

$$y = \ln\left(\frac{e^x + 1}{e^x - 1}\right) = \ln(e^x + 1) - \ln(e^x - 1) \Rightarrow$$

$$y' = \frac{e^x}{e^x + 1} - \frac{e^x}{e^x - 1} = \frac{-2e^x}{e^{2x} - 1} \Rightarrow 1 + (y')^2 = 1 + \frac{4e^{2x}}{(e^{2x} - 1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(e^{2x} + 1)^2}{(e^{2x} - 1)^2} \Rightarrow \sqrt{1 + (y')^2} = \frac{e^{2x} + 1}{e^{2x} - 1} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} = \frac{\cosh(x)}{\sinh(x)}.$$

$$\text{So } L = \int_a^b \frac{\cosh(x)}{\sinh(x)} dx = \left[\ln \sinh(x) \right]_a^b = \ln(\sinh(b)) - \ln(\sinh(a)) = \ln\left(\frac{\sinh(b)}{\sinh(a)}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{e^b - e^{-b}}{e^a - e^{-a}}\right).$$