

One more limit of Lalescu kind sequence.

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Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of positive real numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} = a > 0$.

Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{a_n})$.

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Let $b_n := \frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}$. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{\frac{a_n}{n!}} = 1$ (because $\frac{a_n}{n!}$ is bounded) and

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

$$\text{and, therefore, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}}{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{a_n}} \cdot \frac{n+1}{n} \right) = 1.$$

$$\text{Hence, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}} - \sqrt[n]{a_n}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sqrt[n]{a_n}}{n} \cdot \frac{b_n - 1}{\ln b_n} \cdot n \ln b_n \right) = \frac{1}{e} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \ln b_n =$$

$$\frac{1}{e} \ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n^n \right) = \frac{1}{e} \ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}} \right) = \frac{1}{e} \ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{a_{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \cdot \frac{n!}{a_n} \cdot \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}} \right) \right) =$$

$$\frac{1}{e} \ln \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+1}{\sqrt[n+1]{a_{n+1}}} \right) = \frac{1}{e} \ln e = \frac{1}{e}.$$