

Further Math with Ali Hashir

Hyperbolic Functions

Topical Mark Schemes (CIE 9231)

Mark schemes corresponding to the topical questions booklet for this topic, compiled from official CIE 9231 marking schemes (2015–2025). Question numbers match the questions booklet.

About this resource: I teach CIE A Level Further Mathematics, and over the years I found that there simply weren't many well-organised, topic-wise resources available for this subject – it's a niche A Level with relatively few candidates, so it doesn't get much attention from resource makers. These topical booklets are my attempt to fix that: every past-paper question, sorted by topic, with its official mark scheme alongside it.

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Q1

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[↑ Back to contents](#)**Mark scheme.****(a)**

$\cosh a = 2 \sinh a \cosh a \Rightarrow \sinh a = \frac{1}{2}$	M1 A1
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$a = \sinh^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + 1} \right)$	M1
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$a = \ln \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{5} \right)$	A1
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(b)

C ₁ correct	B1
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C ₂ correct and intersecting C ₁ in the first quadrant	B1
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(c)

$\int_0^a \sqrt{1 + \sinh^2 x} \, dx$	M1
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$\int_0^a \sqrt{\cosh^2 x} \, dx = \int_0^a \cosh x \, dx$	M1 A1
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$[\sinh x]_0^a = \sinh a$	M1
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$\frac{1}{2}$	A1
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$$\tanh \theta = \frac{e^\theta - e^{-\theta}}{e^\theta + e^{-\theta}}, \operatorname{sech} \theta = \frac{2}{e^\theta + e^{-\theta}} \quad \text{B1}$$

$$1 - \left(\frac{e^\theta - e^{-\theta}}{e^\theta + e^{-\theta}} \right)^2 = \frac{(e^\theta + e^{-\theta})^2 - (e^\theta - e^{-\theta})^2}{(e^\theta + e^{-\theta})^2} = \frac{4}{(e^\theta + e^{-\theta})^2} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \operatorname{sech}^2 \theta \text{ (AG)} \quad \text{A1}$$

(b)

$$\tanh y = \cos\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \Rightarrow \operatorname{sech}^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\left(1 - \cos^2\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right)\right) \frac{dy}{dx} = -\sin\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\sin\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right)}{\sin^2\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right)} = -\operatorname{cosec}\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \text{ (AG)} \quad \text{A1}$$

(c)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \cot\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \operatorname{cosec}\left(x + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \quad \text{B1}$$

$$y'(0) = -\operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right), y''(0) = \cot\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \operatorname{cosec}\left(\frac{1}{4}\pi\right) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$y(0) = \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{2 + \sqrt{2}}{2 - \sqrt{2}} \right) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln(3 + 2\sqrt{2}) - x\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2\sqrt{2} \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

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Q3

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[↑ Back to contents](#)**Mark scheme.**(a) Correct shape and position, not too truncated. **B1**States equations of asymptotes: $x = 0$, $y = 1$. **B1**(b) $\coth x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}}$, $\operatorname{cosech} x = \frac{2}{e^x - e^{-x}}$. **B1**Writes over common denominator, AG: $\left(\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}}\right)^2 - \frac{4}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2} =$ **M1 A1**
 $\frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} - 2}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2} = 1.$ (c) Uses chain rule: $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\operatorname{sech}^2(\frac{1}{2}x)}{2 \tanh(\frac{1}{2}x)} = -\frac{1}{2 \sinh(\frac{1}{2}x) \cosh(\frac{1}{2}x)}.$ **M1 A1**AG: $= -\frac{1}{\sinh(x)} = -\operatorname{cosech} x.$ **A1**(d) Forms correct integral: $\int_a^{2a} \sqrt{1 + \operatorname{cosech}^2 x} dx.$ **M1**Uses $\coth^2 x - \operatorname{cosech}^2 x = 1$: $\int_a^{2a} \sqrt{\coth^2 x} dx = \int_a^{2a} \coth x dx.$ **M1 A1**Integrates and substitutes limits: $= [\ln \sinh x]_a^{2a} = \ln \sinh 2a - \ln \sinh a.$ **M1**Combines logarithms and uses double angle formula: $= \ln \frac{\sinh 2a}{\sinh a} =$ **M1**
 $\ln(2 \cosh a).$ AG: $\ln(2 \cosh a) = \ln 4 \Rightarrow \cosh a = 2.$ **A1**Must reject $\ln(2 - \sqrt{3})$: $a = \ln(2 + \sqrt{2^2 - 1}) = \ln(2 + \sqrt{3}).$ **A1****Total: 15**Spotted a mistake? Email us at vectorspacepk@gmail.com.

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Applies $\cosh^2 x = 1 + \sinh^2 x$: $\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = \sqrt{1 + \sinh^2 x} = \cosh x$.	M1 A1
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Correct formula, correct limits: $2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \cosh^2 x \, dx$.	M1
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Applies $2 \cosh^2 x = \cosh 2x + 1$ or expands $2(e^x + e^{-x})^2$: $= \pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \cosh 2x + 1 \, dx$.	M1
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Correct integration: $= \pi \left[\frac{1}{2} \sinh 2x + x \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}}$.	A1
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$= \frac{1}{4}\pi (e - e^{-1} + 2)$.	A1
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Relates to $\cosh y$: $\operatorname{sech} y = \frac{1}{\cosh y} = x + \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \cosh y = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1}$.	B1
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Differentiates LHS: $\sinh y \frac{dy}{dx}$.	B1
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Differentiates RHS (AG): $-\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2}$.	B1
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(b)

$\sinh \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \cosh y \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = 2\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-3}$ (M1 A1 for LHS; B1 for RHS).	M1 A1 B1
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Relates to $\cosh^{-1}$ and uses logarithmic form: $y(0) = \operatorname{sech}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \cosh^{-1}(2) = \ln(2 + \sqrt{3})$.	M1 A1
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Evaluates derivatives at $x = 0$: $y'(0) = -\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}$, $y''(0) = \frac{16}{3\sqrt{3}}$.	M1
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$y = \ln(2 + \sqrt{3}) - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}x + \frac{8}{3\sqrt{3}}x^2$.	A1
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$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \sinh t. \quad \text{B1}$$

Applies $2 \sinh^2 t = \cosh 2t - 1$: $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cosh 2t = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \cosh 2t - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 - \sinh^2 t$ (AG). M1 A1

(b)(i)

Factorises $\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = 4s^2 + (s^2 - 1)^2 = 4s^2 + s^4 - 2s^2 + 1 = (s^2 + 1)^2$. M1

$= \cosh^4 t$. A1

Correct formula for surface area (AG; A0 if limits missing): M1 A1
 $2\pi \int_0^1 \left(\frac{3}{2}t - \frac{1}{4} \sinh 2t\right) \cosh^2 t \, dt = \pi \int_0^1 \left(\frac{3}{2}t - \frac{1}{4} \sinh 2t\right) (\cosh 2t + 1) \, dt$.

(b)(ii)

Integrates: $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{4} \sinh 2t (\cosh 2t + 1) \, dt = \left[\frac{1}{16} (1 + \cosh 2t)^2\right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{16} (1 + \cosh 2)^2 - \frac{1}{16}$. M1 A1

Integrates by parts: $\frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 t (\cosh 2t + 1) \, dt = \frac{3}{2} \left[t \left(\frac{1}{2} \sinh 2t + t\right)\right]_0^1 - \frac{3}{2} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2} \sinh 2t + t \, dt$. M1 A1

$= \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sinh 2 - \frac{1}{4} \cosh 2 + \frac{3}{4}\right)$. A1

$\pi \left(\frac{3}{4} \sinh 2 - \frac{3}{8} \cosh 2 - \frac{1}{16} (1 + \cosh 2)^2 + \frac{11}{8}\right)$ (OE, must be exact; decimal answer is 3.980131435...). A1

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Finds first derivative: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \tanh x$.	B1
Finds second derivative: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$.	B1
Finds third derivative: $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = -2 \tanh x \operatorname{sech}^2 x = -2 \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh^3 x}$.	M1 A1
Finds fourth derivative: $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} = -2 \frac{\cosh^2 x - 3 \sinh^2 x}{\cosh^4 x} = -2 \operatorname{sech}^4 x + 4 \tanh^2 x \operatorname{sech}^2 x$ (alternative: $6 \tanh^2 x \operatorname{sech}^2 x - 2 \operatorname{sech}^2 x$).	B1
Evaluates derivatives at $x = 0$: $y(0) = y^{(1)}(0) = y^{(3)}(0) = 0$, $y^{(2)}(0) = 1$, $y^{(4)}(0) = -2$.	M1
$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{12}x^4$ (CWO).	A1

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$\cosh A = \frac{1}{2}(e^A + e^{-A})$, writes in exponential form.	B1
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$2 \cosh^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(e^{2A} + 2 + e^{-2A}) = \frac{1}{2}(e^{2A} + e^{-2A}) + 1.$	M1
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$= \cosh 2A + 1$ (AG).	A1
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$\frac{dx}{dt} = 4 \sinh 2t + 3, \frac{dy}{dt} = 3 \sinh 2t - 4.$	B1
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$(4 \sinh 2t + 3)^2 + (3 \sinh 2t - 4)^2 = 25(\sinh^2 2t + 1) = 25 \cosh^2 2t.$	M1 A1
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$A = 2\pi \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} (2 \cosh 2t + 3t)(5 \cosh 2t) dt = \pi \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} (20 \cosh^2 2t + 30t \cosh 2t) dt$ (AG).	A1
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Applies $\cosh^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(\cosh 2A + 1)$: $20 \int \cosh^2 2t dt = 10 \int \cosh 4t + 1 dt.$	M1
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$10 \left[\frac{1}{4} \sinh 4t + t \right]_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = 10 \left(\frac{1}{2} \sinh 2 + 1 \right).$	M1 A1
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Integrates by parts: $30 \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} t \cosh 2t dt = 30 \left(\left[\frac{1}{2} t \sinh 2t \right]_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \sinh 2t dt \right).$	M1 A1
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$15 \left[t \sinh 2t - \frac{1}{2} \cosh 2t \right]_{-\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.$	A1
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$A = 10\pi \left(\frac{1}{4}(e^2 - e^{-2}) + 1 \right)$, i.e. 64.82457...	A1
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$\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}, \operatorname{sech} x = \frac{2}{e^x + e^{-x}}.$	B1
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$1 - \left(\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \right)^2 = \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})^2 - (e^x - e^{-x})^2}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{4}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2}.$	M1
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$= \operatorname{sech}^2 x \text{ (AG).}$	A1
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Uses substitution correctly (allow by inspection): $\int u^2 du = \frac{1}{3} \tanh^3 x + C.$	M1 A1
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$\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}), \sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$	(a) B1
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Expands, AG: $\frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})^2 + 1 = \frac{1}{2}(e^{2x} - 2 + e^{-2x}) + 1 = \cosh 2x$	M1 A1
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Applies identity: $2\sinh^2 x - k \sinh x + 1 = 0$	(b) M1 A1
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Sets discriminant positive: $k^2 - 8 > 0$	M1 A1
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$k < -\sqrt{8}, k > \sqrt{8}$	A1
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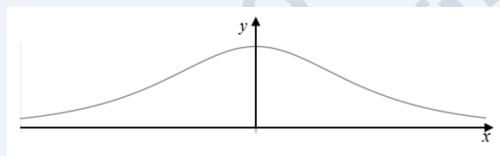
$$\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}), \sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x}). \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}(e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x} - e^{2x} + 2 - e^{-2x}) = 1. \text{ Expands, AG.} \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

(b)

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(\sinh x)) = \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh^2 x + 1}, \text{ applies } \frac{d}{du}(\tan^{-1} u) = \frac{1}{u^2 + 1}. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$= \frac{\cosh x}{\cosh^2 x} = \operatorname{sech} x. \text{ AG.} \quad \text{A1}$$

(c)Correct shape, symmetrical about $x = 0$. B1Asymptote $y = 0$ (accept labels on sketch). B1**(d)**

$$\sum_{r=1}^n \operatorname{sech} r < \int_0^n \operatorname{sech} x \, dx. \text{ Compares sum with integral; limits correct for A1.} \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$= [\tan^{-1} \sinh x]_0^n = \tan^{-1} \sinh n. \text{ AG.} \quad \text{A1}$$

(e)

$$\frac{1}{2}\pi. \quad \text{B1}$$

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Applies given substitution: $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}} du$.	M1 A1
$\sqrt{x^2-1} + C$ (allow with “+C” missing; answer must be in terms of x). (b)	A1
$\cosh^{-1} r = \ln(r + \sqrt{r^2-1})$.	B1
Forms sum of the areas of the rectangles: $\cosh^{-1} 2 + \cosh^{-1} 3 + \dots + \cosh^{-1} N$.	M1
Compares with integral with correct limits: $> \int_1^N \cosh^{-1} x dx$.	M1
Evaluates integral: $\int_1^N \cosh^{-1} x dx = [x \cosh^{-1} x]_1^N - \int_1^N \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} dx$.	A1
$\sum_{r=2}^N \ln(r + \sqrt{r^2-1}) > N \ln(N + \sqrt{N^2-1}) - \sqrt{N^2-1}$ (AG). (c)	A1
Compares with integral with correct limits: $(\cosh^{-1} 1) + \cosh^{-1} 2 + \dots + \cosh^{-1}(N-1) < \int_1^N \cosh^{-1} x dx$ (or equivalent forms).	M1 A1
Adds $\ln(N + \sqrt{N^2-1})$ to both sides: $\sum_{r=2}^N \ln(r + \sqrt{r^2-1}) < (N + 1) \ln(N + \sqrt{N^2-1}) - \sqrt{N^2-1}$ (or equivalent form).	A1
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$$\operatorname{sech} t = \frac{2}{e^t + e^{-t}}, \tanh t = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{e^t + e^{-t}}. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\text{Expands, gets to } \frac{e^{2t} + 2 + e^{-2t} - 4}{(e^t + e^{-t})^2} \text{ for M1, AG: } 1 - \left(\frac{2}{e^t + e^{-t}} \right)^2 = \frac{(e^t - e^{-t})^2}{(e^t + e^{-t})^2}. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

(b)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 4 \tanh^3 t \operatorname{sech}^2 t. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\text{Sensible attempt at derivative of } x: \frac{dx}{dt} = \tanh t \operatorname{sech}^2 t - \tanh t = -\tanh^3 t. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\text{Applies chain rule, must substitute their } \frac{dy}{dt} \text{ and } \frac{dx}{dt} \text{ for M1, AG: } \frac{dy}{dx} = \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\frac{4 \tanh^3 t \operatorname{sech}^2 t}{-\tanh^3 t} = -4 \operatorname{sech}^2 t. \quad \text{(c)}$$

$$\text{Finds } \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}: \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -8 \frac{\operatorname{sech}^2 t}{\tanh^2 t} \text{ (accept } -8 \operatorname{cosech}^2 t). \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$\text{Sets equal to } -\frac{9}{2}, \text{ uses identity from (a) or equivalent: } 8(1 - \tanh^2 t) = \frac{9}{2} \tanh^2 t \Rightarrow \tanh^2 t = \frac{16}{25}. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

$$(x, y) = \left(\frac{8}{25} + \ln \frac{3}{5}, \frac{881}{625} \right) (t = \ln 3); \text{ A1 for each coordinate.} \quad \text{A1 A1}$$

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$\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x}).$	B1
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Expands (AG): $\frac{2}{4}(e^x + e^{-x})^2 = \frac{1}{2}(e^{2x} + e^{-2x} + 2) = \cosh 2x + 1.$ (b)	M1 A1
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Finds integrating factor: $e^{2 \int \tanh x \, dx} = e^{2 \ln \cosh x} = \cosh^2 x.$	M1 A1
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Correct form on LHS, $\frac{d}{dx}(yI)$ for their integrating factor I , and attempt to integrate their RHS: $\frac{d}{dx}(y \cosh^2 x) = \cosh^2 x.$	M1
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Uses $\cosh^2 x = \frac{1}{2}(\cosh 2x + 1)$: $y \cosh^2 x = \int \cosh^2 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \cosh 2x + 1 \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sinh 2x + x \right) + C.$	M1 A1
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Finds C : $1 = C.$	M1
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Divides through by their coefficient of y : $y = \operatorname{sech}^2 x \left(\frac{1}{4} \sinh 2x + \frac{1}{2}x + 1 \right).$	M1 A1
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$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}e^x}{1 - \frac{1}{4}e^{2x}}.$	B1
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$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{(1 - \frac{1}{4}e^{2x})(\frac{1}{2}e^x) - \frac{1}{2}e^x(-\frac{1}{2}e^{2x})}{(1 - \frac{1}{4}e^{2x})^2}.$	B1
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Evaluates derivatives at $x = 0$: $f'(0) = \frac{2}{3}$, $f''(0) = \frac{10}{9}$.	M1
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Uses logarithmic form of $\tanh^{-1}$: $f(0) = \tanh^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} \ln(\frac{3}{2} \times 2)$.	M1
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Applies $f(x) = f(0) + f'(0)x + \frac{1}{2!}f''(0)x^2$: $\frac{1}{2} \ln 3 + \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{5}{9}x^2$.	M1 A1
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Differentiating using product rule and chain rule for M1: $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2x \operatorname{sech}^2 x \tanh x + \operatorname{sech}^2 x [= 1 - \tanh^2 x - 2x \tanh x + 2x \tanh^3 x]$. **M1 A1**

(AG) $\operatorname{sech}^2 x \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2x \tanh x - 1 = 0$. **A1**

Shows sign change (must write down values correct to at least 1dp): **B1**
 $2(0.7) \tanh(0.7) - 1 = -0.154 < 0$, $2(0.8) \tanh(0.8) - 1 = 0.062 > 0$.

(b)

Compares sum with integral (consistent limits for M1): $\sum_{r=2}^n r \operatorname{sech}^2 r < \int_1^n x \operatorname{sech}^2 x \, dx$. **M1 A1**

Integrates by parts: $\int_1^n x \operatorname{sech}^2 x \, dx = [x \tanh x]_1^n - \int_1^n \tanh x \, dx$. **M1 A1**
 $= [x \tanh x + \ln \operatorname{sech} x]_1^n$. **A1**

(AG, must have gained all previous marks) $= n \tanh n + \ln \operatorname{sech} n - (\tanh 1 + \ln \operatorname{sech} 1)$. **A1**

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$$\cosh 2A = \frac{1}{2} (e^{2A} + e^{-2A}), \sinh A = \frac{1}{2} (e^A - e^{-A}). \quad \text{B1}$$

Expands, AG (A0 for mixing variables e.g. $\sinh A = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$): $2 \sinh^2 A = \frac{1}{2} (e^A - e^{-A})^2 = \frac{1}{2} (e^{2A} - 2 + e^{-2A}) = \cosh 2A - 1.$ M1 A1

(b)

Correct formula with correct limits (correct limits for M1, limits may be recovered): $S = \int_0^{\frac{2}{3}} 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{2}{3}} x^2 \sqrt{1 + 4x^2} dx.$ M1 A1

Applies given substitution to their expression with correct limits (limits may be recovered): $S = \pi \int_0^{\sinh^{-1} \frac{4}{3}} \frac{1}{4} \sinh^2 u \sqrt{1 + \sinh^2 u} \cosh u du.$ M1

Must be simplified: $= \frac{1}{4} \pi \int_0^{\sinh^{-1} \frac{4}{3}} \sinh^2 u \cosh^2 u du.$ A1

Applies $\sinh 2u = 2 \sinh u \cosh u$ (may use double angle formulae for cosh and sinh instead): $= \frac{1}{16} \pi \int_0^{\sinh^{-1} \frac{4}{3}} \sinh^2 2u du.$ M1

Applies $\sinh^2 A = \frac{1}{2}(\cosh 2A - 1)$; S must have the form $a \int \sinh^2 u \cosh^2 u du$: $= \frac{1}{32} \pi \int_0^{\sinh^{-1} \frac{4}{3}} \cosh 4u - 1 du.$ M1

$= \frac{1}{32} \pi \left[\frac{1}{4} \sinh 4u - u \right]_0^{\sinh^{-1} \frac{4}{3}}.$ A1

$\sinh^{-1} \frac{4}{3} = \ln 3.$ B1

(AG) $S = \frac{1}{32} \pi \left(\frac{1}{8} (e^{\ln 81} - e^{-\ln 81}) - \ln 3 \right) = \frac{1}{32} \pi \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(81 - \frac{1}{81} \right) - \ln 3 \right) = \frac{1}{32} \pi \left(\frac{820}{81} - \ln 3 \right).$ A1

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Writes in exponential form: $\tanh u = \frac{e^u - e^{-u}}{e^u + e^{-u}}$, $\operatorname{sech} u = \frac{2}{e^u + e^{-u}}$. **B1**

Writes over common denominator: $1 - \left(\frac{e^u - e^{-u}}{e^u + e^{-u}}\right)^2 =$ **M1**
 $\frac{(e^u + e^{-u})^2 - (e^u - e^{-u})^2}{(e^u + e^{-u})^2} = \frac{4}{(e^u + e^{-u})^2}.$

$= \operatorname{sech}^2 u$. Withhold this mark if working with LHS and RHS simultaneously. **A1**

(b)

Differentiates implicitly: $u = \operatorname{sech}^{-1} t \Rightarrow \operatorname{sech} u = t \Rightarrow -\tanh u \operatorname{sech} u \frac{du}{dt} = 1$. **M1 A1**

Uses identity from (a): $\frac{du}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\tanh u \operatorname{sech} u} = -\frac{1}{t\sqrt{1-t^2}}$, AG. **M1 A1**

(c)

$\frac{dy}{dt} = \operatorname{sech}^{-1} t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-t^2}}$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{1-t^2}$. **B1 B1**

Uses chain rule: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} = -\sqrt{1-t^2} + (1-t^2) \operatorname{sech}^{-1} t$, AG. **M1 A1**

(d)

Applies product rule: $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{t}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} - \frac{1-t^2}{t\sqrt{1-t^2}} - 2t \operatorname{sech}^{-1} t$. **M1 A1**

Uses chain rule: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = t\sqrt{1-t^2} - \frac{(1-t^2)^{3/2}}{t} - 2t(1-t^2) \operatorname{sech}^{-1} t$. **M1 A1**

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$$\tanh t = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{e^t + e^{-t}}, \operatorname{sech} t = \frac{2}{e^t + e^{-t}}. \quad \text{B1}$$

Writes in a single fraction over common denominator: $\left(\frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{e^t + e^{-t}}\right)^2 +$ **M1**

$$\frac{4}{(e^t + e^{-t})^2} = \frac{e^{2t} + e^{-2t} + 2}{(e^t + e^{-t})^2} = 1, \text{ AG.}$$

Withhold A1 mark if they used mixed variables within a single line of working. **A1**

(b)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \tanh t. \quad \text{B1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\cosh t}{1 + \sinh^2 t} = \operatorname{sech} t. \text{ Applies } 1 + \sinh^2 t = \cosh^2 t. \quad \text{M1 A1}$$

Substitutes their derivatives into a correct formula for arc length, e.g. **M1**

$$\int \sqrt{(dx/dt)^2 + (dy/dt)^2} dt: \int_0^1 \sqrt{\tanh^2 t + \operatorname{sech}^2 t} dt = \int_0^1 1 dt.$$

$$= 1. \quad \text{A1}$$

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Correct shape and position (ignore $x < 0$ on their sketch): curve rising from origin, concave down, approaching $y = 1$. **B1**

States the equation of the asymptote: $y = 1$. Ignore $y = -1$. **B1**

(b)

Compares sum with integral. Limits on integral must be present and correct for M1: $\sum_{r=1}^N \tanh r > \int_0^N \tanh x \, dx$. **M1 A1**

Evaluates integral, AG. Must see $\ln(\cosh x)$: $\int_0^N \tanh x \, dx = [\ln(\cosh x)]_0^N = \ln(\cosh N)$. **A1**

(c)(i)

Correct formula for surface area (missing limits is M1 A0; y outside of integral is M0): $S = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} \ln 3} y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} \, dx = 2\pi \int_0^{\frac{1}{2} \ln 3} \tanh(x) \sqrt{1 + \operatorname{sech}^4(x)} \, dx$. **M1 A1**

Finds $\frac{du}{dx}$ (sign error gets M1 A0): $u = \sqrt{1 + \operatorname{sech}^4 x} \Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = -2(1 + \operatorname{sech}^4 x)^{-1/2} \operatorname{sech}^4 x \tanh x$. **M1 A1**

Finds u when $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3$ (need to see working to justify given limit): $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3 \Rightarrow \cosh x = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{3}$, $\operatorname{sech} x = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow u = \sqrt{1 + \frac{9}{16}}$. **M1 A1**

AG, must have gained all previous marks: $S = -\pi \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{5/4} u \frac{u}{u^2 - 1} \, du = \pi \int_{5/4}^{\sqrt{2}} \frac{u^2}{u^2 - 1} \, du$. **A1**

(c)(ii)

Uses partial fractions or $\frac{u^2}{u^2 - 1} = 1 + \frac{1}{u^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{2} \pi \int_{5/4}^{\sqrt{2}} 2 + \frac{1}{u - 1} - \frac{1}{u + 1} \, du = \pi \left[u + \frac{1}{2} \ln(u - 1) - \frac{1}{2} \ln(u + 1) \right]_{5/4}^{\sqrt{2}}$. **M1 A1**

OE: $= \pi \left(\sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2} + 1} \right) - \frac{5}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1}{9} \right) \right) = \pi \left(\sqrt{2} - \frac{5}{4} + \ln 3 + \frac{1}{2} \ln(3 - 2\sqrt{2}) \right)$. **A1**

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Applies chain rule: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1 + \sinh t}{\cosh t}$.	(a) M1
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Correct result.	A1
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Finds $\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{\cosh t (\cosh t) - (1 + \sinh t) \sinh t}{\cosh^2 t} = \frac{1 - \sinh t}{\cosh^2 t}$.	(b) M1
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Correct intermediate result.	A1
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Applies chain rule: $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \times \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1 - \sinh t}{\cosh^3 t}$.	M1
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AG, shown.	A1
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Finds Maclaurin's series: $y = y(0) + xy'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}y''(0)$. M1 for $y(0), y'(0), y''(0)$ evaluated.	(c) M1
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$y = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$. A0 if 2! not simplified to 2.	A1
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Applies	$\tanh^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right):$	$\frac{d}{dx}(\tanh^{-1} x) =$	M1
	$\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x} \right) \frac{(1-x)(1) - (1+x)(-1)}{(1-x)^2}.$		

Correct differentiation.	A1
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$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1-x}{1+x} \right) \frac{2}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{1}{1-x^2}. \text{ AG.}$	A1
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$\tanh y = x \Rightarrow \operatorname{sech}^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 \text{ (M1 A1); } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1 - \tanh^2 y} = \frac{1}{1 - x^2} \text{ (A1). AG.}$	Alt
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Sets equal and uses $\cosh 2x = 1 + 2\sinh^2 x$: $1 + 2\sinh^2 x = 6\sinh^2 x \Rightarrow \sinh x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$. Accept $\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5}$ or $\tanh x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$, or exponential form leading to $e^{4x} - 3e^{2x} + 1 = 0$. (a) **M1**
A1

Uses logarithmic form: $x = \sinh^{-1}(\pm \frac{1}{2}) = \ln(\pm \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} + 1})$, or $e^{2x} = \frac{1}{2}(3 \pm \sqrt{5})$. **M1**

$x = \ln(\pm \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5})$. Must be exact and in the form $\ln a$ simplified. **A1**

C_1 or C_2 correct. (b) **B1**

C_2 and intersections with C_1 correct. **B1**

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