

Example 5)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x \Rightarrow (1)^\infty \quad (\text{Indeterminate form of Limit})$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = L \quad (\text{Suppose the value of limit is } L)$$

① \ln both sides

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = \ln L$$

② Apply the property of log

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) = \ln L$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} = \ln L \quad \left(\frac{(\ln 1 + \frac{1}{\infty})}{\frac{1}{\infty}} = \frac{0}{0} : \text{Indeterminate form of Limit} \right)$$

③ Apply L'Hôpital's Rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left[\frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}\right] \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{x^2}\right)}{\frac{-1}{x^2}} = \ln L$$

④ Simplify

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{x}} = \ln L$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \ln L \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{L = e}$$

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

IB Math 3: Evaluate the limit w.s

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1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 - 1} (= \frac{0}{0})$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3x^2}{2x^2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$$

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 27}{x^2 - 9} (= \frac{0}{0})$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{3x^2}{2x} = \frac{3 \cdot (3)^2}{2(3)} = \boxed{\frac{9}{2}}$$

3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{10} - 1}{x - 1} (= \frac{0}{0})$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{10x^9}{1} = \boxed{10}$$

4. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{\sin^3 x} (= \frac{0}{0})$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2(\cos x) \cdot (-\sin x)}{3 \sin^2 x \cdot (\cos x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{3 \sin x} = \boxed{\infty}$$

5. ~~$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2}}{\pi - x}$~~

6. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} (= \frac{0}{0})$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{2x} (= \frac{0}{0}) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{2} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2}}$$

7. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x \sin 2x}{x \sin 4x}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{\sin 4x} (= \frac{0}{0})$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \cos 3x}{1} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cos 2x}{4 \cos 4x}$$

$$= 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$$

8. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (1 + \frac{1}{2x})^{3x}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln (1 + \frac{1}{2x})^{3x} = \ln L$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln (1 + \frac{1}{2x})}{\frac{1}{3x}} = \frac{0}{0}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1+2x} \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{-1}{x^2} \right) = \ln L$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{x^2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} = \frac{3}{2} = \ln L \Rightarrow \boxed{L = e^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$9. \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left(1 - \frac{3}{x}\right)^{2x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \ln \left(1 - \frac{3}{x}\right)^{2x} &= \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 - \frac{3}{x}\right) \quad \left(=\frac{0}{0}\right)}{\frac{1}{2x}} = \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{x}}\right) \left(-\frac{3}{x^2}\right)}{\left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3}{\frac{1}{2}} = 6 = \ln L \end{aligned}$$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{5x}\right)^{-x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{5x}\right)^{-x} &= \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} -x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{5x}\right) = \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{5x}\right) \quad \left(=\frac{0}{0}\right)}{-\frac{1}{x}} = \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{5x}}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{5x^2}\right)}{\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{5x}}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) = \ln L \end{aligned}$$

$$13. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(7 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{6x}$$

$$10. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (e^x + x)^{1/x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln (e^x + x)^{1/x} &= \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \ln [e^x + x] \quad \left(=\frac{\infty}{\infty}\right) = \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{e^x + x}\right) (e^x + 1)}{1} = \ln L \end{aligned}$$

$$\ln L = \infty$$

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$$12. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1+x)^{1/x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln (1+x)^{1/x} &= \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \ln (1+x) \quad \left(=\frac{\infty}{\infty}\right) = \ln L \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right) (1)}{1} = \ln L \Rightarrow 1 = \ln L \end{aligned}$$

$$L = e$$

$$L = e^{1/5}$$

Take #13 out