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# Zigzag Iterations

Joint work  
with



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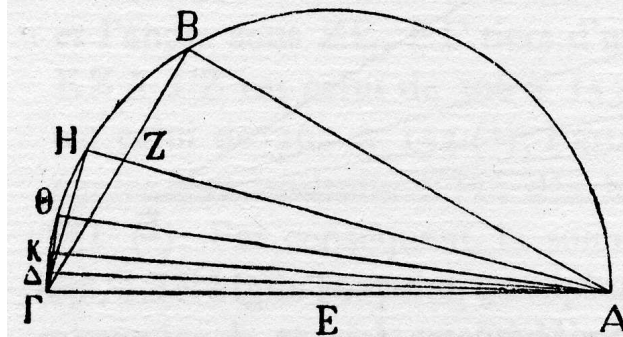


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# 4000 years of scientific calculations...



Archimedes 287–212 B.C.



d'où :  $\frac{AG}{AT+AB} = \frac{AZ}{AZ+ZB}$ , ou  $\frac{AG}{AZ} = \frac{AG+AB}{AZ+ZB}$ , d'où :  $\frac{AH}{HT} = \frac{AG+AB}{AZ+ZB} = \frac{AG}{AZ} + \frac{AB}{ZB}$ . Or,  $\frac{AG}{AZ} = \frac{1560}{780}$ , et  $\frac{AB}{ZB} < \frac{1351}{780}$ ; donc  $\frac{AH}{HT} < \frac{1560+1351}{780}$ , ou  $\frac{AH}{HT} < \frac{2911}{780}$ . D'autre part,  $\frac{AH^2}{HT^2} < \frac{(2911)^2}{(780)^2}$ , d'où :  $\frac{AH^2}{HT^2} < \frac{2911^2+780^2}{780^2}$ , ou  $\frac{AH^2}{HT^2} < \frac{9082321}{608400}$ , d'où, comme le texte :  $\frac{AH}{HT} < \frac{3013\frac{1}{2}}{780}$ .

1. On aura, comme dans le cas précédent :  $\frac{A\Theta}{\Theta\Gamma} = \frac{AG+AH}{HT} = \frac{AG}{HT} + \frac{AH}{HT}$ , d'où, substituant les valeurs de ces deux derniers termes :  $\frac{A\Theta}{\Theta\Gamma} < \frac{3013\frac{1}{2} + 2911}{780}$ , ou  $\frac{A\Theta}{\Theta\Gamma} < \frac{5924\frac{1}{2}}{780}$ , ou  $\frac{A\Theta}{\Theta\Gamma} < \frac{1\frac{1}{3} \times 5924\frac{1}{2}}{1\frac{1}{3} \times 780}$ , ou  $\frac{A\Theta}{\Theta\Gamma} < \frac{1823}{240}$ . D'autre part,  $\frac{A\Theta^2}{\Theta\Gamma^2} < \frac{1823^2}{240^2}$ , d'où  $\frac{A\Theta^2 + \Theta\Gamma^2}{\Theta\Gamma^2} < \frac{1823^2 + 240^2}{240^2}$ , ou  $\frac{A\Theta^2}{\Theta\Gamma^2} < \frac{3380929}{57600}$ , d'où, comme le texte :  $\frac{A\Theta}{\Theta\Gamma} < \frac{1838\frac{1}{2}}{240}$ .

2. On aura de même :  $\frac{AK}{KT} = \frac{AG+AK}{\Theta\Gamma} = \frac{AG}{\Theta\Gamma} + \frac{AK}{\Theta\Gamma}$ , et, par substitution des valeurs trouvées pour ces deux derniers termes, il vient :  $\frac{AK}{KT} < \frac{1838\frac{1}{2} + 1823}{240}$ , ou  $\frac{AK}{KT} < \frac{3661\frac{1}{2}}{240}$ , ou  $\frac{AK}{KT} < \frac{1\frac{1}{3} \times 3661\frac{1}{2}}{1\frac{1}{3} \times 240}$ , ou  $\frac{AK}{KT} < \frac{1007}{66}$ . D'autre part,  $\frac{AK^2}{KT^2} < \frac{1007^2}{66^2}$ , d'où :  $\frac{AK^2 + KT^2}{KT^2} < \frac{1007^2 + 66^2}{66^2}$ , ou  $\frac{AK^2}{KT^2} < \frac{1018405}{14356}$ , d'où, comme le texte :  $\frac{AK}{KT} < \frac{1009\frac{1}{2}}{66}$ .

3. On aura de même :  $\frac{AA}{AT} = \frac{AG+AK}{AT} = \frac{AG}{AT} + \frac{AK}{AT}$ , et, par substitution des valeurs précédentes :  $\frac{AA}{AT} < \frac{1009\frac{1}{2}}{66} + \frac{1007}{66}$ , ou  $\frac{AA}{AT} < \frac{2016\frac{1}{2}}{66}$ . D'autre part,  $\frac{AA^2 + AT^2}{AT^2} < \frac{(2016\frac{1}{2})^2 + 66^2}{66^2}$ , ou  $\frac{AA^2}{AT^2} < \frac{4069284\frac{1}{4}}{4356}$ , d'où, comme le texte :  $\frac{AA}{AT} < \frac{2017\frac{1}{2}}{66}$ .

1. Sous-entendu : περίμετρος, le périmètre (du cercle).  
 2. La relation de la note avant-précédente donne, par inversion :  $\frac{AT}{AA} > \frac{66}{2017\frac{1}{2}}$ , d'où, observant que  $96 \times AT =$  périmètre polygone inscrit de 96 côtés :  $\frac{\text{périmètre polygone de 96 côtés}}{\text{diamètre cercle}} > \frac{96 \times 66}{2017\frac{1}{2}}$ , ou  $> \frac{6336}{2017\frac{1}{2}}$ . Or,  $\frac{6336}{2017\frac{1}{2}} > 3\frac{1}{7}$ , d'où périmètre polygone de 96 côtés  $> 3\frac{1}{7}$  diamètre cercle, d'où, à fortiori, suivant le texte : Circonférence cercle  $> 3\frac{1}{7}$  diamètre.

$$3\frac{10}{71} < \pi < 3\frac{1}{7}$$

(using 8 sqrts)

Babylon 1850 B.C.



$$\sqrt{2} = 1,245110$$

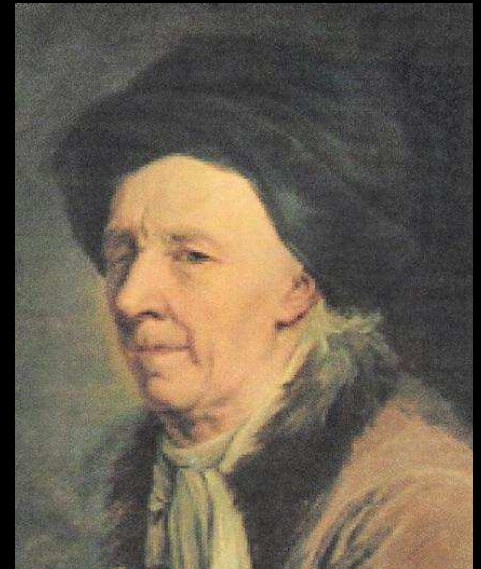
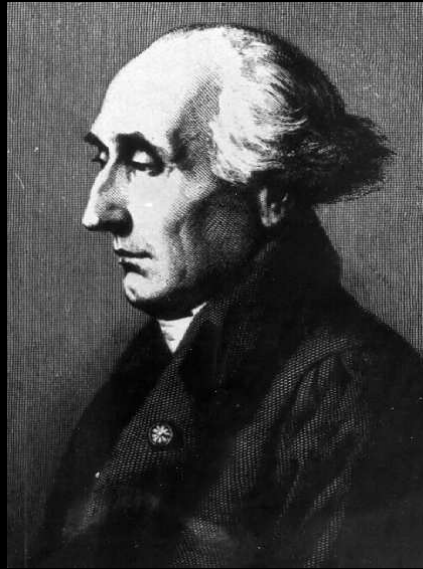
(one sqrt)

Ptolemy ≈150 A.D.

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Table of chords of the circle  
 ⇒ Regiomontanus 1533  
 ⇒ Kepler 1609, Newton 1687



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# 1. Jost Bürgi's *Fundamentum Astronomiæ*

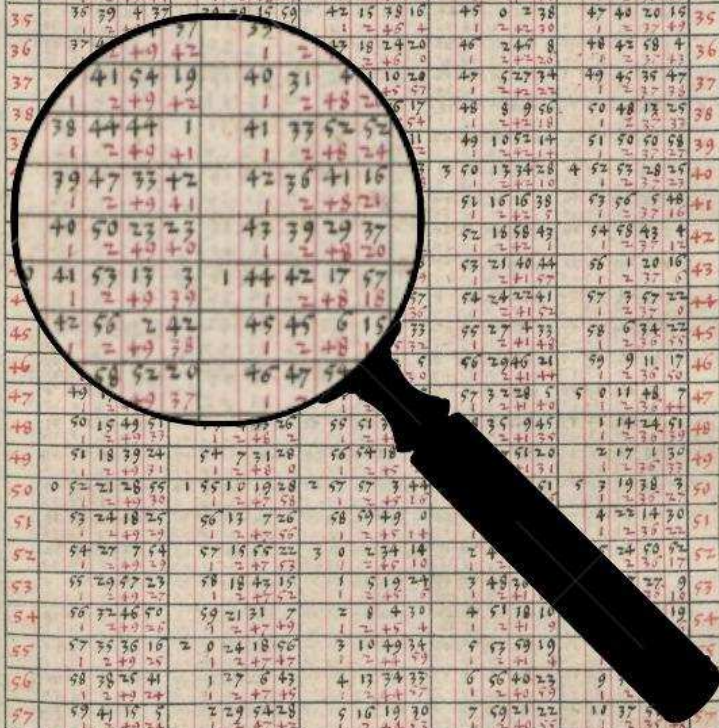


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# Buergi's method explained in this EXEMPLUM

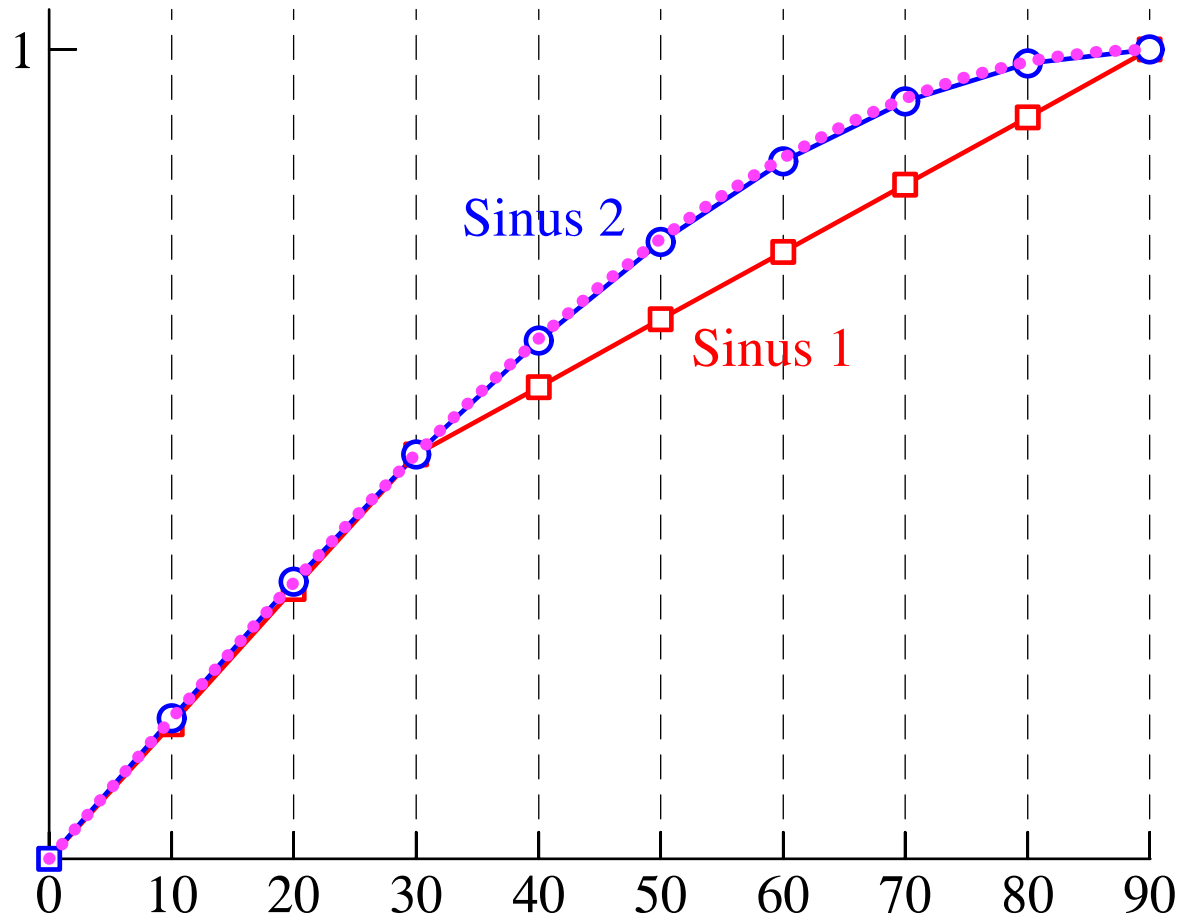
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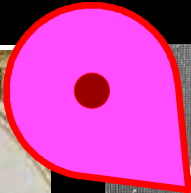
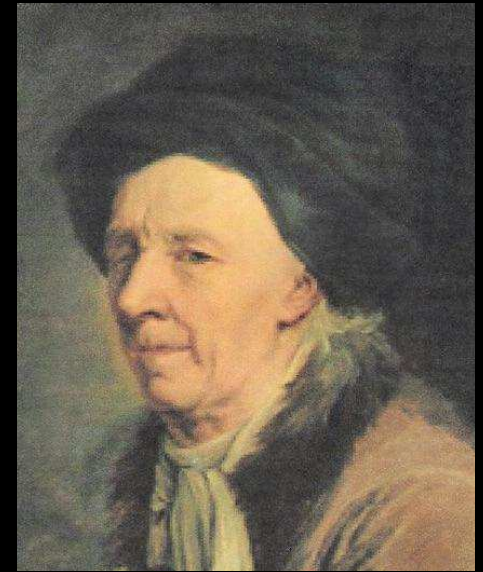
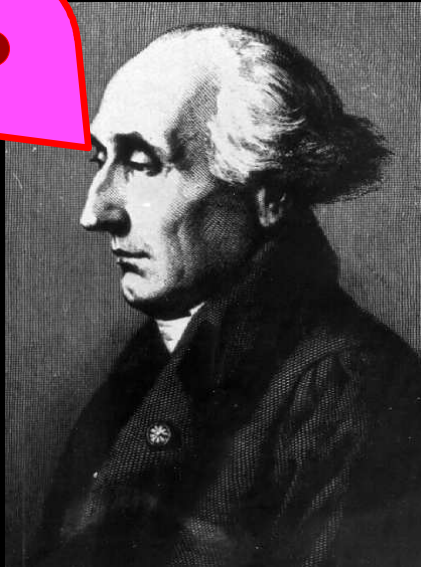


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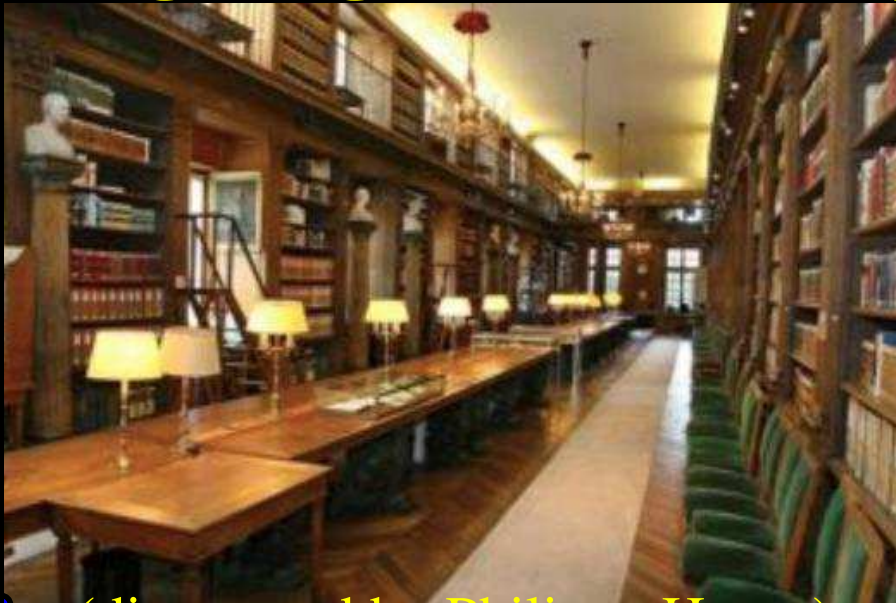
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**→ presented to Rudolph II → lost for 400 years.**



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## 2. Lagrange's manuscript



(discovered by Philippe Henry)



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# Lagrange's manuscript :

## Le developpement des courbes (59 handwritten pages)

N. 26  
 Sur  
 (59 pages)  
 Le developpement des courbes  
 trente feuilles  
 De Rouy  
 Le Genre  
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Sur  
 Le developpement des courbes.  
 105  
 Les 15 Juillet  
 1760

La theorie des developpement des courbes, due à Huyghens, est une des plus belles découvertes qu'on ait faites dans la geometrie. Elle a précédé le calcul différentiel infinitesimal, mais elle a reçu ensuite de ce calcul plus d'étendue et de perfection. Huyghens a une nouvelle propriété des courbes, elle se reproduit par le developpement; mais Jacques Bernoulli trouva après lui que cette propriété singulière convenoit aussi à toutes les spirales decrites par le rotation d'un arcle sur un autre arcle, ainsi qu'à la logarithmique spirale. Jacques

M. Euler a résolu directement et généralement le problème de trouver les courbes dont les courbes qui peuvent engendrer des courbes égales ou semblables par un ou plusieurs developpemens successifs, et les manieres dont il a traité ce point ne me paroit ni en long ni en dérivé (Voyez le tome XII de mes anciens commentaires de Petersburg). Mais il y a un autre point important de la theorie des developpés qui ne me paroit pas encore suffisamment éclairci. C'est la theorie donnée par Jean Bernoulli dans une écrit intitulé *Spidiamma adone-triema* et imprimée dans le tome IV de ses Œuvres. Ce theoreme

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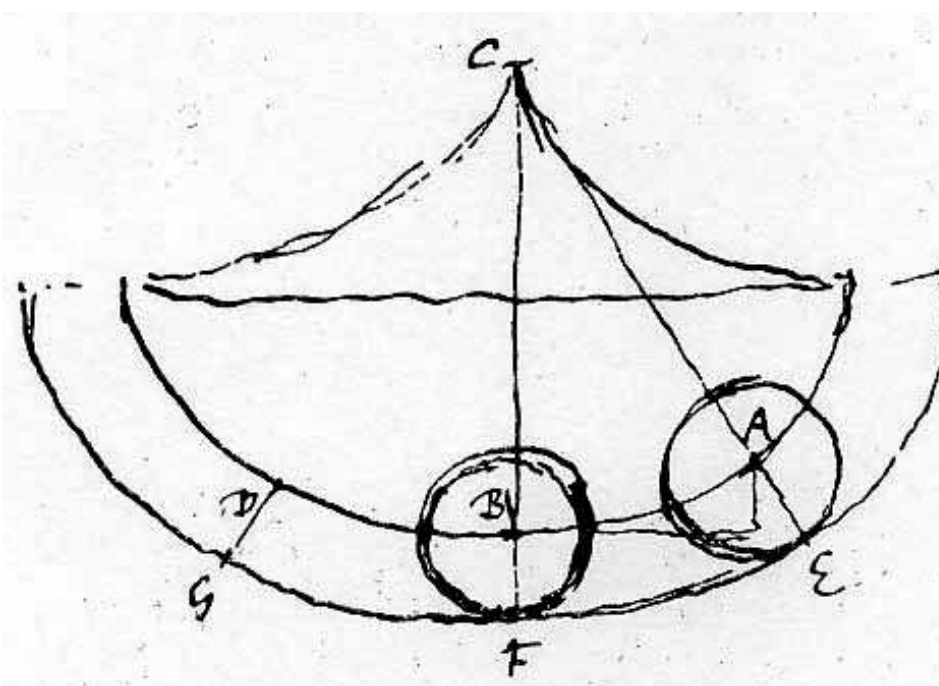
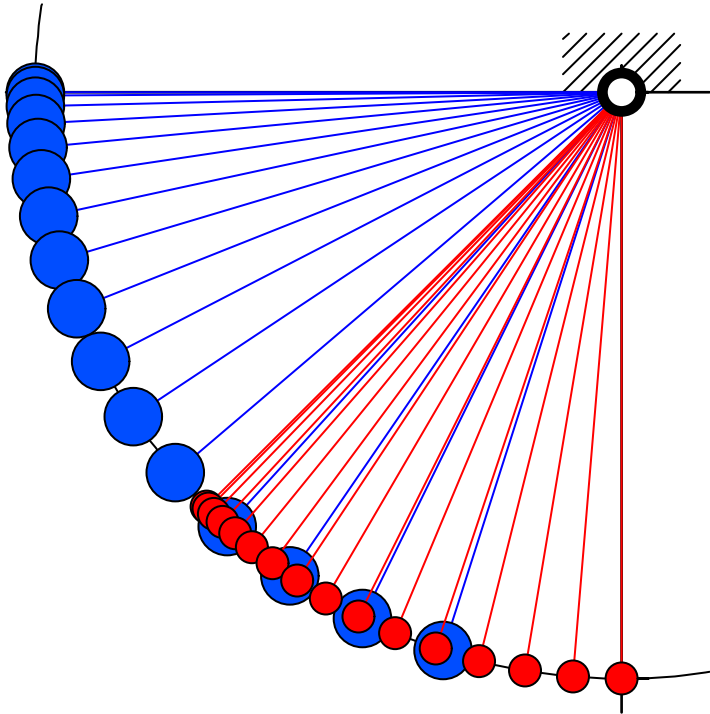
*La theorie du developpement des courbes, due à Huyghens, est une des plus belles decouvertes qu'on ait faites dans la geometrie.*

Lagrange:

La theorie du developpement des courbes, due à Huyghens, est une des plus belles decouvertes qu'on ait faites dans la geometrie.

**Christiaan Huygens** (1629–1695):

M. Mersenne  $\Rightarrow$  Huygens: construct precise pendulum clocks!

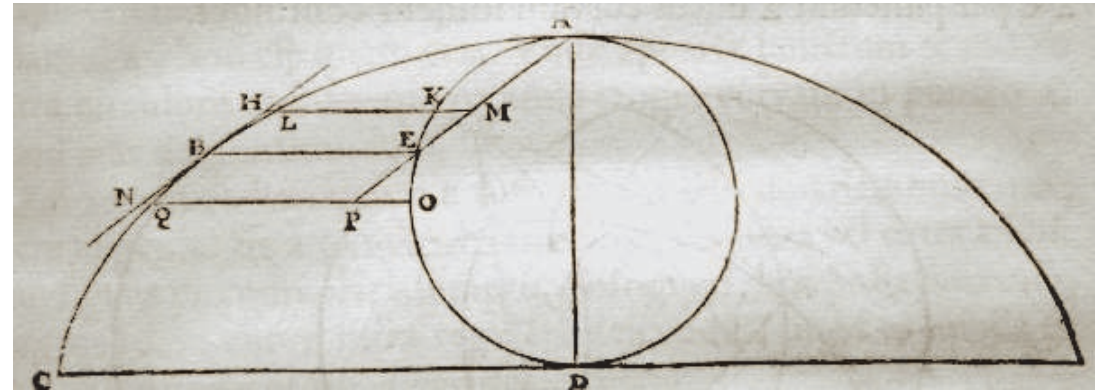
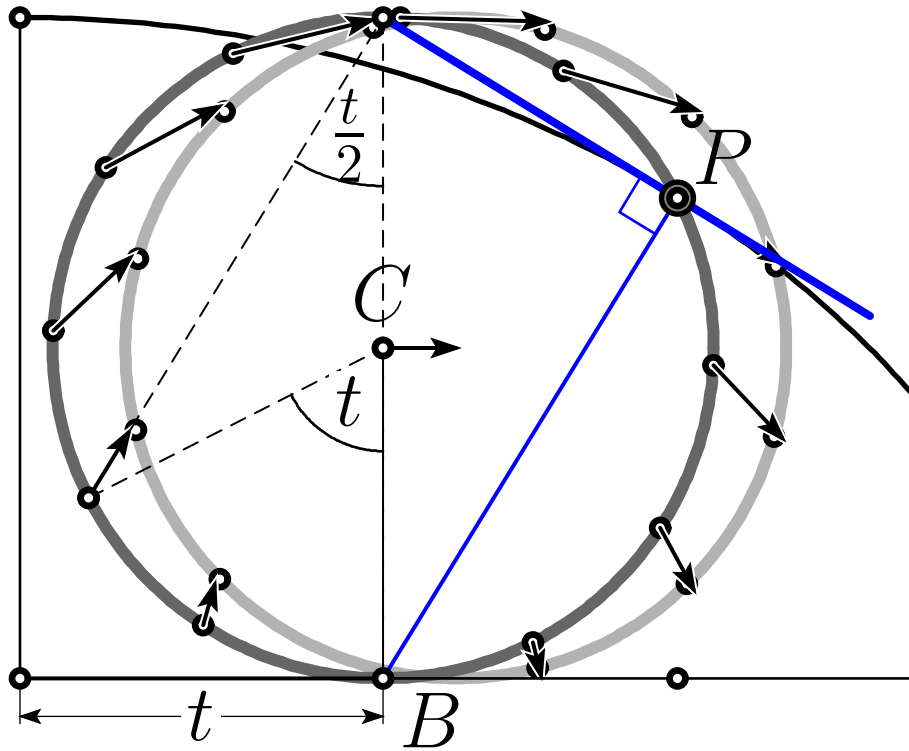
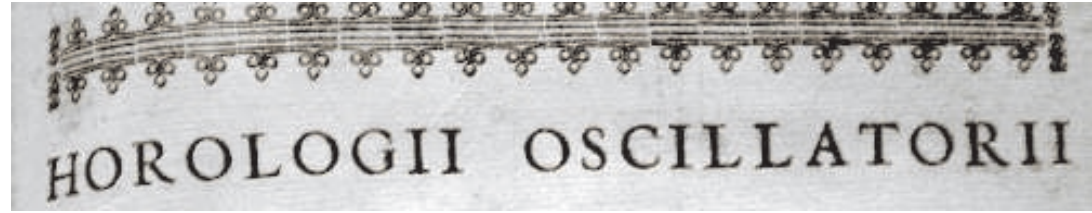


**Problem:** circul.pend. **not isochrone!**

**Idea:** Must be steeper towards ends  $\Rightarrow$  **cycloid !!**

**The Cycloid** (Galilei 1599, Roberval 1640, Torricelli 1644, Pascal 1658 ("Roulette"), Huygens 1658, Joh. Bernoulli 1692)

(Huygens 1673):



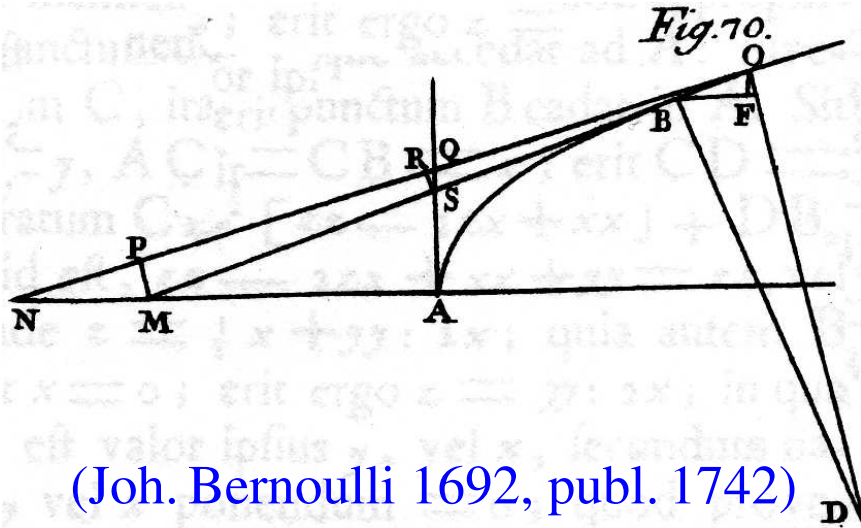
(Huygens 1673)

**Thm. 1.** Tangent in  $P$  is perpendicular to  $PB$ .

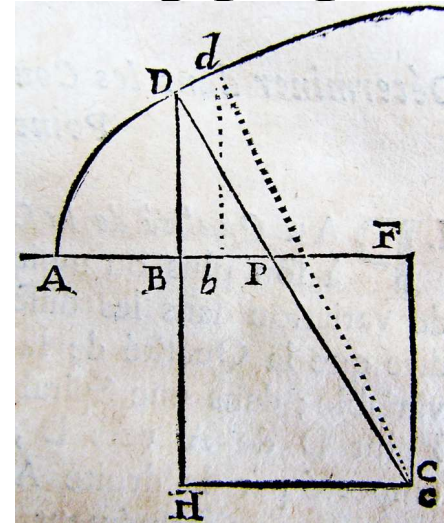
(because at any moment the circle rotates around the base point  $B$ , which remains fixed)

(Original proofs more complicated).

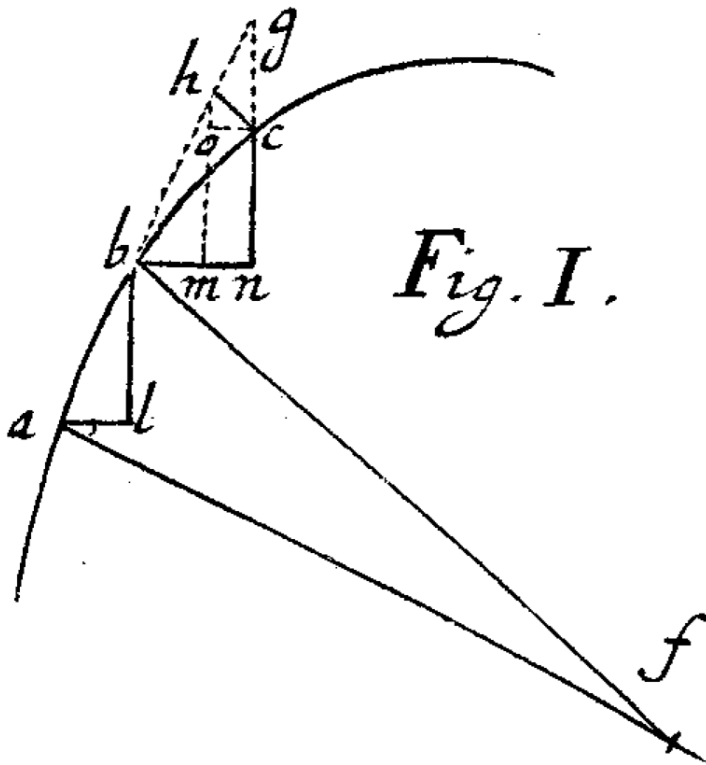
# Center of curvature (= inters. neighbouring perpendiculars):



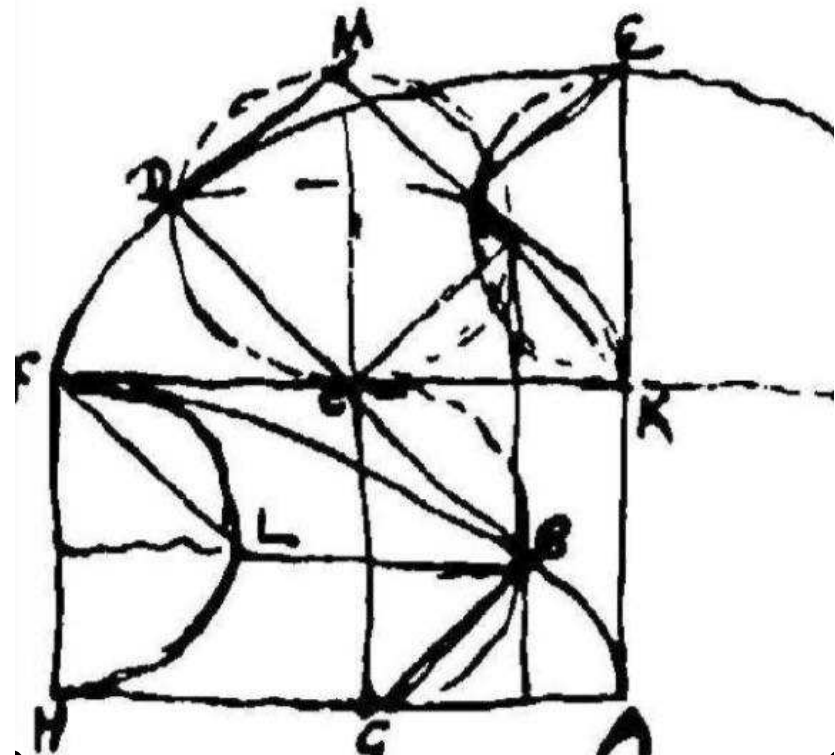
(Joh. Bernoulli 1692, publ. 1742)



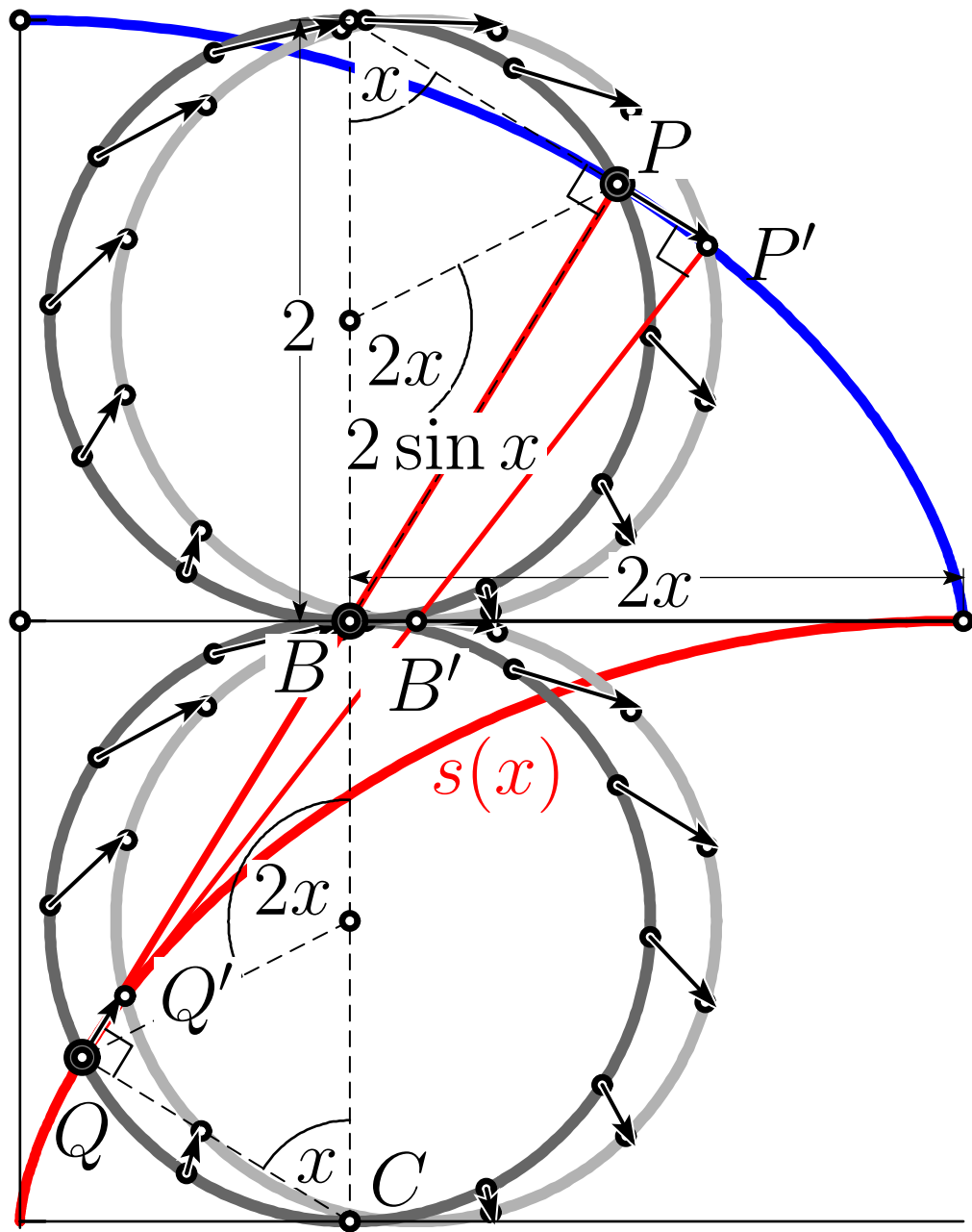
(Newton 1671, publ. 1736)



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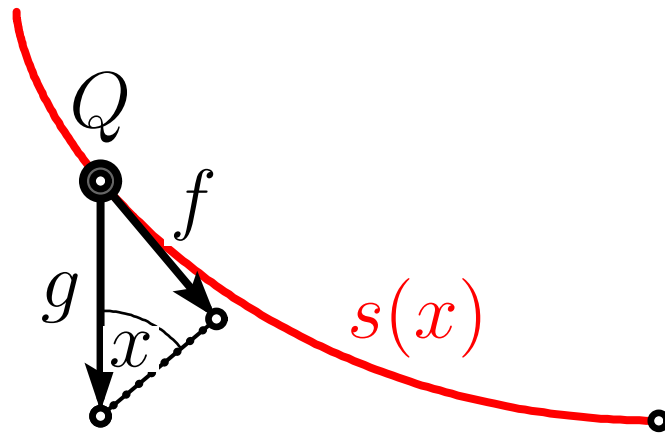
**Idea:** (Huygens 1659) add second circle



**Thm. 2.**  $Q$  (with  $PB = BQ$ )  
is center of curvature in  $P$

**Thm. 3.**  $Q$  on evolute  
(= identical cycloid)  
 $P$  on involute.

**Thm. 4.** Arc length  
 $s(x) = PQ = 2PB = 4 \sin x$ .



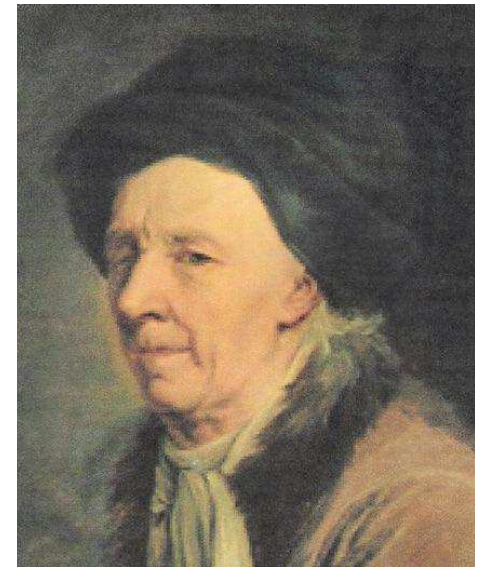
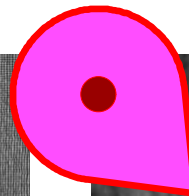
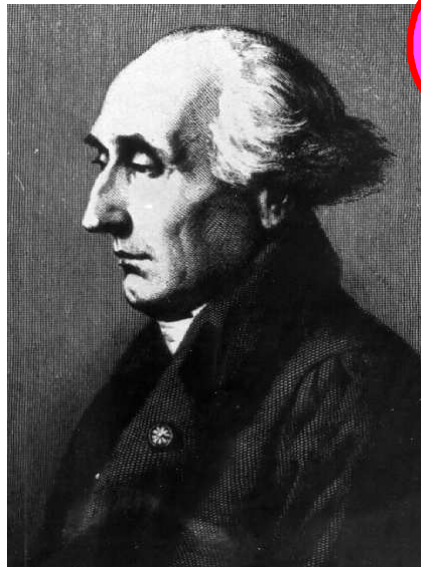
**Thm. 5.** Acc. force  $f = g \sin x = \text{Const} \cdot s(x)$   
(harmonic oscillator)  $\Rightarrow$  **isochronous pend.**

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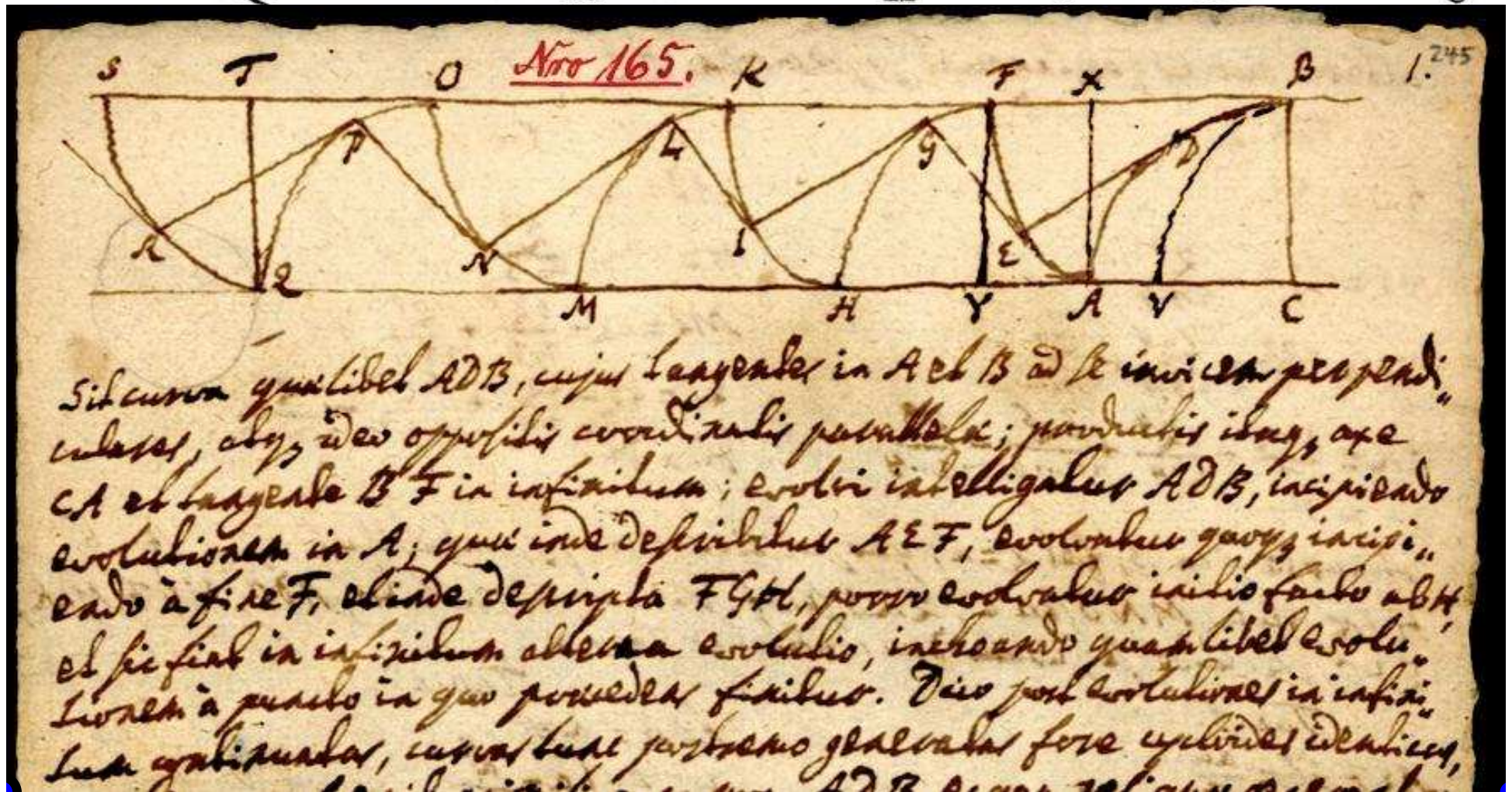
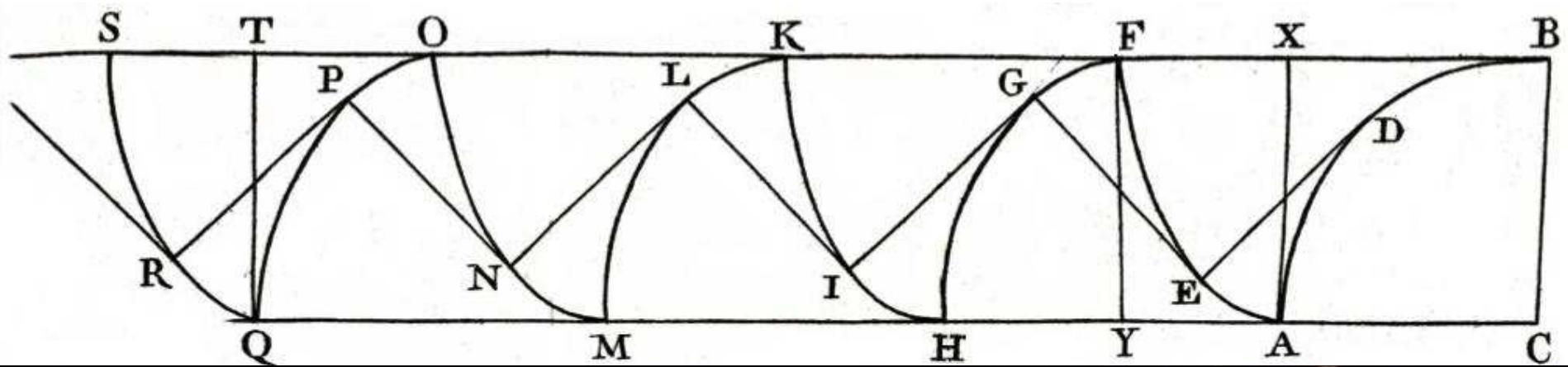
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### 3. Johann Bernoulli's DE EVOLUTIONE SUCCESSIVA ET ALTERNANTE



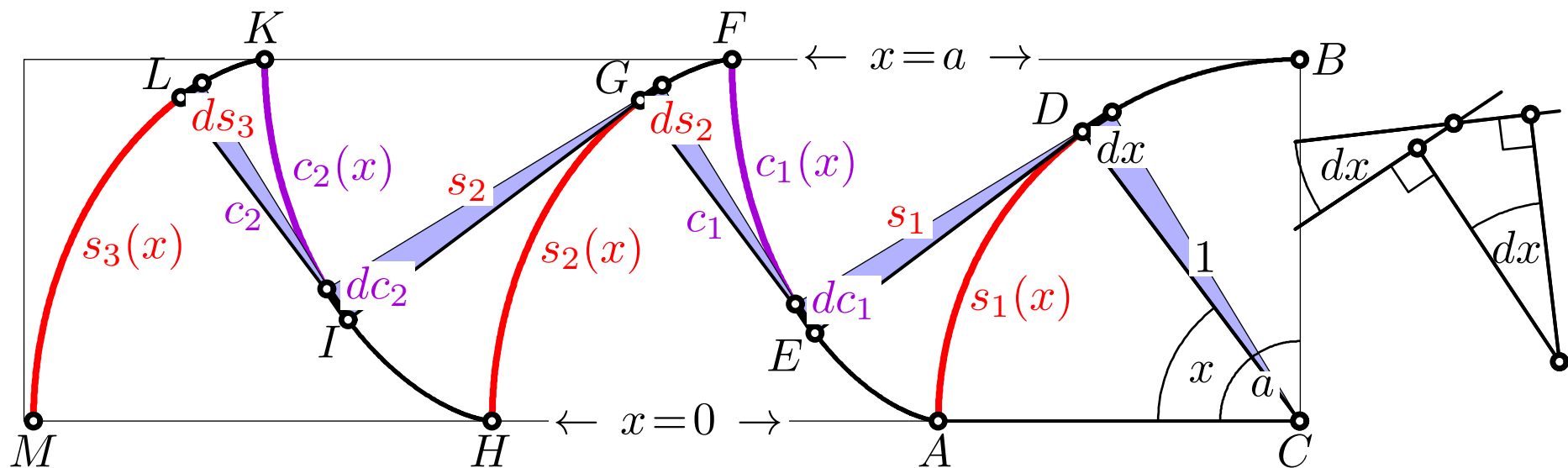
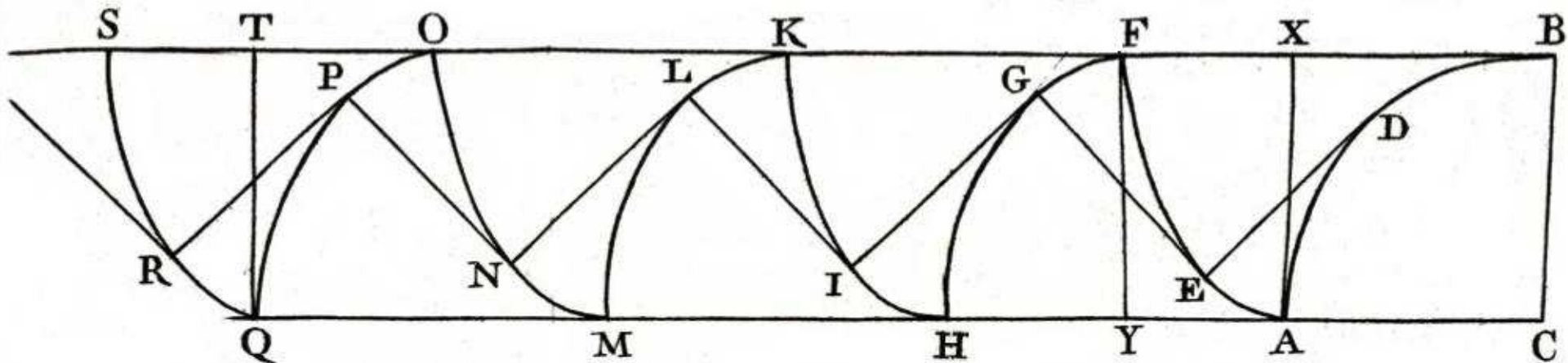
Bürgi 1584 Lagrange 1780 Bernoulli 1742 Euler 1764/78



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successive involutes “**generatur fore cycloides identices**”.

# Formulas for arc lengths (set $a = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ).



orth. angles  $\Rightarrow$  shaded triangles similar  $\Rightarrow dc_j = s_j dx, ds_{j+1} = c_j dx,$

$$\hookleftarrow c_{k-\frac{1}{2}} = \sum_{i=k}^{n-1} s_i + \frac{s_n}{2}$$

Bürgi

$$\hookleftarrow s'_k = \sum_{i=1}^k c_{i-\frac{1}{2}}$$

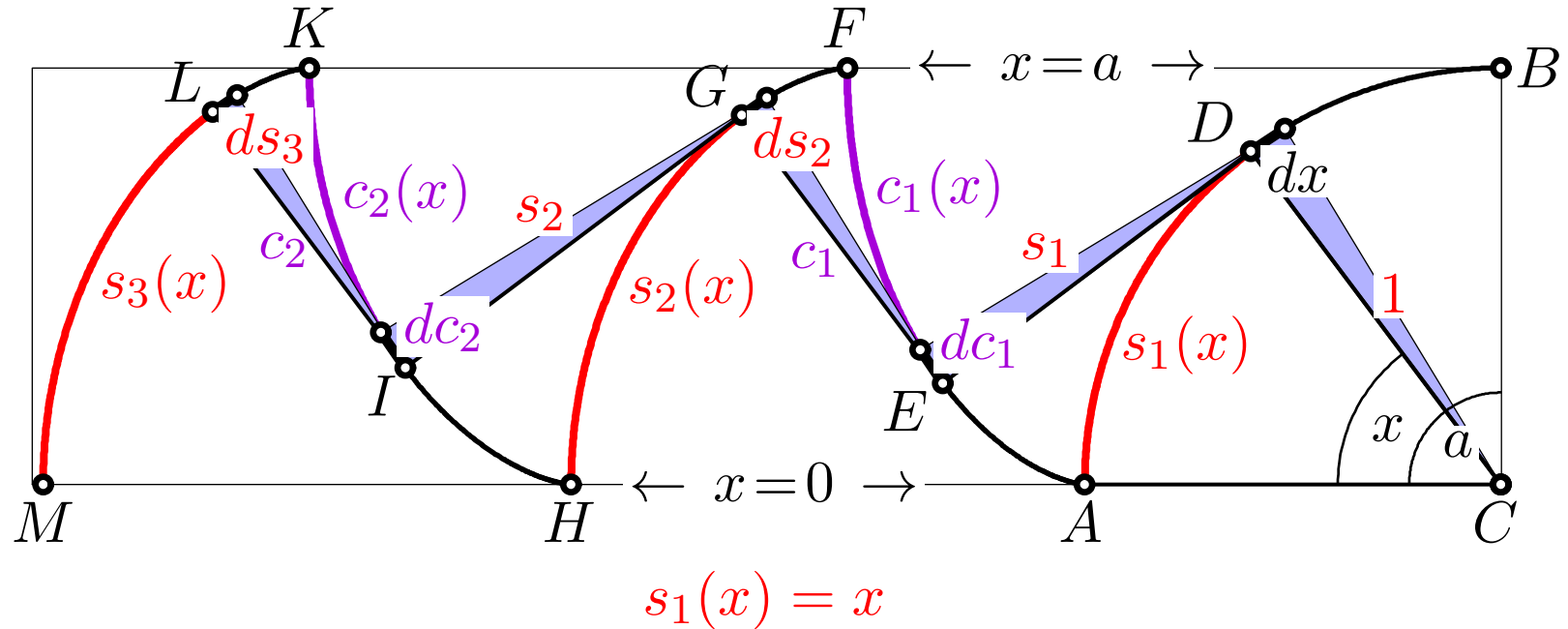
$$\hookleftarrow c_j(x) = \int_x^a s_j(\xi) d\xi$$

Bernoulli

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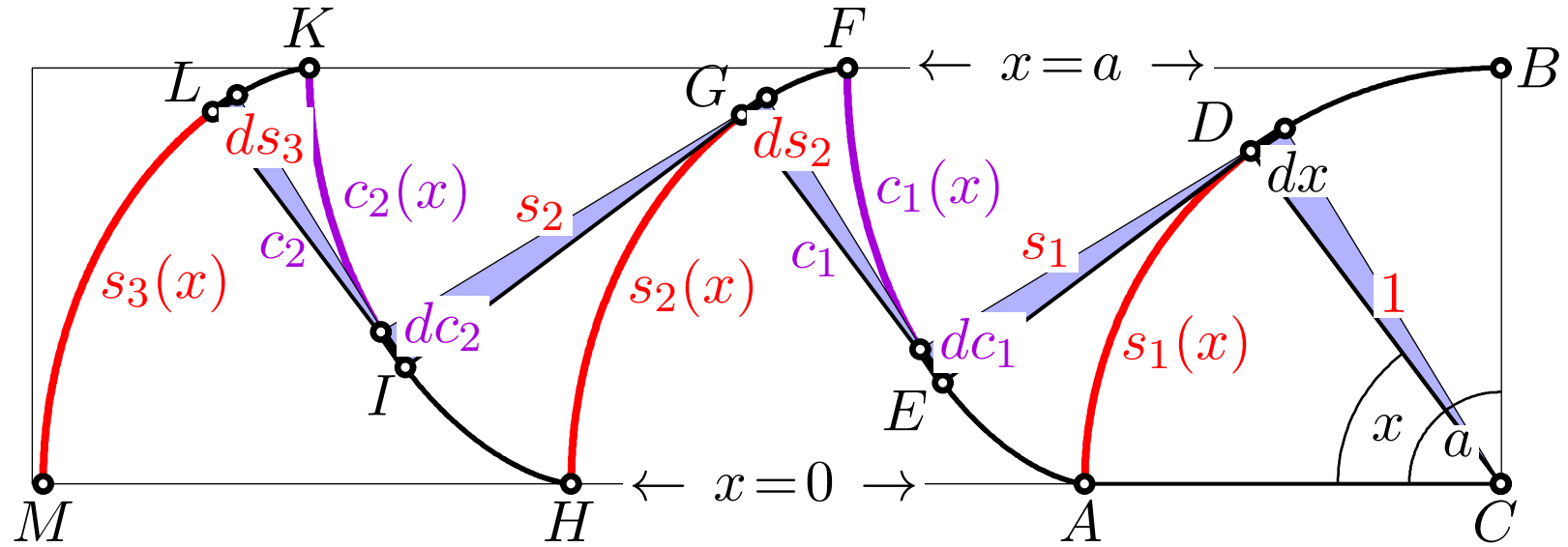
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## Johann's result for the arc lengths:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{Curva I} = a^1 \left( \frac{1}{1} \right) & \dots \text{VIII} = a^8 \left( \frac{1385}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 8} \right) \\
 \dots \text{II} = a^2 \left( \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} \right) & \dots \text{IX} = a^9 \left( \frac{7936}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 9} \right) \\
 \dots \text{III} = a^3 \left( \frac{2}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} \right) & \dots \text{X} = a^{10} \left( \frac{50521}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 10} \right) \\
 \dots \text{IV} = a^4 \left( \frac{5}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} \right) & \dots \text{XI} = a^{11} \left( \frac{353792}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 11} \right) \\
 \dots \text{V} = a^5 \left( \frac{16}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5} \right) & \dots \text{XII} = a^{12} \left( \frac{2702765}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 12} \right) \\
 \dots \text{VI} = a^6 \left( \frac{61}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 6} \right) & \dots \text{XIII} = a^{13} \left( \frac{22368256}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 13} \right) \\
 \dots \text{VII} = a^7 \left( \frac{272}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 7} \right) & \dots \text{XIV} = a^{14} \left( \frac{199360981}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 14} \right)
 \end{array}$$

## Remarkable sequence of numbers:

1, 1, 1, 2, 5, 16, 61, 272, 1385, 7936, 50521, 353792, 2702765, ...

are called **“Euler zigzag numbers”** (J.H.Conway, R.Guy)

# Johann's *Schediasma cyclometricum*.

Curva I = $a^1$ (1)	.... VIII = $a^8$ ( $\frac{1385}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 8}$ )
.... II = $a^2$ ( $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2}$ )	.... IX = $a^9$ ( $\frac{7936}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots 9}$ )
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VII=VIII and “dividendo per  $a^7$ ”  $\Rightarrow a = \frac{8 \cdot 272}{1385}$

hence  $2a = \pi \simeq \frac{16 \cdot 272}{1385} = 3.14224$

(“nostra analogia tantillo minor est, quam *Archimedeae*”)

best: XII=XIII and XIII=XIV:

$$\frac{26 \cdot 2702765}{22368256} = 3.14159003 < \pi < \frac{28 \cdot 22368256}{199360981} = 3.14159353.$$

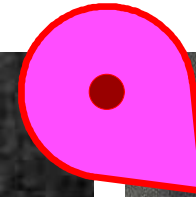
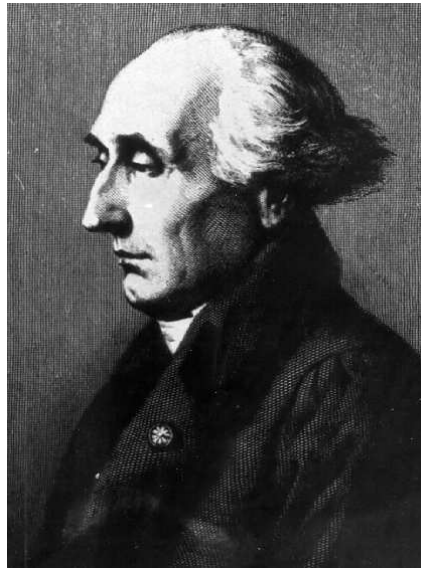
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## 4. Leonhard Euler's

“perfectam demonstrationem theorematis BERNOULLIANI”



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## Euler E300, 1764 (20 pages):

- let  $z(x)$  be the “infinitissima curva”  
“nihil enim impedit ...”
- $z = A \sin x + B \sin 3x + C \sin 5x + \dots$
- “sequentes valores  $z, z'', z'''' , \dots$ ”

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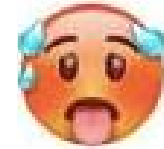
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**Lagrange 1780** First correct proof, 59 pages;

**Legendre 1817** Gives short version of Lagrange's proof, saying Euler had given proof and **not mentioning Lagrange**;

**Poisson 1820** (long article "Séries de quantités périodiques" declaring Lagrange inventor of these series, **not Fourier**;

**Puiseux 1844** (simplified Poisson's proof).  $\Rightarrow$

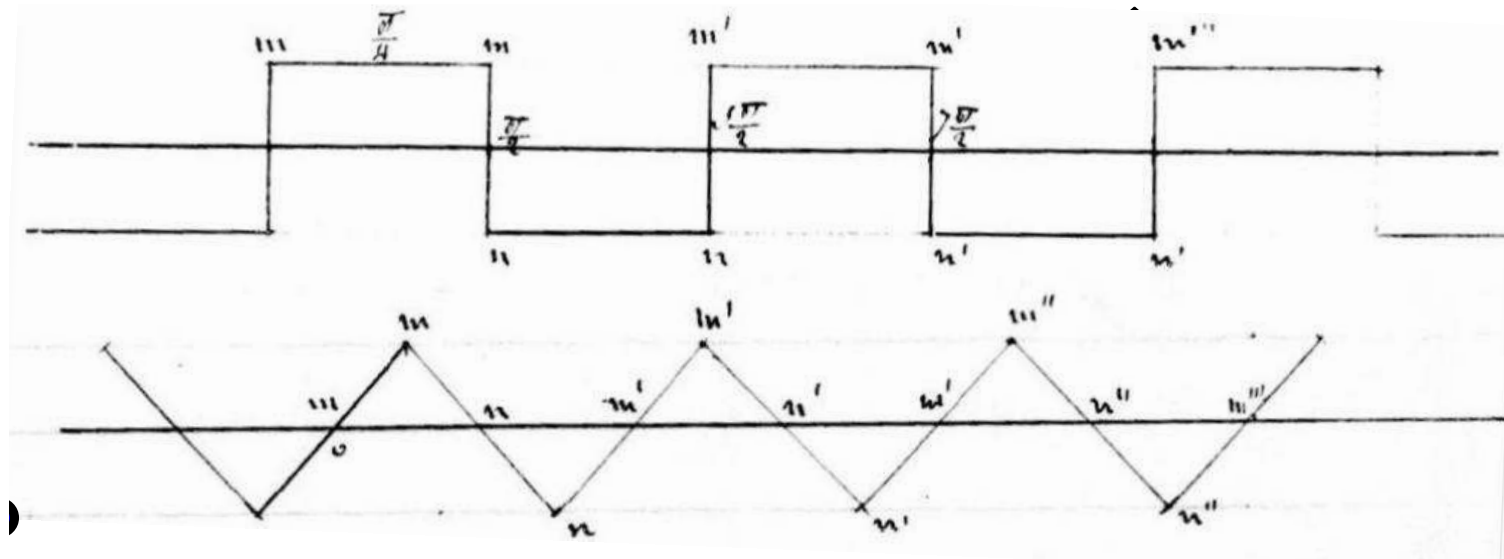
**A century later: Arrive at Euler's proof read backwards ...**

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- "nihil enim impedit ..."  
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- "sequentes valores  $s_1, \iint s_1, \iiint s_1, \dots$ " 

$$c_j(x) = \int_x^a s_j(\xi) d\xi \quad \left| \quad \int_x^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin k\xi d\xi = \frac{1}{k} \cos kx$$

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(Fourier, BNF, Ms. Fr. 22525, fol. 107v)

$$c_0(x) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left( + \cos x - \frac{1}{3} \cos 3x + \frac{1}{5} \cos 5x - \frac{1}{7} \cos 7x + \dots \right)$$

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$\rightarrow 0$

we see that

$$s_j(x) \rightarrow A \sin x$$

which is characteristic for the cycloid.  $\square$



# Euler and Bernoulli numbers.

$$s_1\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left( + \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{3^2} \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} + \frac{1}{5^2} \sin \frac{5\pi}{2} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots \right) = \frac{\pi}{2} (\mathbf{1})$$

$$c_1(0) = \frac{4}{\pi} \left( + \cos 0 - \frac{1}{3^3} \cos 0 + \frac{1}{5^3} \cos 0 - \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{\pi} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{3^3} + \frac{1}{5^3} - \dots \right) = \frac{\pi^2}{2^2} \left( \frac{\mathbf{1}}{1 \cdot 2} \right)$$

I	=	$a$	( I )
II	=	$a^2$	$\left( \frac{\mathbf{I}}{1 \cdot 2} \right)$
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$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots = \frac{\mathbf{1}\pi}{0! \cdot 2^2}$$

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$$1 - \frac{1}{3^7} + \frac{1}{5^7} - \frac{1}{7^7} + \frac{1}{9^7} - \dots = \frac{\mathbf{61}\pi^7}{6! \cdot 2^8}$$

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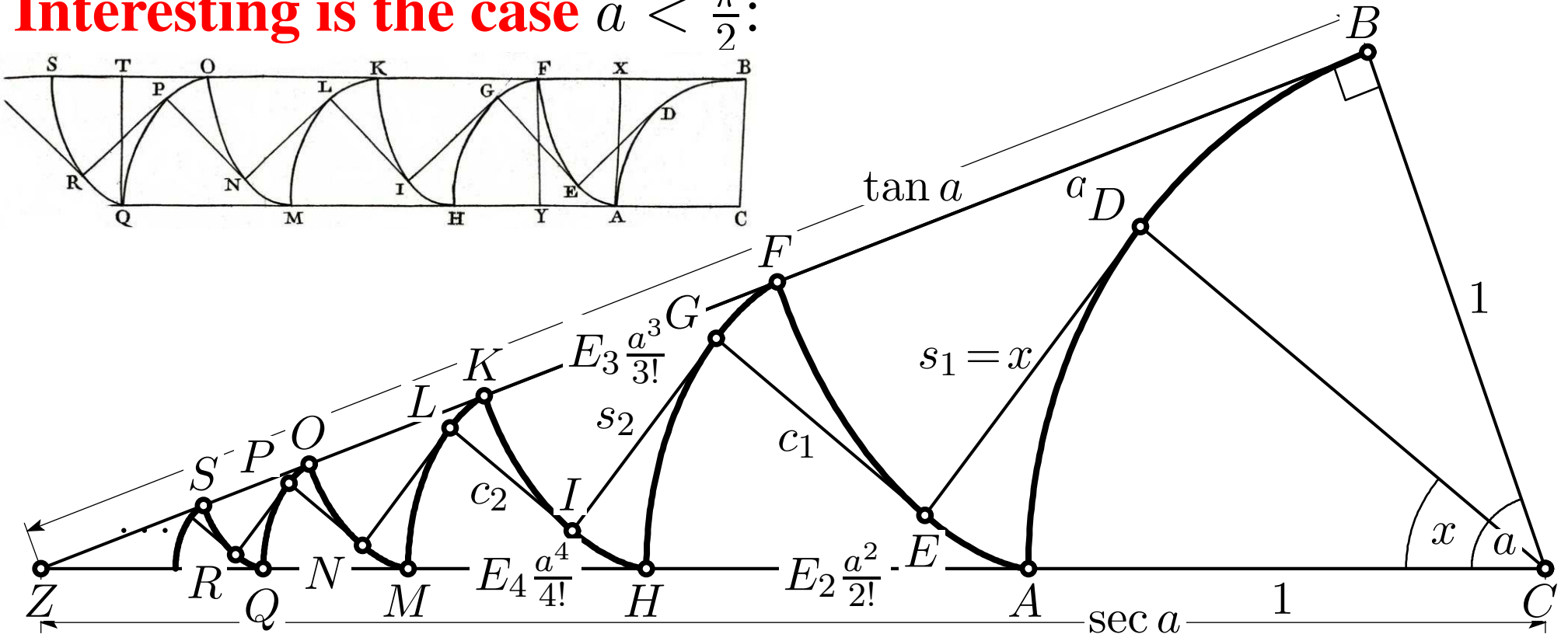
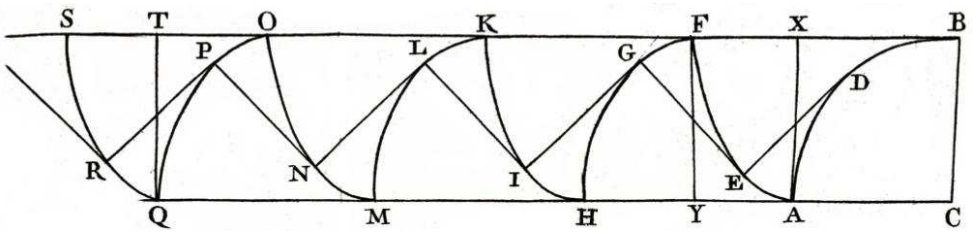
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# Appl.: Geometric proof of series for sec and tan:

Johann's calculations  $AF = \frac{1a^2}{1 \cdot 2} = AH$ ,  $FH = \frac{2a^3}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = FK \dots$   
 assume nowhere that  $a = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Interesting is the case  $a < \frac{\pi}{2}$ :

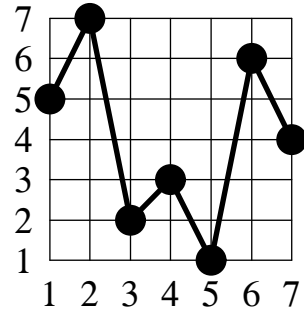


$$\sec a = \frac{1}{\cos a} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{E_{2k}}{(2k)!} a^{2k}, \quad \tan a = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{E_{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} a^{2k+1}.$$

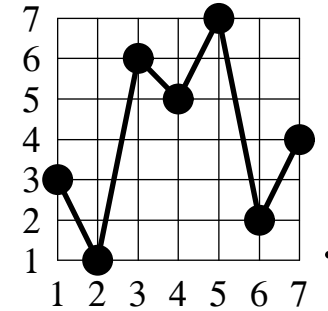
$$\sec a + \tan a = \tan\left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{E_k}{k!} a^k.$$

# Connection with Alternating permutations (André 1879)

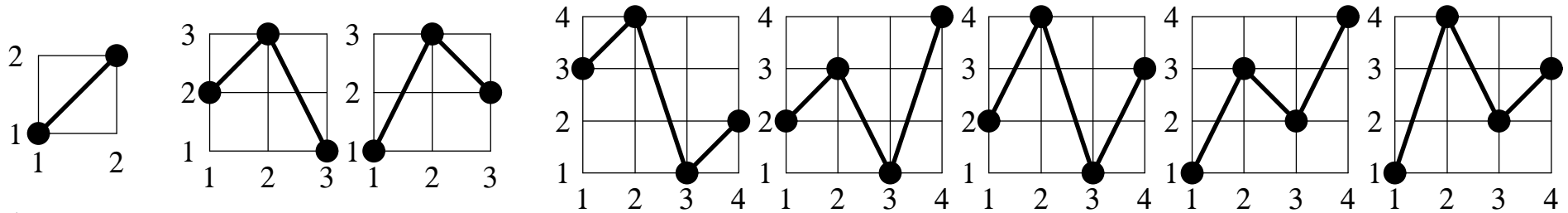
**up-down**



**down-up**



**Def.**  $A_n =$  nr. of (up-down or down-up) alt.perm. of  $n$  objs.:



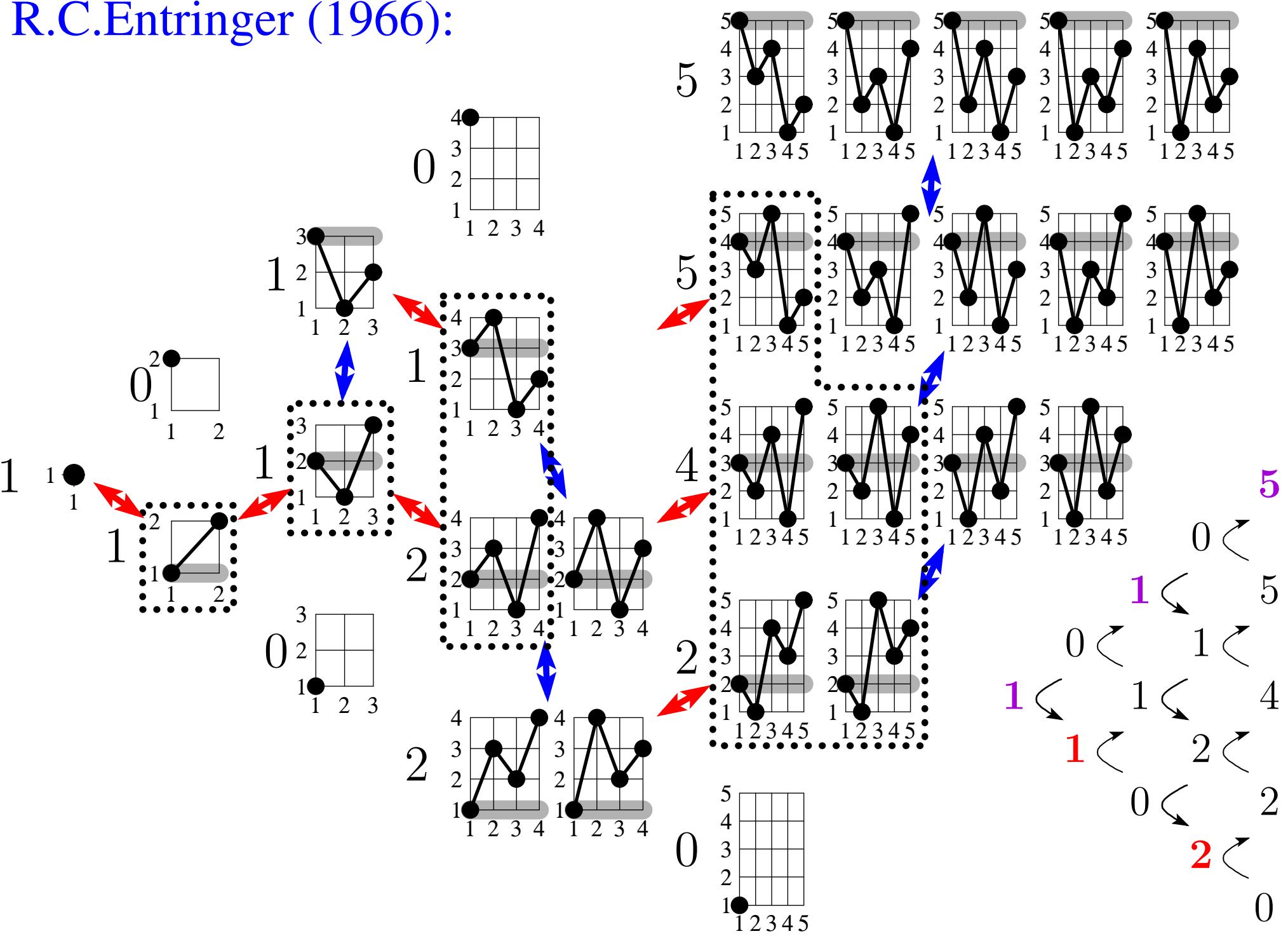
$A_2 = 1$        $A_3 = 2$

$A_4 = 5$

**Theorem.** André gives recursive formula for  $A_n$ ; turn out to be  $\equiv E_n$  (Euler zigzag numbers).

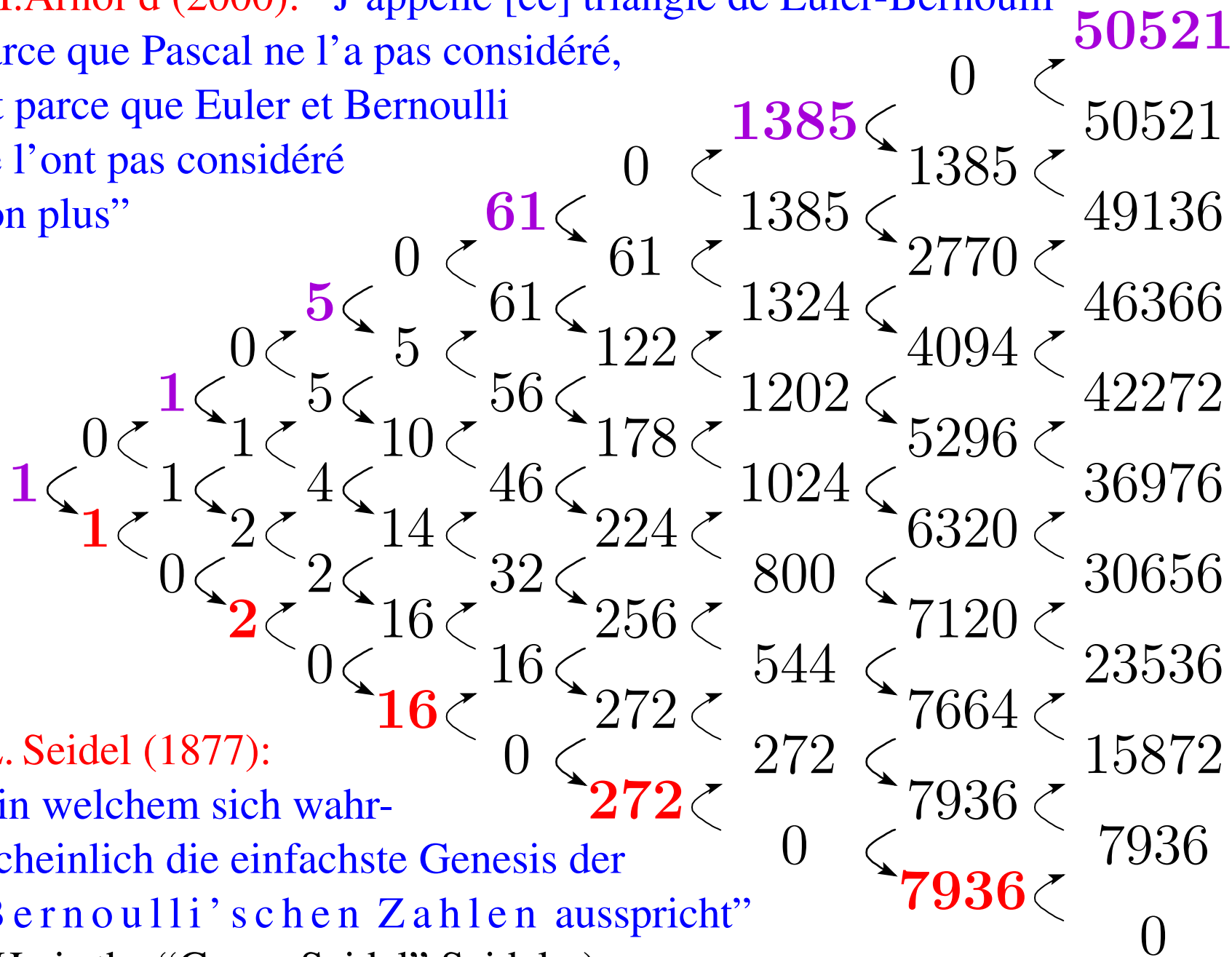
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# R.C.Entringer (1966):



Back to Bürgi – Bernoulli up-down addition !!

V.I. Arnol'd (2000): "J'appelle [ce] triangle de Euler-Bernoulli parce que Pascal ne l'a pas considéré, et parce que Euler et Bernoulli ne l'ont pas considéré non plus"





# Euler's E489 (“exponentiales replicatas”)

$$r^{r^{r^{r^{\alpha}}}} = ?$$

Example:

$$r = 1.5$$

$$\alpha = 1.5000$$

$$\beta = 1.5^\alpha$$

$$= 1.8371$$

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$$= 2.1062$$

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$$= 2.3490$$

$$\epsilon = 1.5^\delta$$

$$= 2.5920$$

etc.

$1\alpha = 0,1760913$	hincque	$\alpha = 1,5000$
$11r = 9,2457379$		
$11\beta = 9,4218292$		
$1\beta = 0,2641370$	hincque	$\beta = 1,8371$
$11r = 9,2457379$		
$11\gamma = 9,5098749$		
$1\gamma = 0,3235004$	hincque	$\gamma = 2,1062$
$11r = 9,2457379$		
$11\delta = 9,5692383$		
$1\delta = 0,3708841$	hincque	$\delta = 2,3490$
$11r = 9,2457379$		
$11\epsilon = 9,6166220$		
$1\epsilon = 0,4136396$	hincque	$\epsilon = 2,5920$
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$11\zeta = 9,6593775$		
$1\zeta = 0,4564335$	hincque	$\zeta = 2,8604$
$11r = 9,2457379$		
$11\eta = 9,7021714$		
$1\eta = 0,5036993$	hincque	$\eta = 3,1893$
$11r = 9,2457379$		
$11\theta = 9,7494372$		
$1\theta = 0,5616140$	hincque	$\theta = 3,6443$

“lente increscunt, dubitare ... convergeant”



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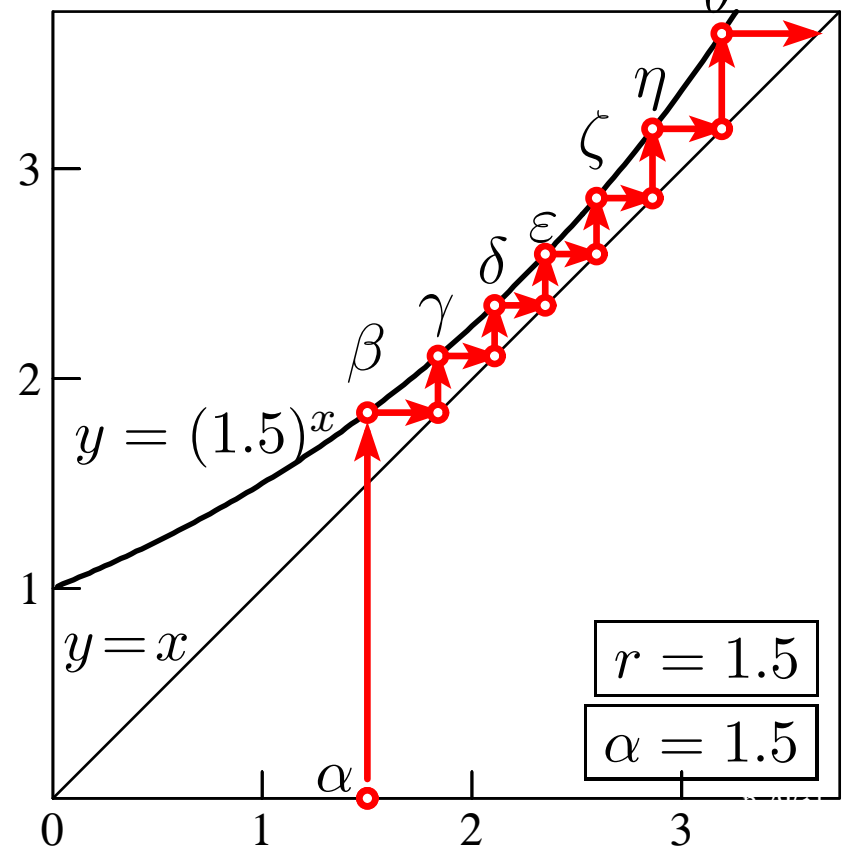
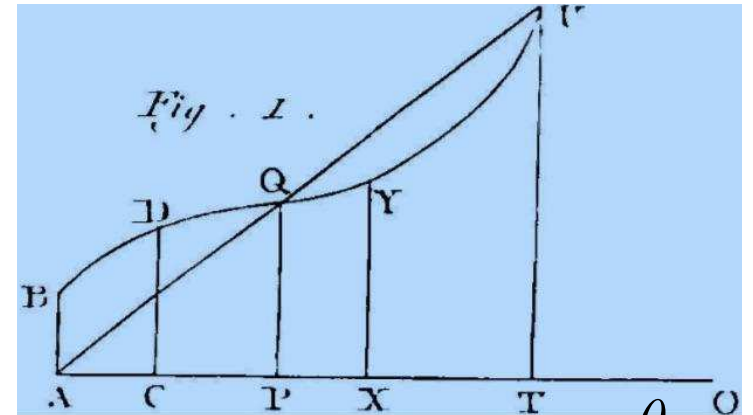
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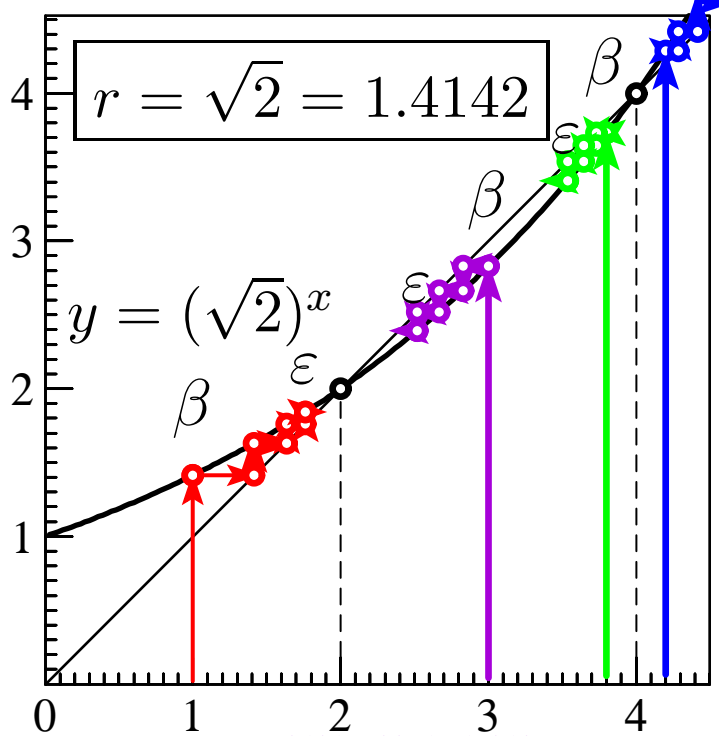
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"lente increscunt, dubitare ... convergant"

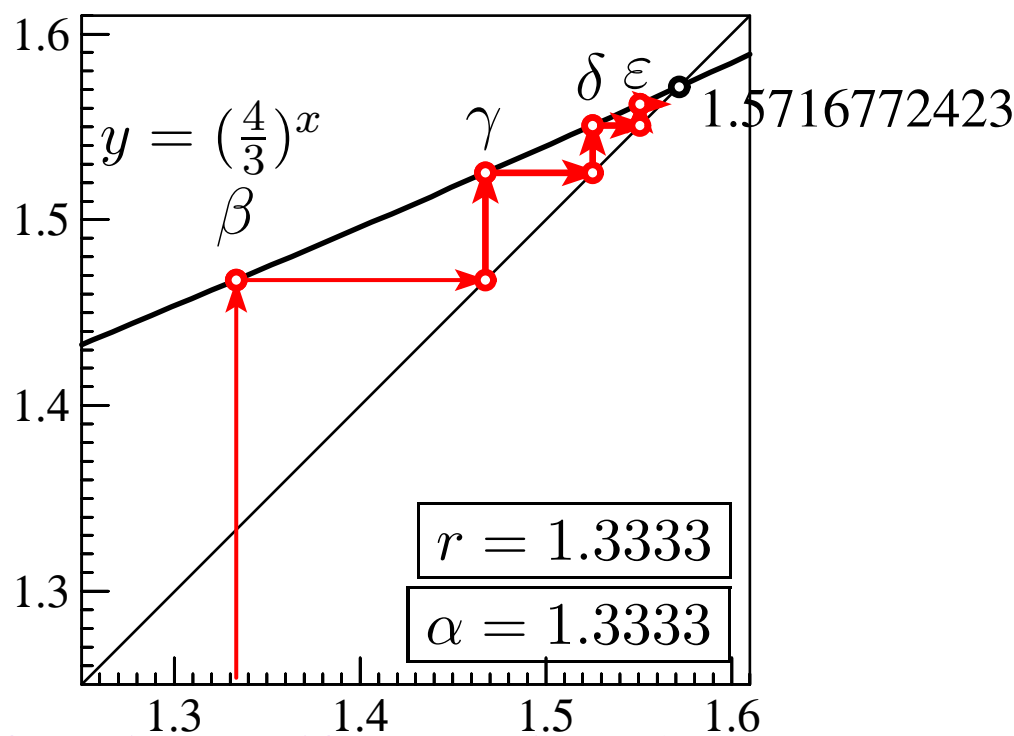
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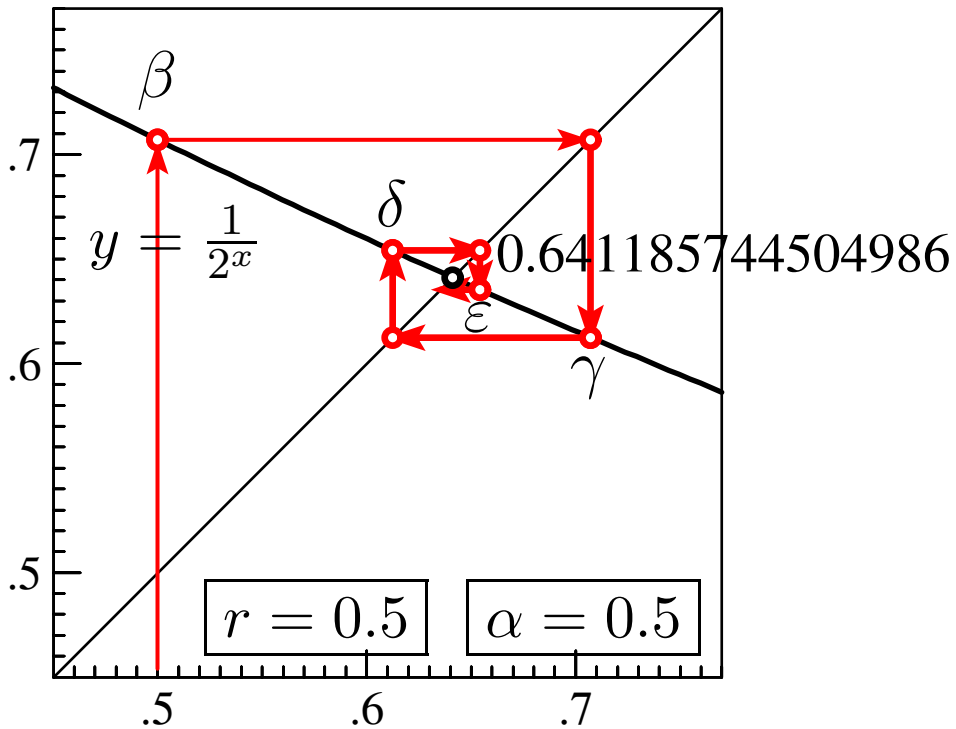




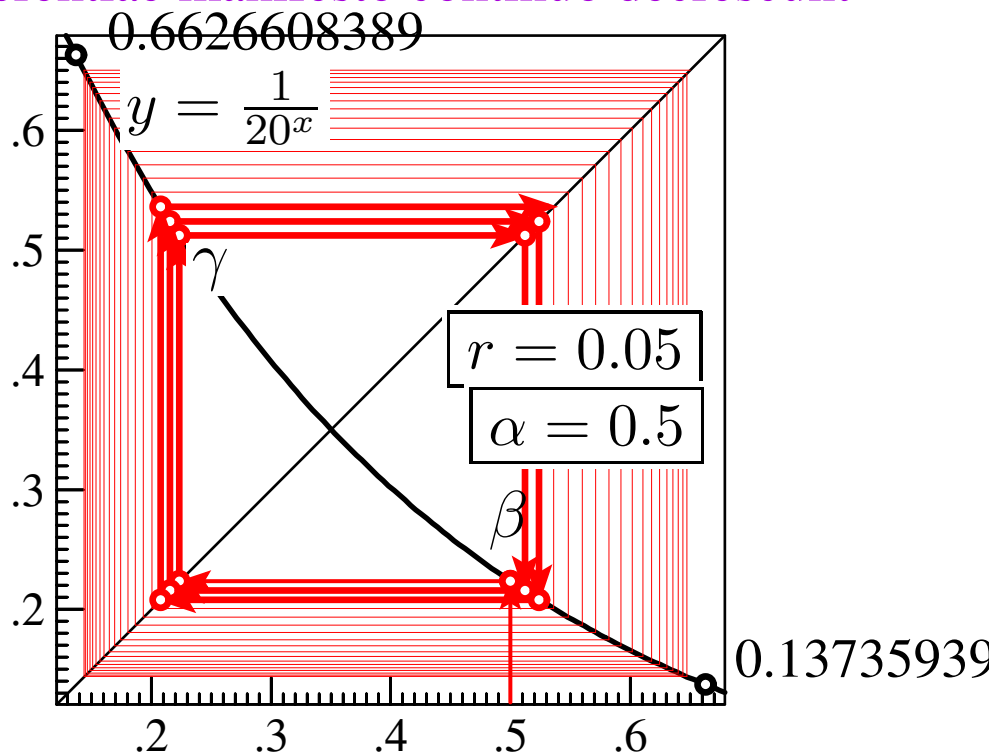
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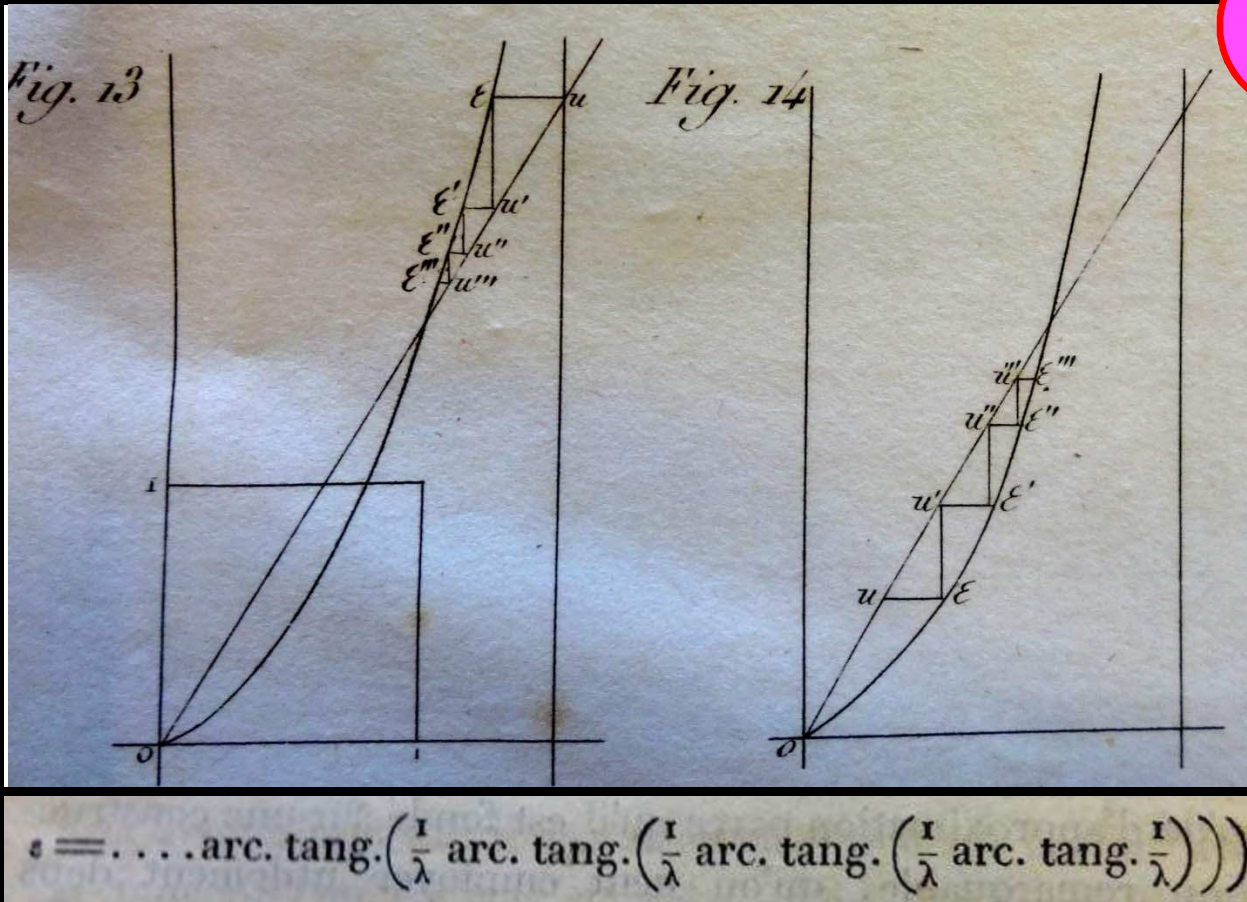
“alternatim superant ab eoque deficient”



“alternatim ad duos valores”

who draw the first clear zigzag picture ??

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(Th. anal. Chaleur, 1822, Chap. V, Art. 286)

**Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Joseph Fourier !!**

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