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A proof of

$$(n+1) \lfloor \log_2[n+1] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[n+1] \rfloor + 1} + 2 = (n+1) (\log_2[n+1] + \epsilon[n+1]) - 2n$$

where ϵ is given by the following definition

In[2]:= $\beta[x_] := 1 + x - 2^x$

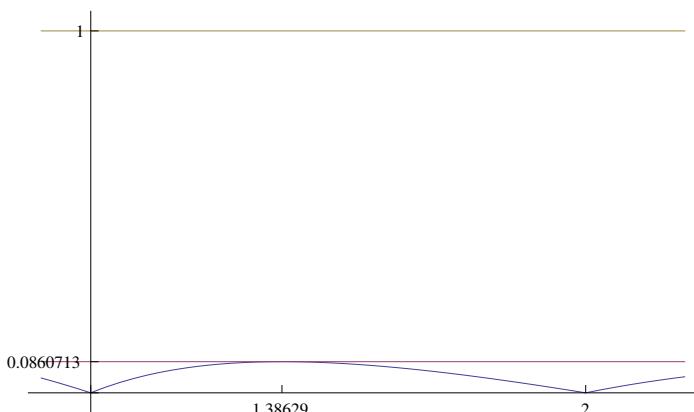
In[3]:= $\theta[x_] := \lceil x \rceil - x$

In[4]:= $\epsilon[x_] := \beta[\theta[\log_2[x]]]$

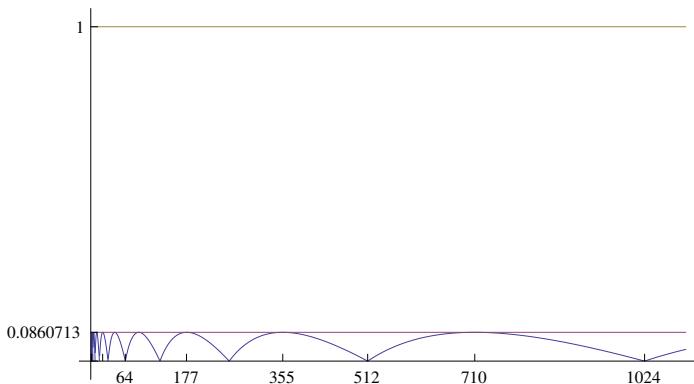
Function ϵ oscillates between 0 and

$$1 - \lg e + \lg \lg e \approx 0.08607133205593432$$

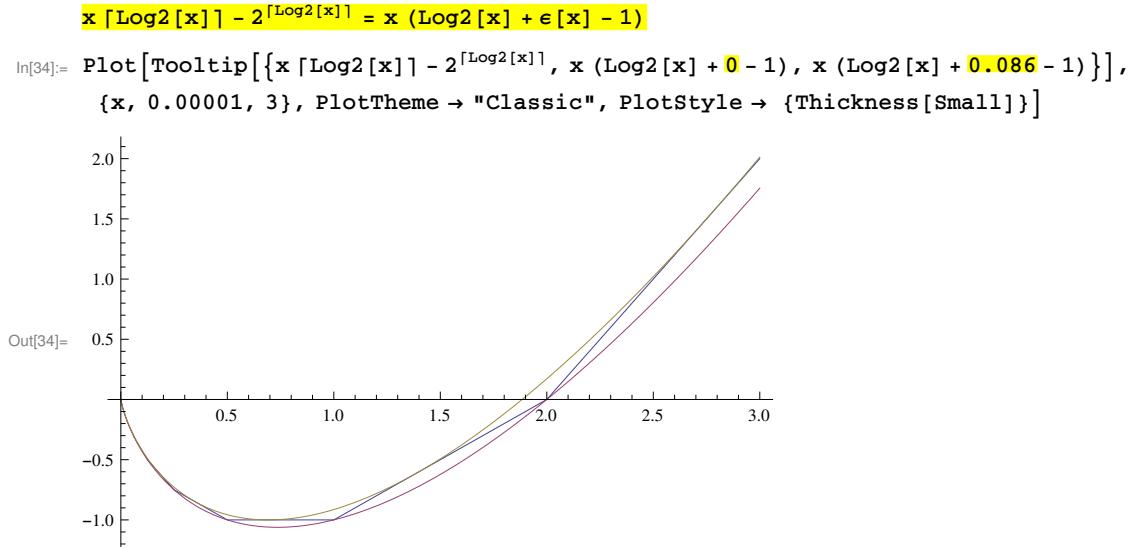
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In[33]:= Plot[{e[n], 0.0860713, 1}, {n, 0.9, 2.2}, PlotTheme -> "Classic",
  PlotStyle -> {Thickness[Small]}, AspectRatio -> 0.6,
  Ticks -> {{1, 1.38629}, {2, 22, 64, 177, 355, 512, 710, 1024}, {0, 0.0860713, 1}}]
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In[32]:= Plot[{e[n], 0.08607133205593431, 1}, {n, 1, 1100},
  PlotTheme -> "Classic", PlotStyle -> {Thickness[Small]}, AspectRatio -> .6,
  Ticks -> {{1, 2^.4712336270551024}, {2, Round[2^4.4712336270551024]},
  {64, Round[2^7.4712336270551024]}, {512, Round[2^8.4712336270551024]}, {1024, Round[2^9.4712336270551024]}, {0, 0.08607133205593431, 1}}]
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First I will prove that



By the definition of ϵ we have

$$\epsilon[x] = 1 + \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - \log_2[x] - 2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil} - \log_2[x]$$

Hence

$$\epsilon[x] = 1 + \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - \log_2[x] - \frac{2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil}}{2^{\log_2[x]}}$$

$$\epsilon[x] = 1 + \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - \log_2[x] - \frac{2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil}}{x}$$

$$\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 1 = \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - \frac{2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil}}{x}$$

$$x (\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 1) = x \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - 2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil}$$

This completes the proof of

$$x \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - 2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil} = x (\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 1)$$

Second, I will prove that

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = x \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - 2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil} - x$$

1) For $\log_2[x] \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil = \log_2[x] = \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor$

So,

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = x \log_2[x] - 2^{\log_2[x] + 1} = x \log_2[x] - 2 \times 2^{\log_2[x]} = \\ x \log_2[x] - 2x = x \log_2[x] - x - x = x \log_2[x] - 2^{\log_2[x]} - x = x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor} - x$$

2) For $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$, $\lfloor x \rfloor - \lceil x \rceil = 1$, so

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = \lceil x \rceil - 1.$$

Thus for $\log_2[x] \notin \mathbb{Z}$

$$\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor = \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - 1$$

So

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = \\ x (\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 1) - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 1 + 1} = x (\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 1) - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 1 + 1} = x (\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor) - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor} - x$$

This completes the proof of

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = x \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - 2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil} - x$$

Third, I will prove that

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = x (\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 2)$$

Combining

$$x \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - 2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil} = x (\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 1)$$

with

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = x \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil - 2^{\lceil \log_2[x] \rceil} - x$$

yields

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = x (\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 1) - x =$$

$$x (\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 2)$$

This completes the proof of

$$x \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor + 1} = x (\log_2[x] + \epsilon[x] - 2)$$

Now, putting $x = n + 1$ we get

$$(n + 1) \lfloor \log_2[n + 1] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[n + 1] \rfloor + 1} = (n + 1) (\log_2[n + 1] + \epsilon[n + 1] - 2)$$

This completes the proof.

Optional interesting fact

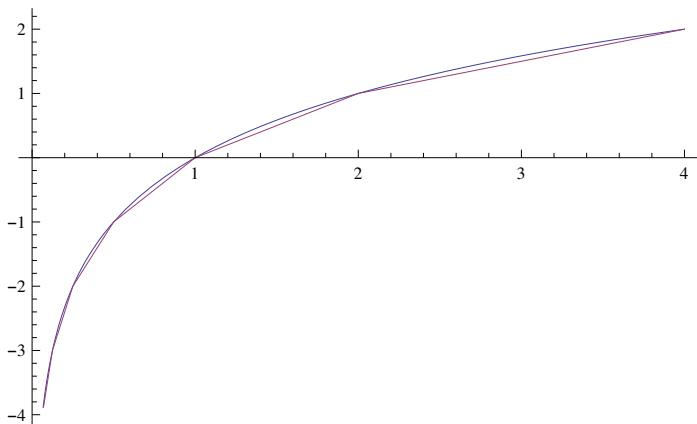
The function

$$\beta[x] = 1 + \log_2[x] - \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil}$$

similar to ϵ

may be used to linearly interpolate \log_2

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In[35]:= Plot[Tooltip[{Log2[x], Log2[x] - (1 + Log2[x] - \lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \log_2[x] \rfloor - \lceil \log_2[x] \rceil})}], {x, 0.00001, 4}, PlotTheme -> "Classic", PlotStyle -> {Thickness[Small]}]
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In[36]:= Plot[Tooltip[{Log2[x], Log2[x] - 0.08607133205593431` ,  
Log2[x] - (1 + Log2[x] - [Log2[x]] - 2^Log2[x]-[Log2[x]])}],  
{x, 0.00001, 4}, PlotTheme -> "Classic", PlotStyle -> {Thickness[Small]}]
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