

## Calculate the limit

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n^2}{2^n} \cdot \frac{k+4}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \binom{n}{k}$$

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Since  $\frac{k+4}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)}$  then

$$\frac{k+4}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \binom{n}{k} = \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)} \binom{n}{k} + \frac{1}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \binom{n}{k} =$$

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \binom{n+2}{k+2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \binom{n+3}{k+3} \text{ and, therefore,}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{k+4}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \binom{n}{k} = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+2}{k+2} +$$

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n+3}{k+3} = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \sum_{k=2}^{n+2} \binom{n+2}{k} +$$

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \sum_{k=3}^{n+3} \binom{n+3}{k} = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} (2^{n+2} - n - 3) +$$

$$\frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \left( 2^{n+3} - n - 4 - \frac{(n+3)(n+2)}{2} \right) =$$

$$\frac{2^{n+2} - 1}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \frac{2^{n+3}}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$$

Noting that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2}{2^n} \cdot \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} (2^{n+2} - n - 3) \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2(n+3)}{2^n(n+1)(n+2)} =$$

$$4 + 0 = 4 \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2}{2^n} \cdot \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)} \left( 2^{n+3} - n - 4 - \frac{(n+3)(n+2)}{2} \right) \right) = 0$$

$$(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^p}{2^n} = 0 \text{ for any real } p) \text{ we obtain } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n^2}{2^n} \cdot \frac{k+4}{(k+1)(k+2)(k+3)} \binom{n}{k} = 4.$$