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- It is often necessary to check if get the same result when x approaches 1 from the left.

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Left Hand Limit

x	.9	.99	.999	.9999	$ ightarrow 1^-  ightarrow 1$
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