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TAVTOCHRONA

IN MEDIO RARISSIMO, QVOD RESISTIF IN RATIONE MULTIPLICATA QUA-CUNQUE CELERITATIS.

A uctore

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Quamquam huius quaestionis iam in Mechanicae meae Volumine secundo plenam dedi solutionem, nemo tamen ecrum, qui hoc argumentum deinceps pertractarunt ac penitus exhausisse videntur, eandems inuestigationem est aggressus, etiamsi hinc via tutissima parari videatur ad eiusmodi media, quorum resistentia potestati cuicunque celeritatis suerit proportionalis. Quaro ne haec materia obliuioni tradatur, eam hic denuo retractare visum est, idque eo magis, quod nunc methodum saciliorem sum exhibiturus.

ve ascensus, sine descensus, namque modo ostensum Fig. 6. est eundem casculum ad vtrumque casum accommodari posse, situe ascensus, sine descensus, cuius escuatio super terminum imum A in axe verticali sit $Ak = k_2$ ita vt totum tempus per arcum A C requiratur constantis quantitatis pro omnibus valoribus litterae k.

2. Tum vero pro puncto indefinito S, vocetur abscissa A X = x et arcus A S = s, celeritas porro in S vocetur = u et tempus, quo arcus A S absoluitur = t, ita vt sit $t = \int \frac{ds}{u}$. Porro denotet u^{2n} eam celeritatis potestatem, cui resistencia sit proportionalis, atque pro motus determinatione habebitur huiusmodi aequatio:

$$2 u d u = -a d x + \lambda u^{2n} d s$$

denotante λ eum coefficientem minimum, quo actio resistentiae determinatur, huiusque litterae λ valor positiuus ad descensum, negatiuus autem ad ascensum referetur.

3. Iam cum neglecta refistentia hinc prodiret u u = a(k - x),

fiquidem posito x = k, celeritas in puncto C euanescere debet, pro casu resistentiae singamus hanc formulam;

 $u u = a(k - x) + \lambda P + \lambda^2 Q + \lambda^8 R$ etc.

quae series vtique maxime erit conuergens ob λ quantitatem quam minimam, atque adeo sufficere posset solam litteram P in calculum introduxisse, interim tamen hic operae pretium erit, nostram investigationem etiam ad maiorem praecisionis gradum prosequi. Hinc autem porro colligitur

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 $u^{2n} = a^{n}(k-x)^{n} + \lambda n a^{n-1}(k-x)^{n-1} P + \lambda^{2} n a^{n-1}(k-x)^{n-1} Q + \lambda^{3} n a^{n-1}(k-x)^{n-1} R + \frac{\lambda^{2}(n)(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} a^{n-2}(k-x)^{n-2} P^{2} + \lambda^{3} n (n-1) a^{n-2}(k-x)^{n-2} P Q + \frac{\lambda^{3} n (n-1)(n-2)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} a^{n-3}(k-x)^{n-2} P^{3}.$

His igitur valoribus in aequatione nostra substitutis,

$$+\lambda d P + \lambda^{2} d Q + \lambda^{3} d R e^{-z}, = \lambda a^{n} (k-x)^{n} ds + \lambda^{2} n a^{n-1} (k-x)^{n-1} P ds + \lambda^{3} n a^{n-1} (k-x)^{n-1} Q ds + \frac{\lambda^{3} n (n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} a^{n-2} (k-x)^{n-2} P^{2} ds$$

ideoque

P=
$$a^{n} \int (k-x)^{n} ds$$
; Q= $n_{n} a^{2n-1} \int (k-x)^{n-1} ds \int (k-x)^{n} ds$
vel Q= $n_{n} a^{n-1} \int (k-x)^{n-1} P dy$; R= $n_{n} a^{n-1} \int (k-x)^{n-1} Q ds$
 $+ \frac{n(n-1)}{n-2} a^{n-2} \int (k-x)^{n-2} P^{2} ds$.

4. Valores autem harum litterarum P, Q, R per integrationem ita determinari oportet, vt euanescant posito x = k, id quod ideo est necesse, vt celeritas in termino C euanescat. Manisestum igitur est, istas litteras sactorem esse habituras (k - x) vel adeo eius quandam potestatem altiorem, quam sequente ratiocinio cognoscere licebit. Sit $(k - x)^e$ maxima potestas, quam littera P inuoluit, ita vt

fractio $\frac{P}{(k-x)^e}$ non amplius per k-x sit divisibilis, seu quod eodem redit, quae posito x=k non amplius evanescat. Quoniam autem issus fractionis, tam numerator P, quam denominator $(k-x)^e$ evanescit sacto x=k, secundum regulam notissimam eius valor pro hoc casu ervetur, si tam numerator, quam denominator seorsim differentientur, sicque cassu x=k haec fractio erit

$$= \frac{d P}{-e d x (k-x)^{e-1}} = \frac{a^n \cdot (k-x)^n d s}{-e d x (k-x)^{e-1}} = -\frac{1}{e} a^n (k-x)^{n-e+1} \frac{d s}{d x}$$
quae

quae fractio vt facto x = k fiat finita, necesse est, sit n = e - 1, ideoque e = n + 1. Nam quia ratio $\frac{d}{dx}$ non involuit k, hinc nostra conclusio non turbatur, quocirca efficienus quantitatem P involuere factorem $(k - x)^{n+a}$.

5. Eodem modo ratiocinium circa litteram Q instituamus, cuius maximus sactor itidem sit $(k-x)^c$, et casu x = k quoque erit

$$\frac{Q}{(k-x)^e} = \frac{dQ}{-edx(k-x)^{e-x}} = \frac{a^{n-x}(k-x)^{n-x}Pds}{-edx(k-x)^{e-x}},$$

quae forma ob

$$P = (k-x)^{n+1} P^{l}$$
 abit in $\frac{Q}{(k-x)^{e}} = \frac{u \, a^{n-1} (k-x)^{2n} \, P^{l} ds}{-e \, dx (k-x)^{e-1}}$

quae ergo vt facto x = k prodeat finita necesse est, sit e = 2n + 1, ita vt littera Q certe sactorem sit habitura $(k - x)^{2n + 1}$. Eodem mode iudicium circa litteram R instituetur, erit enim

$$\frac{R}{(k-x)^e} = \frac{dR}{-edx(k-x)^{e-1}} = \frac{n \cdot a^{n-1} (k-x)^{n-1} Q dx}{-e dx(k-x)^{e-1}} + \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2} \frac{a^{n-2} (k-x)^{n-2} P^2 dx}{-e dx(k-x)^{e-1}},$$

cuius expressionis pars prior ob

$$Q = (k - x)^{2n} + Q',$$

praebet e - 1 = 3n, sine e = 3n + 1, quem eundem valorem quoque pars posterior ob $P^2 = (k-x)^{2n+2}$ praebet sicque lex manischa est, si quis viterius progredi voluerit.

6. In-

6. Inventis autem his litteris P, Q, R quum sit

$$uu = a(k-x) + \lambda P + \lambda^2 Q + \lambda^5 R$$
 etc.

huius potestas exponentis = - 1/2, praebebit

$$\frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a(k-x)}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{a^{3} \cdot 2(k-x)^{3} \cdot 2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{2} Q}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}(k-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} R}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}(k-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} R}{a^{\frac{3}{2}}(k-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} P Q}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}(k-x)^{\frac{5}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} P Q}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}(k-x)^{\frac{5}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} P Q}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}(k-x)^{\frac{5}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} P Q}{a^{\frac{5}{2}}(k-x)^{\frac{5}{2}}}$$

ergo quum sit $dt = \frac{ds}{u}$, pro elemento temporis sequentem nanciscimur formulam:

$$d t = \frac{d s}{\sqrt{a (k - x)}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda P d s}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k - x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{2} Q d s}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k - x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{3} R d s}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k - x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{3} P Q d s}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k - x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{3} P Q d s}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k - x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{3} P Q d s}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k - x)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{3} P Q d s}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k - x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

cuius integrale quum exprimat tempus per AS = s, ita debet capi, vt euanescat posito s = o, vel x = o, quo facto si statuatur x = k, obtinebitur tempus totius siue descensus siue ascensus, quod ob tautochronismi indolem ita debet esse comparatum, vt quantom. XVII. Nou. Comm. Y y titas

titas k inde prorsus exulat atque adeo termini, vbi occurreret, se mutuo destruant.

7. Neglecta autem resistentia, notum est, huic indoli satisfieri, sumendo

$$ds = dx V \frac{b}{x}$$
,

tum enim primum membrum prodit

$$dt = V \stackrel{b}{=} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{(kx - xx)}},$$

cuius integrale est ...

$$\frac{2\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a}}$$
 Arc. fin. $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{k}}$

posito ergo x = k, colligitur totum tempus

$$\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{a}}\frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi \cdot \sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a}},$$

in quam expressionem littera k non amplius ingreditur. Quodsi ergo adm ssa resistentia essici potuerit, vt totum tempus eidem sormulae acquetur, ac sequentia membra se mutuo destruant, negotium penitus erit consectum.

8. Quum sublata resistentia inuenimus $ds = dx \ V \frac{b}{x}$,

quem valorem etiam in medio resistente propemodum valere certum est, reuera sumamus esse

$$ds = dx \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} + \lambda p dx + \lambda^2 q dx + \lambda^3 r dx + \text{etc.}$$

quo valore substituto, elementum temporis sequentibus membris exprimetur

$$dt = V^{\frac{b}{a}} \frac{dx}{V(kx - xx)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda P dx}{a^{\frac{5}{a}}(k - x)^{\frac{5}{a}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{2} R dx}{a^{\frac{5}{a}}(k - x)^{\frac{5}{a}}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{3} R dx}{a^{\frac{5}{a}}(k - x)^{\frac{5}{a}}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} R dx}{a^{\frac{5}{a}}(k - x)^{\frac{5}{a}}} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda^{5} P Q dx}{a^{\frac{5}{a}}(k - x)^{\frac{5}{a}}} + \frac{1$$

9. Hic praeter terminum primum occurrunt membra siue littera λ simpliciter, siue eius quadrato, siue eius cubo assecta, totumque negotium nunc huc redit, vt singulorum horum membrorum integralia sacto x = k, se mutuo tollant pro quolibet ordine, quod quomodo praestari queat, in ordine primo ostendamus, vbi essiciendum est, vt

posito
$$x = k$$
, fiat $-\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{P dx V_{x}^{b}}{a^{\frac{3}{2}} (k-x)^{\frac{5}{2}}} + \int \frac{p dx}{V a(k-x)} = -\frac{V b}{2 a^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int \frac{P dx}{(k-x)^{\frac{5}{2}} V x} + \int \frac{p dx}{V a(k-x)} = 0.$

Quum autem sit

$$P = a^n \int (k - x)^n dx,$$

loco dx valore principali substituto $dx \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}}$, caeteris enim partibus hacc formula ad ordines sequentes devolutium, pro hoc ordine crit

$$\mathbb{P} = a^n V b \int \frac{(k-x)^n dx}{V x}.$$

Quo autem issae formulae pleniores reddantur, statuamus $k \equiv c c$ et $x \equiv z z$, stetque

$$P = z a^n V b f d z (c c - z z)^n,$$

quem valorem nouimus innoluere factorem

$$(c c - z z)^{n+1}$$
 fine $(c-z)^{n+1}$.

Quum nune efficiendum sit, ve

$$\int \frac{p dx}{\sqrt{(k-x)}} = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{2a} \int \frac{P dx}{(k-x)^{\frac{x}{2}} \sqrt{x}} = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{a} \int \frac{P dz}{(cc-xz)^{\frac{x}{2}}},$$

hoc postremum integrale ita reducatur

$$\int \frac{P dz}{(cc-zz)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{z P}{cc V (cc-zz)} - \int \frac{z dP}{cc V (cc-zz)},$$

cuius membrum primum fponte euanescit sacto z=0, at si în posteriori ponatur x=k, siue z=c, quoniam

niam P factorem habet $(c-z)^{n+1}$, id facto z=c necessario euanescit, dummodo suerit $n+1 > \frac{1}{2}$ sue $n > -\frac{1}{2}$, semper autem assumi convenit $n+1 > \frac{1}{2}$, quia aliae resistentiae hypotheses forent maxime absurdae. Hanc ob rem nobis superest haec aequation

$$\int \frac{p \, d^{2}x}{V(k-x)} = -\frac{V \, b}{a \, c \, c} \int \frac{z \, d^{2}P}{V(cc-zz)} = -\frac{a^{n-1} \, b}{c \, c} \int \frac{z \, dz (cc-zz)^{n}}{V(cc-zz)}$$

ideoque integrando

$$\int \frac{p \, dx}{V(k-x)} = \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{2}} \frac{a^{n-1}b}{c \, c} (c \, c-zz)^{n+\frac{r}{2}} - \frac{1}{n+\frac{1}{2}} a^{n-1}b \cdot c^{2n-r}.$$

Facto igitur z = c, pro toto tempore prodibit

$$\int \frac{p \, dx}{V(k-x)} = -\frac{2}{2n+1} a^{n-x} \cdot c^{2n-x} \cdot b$$

vt formula $\int_{\sqrt{(k-x)}}^{p \cdot dx} \text{integrata politoque } x = k$, proveniat eadem quantitas

$$-\frac{2}{2 \cdot n + 1} \cdot a^{n-1} c^{2 \cdot n - 1} b$$

atque facile perspicitur, pro p accipi debere quandami potessatem ipsius x, quandoquidem k inesse nequit. Hunc in finem statuatur $p = \theta x^m$ et adhibita substitutione k = c c et x = z z producitur

$$\int \frac{\theta \, x^m \, dx}{V(k-x)} = 2 \, \theta \int \frac{z^{2m-1} \, dz}{V(c\, c-z\, z)} = -\frac{2}{2n+1} \, a^{n-1} \, c^{2n-1} \, . \, b$$

fiat nunc z = ev, ita vi post integrationem poni debeat v = i et adipiscimur

$$2 \theta c^{2m} + i \int \frac{v^{2m+1} dv}{V(1-vv)} = -\frac{2}{2n+1} a^{n-1} c^{2n+1} b.$$

Hinc autem loco k penitus exulare debet littera c, quod cuenir fumendo m = n - 1, eritque nunc

$$\theta \int_{\sqrt[n]{1-v}}^{\sqrt[n]{v-1}} \frac{dv}{vv} = -\frac{1}{2n+1} a^{n-1} b.$$

Iam vero formula

$$\int \frac{v^{2n-1}}{V(1-vv)} \frac{dv}{v}$$

posito post integrationem v = r, praebet certum numerum absolutum, quem littera N indicemus, ita vt nunc etiam coefficientem consequamur

$$\theta = -\frac{a^n - b}{(2n+1)} \frac{b}{N}$$

11. Inuentis igitur litteris θ et m, prodit litteria

$$p = -\frac{a^{n-1} \cdot b}{(2n+1)} \frac{b}{N} x^{n-1},$$

ficque pro primo ordine approximationis littera \(\lambda\) fimpliciter affecto adepti sumus pro curua tautochrona hanc aequationem

$$d s = d x \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} - \frac{\lambda a^{n-1} b. x^{n-1} d x}{(2n+1) N}$$

qua primus gradus nostrae approximationis continetur et quia medium rarissimum esse assumitur, in hoc gradu acquiescere poterim... Interim tamen hinc satis intelligitur, quemodo sequentem approximationis gradum, quadrato $\lambda \lambda$ affectum, expediri oporteat.

portionalis ideo que exponens 2n = 1 et $n = \frac{1}{2}$, aequatio pro Tautochrona hinc reperitur

$$ds = dx \, V^{\frac{b}{2}} - \frac{\lambda b}{(2n+1) \, \text{N} \, a^{\frac{1}{2}}} \frac{dx}{Vx}$$

qua aequatione manifesto cyclois exprimitur, id quod egregie conuenit. Sin autem resistentia sequatur quadratum celeritatis erit n = r et pro curua Tantochrona oritur

$$ds = dx V \frac{b}{x} - \frac{\lambda b dx}{3N}$$

id quod etiam conuenit cum Tautochrona pro hoc medio resistente inuena.

ventionem numeri N ex integratione formulae

$$\int \frac{v^{2n-1} d v}{\sqrt{(1-v v)}}$$

deriuandi, postquam scilicet positum suerit v = r, quare a casibus simplicissimis inchoemus. Ac primo quidem si suerit 2n = 1, prodit

$$N = \int_{\frac{dv}{\sqrt{(1-vv)}}} = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Tum vero pro casu 2 n = 2 sit $N = \int \frac{v \, dv}{\sqrt{(1-v \, v)}} = 1$.

Pro aliis casibus in subsidium vocetur haec reductio generalis:

$$\int \frac{v^{\nu+2} dv}{V(1-vv)} = -\frac{1}{\nu+2} v^{\nu+1} V(1-vv) + \frac{\nu+1}{\nu+2} \int \frac{v^{\nu} dv}{V(1-vv)},$$
quae

quae casu v = 1, quo opus habemus, praebet

$$\int_{V(1-vv)}^{v^{\nu}+2} \frac{dv}{v+2} = +\frac{v+1}{v+2} \int_{V(1-vv)}^{v^{\nu}} \frac{dv}{v(1-vv)},$$

vnde sequentem geminam tabellam valorum ipsius N deducimus:

At si 2n non suerit numerus integer, numerus N aliter desiniri nequit, nisi per quadraturas curuarum altiores.

mo, cuius resistentia rationem quamcunque multiplicatam celeritatis sequitur, Tautochronae tam pro descensu quam pro ascensu satis expedite sunt assignatae, quatenus scilicet prima approximatione sumus contenti. Verum haec adeo multo latius patent et Tautochronas inuenire licebit, si resistentia huiusmodi formula exprimatur

 $\lambda u^{2^n} + \lambda^l u^{2^{n'}} + \lambda^{ll} u^{2^{n''}}$ etc. vbi coefficientes λ , λ^l , λ^{ll} quam minimi reputentur, fi enim exponentibus illis 2^n , $2^{n'}$, $2^{n'l}$ etc. quaerantur numeri respondentes N, N^l , N^{ll} aequatio procurva Tautochrona descensus erit

curua lautochrona deicenius erit
$$ds = dx \, V \frac{b}{x} - \frac{\lambda a^{n-1} b \cdot x^{n-1} dx}{(2n+1) N} - \frac{\lambda^{n} a^{n'-1} b \cdot x^{n'-1} dx}{(2n^{n'-1} b \cdot x^{n''-1} dx)} - \frac{\lambda^{n} a^{n''-1} b \cdot x^{n''-1} dx}{(2n^{n'}+1) N^{n''}} \text{ etc.}$$
fum:

famtis autem litteris λ , λ' , λ'' negativis, haec acquatio Tautochronam ascensus declarabit.

fistentiae hypothesibus simplicibus notandum est, ex Tautochrona descensus inueniri Tautochronam ascensus, si à negatine capiatur, vnde sufficiet pro singulis hypothesibus Tautochronas descensus assignasse, quae dum motus hac aequations exprimitur

 $2 u d u = -a d x + \lambda u^{2n} d s$

sequenti modo se habebunt

Pro refiftential
$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 0$$

$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 1$$

$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 1$$

$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 2$$

$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 2$$

$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 3$$

$$ds = dx V \frac{b}{x} - \frac{3 \cdot 1}{5 \cdot 2} \lambda bax dx$$

$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 3$$

$$ds = dx V \frac{b}{x} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{7 \cdot 2 \cdot 4} \lambda ab^{2} x^{2} dx$$

$$\lambda u^{\circ} \text{ vbi } n = 4$$

$$ds = dx V \frac{b}{x} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}{9 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} \lambda ba^{2} x^{3} dx$$
etc.

Pro refifential $\lambda u \text{ vbi } n = \frac{1}{2}$ $ds = dx \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} - \frac{\lambda b dx}{\pi \sqrt{ax}}$ $\lambda u^{5} \text{ vbi } n = \frac{3}{2}$ $ds = dx \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} - \frac{2\lambda b dx \sqrt{ax}}{\pi \sqrt{ax}}$ $\lambda u^{5} \text{ vbi } n = \frac{5}{2}$ $ds = dx \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} - \frac{2 \cdot 4}{5 \cdot 3} \frac{\lambda b a^{5} \cdot 2 x^{5} \cdot 2 dx}{\pi}$ $\lambda u^{7} \text{ vbi } n = \frac{7}{2}$ $ds = dx \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} - \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5} \frac{\lambda b a^{5} \cdot 2 x^{5} \cdot 2}{\pi}$ $\lambda u^{9} \text{ vbi } n = \frac{9}{2}$ $ds = dx \sqrt{\frac{b}{x}} - \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8}{5 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7} \frac{\lambda b a^{7} \cdot 2 x^{7} \cdot 2}{\pi}$ etc.

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