

Asymptotic of one sum.

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Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}, a_1 = 1, a_n = \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k^2}{\sqrt[k]{k!}}, \forall n \geq 2$. Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n^2}$.

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Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} = e$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n - a_{n-1}}{n^2 - (n-1)^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{n^2}{\sqrt[n]{n!}}}{2n-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{2n-1} \cdot \frac{n}{\sqrt[n]{n!}} \right) = \frac{e}{2}$

and, therefore, by Stolz Theorem $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{n^2} = \frac{e}{2}$.

Thus, $\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{k^2}{\sqrt[k]{k!}}$ asymptotically equivalent to $\frac{en^2}{2}$.