Assignment 2

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Problem 1(viii), ICSE 12 2019:

Using L'Hospital's Rule, evaluate:

$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{8^x - 4^x}{4x}$$

Solution:

we know that,

if there is a function $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$ then by L'Hospital's Rule

$$Lim_{x\to x_0}f(x) = Lim_{x\to x_0}\frac{g(x)}{h(x)} = Lim_{x\to x_0}\frac{g'(x)}{h'(x)}$$

so, by equation (1),

$$Lim_{x\to 0} \frac{8^x - 4^x}{4x} = Lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\frac{d(8^x - 4^x)}{dx}}{\frac{d(4x)}{dx}}$$

$$= Lim_{x\to 0} \frac{8^x \log 8 - 4^x \log 4}{4}$$
(3)

Now, putting value of x=0, we get

$$=\frac{\log 8 - \log 4}{4}\tag{4}$$

$$=\frac{\log 2}{4} \tag{5}$$