

On solution of limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - 2x)^{1/x}$

We try to find limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \quad (1)$$

We write

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\ln(1-2x)^{\frac{1}{x}}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(1-2x)^{\frac{1}{x}}} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1-2x)}{x}} \quad (2)$$

We calculate the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1-2x)}{x}$. We notice that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln(1 - 2x) = \ln 1 = 0$ and that we may use the rule of l'Hôpital to calculate the limit of the last exponent expression of equation (2)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1 - 2x)}{x} = \left| \frac{0}{0} \right| \stackrel{(H)}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{1-2x}(-2)}{1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{1 - 2x} = -2 \quad (3)$$

We arrive then at our result

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e^{-2} \quad (4)$$