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11853. Find

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sinh 2^n}.$$

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By inspection the partial sums are found to be given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sinh 2^i} = \frac{2(e^{2^{n+1}} - e^2)}{(e^{2^{n+1}} - 1)(e^2 - 1)}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2(e^{2^{n+1}} - e^2)}{(e^{2^{n+1}} - 1)(e^2 - 1)} + \frac{2}{e^{2^{n+1}} - e^{-2^{n+1}}} &= \frac{2(e^{2^{n+1}} - e^2)}{(e^{2^{n+1}} - 1)(e^2 - 1)} + \frac{2e^{2^{n+1}}}{(e^{2^{n+1}} - 1)(e^{2^{n+1}} + 1)} \\ &= \frac{2(e^{2^{n+1}} - e^2)(e^{2^{n+1}} + 1) + 2e^{2^{n+1}}(e^2 - 1)}{(e^{2^{n+1}} - 1)(e^{2^{n+1}} + 1)(e^2 - 1)} \\ &= \frac{2(e^{2^{n+2}} - e^{2^{n+1}+2} + e^{2^{n+1}} - e^2) + 2(e^{2^{n+1}+2} - e^{2^{n+1}})}{(e^{2^{n+1}} - 1)(e^{2^{n+1}} + 1)(e^2 - 1)} \\ &= \frac{2(e^{2^{n+2}} - e^2)}{(e^{2^{n+2}} - 1)(e^2 - 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the limit of the partial sums gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sinh 2^i} = \frac{2}{e^2 - 1}.$$