

Worksheet

MA 114

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1. Show that the curve with equation $y = \cosh 2x - 6 \sinh x$ has a stationary point, and find its x -coordinate in logarithmic form.

Solution: Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and where this derivative is 0.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2 \sinh(2x) - 6 \cosh(x) \\ 2 \sinh(2x) - 6 \cosh(x) &= 0 \\ \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{2} &= 3 \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \\ \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} &= 3 \\ e^x - e^{-x} &= 3 \\ (e^x)^2 - 3e^x - 1 &= 0 \\ e^x &= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9+4}}{2} \\ &= \frac{3 + \sqrt{9+4}}{2} \\ x &= \ln \left(\frac{3 + \sqrt{9+4}}{2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

(Because \ln must take a positive argument.)

2. Find the exact solution to $3 \cosh x = 4 \sinh x$, giving the answer in terms of a logarithm.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}3 \cosh(x) &= 4 \sinh(x) \\ 3e^x + 3e^{-x} &= 4e^x - 4e^{-x} \\ e^x - 7e^{-x} &= 0 \\ (e^x)^2 - 7 &= 0 \\ e^x &= \sqrt{7} \\ x &= \frac{1}{2} \ln 7\end{aligned}$$

3. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = \cosh(2x)$ at $x = 1$.

Solution: $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \sinh(2x)$. Set $x = 1$ and $m = y'(1) = 2 \sinh 2$, so the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - \cosh 2 = 2 \sinh 2(x - 1).$$

4. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve $y = \sinh(x) + \cosh(x)$ at $x = 0$.

Solution: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cosh x + \sinh x$. Set $x = 0$ and $m = y'(0) = \cosh 0 + \sinh 0 = 1$, so the equation of the tangent line is

$$y - 1 = 1(x - 0),$$

or $y = x + 1$.

5. Suppose we know that the hyperbolic cosine of a certain variable is equal to 1. What is the hyperbolic cosine of twice that variable?

Solution: We are given that $\cosh a = 1$. We must find $\cosh(2a)$.

Method 1: There is only one value of a that will make $\cosh a = 1$ and that is $a = 0$. Then $2a = 0$ and $\cosh(2a) = 1$.

Method 2: Since $\cosh^2 a - \sinh^2 a = 1$ and $\cosh a = 1$, we see that $\sinh^2 a = 0$ and thus $\sinh a = 0$. Then

$$\cosh(2a) = \cosh^2 a + \sinh^2 a = 1 + 0 = 1.$$

6. How is the hyperbolic secant of 10 related to the hyperbolic secant of -10 ?

Solution: Since $\cosh x$ is an even function, it follows that $\operatorname{sech} x = 1/\cosh x$ is also even. Thus, $\operatorname{sech}(-10) = \operatorname{sech}(10)$.

7. Using the definitions of the hyperbolic functions, show that $2 \cosh^2 x - \cosh 2x = 1$.

Solution:

Method 1: Using hyperbolic trig identities:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cosh^2 x - \cosh 2x &= 2 \cosh^2 x - (\cosh^2 x + \sinh^2 x) \\ &= \cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Method 2

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \cosh^2 x - \cosh 2x &= 2 \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} \\ &= 2 \left(\frac{e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x}}{4} \right) - \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x}}{2} \\ &= \frac{2 \cdot 2}{4} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

8. Find $\frac{d}{dt} \coth(e^{2tx})$. **Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \coth(e^{2tx}) &= -\operatorname{csch}^2(e^{2tx}) (e^{2tx}) (2x) \\ &= -2xe^{2tx} \operatorname{csch}^2(e^{2tx})\end{aligned}$$

9. $\int \cosh(3x) dx$

$$\int \cosh(3x) dx = \frac{1}{3} \sinh(3x) + C.$$

10. $\int \sinh(x+1) dx$

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11. $\int \sinh^3 x \cosh^6 x dx$

Solution: Just like regular trig functions, rewrite $\sinh^3 x = \sinh x \sinh^2 x = \sinh x (\cosh^2 x - 1)$, and then integrate.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sinh^3 x \cosh^6 x dx &= \int \sinh x (\cosh^2 x - 1) \cosh^6 x dx \\ &= \frac{1}{9} \cosh^9 x - \frac{1}{7} \cosh^7 x + C\end{aligned}$$

12. $\int \sinh^2 x \cosh^2 x dx$

Solution: To really simplify matters, rewrite $\sinh^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cosh(2x))$ and $\cosh^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cosh(2x))$.

$$\begin{aligned}\int \sinh^2 x \cosh^2 x dx &= \int \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cosh(2x)) \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cosh(2x)) dx \\ &= -\int \frac{1}{4}(1 - \cosh^2(2x)) dx \\ &= -\int \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cosh(4x)) \right) dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{8} (-1 + \cosh(4x)) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(-x + \frac{1}{4} \sinh(4x) \right) + C \\ &= -\frac{x}{8} + \frac{1}{32} \sinh(4x) + C\end{aligned}$$

13. Define the gudermannian function by $\text{gd}(x) = \tan^{-1}(\sinh x)$. Show that $\frac{d}{dx} \text{gd}(x) = \text{sech } x$.

Solution: We differentiate.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} (\text{gd}(x)) &= \frac{d}{dx} (\tan^{-1}(\sinh x)) \\
 &= \frac{\cosh x}{1 + \sinh^2 x} \\
 &= \frac{\cosh x}{\cosh^2 x} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cosh x} \\
 &= \text{sech } x
 \end{aligned}$$

14. Let $f(x) = 2 \tan^{-1}(e^x) - \frac{\pi}{2}$. Prove that $\text{gd}(x) = f(x)$ by showing that they have the same derivative and that $f(0) = \text{gd}(0)$.

Solution: We differentiate.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dx} \left(2 \tan^{-1}(e^x) - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) &= \frac{2e^x}{1 + e^{2x}} \\
 &= \frac{2e^x}{1 + e^{2x}} \frac{e^{-x}}{e^{-x}} \\
 &= \frac{2}{e^x + e^{-x}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\cosh x} \\
 &= \text{sech } x \\
 &= \frac{d}{dx} (\text{gd}(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, since the functions have the same derivative, they must differ only by a constant, i.e., $\text{gd}(x) + C = 2 \tan^{-1}(e^x) - \frac{\pi}{2}$. By comparing the two functions at $x = 0$ we can find

the value of this constant.

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{gd}(0) + C &= 2 \tan^{-1}(e^0) - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \tan^{-1}(\sinh 0) + C &= 2 \tan^{-1}(1) - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \tan^{-1}(0) + C &= 2 \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 0 + C &= \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2} \\ C &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the two functions are equal.

15. Show that

i. $\cosh(x) = \sec(\operatorname{gd}(x))$.

$$\begin{aligned}\sec(\operatorname{gd}(x)) &= \sec(\tan^{-1}(\sinh x)) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1 + \sinh^2(x)}}{1} \\ &= \sqrt{\cosh^2(x)} \\ &= \cosh x\end{aligned}$$

ii. $\tanh(x) = \sin(\operatorname{gd}(x))$.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(\operatorname{gd}(x)) &= \sin(\tan^{-1}(\sinh x)) \\ &= \frac{\sinh x}{\sqrt{1 + \sinh^2(x)}} \\ &= \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh(x)} \\ &= \tanh x\end{aligned}$$

iii. $\coth(x) = \csc(\operatorname{gd}(x))$.

$$\begin{aligned}\csc(\operatorname{gd}(x)) &= \csc(\tan^{-1}(\sinh x)) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1 + \sinh^2(x)}}{\sinh x} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\cosh^2(x)}}{\sinh x} \\ &= \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x} \\ &= \coth x\end{aligned}$$

iv. $\operatorname{sech}(x) = \cos(\operatorname{gd}(x))$.

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\operatorname{gd}(x)) &= \cos(\tan^{-1}(\sinh x)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \sinh^2(x)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cosh^2(x)}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\cosh x} \\ &= \operatorname{sech} x\end{aligned}$$

v. $\operatorname{csch}(x) = \cot(\operatorname{gd}(x))$.

$$\begin{aligned}\cot(\operatorname{gd}(x)) &= \cot(\tan^{-1}(\sinh x)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sinh(x)} \\ &= \operatorname{csch} x\end{aligned}$$

16. Find

i. $\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(\cosh x))^5$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(\cosh x))^5 &= 5(\ln(\cosh x))^4 \frac{1}{\cosh x} \sinh x \\ &= 5 \tanh(x) (\ln(\cosh x))^4\end{aligned}$$

ii. $\frac{d}{dx} \sinh(\ln x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sinh(\ln x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(x - \frac{1}{x} \right) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \sinh(\ln x) &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2} \right)\end{aligned}$$

iii. $\frac{d}{dx} e^{\tanh x}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} e^{\tanh x} = \operatorname{sech}^2 x \cdot e^{\tanh x}$$

iv. $\frac{d}{dx} \tanh(e^x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \tanh(e^x) = e^x \operatorname{sech}^2(e^x)$$

v. $\frac{d}{dx} \sinh(\cosh^3 x)$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \sinh(\cosh^3 x) = \cosh(\cosh^3 x) 3 \cosh^2 x \sinh x$$

17. Show that

$$(\cosh(x) + \sinh(x))^n = \cosh(nx) + \sinh(nx)$$

for any integer n .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (\cosh(x) + \sinh(x))^n &= \left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} + \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right)^n \\ &= \left(\frac{2e^x}{2} \right)^n \\ &= e^{nx} \end{aligned}$$

Likewise:

$$\begin{aligned} \cosh(nx) + \sinh(nx) &= \left(\frac{e^{nx} + e^{-nx}}{2} + \frac{e^{nx} - e^{-nx}}{2} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{2e^{nx}}{2} \right) \\ &= e^{nx} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, clearly $(\cosh(x) + \sinh(x))^n = \cosh(nx) + \sinh(nx)$ for any integer n .

18. At what point on the curve $y = \cosh x$ does the tangent have slope 1?

Solution: We need to find the value of x so that $\frac{d}{dx} \cosh x = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \cosh x &= \sinh x \\ \sinh x &= 1 \\ \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} &= 1 \\ e^x - e^{-x} &= 2 \\ (e^x)^2 - 2e^x - 1 &= 0 \\ e^x &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $x = \ln(1 + \sqrt{2})$.