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Find

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sinh(2^n)}.$$

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We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sinh(2^n)} &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\exp(2^n) - \exp(-2^n)} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\exp(2^n)(1 - \exp(-2 \cdot 2^n))} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp(-2^n) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \exp(-2 \cdot 2^n \cdot k) \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \exp(-(2k+1) \cdot 2^n) \\ &= 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} e^{-2m} = \frac{2e^{-2}}{1 - e^{-2}} = \frac{2}{e^2 - 1}, \end{aligned}$$

where we used that fact that, by the unique factorization theorem, any positive even integer $2m$ can be written in a unique way as $(2k+1) \cdot 2^n$ with $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. \square