

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 $f(-t) = -f(t)$.

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).

- $\frac{d}{dt} \cosh(t) = \sinh(t)$ and $\frac{d}{dt} \sinh(t) = \cosh(t)$.

- $\cosh(t)$ and $\sinh(t)$ both satisfy the DE $y'' = y$.

We can write the general solution as $C_1 e^t + C_2 e^{-t}$ 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.

