

Put  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x(e^{1/x} - 1)$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{1/x} - 1}{1/x}, \text{ which is of type } \frac{0}{0}$$

Then L'Hôpital's rule yields

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(e^{1/x} - 1)}{\frac{d}{dx}(1/x)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{1/x} \cdot \left(\frac{-1}{x^2}\right) - 0}{-1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/x} = e^0 = 1$$

Alternatively, using the substitution  $u = 1/x$ ,

$$L = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^u - 1}{u}$$

$$= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 + u + u O[u] - 1}{u}$$

$$= \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} 1 + O[u] = 1 + 0 = 1$$

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