(2014年预赛第一(4) 题) 设
$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{(k+1)!}$$
,则 $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n =$ _____.

解析: (方法一)

$$a_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k}{(k+1)!} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k!} - \frac{1}{(k+1)!}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!},$$
因此, $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 1.$
(方法二)
$$\mathcal{L}S(x) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{kx^{k-1}}{(k+1)!}, \quad \underline{\mu}$$
其收敛半径为
$$R = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{k}{(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{(k+2)!}{(k+1)} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{k(k+2)}{k+1} = +\infty.$$
显然, $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \frac{k}{(k+1)!} = S(1).$

(方法二)

设
$$S(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{kx^{k-1}}{(k+1)!}$$
, 其收敛半径为

$$R = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{k}{(k+1)!} \cdot \frac{(k+2)!}{(k+1)} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{k(k+2)}{k+1} = +\infty.$$

显然,
$$\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{(k+1)!} = S(1).$$

$$S(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{kx^{k-1}}{(k+1)!} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{x^k}{(k+1)!}\right)' = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{(k+1)!}\right)',$$

当
$$x \neq 0$$
时, $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{x} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} = \frac{1}{x} (e^x - 1 - x)$,

$$\left(\frac{1}{x}(e^x-1-x)\right)' = \frac{1}{x^2}((e^x-1)x-e^x+1+x) = \frac{e^x(x-1)+1}{x^2}$$

因此,
$$S(x) = \frac{e^x(x-1)+1}{x^2}$$
, $S(1) = 1$.