

1. What is the integer part of the following expression, which contains 2018 square roots?

$$\sqrt{2018 + \sqrt{2018 + \sqrt{2018 + \dots}}}$$

Answer: 45

Solution: Let

$$y = \sqrt{2018 + \sqrt{2018 + \sqrt{2018 + \dots}}}$$

Then $y^2 = 2018 + y$, so solving for y , we have

$$y = \frac{1 + \sqrt{8073}}{2}$$

We see that $90^2 = 8100$, so the integer part is

$$\frac{1 + 89}{2} = \boxed{45}$$

(Note that $\sqrt{2018 + \sqrt{2018}}$ has integer part 45).

2. Let $a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$ and $b_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a_n} + \frac{1}{b_n}}$, with $a_0 = 13$ and $b_0 = 29$. What is $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n b_n$?

Answer: 0

Solution: Let us look at $a_n b_n$. $a_n b_n = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2} \cdot \frac{a_n b_n}{\frac{a_n + b_n}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} a_{n+1} b_{n+1}$. Thus, $a_n b_n$ decreases.

Thus, the limit is just $\boxed{0}$.

3. What is the 100th derivative of $f(x) = e^x \cos(x)$ at $x = \pi$?

Answer: $4^{25} e^\pi$

Solution: We begin by looking at the first few derivatives: $f'(x) = e^x(\cos(x) - \sin(x))$, $f''(x) = -2e^x \sin(x)$, $f'''(x) = -2e^x(\cos(x) - \sin(x))$, $f^{(4)}(x) = -4e^x \cos(x) = -4f(x)$. Continuing this on to the 100th derivative: $f^{(100)} = (-4)^{25} f(x) = -4^{25} f(x)$. So at $x = \pi$, the derivative is just

$$\boxed{4^{25} e^\pi}$$

4. Compute the following limit:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \frac{nx^n}{\sqrt{4x^3 - x + 1}} dx$$

Answer: $\frac{1}{2}$

Solution: We use integration by parts. Let $u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4x^3 - x + 1}}$ and $dv = nx^n$. Then

$$du = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{12x^2 - 1}{\sqrt{(4x^3 - x + 1)^3}}$$

$$v = \frac{nx^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

Thus, we have

$$\int_0^1 \frac{nx^n}{\sqrt{4x^3 - x + 1}} dx + \int_0^1 \left(\frac{nx^{n+1}}{n+1} \right) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{12x^2 - 1}{\sqrt{(4x^3 - x + 1)^3}} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{n}{n+1}$$

Note that

$$\frac{n}{n+1} \rightarrow 1$$

as n gets large and $x^{n+1} \rightarrow 0$ as n gets large for $x \in [0, 1)$. Hence, the second integral goes to 0 as n gets large, and the right hand side goes to $\frac{1}{2}$. Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 \frac{nx^n}{\sqrt{4x^3 - x + 1}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

as desired.

5. What is

$$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos x}{1 + e^{-x}} dx$$

Answer: -1

Solution: Let f be an even function. Consider the following integral:

$$\int_{-a}^a \frac{f(x)}{1 + e^{-x}} dx$$

By symmetry:

$$I = \int_{-a}^a \frac{f(x)}{1 + e^{-x}} dx = \int_{-a}^a \frac{f(x)}{1 + e^x} dx \implies 2I = \int_{-a}^a \frac{f(x)}{1 + e^{-x}} + \frac{f(x)}{1 + e^x} dx = \int_{-a}^a f(x) dx$$

Now letting $f(x) = \cos(x)$, we obtain that

$$2I = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos(x) dx = 2$$

so the answer is $\boxed{1}$.

6. What is the value of:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \prod_{k=1}^{2n} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n+1}$$

Answer: $-\frac{1}{3}$

Solution: We begin by realizing that $\prod_{k=1}^{2n} \cos \frac{k\pi}{2n+1}$ is $(-1)^n (4)^{-n}$. Thus, the sum becomes

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^n (4)^{-n}, \text{ which is simply } \boxed{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

7. What is the following limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3x) \sin(4x) + \sin(5x) \tan(2x)}{\tan(6x) \sin(7x) \cos(8x)}$$

Answer: $\frac{11}{21}$

Solution: To evaluate this limit, begin by replacing $\tan(nx)$ with nx , $\sin(nx)$ with nx , and $\cos(nx)$ with 1, as these are the rough approximations of \sin , \cos , and \tan near 0. Plugging these into the original limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(3x) \sin(4x) + \sin(5x) \tan(2x)}{\tan(6x) \sin(7x) \cos(8x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3x)(4x) + (5x)(2x)}{(6x)(7x)}$ This

limit can then be simplified to $\boxed{\frac{11}{21}}$

8. What is the maximum radius of a circle tangent to the curves $y = e^{-x^2}$ and $y = -e^{-x^2}$ at two points each?

Answer: $\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\ln(2) + 1)}$

Solution: Let us denote the radius as r , with x and y components x_r and y_r . From this, we have $x_r^2 + y_r^2 = r^2$, and the slope of the radial vector is $m = \frac{y_r}{x_r}$. This must be perpendicular to the curves, so we can solve: $\frac{-x}{y} = -2xe^{-x^2}$. Solving this equation and plugging in our values of x_r and y_r into r , we arrive that $r = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}(\ln(2) + 1)}$

9. Compute

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{x^3 - 1} dx$$

Answer: $-\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$

Solution: We first perform partial fractions on

$$\frac{1}{x^3 - 1}$$

to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x^3 - 1} dx &= \int \frac{-x - 2}{3(x^2 + x + 1)} + \frac{1}{3(x - 1)} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{3(x - 1)} dx &= \frac{1}{3} \ln(x - 1) \\ \int \frac{-x - 2}{x^2 + x + 1} dx &= \frac{1}{3} \int -\frac{2x + 1}{2(x^2 + x + 1)} - \frac{3}{2(x^2 + x + 1)} dx \\ \frac{1}{3} \int -\frac{2x + 1}{2(x^2 + x + 1)} - \frac{3}{2(x^2 + x + 1)} dx &= -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx \end{aligned}$$

Perform the substitution: $u = x^2 + x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{2x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx &= -\frac{1}{6} \int \frac{1}{u} du = -\frac{\ln(u)}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1} dx &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} dx \end{aligned}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4}} dx = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{2x + 1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^3 - 1} = \frac{1}{3} \ln(1 - x) - \frac{1}{6} \ln(x^2 + x + 1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{2x + 1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Evaluating this at $x = -\infty$ and $x = 0$, we conclude that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{x^3 - 1} = \boxed{-\frac{2\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}}$$

10. Let T be defined by the recurrence relation $T_{n+1} = 2xT_n - T_{n-1}$ with $T_0 = 1$ and $T_1 = x$. What is

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \int_0^1 T_n dx$$

Answer: -1

Solution: First, we claim that

$$\int_0^1 T_n dx = \frac{n \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - 1}{n^2 - 1}$$

To prove this, note that T_n is the n th Tchebyshev polynomial. So in fact,

$$\int_0^1 T_n dx = - \int_{\frac{\pi}{2}}^0 \cos(nx) \sin(x) dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos(nx) \sin(x) dx$$

and using integration by parts, we have

$$\int \cos(nx) \sin(x) dx = \frac{n \sin(x) \sin(nx) + \cos(x) \cos(nx)}{n^2 - 1} + C$$

so plugging in the limits we get our desired result. Thus,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \int_0^1 T_n dx = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} - 1}{n^2 - 1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} -\frac{1}{4n^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{4n + 2} - \frac{1}{4n - 2}$$

which “morally” converges to $\boxed{-1}$ by telescoping. (Note: a full rigorous proof will need background from real analysis, so will be omitted here).