

# Hyperbolic Functions Problems

Assume two poles of equal height are spaced a certain distance apart from each other. If a heavy cable or wire is connected between two points at the same height on the poles, the resulting curve of the wire is in the form of a "catenary", with basic equation

$$y = a \operatorname{Cosh} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) \quad (\text{Graph this curve for different values of "a": positive, negative, large, small})$$

Associated problems:

Given that  $\operatorname{Sinh} x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$                        $\operatorname{Cosh} x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$

1. Write the hyperbolic tangent function; Write the remaining three hyperbolic trig functions.

2. Establish the identities for:

i)  $\operatorname{Sinh} (2x)$                       ii)  $\operatorname{Cosh} (2x)$  (as in trigonometry, there should be 3 such identities)

iii)  $\operatorname{Sinh} (x + y)$                       iv)  $\operatorname{Cosh} (x + y)$                       v)  $\operatorname{Sinh} (-x)$                       vi)  $\operatorname{Cosh} (-x)$

3. Establish the expressions for  $\operatorname{Cosh} x + \operatorname{Sinh} x = ??$                        $\operatorname{Cosh} x - \operatorname{Sinh} x = ??$

4. Establish the "Pythagorean Identities" for the hyperbolic functions:

Does  $\operatorname{Sinh}^2 x + \operatorname{Cosh}^2 x = 1$ ? If not, what change(s) should be made to get a result of 1?

Show that  $1 - \operatorname{Tanh}^2 x = \operatorname{Sech}^2 x$                        $1 - \operatorname{Coth}^2 x = -\operatorname{Csch}^2 x$

How do these Hyperbolic Pythagorean Identities compare to the analogous trig identities?

5. Find  $D_x \operatorname{Sinh} x$                       Find  $D_x \operatorname{Cosh} x$                       Find  $D_x \operatorname{Tanh} x$

Find  $D_x \operatorname{Coth} x$                       Find  $D_x \operatorname{Sech} x$                       Find  $D_x \operatorname{Csch} x$

6a. Show that  $\operatorname{Sinh}^{-1} x = \ln (x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$ . Find expressions for  $\operatorname{Cosh}^{-1} x$  and  $\operatorname{Tanh}^{-1} x$   
What is the domain of each of these inverse hyperbolic functions?

6b. Derive a formula for the derivative of the inverse hyperbolic sine function  $y = \operatorname{Sinh}^{-1} x$  (hint: how is the derivative of inverse sine derived:  $D_x (\operatorname{Sin}^{-1} x) = ??$ ); Also, derive the derivative of  $y = \operatorname{Cosh}^{-1} x$  (i.e.,  $D_x (\operatorname{Cosh}^{-1} x) = ??$ )

Find the derivative:

7.  $y = \text{Tanh } x$

8.  $f(x) = e^x \text{Cosh } x$

9.  $y = \text{Sinh } e^{2x}$

10.  $g(x) = \text{Cosh}^{-1} x^2$

11.  $y = \text{Cosh } x^3$

12.  $y = \text{Coth}(\ln x)$

13.  $f(x) = \text{Sin}^{-1}(\text{Tanh } x^2)$

14.  $f(x) \text{Tanh}^{-1}(\text{Cos } e^x)$

Find the antiderivative:

15.  $\int \text{Sinh}^4 x \text{Cosh } x \, dx$

16.  $\int x \text{Sech}^2 x^2 \, dx$

17.  $\int \frac{\text{Sinh } \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} \, dx$

18.  $\int e^t \text{Cosh } e^t \text{Sinh } e^t \, dt$

19.  $\int \frac{\text{Sinh } x}{1 + \text{Cosh } x} \, dx$

20.  $\int \frac{\text{Cosh } t}{\sqrt{\text{Sinh } t}} \, dt$

21. At what point on the curve  $y = \text{Cosh } x$  does the tangent have slope 1 ?

22. The *gudermannian*, named after the German mathematician Christoph Gudermann (1798 - 1852) is the function  $\text{gd } x = \text{Tan}^{-1}(\text{Sinh } x)$  Show that  $D_x(\text{gd } x) = \text{Sech } x$