

Prove of Important Limits

Q.1. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cosh h}{h} = 0$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} \cdot \frac{1 + \cos x}{1 + \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{x(1 + \cos x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x(1 + \cos x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cos x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cos x)}$$

$$= 1 \times 0/2 = 1 \times 0 = 0$$

Q.2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}$

Let $x = 1 + h$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+h)^n - 1}{1+h-1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + nh + C_2^n h^2 + C_3^n h^3 + \dots - 1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(n + C_2^n h + C_3^n h^2 + \dots + C_{n-1}^n h^{n-1})}{h} = n$$

Q.3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x}$

Sol²: let $a^x - 1 = y$ so that $y \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$

and $a^x = 1 + y$

or $x \ln a = \ln(1 + y)$, where \ln stands for log to the base e

Now $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} =$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{\frac{1}{\ln a} \ln(1+y)} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln a}{\frac{1}{y} \ln(1+y)} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln a}{\frac{1}{\ln(1+y)} \frac{1}{y}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax-1}{x} = \ln a \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\ln(1+y)^{1/y}} = \ln a \frac{1}{\ln \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (1+y)^{1/y}}$$

$$= \ln a \frac{1}{\ln e} = \ln a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax-1}{x} = \ln a$$

Q.4. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$

Sol.

$(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ expand it by using binomial thermo.

$$(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = 1 + n \frac{1}{n} + n \frac{(n-1)}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} + n \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^3} + n \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{4!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^4} + \dots$$

$$+ n \frac{(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\dots(n-r-1)}{r!} \cdot \frac{1}{n^r}$$

$$(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{1}{3!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) (1 - \frac{2}{n}) + \frac{1}{4!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) (1 - \frac{2}{n})$$

Apply limits ∞ on both sides

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) + \frac{1}{3!} (1 - \frac{1}{n}) (1 - \frac{2}{n})]$$

$$= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{1}{5!} + \dots$$

This is almost equal to corrected upto 6 decimals

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = 2.718282$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$$

Q.5. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$

Proof:

We Know that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$

let $t = 1/n$ $t \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1 + t)^{1/t} = e$$