**Problem statement** The following statements are facts:

$$(10,000,000,000)^{\left(\frac{1}{10,000,000,000}\right)} \approx 1.00000\ 00023\ \underline{02585}\ \underline{09}564$$

and

$$\ln 10 \approx \underline{2.30258} \ \underline{509}29$$

Explain the amazing coincidence of the digits.

**Hint** Approximate  $e^x$  when x is small.