

**Problem with a solution proposed by Arkady Alt, San Jose , California, USA**

Compute

$$\text{Find } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+a)}\right)^{n^3}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+b}\right)^{n^2}}.$$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+a)}\right)^{n^3}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+b}\right)^{n^2}} &= n^3 \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+a)}\right) - n^2 \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+b}\right) = \\ &= n^3 \left( \frac{1}{n(n+a)} - \frac{1}{n^2(n+a)^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^4}\right) \right) - n^2 \left( \frac{1}{n+b} - \frac{1}{2(n+b)^2} + o\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \right) = \\ &= \frac{n^2}{n+a} - \frac{n}{(n+a)^2} - \frac{n^2}{n+b} + \frac{n^2}{2(n+b)^2} + o(1) = \frac{n^2(b-a)}{(n+a)(n+b)} + \frac{n^2}{2(n+b)^2} + o(1) \sim b-a + \end{aligned}$$
$$\text{Hence, } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n(n+a)}\right)^{n^3}}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n+b}\right)^{n^2}} = e^{b-a} \sqrt{e}.$$