

Problem of the Week 7: Another Infinite Sum

The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{2^n}$$

can easily be shown to be convergent. (Remember tests for convergence from Calculus). For this series, we can do even better: we can actually find its exact sum.

Can you do that? Show how you obtained your answer. ¹

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