

And one more limit related to e.

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Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-n^2} \left((n+1) \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(n + \frac{1}{2^2} \right) \dots \left(n + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \right) \right)^n$.

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Let $p_n := n^{-n^2} \prod_{k=1}^n \left(n + \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \right)^n = \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n2^{k-1}} \right) \right)^n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $L := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n$.

Noting that $x - \frac{x^2}{2} < \ln(1+x) < x$, $\forall x \in (0,1)$ and $\ln p_n = n \sum_{k=1}^n \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{n2^{k-1}} \right)$ we obtain

$$n \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n2^{k-1}} - \frac{1}{n^2 2^{2k-1}} \right) < \ln p_n < n \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n2^{k-1}} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^{2k-1}} < \ln p_n < \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^{k-1}}$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} = 2$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{2^{2k-1}} = 0$ then by Squeeze Principle $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln p_n = 2$.

Hence, $L = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln p_n} = e^2$.