

Math 201 section 10.1

Extra Formulas & Problems

Formula 1++: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^c} = 0$ for any $c > 0$. Example: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln n}{n^{0.0001}} = 0$

Formula 7: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{n^n} = 0$ (see Exercise 63)

Formula 8: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n!} = \infty$ (Most students think the answer is 1 because $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n} = 1$.)

1) Great problem: Find $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+9}{n+2}\right)^n$

Fastest Solution: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+9}{n+2}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(1+\frac{9}{n}\right)^n}{\left(1+\frac{2}{n}\right)^n} = \frac{e^9}{e^2} = e^7$

REMINDER : $1^\infty, 0^0, \infty^0$ are the undefined limits in exponents (why?) (Take their ln)

2) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{3}{n}\right)^n = 1^\infty$!!!(undefined) The answer is ofcourse e^3 (by Formula 5).

3) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n+9}{n+2}\right)^n = 1^\infty$!!!(undefined) The answer here is e^7 (see Great problem 1 above)

4) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1^n = 1$ because we are taking the limit of the sequence 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,

The following method in taking limits of exponents is acceptable to me **provided** we do NOT run into $1^\infty, 0^0, \infty^0$ (the Undefined limits in exponents). For example,

5) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{5n+1}{3n+2}\right)^n = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^\infty = \infty$

6) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3n+9}{5n+2}\right)^n = \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^\infty = 0$