

Part IA: Mathematics for Natural Sciences B

Examples Sheet 4: Hyperbolic functions and differential calculus

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Questions marked with a (†) require you to carefully review your lecture notes to make sure you understand basic definitions and properties. Questions marked with a (*) are difficult and should not be attempted at the expense of the other questions.

Hyperbolic functions

1. (†) Give the definitions of $\sinh(x)$ and $\cosh(x)$ in terms of exponentials. Hence show that:

$$(a) \cos(x) = \cosh(ix), \quad (b) i \sin(x) = \sinh(ix).$$

Deduce *Osborn's rule*: 'a hyperbolic trigonometric identity can be deduced from a circular trigonometric identity by replacing each trigonometric function with its hyperbolic counterpart *except* in places where sine enters quadratically, where we must include an additional factor of -1 .'

Hence, using Osborn's rule, write down the formula for $\tanh(x + y)$ in terms of $\tanh(x)$, $\tanh(y)$.

2. Let $b \geq a > 0$ be fixed, and let θ be a variable parameter. Find the Cartesian equations of the two parametric curves:
 (a) $(x, y) = (a \cos(\theta), b \sin(\theta))$; (b) $(x, y) = (a \cosh(\theta), b \sinh(\theta))$, and sketch them in the plane.
3. (†) Express $\cosh^{-1}(x)$, $\sinh^{-1}(x)$ and $\tanh^{-1}(x)$ as logarithms.

Basic definitions and notation for derivatives

4. (†) Let $y \equiv y(x)$ be a function of x . Define the *derivative* dy/dx of y as a limit.
- (a) Using the limit definition, show that differentiation is a *linear* operation, that is, for any constants c_1, c_2 and any functions $y_1 \equiv y_1(x)$, $y_2 \equiv y_2(x)$, we have:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(c_1 y_1 + c_2 y_2) = c_1 \frac{dy_1}{dx} + c_2 \frac{dy_2}{dx}.$$

- (b) Using the limit definition, find the derivative of $y(x) = x^n$, for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

5. Find the derivatives of the following functions, where a, b, c, θ are real constants and $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$:

$$(a) x^2 + 3, \quad (b) x^4 + 2x + 6, \quad (c) ax^n + bx + c, \quad (d) ax + bx^2 \sin(\theta).$$

6. Let $y \equiv y(t)$ be a function of t , determined through the differential equation:

$$t^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + t \frac{dy}{dt} + y = 0.$$

Rewrite this differential equation using (a) Newton's notation for derivatives; (b) Lagrange's notation for derivatives.

7. Using the limit definition of differentiation, show that for $a > 0$, the derivative of $y(x) = a^x$ is proportional to a^x .
 [Recall that by definition, e is the value for which the proportionality constant is one.¹]

¹Proving that such a number exists and is unique is very hard, though, so we'll just assume this.

Rules of differentiation

8. (†) Using the limit definition of the derivative, prove the following rules of differentiation:

(a) THE CHAIN RULE.

$$(f(g(x)))' = g'(x)f'(g(x)).$$

(b) THE PRODUCT RULE.

$$(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x).$$

(c) THE QUOTIENT RULE.

$$\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)' = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x)}{g(x)^2}.$$

(d) THE INVERSE FUNCTION RULE.

$$(f^{-1})'(x) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))}.$$

[Hint: For (c), apply the product and chain rules to the product $f(x) \cdot g(x)^{-1}$. For (d), apply the chain rule to $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$.]

(*) Explain how the inverse function rule is related to the *reciprocal rule* in Leibniz's notation for derivatives:

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^{-1}.$$

9. (†) Using the inverse function rule, and the derivative of e^x , prove that the derivative of $\log(x)$ is $1/x$.

10. Compute the derivatives of the following compound functions:

$$(a) 3^{x^2}, \quad (b) \frac{e^x}{x^3 - 1}, \quad (c) x^3 \log(x^2 - 7), \quad (d) \sqrt{x^3 - e^x \log(x)}.$$

11. (†) By writing each of the following trigonometric and hyperbolic functions in terms of exponentials, compute their derivatives:

$$(a) \cos(x), \quad (b) \sin(x), \quad (c) \cosh(x), \quad (d) \sinh(x), \quad (e) \tan(x), \quad (f) \tanh(x).$$

12. (†) Using: (i) the logarithmic formulae for the inverse hyperbolic functions you derived in Question 3; (ii) the inverse function rule, compute the derivatives of:

$$(a) \cosh^{-1}(x), \quad (b) \sinh^{-1}(x), \quad (c) \tanh^{-1}(x).$$

13. Using: (a) implicit differentiation; (b) the reciprocal rule, find dy/dx given $y + e^y \sin(y) = 1/x$, and make sure that your answers agree.

Curve-sketching

14. (†) State what it means for a function to be *even* and for a function to be *odd*, and explain the geometric significance of these definitions. Hence, decide whether the following functions are even, odd, both, or neither:

$$(a) x, \quad (b) \sin(x), \quad (c) e^x, \quad (d) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right), \quad (e) |x| \cos(x), \quad (f) \sqrt{x}, \quad (g) 2, \quad (h) 0, \quad (i) \log\left|\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right|.$$

15. (†) Write down a list of things you should consider when sketching the graph of a function. Compare with your supervision partner before the supervision, and exchange ideas!

16. (†) Sketch the graphs of the following hyperbolic functions, explaining your reasoning in each case:

(a) $\cosh(x)$, (b) $\sinh(x)$, (c) $\tanh(x)$, (d) $\cosh^{-1}(x)$, (e) $\sinh^{-1}(x)$, (f) $\tanh^{-1}(x)$.

17. Sketch the graphs of the following functions, explaining your reasoning in each case:

(a) $(x - 3)^3 + 2x$, (b) $\frac{x}{1 + x^2}$, (c) xe^x , (d) $\frac{\log(x)}{1 + x}$, (e) $\frac{1}{1 - e^x}$, (f) $e^x \cos(x)$.

Leibniz's formula

18. (†) Using mathematical induction, prove *Leibniz's formula* for the n th derivative of a product:

$$\frac{d^n}{dx^n}(fg) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f^{(k)} g^{(n-k)},$$

where $f^{(k)}$ denotes the k th derivative of f . Hence compute the third derivative of $\log^2(x)$.

19. Use Leibniz's formula to prove that:

$$Z_n = \frac{d^n}{dx^n} e^{-x^2/2}$$

is a solution of the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2 Z_n}{dx^2} + x \frac{dZ_n}{dx} + (n + 1)Z_n = 0.$$

Past paper questions

Only attempt these questions before the supervision if you have lots of spare time. Sometimes, we might do them together in the supervision; otherwise, you can use these questions as revision material in the holidays.

Paper 1, Question 7, 2023 (2 marks)

Find the stationary values of the function $f(x) = \exp(x/(1 + x^2))$ and the values of x at which they occur.

Paper 1, Question 8, 2023 (2 marks)

Given that $x + y + e^x + e^y = c$ where c is a constant, find dy/dx in terms of x and y .

Paper 1, Question 6, 2022 (2 marks)

Find the value of x at which the function $y = x^3 e^{-x}$ reaches its maximum in the range $0 \leq x < \infty$ and evaluate the value of y at this point.

Paper 1, Question 7, 2022 (2 marks)

Sketch $y = \sin(x)/x^2$ for positive x and label the crossing points, if any, with the horizontal axis.

Paper 1, Question 11, 2023 (20 marks)

- Find the real and imaginary parts of (i) $(3 - 2i)(4 + 3i)$, (ii) $(3 - 2i)/(4 + 3i)$.
- Find and sketch the set of points in the Argand diagram that satisfy the following equations with $z = x + iy$: (i) $\operatorname{Re}(z^2) = \operatorname{Im}(z^2)$, (ii) $\operatorname{Im}(z^2)/z^2 = -i$.
- Solve, for real x , the equation $\cosh(x) = \sinh(x) + 2\operatorname{sech}(x)$.
- Find all distinct solutions for z of the equation $\cosh(z) = i$.