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Defines power tower sequence

For positive values of a, the power tower sequence

$$a, a^a, a^{a^a}, a^{a^{a^a}}, \dots$$

is convergent if and only if

$$\frac{1}{e^e} \le a \le e^{\frac{1}{e}},$$

approximately

$$0.065989 \le a \le 1.444667.$$

The limit of the sequence is the least real http://planetmath.org/Equationroot of the equation

$$a^x = x$$
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The proof is found in [1].

References

[1] E. LINDELÖF: Differentiali- ja integralilasku ja sen sovellutukset III. Toinen osa. Mercatorin Kirjapaino Osakeyhtiö, Helsinki (1940).