

## Differentiation

$y = f(x)$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x)$
$k$ , constant	0
$x^n$ , any constant $n$	$nx^{n-1}$
$e^x$	$e^x$
$\ln x = \log_e x$	$\frac{1}{x}$
$\sin x$	$\cos x$
$\cos x$	$-\sin x$
$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$	$\sec^2 x$
$\operatorname{cosec} x = \frac{1}{\sin x}$	$-\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$
$\sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x}$	$\sec x \tan x$
$\cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$	$-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$
$\sin^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
$\cos^{-1} x$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
$\tan^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{1+x^2}$
$\cosh x$	$\sinh x$
$\sinh x$	$\cosh x$
$\tanh x$	$\operatorname{sech}^2 x$
$\operatorname{sech} x$	$-\operatorname{sech} x \tanh x$
$\operatorname{cosech} x$	$-\operatorname{cosech} x \coth x$
$\coth x$	$-\operatorname{cosech}^2 x$
$\cosh^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$
$\sinh^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$
$\tanh^{-1} x$	$\frac{1}{1-x^2}$

### The linearity rule for differentiation

$$\frac{d}{dx}(au + bv) = a \frac{du}{dx} + b \frac{dv}{dx} \quad a, b \text{ constant}$$

### The product and quotient rules for differentiation

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

### The chain rule for differentiation

$$\text{If } y = y(u) \text{ where } u = u(x) \text{ then } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$\text{For example, if } y = (\cos x)^{-1}, \frac{dy}{dx} = -1(\cos x)^{-2}(-\sin x)$$

## Integration

$f(x)$	$\int f(x) dx = F(x) + c$
$k$ , constant	$kx + c$
$x^n$ , ( $n \neq -1$ )	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + c$
$x^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$	$\begin{cases} \ln x + c & x > 0 \\ \ln(-x) + c & x < 0 \end{cases}$
$e^x$	$e^x + c$
$\cos x$	$\sin x + c$
$\sin x$	$-\cos x + c$
$\tan x$	$\ln \sec x  + c$
$\sec x$	$\ln \sec x + \tan x  + c$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$\ln \operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x  + c$
$\cot x$	$\ln \sin x  + c$
$\cosh x$	$\sinh x + c$
$\sinh x$	$\cosh x + c$
$\tanh x$	$\ln \cosh x + c$
$\coth x$	$\ln \sinh x + c$
$\frac{1}{x^2+a^2}$	$\frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + c$
$\frac{1}{x^2-a^2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln \frac{x-a}{x+a} + c$
$\frac{1}{a^2-x^2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln \frac{a+x}{a-x} + c$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+a^2}}$	$\sinh^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + c$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-a^2}}$	$\cosh^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + c$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+k}}$	$\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2+k}) + c$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}}$	$\sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a} + c$
$f(ax+b)$	$\frac{1}{a} F(ax+b) + c$
e.g. $\cos(2x-3)$	$\frac{1}{2} \sin(2x-3) + c$

### The linearity rule for integration

$$\int (af(x) + bg(x)) dx = a \int f(x) dx + b \int g(x) dx, \quad (a, b \text{ constant})$$

### Integration by substitution

$$\int f(u) \frac{du}{dx} dx = \int f(u) du \quad \text{and} \quad \int_a^b f(u) \frac{du}{dx} dx = \int_{u(a)}^{u(b)} f(u) du$$

### Integration by parts

$$\int_a^b u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = [uv]_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{du}{dx} v dx$$

### Alternative form:

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx = [f(x) \int g(x) dx]_a^b - \int_a^b \frac{df}{dx} \left\{ \int g(x) dx \right\} dx$$



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# Complex Numbers

**Cartesian form:**  $z = a + bj$

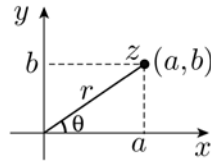
where  $j = \sqrt{-1}$

**Polar form:**

$$z = r(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta) = r \angle \theta$$

$$a = r \cos \theta, \quad b = r \sin \theta,$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a}$$



**Exponential form:**  $z = re^{j\theta}$

**Euler's relations**

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos \theta + j \sin \theta, \quad e^{-j\theta} = \cos \theta - j \sin \theta$$

**Multiplication and division in polar form**

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 \angle (\theta_1 + \theta_2), \quad \frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \angle (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

If  $z = r \angle \theta$ , then  $z^n = r^n \angle (n\theta)$

**De Moivre's theorem**

$$(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + j \sin n\theta$$

**Relationship between hyperbolic and trig functions**

$$\cos jx = \cosh x, \quad \sin jx = j \sinh x$$

$$\cosh jx = \cos x, \quad \sinh jx = j \sin x$$

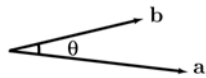
$i$  rather than  $j$  may be used to denote  $\sqrt{-1}$ .

# Vectors

If  $\mathbf{r} = x\mathbf{i} + y\mathbf{j} + z\mathbf{k}$  then  $|\mathbf{r}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$

**Scalar product**

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$$

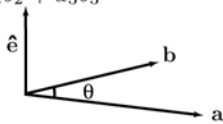


If  $\mathbf{a} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = b_1\mathbf{i} + b_2\mathbf{j} + b_3\mathbf{k}$  then

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$$

**Vector product**

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \sin \theta \hat{\mathbf{e}}$$



$\hat{\mathbf{e}}$  is a unit vector perpendicular to the plane containing  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in a sense defined by the right hand screw rule.

If  $\mathbf{a} = a_1\mathbf{i} + a_2\mathbf{j} + a_3\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = b_1\mathbf{i} + b_2\mathbf{j} + b_3\mathbf{k}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} &= (a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2)\mathbf{i} + (a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3)\mathbf{j} + (a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1)\mathbf{k} \\ &= \begin{vmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{vmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

# Sequences and Series

**Arithmetic progression:**  $a, a + d, a + 2d, \dots$

$a$  = first term,  $d$  = common difference,

$k$ th term =  $a + (k - 1)d$

Sum of  $n$  terms,  $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n - 1)d)$

**Sum of the first  $n$  integers,**

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n =$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{1}{2}n(n + 1)$$

**Sum of the squares of the first  $n$  integers,**

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 =$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n + 1)(2n + 1)$$

**Geometric progression:**  $a, ar, ar^2, \dots$

$a$  = first term,  $r$  = common ratio,

$k$ th term =  $ar^{k-1}$

Sum of  $n$  terms,  $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$ , provided  $r \neq 1$

**Sum of an infinite geometric series:**

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}, \quad -1 < r < 1$$

**The binomial theorem**

If  $n$  is a positive integer

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots + x^n$$

When  $n$  is negative or fractional, the series is infinite and converges when  $-1 < x < 1$

**Standard power series expansions**

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \text{ for all } x$$

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \text{ for all } x$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \text{ for all } x$$

$$\log_e(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \text{ for } -1 < x \leq 1 \text{ only}$$

**The exponential function as the limit of a sequence**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$$

# Matrices and Determinants

The  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  has determinant

$$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

The  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}$  has determinant

$$|A| = a_{11} \begin{vmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} - a_{12} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{vmatrix} + a_{13} \begin{vmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{vmatrix}$$

(expanded along the first row).

**The inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix**

If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  then  $A^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad-bc} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$

provided that  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .

**Matrix multiplication:** for  $2 \times 2$  matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \gamma \\ \beta & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a\alpha + b\beta & a\gamma + b\delta \\ c\alpha + d\beta & c\gamma + d\delta \end{pmatrix}$$

Remember that  $AB \neq BA$  except in special cases.

# The Binomial Coefficients

The coefficient of  $x^k$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  when  $n$  is a positive integer is denoted by  $\binom{n}{k}$  or  ${}^n C_k$ .

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

$0! = 1, \quad n! = n(n-1)!$

so, for example,  $4! = 1.2.3.4$

The pattern of the coefficients is seen in

**Pascal's triangle:**

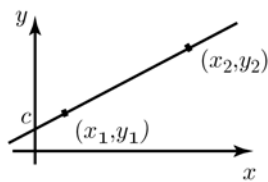
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		1	3	3	1	
		1	4	6	4	1
	1	5	10	10	5	1
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${}^n C_k$  is the number of subsets with  $k$  elements that can be chosen from a set with  $n$  elements.



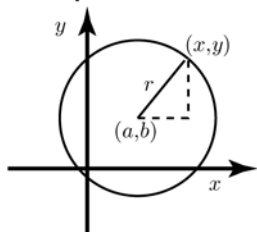
# Graphs of common functions

**Linear**  $y = mx + c$ ,  $m$  = gradient,  $c$  = vertical intercept



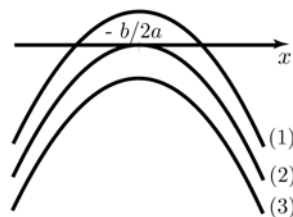
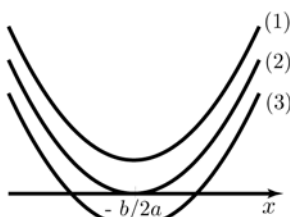
$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

**The equation of a circle** centre  $(a, b)$ , radius  $r$



$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$$

**Quadratic functions**  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$



$$a > 0$$

$$a < 0$$

- (1)  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$
- (2)  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
- (3)  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$

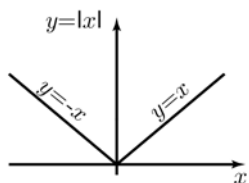
- (1)  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$
- (2)  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
- (3)  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

**Completing the square**

$$\text{If } a \neq 0, \quad ax^2 + bx + c = a \left( x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}$$

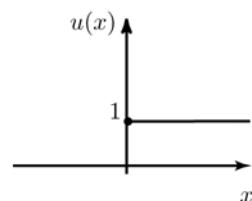
**The modulus function**

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

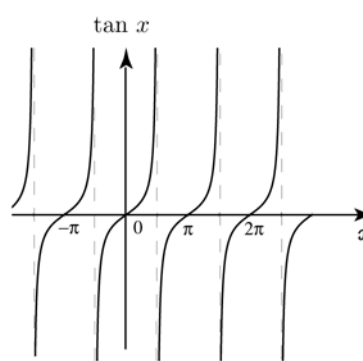
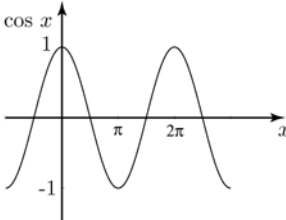
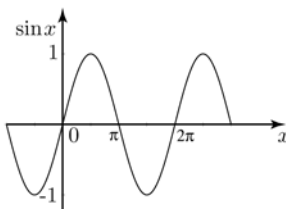


**The unit step function,  $u(x)$**

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

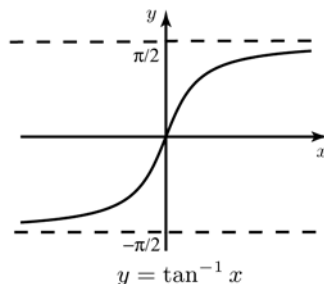
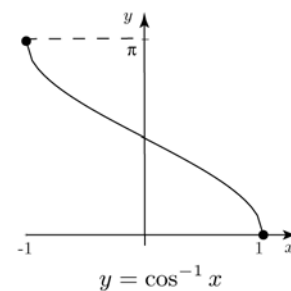
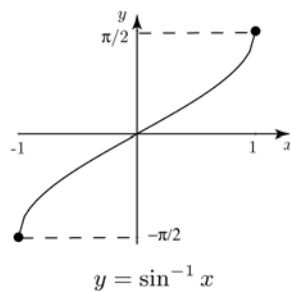


## Trigonometric functions



The sine and cosine functions are periodic with period  $2\pi$ .  
The tangent function is periodic with period  $\pi$ .

## Inverse trigonometric functions



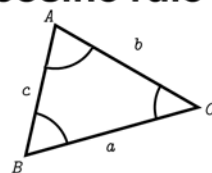
## The sine rule and cosine rule

**The sine rule**

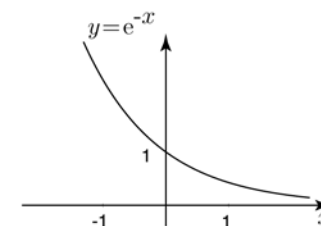
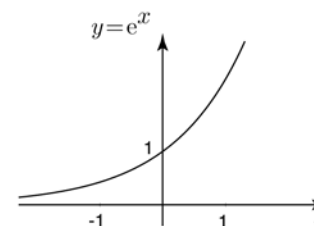
$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

**The cosine rule**

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

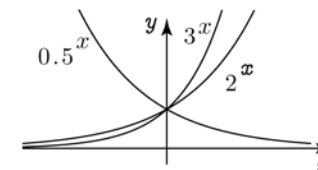


## Exponential functions



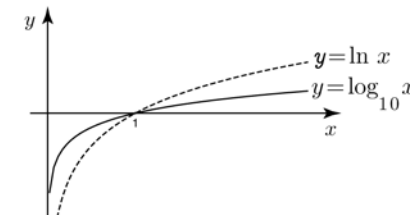
Graph of  $y = e^x$  showing exponential growth

Graph of  $y = e^{-x}$  showing exponential decay



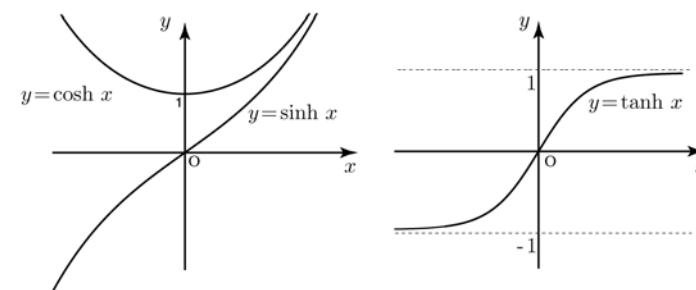
Graphs of  $y = 0.5^x$ ,  $y = 3^x$ , and  $y = 2^x$

## Logarithmic functions



Graphs of  $y = \ln x$  and  $y = \log_{10} x$

## Hyperbolic functions



Graphs of  $y = \sinh x$ ,  $y = \cosh x$  and  $y = \tanh x$



# Algebra

$$(x+k)(x-k) = x^2 - k^2$$

$$(x+k)^2 = x^2 + 2kx + k^2, \quad (x-k)^2 = x^2 - 2kx + k^2$$

$$x^3 \pm k^3 = (x \pm k)(x^2 \mp kx + k^2)$$

**Formula for solving a quadratic equation:**

$$\text{if } ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \text{ then } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

**Laws of Indices**

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n} \quad \frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n} \quad (a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$a^0 = 1 \quad a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m} \quad a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a} \quad a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

**Laws of Logarithms**

For any positive base  $b$  (with  $b \neq 1$ )

$$\log_b A = c \quad \text{means} \quad A = b^c$$

$$\log_b A + \log_b B = \log_b AB, \quad \log_b A - \log_b B = \log_b \frac{A}{B},$$

$$n \log_b A = \log_b A^n, \quad \log_b 1 = 0, \quad \log_b b = 1$$

**Formula for change of base:**  $\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$

Logarithms to base  $e$ , denoted  $\log_e$  or alternatively  $\ln$  are called *natural logarithms*. The letter  $e$  stands for the exponential constant which is approximately 2.718.

**Partial fractions**

For *proper fractions*  $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$  where  $P$  and  $Q$  are polynomials with the degree of  $P$  less than the degree of  $Q$ :

a *linear factor*  $ax+b$  in the denominator produces a partial fraction of the form  $\frac{A}{ax+b}$

*repeated linear factors*  $(ax+b)^2$  in the denominator produce partial fractions of the form  $\frac{A}{ax+b} + \frac{B}{(ax+b)^2}$

a *quadratic factor*  $ax^2+bx+c$  in the denominator produces a partial fraction of the form  $\frac{Ax+B}{ax^2+bx+c}$

*Improper fractions* require an additional term which is a polynomial of degree  $n-d$  where  $n$  is the degree of the numerator and  $d$  is the degree of the denominator.

**Inequalities:**

$a > b$  means  $a$  is greater than  $b$

$a < b$  means  $a$  is less than  $b$

$a \geq b$  means  $a$  is greater than or equal to  $b$

$a \leq b$  means  $a$  is less than or equal to  $b$



# Trigonometry

**Degrees and radians**

$$360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ radians}, \quad 1^\circ = \frac{2\pi}{360} = \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ radians}$$

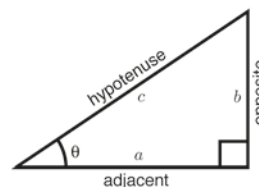
$$1 \text{ radian} = \frac{180}{\pi} \text{ degrees} \approx 57.3^\circ$$

**Trig ratios for an acute angle  $\theta$ :**

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{side opposite to } \theta}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{b}{c}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{side adjacent to } \theta}{\text{hypotenuse}} = \frac{a}{c}$$

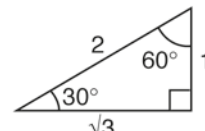
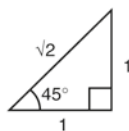
$$\tan \theta = \frac{\text{side opposite to } \theta}{\text{side adjacent to } \theta} = \frac{b}{a}$$



**Pythagoras' theorem**

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

**Standard triangles:**



$$\sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \tan 45^\circ = 1$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \cos 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad \tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$$

**Common trigonometric identities**

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$$

$$2 \sin A \cos B = \sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)$$

$$2 \cos A \cos B = \cos(A-B) + \cos(A+B)$$

$$2 \sin A \sin B = \cos(A-B) - \cos(A+B)$$

$$\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$$

$$1 + \cot^2 A = \operatorname{cosec}^2 A, \quad \tan^2 A + 1 = \sec^2 A$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = 2 \cos^2 A - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\sin^2 A = \frac{1 - \cos 2A}{2}, \quad \cos^2 A = \frac{1 + \cos 2A}{2}$$

$\sin^2 A$  is the notation used for  $(\sin A)^2$ . Similarly  $\cos^2 A$  means  $(\cos A)^2$  etc. This notation is used with trigonometric and hyperbolic functions but with positive integer powers only.

# Hyperbolic functions

$$\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}, \quad \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\operatorname{sech} x = \frac{1}{\cosh x} = \frac{2}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\operatorname{cosech} x = \frac{1}{\sinh x} = \frac{2}{e^x - e^{-x}}$$

$$\coth x = \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x} = \frac{1}{\tanh x} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}}$$

**Hyperbolic identities**

$$e^x = \cosh x + \sinh x, \quad e^{-x} = \cosh x - \sinh x$$

$$\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$$

$$1 - \tanh^2 x = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$$

$$\coth^2 x - 1 = \operatorname{cosech}^2 x$$

$$\sinh(x \pm y) = \sinh x \cosh y \pm \cosh x \sinh y$$

$$\cosh(x \pm y) = \cosh x \cosh y \pm \sinh x \sinh y$$

$$\sinh 2x = 2 \sinh x \cosh x$$

$$\cosh 2x = \cosh^2 x + \sinh^2 x$$

$$\cosh^2 x = \frac{\cosh 2x + 1}{2}$$

$$\sinh^2 x = \frac{\cosh 2x - 1}{2}$$

**Inverse hyperbolic functions**

$$\cosh^{-1} x = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}) \quad \text{for } x \geq 1$$

$$\sinh^{-1} x = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$$

$$\tanh^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) \quad \text{for } -1 < x < 1$$

# The Greek alphabet

A	$\alpha$	alpha	I	$\iota$	iota	P	$\rho$	rho
B	$\beta$	beta	K	$\kappa$	kappa	$\Sigma$	$\sigma$	sigma
$\Gamma$	$\gamma$	gamma	$\Lambda$	$\lambda$	lambda	T	$\tau$	tau
$\Delta$	$\delta$	delta	M	$\mu$	mu	$\Upsilon$	$\upsilon$	upsilon
E	$\epsilon$	epsilon	N	$\nu$	nu	$\Phi$	$\phi$	phi
Z	$\zeta$	zeta	$\Xi$	$\xi$	xi	X	$\chi$	chi
H	$\eta$	eta	O	$o$	omicron	$\Psi$	$\psi$	psi
$\Theta$	$\theta$	theta	$\Pi$	$\pi$	pi	$\Omega$	$\omega$	omega

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