

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

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## Epistola de D. I. Newtoni ad D. Oldenburgum misi

Fragmentum

Misi apographum {Suj} ad Dn. Leibnitium per Samuelem Regium Vratislaviensem julij 26. 1676.

Dignissime Domine

Quanquam 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 quasunque in ejusmodi series, sed et varia compendia, fortè nostris similia, si non et meliora, adinvenierit. Quoniam tamen ea scire pervelit quæ ab Anglis hac 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, perinde 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  $\frac{aab}{\sqrt{c: \overline{a^3+bbx} \times \overline{a^3+bbx}}}$  scribo  $aab \times \overline{a^3+bbx}^{-\frac{2}{3}}$ : in quo ultimo casu si  $\overline{a^3+bbx}^{-\frac{2}{3}}$  conciapatur 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  $\overline{cc+xx}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ) =  $c + \frac{xx}{2c} - \frac{x^4}{8c^3} + \frac{x^6}{16c^5} - \frac{5x^8}{128c^7} + \frac{7x^{10}}{256a^9} + \&c$ .  $c$ . 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  $N \times \overline{y^3-aa y}^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ ) =  $N \times \frac{1}{y} + \frac{aa}{3y^3} + \frac{2a^4}{9y^5} + \frac{14a^6}{81y^7} +$  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  $P = d$ .

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

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  $A \left( = P^{\frac{m}{n}} \right) = d^5$ ,  $B \left( = \frac{m}{n} A Q \right) = 5d^4e$ , & sic  $C = 10d^3ee$ ,  $D = 10dde^3$ ,  $E = 5de^4$ ,  $F = e^5$ , &  $G \left( = \frac{m-5n}{6n} FQ \right) = 0$ . 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  $P = d$ .  $Q = \frac{e}{d}$ .  $m = -1$ .  $n = 1$ . &  $A \left( = P^{\frac{m}{n}} = D^{\frac{-1}{1}} \right) = d^{-1}$  seu  $\frac{1}{d}$ .  $B \left( = \frac{m}{n} A Q = -1 \times \frac{1}{d} \times \frac{e}{d} = -\frac{e}{dd}$ , & 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 est  $\overline{d + e}^{-3}$  (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  $N \times \frac{\frac{1}{d^{\frac{1}{3}}} - \frac{e}{3d^{\frac{4}{3}}} + \frac{2ee}{9d^{\frac{7}{3}}} - \frac{14e^3}{81d^{\frac{10}{3}}} + \&c$

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

$$N \times \frac{1}{d^{\frac{3}{5}}} - \frac{3e}{5d^{\frac{9}{5}}} + \frac{12ee}{25d^{\frac{13}{5}}} - \frac{52e^3}{125d^{\frac{18}{5}}} + \&c.$$

Per eandem Regulam Geneses Potestatum, Divisiones per Potestates aut per quantitates radicales, et 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 columnâ expressos. Prius Diagramma exhibet resolutionem hujus numeralis æquationis  $y^3 - 2y - 5 = 0$ ; et hic in supremis numeris pars negativa Radicis 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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		$\begin{pmatrix} +2,10000000 \\ -0,00544852 \end{pmatrix}$ $+2,09455148$
$2 + p = y$	$\begin{array}{r} y^3 \\ -2y \\ -5 \end{array}$ <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/> $- 0,0005416 + 11,162r$
$-0,00004852 + s = r$		

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

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

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 inventione primi termini radicis: 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 generaliorem 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 resolvi perinde ac si geo{m}etricæ essent, nimis longum foret describere. Sufficiat specimina quædam talium Problematum recensuisse: inque ijs brevitatis gratia literas A, B, C, D &c pro terminis seriei, sicut sub initio, nonnunquam usurpabo.

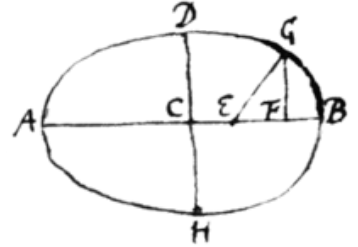
1 Si ex dato sinu recto vel sinu verso arcus desideretur: sit radius r et sinus rectus x eritque arcus =  $x + \frac{x^3}{6rr} + \frac{3x^5}{40r^4} + \frac{5x^7}{112r^6} + \&c$  : hoc est =  $x + \frac{1 \times 1 \times xx}{2 \times 3 \times rr} A + \frac{3 \times 3 \times xx}{4 \times 5 \times rr} B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

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  
 $\frac{zz}{1 \times 2r} - \frac{zz}{3 \times 4rr} A - \frac{zz}{5 \times 6rr} B - \frac{zz}{7 \times 8} C . q[1]$

3 Si arcus capiendus sit in ratione datâ ad alium arcum: esto diameter = d, chorda arcus dati = x, & arcus quæsitus ad arcum illum datum ut n ad 1; eritque arcûs 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, et 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 quæratu recta GF quæ a puncto G ad axem AB normaliter demittitur: esto BC = q, DC = r, EB = t, ac duplum areæ BEG = z; et erit

GF =  $\frac{z}{t} - \frac{qz^3}{6rrt^4} + \frac{10qq-qqtt}{120r^4t^7} z^5 - \frac{280q^3+504qqtt-225qtt}{5040r^6t^{10}} z^7 + \&c$ . Sic itaque Astronomicum illud Kepleri Problema resolvi potest.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 unaquaque columna prodeunt multiplicando continuò numeralem coefficientem <3r> supremi termini per terminos hujus progressionis  $\frac{\frac{1}{2}n-1}{2} \cdot \frac{\frac{3}{2}n-3}{4} \cdot \frac{\frac{5}{2}n-5}{6} \cdot \frac{\frac{7}{2}n-7}{8} \cdot \frac{\frac{9}{2}n-9}{10} \cdot \&c$ : 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 coefficientis 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 coefficientis 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 6. &  $\frac{5}{352} \times \frac{\frac{7}{2}n-7}{8}$  facit  $\frac{7}{2816}$  numeralem coefficientem infimi termini Idem in alijs ad infinitum usque columnis præstari potest, adeoque valor ipsius DG per hanc Regulam pro lubito produci.

Adhæc 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 et arcum BG per posterius.

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

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

$$+ \frac{13}{120c^4} + \frac{71}{420rc^5} - \frac{493}{5040c^6}$$

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

7. Præterea si sit CE Hyperbola cujus Asymptoti AD, AF rectum angulum FAD constituent et ad AD erigantur utcunque perpendiculara BC DE occurrentia Hyperbolæ in C et E, & AB dicatur a, BC b, & area BCED z, erit

$$BD = \frac{z}{b} + \frac{zz}{2abb} + \frac{z^3}{6aab^3} + \frac{z^4}{24a^3b^4} + \frac{z^5}{120a^4b^5} \&c : \text{Ubi coefficientes denominatorum prodeunt multiplicando terminos hujus}$$

arithmeticæ progressionis, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, &c in se continuò. Et hinc ex Logarithmo dato potest numerus ei competens inveniri.

8 Esto VDE Quadratrix cujus vertex V, existente A centro et AE<sup>[2]</sup> semi-diametro circuli ad quem aptatur, et angulo VAE recto. Demissoque ad AE perpendicularo quovis DB et acta Quadratricis tangente DT occurrente axi ejus AV in T: dic  $AV = a$ , &  $AB = x$ , eritque  $\angle 3v$

$$BD = a - \frac{xx}{3a} - \frac{x^4}{45a^3} - \frac{2x^6}{945a^5} - \&c. \text{ Et } VT = \frac{xx}{3a} + \frac{x^4}{15a^3} + \frac{2x^6}{189a^5} + \&c \text{ area}$$

$$\text{AVDB} = ax - \frac{x^3}{9a} - \frac{x^5}{225a^3} - \frac{2x^7}{6615a^5} - \&c. \text{ Et arcus VD} = x + \frac{2x^3}{27a} + \frac{14x^5}{2025a^4} + \frac{604x^7}{893025a^6} + \&c.$$

Unde vicissim ex dato BD, vel VT, aut areâ AVDB arcuve VD, per resolutionem affectarum æquationum erui potest x seu AB.

9 Esto denique AEB Sphæroides, revolutione Ellipseos AEB circa axem AB genita, et secta planis quatuor, AB per axem transeunte, DC parallelo AB, CDE perpendiculariter bisecante axem, et FC parallelo CE: sitque recta CB = a. CE = c. CF = x. & FG = y; et Sphæroideos segmentum CDFG dictis quatuor planis comprehensum erit

$$\begin{array}{r}
+2cx\,y \\
-\frac{cx^3}{3a} \\
-\frac{cx^5}{20a^4} \\
-\frac{cx^7}{56a^6} \\
-\frac{5cx^9}{576a^7} \\
-\&c
\end{array}
\begin{array}{r}
-\frac{x}{3c}\,y^3 \\
-\frac{x^3}{18ca} \\
-\frac{x^5}{40ca^4} \\
-\frac{5x^7}{336ca^6} \\
-\&c
\end{array}
\begin{array}{r}
-\frac{x}{20c^3}\,y^5 \\
-\frac{x^3}{40c^3a} \\
-\frac{3x^5}{160c^3a^4} \\
-\&c
\end{array}
\begin{array}{r}
-\frac{x}{56c^5}\,y^7 \\
-\frac{5x^3}{336c^5aa} \\
-\&c
\end{array}
\begin{array}{r}
-\frac{5x}{576c^7}\,y^9 \\
-\&c
\end{array}
-\&c.$$

## 56 Ubi numerales coefficientes supremorum terminorum

$\left[2, \frac{-1}{3}, \frac{-1}{20}, \frac{-1}{56}, \frac{-5}{576} \text{ \&c} \right]$  in infinitum producuntur multiplicando primum coefficientem 2 continuò per terminos hujus

progressionis  $\frac{-1 \times 1}{2 \times 3} \cdot \frac{1 \times 3}{4 \times 5} \cdot \frac{3 \times 5}{6 \times 7} \cdot \frac{5 \times 7}{8 \times 9} \cdot \frac{7 \times 9}{10 \times 11} \cdot \&c$  . Et numerale coefficients terminorum in unaquaque columna

descendentium in infinitum producuntur multiplicando continuo coefficientem supremi termini in prima columna per eandem progressionem in secunda autem per terminos hujus  $\frac{1 \times 1}{2 \times 3} \cdot \frac{3 \times 3}{4 \times 5} \cdot \frac{5 \times 5}{6 \times 7} \cdot \frac{7 \times 7}{8 \times 9} \cdot \&c$ , in tertia per terminos hujus  $\frac{3 \times 1}{2 \times 3} \cdot \frac{5 \times 3}{4 \times 5} \cdot \frac{7 \times 5}{6 \times 7} \cdot \frac{9 \times 7}{8 \times 9} \cdot \&c$ , in quarta per terminos huius  $\frac{5 \times 1}{2 \times 3} \cdot \frac{7 \times 3}{4 \times 5} \cdot \frac{9 \times 5}{6 \times 7} \cdot \&c$ , in quinta per terminos huius  $\frac{7 \times 1}{2 \times 3} \cdot \frac{9 \times 3}{4 \times 5} \cdot \frac{11 \times 5}{6 \times 7} \cdot \&c$  Et sic in infinitum. [ Et eodem modo segmenta aliorum solidorum designari, et valores eorum aliquando commodè per series quasdam numerales in infinitum produci possunt.

Ex his videre est quantum fines Analyseos per hujusmodi infinitas æquationes ampliantur: quippe quæ earum beneficio, ad omnia, pene dixerim, problemata (si numeralia Diophanti et similia excipias) sese extendit [ Non tamen omninò universalis evadit, nisi per ultiores quasdam methodos eliciendi series infinitas. Sunt enim quædam Problemata in quibus non liceat ad series infinitas per divisionem vel extractionem radicum simplicium affectarumve pervenire: sed quomodo in istis casibus procedendum sit jam non vacat dicere, ut neque alia quædam tradere quæ circa reductionem infinitarum serierum in finitas, ubi rei natur{a} tulerit, excogitavi. Nam parciùs scribo, quòd hæ speculationes diu mihi fastidio esse cœperunt, adeò ut ab iisdem jam per quinque ferè annos abstinerim. [ Unum tamen addam: quòd postquam Problema aliquod ad infinitam æquationem deducitur, possint inde variæ approximationes in usum Mechanicæ nullo ferè negotio formari, quæ per alias methodos quæsità, multo labore temporisque dispendio constare solent. [ Cujus rei exemplo esse possunt Tractatus Hugenij aliorumque de Quadrat{ura} circuli. Nam ut ex data arcùs chorda A, & dimidij arcùs chorda {B} arcum illum proxime assequaris, finge arcum illum esse z, et circul{i} radium r; juxtaque superiora erit A (nempe duplum sinus dimidij z)  $\langle 4r \rangle = z - \frac{z^3}{4 \times 6rr} + \frac{z^5}{4 \times 4 \times 120r^4} - \&c$ . Et

$B = \frac{1}{2}z - \frac{z^3}{2 \times 16 \times 6rr} + \frac{z^5}{2 \times 16 \times 16 \times 120r^4} - \&c$ . Duc jam  $B$  in numerum fictitium  $n$  et a producto aufer  $A$ , et residui secundum terminum  
 (nempe  $-\frac{nz^3}{2 \times 16 \times 6rr} + \frac{z^3}{4 \times 6rr}$ ) eo ut evanescat, pone  $= 0$ , indeque emerget  $n = 8$ , et erit  $8B - A = 3z * -\frac{3z^5}{64 \times 120r^4} + \&c$ : hoc est  
 $\frac{8B-A}{3} = z$  errore tantum existente  $\frac{z^5}{7680r^4} - \&c$  in excessu. Quod est Theorema Hugenianum.

Insuper si in arcûs Bb sagittâ AD indefinitè productâ quærat punctum G a quo actæ rectæ GB, Gb abscondant tangentem Ee quam proximè æqualem arcui isti: esto circuli centrum C, diameter AK = d, et sagitta AD = x et erit

$$\text{DB} \left( = \sqrt{\text{dx} - \text{xx}} \right) = \text{d}^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{x}^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{\text{x}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{2\text{d}^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \frac{\text{x}^{\frac{5}{2}}}{8\text{d}^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{\text{x}^{\frac{7}{2}}}{16\text{d}^{\frac{5}{2}}} - \&c \text{ Et AE}$$

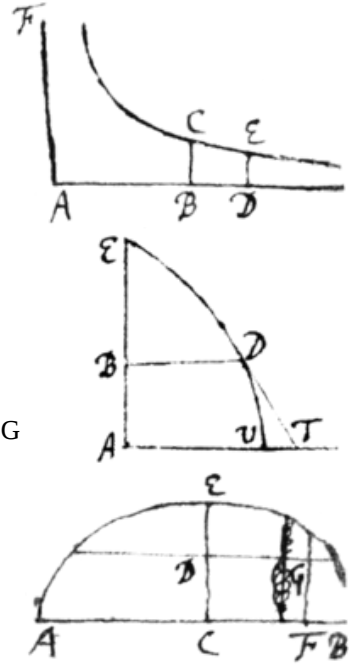
$$(\text{AB}) = d^{\frac{1}{2}} x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{6d^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{3x^{\frac{5}{2}}}{40d^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{5x^{\frac{7}{2}}}{112d^{\frac{5}{2}}} + \&c. \text{ Et}$$

AE – DB . AD  $\therefore$  AE . AG . Quare AG =  $\frac{3}{2}$ d –  $\frac{1}{5}$ x –  $\frac{12xx}{175d}$  – vel + &c. Finge

ergo  $AG = \frac{3}{2}d - \frac{1}{5}x$ , et vicissim erit

$$\text{DG} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}d - \frac{6}{5}x\right) \cdot \text{DB} :: \text{DA} \cdot \text{AE} - \text{DB} \cdot \text{Quare}$$

$$\text{AE} - \text{DB} = \frac{2x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3d^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{x^{\frac{5}{2}}}{5d^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{23x^{\frac{7}{2}}}{300d^{\frac{5}{2}}} + \&c . \text{ Adde AB et prodiit AE} = d^{\frac{1}{2}}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{6d^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \frac{3x^{\frac{5}{2}}}{40d^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{17x^{\frac{7}{2}}}{1200d^{\frac{5}{2}}} + \&c . \text{ Hoc aufer de valore}$$



[2] q. annon debeat esse semi-diameter?