

Undergraduate problems

U325. Let $A_1B_1C_1$ be a triangle with circumradius R_1 . For each $n \geq 1$, the incircle of triangle $A_nB_nC_n$ is tangent to its sides at points A_{n+1} , B_{n+1} , C_{n+1} . The circumradius of triangle $A_{n+1}B_{n+1}C_{n+1}$, which is also the inradius of triangle $A_nB_nC_n$, is R_{n+1} . Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{R_{n+1}}{R_n}$.

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U326. Find

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n + 2}{a_n^2 + a_n + 1},$$

where $a_0 > 1$ and $a_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3}(a_n^3 + 2)$ for all integers $n \geq 1$.

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U327. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be a sequence of real numbers with $a_0 = 1$ and

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n}{n^2 a_n + a_n^2 + 1}.$$

Find the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^3 a_n$.

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U328. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be an increasing sequence of positive real numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \infty$ and the sequence $(a_{n+1} - a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is monotonic. Evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n}{n\sqrt{a_n}}.$$

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U329. Let $a_1 \leq \dots \leq a_{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}$ be the distances between n distinct points lying on the plane. Prove that there is a constant c such that for any n we can find indices i and j such that

$$\left| \frac{a_i}{a_j} - 1 \right| < \frac{c \ln n}{n^2}.$$

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U330. Find all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with the properties

- (i) f is an antiderivative,
- (ii) f is integrable on any compact interval,
- (iii) $f(x)^2 = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

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