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Is there a sequence a_1, a_2, \dots of positive real numbers such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/a_n$ converges, and $\prod_{k=1}^n a_k < n^n$ for all n ?

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No, such sequence does not exist, otherwise, by Carleman's inequality, we would have the following contradiction

$$+\infty = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(\prod_{k=1}^n a_k)^{1/n}} \leq e \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{a_n} < +\infty$$

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