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Prove that:

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(1+k^2)(2+k^2)(3+k^2)} = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{\coth(\pi\sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{2}\coth(\pi\sqrt{2}) + \coth(\pi) \right)$$

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**Solution 1 by Shobhit Jain-India**

$$I = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(1+k^2)(2+k^2)(3+k^2)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{3+k^2} - \frac{1}{2+k^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1+k^2} \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}f(\sqrt{3}) - f(\sqrt{2}) + \frac{1}{2}f(1)$$

$$\text{here, } f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2+k^2}. \text{ Now, } \frac{\sin(\pi x)}{\pi x} = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{k^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(\sin(\pi x)) - \ln(\pi x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \ln \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{k^2} \right) \text{ Now differentiate w.r.t } x$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi \cot(\pi x) - \frac{1}{x} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2x}{x^2 - k^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{\tan(\pi x)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^2 - k^2}$$

$$\text{Now replace } x \text{ by } ix \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{\tan(i\pi x)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{ix}{-x^2 - k^2} \quad \text{use, } \tan(i\pi x) = i \tanh(\pi x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{i \tanh(\pi x)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{ix}{-x^2 - k^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{\tanh(\pi x)} = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{x^2 + k^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + k^2} = \frac{\pi \coth(\pi x)}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2}f(\sqrt{3}) - f(\sqrt{2}) + \frac{1}{2}f(1) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\pi \coth(\pi\sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \left( \frac{\pi \coth(\pi\sqrt{2})}{\sqrt{2}} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\pi \coth(\pi))$$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{\coth(\pi\sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{3}} - \sqrt{2}\coth(\pi\sqrt{2}) + \coth(\pi) \right)$$

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*Solution 2 by Pratham Prasad-India*

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(1+q^2)(2+q^2)(3+q^2)} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{(1+q^2)} - \frac{2}{(2+q^2)} + \frac{1}{(3+q^2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \pi \left( \coth(\pi) - \sqrt{2} \coth(\pi\sqrt{2}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \coth(\pi\sqrt{3}) \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \coth(\pi\sqrt{3}) - \sqrt{2} \coth(\pi\sqrt{2}) + \coth(\pi) \right)\end{aligned}$$

As by Fourier series:

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{1}{k^2 + n^2} = \frac{\pi}{k} \coth(\pi k)$$