

1. $\sqrt{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{\sqrt{3} + x}} = x$

Sol.

$\because \forall n \in \mathbb{R}, n > 0, \sqrt{n} > 0 \quad \therefore x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{\sqrt{3} + x}} &= x \\ \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{\sqrt{3} + x} &= x^2 \\ \sqrt{\sqrt{3} + x} &= x^2 - \sqrt{3} \\ x + \sqrt{3} &= (x^2 - \sqrt{3})^2 \\ &= x^4 - 2\sqrt{3}x^2 + 3 \\ x^4 - 2\sqrt{3}x^2 + 3 - x - \sqrt{3} &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Let $a = \sqrt{3}$,

$$\begin{aligned}x^4 - 2ax^2 + a^2 - x - a &= 0 \\ a^2 - (2x^2 + 1)a + x^4 - x &= 0 \\ a^2 - (2x^2 + 1)a + x(x^3 - 1) &= 0 \\ a^2 - (2x^2 + 1)a + x(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1) &= 0 \\ a^2 - (2x^2 + 1)a + (x^2 - x)(x^2 + x + 1) &= 0 \\ [a - (x^2 - x)][a - (x^2 + x + 1)] &= 0 \\ a = x^2 - x \text{ or } a = x^2 + x + 1\end{aligned}$$

When $a = x^2 - x$,

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - x &= \sqrt{3} \\ x^2 - x - \sqrt{3} &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4\sqrt{3}}}{2} \\ \because x &> 0 \\ \therefore x &= \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\sqrt{3}}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

When $a = x^2 + x + 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + x + 1 &= \sqrt{3} \\ x^2 + x + 1 - \sqrt{3} &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1 - \sqrt{3})}}{2} \\ &= \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{4\sqrt{3} - 3}}{2} \\ \because x &> 0 \\ \therefore x &= \frac{-1 + \sqrt{4\sqrt{3} - 3}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 + 4\sqrt{3}}}{2}$ or $x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{4\sqrt{3} - 3}}{2}$

2. Given that r is a rational number such that $0 < r < 1$ and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 r^n = 180,$$

find the value of $180r$.

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 r^n &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \cdot n \cdot r \cdot r^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nr \cdot nr^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nr \cdot \frac{d}{dr}(r^n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nr \cdot \frac{d}{dr} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nr \cdot \frac{d}{dr} \left(\frac{r}{1-r} \right)\end{aligned}$$

3. $\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{x+1} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2022}\right)^{2022}, x = ?$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{x+1} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2022}\right)^{2022} \\ \left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right)^{x+1} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2022}\right)^{2022} \\ \left(\frac{x}{x+1}\right)^{-(x-1)} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2022}\right)^{2022} \\ \left(\frac{(x+1)-1}{x+1}\right)^{-(x-1)} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2022}\right)^{2022} \\ \left(1 + \frac{-1}{x+1}\right)^{-(x-1)} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2022}\right)^{2022} \\ \left(1 + \frac{1}{-(x+1)}\right)^{-(x-1)} &= \left(1 + \frac{1}{2022}\right)^{2022} \\ -(x+1) &= 2022 \\ x+1 &= -2022 \\ x &= -2023\end{aligned}$$

4. $(x^x)'$

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}(x^x)' &= (e^{\ln x^x})' \\ &= (e^{x \ln x})'\end{aligned}$$