

① Using Riemann sums, find the limit of

$$(2^2 3^3 \dots n^n)^{\frac{1}{n^2 \ln(n)}}$$

Solution:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2^2 3^3 \dots n^n)^{\frac{1}{n^2 \ln(n)}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left[(2^2 3^3 \dots n^n)^{\frac{1}{n^2 \ln(n)}} \right]$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \ln(n)} \ln(2^2 3^3 \dots n^n)$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \ln(n)} \left[\ln(2^2) + \ln(3^3) + \dots + \ln(n^n) \right]$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \ln(n)} \left[2 \ln 2 + 3 \ln 3 + \dots + n \ln(n) \right]$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^2 \ln n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n k \ln k \quad (\text{starts at } k=1 \text{ since } \ln(1) = 0)$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \ln k$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \left(\ln \frac{k}{n} + \ln n \right), \quad \left(\text{since } \ln \frac{k}{n} = \ln k - \ln n \right)$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \ln \frac{k}{n} + \frac{k}{n} \ln n \right]$$

e

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \ln \frac{k}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \ln n \right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{since} \\ \sum a_k + b_k = \sum a_k + \sum b_k \end{array} \right)$$

Now we leave the $\frac{1}{\ln n}$ outside the 1st sum ~~and~~ but distribute it to the 2nd sum to get: (and distribute) $\left(\frac{1}{n} \right)$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \ln \frac{k}{n} \right) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \frac{\ln n}{\ln n}$$

$$= e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \left(\underbrace{\int_0^1 x \ln x \, dx}_{\textcircled{I}} \right) + \underbrace{\int_0^1 x \, dx}_{\textcircled{II}}$$

$$\textcircled{I}: \int_0^1 x \ln x \, dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \ln x \right]_0^1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x \, dx$$

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} u = \ln x \quad v = \frac{x^2}{2} \\ du = \frac{1}{x} dx \quad dv = x \, dx \end{array}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \ln x \right]_t^1 - \left[\frac{1}{4} x^2 \right]_0^1$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} -\frac{t^2}{2} \ln t - \frac{1}{4}$$

$$= 0 - \frac{1}{4} = -\frac{1}{4} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{by l'Hopital's} \\ \text{see below} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{II} \int_0^1 x \, dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

So the answer is $e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\ln n} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right) + \frac{1}{2}$

$$= e \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \quad \left(\text{since } \frac{1}{\ln n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \right)$$

$$= \boxed{e^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

L'Hopital's rule:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^2 \ln t &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln t}{\frac{1}{t^2}} \quad \left(\frac{-\infty}{\infty} \right) \\
 &\stackrel{\text{L'Hopital}}{\downarrow} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{t}}{\frac{-2}{t^3}} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{take derivatives of} \\ \text{top + bottom} \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t} \cdot \frac{t^3}{-2} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^2 = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

② Using Riemann sums, find the limit of

$$e^{\frac{n}{4}} n^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} (2^2 3^3 \dots n^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}.$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\frac{n}{4}} n^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} (2^2 3^3 \dots n^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left[e^{\frac{n}{4}} n^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} (2^2 3^3 \dots n^n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln e^{\frac{n}{4}} + \ln n^{-\frac{n+1}{2}} + \frac{1}{n} (\ln 2^2 + \ln 3^3 + \dots + \ln n^n) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} - \frac{n+1}{2} \ln n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k \ln k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} - \frac{n+1}{2} \ln n + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k \ln \frac{k}{n} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k \ln n$$

(using $\ln k = \ln \frac{k}{n} + \ln n$)

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} - \frac{n+1}{2} \ln n + n \cdot \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \ln \frac{k}{n} + n \ln n \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{n} \frac{\ln n}{n} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} - \frac{n+1}{2} \ln n + n \left(\int_0^1 x \ln x \, dx \right) + n \ln n \left(\int_0^1 x \, dx \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} - \frac{n+1}{2} \ln n + n \left(-\frac{1}{4} \right) + n \ln n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{by} \\ \text{previous} \\ \text{problem} \end{array} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4} - \frac{n+1}{2} \ln n - \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{2} \ln n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{2} \ln n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln n^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\ln n^{-\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \bigcirc$$