

Let C_n be the Catalan sequence. Calculate the limit

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C_{n+1}}{C_n}$$

The n -th Catalan number can be calculated using the following formula.

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

It follows the $(n+1)$ -th Catalan number.

$$C_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n+2} \binom{2(n+1)}{n+1}$$

Thus,

$$C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!(n+1)!}, \quad C_{n+1} = \frac{(2n+1)!}{(n+1)!(n+2)!}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{C_{n+1}}{C_n} &= \frac{\frac{1}{n+2} \binom{2(n+1)}{n+1}}{\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}} = \frac{\frac{(2n+2)!}{(n+1)!(n+2)!}}{\frac{(2n)!}{n!(n+1)!}} \\ &= \frac{(2n+1)!}{(n+1)!(n+2)!} \frac{n!(n+1)!}{(2n)!} = \frac{(2n+2)n!}{(n+2)!(2n)!} \\ &= \frac{(2n+2)n!}{(n+1)(n+2)n!(2n)!} = \frac{(2n+2)!}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n)!} \\ &= \frac{(2(n+1))!}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n)!} = \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)(2n)!}{(n+1)(n+2)(2n)!} \\ &= \frac{(2n+2)(2n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{2(n+1)(2n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)} \\ &= \frac{2(2n+1)}{n+2} = \frac{4n+2}{n+2} = \frac{4(n+2)-6}{n+2} = 4 - \frac{6}{n+2} \end{aligned}$$

And therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{C_{n+1}}{C_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(4 - \frac{6}{n+2} \right) = 4$$