

HYPERBOLIC FUNCTIONS

SOME SOLVED EXAMPLES:

1. If $\tanh x = \frac{1}{2}$, find $\sinh 2x$ and $\cosh 2x$ -

Solution: $\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{e^{2x} + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore 2e^{2x} - 2 = e^{2x} + 1 \quad \therefore e^{2x} = 3$$

$$\text{Now, } \sinh 2x = \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{2} = \frac{3 - (1/3)}{2} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \text{Now, } \cosh 2x = \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} = \frac{3 + (1/3)}{2} = \frac{5}{3}$$

2. Solve the equation $7\cosh x + 8\sinh x = 1$ for real values of x .

Solution: $7\cosh x + 8\sinh x = 1$

Putting the values of $\cosh x$ and $\sinh x$, we get

$$\therefore 7\left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}\right) + 8\left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\therefore 7e^x + 7e^{-x} + 8e^x - 8e^{-x} = 2 \quad \therefore 15e^x - e^{-x} = 2$$

$$\therefore 15e^{2x} - 2e^x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{Solving it as a quadratic equation in } e^x,$$

$$e^x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(15)(-1)}}{2(15)} = \frac{2 \pm 8}{30} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{or } -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\therefore x = \log\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \quad \text{or } x = \log\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$\text{Since } x \text{ is real, } x = \log\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = -\log 3$$

3. If $\sinh^{-1}a + \sinh^{-1}b = \sinh^{-1}x$ then prove that $x = a\sqrt{1+b^2} + b\sqrt{1+a^2}$

Solution: Let $\sinh^{-1}a = \alpha$, $\sinh^{-1}b = \beta$ and $\sinh^{-1}x = \gamma$

$$\text{We are given } \sinh^{-1}a + \sinh^{-1}b = \sinh^{-1}x \quad \therefore \alpha + \beta = \gamma$$

$$\therefore \sinh(\alpha + \beta) = \sinh \gamma$$

$$\therefore \sinh \alpha \cosh \beta + \cosh \alpha \sinh \beta = \sinh \gamma \dots\dots\dots(A)$$

$$\text{But } \sinh \alpha = a, \sinh \beta = b, \sinh \gamma = x$$

$$\therefore \cosh \alpha = \sqrt{1 + \sinh^2 \alpha} = \sqrt{1 + a^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \cosh \beta = \sqrt{1 + \sinh^2 \beta} = \sqrt{1 + b^2}$$

$$\text{Putting these values in (A), we get } a\sqrt{1+b^2} + b\sqrt{1+a^2} = x$$

4. Prove that $16 \sinh^5 x = \sinh 5x - 5 \sinh 3x + 10 \sinh x$

Solution: $\text{LHS} = 16 \sinh^5 x = 16 \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}\right)^5$

$$= \frac{16}{32} (e^{5x} - 5e^{4x}e^{-x} + 10e^{3x}e^{-2x} - 10e^{2x}e^{-3x} + 5e^xe^{-4x} - e^{-5x})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (e^{5x} - 5e^{3x} + 10e^x - 10e^{-x} + 5e^{-3x} - e^{-5x})$$

using binomial expansion

$$= \left(\frac{e^{5x} - e^{-5x}}{2} \right) - 5 \left(\frac{e^{3x} + e^{-3x}}{2} \right) + 10 \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \sinh 5x - 5 \sinh 3x + 10 \sinh x = \text{RHS}$$

5. Prove that $16 \cosh^5 x = \cosh 5x + 5 \cosh 3x + 10 \cosh x$

Solution: $l.h.s = 16 \cosh^5 x = 16 \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right)^5$ [By Binomial Theorem]

$$= \frac{16}{32} [e^{5x} + 5e^{4x} e^{-x} + 10e^{3x} e^{-2x} + 10e^{2x} e^{-3x} + 5e^x e^{-4x} + e^{-5x}]$$

$$= \frac{(e^{5x} + e^{-5x})}{2} + 5 \frac{(e^{3x} + e^{-3x})}{2} + 10 \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})}{2}$$

$$= \cosh 5x + 5 \cosh 3x + 10 \cosh x = r.h.s$$

6. Prove that $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \cosh^2 x}}} = \cosh^2 x$

Solution: $l.h.s = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \cosh^2 x}}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + \operatorname{cosec}^2 x}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{\cot^2 x}} = \frac{1}{1 - \tan^2 x}$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\sinh^2 x}{\cosh^2 x}} = \frac{\cosh^2 x}{\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x} = \cosh^2 x$$

7. If $u = \log \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$, Prove that

(i) $\cosh u = \sec \theta$

(ii) $\sinh u = \tan \theta$

(iii) $\tanh u = \sin \theta$

(iv) $\tanh \frac{u}{2} = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$

Solution: (i) $u = \log \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$

$$\therefore e^u = \tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\theta}{2} \right) = \frac{1 + \tan \theta/2}{1 - \tan \theta/2}$$

$$\therefore e^{-u} = \frac{1 - \tan \theta/2}{1 + \tan \theta/2}$$

$$\therefore \cosh u = \frac{e^u + e^{-u}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(1 + \tan \theta/2 + \tan^2 \theta/2) + (1 - \tan \theta/2 + \tan^2 \theta/2)}{1 - \tan^2 \theta/2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{2 + 2 \tan^2 \theta/2}{1 - \tan^2 \theta/2} \right) = \frac{1 + \tan^2 \theta/2}{1 - \tan^2 \theta/2} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta$$

(ii) $\sinh u = \sqrt{\cosh^2 u - 1} = \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = \sqrt{\tan^2 \theta} = \tan \theta$

(iii) $\tanh u = \frac{\sinh u}{\cosh u} = \frac{\tan \theta}{\sec \theta} = \frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}}{\frac{1}{\cos \theta}} = \sin \theta$

(iv) $\tanh \left(\frac{u}{2} \right) = \frac{\sinh(u/2)}{\cosh(u/2)} = \frac{2 \sinh(u/2) \cosh(u/2)}{2 \cosh(u/2) \cosh(u/2)} = \frac{\sinh u}{1 + \cosh u} = \frac{\tan \theta}{1 + \sec \theta}$
(By (i) and (ii))

$$\therefore \tanh\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \frac{\sin\theta/\cos\theta}{(\cos\theta+1)/\cos\theta} = \frac{2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2)}{2\cos^2(\theta/2)} = \frac{\sin(\theta/2)}{\cos(\theta/2)} = \tan\frac{\theta}{2}$$

8. If $\cosh x = \sec \theta$, Prove that

$$(i) \quad x = \log(\sec \theta + \tan \theta) \quad (ii) \quad \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\tan^{-1}(e^{-x}) \quad (iii) \quad \tanh\frac{x}{2} = \tan\frac{\theta}{2}$$

Solution: (i) $\cosh x = \sec \theta$

$$\therefore \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \sec \theta \quad \text{By definition } \cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\therefore e^x - 2\sec \theta + e^{-x} = 0 \quad \therefore (e^x)^2 - 2e^x \sec \theta + 1 = 0$$

Solving the quadratic in e^x ,

$$e^x = \sec \theta \pm \sqrt{\sec^2 \theta - 1} = \sec \theta \pm \tan \theta$$

$$\therefore x = \log(\sec \theta \pm \tan \theta) = \pm \log(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)$$

(we can prove that $\log(\sec \theta - \tan \theta) = -\log(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)$)

$$(ii) \quad \text{Let } \tan^{-1}e^{-x} = \alpha \quad \therefore e^{-x} = \tan \alpha \quad \therefore e^x = \cot \alpha$$

$$\text{Now, by data } \sec \theta = \cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{\cot \alpha + \tan \alpha}{2}$$

$$2 \sec \theta = \cot \alpha + \tan \alpha = \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} + \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \frac{2}{\sin 2\alpha}$$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \sin 2\alpha = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - 2\alpha\right)$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} - 2\tan^{-1}(e^{-x})$$

$$(iii) \quad \tanh \frac{x}{2} = \frac{e^{x/2} - e^{-x/2}}{e^{x/2} + e^{-x/2}} = \frac{e^x - 1}{e^x + 1} = \frac{\sec \theta + \tan \theta - 1}{\sec \theta + \tan \theta + 1} = \frac{1 + \sin \theta - \cos \theta}{1 + \sin \theta + \cos \theta}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - \cos \theta) + \sin \theta}{(1 + \cos \theta) + \sin \theta} = \frac{2\sin^2(\theta/2) + 2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2)}{2\cos^2(\theta/2) + 2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2)} = \frac{\sin(\theta/2)}{\cos(\theta/2)} = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

SOME PRACTICE PROBLEMS

1. If $\tanh x = 2/3$, find the value of x and then $\cosh 2x$.
2. Solve the equation for real values of x , $17 \cosh x + 18 \sinh x = 1$.
3. If $6 \sinh x + 2 \cosh x + 7 = 0$, find $\tanh x$.
4. If $\cosh^{-1}a + \cosh^{-1}b = \cosh^{-1}x$, then prove that $a\sqrt{b^2 - 1} + b\sqrt{a^2 - 1} = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$.
5. If $\cosh^6 x = a \cosh 6x + b \cosh 4x + c \cosh 2x + d$,
Prove that $25a - 5b + 3c - 4d = 0$

6. Prove that $\cosh^7 x = \frac{1}{64} [\cosh 7x + 7 \cosh 5x + 21 \cosh 3x + 35 \cosh x]$
7. If $\cos \alpha \cosh \beta = x/2$, $\sin \alpha \sinh \beta = y/2$, show that
- (i) $\sec(\alpha - i\beta) + \sec(\alpha + i\beta) = \frac{4x}{x^2 + y^2}$
- (ii) $\sec(\alpha - i\beta) - \sec(\alpha + i\beta) = \frac{-4iy}{x^2 + y^2}$
8. Prove that $\operatorname{cosech} x + \coth x = \coth \frac{x}{2}$
9. Prove that $(\cosh x + \sinh x)^n = \cosh nx + \sinh nx$
10. Prove that $\left(\frac{\cosh x + \sinh x}{\cosh x - \sinh x} \right)^n = \cosh 2nx + \sinh 2nx$
11. If $\log \tan x = y$, prove that $\cosh ny = \frac{1}{2} [\tan^n x + \cot^n x]$ and $\sinh(n+1)y + \sinh(n-1)y = 2 \sinh ny \operatorname{cosec} 2x$
12. Prove that $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + \sinh^2 x}}} = -\sinh^2 x$
13. If $\cosh u = \sec \theta$, prove that
- (i) $\sinh u = \tan \theta$ (ii) $\tanh u = \sin \theta$ (iii) $u = \log \left[\tan \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$

ANSWERS

1. $\frac{1}{2} \log 5$, $\frac{13}{5}$ 2. $x = -\log 5$ 3. $\frac{3}{5}$, $\frac{-15}{17}$