

Solution to Problem of the Week 4

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{n-i} \frac{x^j}{i!j!} &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=i}^n \frac{x^{k-i}}{i!(k-i)!} && \text{Let } k = i + j \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=i}^n \frac{1}{k!} \binom{k}{i} x^{k-i} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \binom{k}{i} x^{k-i} && \binom{k}{i} = 0 \text{ if } k < i \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{k}{i} x^{k-i} && \text{interchange the summations} \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} x^{k-i} && \binom{k}{i} = 0 \text{ if } i > k \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k!} (1+x)^k && \text{binomial expansion of } (1+x)^k
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ the last sum converges to e^{1+x} , for any x , by the power series expansion of the exponential function.