

Limit Definition of e

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

$$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n} \quad (2)$$

$$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \quad (3)$$

$$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}{\frac{1}{n}}} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{By L'Hopital's Rule} = e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{-n-2}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}}{-n^{-2}}} \quad (5)$$

$$= e^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n}}} \quad (6)$$

$$= e \quad (7)$$