

Question

Is it true that $\{l+o(1)\} \cosh x - \{1+o(1)\} \sinh x = \{1+o(1)\}e^{-x}$, as $x \rightarrow \infty$?

Answer

No!!

$$\begin{aligned} & [1 + o(1)]_{(1)} \cosh x - [1 + o(1)]_{(2)} \sinh x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [1 + o(1)]_{(1)} e^x + [1 + o(1)]_{(1)} e^{-x} \right\} \\ & \quad - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [1 + o(1)]_{(2)} e^x - [1 + o(1)]_{(2)} e^{-x} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} [o(1)_{(1)} - o(1)_{(2)}] e^x \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ [1 + o(1)]_{(1)} + [1 + o(1)]_{(2)} \right\} e^{-x} \\ &= o(e^x), \end{aligned}$$

since $o(1)_{(1)} \neq o(1)_{(2)}$ necessarily,

e.g., $\frac{1}{x} \neq \frac{1}{x^2}$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$ so it *doesn't* vanish.

(\star) To show $o(1) - o(1) = o(1)$, let $f(x) = o(1)$, $g(x) = o(1)$.

Then $f(x) \leq K_f$, $g(x) \leq K_g$ $K_f, K_g > 0$, $x \rightarrow +\infty$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - g(x)| &\leq |f(x)| + |g(x)| \text{ by triangle inequality} \\ &\leq K_f + K_g = K \text{ say as } x \rightarrow +\infty \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $|f(x) - g(x)| \leq K \Rightarrow f - g = o(1) \Rightarrow o(1) - o(1) = o(1)$

Similarly $o(1) + o(1) = o(1)$.

($\star\star$) To show $o(1)e^x + [1 + o(1)]e^{-x} = o(e^x)$

Clearly $e^{-x} = o(e^x)$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$

Therefore we must show that $o(1)e^x = o(e^x)$ $x \rightarrow +\infty$

Let $h(x) = o(1)$, $h > 0$, $x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = 0$

Therefore $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(x)e^x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} h(x) = 0 \Rightarrow o(1)e^x = o(e^x)$