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Find the asymptotic equivalent of $\frac{x}{\log x}$

1. Let

$$y = f(x) = \frac{x}{\log x}$$

Then

$$\log y = \log x - \log(\log x)$$

It is a fact (can show with L'Hospital's rule) that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(\log x)}{\log x} = 0$$

Therefore

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log y}{\log x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log x - \log(\log x)}{\log x} = 1$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\log y &\sim \log x \\ y \log y &\sim y \log x \\ y \log y &\sim x \quad \text{by definition of } y \\ y \log y &\sim f^{-1}(y) \quad \text{by definition of } f\end{aligned}$$

Source: HARDY AND WRIGHT *An Introduction to the Theory of Numbers* (1975) pg. 10