

$$= 2 - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2).$$

Now

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = \left(a - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(b - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \left(c - \frac{1}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{2(a+b+c)}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \geq \frac{1}{3},$$

so that  $1 + a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq 2 - 2(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ .

This proves (1) and completes the solution.

**Solution 2 by Albert Stadler, Herrliberg, Switzerland.**

By the AM-GM inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1+a}{bc} + \frac{1+b}{ca} + \frac{1+c}{ab} &= \frac{a+a^2+b+b^2+c+c^2}{abc} \\ &= \frac{1+a^2+b^2+c^2}{abc} \\ &= \frac{(a+b+c)^2+a^2+b^2+c^2}{abc} \\ &= \frac{(2a^2+2bc)+(2b^2+2ca)+(2c^2+2ab)}{abc} \\ &\geq 4 \frac{a\sqrt{bc}+b\sqrt{ca}+c\sqrt{ab}}{abc} \\ &= \frac{4}{\sqrt{bc}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{ca}} + \frac{4}{\sqrt{ab}}. \end{aligned}$$

The conclusion follows since

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{xy}} \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2-xy}}.$$

(Note that this inequality is equivalent to  $x^2 + y^2 - xy \geq xy$  which is obviously true.)

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- **5181:** Proposed by Ovidiu Furdui, Cluj, Romania

Calculate:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \cdot m}{(n+m)!}.$$

**Solution 1 by Anastasios Kotronis, Athens, Greece** The summands being all positive we can sum by triangles :

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{+\infty} \frac{nm}{(n+m)!} &= \sum_{k,\ell,n \in \wedge k+\ell=n} \frac{nm}{(n+m)!} = \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{\sum_{\ell=1}^{n-1} (n-\ell)\ell}{n!} \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{(n-1)n(n+1)}{n!} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{(n+1)}{(n-2)!} \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{(n+3)}{n!} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \frac{dx^{n+3}}{dx} \Big|_{x=1} \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \frac{x^{n+3}}{n!} \right) \Big|_{x=1} = \frac{1}{6} \frac{d(x^3 e^x)}{dx} \Big|_{x=1} \\
&= \frac{2e}{3}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Solution 2 by Arkady Alt, San Jose, CA**

Let  $k = m + n$ . Then  $m = k - n$  and domain of summation  $\begin{cases} 1 \leq n \\ 1 \leq m \end{cases}$  can be represented as  $\begin{cases} 2 \leq k \\ 1 \leq n \leq k-1 \\ m = k-n \end{cases}$ . Hence,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{nm}{(n+m)!} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{n=1}^{k-1} \frac{n(k-n)}{k!} = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{n=1}^{k-1} n(k-n) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{n=1}^{k-1} n(k-n).$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{k-1} n(k-n) &= \frac{k^2(k-1)}{2} - \frac{(k-1)k(2k-1)}{6} \\
&= \frac{k}{6} (3k^2 - 3k - 2k^2 + 3k - 1) \\
&= \frac{k(k^2 - 1)}{6},
\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{nm}{(n+m)!} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k+1}{(k-2)!}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k+3}{k!} \\
&= \frac{1}{6} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{3}{k!} + \frac{k}{k!} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \right) \\
&= \frac{2}{3} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \\
&= \frac{2e}{3}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Solution 3 by the proposer**

The series equals  $\frac{2e}{3}$ . First we note that for  $m \geq 0$  and  $n \geq 1$  one has that

$$\int_0^1 x^m (1-x)^{n-1} dx = B(m+1, n) = \frac{m! \cdot (n-1)!}{(n+m)!}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{n \cdot m}{(n+m)!} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n-1)!} \cdot \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \int_0^1 x^m (1-x)^{n-1} dx \\
&= \int_0^1 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n-1)!} (1-x)^{n-1} \right) \cdot \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{(m-1)!} \right) dx \\
&= \int_0^1 \left( 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{(n-1)!} (1-x)^{n-1} \right) \cdot x e^x dx \\
&= \int_0^1 \left( 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1-x)^{n-1}}{(n-2)!} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1-x)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \right) \cdot x e^x dx \\
&= \int_0^1 \left( 1 + (1-x)e^{1-x} + e^{1-x} - 1 \right) \cdot x e^x dx \\
&= e \int_0^1 (2-x)x dx = \frac{2e}{3},
\end{aligned}$$

and the problem is solved.

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