

# Copy of a letter from Newton to Henry Oldenburg, dated 13 June 1676

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Quamquam D. Leibnitij modestia in excerptis quæ ex Epistola ejus ad me nuper misisti, nostratibus multum tribuat circa speculationem quandam infinitarum Serierum de qua jam cœpit esse rumor: nullus dubito tamen quin ille, non tantum (quod asserit) methodum reducendi quantitates quascunque in ejusmodi series, sed et varia compendia, fortè nostris similia, si non et meliora, adinvenierit. Quoniam tamen ea scire pervelit quæ ab Anglis hâc in re inventa sunt, et ipse ante annos aliquot in hanc speculationem inciderim: ut votis ejus aliqua saltern ex parte satisfacerem nonnulla eorum quæ mihi occurrerunt, ad te transmissi.

Fractiones in infinitas Series reducuntur per divisionem et quantitates radicales per extractionem radicum, perindè instituendo operationes istas in speciebus ac institui solent in decimalibus numeris. Hæc sunt fundamenta harum reductionum; sed extractiones radicum multum abbreviantur per hoc Theorema.

$$\overline{P + PQ}^{\frac{m}{n}} = P^{\frac{m}{n}} + \frac{m}{n}AQ + \frac{m-n}{2n}BQ + \frac{m-2n}{3n}CQ + \frac{m-3n}{4n}DQ + \&c.$$

Ubi  $P + PQ$  significat quantitatem cujus radix, vel etiam dimensio, quævis vel radix dimensionis investiganda est,  $P$  primum terminum quantitatis ejus,  $Q$  reliquos terminos divisos per primum, &  $\frac{m}{n}$  numeralem indicem dimensionis ipsius  $P + PQ$  sive dimensio illa integra sit, sive (ut ita loquar) fracta, sive affirmativa sive negativa. Nam sicut Analystæ pro  $aa$ ,  $aaa$  &c scribere solent  $a^2$ ,  $a^3$ , sic ego pro  $\sqrt{a}$ ,  $\sqrt{a^3}$ ,  $\sqrt{c}$ .  $a^{\frac{5}{2}}$  &c scribo  $a^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $a^{\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $a^{\frac{5}{2}}$ , & pro  $\frac{1}{a}$ ,  $\frac{1}{aa}$ ,  $\frac{1}{a^3}$  scribo  $a^{-1}$ ,  $a^{-2}$ ,  $a^{-3}$ . et sic pro  $\frac{aa}{\sqrt{c: a^3+bbx}}$

scribo  $aa \times \overline{a^3+bbx}^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ , & pro  $\frac{aab}{\sqrt{c: a^3+bbx} \times \overline{a^3+bbx}}$  scribo  $aab \times \overline{a^3+bbx}^{-\frac{2}{3}}$  in quo ultimo casu si  $\overline{a^3+bbx}^{-\frac{2}{3}}$  concipiatur

esse  $\overline{P + PQ}^{\frac{m}{n}}$  in Regula; erit  $P = a^3$ ,  $Q = \frac{bbx}{a^3}$ ,  $m = -2$ , &  $n = 3$ . Denique pro terminis inter operandum inventis in quoto, usurpo  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $D$  &c nempe  $A$  pro primo termino  $P^{\frac{m}{n}}$ ,  $B$  pro secundo  $\frac{m}{n}AQ$ , & sic deinceps. Cæterum usus Regulæ patebit exemplis.

Exempl: 1. est  $\sqrt{cc+xx}$  (seu  $\overline{cc+xx}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ )  $= c + \frac{xx}{2c} - \frac{x^4}{8c^3} + \frac{x^6}{16c^5} - \frac{5x^8}{128c^7} + \frac{7x^{10}}{256a^9} + \&c..$  Nam in hoc casu est  $P = cc$ ,  $Q = \frac{xx}{cc}$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $n = 2$ ,  $A (= P^{\frac{m}{n}} = \overline{cc}^{\frac{1}{2}}) = c$ .  $B (= \frac{m}{n}AQ) = \frac{xx}{2c}$ .  $C (= \frac{m-n}{2n}BQ) = \frac{-x^4}{8c^3}$ , & sic deinceps.

Exempl: 2. est  $\sqrt[5]{c^5+c^4x-x^5}$  (i.e.  $\overline{c^5+c^4x-x^5}^{\frac{1}{5}}$ )  $= c + \frac{c^4x-x^5}{5c^4} - \frac{2c^8xx+4c^4x^6-2x^{10}}{25c^9} + \&c$  ut patebit substituendo in allatam

Regulam, 1 pro  $m$ , 5 pro  $n$ ,  $c^5$  pro  $P$ , &  $\frac{c^4x-x^5}{c^5}$  pro  $Q$ . Potest etiam  $-x^5$  substitui pro  $P$ , &  $\frac{c^4x+c^5}{-x^5}$  pro  $Q$ , et tunc evadet

$\sqrt[5]{c^5+c^4x-x^5} = -x + \frac{c^4x+c^5}{5x^4} + \frac{2c^8xx+4c^9x+c^{10}}{25x^9} + \&c$ . Prior modus eligendus est si  $x$  valde parvum sit, posterior si valde magnum.

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Exempl 3. Est  $\frac{N}{\sqrt[3]{y^3-aa y}}$  (hoc est  $N \times \overline{y^3-aa y}^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ )  $= N \times \frac{1}{y} + \frac{aa}{3y^3} + \frac{2a^4}{9y^5} + \frac{7a^6}{81y^7} + \&c$  Nam  $P = y^3$ .  $Q = \frac{-aa}{yy}$ .  $m = -1$ .  $n = 3$ .

$A (= P^{\frac{m}{n}} = y^{3 \times \frac{-1}{3}}) = y^{-1}$ . hoc est  $\frac{1}{y}$ .  $B (= \frac{m}{n}AQ = \frac{-1}{3} \times \frac{1}{y} \times \frac{-aa}{yy}) = \frac{aa}{3y^3}$ . &c

Exempl. 4. Radix cubica ex quadrato-quadrato ipsius  $d + e$  (hoc est  $\overline{d+e}^{\frac{4}{3}}$ ) est  $d^{\frac{4}{3}} + \frac{4ed^{\frac{1}{3}}}{3} + \frac{2ee}{9d^{\frac{2}{3}}} - \frac{4e^3}{81d^{\frac{5}{3}}} + \&c$ . Nam  $P = d$ .

$Q = \frac{e}{d}$ .  $m = 4$ .  $n = 3$ .  $A (= P^{\frac{m}{n}}) = d^{\frac{4}{3}}$  &c.

Eodem modo simplices etiam potestates eliciuntur. Ut si quadrato-cubus ipsius  $d + e$  (hoc est  $\overline{d + e}^5$ , seu  $\overline{d + e}^{\frac{5}{1}}$ ) desideretur: erit juxta Regulam  $P = d$ .  $Q = \frac{e}{d}$ .  $m = 5$  &  $n = 1$ ; adeoque  $A (= P^{\frac{m}{n}}) = d^5$ ,  $B (= \frac{m}{n} A Q) = 5d^4e$ , & sic  $C = 10d^3ee$ ,  $D = 10dde^3$ ,  $E = 5de^4$ ,  $F = e^5$ , &  $G (= \frac{m-5n}{6n} FQ) = 0$ . Hoc est  $\overline{d + e}^5 = d^5 + 5d^4e + 10d^3ee + 10dde^3 + 5de^4 + e^5$ .

Quinetiam Divisio, sive simplex sit, sive repetita, per eandem Regulam perficitur. Ut si  $\frac{1}{d+e}$ , (hoc est  $\overline{d + e}^{-1}$  sive  $\overline{d + e}^{\frac{-1}{1}}$ ) in seriem simplicium terminorum resolvendum sit: erit juxta Regulam  $P = d$ .  $Q = \frac{e}{d}$ .  $m = -1$ .  $n = 1$ . &  $A (= P^{\frac{m}{n}} = D^{\frac{-1}{1}}) = d^{-1}$  seu  $\frac{1}{d}$ .  $B (= \frac{m}{n} A Q = -1 \times \frac{1}{d} \times \frac{e}{d}) = -\frac{e}{dd}$ , & sic  $C = \frac{ee}{d^3}$ ,  $D = \frac{-e^3}{d^4}$  &c Hoc est  $\frac{1}{d+e} = \frac{1}{d} - \frac{e}{dd} + \frac{ee}{d^3} - \frac{e^3}{d^4} + \&c$ .

Sic et  $\overline{d + e}^{-3}$  (hoc est unitas ter divisa per  $d + e$  vel semel per cubum ejus,) evadit  $\frac{1}{d^3} - \frac{3e}{d^4} + \frac{6ee}{d^5} - \frac{10e^3}{d^6} + \&c$ .

Et  $N \times \overline{d + e}^{-\frac{1}{3}}$  hoc est  $N$  divisum per radicem cubicam ipsius  $d + e$  evadit  $N \times \frac{1}{d^{\frac{1}{3}}} - \frac{e}{3d^{\frac{4}{3}}} + \frac{2ee}{9d^{\frac{5}{3}}} - \frac{14e^3}{81d^{\frac{10}{3}}} + \&c$

Et  $N \times \overline{d + e}^{-\frac{3}{5}}$  (hoc est  $N$  divisum per radicem quadrato-cubicam ex cubo ipsius  $d + e$ , sive  $\frac{N}{\sqrt[5]{d^3 + 3dde + 3dee + e^3}}$ ) evadit  $N \times \frac{1}{d^{\frac{3}{5}}} - \frac{3e}{5d^{\frac{8}{5}}} + \frac{12ee}{25d^{\frac{13}{5}}} - \frac{52e^3}{125d^{\frac{18}{5}}} + \&c$ .

Per eandem Regulam Genesses Potestatum, Divisiones per potestates aut per quantitates radicales, & extractiones radicum altiorum in numeris etiam commodè instituuntur.

**Extractiones Radicum affectarum** in speciebus imitantur earum extractiones in numeris, sed methodus Vietæ et Oughtredi nostri huic negotio minùs idonea est, Quapropter aliam excogitare adactus sum cujus specimen exhibent sequentia Diagrammata ubi dextra columna prodit substituendo in media columnâ Valores ipsorum  $y$ ,  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$  &c in sinistra columna expressos. Prius Diagramma exhibet resolutionem hujus numeralis æquationis  $y^3 - 2y - 5 = 0$ ; et hic in supremis numeris pars negativa radice subducta de parte affirmativa relinquit absolutam Radicem 2 | 09455148 et posterius Diagramma exhibet resolutionem hujus literariæ æquationis  $y^3 + axy + aay - x^3 - 2a^3 = 0$ .

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$2 + p = y$	$\begin{array}{r} y^3 \\ -2y \\ -5 \end{array}$ <hr/> summa	$\begin{array}{r} + 8 + 12p + 6pp + p^3 \\ - 4 - 2p \\ - 5 \end{array}$ <hr/> $- 1 + 10p + 6pp + p^3$
$+0,1 + q = p$	$\begin{array}{r} +p^3 \\ +6pp \\ +10p \\ -1 \end{array}$ <hr/> summa	$\begin{array}{r} + 0,001 + 0,03q + 0,3qq + q^3 \\ + 0,06 + 1,2 + 6 \\ + 1 + 10, \\ - 1 \end{array}$ <hr/> $0,061 + 11,23q + 6,3qq + q^3$
$-0,0054 + r = q$	$\begin{array}{r} +q^3 \\ +6,3qq \\ +11,23q \\ +0,061 \end{array}$ <hr/> summa	$\begin{array}{r} - 0,0000001 + 0,000r \quad \&c \\ + 0,0001837 - 0,068 \\ - 0,060642 + 11,23 \\ + 0,061 \end{array}$ <hr/> $- 0,0005416 + 11,162r$
$-0,00004852 + s = r$		

		$\left(a - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{xx}{64a} + \frac{131x^3}{512aa} + \frac{509x^4}{16384a^3} \quad \&c\right)$
$a + p = y$	$y^3$ $+axy$ $+aay$ $-x^3$ $-2a^3$	$a^3+3aap+3app+p^3$ $+aax+axp$ $+a^3+aap$ $-x^3$ $-2a^3$
$-\frac{1}{4}x + q = p$	$p^3$ $+3app$ $+axp$ $+4aap$ $+aax$ $-x^3$	$-\frac{1}{64}x^3 + \frac{3}{16}xxq \quad \&c$ $+ \frac{3}{16}axx - \frac{3}{2}axq + 3aqq$ $-\frac{1}{4}axx + axq$ $-axx + 4aaq$ $+aax$ $-x^3$
$+\frac{xx}{64a} + r = q$	$3aqq$ $+ \frac{3}{16}xxq$ $-\frac{1}{2}axq$ $+4aaq$ $-x^3$ $-\frac{65}{64}a^3$ $-\frac{1}{16}aax$	$+ \frac{3x^4}{4096a} \quad \&c$ $+ \frac{3x^4}{1024a} \quad \&c$ $-\frac{1}{128}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}axr$ $+ \frac{1}{16}axx + 4aar$ $-x^3$ $-\frac{65}{64}a^3$ $-\frac{1}{16}aax$

$$+ 4aa - \frac{1}{2}ax \Big) + \frac{131}{128}x^3 - \frac{15x^4}{4096a} \left( + \frac{131x^3}{512aa} + \frac{509x^4}{16384a^3} \right).$$

In priori diagrammate primus terminus valoris ipsorum p, q, r, in prima columna invenitur dividendo primum terminum summæ proximè superioris per coefficientem secundi termini ejusdem summæ: et idem terminus eodem ferè modo invenitur in secundo diagrammate. Sed hic præcipua difficultas est in inventionem primi termini radice: id quod methodo generali perficitur, sed hoc brevitatis gratia jam prætereo, ut et alia quædam quæ ad concinnandam operationem spectant. Neque hic compendia tradere vacat, sed dicam tantum in genere, quod radix cujusvis æquationis semel extracta pro regula resolvendi consimiles æquationes asservari possit; & quod ex pluribus ejusmodi regulis, regulam generaliore[m] plerumque efformare liceat; quodque radices omnes, sive simplices sint sive affectæ, modis infinitis extrahi possint, de quorum simplicioribus itaque semper consulendum est.

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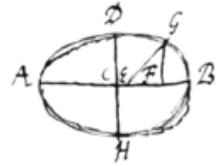
Quomodo ex æquationibus, sic ad infinitas series reductis, aræ & longitudines curvarum, contenta et superficies solidorum, vel quorumlibet segmentorum figurarum quarumvis eorumque centra gravitatis determinantur, et quomodo etiam curvæ omnes Mechanicæ ad ejusmodi æquationes infinitarum serierum reduci possint, indeque Problemata circa illas resolveri perinde ac si geometricæ essent, nimis longum foret describere. Sufficiat specimina quædam talium Problematum recensuisse: inque iis brevitatis gratia literas A, B, C, D &c pro terminis seriei, sicut sub initio, nonnunquam usurpabo.

1. Si ex dato sinu recto vel sinu verso arcus desideretur: sit radius r et sinus rectus x eritque arcus  $= x + \frac{x^3}{6rr} + \frac{3x^5}{40r^4} + \frac{5x^7}{112r^6} + \&c$ . hoc est  $= x + \frac{1 \times 1 \times xx}{2 \times 3 \times rr} A + \frac{3 \times 3 \times xx}{4 \times 5 \times rr} B + \frac{5 \times 5 \times xx}{6 \times 7 \times rr} C + \frac{7 \times 7 \times xx}{8 \times 9 \times rr} D + \&c$ . Vel sit d diameter ac x sinus versus, et erit arcus  $= d^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{6d^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{3x^{\frac{5}{2}}}{40d^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{5x^{\frac{7}{2}}}{112d^{\frac{5}{2}}} + \&c$  hoc est  $= \sqrt{dx} \ln 1 + \frac{x}{6} + \frac{3xx}{40d} + \frac{5x^3}{112d^2} + \&c$ .

2. Si vicissim ex dato arcu desiderentur sinus: sit radius  $r$  et arcus  $z$ , eritque sinus rectus  $= z - \frac{z^3}{6rr} + \frac{z^5}{120r^4} - \frac{z^7}{5040r^6} + \frac{z^9}{36288r^8} - \&c$ ,  
hoc est  $= z - \frac{zz}{2 \times 3rr} A - \frac{zz}{4 \times 5rr} B - \frac{zz}{6 \times 7rr} C - \&c$ ; Et sinus versus  $= \frac{zz}{2r} - \frac{z^4}{24r^3} + \frac{z^6}{720r^5} - \frac{z^8}{4032r^7} + \&c$ , hoc est  
 $\frac{zz}{1 \times 2r} - \frac{zz}{3 \times 4rr} A - \frac{zz}{5 \times 6rr} B - \frac{zz}{7 \times 8} C$ .

3. Si arcus capiendus sit in ratione data ad alium arcum: esto diameter  $= d$ , chorda arcûs dati  $= x$ , & arcus quæsitus ad arcum illum datum ut  $n$  ad 1; eritque arcus quæsitus chorda  $= nx + \frac{1-nn}{2 \times 3dd} xx A + \frac{9-nn}{4 \times 5dd} xx B + \frac{25-nn}{6 \times 7dd} xx C + \frac{36-nn}{8 \times 9dd} xx D + \frac{49-nn}{10 \times 11dd} xx E + \&c$   
Ubi nota quod cùm  $n$  est numerus impar, series desinet esse infinita, & evadet eadem quæ prodit per vulgarem Algebram ad multiplicandum datum angulum per istum numerum  $n$ .

4. Si in axe alterutro  $AB$  ellipseos  $ADB$  (cujus centrum  $C$  & axis alter  $DH$ ) detur punctum aliquod  $E$  circa quod recta  $EG$  occurrens Ellipsi in  $G$  motu angulari feratur, et ex data area sectoris Ellipticæ  $BEG$  quæretur recta  $GF$  quæ a puncto  $G$  ad axem  $AB$  normaliter demittitur: esto  $BC = q$ ,  $DC = r$ ,  $EB = t$ , ac duplum aræ  $BEG = z$ ; et erit  $GF = \frac{z}{t} - \frac{qz^3}{6rr^4} + \frac{10qq-qqt}{120r^4t^7} z^5 - \frac{280q^3+504qqt-225qtt}{5040r^6t^{10}} z^7 + \&c$ .  
Sic itaque Astronomicum illud Kepleri Problema resolvi potest.



5. In eâdem Ellipsi si statuatur  $CD = r$ ,  $\frac{CB^q}{CD} = c$ , &  $CF = x$ , erit arcus Ellipticus

$$DG = x + \frac{1}{6cc} x^3 + \frac{1}{10rc^3} x^5 + \frac{1}{14rrc^4} x^7 + \frac{1}{18r^3c^5} x^9 + \frac{1}{22r^4c^6} x^{11} + \&c$$

$$- \frac{1}{40c^4} - \frac{1}{28rc^5} - \frac{1}{24rrc^6} - \frac{1}{22r^3c^7}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{112c^6} + \frac{1}{48rc^7} + \frac{3}{88rrc^8}$$

$$- \frac{5}{1152c^8} - \frac{5}{352rc^9}$$

$$+ \frac{7}{2816c^{10}}$$

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Hic numerales coefficientes supremorum terminorum ( $\frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \cdot \frac{1}{14} \&c$ ) sunt in musica progressionem, & numerales coefficientes omnium inferiorum in una quaque columna prodeunt multiplicando continuò numeralem coefficientem supremi termini per terminos hujus progressionis  $\frac{\frac{1}{2}n-1}{2} \cdot \frac{\frac{3}{2}n-3}{4} \cdot \frac{\frac{5}{2}n-5}{6} \cdot \frac{\frac{7}{2}n-7}{8} \cdot \frac{\frac{9}{2}n-9}{10} \&c$ ; ubi  $n$  significat numerum dimensionum ipsius  $c$  in denominatore istius supremi termini. E.g. ut terminorum infra  $\frac{1}{22r^4c^6}$ , numerales coefficientes inveniantur, pono  $n = 6$ , ducoque  $\frac{1}{22}$  (numeralem coefficientem ipsius  $\frac{1}{22r^4c^6}$ ) in  $\frac{\frac{1}{2}n-1}{2}$  hoc est in 1; et prodit  $\frac{1}{22}$  numeralis coefficiens termini proximè inferioris; dein duco hunc  $\frac{1}{22}$  in  $\frac{\frac{3}{2}n-3}{4}$  sive in  $\frac{n-3}{4}$  hoc est in  $\frac{3}{4}$  & prodit  $\frac{3}{88}$  numeralis coefficiens tertij termini in ista columna. Atque ita  $\frac{3}{88} \times \frac{\frac{5}{2}n-5}{6}$  facit  $\frac{5}{352}$  num: coeff: quarti termini &  $\frac{5}{352} \times \frac{\frac{7}{2}n-7}{8}$  facit  $\frac{7}{2816}$  numeralem coefficientem infimi termini Idem in alijs ad infinitum columnis præstari potest, adeoque valor ipsius  $DG$  per hanc regulam pro lubitu produci.

Ad hæc si  $BF$  dicatur  $x$ , sitque  $r$  latus rectum Ellipseos &  $e = \frac{r}{AB}$ ; erit arcus Ellipticus

$$BG = \sqrt{rx} \text{ in } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1+2 \\ -\frac{3}{2}e \end{array} \right\} x \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -2 \\ +3e \\ -\frac{5}{8}ee \end{array} \right\} xx \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} +4 \\ -9e \\ +\frac{23}{4}ee \\ -\frac{7}{16}e^3 \end{array} \right\} x^3 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -10 \\ +30e \\ -\frac{123}{4}ee \\ +\frac{91}{8}e^3 \\ -\frac{45}{128}e^4 \end{array} \right\} x^4 + \&c.$$

$$\frac{3r}{5rr} \quad \frac{7r^3}{9r^4}$$

Quare si ambitus totius Ellipseos desideretur: biseca  $CB$  in  $F$ , & quære arcum  $DG$  per prius Theorema & arcum  $GB$  per posterius.

6 Si vice versa ex dato arcu Elliptico  $DG$  quæretur sinus ejus  $CF$ , tum dicto  $CD = r$ ,  $\frac{CB^q}{CD} = c$ , & arcu illo  $DG = z$  erit

$$CF = z - \frac{1}{6cc} z^3 - \frac{1}{10rc^3} z^5 - \frac{1}{14rrc^4} z^7 - \&c.$$

$$+ \frac{13}{120c^4} + \frac{71}{420rc^5}$$

$$- \frac{493}{5040c^6}$$

Quæ autem de Ellipsi dicta sunt, omnia facilè accommodantur ad Hyperbolam: mutatis tantum signis ipsorum  $c$  &  $e$  ubi sunt imparium dimentionum.

7. Præterea si sit  $CE$  Hyperbola cujus Asymptoti  $AD$ ,  $AF$  rectum angulum  $FAD$  constituent et ad  $AD$  erigantur utrunque perpendiculara  $BC$   $DE$  occurrentia Hyperbolæ in  $C$  &  $E$ , &  $AB$  dicatur  $a$ ,  $BC$   $b$ , & area  $BCED$   $z$ , erit  $BD = \frac{z}{b} + \frac{zz}{2abb}$

A diagram of a dome cross-section. The dome is divided into two halves by a vertical line. The left half is labeled 'A' at the base and 'D' at the top. The right half is labeled 'B' at the base and 'C' at the top. A horizontal line is drawn across the middle of the dome, labeled 'E' at the top center and 'F' at the bottom center. A vertical line is drawn from the top center to the base, labeled 'G' at the top and 'H' at the base.

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errore tantum existente  $\frac{32x^3}{525d^3} \sqrt{dx} + \text{vel} - \&c$ ; multò minore scilicet quam in Theoremate Hugeni. Quod si fiat  $7AK : 3AH :: DH : n$ , & capiat  $KG = CH - n$  erit error adhuc multò minor.

Atque ita si circuli segmentum aliquod BAb per Mechanicam designandum esset: primo reducerem aream istam in infinitam seriem; puta hanc  $BbA = \frac{4}{3}d^{\frac{1}{2}}x^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{2x^{\frac{5}{2}}}{5d^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{x^{\frac{7}{2}}}{14d^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{x^{\frac{9}{2}}}{36d^{\frac{5}{2}}} - \&c$ ; dein quærerem constructiones mechanicas quibus hanc seriem proximè assequerem; cujusmodi sunt hæc. Age rectam AB, & erit Segmentum  $BbA = \frac{2}{3}AB + BD \times \frac{4}{5}AD$  proximè, existente scilicet errore tantum  $\frac{x^3}{70dd} \sqrt{dx} + \&c$ , in defectu: vel proximè erit segmentum illud, (bisecto AD in F et acta recta BF,)  $= \frac{4BF+AB}{15} \times 4AD$ , existente errore solummodo  $\frac{x^3}{560dd} \sqrt{dx} + \&c$ . qui semper minor est quàm  $\frac{1}{1500}$  totius segmenti, etiamsi segmentum illud ad usque semicirculum augeatur.

Sic in Ellipsi BAb cujus vertex A, axis alteruter AK, et latus rectum AP, cape  $PG = \frac{1}{2}AP + \frac{19AK-21AP}{10AK} \times AP$ ; in Hyperbola verò cape  $PG = \frac{1}{2}AP + \frac{19AK+21AP}{10AK} \times AP$ : et acta recta GBE abscindet tangentem AE quamproximè æqualem arcui Elliptico vel Hyperbolico AB, dummodo ar{cus} ille non sit nimis magnus. Et pro area segmenti Hyperbolici BbA, dic latus rectum d, latus transversum e, et AD x; et cape  $m = \sqrt{dx}$  et  $n = \sqrt{dx + \frac{3d}{4e}xx}$  eritque  $\frac{4n+m}{15} \times 4AD = BbA$ ; vel forte melius cape  $n = \sqrt{dx + \frac{5d}{7e}xx}$ , et erit  $\frac{2n+4m}{75} \times 4AD = BbA$ .

Et ejusdem methodi vestigijs insistendo.

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