We have that  $S_2 = \frac{\pi^2}{48} + \frac{\ln 2}{2} - \ln^2 2$  (see [?, Problem 3.28, p. 143]).

Open problem. Calculate  $S_k$  for  $k \geq 3$ .

(b) An alternating quadratic series.

$$A_k = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k \left( \ln k - \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} - \dots - \frac{1}{kn} \right)^2.$$

We have  $A_2 = \frac{\pi^2}{48} - \frac{\pi \ln 2}{8} - \frac{7}{8} \ln^2 2 + \frac{G}{2}$  (see [?, Problem 3.44, p. 146]).

Open problem. Calculate  $A_k$  for  $k \geq 3$ .

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**OQ5594.** Find

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} n^{(2m-1)/2} \cdot \Delta^m \left( \sqrt{n} \right),\,$$

where  $\Delta^m$  is difference operator of the m-th order. Conjecture:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} n^{(2m-1)/2} \cdot \Delta^m \left( \sqrt{n} \right) = \frac{(-1)^{m+1} m!}{2^{m+1} \sqrt{n (n+1) \dots (n+2m)}}$$

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**OQ5595.** Let  $(e_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}\cup\{0\}}$  be sequence defined by recurrence

$$e_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{k+1}{k+2} \cdot e_{n-k}$$

and  $e_0 = 1$ . Prove that  $e_n < e_{n+1}$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ .

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