

**Exercise 1** Show that  $(\coth(x))' = -\operatorname{csch}^2(x)$ .

**Exercise 2** Prove the identity.

$$\tanh(\ln(x)) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 1}$$

**Exercise 3** Find the derivative. Simplify where possible.

(a)  $f(x) = e^x \cosh(x)$

(b)  $g(x) = \ln(\sinh(x))$

(c)  $h(x) = \frac{1 + \sinh(x)}{1 - \sinh(x)}$

**Exercise 4** The most famous application of the hyperbolic functions is the use of hyperbolic cosine to describe the shape of a hanging wire. It can be proved that if a heavy flexible cable (such as a telephone or power line) is suspended between two points at the same height, then it takes the shape of a curve with equation

$$y = c + a \cosh\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$$

called a *catenary* (catena means “chain”).

Using principles from physics it can be shown that when a cable is hung between two poles, it takes the shape of a curve  $y = f(x)$  that satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\rho g}{T} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2}$$

where  $\rho$  is the linear density of the cable,  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity,  $T$  is the tension in the cable at its lowest point, and the coordinate system is chosen appropriately. Verify that the function

$$y = f(x) = \frac{T}{\rho g} \cosh\left(\frac{\rho g x}{T}\right)$$

is a solution of this differential equation. Suggestion: Let  $a = \frac{T}{\rho g}$ .