Hyperbolic sine and cosine

Review. Euler's formula states that $e^{it} = \cos(t) + i\sin(t)$.

Recall that a function f(t) is **even** if f(-t) = f(t). Likewise, it is **odd** if f(-t) = -t.

Note that $f(t) = t^n$ is even if and only if n is even. Likewise, $f(t) = t^n$ is odd if and only if n is odd. That's where the names are coming from.

Any function f(t) can be decomposed into an even and an odd part as follows:

$$f(t) = f_{\text{even}}(t) + f_{\text{odd}}(t), \quad f_{\text{even}}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(f(t) + f(-t)), \quad f_{\text{odd}}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(f(t) - f(-t)).$$

Verify that $f_{\text{even}}(t)$ indeed is even, and that $f_{\text{odd}}(t)$ indeed is an odd function (regardless of f(t)).

Example 159. The hyperbolic cosine, denoted $\cosh(t)$, is the even part of e^t . Likewise, the hyperbolic sine, denoted $\sinh(t)$, is the odd part of e^t .

- Equivalently, $\cosh(t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t})$ and $\sinh(t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^t e^{-t})$.
- In particular, $e^t = \cosh(t) + \sinh(t)$.

As recalled above, any function is the sum of its even and odd part.

Comparing with Euler's formula, we find $\cosh(it) = \cos(t)$ and $\sinh(it) = i\sin(t)$. This indicates that \cosh and \sinh are related to \cos and \sin , as their name suggests (see below for the "hyperbolic" part).

- $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \cosh(t) = \sinh(t)$ and $\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \sinh(t) = \cosh(t)$.
- $\cosh(t)$ and $\sinh(t)$ both satisfy the DE y'' = y. We can write the general solution as $C_1e^t + C_2e^{-t}$ or, if useful, as $C_1\cosh(t) + C_2\sinh(t)$.
- $\cosh(t)^2 \sinh(t)^2 = 1$

Verify this by substituting $\cosh(t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^t + e^{-t})$ and $\sinh(t) = \frac{1}{2}(e^t - e^{-t})$.

Note that the equation $x^2 - y^2 = 1$ describes a hyperbola (just like $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ describes a circle).

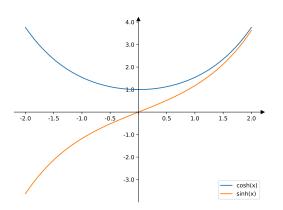
The above equation is saying that $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(t) \\ \sinh(t) \end{bmatrix}$ is a parametrization of the hyperbola.

Comment. Circles and hyperbolas are conic sections (as are ellipses and parabolas).

Comment. Hyperbolic geometry plays an important role, for instance, in special relativity:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hyperbolic_geometry

Homework. Write down the parallel properties of cosine and sine.



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