

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!}}{e^n} = 0$$

Stirling: $n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!} = \frac{n^n}{n!} \left(1 + \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots\right)$$

First attempt:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!} &= \frac{n^n}{n!} \left(1 + \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots\right) \leq \\ &= \frac{n^n}{n!} \left(1 + \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2} + \dots\right) = \frac{n^n}{n!} (n+1) \end{aligned}$$

Using Stirling Formula we see that the RHS is asymptotically $e^n \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2\pi n}}$, which does not help to show the desired result.

Disproof? For any positive integer k we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots + \frac{n^k}{(n+1)\dots(n+k)} &\geq \\ \geq 1 + \frac{n}{n+k} + \frac{n^2}{(n+k)^2} + \dots + \frac{n^k}{(n+k)^k} &= \frac{1 - \frac{n^{k+1}}{(n+k)^{k+1}}}{1 - \frac{n}{n+k}} = k \left(1 - \frac{n^{k+1}}{(n+k)^{k+1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

When choosing $k = \lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor - 1$ we get the RHS approximately $\sqrt{n} \left(1 - \frac{n^{\sqrt{n}}}{(n+\sqrt{n})^{\sqrt{n}}}\right)$. Since

$$\frac{n^{\sqrt{n}}}{(n+\sqrt{n})^{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^{\sqrt{n}}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{e},$$

we get $1 - \frac{n^{\sqrt{n}}}{(n+\sqrt{n})^{\sqrt{n}}} \geq \frac{1}{2}$ for n large enough.

Thus (for large n) we get

$$\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} \frac{n^k}{k!} = \frac{n^n}{n!} \left(1 + \frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{n^2}{(n+1)(n+2)} + \dots\right) \geq \frac{n^n}{n!} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2} \sim \frac{e^n}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}$$

This yields the lower bound $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi}}$ for the limit in question.

References

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