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"Michael Simkin, a postdoctoral fellow at the Center of Mathematical Sciences and Applications, calculated that there are about (0.143n)^n ways the queens can be placed so none are attacking each other on giant n-by-n chessboards."

news.harvard.edu
Harvard mathematician answers 150-year-old chess problem
The n-queens challenge dates back to 1869. After working on the problem for about 5 years, mathematician Michael Simkin has an almost definitive solution.

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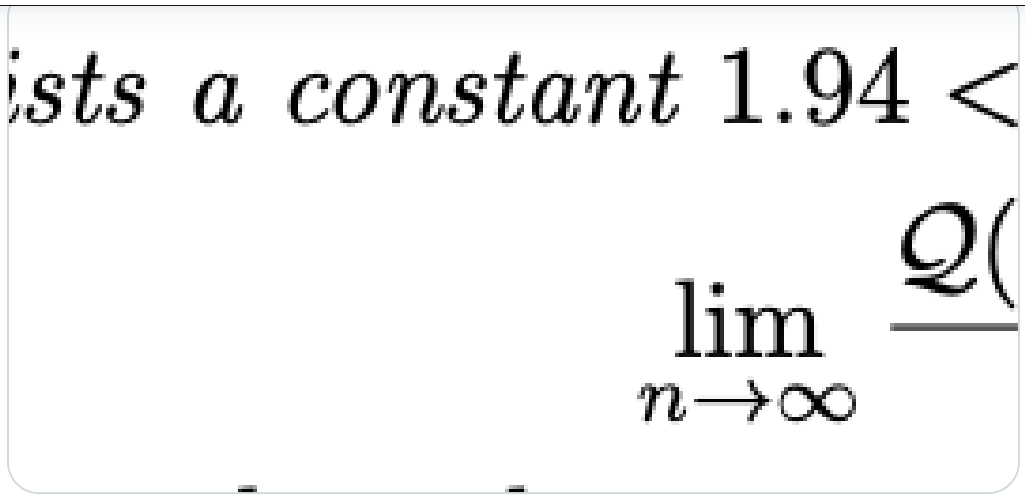

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