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- 1 We calculate the sum of 7 natural consecutive pairs (e.g. $2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10 + 12 + 14$) and we will call the result A , then the sum of the next 7 consecutive pairs (in the example, $16 + 18 + \dots$) and its result we will call B , and finally we calculate the sum of the following 7 consecutive pairs and its result we will call C . Can the product ABC be 2002^3 ?
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- 2 Prove that there are no $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that

$$x^{\lfloor x \rfloor} = \frac{9}{2}.$$

- 3 Find all real numbers x that satisfy the following inequality $|x^2 - 4x + 1| > |x^2 - 4x + 5|$
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- 4 In a trapezoid $ABCD$ with base AB let E be the midpoint of side AD . Suppose further that $2CD = EC = BC = b$. Let $\angle ECB = 120^\circ$. Construct the trapezoid and determine its area based on b .
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