

# When will the power tower converge?

rule :

$$\begin{cases} a_1 = a \\ a_n = a^{a_{n-1}} \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n > 1\} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Then evaluate each term based on (1)

$$a_2 = a^{a_1} = a^a, a_3 = a^{a_2} = a^{a^a}, a_4 = a^{a_3} = a^{a^{a^a}}$$

When the number of terms get big enough, the value of  $a_1$  that  $a_n$  either converges or diverges can be assumed. For instance, although  $a_1 = 1$  leads  $a_\infty$  to converge,  $a_1 = 2$  let it diverge. And  $a_\infty$  converges in the range of  $0 < a_1 \leq 1$ . But it doesn't mean  $a_\infty$  diverges in the range of  $1 < a_1$ . Therefore, there would be a border that the  $a_\infty$  converges or diverges in the range of  $1 < a_1 < 2$ .

$a^{a^{\dots}}$  can be given by repeating the function  $y = a^x$ . Whether  $a^{a^{\dots}}$  will be converge or not depends on common points.

Then let's evaluate  $a$  that the function  $y = a^x$  tangent to the function  $y = x$ .

First, differentiate  $y = a^x$

$$y' = a^x \log a$$

And seems to appear a point that the derivative would be 1, on function  $y = x$ . Therefore, evaluate  $x$  that shows  $y' = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} a^x \log a &= 1 \\ e^{a^x \log a} &= e^1 \\ a^{a^x} &= e \\ x &= \log_a(\log_a e) \end{aligned}$$

The point that the slope of function  $y = a^x$  becomes to be 1, is

$$(\log_a(\log_a e), a^{\log_a(\log_a e)}) = (\log_a(\log_a e), \log_a e)$$

Then, if this point is on the  $y = x$  graph,

$$\log_a(\log_a e) = \log_a e$$

And solve for  $a$ .

$$\log_a(\log_a e) = \log_a e$$

$$\log_a e = e$$

$$e = a^e$$

$$a = e^{1/e}$$