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SOLVTIO FACILIS

PROBLEMATVM QVORVMDAM GEOMETRI- CORVM DIFFICILLIMORVM.

Auctore

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I.

In omni triangulo quatuor potissimum dantur puncta, quae in Geometria considerari solent.

1. Intersectio ternorum perpendicularorum, quae ex singulis angulis in latera opposita demittuntur.

2. Intersectio ternarum rectarum, quae ex singulis angulis ductae latera opposita bifecant; quod punctum simul est centrum grauitatis trianguli.

3. Intersectio ternarum rectarum, quae singulos angulos bifariam secant, in quod punctum incidit centrum circuli triangulo inscripti.

4. Intersectio ternarum rectarum ad singula latera normalium eaque bifecantium, in quod puncto reperitur centrum circuli triangulo circumscripti.

2. Ex his quatuor punctis, si dentur positione terna quaecunque, euident est, triangulum inde determinari, nisi forte illa puncta in vno coalescant, quod cum eueniat in triangulo aequilatero, hoc casu omnia triangula aequilatera problemati aequae satisfi-

tisfacient. Hinc igitur quatuor nascentur problema-
ta, prout quodque eorum quatuor punctorum, pro
trianguli determinatione praetermittitur, quae quem-
admodum commodissime resolui queant, hic osten-
dere constitui.

3. Problemata autem haec solutu esse difficil-
lima, mox experietur, quicumque ea fuerit aggres-
sus, cum vix perspiciatur, cuiusmodi quantitates in-
cognitas in calculum introduci oporteat, vt saltem
ad aequationes solutionem continentis perueniatur.
Totum ergo negotium ad idoneam quantitatum in-
cognitarum electionem reducitur, in quo id impri-
mis est cauendum, ne in calculos taediosissimos et
omnino inextricabiles delabamur. Tum vero omni-
bus difficultatibus feliciter superatis insignes quae-
dam affectiones inter illa quatuor puncta se prodent,
quarum cognitio in Geometria haud leuis momenti
est censenda.

Tab. II. 4. Ne figurae nimia linearum in iis ducent-
Fig. 1. 2. darum multitudine onerentur, idem triangulum
3. 4. ABC quater exhibeo, in primo scilicet (fig. 1.)
rectae AM, BN et CN in latera opposita sunt nor-
males, earumque intersectionem littera E designo,
vbi primum situm est punctum eorum quatuor,
quae commemoravi. In secunda figura rectae Aa,
Bb et Cc latera opposita bifecant, quarum interse-
ctionem indicat punctum F secundum, de quatuor
illis punctis memoratis et centrum grauitatis trian-
guli.

guli. In tertia figura rectae $A\alpha$, $B\beta$, $C\gamma$ angulos A , B , C bifecant, earumque interfectio G praebet tertium punctum ante memoratum, nempe centrum circuli inscripti. Tandem in quarta figura ex singulorum laterum punctis mediis S , T , V erectae sunt perpendiculares SH , TH et VH sua interfectione H centrum circuli circumscripti exhibentes.

5. Quo horum quatuor punctorum positionem facilius definire eaque deinceps inter se comparare queam, ex singulis in latus AB pro basi assumtum demitto perpendicula EP , FQ , GR et HS , quorum quidem primum et quartum iam in constructione ipsa occurrunt. Tum vero voco ternam trianguli latera;

$$AB=c; AC=b \text{ et } BC=a$$

praeterea vero etiam aream trianguli in computum duci decet, quae fit $=A$, eritque vti constat:

$$AA = \frac{1}{16}(a+b+c)(a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b)$$

$$\text{feu } AA = \frac{1}{16}(2aabb + 2aacc + 2bbcc - a^4 - b^4 - c^4)$$

Hinc igitur situm cuiusque horum quatuor punctorum respectu basis AB seorsim inuestigo sequenti modo. Tab. II.
Fig. 1.

I. Pro interfectione perpendiculorum E .

6. Primo ex elementis constat fore:

$$AP = \frac{cc + bb - aa}{2c}, \text{ similique modo } BM = \frac{aa + cc - bb}{2a}.$$

Deinde vero ob $\frac{1}{2}AM \cdot BC = A$ erit $AM = \frac{2A}{a}$,

vnde similitudo triangulorum ABM et AEP praebet

$$AM : BM = AP : EP$$

$$\text{Undeque fit } EP = \frac{(cc + bb - aa)(aa + cc - bb)}{scA}$$

Quocirca situs puncti E respectu basis AB ita definitur vt fit

$$AP = \frac{cc + bb - aa}{2c} \text{ et } PE = \frac{(cc + bb - aa)(aa + cc - bb)}{scA}$$

II. Pro centro grauitatis F.

Tab. II.
Fig. 2.

7. Demisso ex angulo C in basin AB perpendicularo CP habemus vt ante $AP = \frac{cc + bb - aa}{2c}$ et $CP = \frac{2A}{c}$.

Iam vero ex elementis constat esse $FQ = \frac{1}{3}CP = \frac{2A}{3c}$ et $cQ = \frac{1}{3}cP$. Cum autem fit $Ac = \frac{1}{2}c$ erit $cP = \frac{2A}{bb - aa}$ ideoque $cQ = \frac{bb - aa}{bc}$, et consequenter $AQ = \frac{sc + bb - aa}{bc}$. Quam ob rem situs puncti F respectu basis AB ita definitur, vt fit:

$$AQ = \frac{sc + bb - aa}{bc} \text{ et } QF = \frac{2A}{3c}$$

Fig. 3.

III. Pro centro circuli inscripti G.

8. Cum GR fit radius circuli inscripti, erit $\frac{1}{2}GR(a + b + c)$ area trianguli = A vnde fit $GR = \frac{2A}{a + b + c}$. Tum vero posito segmento AR = x, si ab AC ex A par portio rescindatur, habebitur ibi punctum contactus, a quo proinde punctum C distat interuallo = b - x. Deinde ob BR = c - x si a latere BC ex A aequale interuallum c - x rescindatur,

datur, ibi hoc latus a circulo tangetur, vnde punctum C ab isto puncto distabit interuallo $= a - c + x$, quod cum ex circuli natura illi $b - x$ fit aequale, erit $x = \frac{c + b - a}{2}$. Quare hoc punctum G respectu basis AB ita definitur vt fit:

$$AR = \frac{c + b - a}{2} \text{ et } RG = \frac{2A}{a + b + c}.$$

IV. Pro centro circuli circumscripti H.

Tab. II.
Fig. 4.

9. Hic quidem statim est ex constructione $AS = \frac{1}{2}c$. Tum vero ex A in BC ducto perpendicularo AM, erit $AM = \frac{2A}{a}$ et $CM = \frac{aa + bb - cc}{2a}$. Iuncta autem recta AH ex natura circuli liquet fore angulum AHS aequalem angulo ACB, ideoque triangulum AHS simile erit triangulo ACM vnde fit,

$$AM : CM = AS : HS$$

$$\text{sicque colligitur } HS = \frac{c(aa + bb - cc)}{2A}.$$

Quare situs puncti H respectu basis AB ita definitur vt fit:

$$AS = \frac{1}{2}c \text{ et } SH = \frac{c(aa + bb - cc)}{2A}.$$

10. Hinc iam definire poterimus distantias inter haec quaterna puncta, si quidem in eadem figura exprimerentur, erit enim;

$$EF^2 = (AP - AQ)^2 + (PE - QF)^2$$

$$EG^2 = (AP - AR)^2 + (PE - RG)^2$$

$$EH^2 = (AP - AS)^2 + (PE - SH)^2$$

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$$FG^2 = (AQ - AR)^2 + (QF - RG)^2$$

$$FH^2 = (AQ - AS)^2 + (QF - SH)^2$$

$$GH^2 = (AR - AS)^2 + (RG - SH)^2.$$

Haec autem intervalla ideo colligi oportet; quod si proponantur terna horum quatuor punctorum quaeque tanquam data, nihil aliud praeter eorum mutuas distantias pro cognito assumatur, vnde deinceps latera trianguli sint inuestiganda.

11. Hic autem imprimis est observandum distantias illas inter quatuor nostra puncta necessario ita exprimi debere, vt tria trianguli latera in expressiones aequaliter ingrediantur, cum nulli lateri prae reliquis respectu harum distantiarum vlla praerogatiua tribui queat. Quam ob causam latera trianguli sine villo discrimine contemplanturus ponam:

$$a + b + c = p; \quad ab + ac + bc = q \quad \text{et} \quad abc = r$$

ita vt loco laterum iam istas ternas quantitates p , q et r ad singula aequae relatas in calculum sum introducturus. Hinc cum fit:

$$aa + bb + cc = pp - 2q; \quad aabb + aacc + bbcc = qq - 2pr$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = p^4 - 4ppq + 2qq + 4pr$$

area A ita exprimitur vt fit:

$$AA = \frac{1}{16}p(-p^3 + 4pq - 8r) = \frac{-p^4 + 4ppq - 8pr}{16}$$

Hoc notato superiores sex distantias ad has novas quantitates seorsim sum reuocaturus.

I. In-

I. Inuestigatio distantiae punctorum E et F.

12. Hic primo habemus:

$$AP - AQ = \frac{cc + bb - aa}{2c} - \frac{3cc - bb + aa}{6c} - \frac{bb - aa}{3c}$$

$$PE - QF = \frac{(cc + bb - aa)(aa + cc - bb)}{8cA} - \frac{2A}{3c}$$

$$= \frac{3(cc + bb - aa)(aa + cc - bb) - 16A^2}{24cA}$$

quae expressiones ad communem denominatorem reductae, fiunt:

$$AP - AQ = \frac{(bb - aa)\sqrt{(2aabb + 2aacc + 2bbcc - a^4 - b^4 - c^4)}}{12cA}$$

$$PE - QF = \frac{2c^4 - a^4 - b^4 + 2aabb - bbcc - aacc}{12cA}$$

quarum quadrata addita praebent:

$$EF^2 = \frac{1}{36A^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} +a^6 + b^6 + c^6 \\ -a^4bb - aab^4 - a^4cc - aac^4 - b^4cc^4 - bbb^4 \\ +3aabbcc \end{array} \right\}$$

vbi utque litterae a, b, c aequaliter infunt. Est vero:

$$a^4bb + aab^4 + \text{etc.} = ppqq - 2q^3 - 2p^2r + 4pqr - 3rrr$$

$$a^6 + b^6 + c^6 = p^6 - 6p^4q + 9ppqq - 2q^5 + 6p^3r - 12pqr - 3rrr$$

ex quo obtinemus:

$$EF^2 = \frac{1}{36A^2} (p^6 - 6p^4q + 8ppqq + 8p^3r - 16pqr + 9rrr)$$

quae expressionem ad hanc formam reducere licet:

$$EF^2 = \frac{rr}{4A^2} = \frac{r}{5} (pp - 2q)$$

II. Inuestigatio distantiae punctorum E et G.

13. Hic habemus:

$$AP - AR = \frac{cc + bb - aa}{2c} - \frac{c - b + a}{2} = \frac{bb - bc - aa + ac}{2c}$$

$$PE - RG = \frac{(cc + bb - aa)(aa + cc - bb)}{8cA} - \frac{2A}{a+b+c} \text{ feu}$$

$$PE - RG = \frac{c^4 - a^4 - b^4 + 2aabb}{8cA} + \frac{p^2 - 4pq + 8r}{8A}$$

atque ad communem denominatorem reducendo:

$$AP - AR = \frac{bb - bc - aa + ac}{8cA} \sqrt{(2aabb + aacc + 2bbcc - a^4 - b^4 - c^4)}$$

$$PE - RG = \frac{2c^4 - (a+b)c^3 - (a-b)^2cc - (a+b)(a-b)^2c - (aa - bb)^2}{8cA}$$

quorum quadratorum summa per $4cc$ diuisa ad hanc formam redit:

$$EG^2 = \frac{1}{16AA} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + a^5 - a^4b - a^3bb + 3a^4bc - 2a^3bbc + 2a^2b^3 \\ + b^5 - ab^5 - aab^4 + 3ab^4c - 2a^3bcc + 2a^2c^3 \\ + c^5 - a^5c - a^4cc + 3abc^4 - 2aab^2c + 2b^2c^3 + 6aabbcc \\ - ac^5 - aac^4 \qquad - 2ab^3cc \\ - b^5c - b^4cc \qquad - 2aabc^3 \\ - bc^5 - bbc^4 \qquad - 2abbc^3 \end{array} \right.$$

Antequam hanc expressionem ad litteras p, q et r reduco, obseruo esse:

$$EG^2 + \frac{abc}{4AA} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + a^5 - aab + 3ab \\ + b^5 - abb \\ + c^5 - aac \\ - acc \\ - bbc \\ - bcc \end{array} \right.$$

$$= \frac{abc(aa + bb + cc - 2ab - 2ac - 2bc)(a + b + c)}{4AA} + \frac{9aabbcc}{4AA}$$

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Iam cum fit $aa + bb + cc = pp - 2q$ reductio est facilis, quippe prodit:

$$EG^2 + pp - 3q = \frac{pr(pp - 2q) + 9rr}{4AA}$$

ficque haec distantia ita definitur vt fit:

$$EG^2 = \frac{r(p^2 - 2pq + 9r)}{4AA} - pp + 3q = \frac{rr}{4AA} - \frac{r}{p} - pp + 3q.$$

III. Investigatio distantiae punctorum E et H.

14. Cum hic fit:

$$AP - AS = \frac{cc + \frac{1}{2}b - aa}{2c} - \frac{r}{2c}$$

$$PE - SH = \frac{(cc + bb - aa)(aa + cc - bb)}{8cA} - \frac{c(aa + bb - cc)}{4A}$$

habebimus:

$$AP - AS = \frac{bb - aa}{2c} \text{ et } PE - SH = \frac{2a^2 - (aa + bb)cc - (aa - bb)^2}{8cA}$$

et quadratis addendis diuisione facta per $4cc$ obtinetur:

$$EH^2 = \frac{r}{16AA} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + a^4 - a^2bb - aac^2 + 3aabbcc \\ + b^4 - a^2cc - b^2cc \\ + c^4 - aab^2 - bbc^2 \end{array} \right\}$$

quae ob $16AA = -a^4 - b^4 - c^4 + 2aabb + 2aacc + bbcc$ reducitur ad hanc formam:

$$EH^2 = \frac{9aabbcc}{16AA} - aa - bb - cc$$

vbi substitutio facile conficitur, resultat enim:

$$EH^2 = \frac{9rr}{16AA} - pp + 2q.$$

IV.

IV. Inuestigatio distantiae punctorum F et G.

15. Ex formulis supra inuentis habemus hic:

$$AQ-AR = \frac{3ac+bb-aa}{6c} - \frac{c-b+a}{2} = \frac{3(a-b)c-aa+bb}{6c}$$

$$GF-RG = \frac{2A}{3c} - \frac{2A}{a+b+c} = \frac{2A(a+b-c)}{3c(a+b+c)}$$

quorum quadratorum summa reducitur ad hanc formam:

$$FG^2 = \frac{1}{9(a+b+c)^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -a^4 + a^3b + 4aabb - 5abcc \\ -b^4 + ab^3 + 4aacc - 5abbc \\ -c^4 + a^3c + 4bbcc - 5aabc \\ + ac^3 \\ + b^3c \\ + bc^3 \end{array} \right\}$$

Cum nunc sit:

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = p^4 - 4ppq + 2qq + 4pr$$

$$aabb + aacc + bbcc = qq - 2pr$$

$$a^3b + ab^3 + a^3c + ac^3 + b^3c + bc^3 = ppq - 2qq - pr$$

$$abcc + abbc + aabc = pr$$

expressio inuenta hanc induit formam:

$$FG^2 = \frac{1}{9pp} (-p^4 + 5ppq - 18pr) = \frac{-p^2 + 5pq^2 - 18r}{9p}$$

V. Inuestigatio distantiae punctorum F et H.

16. Pro hoc casu habemus:

$$AQ-AS = \frac{3cc+bb-aa}{6c} - \frac{1}{2}c = \frac{bb-aa}{6c}$$

$$QF-SH = \frac{2A}{3c} - \frac{c(aa+bb-cc)}{3A} = \frac{2c^4 - (aa+bb)cc - (aa-bb)^2}{24cA}$$

Quod-

Quodsi has formulas cum casu primo comparemus, deprehendimus esse:

$$AQ - AS = \frac{1}{2}(AP - AQ) \text{ et } QF - SH = \frac{1}{2}(PE - QF)$$

vnde manifestum est fore $FH = \frac{1}{2}EF$ ideoque $FH^2 = \frac{r r}{16 \Delta \Delta} - \frac{1}{8}(pp - 2q)$.

VI. Inuestigatio distantiae punctorum G et H.

17. Pro hoc casu postremo habetur:

$$AR - AS = \frac{c + b - a}{2} - \frac{1}{2}c = \frac{b - a}{2}$$

$$RG - SH = \frac{2 \Delta}{a + b + c} - \frac{c(aa + bb - cc)}{8 \Delta} = \frac{(a + b)c^2 + (aa + bb)cc - (a + b)(aa + bb)c - (aa - bb)c^2}{8(a + b + c) \Delta}$$

quarum binarum formularum quadrata si addantur reperitur sequens expressio:

$$GH^2 = \frac{abc}{16(a + b + c)^2 \Delta \Delta} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + a^2 + a^2 b + ab^2 + abc^2 - 2a^2 bb - 2aab^2 \\ + b^2 + a^2 c + ac^2 + ab^2 c - 2a^2 cc - 2aac^2 \\ + c^2 + b^2 c + bc^2 + a^2 bc - 2b^2 cc - 2bbc^2 \end{array} \right\}$$

quae per $a + b + c$ reducta abit in hanc:

$$GH^2 = \frac{abc}{16(a + b + c) \Delta \Delta} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + a^2 + abc - 2aabb \\ + b^2 + abbc - 2aac^2 \\ + c^2 + abcc - 2bbcc \end{array} \right\}$$

vnde facta substitutione colligitur

$$GH^2 = \frac{r}{16 p \Delta \Delta} (p^2 - 4ppq + 9pr) = \frac{r(p^2 - 4pq + 9r)}{16 \Delta \Delta}$$

seu $GH^2 = \frac{r r}{16 \Delta \Delta} - \frac{r}{p}$.

18. En ergo sub vno conspectu quadrata sex horum interuallorum :

$$\text{I. } EF^2 = \frac{rr}{4AA} - \frac{1}{5}(pp - 2q)$$

$$\text{II. } EG^2 = \frac{rr}{4AA} - pp + 3q - \frac{4r}{p}$$

$$\text{III. } EH^2 = \frac{9rr}{16AA} - pp + 2q$$

$$\text{IV. } FG^2 = -\frac{1}{5}pp + \frac{5}{5}q - \frac{2r}{p}$$

$$\text{V. } FH^2 = \frac{rr}{16AA} - \frac{1}{5}(pp - 2q)$$

$$\text{VI. } GH^2 = \frac{rr}{16AA} - \frac{r}{p}$$

Tab. II. vbi evidens est, esse $EH = \frac{5}{2}EF$ et $FH = \frac{1}{2}EF$, sicque punctum H per puncta E, F sponte determinatur, scilicet si tria puncta E, F, G forment triangulum EFG tum quartum punctum H ita in recta EF producta erit situm vt sit $FH = \frac{1}{2}EF$ ideoque $EH = \frac{5}{2}EF$. Hinc vero deducitur $4GH^2 + 2EG^2 = 3EF^2 + 6FG^2$, quod cum valoribus inventis apprime congruit.

19. Quo nunc has formulas ad maiorem simplicitatem reuocemus, ponamus $4pq - p^5 - 8r = 4s$ vt sit $4AA = ps$ et $4q = pp + \frac{4r}{p} + \frac{4s}{p}$; tum vero faciamus :

$$\frac{rr}{ps} = R, \quad \frac{r}{p} = Q \text{ et } pp = P$$

ita vt P, Q, R sint quantitates duas dimensiones involuentes. Quoniam igitur hinc est $\frac{s}{p} = \frac{Q}{R}$ erit $p = \sqrt{P}$; $q = \frac{1}{2}P + 2Q + \frac{Q}{R}$, et $r = Q\sqrt{P}$, atque

que $4AA = \frac{PQQ}{R}$ et interualla nostra ita exprimentur:

$$\text{I. } EF^2 = R - \frac{2}{3}P + \frac{16}{9}Q + \frac{8QQ}{9R}$$

$$\text{II. } EG^2 = R - \frac{1}{4}P + 2Q + \frac{3QQ}{R}$$

$$\text{III. } EH^2 = \frac{2}{3}R - \frac{1}{3}P + 4Q + \frac{2QQ}{R}$$

$$\text{IV. } FG^2 = +\frac{1}{36}P - \frac{8}{9}Q + \frac{5QQ}{9R}$$

$$\text{V. } FH^2 = \frac{1}{4}R - \frac{1}{18}P + \frac{4}{3}Q + \frac{2QQ}{9R}$$

$$\text{VI. } GH^2 = \frac{1}{4}R - Q.$$

20. Cum igitur horum quatuor punctorum terna nisi capiantur haec tria E, F et H iam contineant determinationem quarti, vnicum resultat problema, quod ita se habet.

Problema.

Datis positione his quatuor punctis in quolibet triangulo assignabilibus 1°. Interfectione perpendicularium ex singulis angulis in latera opposita ductarum E, 2°. Centro gravitatis F, 3°. Centro circuli inscripti G et 4° centro circuli circumscripti H; construere triangulum. Tab. II.
Fig. 5.

Quod problema ex hactenus erutis horum punctorum affectionibus satis concinne resolvere licebit.

Solutio.

21. Cum positio horum quatuor punctorum per eorum distantias detur, vocemus:

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GH = f,

$$GH=f, FH=g \text{ et } FG=b$$

nouimusque fore $EF=2g$ et $EH=3g$, itemque

$$EG=\sqrt{6gg+3bb-2ff}.$$

Nunc igitur statim habemus has tres aequationes

$$\text{I. } ff=\frac{1}{4}R-Q$$

$$\text{II. } gg=\frac{1}{4}R-\frac{1}{18}P+\frac{4}{9}Q+\frac{2}{9}\frac{QQ}{R}$$

$$\text{III. } bb=\frac{1}{36}P-\frac{2}{9}Q+\frac{6}{9}\frac{QQ}{R}$$

ex quarum resolutione colligimus:

$$R=\frac{4f^4}{3gg+6bb-2ff}; \quad Q=\frac{3ff(ff-egg-2bb)}{3gg+6bb-2ff}$$

$$\text{et } P=\frac{27f^4}{3gg+6bb-2ff}-12ff-15gg+6bb$$

$$\text{vnde fit } \frac{QQ}{R}=\frac{9(ff-egg-2bb)^2}{4(3gg+6bb-2ff)}.$$

22. His valoribus inuentis inuestigentur tres sequentes expressiones:

$$p=\sqrt{P}, \quad q=\frac{1}{4}P+2Q+\frac{QQ}{R}, \quad \text{et } r=Q\sqrt{P}$$

indeque formetur haec aequatio cubica:

$$z^3-pzz+qz-r=0$$

cuius tres radices dabunt tria latera trianguli quaesiti, quo pacto eius constructio facillima habetur.

Exemplum.

23. Sumtis lateribus trianguli $a=5$, $b=6$ et $c=7$, ut fit area $A=6\sqrt{6}$, inde colliguntur distantiae quaternorum punctorum:

EF'

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$$EF^2 = \frac{155}{72}; EG^2 = \frac{11}{8}; EH^2 = \frac{155}{32}; FG^2 = \frac{1}{9}; FH^2 = \frac{155}{288};$$

$$GH^2 = \frac{35}{32}$$

vnde situs horum punctorum talis prodit vti in Tab. II.
fig. 6. repræsentatur. Cum igitur habeamus: Fig. 6.

$$ff = \frac{35}{32}; gg = \frac{155}{288} \text{ et } bb = \frac{1}{9}$$

videamus num solutio inuenta ad triangulum assum-
tum perducatur.

24. Hinc autem fit $3gg + 6bb - 2ff = \frac{3}{32}$,
tum vero $ff - gg - 2bb = \frac{1}{9}$; $4ff + 5gg - 2bb = \frac{219}{32}$;
colligitur

$$R = \frac{1225}{24}; Q = \frac{55}{3}; P = 324 \text{ et } \frac{QQ}{R} = \frac{24}{9} = \frac{8}{3}$$

vnde nanciscimur:

$$p = \sqrt{P} = 18; q = 107 \text{ et } r = \frac{55}{3}. 18 = 5.6.7 = 210$$

et æquatio cubica hinc oritur:

$$z^3 - 18zz + 107z - 210 = 0$$

cuius tres radices manifesto sunt 5, 6, 7 quæ sunt
ipsa tria latera trianguli satisficientis.

Casus quo quatuor puncta in dire-
ctum sunt sita.

25. Hoc ergo casu cum fit:

Fig. 7.

$$FH = g; FG = b; GH = f; EF = 2g; EH = 3g$$

$$\text{et } EG = 2g - b$$

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erit

erit $g = f - b$, unde facta hac substitutione colligimus:

$$R = \frac{4f^4}{(3b-f)^2}; \quad Q = \frac{3ffb(2f-3b)}{(f-3b)^2}; \quad P = \frac{3b(4f-3b)^2}{(f-3b)^2}$$

ideoque $\frac{QQ}{R} = \frac{3hb(2f-3b)^2}{4(f-3b)^2}$.

Ex his vero porro elicimus:

$$p = \frac{(4f-3b)\sqrt{3b(4f-3b)}}{f-3b}$$

$$q = \frac{3fb(4f-3b)(5f-6b)}{(f-3b)^2}$$

$$r = \frac{3ffb(2f-3b)(4f-3b)\sqrt{3b(4f-3b)}}{(f-3b)^3}$$

26. Cum iam radices huius aequationis cubicae:

$$z^3 - pzz + qz - r = 0$$

praebent tria latera a, b, c trianguli quaesiti, ponamus ad eam concinniozem reddendam

$$z = \frac{y\sqrt{3b(4f-3b)}}{f-3b}$$

et prodibit haec aequatio:

$$y^3 - (4f-3b)yy + f(5f-6b)y - ff(2f-3b) = 0$$

cuius radices manifesto sunt

$$f, f, \text{ et } 2f-3b.$$

Quocirca trianguli quaesiti, quod fit isosceles, latera erunt:

$$a = b = \frac{f\sqrt{3b(4f-3b)}}{f-3b}; \quad \text{et } c = \frac{(2f-3b)\sqrt{3b(4f-3b)}}{f-3b}.$$

27. Hic autem casus per se solutus et facilis, cum recta illa, in qua sunt puncta data triangulum

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Iam in duas partes similes necessario fecet, ideoque triangulum fit isosceles. Posito autem statim a principio $b=a$, fit $A = \frac{1}{2}c\sqrt{4aa-cc}$ et $AP=AQ=AR=AS=\frac{1}{2}c$, tum vero

$$PE = \frac{c^2}{4A}; QF = \frac{2A}{3c}; RG = \frac{2A}{2a+c}; SH = \frac{c(2aa-cc)}{4A}$$

vnde ob puncta P, Q, R, S coincidentia in basis puncto medio, quod sit O, intervalla inter haec puncta erunt:

$$OF-OE = \frac{2(aa-cc)}{3\sqrt{4aa-cc}}; OG-OE = \frac{c(a-c)}{\sqrt{4aa-cc}};$$

$$OH-OE = \frac{aa-cc}{\sqrt{4aa-cc}}$$

$$OF-OG = \frac{(a-c)(2a-c)}{3\sqrt{4aa-cc}}; OH-OF = \frac{aa-cc}{3\sqrt{4aa-cc}};$$

$$OH-OG = \frac{a(a-c)}{\sqrt{4aa-cc}}.$$

28. Hic duos casus contemplari convenit prout fuerit vel $a > c$ vel $a < c$, nam si $a=c$, seu triangulum aequilaterum, omnia quatuor puncta in vnum coalescunt;

I. Si $a > c$ puncta erunt disposita vti fig. 8. Tab. II. refert, vbi est $HF = \frac{1}{3}EH$ seu $EF = \frac{2}{3}EH$ et Fig. 8. $EG < \frac{1}{2}EH$ hocque casu punctum basis medium O in recta HE producta ultra E cadit: vt sit OE $= \frac{cc}{2\sqrt{4aa-cc}}$.

II. Si $a < c$, puncta erunt disposita vti fig. 9. Fig. 9. refert, vbi est iterum $HF = \frac{1}{3}EH$ seu $EF = \frac{2}{3}EH$ at $EG > \frac{1}{2}EH$. Hoc autem casu punctum basis medium O in recta EH producta ultra H cadit; vt sit HO

$HO = \frac{2aa - cc}{2\sqrt{4aa - cc}}$, vnde si $2aa < cc$ punctum O adeo intra H et E cadit.

29. Datis ergo in recta punctis tribus E, G et H, ita vt G intra extrema E et H sit situm, videndum est vtrum fit $EG < \frac{1}{2}EH$ an $EG > \frac{1}{2}EH$.

Tab. II. Priori casu quo $EG < \frac{1}{2}EH$ solutio ita se habet.

Fig. 8. Sit $EH = 2d$ et $EG = d - e$, hincque reperitur

$$a = b = \frac{(d+e)}{2e} \sqrt{(d+3e)(3d+e)}$$

$$c = \frac{d-e}{2e} \sqrt{(d+3e)(3d+e)}, \text{ et } OE = \frac{(d-e)^2}{4e}$$

Fig. 9. Posteriori casu $EG > \frac{1}{2}EH$ solutio erit haec:

fit $EH = 2d$ et $EG = d + e$, hincque colligitur

$$a = b = \frac{d-e}{2e} \sqrt{(d-3e)(3d-e)}; c = \frac{d+e}{2e} \sqrt{(d-3e)(3d-e)}$$

et $OE = \frac{(d+e)^2}{2e}$, vnde patet hunc casum locum habere non posse, si d intra limites $3e$ et $\frac{1}{3}e$ contineatur. Cum enim esse debet $2a > c$ necesse est fit $d > 3e$.

Fig. 5. 30. Ex hoc casu colligere licet, etiam in genere solutionem concinniore[m] esse prodituram, si omisso puncto F tria puncta E, G et H considerentur. Ponamus ergo:

$$EG = e, GH = f \text{ et } EH = k$$

$$\text{eritque } FH = g = \frac{1}{3}k, EF = \frac{2}{3}k \text{ et } FG = b = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{3}ee + \frac{2}{3}ff - \frac{2}{3}kk\right)}$$

$$\text{hincque adipiscimur } R = \frac{ef^2}{2ff + 2ee - kk}, Q = \frac{ff(kk - ff - 2ee)}{2ee + 2ff - kk}$$

et

$$\text{et } P = \frac{27f^4}{2ee - 2ff - kk} + 2ee - 8ff - 3kk = \frac{4e^4 + 11f^4 + 3k^4 - 12eeff + 2ffkk - 3eeek}{2ee + 2ff - kk}$$

tum vero $\frac{Q}{R} = \frac{(kk - ff - 2ee)^2}{4(2ee + 2ff - kk)}$, vnde fit

$$p = \sqrt{P}, q = \frac{2e^4 + f^4 + k^4 - 6eeff - 3eeek - 2ffkk}{2ee + 2ff - kk} \text{ et } r = Q\sqrt{P}$$

et aequationis $z^3 - pzz + qz - r = 0$ radices dant latera trianguli quaesiti: quae aequatio posito $z = y\sqrt{P}$ abit in hanc:

$$y^3 - yy + \frac{(2e^4 + f^4 + k^4 - 6eeff + 3eeek + 2ffkk)y - ff(kk - 2ee - ff)}{4e^4 + 11f^4 + 3k^4 - 12eeff - 3eeek + 2ffkk} = 0.$$

31. Hic autem obseruo quantitates has datas e, f, k non solum ita assumi oportere, vt triangulum constituent, sed quoniam latera trianguli quaesiti a, b, c tanquam positiua spectari possunt, etiam tam P quam Q et R valores positiuos recipere debent. Non solum ergo esse debet $kk < 2ee + 2ff$ sed etiam $kk > 2ee + ff$, tum vero vt P fiat positium, necesse est

$$\text{fit } 3kk > 4ee + ff + 2\sqrt{(e^4 + 11eeff - 8f^4)}$$

qua conditione cum illis collata sequitur esse debere

$$ff > \frac{8}{19}ee \text{ et } ff < \frac{11 + \sqrt{153}}{16}ee \text{ feu } ff < \frac{19}{13}ee$$

alioquin problema nullam admitteret solutionem.

32. *Exempl.* Sit $ee = ff$ erit $R = \frac{4f^4}{4ff - kk}$;
 $Q = \frac{ff(kk - 3ff)}{4ff - kk}$

et $P = \frac{27f^4}{4ff - kk} - 6ff - 3kk = \frac{3(kk - ff)^2}{4ff - kk}$; atque $\frac{Q}{R} = \frac{(kk - 3ff)^2}{4(ff - kk)}$

ideoque $p = \frac{(kk - ff)\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{(4ff - kk)}}$; $q = \frac{k^4 - ffkk - 3f^4}{4ff - kk}$; et $r = \frac{ff(kk - 3ff)(kk - ff)\sqrt{3}}{4(ff - kk)\sqrt{(4ff - kk)}}$

fit iam $ee=ff=2$ et $kk=7$; fietque

$$p=5\sqrt{3}; q=23, \text{ et } r=10\sqrt{3}$$

et latera trianguli quaesiti erunt radices huius aequationis cubicae $z^3-5zz\sqrt{3}+23z-10\sqrt{3}=0$, quae posito;

$$z=\frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ abit in } y^3-15yy+69y-90=0$$

cuius vna radix est $y=6$, vnde binae reliquae sunt

$$y=\frac{9+\sqrt{21}}{2} \text{ et } y=\frac{9-\sqrt{21}}{2}$$

ficque trianguli quaesiti latera sunt:

$$a=\frac{3\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{7}}{2}; b=\frac{3\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{7}}{2}; c=2\sqrt{3}.$$

33. Verum etiam generalius manente $ee=ff$ quomodocunque accipiatur k , si ponatur $z=\frac{y}{\sqrt{3(4ff-kk)}}$ habetur haec aequatio resoluenda:

$$y^3-3(kk-ff)yy+3(k^4-ffkk-3f^2)y-9ff(kk-3ff)(kk-ff)=0$$

cui primo satisfacit $y=3ff$, et duae reliquae radices ex hac aequatione

$$yy-3(kk-2ff)y+3(kk-3ff)(kk-ff)=0$$

quae sunt $y=\frac{3(kk-2ff)\pm k\sqrt{3(4ff-kk)}}{2}$

ficque tria latera trianguli quaesiti fiunt:

$$a=\frac{(kk-2ff)\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{(4ff-kk)}}+\frac{1}{2}k$$

$$b=\frac{(kk-2ff)\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{(4ff-kk)}}-\frac{1}{2}k$$

$$c=\frac{ff\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{(4ff-kk)}}$$

34. Reliquis casibus negotium non tam facile expeditur, quia aequatio cubica factores non admittit. Quod ut exemplo ostendatur fit $ee=3$, $ff=2$ et $kk=9$; unde trianguli latera sunt radices huius aequationis cubicae $z^3 - 2z\sqrt{71} + 22z - 2\sqrt{71} = 0$; ad quam resoluendam quaeratur angulus α , cuius cofinus fit $= +\sqrt{\frac{21}{71}}$, qui erit acutus, quo inuento latera trianguli erunt:

$$a = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{71} + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{5} \cdot \text{cof.} \left(60^\circ - \frac{1}{3}\alpha\right) \text{ et } c = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{71} - \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{5} \cdot \text{cof.} \frac{1}{3}\alpha$$

$$b = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{71} + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{5} \cdot \text{cof.} \left(60^\circ + \frac{1}{3}\alpha\right) \text{ ubi est proxime } \alpha = 11^\circ. 32'. 13''$$

sicque per anguli trisectionem problema semper factis expedite resoluetur.