

METHODUS SUCCINCTA
 SUMMAS SERIERUM INFINITARUM
 PER FORMULAS DIFFERENTIALIALES
 INVESTIGANDI.

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§. 1. Etsi hoc argumentum jam saepius pertractavi, tamen pleraque, quae ad summas commode exprimendas spectant, per varios libros sunt dispersa, atque etiam per ambages eruta; quamobrem hic succinctam methodum sum traditurus, cujus ope seriei cujuscunque summa facili calculo, sine ambagibus, per formam simplicissimam indagari poterit.

§. 2. Sit igitur X functio quaecunque ipsius x , et X' , X'' , X''' , etc. inde oriantur, si loco x successive scribatur $x + 1$, $x + 2$, $x + 3$, etc. Hinc ergo literae illae X , X' , X'' , X''' , etc. mihi designabunt terminos cujusque seriei indicibus x , $x + 1$, $x + 2$, $x + 3$, etc. respondent. His positis duos casus serierum infinitarum sum contemplaturus, quorum priore termini omnes eodem signo $+$ affecti progrediuntur, ita ut series summanda sit:

$$X + X' + X'' + X''' + \text{etc.}$$

Altero vero casu iidem termini signis alternantibus procedant, ita ut series summanda sit $X - X' + X'' - X''' + \text{etc.}$ Hos igitur duos casus seorsim evolvam.

Casus I.

Summatio seriei infinitae

$$S = X + X' + X'' + X''' + \text{etc.}$$

§. 3. Denotet S' summam ejusdem seriei primo termino truncatae, ita ut sit $S' = X' + X'' + X''' + \text{etc.}$ et cum S sit certa functio ipsius x , quam hic potissimum investigamus, erit S' similis functio ipsius $x + 1$. Evidens ergo est, fore $S - S' = X$. Quare cum sit

$$S' = S + \partial S + \frac{1}{2} \partial \partial S + \text{etc.}$$

ubi denominatores, potestates elementi ∂x continentes, ut brevitati consulam, praetermitto, siquidem quasi sponte subintelliguntur, hinc nostra aequatio induet hanc formam:

$$0 = X + \partial S + \frac{1}{2} \partial \partial S + \frac{1}{6} \partial^3 S + \frac{1}{24} \partial^4 S + \text{etc.}$$

§. 4. Quodsi ergo ista series valde convergat, propemodum erit $\partial S = -X$, ideoque $S = -\int X \partial x$, quod integrale per constantem ita est determinandum, ut sumto x infinite magno evanescat, propterea quod termini infinitesimi pro nihilo haberi possunt, quia aliàs series ipsa nullam haberet summam finitam. Cognita propemodum

summa, pro vera summa statuamus

$$S = - \int X \partial x - aX - \beta \partial X - \gamma \partial \partial X - \text{etc.}$$

eritque hinc

$$\partial S = - X - a \partial X - \beta \partial \partial X - \gamma \partial^3 X - \text{etc.}$$

Quod si jam pro singulis differentialibus ipsius S valores inde oriundi substituantur, pervenietur ad sequentem aequationem:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} + X - a \partial X - \beta \partial \partial X - \gamma \partial^3 X - \delta \partial^4 X - \text{etc.} \\ - X - \frac{1}{2} \quad - \frac{1}{2} a \quad - \frac{1}{2} \beta \quad - \frac{1}{2} \gamma \quad - \text{etc.} \\ \quad \quad - \frac{1}{6} \quad - \frac{1}{6} a \quad - \frac{1}{6} \beta \quad - \text{etc.} \\ \quad \quad \quad - \frac{1}{24} \quad - \frac{1}{24} a \quad - \text{etc.} \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad - \frac{1}{120} \quad - \text{etc.} \end{array} \right\} = 0$$

et jam coefficientes incogniti a , β , γ , etc. ex sequentibus aequalitalibus definiri debent:

$$a + \frac{1}{2} = 0; \quad \beta + \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{6} = 0; \quad \gamma + \frac{1}{12}\beta + \frac{1}{6}a + \frac{1}{24} = 0; \quad \text{etc.}$$

unde fit $a = -\frac{1}{2}$; $\beta = \frac{1}{12}$; $\gamma = 0$; etc.

§. 5. Hoc autem modo inventio literarum a , β , γ , etc. nimis foret operosa, neque tamen ulla lex perspiceretur, qua ulterius progrediantur; quamobrem modo prorsus singulari in valores istarum literarum inquiram. Considerabo scilicet seriem ordinariam, secundum eosdem coefficientes procedentem, quae sit $V = 1 + az + \beta z^2 + \gamma z^3 + \delta z^4 + \text{etc.}$ atque evidens est, si hujus seriei summa V ad formam finitam perducatur; tum, si eadem secundum potestates

ipsius z evolvatur, eandem seriem necessario provenire debere, quo pacto valores litterarum $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$, etc. sponte innotescunt.

§. 6. Ex relationibus igitur, quae inter litteras $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$, etc. intercedunt, supra §. 4. allatis, sequentes operationes instituantur:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= 1 + \alpha z + \beta z^2 + \gamma z^3 + \delta z^4 + \varepsilon z^5 + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{2} z V &= + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \beta + \frac{1}{2} \gamma + \frac{1}{2} \delta + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{6} z z V &= - + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \alpha + \frac{1}{6} \beta + \frac{1}{6} \gamma + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{24} z^3 V &= - - + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{24} \alpha + \frac{1}{24} \beta + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{120} z^4 V &= - - - + \frac{1}{120} + \frac{1}{120} \alpha + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{720} z^5 V &= - - - - + \frac{1}{720} + \text{etc.} \\ &\text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

Hoc scilicet modo omnes termini, praeter primum, ad nihilum sunt redacti; eritque ergo

$$V (1 + \frac{1}{2} z + \frac{1}{6} z^2 + \frac{1}{24} z^3 + \frac{1}{120} z^4 + \frac{1}{720} z^5 + \text{etc.}) = 1.$$

§. 7. Cum igitur sit $e^z = 1 + z + \frac{1}{2} z^2 + \frac{1}{6} z^3 + \frac{1}{24} z^4 + \text{etc.}$ erit $\frac{V(e^z - 1)}{z} = 1$, ideoque $V = \frac{z}{e^z - 1}$, quae expressio quo facilius iterum in seriem converti queat, ponamus $z = 2t$, ut sit $V = \frac{2t}{e^{2t} - 1}$, ideoque $V + t = t \cdot \frac{e^{2t} + 1}{e^{2t} - 1}$. Nunc statuatur $\frac{e^{2t} + 1}{e^{2t} - 1} = u$, fietque $V = tu - t$. Cum igitur sit $u = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{e^t - e^{-t}}$, hinc exponentialibus evolutis erit

$$u = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2} t^2 + \frac{1}{24} t^4 + \frac{1}{720} t^6 + \text{etc.}}{t + \frac{1}{6} t^3 + \frac{1}{120} t^5 + \frac{1}{30240} t^7 + \text{etc.}}$$

tibi in numeratore solae potestates pares, in denominatore vero solae potestates impares occurrunt. Patet autem, sumto t quam minimo, fieri $u = \frac{1}{t}$, sequentes vero terminos per potestates t, t^3, t^5 , etc. esse progressuros.

§. 8. Cum igitur posuerimus $u = \frac{e^{2t} + 1}{e^{2t} - 1}$, erit $e^{2t} = \frac{u+1}{u-1}$, ideoque $2t = l \frac{u+1}{u-1}$. Hinc ergo differentiando erit $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial u}{uu-1}$, unde concluditur fore $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + uu - 1 = 0$. Quia autem novimus, primum terminum seriei, qua u exprimitur, esse $\frac{1}{t}$ et sequentium potestatum exponentes binario crescere, statuatur:

$$u = \frac{1}{t} + 2At - 2Bt^3 + 2Ct^5 - 2Dt^7 + \text{etc.}$$

fiatque substitutio sequenti modo:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{t^2} + 2A - 6Bt^2 + 10Ct^4 - 14Dt^6 + 18Et^8 - \text{etc.}$$

$$uu = +\frac{1}{t^2} + 4A - 4B + 4C - 4D + 4E - \text{etc.}$$

$$+ 4AA - 8AB + 8AC - 8AD + \text{etc.}$$

$$+ 4BB - 8BC + \text{etc.}$$

$$- 1 = - 1$$

ubi termini primi se sponte destruunt, reliqui vero sequentes praebent determinationes:

$$6A = 4 \quad \text{ergo } A = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{6},$$

$$10B = 4AA \quad \dots B = \frac{2}{5} AA = \frac{1}{90},$$

$$14C = 8AB \quad \dots C = \frac{2}{7} \cdot 2AB = \frac{1}{945},$$

$$18D = 8AC + 4BB \quad \dots D = \frac{2}{9} (2AC + BB) = \frac{1}{9540},$$

$$22E = 8(AD + BC), \text{ ergo } E = \frac{2}{11}(2AD + 2BC) = \frac{1}{93555},$$

etc.

§. 9. Hae ergo litterae A, B, C, D, etc. prorsus eadem sunt, quibus olim ad summas potestatum reciprocarum exprimendas sum usus, siquidem inveni esse:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{25} + \text{etc.} &= A\pi^2, \\ 1 + \frac{1}{4^2} + \frac{1}{9^2} + \frac{1}{16^2} + \frac{1}{25^2} + \text{etc.} &= B\pi^4, \\ 1 + \frac{1}{4^3} + \frac{1}{9^3} + \frac{1}{16^3} + \frac{1}{25^3} + \text{etc.} &= C\pi^6, \\ &\text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

quos valores usque ad potestatem trigesimam quartam per calculos valde operosos sum exsecutus.

§. 10. Cum igitur sumserimus:

$$u = \frac{1}{t} + 2At - 2Bt^3 + 2Ct^5 - \text{etc.}$$

ob $V = tu - t$ erit

$$V = 1 - t + 2At^2 - 2Bt^4 + 2Ct^6 - 2Dt^8 + \text{etc.}$$

ubi nil aliud superest, nisi ut loco t scribatur $\frac{1}{2}z$, unde prodit

$$V = 1 - \frac{z}{2} + \frac{Az^2}{2} - \frac{Bz^4}{8} + \frac{Cz^6}{32} - \frac{Dz^8}{128} + \text{etc.}$$

Cum igitur habuerimus

$$V = 1 + \alpha z + \beta z^2 + \gamma z^3 + \text{etc.}$$

collatione instituta reperiemus $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$; $\beta = \frac{1}{2}A$; $\gamma = 0$;
 $\delta = -\frac{1}{8}B$; $\epsilon = 0$; $\zeta = \frac{1}{32}C$; $\eta = 0$; etc.

§. 11. Inventis jam valoribus harum litterarum summa seriei propositae

$$S = X + X' + X'' + X''' + \text{etc.}$$

sequenti modo exprimetur:

$$S = -\int X dx + \frac{1}{2} X - \frac{1}{2} A \partial X + \frac{1}{8} B \partial^3 X - \frac{1}{32} C \partial^5 X \\ + \frac{1}{128} D \partial^7 X - \frac{1}{512} E \partial^9 X + \text{etc.}$$

ubi integrale $\int X dx$ ita capi debet, ut posito $x = \infty$ evanescat; unde patet, si constans adjicienda debeat esse infinita, etiam ipsam seriei summam fore infinitam.

§. 12. Consideremus exemplum, quo $X = \frac{1}{x^n}$, ita ut hujus seriei summa sit quaerenda:

$$S = \frac{1}{x^n} + \frac{1}{(x+1)^n} + \frac{1}{(x+2)^n} + \frac{1}{(x+3)^n} + \text{etc.}$$

Hic igitur erit $\int X dx = -\frac{1}{(n-1)x^{n-1}}$, quae forma ut evanescat posito $x = \infty$, necesse est ut exponens n sit unitate major. Alioquin enim, si esset $n = 1$ vel $n < 1$, summa seriei certe foret infinite magna. Porro vero erit $\partial X = -\frac{n}{x^{n+1}}$, hinc $\partial^3 X = -\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{x^{n+3}}$; $\partial^5 X = -\frac{n \dots (n+4)}{x^{n+5}}$; etc. quibus valoribus substitutis summa quaesita erit:

$$S = \frac{1}{(n-1)x^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{2x^n} + \frac{A}{2} \cdot \frac{n}{x^{n+1}} - \frac{B}{3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{x^{n+3}} + \frac{C}{32} \cdot \frac{n \dots (n+4)}{x^{n+5}} - \text{etc.}$$

quae series eo magis converget, quo major accipietur numerus x , praeterquam quod literae A, B, C, etc. progressionem valde convergentem constituent.

§. 13. Quod si ergo ab unitate incipiendo hi termini $1 + \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{3^n} + \frac{1}{4^n} \dots \dots \frac{1}{(x-1)^n}$ actu colligantur, eorumque summa vocetur Δ , ejusdem seriei in infinitum continuatae summa erit $\Delta + S$. Hoc modo olim summas talium serierum infinitarum pro singulis exponentis n va-

loribus 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. ad plures figuras decimales computavi, sumto scilicet $x = 10$, quo pacto calculus satis expedite absolvi poterat.

C a s u s 2.

Summatio seriei infinitae

$$S = X - X' + X'' - X''' + X^{IV} - \text{etc.}$$

§. 14. Quod si igitur index x unitate augeatur, habebimus $S' = X' - X'' + X''' - X^{IV} + \text{etc.}$ Addatur haec aequatio ad praecedentem, prodibitque aequatio finita $S + S' = X$. Quare per formulas differentiales habebimus:

$$X = 2S + \partial S + \frac{1}{2}\partial\partial S + \frac{1}{6}\partial^3 S + \frac{1}{24}\partial^4 S + \text{etc.}$$

unde neglectis differentialibus erit $S = \frac{1}{2}X$, qui ergo erit primus terminus seriei quam quaerimus. Statuamus igitur

$$S = \frac{1}{2}X + \alpha\partial X + \beta\partial\partial X + \gamma\partial^3 X + \text{etc.}$$

et facta substitutione fiet:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2S = X + 2\alpha\partial X + 2\beta\partial\partial X + 2\gamma\partial^3 X + 2\delta\partial^4 X + \text{etc.} \\ \partial S = \frac{1}{2} + \alpha + \beta + \gamma + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{2}\partial\partial S = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\beta + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{6}\partial^3 S = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6}\alpha + \text{etc.} \\ \frac{1}{24}\partial^4 S = \frac{1}{48} + \text{etc.} \\ \text{etc.} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{etc.} \end{array}$$

quae expressio tota soli X est aequanda.

§. 15. Singulis igitur columnis verticalibus ad nihilum redactis orientur sequentes aequalitates:

$$2\alpha + \frac{1}{2} = 0; \quad 2\beta + \alpha + \frac{1}{4} = 0; \quad 2\gamma + \beta + \frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{1}{12} = 0;$$

$$2\delta + \gamma + \frac{1}{2}\beta + \frac{1}{6}\alpha + \frac{1}{24} = 0; \quad \text{etc.}$$

unde priores saltem literae has recipiunt determinaciones:

$$\alpha = -\frac{1}{4}; \quad \beta = 0; \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{48}; \quad \delta = 0; \quad \text{etc.}$$

§. 16. Quo autem hos valores facilius investigemus, consideremus hanc seriem:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} + \alpha z + \beta z^2 + \gamma z^3 + \text{etc.}$$

cujus scilicet summam V quaeri oporteat. Inde ergo sequentes derivemus series:

$$2V = 1 + 2\alpha z + 2\beta z^2 + 2\gamma z^3 + 2\delta z^4 + 2\varepsilon z^5 + \text{etc.}$$

$$Vz = \frac{1}{2}z + \alpha z^2 + \beta z^3 + \gamma z^4 + \delta z^5 + \text{etc.}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}Vz^2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\alpha z + \frac{1}{2}\beta z^2 + \frac{1}{2}\gamma z^3 + \text{etc.}$$

$$\frac{1}{6}Vz^3 = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{6}\alpha z + \frac{1}{6}\beta z^2 + \text{etc.}$$

$$\frac{1}{24}Vz^4 = \frac{1}{48} + \frac{1}{24}\alpha z + \text{etc.}$$

etc.

Harum igitur serierum summa, ob aequalitates ante allatas, fiet = 1, sicque habebimus istam aequationem:

$$V(2 + z + \frac{1}{2}z^2 + \frac{1}{6}z^3 + \frac{1}{24}z^4 + \text{etc.}) = 1.$$

Quare cum sit

$$e^z = 1 + z + \frac{1}{2}z^2 + \frac{1}{6}z^3 + \text{etc.}$$

erit manifesto $V(1 + e^z) = 1$, sive $V = \frac{1}{1 + e^z}$, unde fit

$$2V - 1 = \frac{1 - e^z}{1 + e^z}.$$

§. 17. Ponatur igitur ut ante $\frac{e^z - 1}{e^z + 1} = u$, ut sit

$$2V = 1 - u, \quad \text{sitque iterum } z = 2t, \quad \text{ita ut } u = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{e^t + e^{-t}}, \quad \text{et}$$

facta evolutione erit $u = \frac{t + \frac{1}{6}t^3 + \frac{1}{120}t^5 + \frac{1}{30240}t^7 + \text{etc.}}{1 + \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{24}t^4 + \frac{1}{720}t^6 + \text{etc.}}$. Unde patet seriei, valorem ipsius u exprimentis, primum terminum fore t , sequentes vero per potestates impares ipsius t progredi.

§. 18. Cum igitur sit $u = \frac{e^{2t} - 1}{e^{2t} + 1}$, erit $e^{2t} = \frac{1+u}{1-u}$, ideoque $2t = \ln \frac{1+u}{1-u}$, unde differentiando fit $\partial t = \frac{\partial u}{1-u^2}$, ita ut $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + uu - 1 = 0$, quae est ipsa aequatio pro casu priore inventa. Neque tamen propterea pro u eadem series provenit. Quoniam enim hic primus seriei terminus debet esse $= t$, fingenda est hujusmodi series:

$$u = t - \mathcal{A}t^3 + \mathcal{B}t^5 - \mathcal{C}t^7 + \mathcal{D}t^9 - \mathcal{E}t^{11} + \text{etc.}$$

fierique debet facta substitutione:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= 1 - 3\mathcal{A}t^2 + 5\mathcal{B}t^4 - 7\mathcal{C}t^6 + 9\mathcal{D}t^8 - 11\mathcal{E}t^{10} + \text{etc.} \\ uu &= + 1 - 2\mathcal{A}t^2 + 2\mathcal{B}t^4 - 2\mathcal{C}t^6 + 2\mathcal{D}t^8 - \text{etc.} \\ &+ \mathcal{A}^2t^6 - 2\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}t^8 + 2\mathcal{A}\mathcal{C}t^{10} - \text{etc.} \\ &+ \mathcal{B}^2t^{10} - \text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

$$- 1 = - 1$$

atque hinc sequentes oriuntur determinationes:

$$3\mathcal{A} = 1 \quad \text{ideoque } \mathcal{A} = \frac{1}{3},$$

$$5\mathcal{B} = 2\mathcal{A} \quad \text{ideoque } \mathcal{B} = \frac{2}{5}\mathcal{A} = \frac{2}{15},$$

$$7\mathcal{C} = 2\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{A}^2 \quad \text{hinc } \mathcal{C} = \frac{2}{7}\mathcal{B} + \frac{1}{7}\mathcal{A}^2 = \frac{17}{315},$$

$$9\mathcal{D} = 2\mathcal{C} + 2\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B} \quad \text{ergo } \mathcal{D} = \frac{2}{9}\mathcal{C} + \frac{2}{9}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{B} = \frac{62}{2835},$$

etc.

etc.

§. 19. Cum igitur sit $V = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}u$, si loco t restituiamus $\frac{z}{2}$, pro V hanc reperiemus seriem:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}z + \frac{1}{16}\mathcal{A}z^3 - \frac{1}{64}\mathcal{B}z^5 + \frac{1}{256}\mathcal{C}z^7 - \frac{1}{1024}\mathcal{D}z^9 + \text{etc.}$$

Quare cum posuerimus

$$V = \frac{1}{2} + \alpha z + \beta z^2 + \gamma z^3 + \delta z^4 \text{ etc.}$$

hinc colligimus valores literarum $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$, etc. qui ergo erunt $\alpha = -\frac{1}{4}$; $\beta = 0$; $\gamma = \frac{1}{16}\mathcal{A}$; $\delta = 0$; $\epsilon = -\frac{1}{64}\mathcal{B}$; $\zeta = 0$; $\eta = \frac{1}{256}\mathcal{C}$; $\theta = 0$; etc. consequenter summa quaesita erit:

$$S = \frac{1}{2}X - \frac{1}{4}\partial X + \frac{1}{16}\mathcal{A}\partial^3 X + \frac{1}{64}\mathcal{B}\partial^5 X + \frac{1}{256}\mathcal{C}\partial^7 X - \text{etc.}$$

§. 20. Comparemus nunc istos coefficients cum iis quos in casu praecedente pro similibus differentialibus sumus adepti, qui erant $\frac{A}{2}, \frac{B}{8}, \frac{C}{32}$, etc. atque egregiam relationem inter utrosque deprehendemus, uti ex hoc schemate videre licet:

∂X	$\frac{1}{4}$:	$\frac{A}{2}$	=	3	=	$2^2 - 1$
$\partial^3 X$	$\frac{\mathcal{A}}{16}$:	$\frac{B}{8}$	=	15	=	$2^4 - 1$
$\partial^5 X$	$\frac{\mathcal{B}}{64}$:	$\frac{C}{32}$	=	63	=	$2^6 - 1$
$\partial^7 X$	$\frac{\mathcal{C}}{256}$:	$\frac{D}{128}$	=	255	=	$2^8 - 1$
$\partial^9 X$	$\frac{\mathcal{D}}{1024}$:	$\frac{E}{512}$	=	1023	=	$2^{10} - 1$
etc.					etc.		

§. 21. Per eosdem igitur numeros notissimos A, B, C, D, etc. etiam hoc casu summa quaesita sequenti modo commode exprimetur:

$$S = \frac{1}{2}X - (2^2 - 1)\frac{A}{2} \cdot \partial X + (2^4 - 1)\frac{B}{8} \cdot \partial^3 X - (2^6 - 1)\frac{C}{32} \cdot \partial^5 X \\ + (2^8 - 1)\frac{D}{128} \cdot \partial^7 X - (2^{10} - 1)\frac{E}{512} \cdot \partial^9 X + \text{etc.}$$

quam seriem quousque lubuerit continuare licet.

