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Find:

$$\Omega = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=0}^n \ln \binom{n}{k}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=0}^n \ln(C_n^k) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2} \ln \left(\prod_{k=0}^n C_n^k \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(\prod_{k=0}^{n+1} C_{n+1}^k) - \ln(\prod_{k=0}^n C_n^k)}{(n+1)^2 - n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\prod_{k=0}^n \frac{n+1}{n+k-1} \right)}{2n+1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \right)}{2n+1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1) \ln(n+1) - \ln((n+1)!)}{2n+1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+2) \ln(n+2) - \ln((n+2)!) - (n+1) \ln(n+1) + \ln((n+1)!)}{2n+3 - 2n - 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(n \ln \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1} \right) + 2 \ln \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1} \right)^{n+1 \frac{n}{n+1}} + 2 \ln \left(\frac{n+2}{n+1} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\ln \left(e^{\frac{n}{n+1}} \right) + 2 \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \\ &\Rightarrow L = \frac{1}{2} \text{ by Stolz - Cesaro theorem} \end{aligned}$$