

BO1 History of Mathematics
Lecture IV
The beginnings of calculus, continued
Part 3: Newton and Leibniz

MT 2020 Week 2

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but what about

$$(1-x^2)^{1/2} \quad \text{[for a circle]}$$

or

$$(1+x)^{-1} \quad \text{[for a hyperbola] ?}$$

Enter Newton...

In his own words:

In the winter between the years 1664 and 1665 upon reading Dr Wallis's Arithmetica infinitorum and trying to interpolate his progressions for squaring the circle, I found out first an infinite series for squaring the circle and then another infinite series for squaring the Hyperbola ...

Newton extended Wallis' method of **interpolation**...

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x	?	1	1	1	1	1	...
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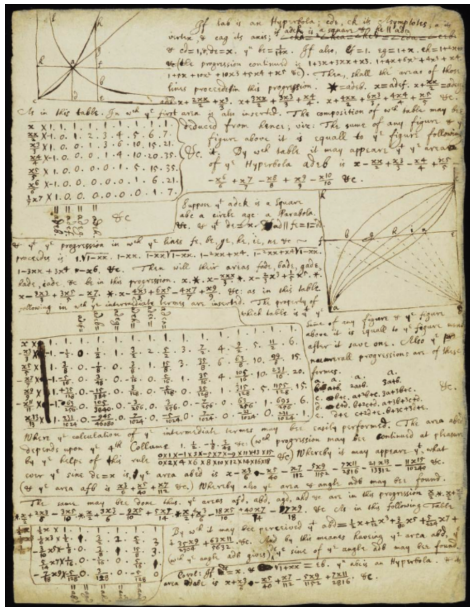
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The general binomial theorem

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See *Mathematics emerging*,
§8.1.1



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Newton's calculus in action (*The method of fluxions*, 1736)

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13. The Moments of flowing Quantities, (that is, their indefinitely small Parts, by the accession of which, in indefinitely small portions of Time, they are continually increas'd,) are as the Velocities of their Flowing or Increasing.

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15. Now since the Moments, as $\dot{x}o$ and $\dot{y}o$, are the indefinitely little accessions of the flowing Quantities x and y , by which those Quantities are increased through the several indefinitely little Intervals of Time; it follows, that those Quantities x and y , after any indefinitely small Interval of Time, become $x + \dot{x}o$ and $y + \dot{y}o$. And therefore the Equation, which at all times indifferently expresses the Relation of the flowing Quantities, will as well express the Relation between $x + \dot{x}o$ and $y + \dot{y}o$, as between x and y : So that $x + \dot{x}o$ and $y + \dot{y}o$ may be substituted in the same Equation for those Quantities, instead of x and y .

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17. Now by Supposition $x^2 - ax^2 + axy - y^2 = 0$, which therefore being expunged, and the remaining Terms being divided by o , there will remain $3x\dot{x}o + 3x^2\dot{x}o + \dot{x}^2o^2 - 2ax\dot{x}o - a\dot{x}^2o^2 + ax\dot{y}o + a\dot{y}x\dot{x}o + a\dot{x}\dot{y}o^2 = 0$. But whereas o is supposed to be infinitely little, that it may represent the Moments of Quantities; the Terms that are multiply'd by it will be nothing in respect of the rest. Therefore I reject them, and there remains $3x\dot{x}o - 2ax\dot{x}o + ax\dot{y}o + a\dot{y}x\dot{x}o - \dot{x}^2o^2 = 0$, as above in Examp. 1.

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Differentials: du , dv ;

integrals: \int , later between S and I

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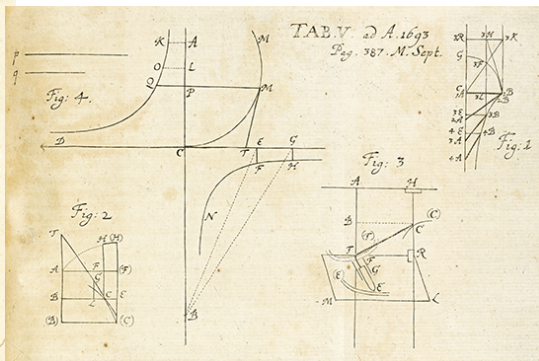
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Calendis Septembris, Anno M DC XCIII.

G. G. L. SUPPLEMENTUM GEOMETRIÆ DIMENSORIÆ, seu generalissima omnium Tetragonisformarum effectio per motum: Similiterque multiplex constructio lineæ ex data tangentium conditione.

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i.e., integration is reduced to the finding of a curve with a particular tangent — in modern terms, the antiderivative

For Latin-readers: [full paper available online](#)

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An elementary introduction to the development of calculus

