

# Math Diversion 711

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When I give this talk to a physics audience, I  
remove the quotes from my ‘Theorem’.  
— Brian Greene

The problem is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/xCnoPI4zxdM>

Title: Most Difficult SAT Question

Presenter: Brain Station Video (short)

## 1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$\sqrt{x^{\sqrt{x^{\sqrt{x^{\dots}}}}} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad (1)$$

find the value for  $x$ .

- A.  $\frac{1}{3}$     B.  $\frac{1}{81}$     C.  $\frac{1}{27}$     D.  $\frac{1}{729}$

## 2 The Solution

Since this problem is clearly just a matter of self-similarity, we can rewrite the  
Given as

$$\sqrt{x^{1/3}} = \frac{1}{3}. \quad (2)$$

Obviously, to extricate  $x$  from all that jazz, we need to raise both sides to the  
sixth power, to get

$$x = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^6 = \frac{1}{729}. \quad (3)$$

So, the answer is D.