

U357. Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2}\right)}{\sqrt{e}} \right]^n$$

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$$\text{Let } a_n := \ln \left( \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2}\right)}{\sqrt{e}} \right)^n = n \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \ln \left(1 + \frac{k}{n^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \right), n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Since  $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} + o(x^3)$  then  $\ln\left(1 + \frac{k}{n^2}\right) = \frac{k}{n^2} - \frac{k^2}{2n^4} + \frac{k^3}{3n^6} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right)$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= n \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{k}{n^2} - \frac{k^2}{2n^4} + \frac{k^3}{3n^6} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \right) - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{k}{n} - \frac{k^2}{2n^3} + \frac{k^3}{3n^5} + no\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \right) - \frac{n}{2} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} - \frac{n}{2} - \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^2}{2n^3} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k^3}{3n^5} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2n} - \frac{n}{2} - \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{12n^3} + \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{12n^5} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) = \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(n+1)(2n+1)}{12n^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

and, therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

Since

$$\left( \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2}\right)}{\sqrt{e}} \right)^n = e^{a_n}$$

then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{n^2}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{n}{n^2}\right)}{\sqrt{e}} \right)^n = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n} = \sqrt[3]{e}.$$

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