

$$f(x) = \frac{x + e^{-x} - 1}{x^2}$$

limit: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - e^{-x}}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

L'Hospital's rule

or $f(x) = \left(x + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!} - 1 \right) \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}$

$$= \underbrace{\left(-1 + x + (-1)^0 \frac{1}{1} + (-1)^1 \frac{x}{1} \right)}_{=0} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{x^2} \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{n-2}}{n!}$$

$$= (-1)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2!} + (-1)^3 \frac{x}{3!} + (-1)^4 \frac{x^2}{4!} + (-1)^5 \frac{x^3}{5!}$$

$$+ (-1)^6 \frac{x^4}{6!} + \sum_{n=7}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

for $x \rightarrow 0$ we see: $f(x) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$

size of the summands @ $x = 10^{-5}$

$$\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

$$- \frac{x}{6} \rightarrow -1,6 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$+ \frac{x^2}{24} \rightarrow 4,1\bar{6} \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$- \frac{x^3}{120} \rightarrow -8,3 \cdot 10^{-18}$$

$$+ \frac{x^4}{720} \rightarrow 1,3\bar{8} \cdot 10^{-24}$$

⋮

} beyond double
point precision!

for $x \in [0, 10^{-5}]$

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{6} + \frac{x^2}{24}$$

to double precision