

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - 1234x)^{\frac{10}{x}}$

1. Let  $w = \frac{10}{x}$ . Use substitution to rewrite everything in terms of  $w$ .

a. We have  $x = \frac{10}{w}$ . The expression  $1234x$  is  $1234 \cdot \frac{10}{w} = \frac{12340}{w}$  so we have

$$(1 - 1234x)^{\frac{10}{x}} = \left(1 - \frac{12340}{w}\right)^w$$

b. As  $x \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $w = \frac{10}{x} \rightarrow \infty$ . Observe a graph [here](#) to see.  
(Large numbers in the denominator mean very small outputs.)

c. Use parts a and b to write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - 1234x)^{\frac{10}{x}} = \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{12340}{w}\right)^w$

2. Cool Fact!  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^n = e^r$ , so  $\lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{12340}{w}\right)^w = \lim_{w \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{-12340}{w}\right)^w = \boxed{e^{-12340}}$ .

Another Approach: Use L'Hopital's Rule by setting  $y = (1 - 1234x)^{\frac{10}{x}}$  and finding  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y$ .

Then find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\ln y} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(1 - 1234x)^{\frac{10}{x}} &= \frac{10}{x} \ln(1 - 1234x) = \frac{10 \ln(1 - 1234x)}{x} \text{ which, as } x \rightarrow 0, \text{ is the indeterminate form } \frac{0}{0}. \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10 \ln(1 - 1234x)}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10 \cdot \frac{1}{(1 - 1234x)} \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx}(1 - 1234x)\right)}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{10}{(1 - 1234x)} \cdot (-1234) \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \text{LH} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-12340}{(1 - 1234x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-12340}{(1 - 0)} = -12340. \end{aligned}$$

We now find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\ln y} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y} = \boxed{e^{-12340}}$ .