

5. Find all values of the constant k for which the function $f(x) = \frac{k}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2}$ satisfies the equation

$$f'(x) = f(x) \int_0^x f(t) dt$$

for all x .

If $k=0$, then $f(x)=0$ for all x and the equality holds for all x .

If $k \neq 0$, then:

$$f'(x) = -\frac{2k}{(e^x + e^{-x})^3} \cdot (e^x - e^{-x}) \Rightarrow \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = -2 \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \right)' = -2 \cdot \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})^2 - (e^x - e^{-x})^2}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} = \frac{-8}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2}$$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} - \int_0^x f(t) dt.$$

$g(x)=0$ for all $x \Leftrightarrow g'(x)=0$ for all x and $g(0)=0$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \right)' - f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ and } \frac{f'(0)}{f(0)} - \int_0^0 f(t) dt = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{-8}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} - \frac{k}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} = 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ and } \frac{0}{k/4} - 0 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow k = -8$$

Hence the equality holds for all x exactly when $k=0$ or $k=-8$.