}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k = \frac{r}{2} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \log\left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k - \frac{r_n}{n} + \frac{a_1}{n^2}\right) = \log \frac{r}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2H_n - \log a_n = 2H_n - 2\log n + \log\left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k - \frac{r_n}{n} + \frac{a_1}{n^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} 2H_n - \log a_n = 2\gamma + \log \frac{r}{2}$$

Solution 4 by Le Thu-Vietnam

$$\because a_{n+1} = a_n + nr_n \Rightarrow a_{n+2} - a_{n+1} = (n+1)r_{n+1}$$

$$\because \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_{n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = r \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r_n}{n} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \Omega &\equiv \lim [2\mathcal{H}_n - \ln(a_n)] \\
 &= \lim [2\mathcal{H}_n - \ln(a_{n+1} - nr_n)] \\
 &= 2 \overbrace{\lim [\mathcal{H}_n - \ln(n)]}^{\equiv \gamma} - \lim \ln \left\{ \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^2} - \frac{r_n}{n} \right\} = 2\gamma - \ln \left(\lim \frac{a_{n+1}}{n^2} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{s-c}{=} 2\gamma - \ln \left\{ \lim \frac{a_{n+2} - a_{n+1}}{(n+1)^2 - n^2} \right\} = 2\gamma - \ln \left(r \cdot \lim \frac{n+1}{2n+1} \right) = 2\gamma - \ln \left(\frac{r}{2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Solution 5 by Pham Duc Nam-Vietnam

If: $a_n > 0$; $r_n > 0$, $a_{n+1} = a_n + nr_n (\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = r > 0$

Then find: $\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2H_n - \ln(a_n))$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_n = r \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} r_{n+1} = r; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n kr_k}{n^2} = \frac{r}{2}$$

Indeed, by Stolz – Cesaro theorem: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} kr_k - \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k}{(n+1)^2 - n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)r_{n+1}}{2n+1} = \frac{r}{2}$

For $k \leq n$, $a_{k+1} - a_k = kr_k \Rightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^n (a_{k+1} - a_k)}_{\text{Telescoping sum}} = \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k \Leftrightarrow a_{n+1} - a_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow a_{n+1} - a_n + a_n - a_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k \Leftrightarrow a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n kr_k + a_1 - nr_n \Rightarrow \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{a_n}{n^2} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n kr_k}{n^2} + \frac{a_1}{n^2} - \frac{r_n}{n} \Rightarrow \ln(a_n) = \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n kr_k}{n^2} + \frac{a_1}{n^2} - \frac{r_n}{n} \right) + 2 \ln(n) \\
 \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2H_n - \ln(a_n)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(2H_n - 2 \ln(n) - \ln \left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n kr_k}{n^2} + \frac{a_1}{n^2} - \frac{r_n}{n} \right) \right) = \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(2H_n - 2 \ln(n) - \ln \left(\frac{r}{2} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

By definition: $\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n - \ln(n)) \Rightarrow \Omega = 2\gamma - \ln \left(\frac{r}{2} \right)$