

Nested cubic roots.

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Let $a_n := \sqrt[3]{1 + \sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt[3]{3 + \sqrt[3]{4 + \dots + \sqrt[3]{n}}}}}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Prove that:

- (1) $a_{n+1}^3 < 1 + \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot a_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$;
- (2) Sequence $(a_n)_{\mathbb{N}}$ is convergent.

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1. Noting that $k \leq 2^{3^{k-2}}(k-1)$ for any $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ (equality holds only if $k = 2$)

we obtain $a_{n+1}^3 = 1 + \sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt[3]{3 + \sqrt[3]{4 + \dots + \sqrt[3]{n + \sqrt[3]{n+1}}}}}$ <

$$1 + \sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt[3]{2^{3^{3-2}} \cdot 2 + \sqrt[3]{2^{3^{4-2}} \cdot 3 + \dots + \sqrt[3]{2^{3^{n-2}}(n-1) + \sqrt[3]{2^{3^{n-1}} \cdot n}}}}}$$

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$$1 + \sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt[3]{2^{3^{3-2}} \cdot 2 + \sqrt[3]{2^{3^{4-2}} \cdot 3 + \dots + 2^{3^{n-3}} \sqrt[3]{(n-1) + \sqrt[3]{n}}}}}$$

$$1 + \sqrt[3]{2 + 2 \sqrt[3]{2 + \sqrt[3]{3 + \dots + \sqrt[3]{(n-1) + \sqrt[3]{n}}}}} = 1 + \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot a_n.$$

2. First we will prove that $a_n < \sqrt[3]{4}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Indeed, $a_1 = 1 < \sqrt[3]{4}$ and $a_2 = \sqrt[3]{1 + \sqrt[3]{2}} < \sqrt[3]{4} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt[3]{2} < 3$.

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ assuming $a_n < \sqrt[3]{4}$ we obtain

$$a_{n+1}^3 < 1 + \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot a_n < 1 + \sqrt[3]{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4} = 3 \text{ and, therefore, } a_{n+1} < \sqrt[3]{3} < \sqrt[3]{4}.$$

Thus, by Math Induction, $a_n < \sqrt[3]{4}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and since $a_{n+1} > a_n$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we can conclude that sequence $(a_n)_{\mathbb{N}}$ is convergent as increasing and bounded from above.