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Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot 8^n} \binom{4n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{3n}{n}^{-2}$$

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Solution 1 by Adrian Popa-Romania

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot 8^n} \binom{4n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{3n}{n}^{-2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot 8^n} \cdot \frac{(4n)! \cdot (4n)!}{n! (3n)! (2n)! (2n)!} \cdot \frac{(n!)^2 ((2n)!)^2}{((3n)!)^2} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot 8^n} \cdot \frac{((4n)!)^2 \cdot n!}{((3n)!)^3} = (*) ; \text{ but } n! \cong \frac{n^n \sqrt{2n\pi}}{e^n}, \text{ then} \\ (*) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[(4n)^{4n}]^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4n\pi}{(e^{4n})^2} \cdot \frac{n^n \sqrt{2n\pi}}{e^n} \cdot \frac{(e^{3n})^3}{[(3n)^{3n}]^3 \cdot 6n\pi \sqrt{6n\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{n \cdot 8^n} = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4^{2n}}{3^{9n} \cdot 3\sqrt{3}n \cdot 2^{3n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{8n}}{24^n \cdot 3\sqrt{3}n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{4^8}{3^8}\right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}n} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a_n &= \binom{4n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{3n}{n}^{-2} = \frac{(4n)! \cdot (4n)!}{n! (3n)! (2n)! (2n)!} \cdot \frac{(n!)^2 ((2n)!)^2}{((3n)!)^2} = \\ &= \frac{((4n)!)^2 \cdot n!}{((3n)!)^3} = \frac{((3n+1)(3n+2)\dots(4n))^2}{(2n+1)(2n+2)\dots(2n)} \leq \frac{(4n)^{2n}}{(2n)^{2n}} = \frac{2^{4n}}{2^{2n}} = 2^{2n} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $0 < \frac{1}{8^n \cdot n} a_n < \frac{1}{2^n \cdot n}$. As $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n \cdot n} = 0$, then:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n \cdot 8^n} \binom{4n}{n} \binom{4n}{2n} \binom{3n}{n}^{-2} = 0.$$