

Calculate the limit

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$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((n+1)(n+2) \cdots (3n)/n^{2n})^{1/n}$.

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Solution 1.

Let $a_n := \frac{(n+1)(n+2)\dots(3n)}{n^{2n}}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{(n+2)(n+3)\dots(3n+3)}{(n+1)^{2(n+1)}} \cdot \frac{n^{2n}}{(n+1)(n+2)\dots(3n)} = \frac{3n^{2n}(3n+1)(3n+2)}{(n+1)^{2(n+1)}}$
 $\frac{3(3+1/n)(3+2/n)}{(1+1/n)^{2n}}$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{27}{e^2}$ and by* GM Limit Theorem (Geometric Mean)
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)(n+2)\dots(3n)}{n^{2n}} \right)^{1/n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \frac{27}{e^2}$.

Solution 2.

Noting that $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)\dots(3n)}{n^{2n}} = \frac{(3n)!}{(3n)^{3n}} \cdot \frac{n^n}{n!} \cdot 3^{3n}$ and using well known**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n!}{n^n} \right)^{1/n} = \frac{1}{e}$$

we obtain that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(3n)!}{(3n)^{3n}} \right)^{1/3n} = \frac{1}{e}$ (as limit of subsequence) and, therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(n+1)(n+2)\dots(3n)}{n^{2n}} \right)^{1/n} = 3^3 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{(3n)!}{(3n)^{3n}} \right)^{1/n} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n^n}{n!} \right)^{1/n} = 27 \cdot \frac{1}{e^3} \cdot e = \frac{27}{e^2}.$$

* It is the short name of Cauchy's Second Limit Theorem (and it is also can be considered as

particular case of Stolz-Cezaro Theorem in multiplicative form):

Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = a > 0$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} = a$

and here we apply it in the form:

Let $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = a$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = a$.

** Using double inequality $\left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n < n! < \frac{(n+1)^{n+1}}{e^n}$ (which can be easily proved by

Math Induction) we obtain $\frac{1}{e^n} < \frac{n!}{n^n} < \frac{n+1}{e^n} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \Leftrightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{e} < \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} < \frac{1}{e} \sqrt[n]{n+1} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ and since } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n+1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) = 1 \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt[n]{n!}}{n} = \frac{1}{e}.$$