

# Input

welchen wert hat die unendliche reihe  $1/4! + 4!/8! + 8!/12! + 12!/16! + \dots$  ?

# Antwort

The given infinite series is  $\frac{1}{4!} + \frac{4!}{8!} + \frac{8!}{12!} + \frac{12!}{16!} + \dots$ .

First, we recognize the general term of the series as  $\frac{(4(n-1))!}{(4n)!}$  for  $n \geq 1$ . This can be simplified to  $\frac{1}{(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)}$ .

We decompose the general term using partial fractions:

$$\frac{1}{(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)} = \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{4n-3} - \frac{3}{4n-2} + \frac{3}{4n-1} - \frac{1}{4n} \right)$$

Rewriting the series in terms of these partial fractions, we get:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{1}{4n-3} - \frac{3}{4n-2} + \frac{3}{4n-1} - \frac{1}{4n} \right)$$

We then reindex the series and express it as an integral. By transforming the sums into integrals and simplifying, we find:

$$\int_0^1 \left( \frac{(1-t)^2}{(1+t)(1+t^2)} \right) dt$$

This integral is evaluated by splitting it into partial fractions and integrating term by term. The result of the integral is:

$$2 \ln 2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \ln 2 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{3}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Finally, multiplying by  $\frac{1}{6}$  gives the value of the series:

$$\frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{3}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{6 \ln 2 - \pi}{24}$$

Thus, the value of the infinite series is  $\boxed{\frac{6 \ln 2 - \pi}{24}}$ .

# Input

Mir ist nicht ganz klar, wie man von den partial fractions auf das integral kommt.

# Antwort

Um von der Partialbruchzerlegung auf das Integral zu kommen, betrachten wir jeden Term der Reihe als Integral und summieren anschließend. Hier die detaillierte Erklärung:

## Schritt 1: Jeden Partialbruch als Integral darstellen

Wir nutzen die Identität:

$$\frac{1}{k} = \int_0^1 t^{k-1} dt \quad \text{für } k > 0.$$

Damit schreiben wir jeden Term der Partialbruchzerlegung als Integral:

$$\frac{1}{4n-3} = \int_0^1 t^{4n-4} dt, \quad \frac{1}{4n-2} = \int_0^1 t^{4n-3} dt, \quad \text{usw.}$$

## Schritt 2: Die Reihe in ein Integral umwandeln

Die ursprüngliche Reihe wird zu:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{6} \left( \int_0^1 t^{4n-4} dt - 3 \int_0^1 t^{4n-3} dt + 3 \int_0^1 t^{4n-2} dt - \int_0^1 t^{4n-1} dt \right).$$

Da alle Integrale über denselben Bereich  $[0, 1]$  laufen, vertauschen wir Summe und Integral:

$$\frac{1}{6} \int_0^1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (t^{4n-4} - 3t^{4n-3} + 3t^{4n-2} - t^{4n-1}) dt.$$

## Schritt 3: Die geometrische Reihe erkennen

1. Faktor  $t^{4n-4}$  ausklammern:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{4n-4} \cdot (1 - 3t + 3t^2 - t^3).$$

2. Die Summe  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{4n-4}$  ist eine geometrische Reihe:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t^{4(n-1)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t^{4k} = \frac{1}{1-t^4} \quad \text{für } |t| < 1.$$

3. Der Faktor  $1 - 3t + 3t^2 - t^3$  vereinfacht sich zu:

$$(1-t)^3.$$

Damit wird der Integrand:

$$\frac{(1-t)^3}{1-t^4}.$$

## Schritt 4: Den Integranden vereinfachen

1. Faktorisiere  $1 - t^4$ :

$$1 - t^4 = (1-t)(1+t)(1+t^2).$$

2. Kürze  $(1-t)$  im Zähler und Nenner:

$$\frac{(1-t)^3}{(1-t)(1+t)(1+t^2)} = \frac{(1-t)^2}{(1+t)(1+t^2)}.$$

Der Integrand reduziert sich also auf:

$$\frac{(1-t)^2}{(1+t)(1+t^2)}.$$

## Schritt 5: Das Integral lösen

Das verbleibende Integral ist:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{(1-t)^2}{(1+t)(1+t^2)} dt.$$

Durch Partialbruchzerlegung oder Substitution (z. B.  $u = 1 + t$ ) ergibt sich das Resultat:

$$\frac{3}{2} \ln 2 - \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Multipliziert mit  $\frac{1}{6}$  erhalten wir die Lösung der Reihe:

$$\boxed{\frac{6 \ln 2 - \pi}{24}}.$$

## Zusammenfassung

- Jeder Partialbruch wurde als Integral geschrieben.
- Die Summe wurde mit der geometrischen Reihe vereinfacht.
- Der Integrand wurde durch algebraische Umformungen reduziert.
- Das resultierende Integral wurde gelöst.

Dieser Prozess verbindet die Partialbruchzerlegung mit dem Integral über die Umwandlung der Reihe in eine geometrische Summe.

## Thinking steps: Thinking for 75 seconds

Okay, so I have this infinite series to solve:  $1/4! + 4!/8! + 8!/12! + 12!/16! + \dots$  and so on. The question is asking for the value of this series. Hmm, let me try to figure this out step by step.

First, let me write down the terms more clearly to see the pattern. The first term is 1 divided by 4 factorial, which is  $1/24$ . The second term is 4 factorial divided by 8 factorial. Wait, 4 factorial is 24, and 8 factorial is 40320, so that term is  $24/40320$ . Then the next term is 8 factorial over 12 factorial. 8 factorial is 40320, and 12 factorial is a huge number, 479001600. So each term seems to be  $(4(n-1))! / (4n)!$  where  $n$  starts at 1? Let me check:

For  $n=1$ :  $(4(1-1))! / (4 \cdot 1)! = 0! / 4! = 1 / 24$ , which matches the first term.

For  $n=2$ :  $(4(2-1))! / (4 \cdot 2)! = 4! / 8! = 24 / 40320$ , which is the second term.

So the general term seems to be  $(4(n-1))! / (4n)!$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

So the series is the sum from  $n=1$  to infinity of  $(4(n-1))! / (4n)!$ .

Now, I need to compute this sum. Let me first try to simplify the general term. Let's look at the ratio between consecutive terms. Let me compute  $(4(n))! / (4(n+1))!$  which would be  $1 / [(4n+1)(4n+2)(4n+3)(4n+4)]$ . Because  $(4(n+1))! = (4n+4)! = (4n)! * (4n+1)(4n+2)(4n+3)(4n+4)$ . Therefore, the term  $(4(n-1))! / (4n)!$  is  $1 / [(4(n-1)+1)(4(n-1)+2)(4(n-1)+3)(4(n-1)+4)]$

Wait, maybe I can express each term in terms of factorials. Let me see.

Wait,  $(4n)! / (4(n-1))! = (4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3) * (4(n-1))! / (4(n-1))! = (4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)$ . So then,  $(4(n-1))! / (4n)! = 1 / [(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$

Therefore, the general term is  $1 / [(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$  for  $n$  starting at 1.

So the series becomes the sum from  $n=1$  to infinity of  $1 / [(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$

Hmm, okay. So maybe I can simplify this expression. Let's see. Let's denote  $k = 4n$ . Then,  $n = k/4$ . But since  $n$  starts at 1,  $k$  starts at 4, increasing by 4 each time. But I'm not sure if substitution will help here. Alternatively, perhaps partial fractions can be used here.

Alternatively, notice that the denominator is  $(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)$ . Let's write this as  $(4n-3)(4n-2)(4n-1)(4n)$ . Which is the product of four consecutive integers starting from  $4n-3$  to  $4n$ . So that's equal to  $(4n)! / (4n-4)! = (4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)(4n-4)! / (4n-4)! = (4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)$ . So, indeed, the denominator is  $(4n)! / (4n-4)!$ .

Therefore, each term is  $(4n-4)! / (4n)! = 1 / [(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$

So, our series is the sum from  $n=1$  to infinity of  $1 / [(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$

Hmm. So perhaps we can find a telescoping series or express this term as a difference of reciprocals. Alternatively, relate this to known series expansions of functions like exponential, sine, cosine, etc.

Alternatively, consider the general approach for telescoping series. Let's see if we can decompose  $1 / [(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$  into partial fractions.

But partial fractions with four linear factors in the denominator would be quite involved. Let me think.

Alternatively, notice that  $1 / [(4n)(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$  can be written as  $1 / [(4n-3)(4n-2)(4n-1)(4n)]$

Let me denote  $m = 4n - 3$ . Then,  $4n - 3 = m$ ,  $4n - 2 = m + 1$ ,  $4n - 1 = m + 2$ ,  $4n = m + 3$ . So the denominator is  $m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)$ . Therefore, each term is  $1 / [m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)]$  where  $m$  starts at 1 (since when  $n=1$ ,  $m=1$ ), and  $m$  increases by 4 each term? Wait, no. Wait,  $n$  starts at 1, so  $m = 4 \cdot 1 - 3 = 1$ . Then for  $n=2$ ,  $m=4 \cdot 2 - 3=5$ , then  $n=3$ ,  $m=9$ , etc. Wait, that's not correct. Wait, if  $n=1$ ,  $m=1$ ;  $n=2$ ,  $m=5$ ;  $n=3$ ,  $m=9$ ; so  $m$  increases by 4 each time. Therefore, the series is the sum over  $m=1,5,9,\dots$  of  $1/[m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)]$

But maybe this is too much of a stretch. Alternatively, perhaps express the general term in terms of factorials. Since  $m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3) = (m+3)! / (m-1)!$  So  $1/[m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)] = (m-1)! / (m+3)! = 1/[(m+3)(m+2)(m+1)m]$

But again, not sure if that helps. Alternatively, recall that  $1/[m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)]$  can be expressed as a combination of reciprocals. Let's try partial fractions.

Let me attempt to express  $1/[m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)]$  as  $A/m + B/(m+1) + C/(m+2) + D/(m+3)$ . Let's solve for A, B, C, D.

Multiply both sides by  $m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)$ :

$$1 = A(m+1)(m+2)(m+3) + Bm(m+2)(m+3) + Cm(m+1)(m+3) + Dm(m+1)(m+2)$$

We need to find constants A, B, C, D such that this holds for all  $m$ . Let's substitute specific values of  $m$  to find A, B, C, D.

$$\text{Let } m = 0: 1 = A(1)(2)(3) + B(0) + C(0) + D(0) \Rightarrow 6A = 1 \Rightarrow A = 1/6$$

$$\text{Let } m = -1: 1 = A(0) + B(-1)(1)(2) + C(-1)(0)(2) + D(-1)(0)(1) \Rightarrow 1 = B(-1)(1)(2) \Rightarrow -2B = 1 \Rightarrow B = -1/2$$

$$\text{Let } m = -2: 1 = A(-1)(0)(1) + B(-2)(0)(1) + C(-2)(-1)(1) + D(-2)(-1)(0) \Rightarrow 1 = C(-2)(-1)(1) = 2C \Rightarrow C = 1/2$$

$$\text{Let } m = -3: 1 = A(-2)(-1)(0) + B(-3)(-1)(0) + C(-3)(-2)(0) + D(-3)(-2)(-1) \Rightarrow 1 = D(-3)(-2)(-1) = -6D \Rightarrow D = -1/6$$

So we have:

$$1/[m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)] = (1/6)/m + (-1/2)/(m+1) + (1/2)/(m+2) + (-1/6)/(m+3)$$

Therefore, the general term can be written as:

$$1/6 [1/m - 3/(m+1) + 3/(m+2) - 1/(m+3)]$$

So, our series becomes the sum from  $n=1$  to infinity of  $1/6 [1/m - 3/(m+1) + 3/(m+2) - 1/(m+3)]$  where  $m = 4n - 3$ .

But wait,  $m$  is equal to  $4n - 3$ . So for each term in the series,  $m$  starts at 1 ( $n=1$ ), then 5 ( $n=2$ ), then 9 ( $n=3$ ), etc. Therefore, the sum is over  $m = 1, 5, 9, \dots$  of  $1/6 [1/m - 3/(m+1) + 3/(m+2) - 1/(m+3)]$

Hmm, so perhaps this telescoping? Let's see. If we can write each term as a combination of terms that cancel out when summed. Let's write out the first few terms:

For  $n=1$ ,  $m=1$ :

$$1/6 [1/1 - 3/2 + 3/3 - 1/4] = 1/6 [1 - 3/2 + 1 - 1/4] = 1/6 [(1 + 1) - (3/2 + 1/4)] = 1/6 [2 - 7/4] = 1/6 [1/4] = 1/24$$

Which matches the first term.

For  $n=2$ ,  $m=5$ :

$$1/6 [1/5 - 3/6 + 3/7 - 1/8] = 1/6 [1/5 - 1/2 + 3/7 - 1/8]$$

Hmm, but this doesn't immediately look telescoping. Wait, but maybe if we sum over all  $m = 1, 5, 9, \dots$  the terms can telescope when combined. Let me consider writing the entire sum as:

$$\text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/6 [1/m - 3/(m+1) + 3/(m+2) - 1/(m+3)]$$

$$\text{This is equal to } 1/6 [ \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/m - 3 \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/(m+1) + 3 \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/(m+2) - \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/(m+3) ]$$

Let me reindex each sum:

$$\text{First sum: } \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/m = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+1)$$

$$\text{Second sum: } \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/(m+1) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+1+1) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+2)$$

$$\text{Third sum: } \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/(m+2) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+1+2) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+3)$$

$$\text{Fourth sum: } \text{Sum}_{\{m=1,5,9,\dots\}} 1/(m+3) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+1+3) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+4) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4(k+1)) = (1/4) \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(k+1)$$

which diverges, but since we have a combination, maybe the divergent parts cancel out.

Wait, but the original series converges because the terms decay like  $1/n^4$ . So, even though individual sums might diverge, the combination converges.

So, putting it all together:

$$1/6 [ \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+1) - 3 \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+2) + 3 \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+3) - \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+4) ]$$

Let me write each sum as  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$ :

$$S_1 = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+1)$$

$$S_2 = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+2)$$

$$S_3 = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+3)$$

$$S_4 = \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(4k+4) = (1/4) \text{Sum}_{\{k=0\}}^{\infty} 1/(k+1) = (1/4) (\text{harmonic series}) \text{ which diverges.}$$

But in our combination, we have  $S_1 - 3S_2 + 3S_3 - S_4$ . So  $S_4$  is divergent, but maybe when combined with the other terms, the divergence cancels out.

But how?

Alternatively, perhaps notice that  $S_4$  can be written as  $(1/4) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1/k$ , which is  $(1/4)(\text{diverges})$ . But if we consider  $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4$ , these are all parts of the harmonic series, separated by residue classes modulo 4. So maybe the combination  $S_1 - 3S_2 + 3S_3 - S_4$  can be related to some known function or series.

Alternatively, recall the digamma function or some other special function. But perhaps using Fourier series or integrals.

Alternatively, recall that the sum  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} [1/(4k+1) - 3/(4k+2) + 3/(4k+3) - 1/(4k+4)]$  can be evaluated using integrals.

Let me recall that  $1/(4k+a)$  can be expressed as an integral of  $t^{4k+a-1}$  from 0 to 1. So:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1/(4k+1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_0^1 t^{4k} dt = \int_0^1 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t^{4k} dt = \int_0^1 1/(1-t^4) dt$$

Similarly,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1/(4k+2) = \int_0^1 t \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t^{4k} dt = \int_0^1 t/(1-t^4) dt$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1/(4k+3) = \int_0^1 t^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t^{4k} dt = \int_0^1 t^2/(1-t^4) dt$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 1/(4k+4) = \int_0^1 t^3 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} t^{4k} dt = \int_0^1 t^3/(1-t^4) dt$$

Therefore, the combination  $S_1 - 3S_2 + 3S_3 - S_4$  can be written as:

$$\int_0^1 [1/(1-t^4) - 3t/(1-t^4) + 3t^2/(1-t^4) - t^3/(1-t^4)] dt$$

Factor out  $1/(1-t^4)$ :

$$\int_0^1 [1 - 3t + 3t^2 - t^3]/(1-t^4) dt$$

Now, the numerator is  $1 - 3t + 3t^2 - t^3$ . Let's see if this factors. Let me check:

$$1 - 3t + 3t^2 - t^3 = -(t^3 - 3t^2 + 3t - 1) = -(t-1)^3. \text{ Because } (t-1)^3 = t^3 - 3t^2 + 3t - 1. \text{ Therefore, the numerator is } -(t-1)^3.$$

Therefore, the integral becomes:

$$\int_0^1 [-(t-1)^3 / (1-t^4)] dt$$

$$\text{Simplify the denominator: } 1-t^4 = (1-t)(1+t+t^2+t^3)$$

So, substituting:

$$\int_0^1 [-(t-1)^3 / ((1-t)(1+t+t^2+t^3))] dt$$

$$\text{Note that } (t-1)^3 = -(1-t)^3, \text{ so the numerator becomes } -[-(1-t)^3] = (1-t)^3$$

Therefore, the integral becomes:

$$\int_0^1 [(1-t)^3 / ((1-t)(1+t+t^2+t^3))] dt = \int_0^1 [(1-t)^2 / (1+t+t^2+t^3)] dt$$

Simplify the integrand:

$$(1-t)^2 / (1+t+t^2+t^3)$$

Let me factor the denominator. Note that  $1+t+t^2+t^3 = (t^4-1)/(t-1)$  for  $t \neq 1$ , but since  $t$  is between 0 and 1, we can write it as  $1+t+t^2+t^3$ .

Alternatively, note that  $1+t+t^2+t^3 = (1+t)(1+t^2)$ . Let's check:

$$(1+t)(1+t^2) = 1+t+t^2+t^3. \text{ Yes, correct.}$$

$$\text{So denominator} = (1+t)(1+t^2)$$

$$\text{Numerator} = (1 - t)^2$$

$$\text{Therefore, the integrand becomes } (1 - t)^2 / [(1 + t)(1 + t^2)]$$

Let me perform partial fraction decomposition on this.

$$\text{First, note that } (1 - t)^2 = 1 - 2t + t^2$$

So we have:

$$[1 - 2t + t^2] / [(1 + t)(1 + t^2)]$$

Let me try to split this into partial fractions. Let's assume:

$$(1 - 2t + t^2) / ((1 + t)(1 + t^2)) = A/(1 + t) + (Bt + C)/(1 + t^2)$$

Multiply both sides by  $(1 + t)(1 + t^2)$ :

$$1 - 2t + t^2 = A(1 + t^2) + (Bt + C)(1 + t)$$

Expand the right-hand side:

$$A + A t^2 + Bt + Bt^2 + C + C t$$

Group like terms:

$$(A + C) + (B + C) t + (A + B) t^2$$

Set equal to left-hand side  $1 - 2t + t^2$ . Therefore, equate coefficients:

$$\text{For } t^2: A + B = 1$$

$$\text{For } t: B + C = -2$$

$$\text{For constant term: } A + C = 1$$

So we have a system of equations:

1.  $A + B = 1$
2.  $B + C = -2$
3.  $A + C = 1$

Let's solve this system. From equation 3:  $C = 1 - A$ . Substitute into equation 2:  $B + (1 - A) = -2 \Rightarrow B - A = -3$ . From equation 1:  $A + B = 1$ . So we have:

$$B - A = -3$$

$$A + B = 1$$

Adding these two equations:  $2B = -2 \Rightarrow B = -1$ . Then from equation 1:  $A + (-1) = 1 \Rightarrow A = 2$ . Then from equation 3:  $C = 1 - A = 1 - 2 = -1$ .

Therefore, the partial fractions decomposition is:

$$2/(1 + t) + (-1 \cdot t - 1)/(1 + t^2) = 2/(1 + t) - (t + 1)/(1 + t^2)$$

Therefore, the integral becomes:

$$\int_0^1 [2/(1 + t) - (t + 1)/(1 + t^2)] dt$$

Let's split this into two separate integrals:



$$2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+t)} dt - \int_0^1 \frac{(t+1)}{(1+t^2)} dt$$

Compute the first integral:

$$2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+t)} dt = 2 [\ln|1+t|] \text{ from } 0 \text{ to } 1 = 2 [\ln 2 - \ln 1] = 2 \ln 2$$

Now, compute the second integral:

$$\int_0^1 \frac{(t+1)}{(1+t^2)} dt = \int_0^1 \frac{t}{(1+t^2)} dt + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+t^2)} dt$$

First integral:  $\int \frac{t}{(1+t^2)} dt$ . Let  $u = 1+t^2$ ,  $du = 2t dt$ . So  $(1/2) du = t dt$ . Therefore,

$$\int \frac{t}{(1+t^2)} dt = (1/2) \int \frac{du}{u} = (1/2) \ln|u| + C = (1/2) \ln(1+t^2) + C$$

$$\text{Evaluate from } 0 \text{ to } 1: (1/2)(\ln 2 - \ln 1) = (1/2) \ln 2$$

$$\text{Second integral: } \int \frac{1}{(1+t^2)} dt = \arctan t. \text{ Evaluate from } 0 \text{ to } 1: \arctan 1 - \arctan 0 = \pi/4 - 0 = \pi/4$$

$$\text{Therefore, the second integral is } (1/2 \ln 2) + \pi/4$$

Putting it all together:

$$2 \ln 2 - [(1/2 \ln 2) + \pi/4] = 2 \ln 2 - 1/2 \ln 2 - \pi/4 = (3/2 \ln 2) - \pi/4$$

Therefore, the original combination  $S_1 - 3S_2 + 3S_3 - S_4$  is equal to this integral, which is  $(3/2 \ln 2) - \pi/4$

But remember, our original series was  $1/6$  times this combination. Therefore, the sum of the series is:

$$1/6 [(3/2 \ln 2 - \pi/4)] = (3/2 \ln 2 - \pi/4) / 6 = (3/2 \ln 2)/6 - (\pi/4)/6 = (\ln 2)/4 - \pi/24$$

Simplify:

$$(\ln 2)/4 - \pi/24 = (6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$$

So the value of the infinite series is  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$

But let me check the calculation again to make sure I didn't make a mistake.

First, the integral after partial fractions was:

$$2 \ln 2 - [(1/2 \ln 2) + \pi/4] = 2 \ln 2 - 1/2 \ln 2 - \pi/4 = (3/2 \ln 2) - \pi/4$$

Then multiplied by  $1/6$  gives:

$$(3/2 \ln 2 - \pi/4) / 6 = (3 \ln 2 - \pi/2) / 12 = (6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$$

Yes, correct.

Therefore, the sum is  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$ .

But let me verify this result numerically. Let me compute the original series numerically and compare with this expression.

First, compute  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$ .

$$\text{Compute } 6 \ln 2: 6 * 0.69314718056 \approx 4.15888308336$$

$$\text{Subtract } \pi: 4.15888308336 - 3.1415926535 \approx 1.01729042986$$

$$\text{Divide by } 24: 1.01729042986 / 24 \approx 0.04238710124$$

So the result is approximately 0.042387...

Now, compute the original series numerically:

First term:  $1/24 \approx 0.04166666666$

Second term:  $4!/8! = 24/40320 = 0.000595238095$

Third term:  $8!/12! = 40320/479001600 \approx 0.000084175084$

Fourth term:  $12!/16! = 479001600 / 20922789888000 \approx 0.0000228837209$

Fifth term:  $16!/20! = \dots$  let's compute  $16! = 20922789888000$ ,  $20! \approx 2432902008176640000$ , so term  $\approx 20922789888000 / 2432902008176640000 \approx 8.592e-6$

So adding up these terms:

First term:  $\approx 0.0416667$

Second term:  $\approx 0.0005952 \rightarrow \text{total} \approx 0.0422619$

Third term:  $\approx 0.000084175 \rightarrow \text{total} \approx 0.0423461$

Fourth term:  $\approx 0.0000228837 \rightarrow \text{total} \approx 0.0423689$

Fifth term:  $\approx 0.000008592 \rightarrow \text{total} \approx 0.0423775$

Next term:  $20!/24! = 20!/(24!) = 1/(24 \cdot 23 \cdot 22 \cdot 21) = 1/255024 \approx 0.00000392$

Adding this:  $\approx 0.0423814$

Next term:  $24!/28! = 1/(28 \cdot 27 \cdot 26 \cdot 25) = 1/491400 \approx 0.000002035$

Adding:  $\approx 0.0423834$

So it's converging to approximately 0.0423834...

Compare with the analytical result  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24 \approx 0.0423871\dots$

The numerical sum is approaching approximately 0.04238, while the analytical result is approximately 0.0423871, which is very close, suggesting that the analytical result is correct. The small discrepancy is due to the remaining terms in the series which are very small but still contribute a bit more.

Therefore, the value of the infinite series is  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$ .

Alternatively, we can write this as  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24 = (\ln 2)/4 - \pi/24$ . Both forms are equivalent.

Let me check if this can be simplified further or expressed in another way. Hmm.

Alternatively, factor  $1/24$ :  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24 = (6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$ , which is probably the simplest form.

Therefore, the answer is  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$ .

But just to make sure, let me retrace the steps to ensure there's no error.

1. Expressed the general term as  $1/[4n(4n-1)(4n-2)(4n-3)]$
2. Recognized the denominator as  $m(m+1)(m+2)(m+3)$  with  $m=4n-3$
3. Decomposed into partial fractions, leading to the expression involving  $S_1 - 3S_2 + 3S_3 - S_4$
4. Expressed each  $S$  as an integral, combined them, performed partial fractions on the integrand, integrated term by term, leading to  $(3/2 \ln 2 - \pi/4)$
5. Multiplied by  $1/6$  to get the final result.

All steps seem correct, and numerical verification supports the analytical result. Therefore, the value of the series is  $(6 \ln 2 - \pi)/24$ .

**Final Answer**

The value of the infinite series is  $\boxed{\frac{6\ln 2 - \pi^2}{24}}$ .