

Differentiating hyperbolic functions

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

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{coth} x) = -\operatorname{cosech}^2 x$$

Example

Prove that $\frac{d}{dx}(\sinh x) = \cosh x$

Test Your Understanding

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The curve C has equation

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(\operatorname{coth} x), \quad x > 0$$

(a) Show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\operatorname{cosech} 2x$$

(3)

Inverse Hyperbolic Functions

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arsinh} x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arcosh} x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} \\ \frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{artanh} x) &= \frac{1}{1 - x^2}\end{aligned}$$

Proof of $\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arsinh} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

Examples

1. Find $\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{artanh} 3x)$

2. Given that $y = (\operatorname{arcosh} x)^2$ prove that $(x^2 - 1) \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 4y$

Test Your Understanding

[June 2009 Q4] Given that $y = \operatorname{arsinh}(\sqrt{x})$, $x > 0$,

(a) find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, giving your answer as a simplified fraction.

(3)

[June 2010 Q5] Given that $y = (\operatorname{arcosh} 3x)^2$, where $3x > 1$, show that

$$(a) \quad (9x^2 - 1) \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 = 36y, \quad (5)$$

$$(b) \quad (9x^2 - 1) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9x \frac{dy}{dx} = 18. \quad (4)$$

Using Maclaurin expansions for approximations

Textbook Example

(a) Show that $\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{arsinh} x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$ **[We did this earlier]**

(b) Find the first two non-zero terms of the series expansion of $\operatorname{arsinh} x$.

The general form for the series expansion of $\operatorname{arsinh} x$ is given by

$$\operatorname{arsinh} x = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(-1)^n (2n)!}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} \right) \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$$

(c) Find, in simplest terms, the coefficient of x^5 .

(d) Use your approximation up to and including the term in x^5 to find an approximate value for $\operatorname{arsinh} 0.5$.

(e) Calculate the percentage error in using this approximation.

