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This proposal requests the encoding of 228 historical scientific characters, many of them from the field of mathematics, as testified in works of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646–1716), of his contemporaries and in related editions.

### 1. Background

In the history of mathematics, there is a strong interest in a precise capturing of historical mathematical notations, including an adequate representation of special characters. Thus, the typical scenarios of usage of our proposed characters are:

- Text capturing in digital editions: according to the guidelines of TEI, the “chunks” of mathematical texts and some elements of aggregation such as “(“ are represented by their characters. All other elements of nestings belong to the domain of structure elements. As such, they are represented by using markup languages. For an example, see the digital edition of the work of Newton (<https://www.newtonproject.ox.ac.uk/>).
- Automatic text recognition/transcription: in order to achieve a better result, the characters will be included into a text recognition model.

The background of this proposal is the collaboration of two European institutions: the Leibniz-Archiv: Forschungsstelle der Leibniz-Edition (a department of the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Bibliothek – Niedersächsische Landesbibliothek (GWLB), Hanover (Germany), supervised by the Göttingen Academy of Science and Humanities in Lower Saxony (Germany)) and the Philiumm research group of CNRS (UMR 7219, laboratoire SPHERE) / Université de Paris VII (France), in the Philiumm Project (2021–2026), funded by the European Research Council (N° ADG-101020985), both working on comprehensive editions of Leibniz's scientific legacy (see [Philiumm](#); [Leibniz-Archiv](#)). As the focus of editorial work shifts towards digital and online editions, the need of a standard encoding for a larger range of special characters becomes obvious. Most of the characters proposed appear in the works of Leibniz. He was one of the most prolific scholars of Europe in the age of enlightenment. His manuscripts embrace the subjects of mathematics, philosophy, history,

law studies, engineering and many others. He maintained a correspondence with more than a thousand scholars in many countries and left a legacy of about 200.000 manuscript pages. Among his well-known achievements are fundamental contributions to infinitesimal calculus and binary mathematics, which make him an eminent author even today, more than 300 years after his passing.

In his writings Leibniz makes extensive use of special ideographic characters which he adopted from other authors or invented himself in order to find suitable means of expression for his concepts. Best known is his introduction of a cursive long s for “summa” which later became generally known as the *integral* sign:  $\int$ .

Besides the traditional production of printed editions currently editorial activities move steadily into the digisphere, towards the internet in particular. Facsimile and diplomatic online transcriptions of important historic sources are about to become a new standard in scientific publishing. That development makes it all the more obvious that a given source text is to be created as *text* in the technical sense, as an encoded string of characters which enables copying and searching. The works of authors like Newton, Descartes, Huygens or Leibniz require an advanced repertoire of encoded characters. We see the need to represent such texts reliably in their original form. We see our proposal being in line with other previous or recent encodings of historic characters and specialized notations.

## 2. General outline of the proposal

This proposal is based to a great extent on recent studies by Uwe Mayer, Siegmund Probst, Elisabeth Rinner, Achim Trunk, Charlotte Wahl (Leibniz-Archiv) and Arilès Remaki (Philiumm), editors of Leibniz’s manuscripts, about the special characters occurring in Leibniz’s works, in editions of those sources and in works of other authors (mainly from the field of mathematics). Florian Cajori’s ground-breaking “A history of mathematical notations” from 1928 is still a valuable reference for the matter elaborated in this proposal.

Regarding the amount and nature of the characters in question, a new block “Scientific characters” or “Historic scientific characters” to the UCS is proposed. The *Leibnizian ambiguity signs* (section c) form the largest subset of this proposal, they may be considered as candidates for a new block of their own. Future additions to this block (and, possibly, to the other sets) are likely to happen, as research goes on and new characters will be discovered in sources which have not been recognized so far. Some of the characters proposed may be seen as candidates for inclusion in existing blocks, e.g. the character pair  $\wp/\wp$  as an addition to the 0370 Greek block.

## 3. Characters overview

The characters proposed are grouped according to their context and nature, as follows:

- a) Historical mathematical operators
- b) Historical mathematical relations
- c) Leibnizian ambiguity signs
- d) Geometrical signs
- e) Alchemical symbols
- f) Miscellaneous scientific signs
- g) Superscript characters
- h) Letterlike symbols
- i) Coss symbols
- k) Digit characters

If this proposal gets accepted, the following characters will exist:

a) *Historical mathematical operators*

$\smile$	LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION SIGN
$\frown$	LEIBNIZIAN PRODUCT SIGN
$\oslash$	LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION-PRODUCT SIGN
$\int$	LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 1
$\int$	LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 2

b) *Historical mathematical relations*

$\sqcap$	LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL SIGN
$\sqcap$	LEIBNIZIAN DOUBLE EQUAL SIGN
$\sqcap$	LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S SIGN
$\sqsupset$	LEIBNIZIAN GREATER
$\sqsubset$	LEIBNIZIAN LESS
$\sqsupset$	BERNOULLIAN GREATER
$\sqsubset$	BERNOULLIAN LESS
$\sqsupset$	LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH P
$\sqsubset$	LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH P
$\sqsupset$	LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS SIGN
$\equiv$	GREATER 2
$\equiv$	LESS 2
$\rightrightarrows$	PARALLEL GREATEREQUAL
$\leftrightharpoons$	PARALLEL LESSEQUAL
$\doteq$	FACIT SIGN
$\approx$	CARTESIAN EQUAL SIGN
$\asymp$	TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN
$\cong$	CONGRUENCE SIGN 1
$\cong$	CONGRUENCE SIGN 2
$\sim$	SIMILARITY SIGN
$\simeq$	COINCIDENCE SIGN
$\simeq$	LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 1
$\simeq$	LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 2

c) *Leibnizian ambiguity signs*

$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-01
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-02
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-03
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-04
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-05
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-06
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-07
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN A-08
$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN B-01
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$\#$	AMBIGUITY SIGN B-07

⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN B-08
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⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN B-10
⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN B-11
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⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN B-18
⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN C-01
⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN C-02
⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN C-03
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⦏	AMBIGUITY SIGN C-31
(	LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS
)	RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS
⊕	PLUSMINUS SIGN
⊖	MINUSPLUS SIGN

*d) Geometrical signs*

⊙	DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH DOT
⊕	CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL LINE
⊗	CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL LINE
⊖	DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE HORIZONTAL LINE
☾	CIRCLE WITH HALF MOON OBLIQUE
⊔	HALF RIGHTHAND CIRCLE WITH DIAMETER
∩	SMALL SECTOR WITH CHORD
∪	SMALL SECTOR
∩	SMALL SECTOR WITH DOUBLE ARC
∩	SMALL SECTOR TRIANGLE
∩	SMALL SEGMENT
▷	RIGHT TRIANGLE POINTING RIGHT
◊	KITE SIGN
∠	ANGLE 1
∠	ANGLE 2
∠	ANGLE 3
∠	ANGLE 4
∨	ANGLE VERTICAL
⊠	CUBUS 1
⊠	CUBUS 2
⊠	HORIZONTAL DOUBLE SQUARE
⊠	VERTICAL DOUBLE SQUARE
⊠	THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 1
⊠	THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 2
⊠	FOUR-PART BIG SQUARE
∧	HYPERBOLE

*e) Alchemical symbols*

♁	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR ALUMEN-PISCES
♁	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR OIL BOILED
♁	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR MOON-JUPITER
♁	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR TARTAR-SALT
⊙	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED SUN
☾	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED MOON
♁	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR REALGAR 3
♁	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR HORA 2
♁	ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR RETORT 2

*f) Miscellaneous scientific signs*

×	CASTING-OUT-NINES
①	LUNATE ENCIRCLED DIGIT ONE
⊢	PROPORTION 1
⊢	PROPORTION 2
↔	RIGHTHAND RELATION SIGN
↔	LEFTHAND RELATION SIGN
♁	CLOVERLEAF SIGN
∞	INFINITY SIGN WITH DOTS
⊙	INVOLVED SIGN
⊙	LEIBNIZIAN ENCIRCLED V SIGN

⊞	LEIBNIZIAN BOXED ENCIRCLED V SIGN
--	BROKEN EMDASH
+ -	CROSSED EMDASH
•	BOLD PERIOD
∞	RADIX SIGN 1
∞∞	RADIX SIGN 2
∞∞∞	RADIX SIGN 3
⊕	COMBINING BOMBELLI POWER MARK
⸮	COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE SLASH
⊕	COMBINING HALF CIRCLE BELOW
⊕	COMBINING ENCLOSING SPIRAL MARK
⊕	COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE ENCLOSING SPIRAL MARK
⊕	COMBINING FACTOR MARK
⸮	COMBINING OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS
⸮	COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS
⸮	COMBINING HORIZONTAL PARANTHESIS

*g) Superscript characters*

⊞	SUPERSCRIPED ENCLOSED SMALL G SIGN
⊞	SUPERSCRIPED ENCLOSED SMALL N SIGN
⊞	SUPERSCRIPED ENCLOSED SMALL T SIGN
⊞	SUPERSCRIPED ENCLOSED SMALL X SIGN
⊞	SUPERSCRIPED ENCLOSED SMALL Z SIGN
⊞	SUPERSCRIPED ENCIRCLED SMALL Z SIGN
∞	SUPERSCRIPED WAVE
∞	SUPERSCRIPED WAVE WITH TOP LINE

*h) Letterlike symbols*

ϕ	BERNOULLIAN ALPHA-X SIGN
Ɔ	LATIN CAPITAL D WITH TOP BAR AND CROSSBAR
Ɑ	LATIN CAPITAL REVERSED L
ℓ	LATIN LOWERCASE REVERSED L
Ɑ	LOWERCASE P WITH DOUBLE CROSSBAR
ϕ	LOWERCASE KURRENT X SIGN
XX	LATIN CAPITAL DOUBLE X
xx	LATIN LOWERCASE DOUBLE X
σσ	SIGMA-SIGMA SIGN
Ϻ	GREEK CAPITAL OMICRON-UPSILON
Ϻ	GREEK LOWERCASE OMICRON-UPSILON


*i) Coss symbols*

ç	LOWERCASE C WITH SMALL SLASH
ç	LOWERCASE C WITH DESCENDER
ç	LOWERCASE C WITH RIGHT LOOP
ð	LOWERCASE D ROTUNDA WITH CROSSING LOOP
ꝛ	SMALL CAPITAL R WITH SLASH
ꝛ	LOWERCASE R ROTUNDA WITH LOOP
ß	DOUBLE S ABBREVIATION SIGN
ſ	LOWERCASE LONG S WITH TOP LOOP
ꝛ	LOWERCASE KURRENT Z SIGN

*k) Digit characters*

0	SLASHED DIGIT ZERO
1	SLASHED DIGIT ONE
2	SLASHED DIGIT TWO
3	SLASHED DIGIT THREE
4	SLASHED DIGIT FOUR
5	SLASHED DIGIT FIVE
6	SLASHED DIGIT SIX
7	SLASHED DIGIT SEVEN
8	SLASHED DIGIT EIGHT
9	SLASHED DIGIT NINE
0	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT ZERO
1	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT ONE
2	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT TWO
3	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT THREE
4	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT FOUR
5	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT FIVE
6	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT SIX
7	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT SEVEN
8	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT EIGHT
9	DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT NINE
0	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT ZERO
1	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT ONE
2	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT TWO
3	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT THREE
4	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT FOUR
5	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT FIVE
6	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT SIX
7	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT SEVEN
8	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT EIGHT
9	TRIPLE SLASHED DIGIT NINE
0	BACKSLASHED DIGIT ZERO
1	BACKSLASHED DIGIT ONE
2	BACKSLASHED DIGIT TWO
3	BACKSLASHED DIGIT THREE
4	BACKSLASHED DIGIT FOUR
5	BACKSLASHED DIGIT FIVE
6	BACKSLASHED DIGIT SIX
7	BACKSLASHED DIGIT SEVEN
8	BACKSLASHED DIGIT EIGHT
9	BACKSLASHED DIGIT NINE
0	CROSSED DIGIT ZERO
1	CROSSED DIGIT ONE
2	CROSSED DIGIT TWO
3	CROSSED DIGIT THREE
4	CROSSED DIGIT FOUR
5	CROSSED DIGIT FIVE
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9	CROSSED DIGIT NINE

## 4. Figures and explanations

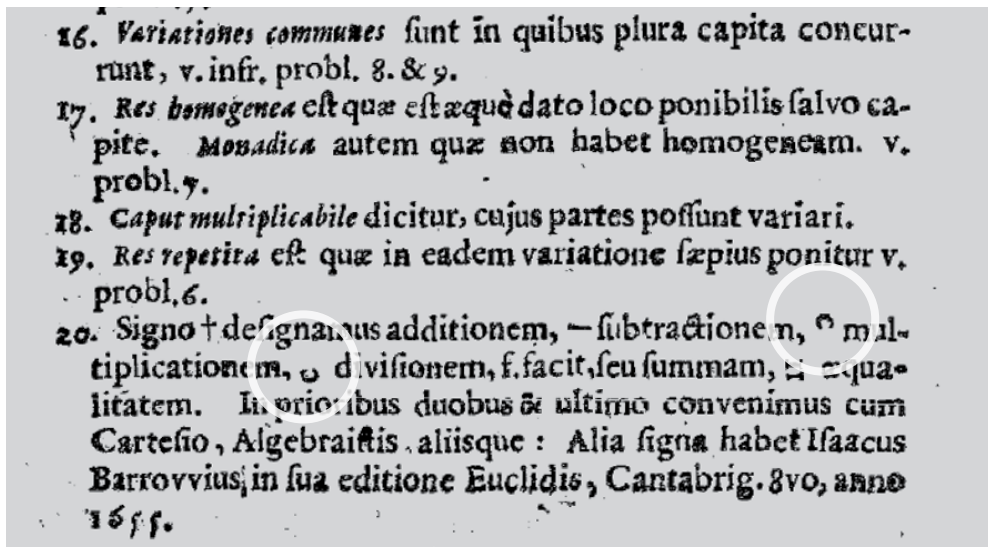
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$\sim$	Multiplikation	$a - c \propto b - d$	arithmetische Proportion
$\times$	Überkreuzmultiplikation	$\nabla MFB ::$	
$\div$	Division	$\nabla^{lo} MAL$	ähnlich
$ $	Kürzung eines Bruches	$\bullet$	Platzhalter Vorzeichen
$\frac{2}{ }$	Kürzung durch 2	$\bullet$	Platzhalter Term
$f$	facit	$ $	Zusammenfassung
$a \cup b$	Summe (Kolumnen)	$x \cdot$	laufende Variable
$a$	Differenz (Kolumnen)	$\infty$	laufende Variable mit oberer Grenze $x$
$\square$	Quadrat	$\infty$	obere Grenze
$x^\beta$	allgemeine (reelle) Potenz	$a$	Substitution
$\sqrt{\quad}, Rq$	Quadratwurzel	23	Funktionswert an der Stelle
$Rq, Rqq \dots$	iterierte Quadratwurzel	$\text{!}$	$x + dx$
$\sqrt{\text{O}}, \sqrt{c}$	Kubikwurzel	$\underline{DX}$	alle DX
$\sqrt{n}, \sqrt{\text{O}}$	n-te Wurzel	$\overline{X}$	alle x
$\Pi$	gleich	$a$	alle a
aequ.	gleich	Ozanam:	
$\infty$	gleich	$\infty$	gleich
$\Pi$	größer als	$a, b :: c, d$	Proportion
$\Pi$	kleiner als		
$a : b :: c : d$	geometrische Proportion		

Leibniz-Akademie-Ausgabe (LAA), Series VII/mathematical manuscripts, volume 4, p. 873.  
A typical example of a legend at the end of a volume of the Leibniz Academy Edition.



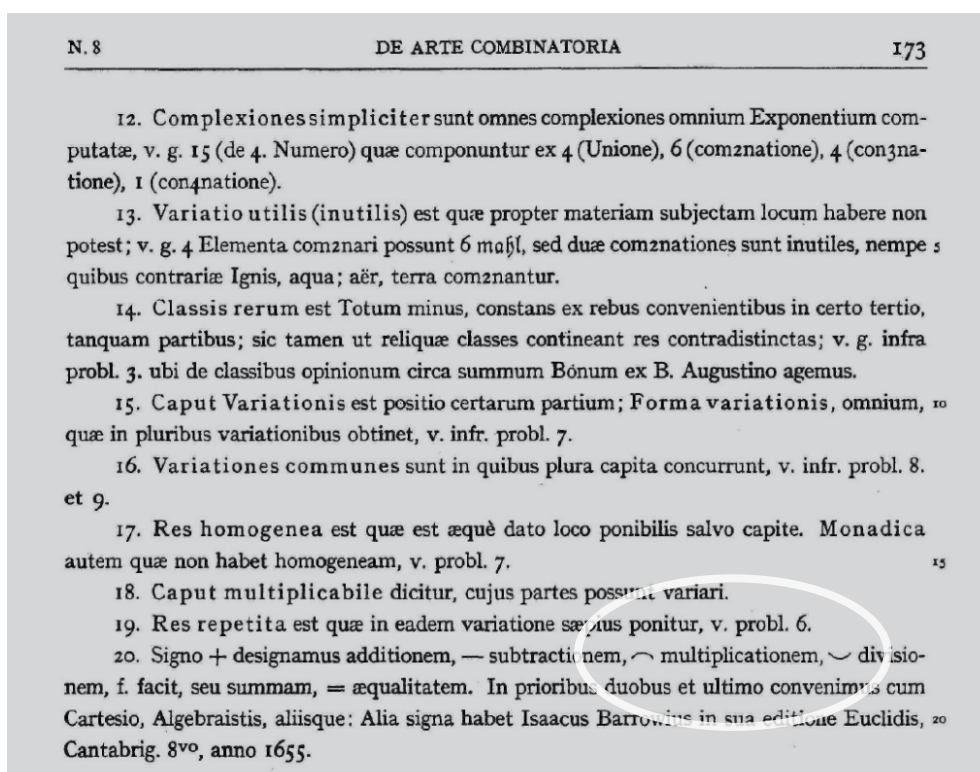
4.a) Historical mathematical operators



$\odot$  LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION SIGN,  $\ominus$  LEIBNIZIAN PRODUCT SIGN

Leibniz used these division and multiplication signs in print from the year 1666 onwards and continued to make use of them in his manuscripts in later years.

Leibniz, Dissertatio de arte combinatoria, 1666, p. 5



$\odot$  LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION SIGN,  $\ominus$  LEIBNIZIAN PRODUCT SIGN

LAA VI-1 p.173

cuius latus unum est differentia linearum duarum primae secundaeque, quod est proportio-  
nale triangulo linearum. Cum ergo sit hypotenusa trianguli linearum, linea 2<sup>da</sup> seu  
AA + DD,rq. et hypotenusa trianguli residui per altitudinem secti AA + DD,rq. – D. erit  
altitudo ad altitudinem et basis ad basin ut hypotenusa ad hypotenusam, fiet ergo:  
5 AA + DD,rq. dat AA + DD,rq. – D. quid dat altitudo D. dabit AA + DD,rq. – D.,  
^ D,,, ∘ AA + DD,rq. Et quid dat basis A. dabit AA + DD,rq. – D., ^ A,,, ∘ AA + DD,rq.  
Detrahatur haec basis a basi A. fiet

$$A,,, - AA + DD,rq. - D,, ^ A,,, \circ AA + DD,rq.$$

huius Q. addatur quadrato altitudinis fiet Q. cuius rq. est basis quaesita

$$10 \quad A,,, - AA + DD,rq. - D,, ^ A,,, \circ AA + DD,rq.,,,,,,Q. + AA + DD,rq. - D,, \\ ^ D,,, \circ AA + DD,rq.,,,,,,Q.,,,,,,Rq.$$

Basis isoscelis dimidii quadratum detrahatur a quadrato lineae primae habebitur  
altitudo isoscelis

$$DD,,,,,, - A,,, - AA + DD,rq. - D,, ^ A,,, \circ AA + DD,rq.,,,,,,Q. + \\ 15 \quad AA + DD,rq. - D,, ^ D,,, \circ AA + DD,rq.,,,,,,Q.,,,,,,Rq.,,,,,, \circ 2,,,,,,Q.$$

Nunc bases quoque et altitudines caeterorum duorum isoscelium investigentur

∪ LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION SIGN, ^ LEIBNIZIAN PRODUCT SIGN

LAA VII-1 p. 44; VII-3 p. 566 (below)

These two characters should neither be unified with 25E0 and 25E1 (Geometric shapes) nor with  
2312 ARC (Miscellaneous technical), because the semantics (and also the expected typographic  
rendering) are considerably different from these mathematical operators.

idem est ac si spatio  $AMCDA$  adderetur segmentum  $ACDA$  unde fiet triangulum  $AMC$   
vel  $ABC$  seu semirectangulum sub abscissa et applicata. Igitur  $PM \cap BC - \frac{AH}{2}$  ducta in  
 $DE \cap \beta$ , seu  $\beta PM$ , aequatur differentiae inter  $\frac{AB \wedge BC}{2}$ , et  $\frac{AB - DE, \wedge BC - EC}{2}$  sive  
 $\beta \wedge PM \cap \frac{AB \wedge BC - AB \wedge BC}{2} - DE \wedge BC, - AB \wedge EC + DE \wedge EC$ . Iam  $PM \cap$   
 $BC - \frac{AH}{2}$ . et  $DE \cap \beta$ . Ergo  $2\beta BC - \beta AH \cap -\beta BC - AB \wedge EC + \beta EC$ , cumque  $\beta \wedge EC$   
negligi possit, fiet:  $-3\beta BC + \beta AH \cap AB \wedge EC$ . Est autem  $\frac{AH}{FB - AB} \cap \frac{BC}{AB}$ . sive  
 $AH \cap \frac{BC, \wedge FB - AB}{AB}$ . et  $FB \cap \frac{BC^2}{BG}$ . Ergo  $AH \cap \frac{BC}{AB}, \wedge \frac{BC^2}{BG} - AB$ . Idemque  $AH \cap$   
 $\frac{AB \wedge EC + 3\beta BC}{\beta}$ . fiet ergo aequatio inter  $\frac{BC^3, - AB^2 \wedge BG}{AB \wedge BG}$  et  $\frac{AB \wedge EC + 3\beta BC}{\beta}$ ,  
sive inter:  $BC^3\beta - AB^2, BG, \beta \cap AB^2, EC, BG + 3\beta BC, AB, BG$ . Pro  $BG$  sub-  
stituatur  $\frac{a^2}{BC}$ . fiet:  $BC^3\beta - AB^2, \frac{a^2}{BC}, \beta \cap AB^2, EC, \frac{a^2}{BC} + 3\beta BC, AB, \frac{a^2}{BC}$  sive  
multiplicatis omnibus per  $BC$  fiet:  $BC^4\beta - AB^2, a^2\beta \cap AB^2, EC, a^2 + 3\beta BC, AB, a^2$ .

entiere de l'ambiguité: dont la regle convient avec celle de l'Algebre commune, sçavoir que deux mesmes signes homogenes ambigus aussy bien que determinez multipliez ou divisez ensemble font +, et deux opposez font -. Par consequent

$$\begin{array}{cc}
 \dagger \oslash \dagger \infty + & \text{ou} & \dagger \oslash \dagger \infty + \\
 \dots \ddagger \dots - & & \dots \ddagger \dots - \\
 \ddagger \dots \dots + & & \ddagger \dots \dots + \\
 \dots \dagger \dots - & & \dots \dagger \dots -
 \end{array}$$

XXXVI. Des deux signes heterogenes entre eux, affirmatifs ou negatifs.

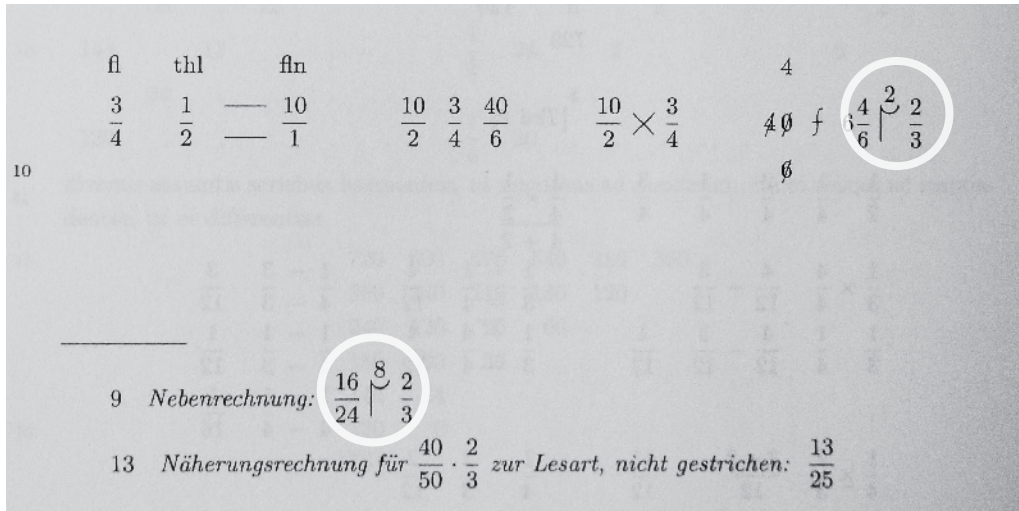
36. Deux signes tout à fait Heterogenes affirmatifs se multiplient et se divisent sans changement et il n'y a point d'autre formalité à observer que de les escrire l'un auprez de l'autre par exemple

#### ⊘ LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION-PRODUCT SIGN

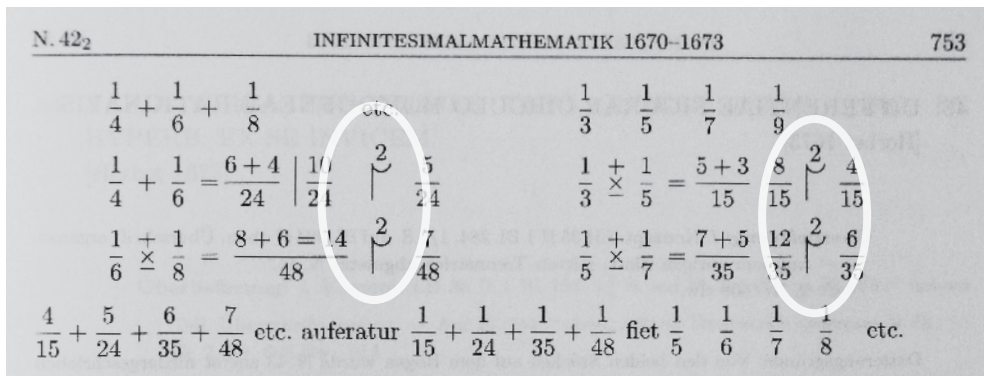
An ambiguity operator sign that combines the Leibnizian division and product signs to denote a product in one and a division in the other case.

Using ambiguity signs (c.f. section c) can result in the need of a product sign in one and a division sign in the second case. To write this down, Leibniz combines his product sign with his division sign.

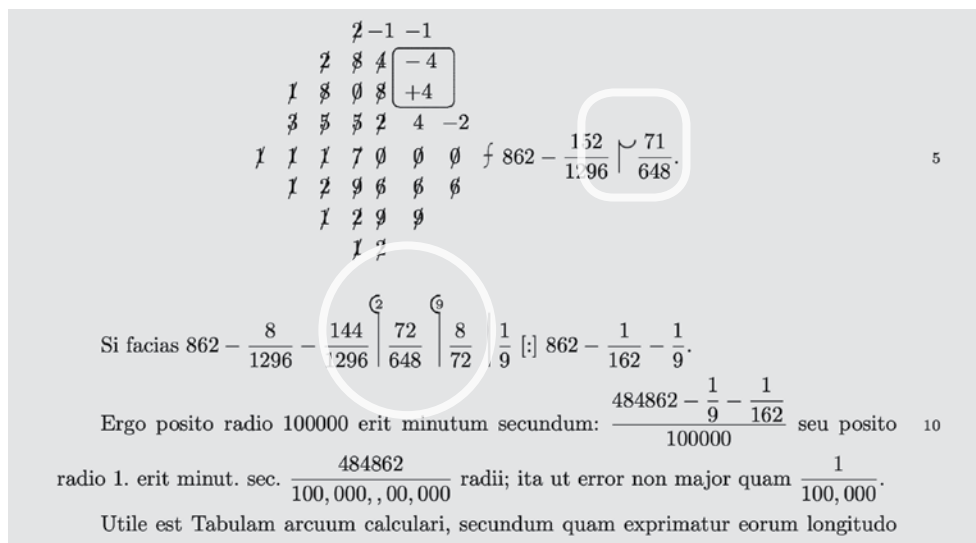
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∩ LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 1  
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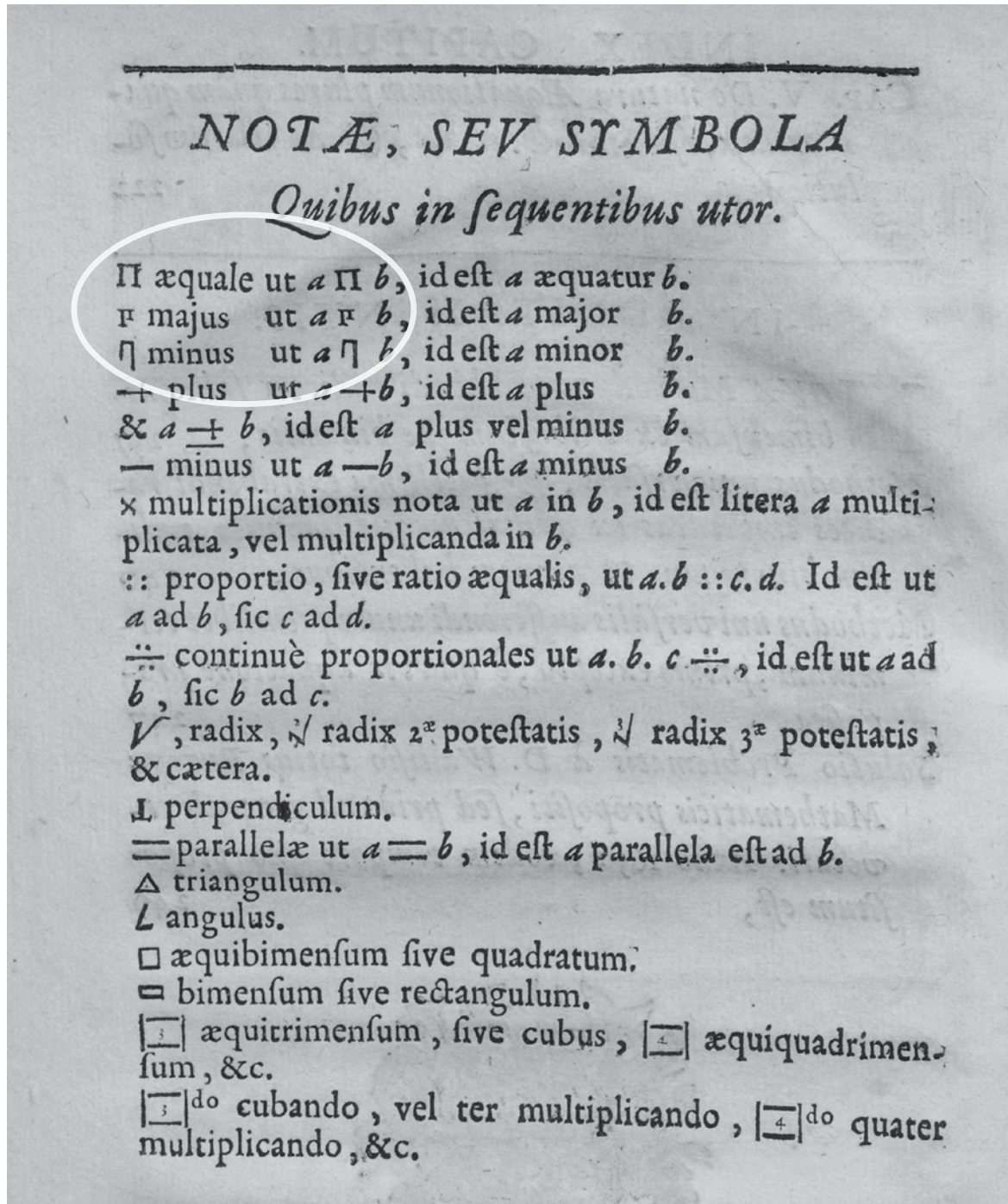
∩ LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 1  
LAA VII-4 p. 753



∩ LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 1 and ∩ LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 2  
LAA VII-6 p. 379

#### 4.b) Historical mathematical relations

Leibniz made use of a fine differentiation of notions of equality and inequality in his mathematical writings. The character  $\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL SIGN signifies in many of his mathematical writings equality in the common meaning as it denotes the equality of two things with regard to some property. Leibniz adopted the symbol (as well as the related symbols for “greater than” and “less than”) probably in 1674, after reading François Dulaurens: *Specimina Mathematica Duobus Libris Comprehensa*, Paris, 1667 (<http://digitale-sammlungen.gwlb.de/resolve?PPN=1066520976>).



$\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER,  $\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN LESS  
Dulaurens, *Specimina Mathematica*, 1667

e  $\cap$  c  $\frac{\mp d + z^2}{v^2}$ . ergo  $\frac{\mp d + z^2}{v^2}$  integer  $\cap$  e - c. Videndum iam quomodo quadratum numero auctum minutumve vel eius negatio possit exacte dividi per quadratum. An sic:  $\frac{y^2 + z^2}{v^2}$   $\cap$  e si summa duorum quadratorum divisibilis per quadratum est ergo necessario formula habens duas radices falsas aequales.

5 Est  $v^2 \cap y^2 + z^2$ . seu  $v \cap \sqrt{y^2 + z^2}$  et  $v \cap \frac{y}{\sqrt{e}}$ .  $v \cap \frac{z}{\sqrt{e}}$ .  $y^2 + z^2 \cap e$ . sive  $y \cap \sqrt{e - z^2}$  et  $z \cap \sqrt{e - y^2}$ .  $y \cap ev^2 - z^2$  (quia  $y \cap \frac{ev^2 - z^2}{y}$ ). et  $z \cap ev^2 - y^2$ .  $y^2 \cap ev^2 - z^2$ . ergo  $y^2 \cap v \sqrt{e - z}$ . et  $y^2 \cap v \sqrt{e + z}$ . et  $z^2 \cap v \sqrt{e - y}$ . et  $z^2 \cap v \sqrt{e + y}$ .

Sed quaedam ex his determinationibus non nisi consequentiae priorum. Ante omnia  $v^2 \cap y^2 + z^2$ .  $v^2 \cap \frac{y^2}{e}$  et  $v^2 \cap \frac{z^2}{e}$ . Sed sufficiunt duae posteriores. Rursus  $v^2 \cap \frac{z^2 + y^2}{e}$ . 10 et  $v^2 \cap \frac{y^2 + z^2}{e}$ . Ergo  $y^2 + z^2 \cap \frac{z^2 + y^2}{e}$ . vel  $\cap \frac{y^2 + z^2}{e}$ . Sed hoc ob integra rursus per se patet.  $y^2 + z^2 \cap e$ . Sed nihil ex his.

$\cap$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER,  $\cap$  LEIBNIZIAN LESS  
LAA VII-1 p. 552

Porro differentia quadratorum,  $\frac{r^2}{4} - \frac{r^2}{4} + \frac{q^3}{27}$  sive  $\frac{q^3}{27}$ . semper habet radicem cubicam  $\frac{q}{3}$ . Et ex demonstratis alibi,  $\frac{q}{3} \cap b^2 + ca$ . Ergo  $b^2 \cap \frac{q}{3}$ .

Habemus ergo semper determinationes duas,  $b^3 \cap \frac{r}{2}$ , et  $b^2 \cap \frac{q}{3}$ . Praeterea 2b debet metiri ipsam r. Quibus tribus conditionibus consideratis sive in numeris sive in literis radix integra rationalis semper haberi poterit.

Si b affirmativa quantitas

$b^3 \cap \frac{r}{2}$ .  $b^2 \cap \frac{q}{3}$ .  $c^3 a^3 \cap \frac{q^3}{27} - \frac{r^2}{4}$ . seu  $ca \cap \frac{q}{3}$ .  $b^2 + ca \cap \frac{q}{3}$ .  $ca \cap \frac{q}{3} - b^2$ . Ergo  $b^3 - qb + 3b^3 \cap r$ . Ergo  $4b^3 \cap r + qb$ . Ergo  $4b^3 \cap qb$ , sive

$$\text{Iam } \left. \begin{array}{l} 4b^2 \cap q. \\ 3b^2 \cap q. \\ 2b^3 \cap r. \end{array} \right\}$$

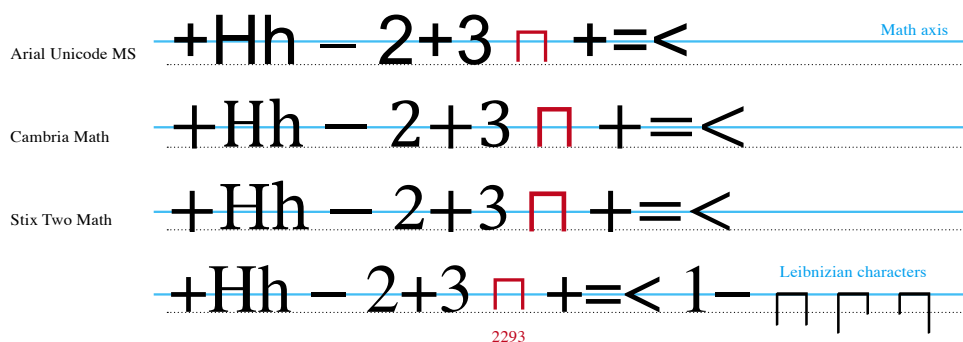
Si b sit quantitas negativa tunc quia  $-8b^3 + 2qb - r \cap 0$ . sive  $8b^3 - 2qb + r \cap 0$ . erit  $8b^3 \cap -r + 2qb$ . et  $q \cap 4b^2$ . Iam ante autem habueramus  $q \cap 3b^2$ . sed prior determinatio melior. Porro ob  $-b^3 + 3bca \cap \frac{r}{2}$ . erit  $3ca \cap b^2$ . Iam  $3b^2 + 3ca \cap q$ . Ergo

$\cap$  LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL SIGN,  $\cap$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER,  $\cap$  LEIBNIZIAN LESS  
LAA VII-2 p. 475

Leibniz made use of subtle distinctions with notions of equality and inequality, in his mathematical writings. He adopted the symbol  $\sqcap$  (as well as the related symbols for “greater than” and “less than”) probably in 1674, after reading François Dulaurens: *Specimina Mathematica Duobus Libris Comprehensa*, Paris, 1667.

Whereas the printer of Dulaurens’ book used a capital letter Greek pi type as a symbol for equality and made the signs for greater and less ad hoc and uneven, in Leibniz’s manuscripts we encounter a well-considered coordination of these signs: The equals sign represents, as it were, a balance beam with two equal weights symbolized by the vertical strokes. For greater and less, respectively, vertical strokes of unequal length are used. The signs are aligned vertically according to the minus sign, with its horizontal bar matching at the same height. This establishes a significant difference to the otherwise quite similar character SQUARECAP (2293).

Translated to font technique, Leibniz’s original alignment of his equal/greater/less signs with minus requires a position of the glyph’s horizontal parts with the *math axis*. This alignment would, on the other hand, be inappropriate for 2293 and related characters.



The character 2293 is positioned typically on the baseline in most fonts, whereas the Leibnizian characters (on the right) require a vertical adjustment of their top part with the math axis.

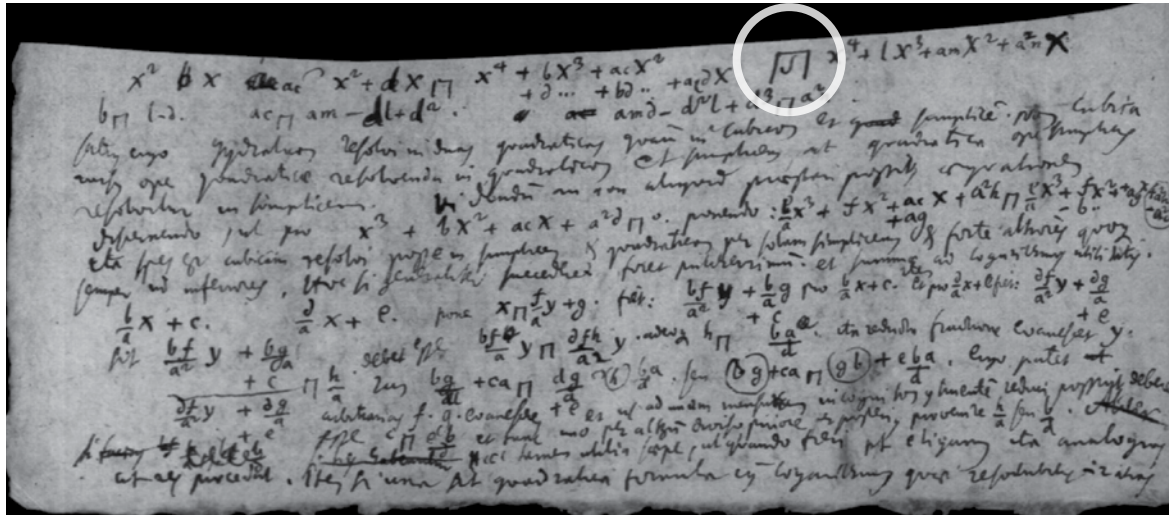
Due to their semantical connections, the 2293  $\sqcap$  SQUARE CAP, 2229  $\cap$  INTERSECTION, 222A  $\cup$  UNION and 2294  $\sqcup$  SQUARE CUP characters need a strong consistency in their visual representation. On the other hand, the same is needed for  $\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN DOUBLE EQUAL SIGN,  $\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S SIGN,  $\sqsupset$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER,  $\sqsubset$  LEIBNIZIAN LESS,  $\sqsupset$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH P,  $\sqsubset$  LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH P,  $\sqsupset$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS SIGN. Whereas all these Leibnizian characters have their horizontal line matching the vertical position of 2212 – MINUS SIGN (the math axis), the existing characters of modern set theory are situated on the baseline, reaching a height usually between x-height and capital height.

ab ac ad ae af	tions (B). The solution: let the number be multiplied by
bc bd be bf	one less than the number; half of the product will be what
cd ce cf	is required. That is, $(A \cap (A - 1)) \cup 2 = B$ . For example, let
de df	the Number be 6 $\cap$ 5, f. 30 $\cup$ 2, makes 15.’ The Reason for
ef	the Solution: draw Table $\lambda$ , in which the possible
	combinations of 6 things <i>abcdef</i> are enumerated.

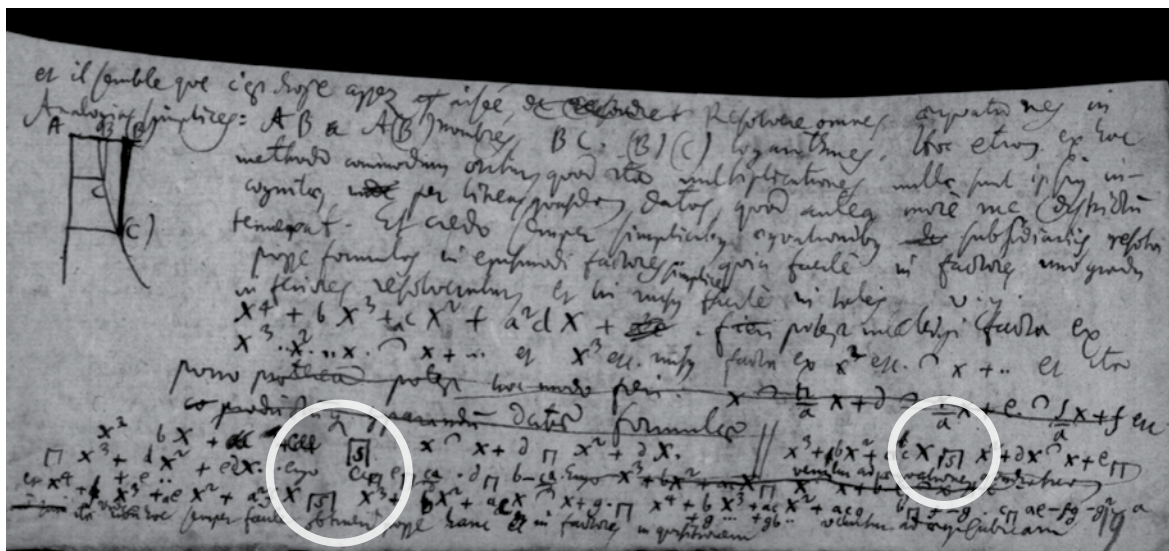
This example of replacing the Leibnizian product and division signs by 2229  $\cap$  INTERSECTION and 222A  $\cup$  UNION leads to misunderstanding and confusion in reading for mathematicians and historians of mathematics. As literature on the history of Leibniz’s mathematics and on the history of more recent mathematics is published in the same journals and collective volumes and historic and modern notation has to be used in interpreting the source texts, there is the need to distinguish both character groups within a math font. The same applies to the Leibnizian equality/inequality sign group.

Leibniz derived the configurations of several other signs from  $\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL SIGN:  
 The sign  $\sqsupset$  LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S SIGN denotes a kind of equality by definition that originates from equating two expressions with each other as in the phrase “let  $a$  be equal to  $b$ ”. Unlike the definition sign in modern mathematics, there is no specific direction in Leibniz’s sign. The “s” in the sign is an abbreviation of the Latin word “sit”.

Combining both signs ( $\sqcap$  and  $\sqsupset$ ) into  $\sqsupset\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS SIGN leads to an ambiguous inequality sign that denotes “greater than” in the first case, and “less than” in the second.

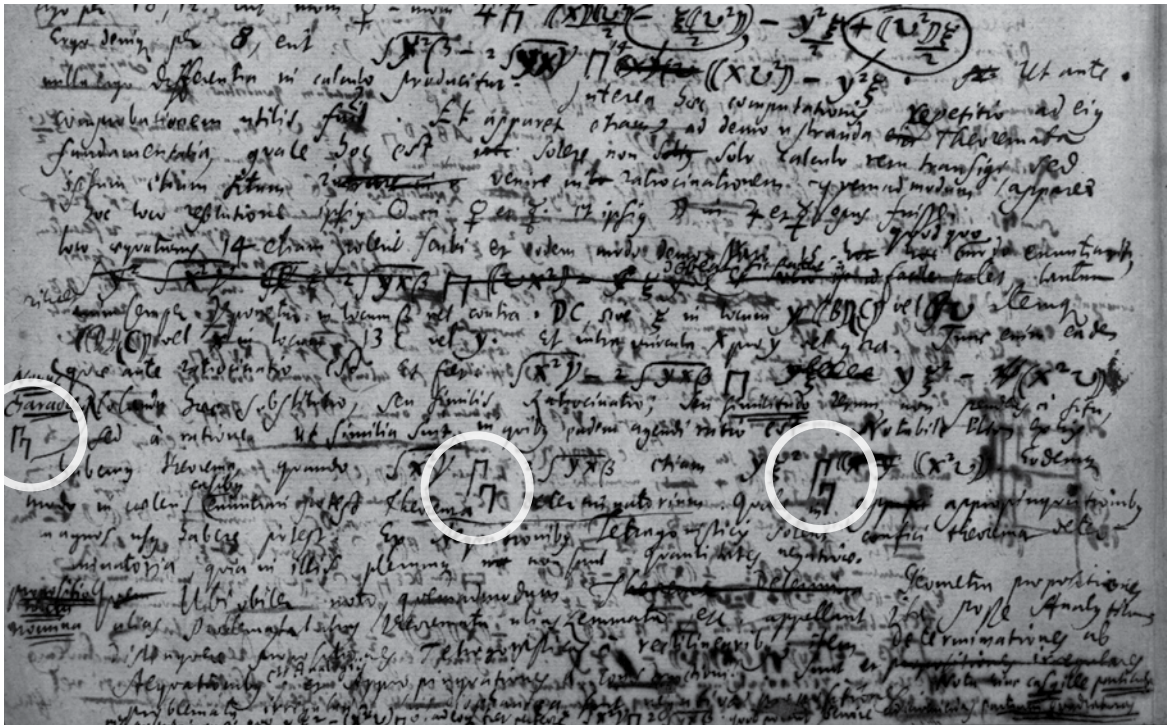


$\sqsupset$  LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S SIGN  
 LH 35 V 14, fol. 18r. The edition of this manuscript is currently in progress.



$\sqsupset$  LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S SIGN  
 LH 35 V 14, fol. 19r. The edition of this manuscript is currently in progress.





∩ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS SIGN

LH 35 XIII 3, fol. 150v. The edition of this manuscript is currently in progress.

N. 387 DIFFERENZEN, FOLGEN, REIHEN 1672-1676 443

$\frac{e^2}{2} \cap yw^2 - \frac{yw^2}{2} + \frac{e^2b}{2}$ , ponendo  $y$  abscissam,  $x$  ordinatam,  $w$  differentiam [ordinatarum],  $e$  ultimam ordinatam[,]  $b$  ultimam abscissam. Quae est reg. [6.] schediasm. part. 2.

Unde duci potest corollarium semper haberi summam seriei  $\frac{x^2 + yw^2 - 2ywx}{2} \cap \frac{e^2b}{2}$ . Quod ut exemplo nostro applicemus fiet  $\frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{y+1, \square, y} - \frac{2}{y^2 + y} \cap e^2 \cap \frac{1}{b}$ . Iam  $\frac{2}{y^2 + y} \cap \frac{2}{b}$ . Ergo (1)  $\frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{y+1, \square, y} \cap e^2 \cap \frac{2}{b}$ . Iungamus duas aequationes supra inventas: (2)  $\frac{1}{2} \cap 2C - B \cap 2A + B$  (3).  $\text{¶}$  Ergo (4)  $C \cap A + B$  et (5)  $\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{b} \cap C$ . Ergo (6)  $\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{b} \cap A + B$  per 5. et 4. Iam  $B \cap \frac{1}{b^2} - 2A$ . per 2. et 3. Ergo  $\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{b} \cap \left[ A \right] + \frac{1}{b^2} - \left[ 2 \right] A$ . Iam  $-A \cap \frac{1}{y^2} - e^2b + \frac{2}{b}$  per aeq. 1. et fiet:  $\left[ \frac{1}{y^2} \right] - \frac{1}{b} \cap \frac{1}{b^2} + \left[ \frac{1}{y^2} \right] - e^2b + \frac{2}{b}$ .

Error calculi in eo quod scilicet ordinatam primam quae differentiarum summa est, cum ultima, confudi. Aequatio, in qua ultima ordinata adhibetur ut ubi est  $e^2b$  servit tantum ad finite productarum serierum inveniendas summas.

≡ LEIBNIZIAN DOUBLE EQUAL SIGN

LAA VII-3 p. 443

Notae Algebraicae usitatiores		
Additio:	$a + b$	
Subtractio	$a - b$	
Multiplicatio	$a \wedge b$ vel $ab$ vel $2 \cdot 3$ id est 6, vel $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ id est 30	20
Divisio	$a : b$ vel $\frac{a}{b}$ . Eodem modo exprimitur ratio $a$ ad $b$	
Ductio in se	$\boxed{3}a$ id est $a^3$ vel cubus ab $a$	
seu potentia		
Extractio	$\sqrt[3]{a}$ radix cubica de $a$ , vel $\boxed{\frac{1}{3}}a$	
Aequalitas,	$a = b$	25
Majoritas	$a \sqsupset b$ $a$ majus quam $b$	
Minoritas	$a \sqsubset b$ $a$ minus quam $b$	

□ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER, □ LEIBNIZIAN LESS  
LAA III-7 p. 597

$$2 + \frac{1}{99}$$

$$v \sqsupset \frac{zc}{100^5} \cdot v \sqsupset \frac{zc}{100^5} + 1.$$

$$\frac{v}{c} \sqsupset \frac{z}{100^5} + e. \quad \frac{v}{c} \sqsupset \frac{z}{100^5}. \quad \text{Ergo } \frac{v100^5}{c100^5} \sqsupset \frac{zc}{c100^5}.$$

$$\frac{v}{c} \sqsupset \frac{z}{100^5} + 1. \quad \frac{v100^5}{c100^5} \sqsupset \frac{zc}{c100^5} + 1.$$

10 [Tschirnhaus mit Ergänzungen von Leibniz]

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{e}$$

⊖ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH P, ⊖ LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH P, □ LEIBN. EQUAL SIGN  
These signs denote “a little bit greater” and “a little bit less”, the letter “p” abbreviating the Latin word “paulo” (little).  
LAA VII-3 p. 732

(7) Ungleichungen:

Zusätzlich zu den üblichen Symbolen □ für „größer“ und □ für „kleiner“ (N. 66) führt Leibniz noch Zeichen für „ein wenig größer“ (⊖) bzw. „ein wenig kleiner“ (⊖) ein (N. 54).

⊖ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH P, ⊖ LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH P  
LAA VII-3 p. XXXI

$$v \sqsupset \frac{zc}{100^5} \cdot v \sqsupset \frac{zc}{100^5} + 1.$$

$$\frac{v}{c} \sqsupset \frac{z}{100^5} + e. \quad \frac{v}{c} \sqsupset \frac{z}{100^5}. \quad \text{Ergo } \frac{v100^5}{c100^5} \sqsupset \frac{zc}{c100^5}.$$

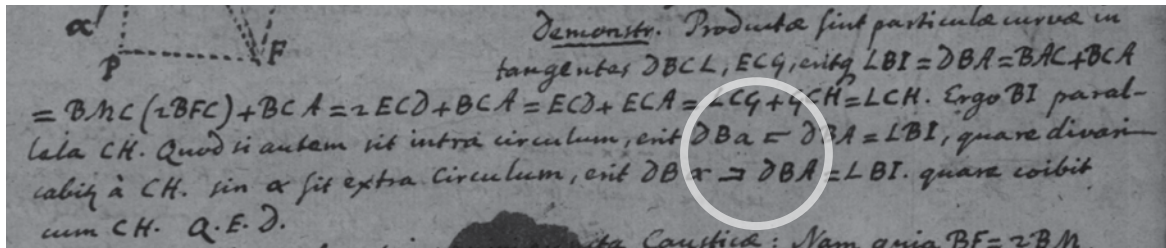
$$\frac{v}{c} \sqsupset \frac{z}{100^5} + 1. \quad \frac{v100^5}{c100^5} \sqsupset \frac{zc}{c100^5} + 1.$$

⊖ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH P, ⊖ LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH P  
LAA VII-3 p. 732

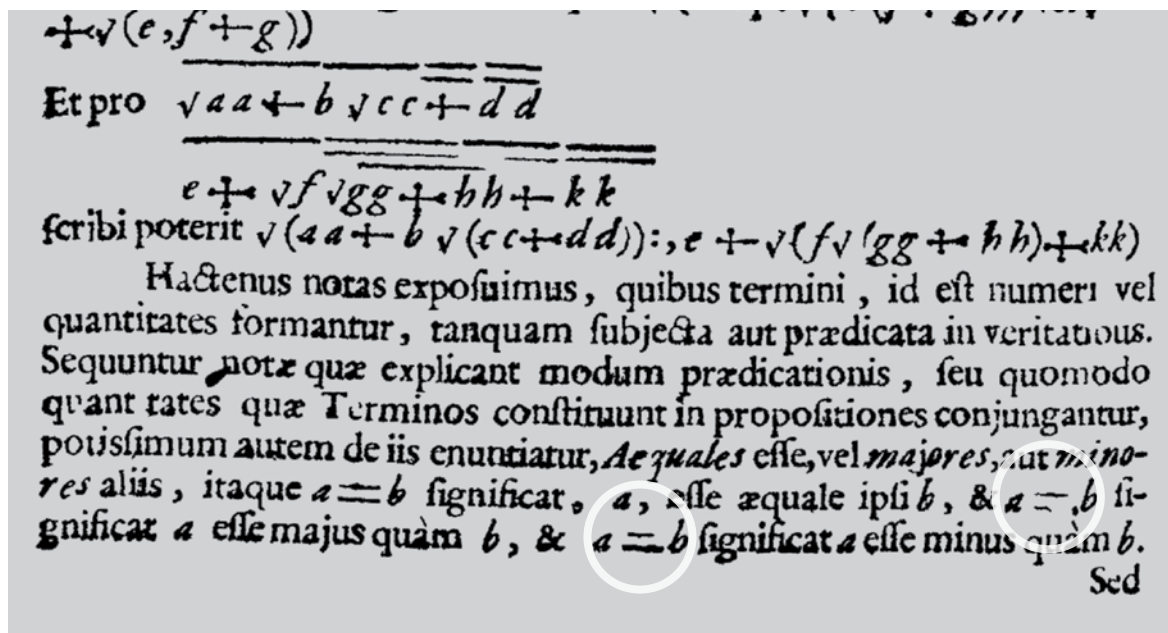
Demonstr. Productae sint particulae curvae in tangentes  $DBCL$ ,  $ECG$ , eritque  $LBI = DBA = BAC + BCA = BMC (2BFC) + BCA = 2ECD + BCA = ECD + FCA = LCG + GCH = LCH$ . Ergo  $BI$  parallela  $CH$ . Quod si  $a$  sit intra circulum, erit  $DBa \sqsubset DBA = LBI$ , quare divaricabitur a  $CH$ . Sin  $\alpha$  sit extra circulum, erit  $DE\alpha \sqsupset DBA = LBI$ , quare coibit cum  $CH$ . Q. E. D.

Coroll. Hinc possunt inveniri puncta Causticae: Nam quia  $BF = 2BM$ ; et

$\sqsubset$  BERNOULLIAN GREATER,  $\sqsupset$  BERNOULLIAN LESS  
LAA III-6 p. 688 and corresponding manuscript part (below)

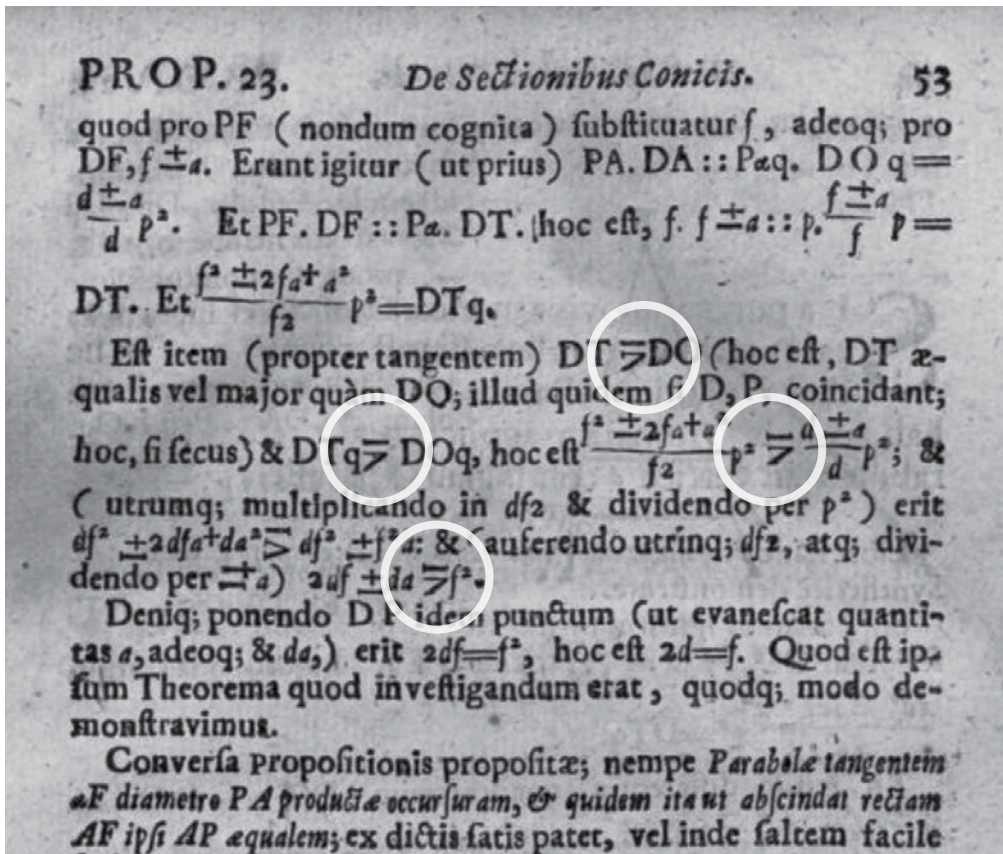


Distinct from the above signs are these two greater / less signs, which lack the vertical part. A distinction of the two character pairs is necessary for editorial reasons.



$=$  GREATER 2,  $\neq$  LESS 2

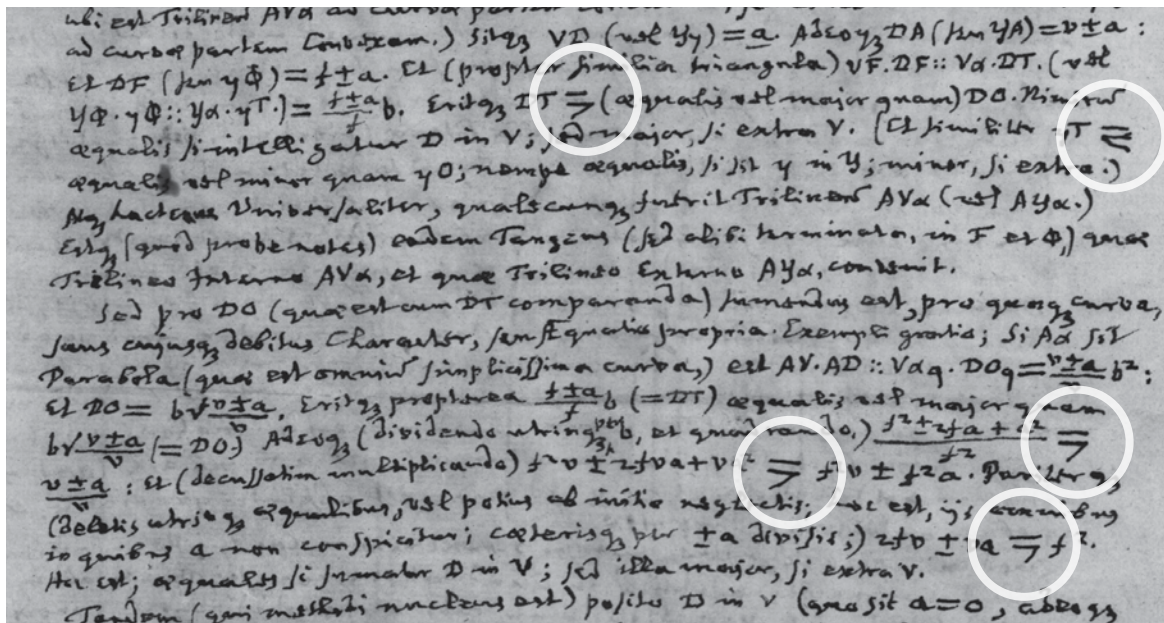
Monitum de Characteribus Algebraica, Miscellanea Berolinensia, 1710, p. 158



≧ PARALLEL GREATEREQUAL,

Wallis, De sectionibus conicis nova methodo expositis tractatus, 1655; p. 53

In these historic symbols for “lessequal” and “greaterequal” the “=” strokes are on top of the glyphs, whereas in the existing characters 29A4 and 29A5 they appear on the bottom of the glyphs. We regard this a sufficient difference to disunify the two character pairs.



≧ PARALLEL GREATEREQUAL, ≧ PARALLEL LESSEQUAL

Manuscript of J. Wallis, LBr 974, 28v.

angle, iufques a O, en forte qu'NO foit efgale a NL, la toute OM est  $\zeta$  la ligne cherchée. Et elle s'exprime en cete forte

$$\zeta \propto \frac{1}{2} a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a a + b b}.$$

Que si i'ay  $y \propto - a y + b b$ , & qu'y foit la quantité qu'il faut trouver, ie fais le mesme triangle rectangle NLM, & de sa baze MN i'oste NP efgale a NL, & le reste PM est y la racine cherchée. De façon que i'ay

$$y \propto - \frac{1}{2} a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a a + b b}.$$

Et tout de mesme si i'aurois  $x^2 \propto - a x + b^2$ . PM feroit  $x$ . & i'aurois

$$x \propto \sqrt{-\frac{1}{2} a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a a + b b}}: \text{ \& ainsi des autres.}$$

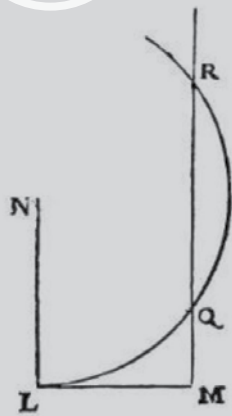
Enfin si i'ay

$$\zeta^2 \propto a \zeta - b b:$$

ie fais NL efgale à  $\frac{1}{2} a$ , & LM efgale à  $b$  cōme deuāt, puis, au lieu de ioindre les poins MN, ie tire MQR parallele a LN. & du centre N par L ayant descrit vn cercle qui la coupe aux poins Q & R, la ligne cherchée  $\zeta$  est MQ, oubiē MR, car en ce cas elle s'exprime en deux façons, a sçauoir  $\zeta \propto \frac{1}{2} a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a a - b b}$ ,

&  $\zeta \propto \frac{1}{2} a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a a - b b}$ .

Et si le cercle, qui ayant son centre au point N, passe par le point L, ne coupe ny ne touche la ligne droite MQR, il n'y a aucune racine en l'Equation, de façon qu'on peut assurer que la construction du probleſme proposé est impossible.



∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL SIGN

Descartes, La Géométrie, 1637, p. 303

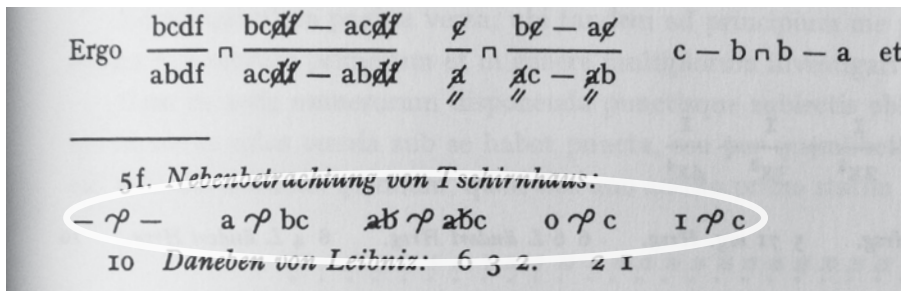
The type composer seems to have utilized a turned  $\alpha$  letter as a makeshift for that special symbol here, from which he carved off the horizontal bar of the  $e$  in some instances.



~	Multiplikation	Proportion:
×	Überkreuzmultiplikation	$a:b = c:d$
÷	Division	$a - b - c - d$
$a^q, a^o, a^{qq} \dots$	$a^2, a^3, a^4 \dots$	$a \text{ --- } b \text{ --- } c \text{ --- } d$ (Tschirnhaus)
$a_2, a_3 \dots$	$a^2, a^3 \dots$ (Ozanam)	$a \times b \times c \times d$
$\square, \boxed{2}$	Quadrat	$a:b :: c:d$
q., Q.	Quadrat	$a . b : c . d$
rq., Rq.	Quadratwurzel	a, b,, c, d
$\sqrt{C}, \sqrt{(3)}, R_c$	Kubikwurzel	$a   b    c   d$ (Hérigone)
rqq., Rqq.	4. Wurzel	Elementarsymmetrische Funktionen:
$\sqrt[n]{\textcircled{}}$	n-te Wurzel	$xy = ab + ac + \dots + bd \dots$
#	identisch	$vxy = abc + abd + \dots + bcd + \dots$
$\square$	gleich	$\infty$ Folge
$\square$	gleich (Descartes)	• ausfallende Glieder
$\square$	gleich (Tschirnhaus-Variante)	* ausfallende Glieder
$\square$	gleich (Ozanam)	S. 34: Multiplikation
$\square$	S. 57: minus (Hérigone)	Kürzung eines Bruches
$\square$	größer als	facit
$\square$	kleiner als	$\frac{f}{x}$ Neunerprobenkreuz

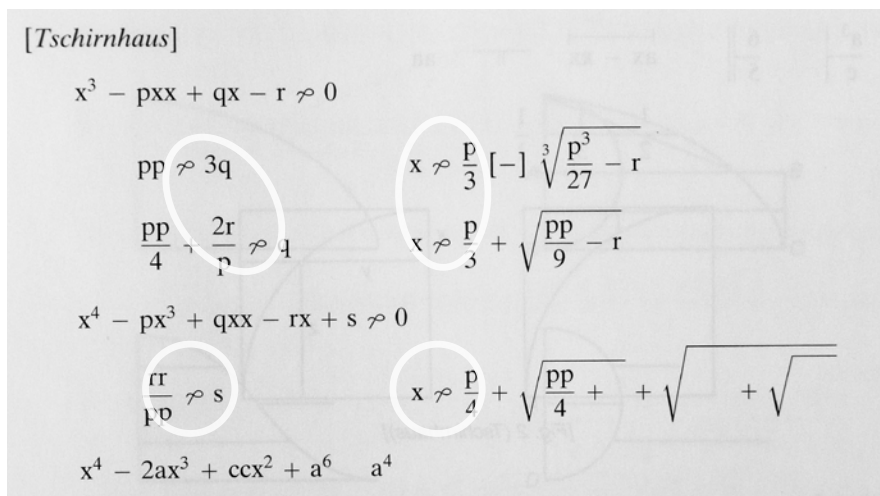
$\infty$  CARTESIAN EQUAL SIGN,  $\square$  TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN

This example shows the distinction of the two similar historic equal signs in the Leibniz edition.



$\square$  TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN

LAA III-1 p. 595



$\square$  TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN

LAA VII-2 p. 715

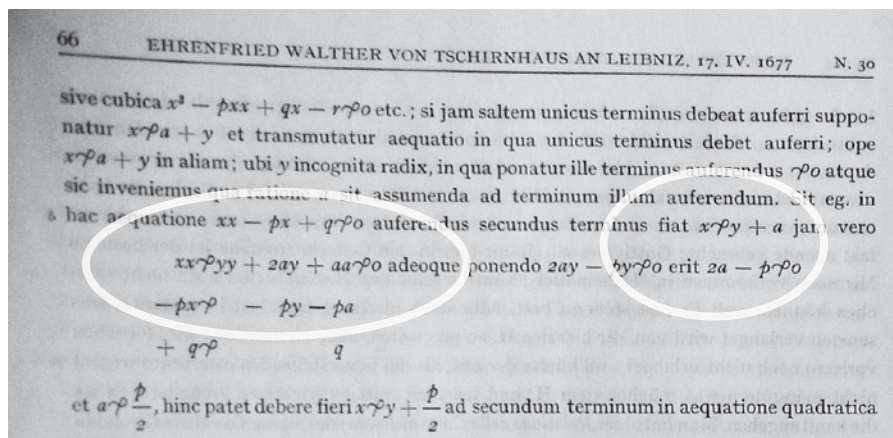
kan sien daer,  $AB$  is  $\frac{1}{8}$  van  $AC$  dat het differ. ontrent is  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec: soude dan diff: van de geheele  $AB$ . ontrent 3 secunden.

Maer soo men de  $\angle ACB$ , 2 mahl, in 2 gelijke deelen deelt, dan is  $AB$ , een weijnig kleijnder als  $\frac{1}{5}$  deel van  $AC$  (wen  $AB$  is  $\approx AC$ ) en de  $\angle$ en differ. als men kan sien in de wercking bouen, daer  $AB$  is  $\frac{1}{5}$  deel van  $AC$ , dat de differentie is ontrent 12 sec.

Daerom wen de sijde  $AB$  is  $\approx AC$  ofte een wenig kleijnder, het is genoeg om de  $\angle ACB$ , te deelen in 2 mahl, in 2 gelijke deel, de  $\angle$  sal ontrent  $\frac{4}{5}$  deel, van 1 minut differen (als men met de 2 eerste termen, als  $\frac{b}{1} - \frac{b^3}{3} \approx$  de arcus  $ADE$  werckt) van de Tab. sinus; ende hoe naeder het kombt tot  $\frac{1}{3}$  deel van  $AC$ , hoeweeniger het verschiet.

Soo  $AB$  is  $\frac{1}{3}$  deel van  $AC$  ofte een wenig groter soo heeft men van nooden de  $\angle ACB$

∞ TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN  
LAA VII-6 p. 301



∞ TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN  
LAA III-2 p. 66; III-2 p. 285 (below)

incognitae potestates ordine per divisionem inserendo ac assumendo semper quotientes aequaliter compositas, quarum omnium possibilium modorum determinatus semper numerus facile exhibetur; hanc vero Methodum in praesentia abunde declaravi et specimina exhibui; sed non ita pridem ad majorem perfectionem deduxi. 2<sup>da</sup> est supponendo formulas omnes posibles radicalium  $x \approx \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$ ,  $x \approx \sqrt[3]{a} + b$ ,  $x \approx \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}}}$  quae facile omnes quot esse possunt numero determinantur et tunc liberandae sunt ab signis radicalibus atque comparatio instituenda. Specimen Tibi exhibebo ad formulas Cardanicas obtinendas sit  $x \approx \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b}$  supponatur jam  $\sqrt[3]{a} \approx c$  et  $\sqrt[3]{b} \approx d$  et habebimus has tres aequationes  $x \approx c + d$ ,  $a \approx c^3$  et  $b \approx d^3$  quibus reductis inveniemus aequationem absque signo radicali (ut Tibi jam notum erit juxta Methodum D. de Beaune radicalia signa auferendi, quaeque



[Vierter Teil]

$$a + b \neq cc + 2cd + dd$$

$$a \neq cc \quad b \neq 2cd$$

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \neq c^2 + 2cd + d^2$$

$$a^2 \neq c^2 \quad 2ab \neq 3c^2d \quad b^2 \neq 3cd^2 + d^3$$

$$a \neq \sqrt{c^3} \quad b \neq \frac{3c^2d}{2a} \quad \frac{9c^4dd}{4c^3} \neq 3c^3d + d^3$$

$$\frac{9cdd}{4} \neq 12c^3d + d^3$$

$$\frac{9cd \neq 12c^3 + dd}{dd \neq 9cd - 12c^3}$$

$$d \neq 3c + \sqrt{9cc - 12c^3}$$

$$d \neq 3c + c\sqrt{9 - 12c}$$

∞ TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN  
LAA VII-8 p. 287; III-2 p. 380 (below)

380 EHRENFRIED WALTHER VON TSCHIRNHAUS AN LEIBNIZ, 10. IV. 1678 N. 154

ratione determinantur. Atque sic haec porro sese ita in infinitum habere; sed prolixioribus non opus, cum operanti juxta ea quae diximus haec sese statim manifestabunt. Attamen ut omni ex parte satisfaciam, Demonstratio possibilitatis poterat universalius et facilius sic absolvi; aequationes seu quaestiones ex aequaliter compositis primis et simplicissimis

5 quantitibus  $x + y \neq a$  et  $xy \neq b$  reducuntur ad quadraticam  $yy - ay + b \neq 0$ ;  $x + y + z \neq a$ ,  $xy + xz + yz \neq b$ ,  $xyz \neq c$  ad Cubicam  $y^3 - ayy + by - c \neq 0$ ;  $x + y + z + t \neq a$ ,  $xy + xz + xt + yz + yt + zt \neq b$ ,  $xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt \neq c$ ,  $xyzt \neq d$  ad quadrato-quadraticam  $y^4 - ay^3 + byy - cy + d \neq 0$  atque sic porro ubi jam notum et facillime demonstratur.

10 Jam vero 2<sup>do</sup> aequationes

$$xx + yy \neq a, \quad xy \neq b \text{ possunt reduci ad } xx + yy \neq a \text{ et } xxyy \neq bb \text{ etc.}$$

$$x^3 + y^3 \neq a \quad x^3 + y^3 \neq a \quad x^3y^3 \neq b^3$$

$$x^4 + y^4 \neq a \quad x^4 + y^4 \neq a \quad x^4y^4 \neq b^4$$

item per superiora Theoremata aequationes

15  $xx + yy + zz \neq a, \quad xy + xz + yz \neq b, \quad xyz \neq c$

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \neq a$$

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \neq a$$

reducuntur ad aequationes

20  $xx + yy + zz \neq a, \quad xxyy + yyzz + xxzz \neq$  cognitae  $xxyyzz \neq cc$

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \neq a \quad x^3y^3 + y^3z^3 + x^3z^3 \neq$$
 quantitati  $x^3y^3z^3 \neq c^3$ 

$$x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \neq a \quad x^4y^4 + y^4z^4 + x^4z^4 \neq$$
  $x^4y^4z^4 \neq c^4$

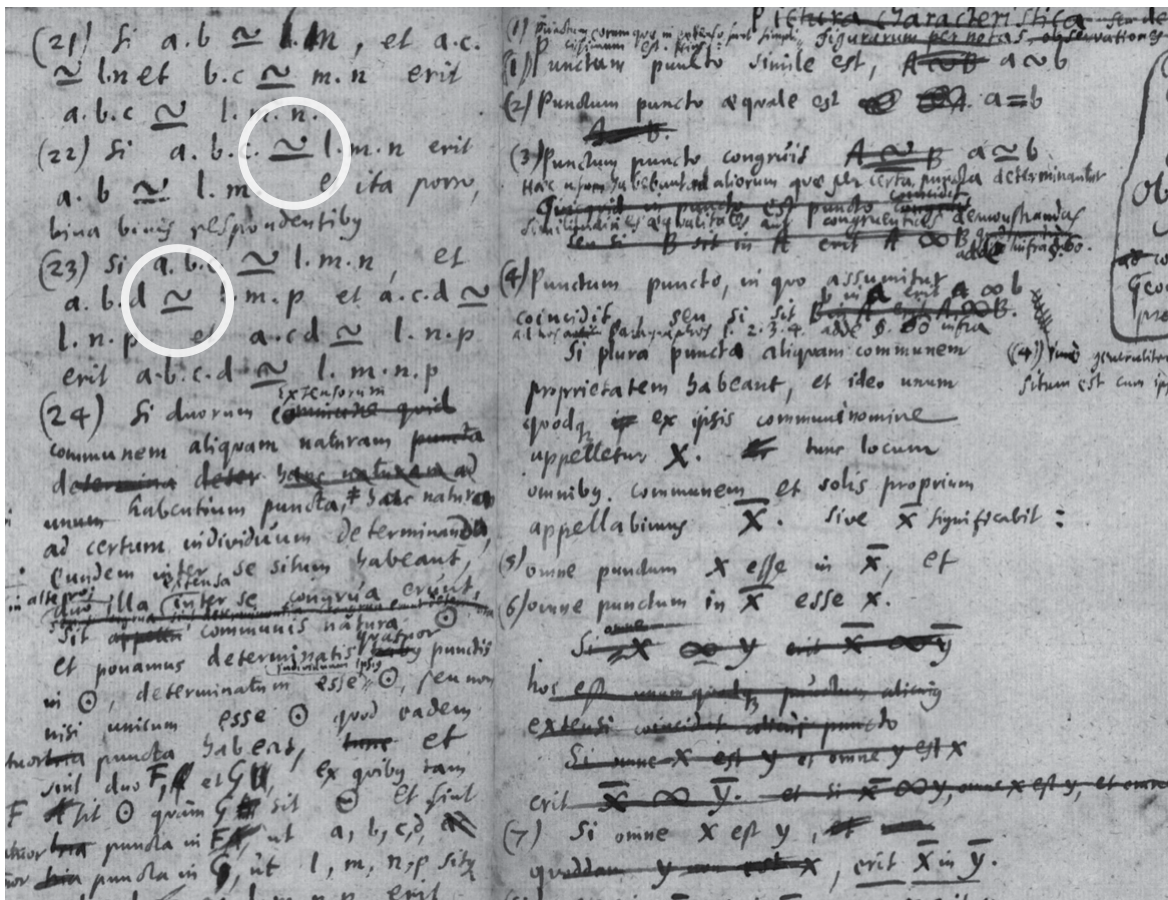
Sed & proportionalitas vel analogia de quantitatibus enuntiatur, id est, rationis identitas, quam possumus in Calculo exprimere per notam æqualitatis, ut non sit opus peculiaribus notis. Itaque  $a$  esse ad  $b$ , sic ut  $l$  ad  $m$ , sic exprimere poterimus  $a : b = l : m$ , id est  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{l}{m}$ . Nota continue proportionalium erit  $\ddot{::}$ , ita ut  $\ddot{::} a b.c. \&c.$  sint continue proportionales.

Interdum nota Similitudinis prodest, quæ est  $\simeq$ , item nota similitudinis & æqualitatis simul, seu nota congruitatis  $\cong$ , sic DEF  $\simeq$  PQR significabit Triangula hæc duo esse similia; at DEF  $\cong$  PQR significabit congruere inter se. Hinc si tria inter se habeant eandem rationem quam tria alia inter se, poterimus hoc exprimere nota similitudinis, ut  $a ; b ; c \simeq l ; m ; n$  quod significat esse  $a$  ad  $b$ , ut  $l$  ad  $m$ , &  $a$  ad  $c$  ut  $l$  ad  $n$ , &  $b$  ad  $c$  ut  $m$  ad  $n$ .

Præter æqualitatem, proportionalitatem & similitudinem, occurrit interdum & ejusdem relationis consideratio quam significare licet

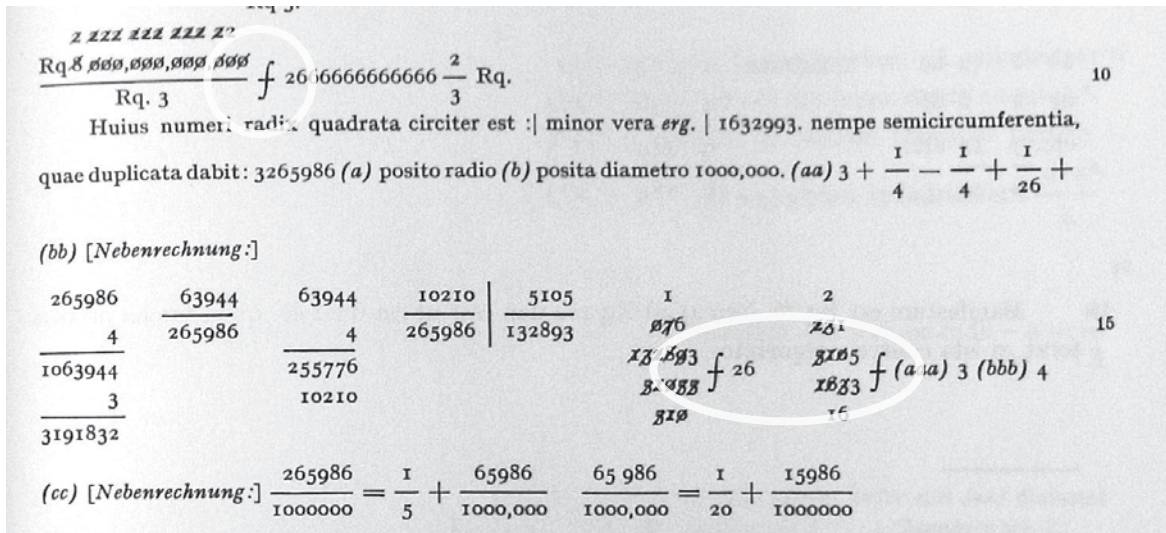
$\simeq$  SIMILARITY SIGN,  $\cong$  CONGRUENCE SIGN 2

Monitum de Characteribus Algebraica, Miscellanea Berolinensia, 1710, p. 159



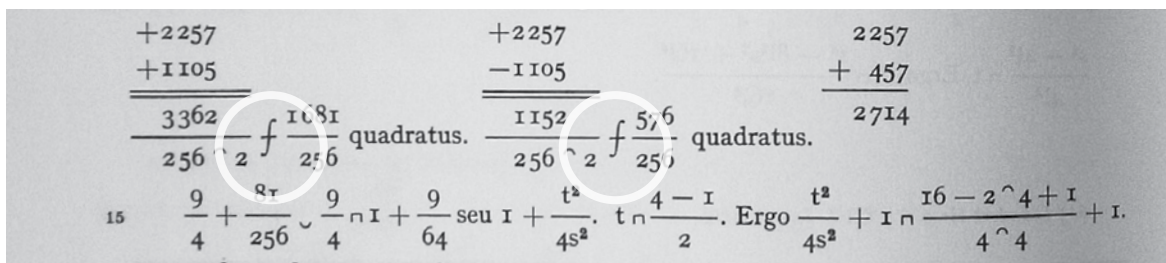
$\cong$  CONGRUENCE SIGN 1

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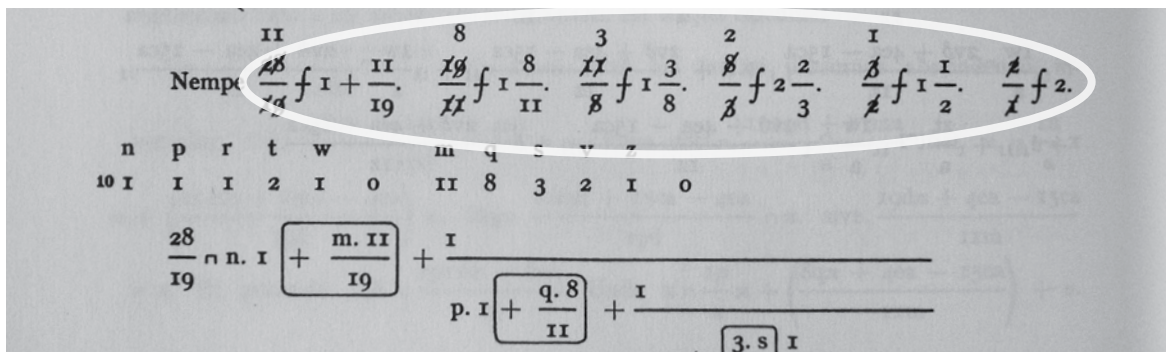


f FACIT SIGN – LAA VII-1 p. 65

Leibniz uses various script-style forms of the lowercase *f* for *facit* in his writings. It is an established practice in the LAA edition for many decades to represent this expression by a specially shaped, “upright cursive” *f* with a reversed stress pattern, in order to distinguish it from the ordinary lowercase *f*. There is a similar looking character, LATIN SMALL LETTER F WITH HOOK (0192) which is defined as a currency character for *Florin* but which also gets used as an alphabetic character in the Ewe language. Since this unification is rather problematic already, we advocate that 0192 not getting further loaded with other meanings. Regardless of a certain optical likeness the reason for including this character is mainly its distinctive purpose and function as an element of mathematical notation. The meaning is also different from that of the modern “function symbol” as which 0192 is annotated, additionally.



f FACIT SIGN  
LAA VII-1 p. 352



f FACIT SIGN  
LAA VII-1 p. 508

$$\begin{array}{r}
 +9, \quad 25fa^2 \quad +3 \wedge 25fa^2 \quad +3 \wedge 25fa^2 \\
 \mp 31 \dots \quad \mp 3 \wedge 9 \dots \quad \mp \dots 9 \dots \\
 \text{sive (30) } c \sqcap \frac{\mp 3 \wedge 125\beta^2}{27 \dots} \sqcap \frac{\mp 125\beta^2}{27 \dots} \sqcap \frac{\mp [152]\beta^2}{+120 \dots} \\
 +3 \wedge 45 \dots \quad +45 \dots \\
 75 \dots \quad \dots 75 \dots \\
 -4, 125a^3f \quad -6, 3, 25a^3f \\
 \dots 27 \dots \quad \mp \dots 9 \dots \\
 \mp \dots 45 \dots \quad \mp 642fa^3 \\
 \text{Ac denique erit (31) } b \sqcap \frac{\dots 75 \dots}{\mp 9, 125\beta^3} \quad , \text{ seu } b \sqcap \frac{-302 \dots}{\mp 1368\beta^3} \\
 \dots 27 \dots \quad +1080 \dots \\
 + \dots 45 \dots \\
 \dots 75 \dots
 \end{array}$$

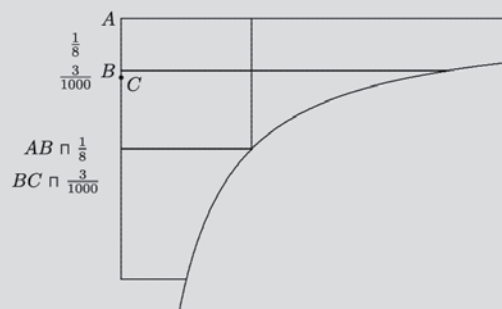
550,15-551,5 Nebenrechnungen:

zu Z. 15:  $4 \cdot 15 \wedge 25$  zu Z. 1-5:  $+9, 25 \mp 99 \mp 3 \wedge 125 \cdot 9 \wedge 15$   
 $2 \cdot 25 \mp 25$   $\frac{\mp 18 \mp 3 \wedge 27 \cdot 9 \wedge 25}{\mp 81 \cdot 3 \wedge \mp 152 \cdot 3 \wedge 45}$   
 $\mp 9 \quad 9 \wedge 9$   $\frac{3 \wedge 75}{3 \wedge 75}$

ƒ FACIT SIGN  
 LAA VII-3 p. 553 (top),  
 VII-6 p. 449 (right)

These samples demonstrate the intentional use of a specific character for “facit” in order to distinguish it from the the ordinary italic *f*.

Quaeritur log. a 10. Inveniamus a 250 id est a 25 in 10. Habebimus et a 10 ex dato a 2. Est enim  $5^3$  in 2. Inveniemus a 250. si habeamus a  $\frac{1}{250}$ . Est autem notus log. ab  $\frac{1}{256}$ . Quaeratur differentia inter  $\frac{1}{250}$  et  $\frac{1}{256}$ . Ea est  $\frac{256-250}{250 \cdot 256} \mid \frac{6}{64000} \mid \frac{3}{32000}$  eritque  $\frac{1}{250} \sqcap \frac{1}{256} + \frac{3}{32000}$  vel  $\sqcap \frac{1}{8} + \frac{3}{1000} \sqcap \frac{1024}{8000} \sqcap \frac{16}{125}$ . Nam si hoc dividas per 32. habebis  $\frac{1}{250}$  nam fit  $\frac{1024}{8000}$  in  $\frac{1}{32}$  dat  $\frac{1024}{256000}$ . Ergo quaerenda quantitas  $\frac{d}{f} - \frac{d^2}{2f^2} + \frac{d^3}{3f^3}$  etc. ita <sup>5</sup> ut  $d$  sit  $\frac{3}{1000}$ . et  $f$ .  $\frac{1}{8}$ .



[Fig. 2]

1-5 Nebenbetrachtung:  $\frac{1}{250} - \frac{1}{256} \sqcap \frac{6}{64000} \mid \frac{3}{32000}$ . Ergo  $\frac{1}{250} \sqcap \frac{1}{256} + \frac{3}{32000}$  cujus quaeritur logarithmus.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \emptyset \\
 256 \quad 1 \\
 \underline{250} \quad 22 \\
 12800 \quad 25600 \quad \mp 250 \\
 \underline{512} \quad 1024 \\
 64000 \quad 1022 \\
 10
 \end{array}$$

(10) Weitere neue Notationen

Wohl im April 1676 verwendet Leibniz mit  $\mathcal{S}$  ein neues Symbol für die Ähnlichkeit von Dreiecken. Ob er es auch andernorts einsetzt, ist bislang nicht bekannt. Das Beispiel:

$$\mathcal{S} \triangle ABL \mathcal{S} \triangle TMN \quad (\text{N. 66})$$

Im gleichen Stück entwickelt er schrittweise eine neue Notation für die eindeutige Zuordnung bestimmter geometrischer Größen zueinander. Er geht von einer Kurve aus,

$\mathcal{S}$  LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 1

LAA VII-7 p. LIII

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$$BC^2 \sqcap 1, AB. \quad AB \sqcap 1. \quad \text{erit } BC \sqcap 1. \quad DC \sqcap 2. \quad AD \sqcap \sqrt{2}.$$

$$\mathcal{S} \triangle ABL \mathcal{S} \triangle TMN \text{ seu } \frac{TM \sqcap 2AM}{MN \sqcap \sqrt{AM}} \sqcap \frac{AB}{BD} \text{ et } \sqrt{AM} \sqcap \frac{AB}{2BD} \text{ et } AM \sqcap \frac{AB^2}{4BD \sqcap AB}.$$

$$\text{Ergo } AM \sqcap \frac{AB}{4} \text{ et } \sqrt{AM^2 \sqcap NM^2} \sqcap AN \sqcap \sqrt{\frac{AB^2}{16} + \frac{AB}{4}}.$$

$$\overline{AB} \sqcap \bar{x}. \quad \overline{DB} \sqcap \bar{y}. \quad \overline{TM} \sqcap \bar{z}.$$

$$AD \sqcap \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \sqcap \omega. \quad \frac{z \sqcap TM}{y \sqcap MN} \text{ seu } \frac{d\bar{x}}{d\bar{y}} \sqcap A \quad [\text{bricht ab}]$$

$\mathcal{S}$  LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 1

LAA VII-7 p. 595

altero nulla in re differt, itaque quod alteri possibile est, etiam ipsi possibile est.

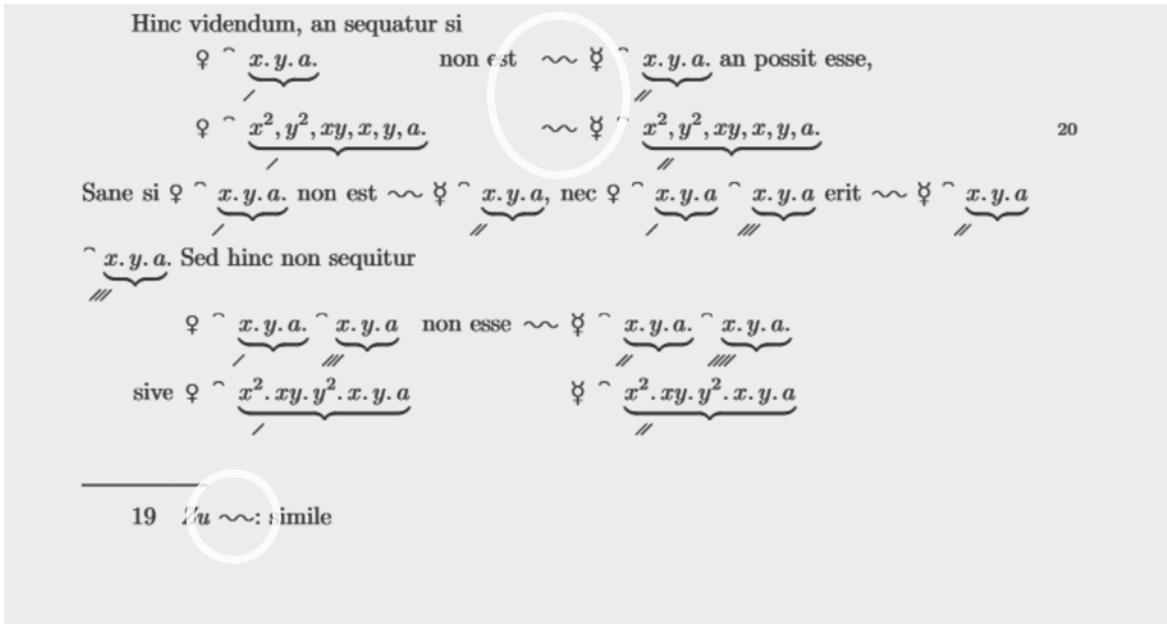
Locus rei est in quo ipsa sita est, res autem in alia esse intelligitur hoc loco, si omne extremum ejus extremo parti alterius congruit. Est autem omne extremum puncti, lineae superficiei, ipsum punctum linea superficiei.

Puncta Extensi determinati habent inter se situm determinatum. Ergo duo puncta determinato extenso connexa habent inter se situm determinatum.

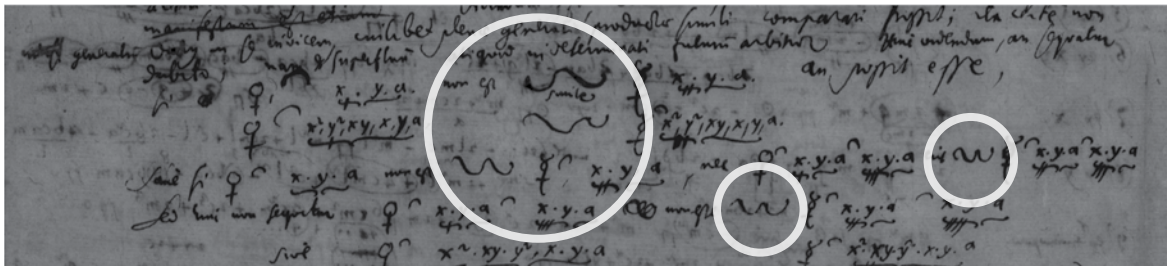
Dari possunt duo puncta eum habentia situm inter se, quem habent duo alia inter se, ut  $A.B \mathcal{X} C.D$ . Alioqui poterit demonstrari ipsa coincidere: sed hoc admissio quaero utrum demonstretur hinc  $A \mathcal{X} C$  et  $B \mathcal{X} D$  an  $A \mathcal{X} D$  et  $B \mathcal{X} C$ . Nulla enim reddi potest ratio cur unum potius quam alterum. Ergo vel non sequitur inde coincidentia, vel sequitur omnia quatuor sibi coincidere. Verum ex una congruentia quatuor rerum congruentiae concludi non possunt. Assertio haec nihil aliud significat, quam extensum aliquod posse moveri seu extensum ex loco cujus termini  $A$  et  $B$  posse transferri in locum cujus termini  $C$  et  $D$ . idque ex eo etiam ostendi potest quod spatium illimitatum est indifferens respectu extensi propositi. Eodem modo probatur mille dari posse puncta, eum habentia situm inter se,

$\mathcal{X}$  COINCIDENCE SIGN

PHILIUMM. p. 83



~ LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 2  
LAA VII-3 p. 75



~ LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 2  
LH 35 V 1 fol. 4v°

#### 4.c) Leibnizian ambiguity signs

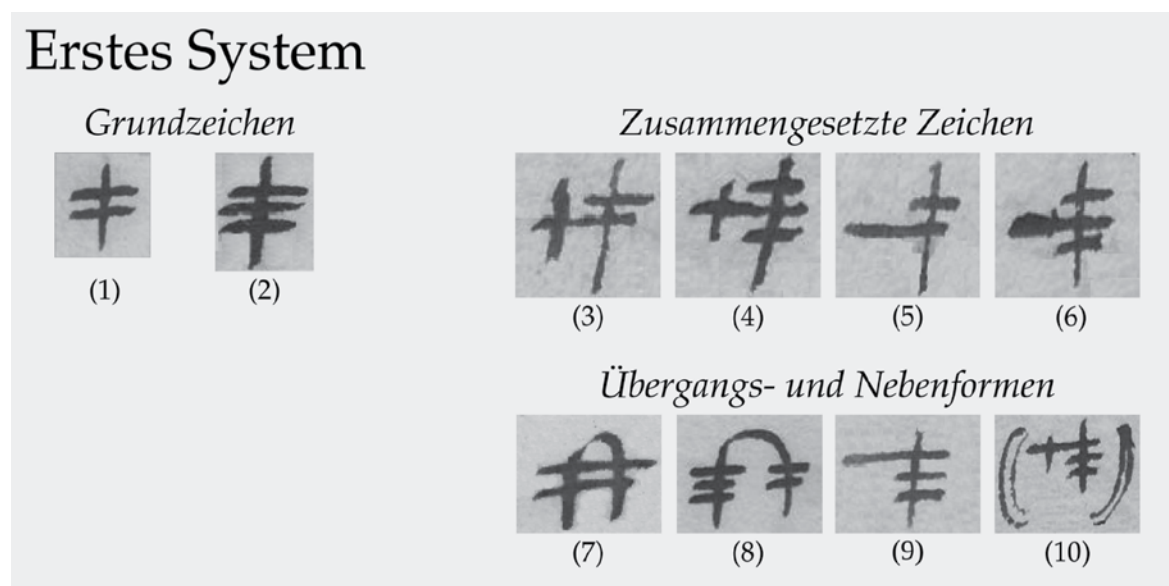
The term “ambiguity signs” (It. *signa ambigua* or fr. *caracteres ambigus*) has been introduced by Leibniz in the 1670ies. He developed and used several series of these multiple-meaning characters in the framework of his mathematical studies and correspondences. They served for a combined consideration and handling of multiple equations which were distinguished by different prescriptions.

The ambiguity characters are related to the well-known  $\pm$  and  $\mp$  characters (00B1, 2213), both by their graphical structure and historically. For editorial work the ambiguity signs are important for e.g. ascribing dates to manuscript sources which lack an original *datum*. The signs also inform about Leibniz’s way of systematic thinking about how to notate certain logical concepts.

We propose an encoding scheme of complete sets of ambiguity signs because incomplete sets would be of no much use for editorial purposes. Achim Trunk (GWLH Hanover) describes six different systems, invented by Leibniz. System 3 deploys the same characters as system 3, mostly. The fourth system employs Greek letters and the sixth system uses ordinary numbers, so basically three systems remain (1., 2. and 5.) which consist of special graphic symbols.

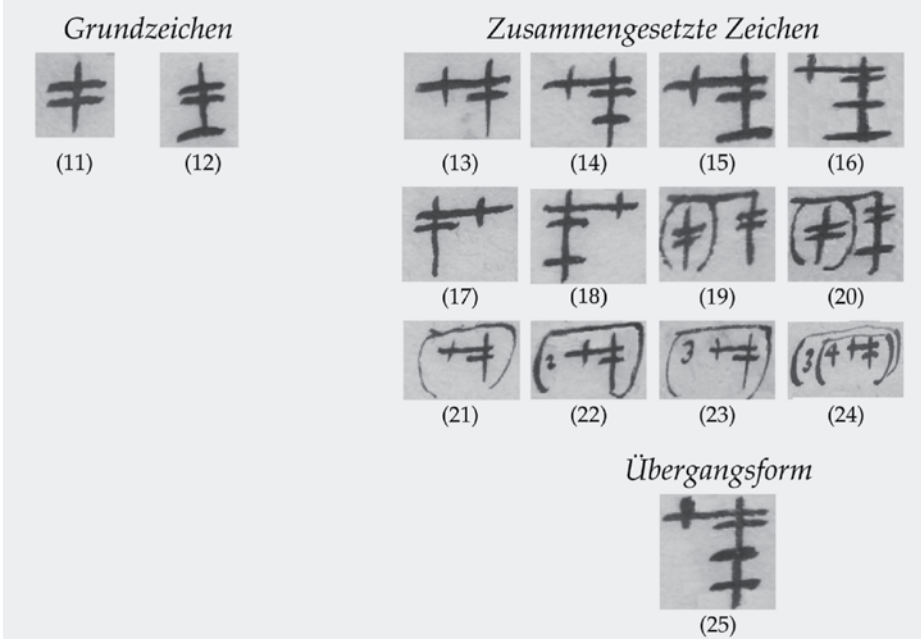
The technical numbering of the characters in this proposal (A-xx, B-xx, C-xx) relates to what A. Trunk describes as (sub-)systems 1, 2 and 5.

We show overviews compiled by A. Trunk first.

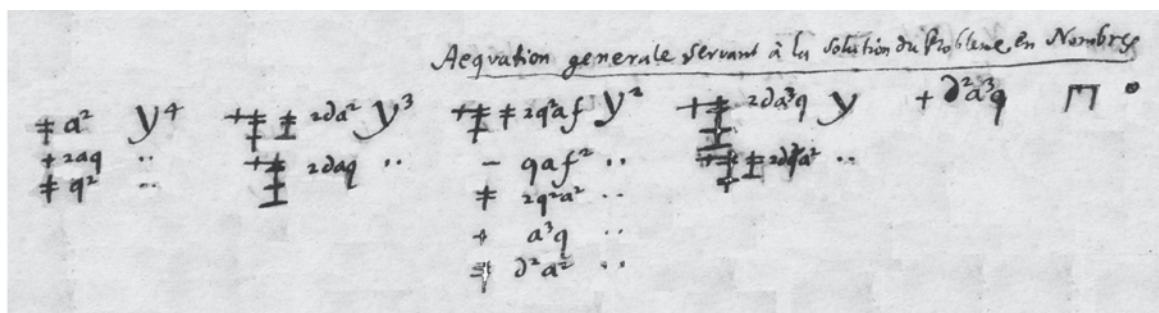


Leibniz’s ambiguity signs, 1st system (A. Trunk)

## Zweites System

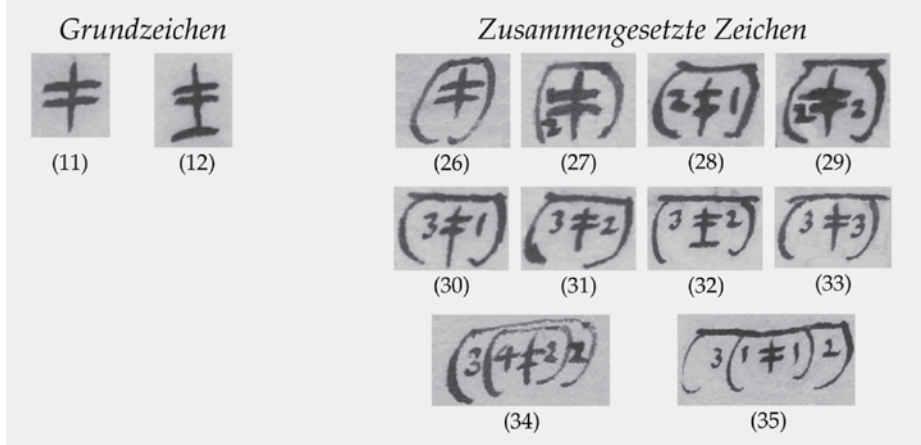


Leibniz's ambiguity signs, 2nd system (A. Trunk)



A notation of an algebraic problem by Leibniz, using symbols of the 2nd system. (after A. Trunk) LH 35, 13, 3, fol. 168v

## Drittes System



Leibniz's ambiguity signs, 3rd system (A. Trunk)







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$$\left. \begin{array}{r} + 4g \quad + 8ag \quad + 4ag^2 \quad - 2c^2g^2 \\ \quad - 2c^2 \quad - 4ae^2 \quad - 2c^2e^2 \\ \quad + 6g^2 \quad - 4gc^2 \quad + g^4 \\ + 2e^2 \quad + 4g^3 \quad + 2g^2e^2 \\ \quad \quad + 4ge^2 \quad + e^4 \end{array} \right\} = 0$$

Examinato ergo Canone, per exempla circuli, et parabolae, pergem(us) (cum) Calculo generali. Habuimus paulo ante valorem ipsius  $g$ . indagemus eum adhuc semel ope terminorum tertiorum, collatorum, seu ope multiplicantium secundae dimensionis incognitos. Fiet

$$20 \quad \frac{+ 2\frac{a}{q}g^2 \left( \neq \text{⌘} \right) + ag \frac{+16a^{[2]}}{\frac{a}{q}} \text{,,} \wedge a^2}{+6} = \frac{\neq 2\frac{a}{q}e^2 \neq 2\frac{a}{q}c^2 - 2e^2 + 2c^2 - 4a^2, \wedge \frac{a^2}{h^2}}{\left( \text{⌘} \text{⌘} \right) \neq 2q^2f - qf^2 \neq 2q^2a + a^2q \neq d^2a} \frac{h^2}{\neq a + 2q \neq \frac{q^2}{a}}$$

20 Kontrollansatz zur quadratischen Ergänzung:  $\sqrt{\neq 2\frac{a}{q} + 6} g \wedge \frac{\left( \neq \text{⌘} \right) 4a}{\sqrt{\neq 2\frac{a}{q} + 6}}$

15 f. } = 0 (1) Ponendo jam  $x^2 = z^2 \frac{h}{a}$  (2) Examinato  $L$

20 ... = ... : Die Koeffizienten, die Leibniz vergleicht, bezieht er wie oben aus den Gleichungen in N. 5 S. 35 sowie auf S. 48 Z. 3–12. Erneut vergisst er den Faktor  $\frac{a^2}{q^2} \neq 2\frac{a}{q} + 1$ . Zudem nimmt er die

⌘ AMBIGUITY SIGN B-04; a character belonging to the 2nd system. LAA VII-7 p. 52

seu extracta utrobique Radice

$$\frac{g \sqrt{\neq 2\frac{a}{q} + 6} \left( \neq \text{⌘} \right) - \frac{4a}{\sqrt{\neq 2\frac{a}{q} + 6}}}{\frac{h}{a}} = \sqrt{\dots\dots\dots} \quad \text{sive}$$

$$g = \sqrt{\frac{\neq 2\frac{a}{q}e^2 \neq 2\frac{a}{q}c^2 - 2e^2 + 2c^2 - 4a^2 \text{,,} \left( \text{⌘} \text{⌘} \right) \neq 2q^2f - qf^2 \neq 2q^2a + a^2q \neq d^2a \wedge \frac{h^2}{\neq a + 2q \neq \frac{q^2}{a}}}{\left[ \neq \right] 2\frac{a}{q} + 6 \quad \delta}} \frac{\left( \neq \text{⌘} \right) - \frac{4 \wedge h}{\neq 2\frac{a}{q} + 6}}{\delta}$$

Unde evanescit incognita  $g$ . valore ejus jam aliter supra dato. Ubi erat:

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$$g = \frac{\frac{\left( \text{⌘} \right) \neq a \left( \text{⌘} \right) q, \wedge 2d \wedge \frac{h^2}{a^2} (\theta) \wedge h^2 \neq 4\frac{a^2}{q} - 4a}{\neq a + 2q \neq \frac{q^2}{a}}}{\neq \left( \text{⌘} \right) 4\frac{a}{q} \left( \neq \text{⌘} \right) 4}$$

Atque ita novam habemus aequationem inter hos duos valores, cujus aequationis ope

⌘ AMBIGUITY SIGN B-04; LAA VII-7 p. 53

er in der kurzen Notiz N. 8, die er vielleicht noch im Dezember 1673, vielleicht auch erst im Mai 1674 niederschreibt. Hier erläutert er vier neue Doppelvorzeichen, mit deren Hilfe sich jeweils drei Fälle unterscheiden lassen: das Symbol  $+‡$ , welches für „+ oder  $\neq$ “ (sprich: „im einen Fall +, im anderen entweder + oder -“); steht,  $-‡$  als sein Gegenteil sowie die auf gleiche Weise durch Zusammenschieben eines  $+‡$  oder  $-‡$  mit einem einfachen Doppelvorzeichen gebildeten Symbole  $+‡‡$  und  $-‡‡$ . Zusammen mit den beiden Grundzeichen bilden diese vier zusammengesetzten Doppelvorzeichen (oder *signes composés*, wie Leibniz solche Zeichen später nennt) ein erstes System aus einfachen und komplexen *signa ambigua*. Ein praktischer Einsatz der zusammengesetzten Zeichen dieses ersten Systems ist allerdings nicht bekannt. Zwar verwendet er in N. 7, das sich auf demselben Papierbogen wie N. 8 findet, tatsächlich zusammengesetzte Vorzeichen — womöglich zum ersten Mal überhaupt in seiner mathematischen Praxis (ein anderer Kandidat hierfür ist eine Nebenbetrachtung in N. 5). Und als deren Bausteine fungieren die einfachen Zeichen  $\neq$  und  $\neq$ , die Grundzeichen des ersten Systems also. Die komplexen Zeichen werden jedoch nach geringfügig anderen Regeln gebildet, welche Leibniz erst

A-01 A-02 A-04 A-05 A-03 A-06

Example of ambiguity signs, 1st system. LAA VII-7 p. XXVI

Das zweite System, welches Leibniz in N. 10 darstellt, übernimmt zunächst die einfachen Doppelvorzeichen  $\neq$  und  $\neq$  aus dem ersten System und wendet für die Bildung zusammengesetzter Symbole wie  $\neq‡$  aus  $+‡$  und  $\neq$  nur geringfügig abgewandelte Regeln an. Noch während der Arbeit am Konzept ersetzt Leibniz jedoch das negierte einfache Zeichen  $\neq$  durch ein neues Zeichen,  $\neq$ , das sich aus dem Symbol  $\neq$  ergibt, indem man an seinen Fuß einen (meist etwas länger gezogenen) Querbalken anfügt. Bereits in N. 7 negiert er zusammengesetzte Zeichen auf diese Weise; in der *Méthode* erhebt er sie zum allgemeinen Bildungsprinzip negierter Zeichen. Um aber das Zeichen  $\neq‡$ , die Negation von  $\neq‡$ , von dem aus  $+‡$  und  $\neq$  zusammengesetzten Doppelvorzeichen zu unterscheiden, wird bei letzterem der Längsstrich über den unteren Querbalken hinaus verlängert, so dass das Zeichen  $\neq‡$  entsteht. Dessen Negation wiederum ist  $\neq‡$ . Dieses Symbol kann seinerseits zum Bestandteil eines noch weiter zusammengesetzten Zeichens werden; dies deutet Leibniz an, indem er den Längsbalken erneut verlängert und so den Baustein  $\neq‡$  erzeugt. Ein entsprechendes Symbol schreibt er jedoch nicht einmal beispielshalber auf.

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Example of ambiguity signs, 1st and 2nd system. LAA VII-7 p. XXVIII

sich aus  $+‡$  und  $\neq$  zusammen und bedeutet „im einen Fall +, im anderen Fall entweder + oder -“. In seiner Praxis setzt Leibniz die zusammengesetzten Zeichen (*signes composés*) des ersten Systems allerdings niemals ein. Das Beispiel:

+ vel  $\neq$  esto  $+‡$ , et ejus contrarium seu - vel  $\neq$  erit  $-‡$  et - vel  $\neq$  erit  $-‡‡$  et ejus contrarium erit  $+‡‡$ . (N. 8)

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Example of ambiguity signs, 1st system. LAA VII-7 p. XLI

novam fecimus suppositionem factum ex ipsis numeris primo et secundo aequari quadrato ab  $\lambda + \theta$ . Nam si prima suppositio quod differentia numeri primi et secundi aequatur differentiae duorum quadratorum, iungatur alteri, quod factus sub primo et secundo aequatur facto ex duobus quadratis. Non hinc quidem omnino fortasse sequitur duos hos numeros esse quadratos. Sed tamen iam valde probabile est tales numeros esse quadratos. Id est raro occurrent numeri, nec nisi arte quaerendi erunt, qui id praestent nec tamen sint quadrati. (Unum tamen me male habet, quod verum est quemlibet numerum intelligi posse differentiam duorum quadratorum). Aequationis huius novae suppositae ope eliditur ipsius  $\lambda$  quadratum ex valore puro ipsius  $\beta$ . Tertia suppositio est numerum III. esse quadratum a  $\beta + \xi$ . sed et hac aequatione utimur imperfecte ad elidendum adhuc semel quadratum a  $\beta$ . atque ita reperitur duplex valor purus ipsius  $\beta$ . eiusque ope sublato  $\beta$ . habetur valor purus ipsius  $\lambda$ . per  $\theta^2$ .  $\theta$ .  $\xi^2$ .  $\xi$ .

Fit nova suppositio factum ex numero I. in III. aequari  $\square^{10}$  a  $\theta + \pi$ . Ita eliditur  $\theta$  quadratum ex valore ipsius  $\lambda$ . Denique ponitur factus ex  $\Pi^{10}$  in  $3^{10}$  aequari quadrato ab  $\lambda + v$ . Tollitur adhuc semel  $\lambda^2$ , ex valore ipsius  $\beta$ . Habetur denuo valor  $\lambda$  purus, et ita tollitur, et habetur valor purus ipsius  $\theta$ . Quod nescio an sufficiat, aut an superfluum fuerit. Si hoc nihil nocet, sin non sufficit, attamen vix nec nisi rarissime eveniet, numeros esse tales, qui satisfaciunt aequationibus per illas compositiones factis nec tamen sint quadrati.

Imo male ista, quia invento valore ipsius  $\theta$ . si voles eum iam quaerere quomodo sumes q. an pro arbitrio? Sed hoc male. Ergo sic agendum, quaerendus est valor ipsius q. qui ut inveniatur inveniendus est valor duarum aliarum quantitatum.

Restat ut videam pro plena problematicis propositis solutione, possintne effici ut tam quadrato-quadratus, quam quadratus simul sint dati, quod fiet, si aequationem hanc  $v \cap \frac{\dagger 2lq - 2q^2 - l^2}{\dagger 2l + 10l + 4q}$  reddemus talem, ut v pro arbitrio sumta, q inveniri queat: Fiet

$$\dagger 2lv + 10lv + 4qv \cap \dagger 2lq - 2q^2 - l^2. \text{ Ponatur } v \cap z - \beta, \text{ fiet: } \dagger 2lz + 10lz - 10l\beta + 4qz \pm 4q\beta \cap \dagger 2lq - 2q^2 - l^2. \text{ Pone } \dagger 2l\beta - 10l\beta \cap -l^2, \text{ fiet } \beta \cap \frac{1}{\dagger 2 - 10} \text{ et restabit:}$$

$$\dagger 2lz + 10lz + 4qz \pm \frac{4ql}{\dagger 2 - 10} \cap 2lq - 2q^2.$$

2 ab  $\lambda + \theta$  erg. L. 8f. eliditur (z) valor (z) ipsius L. 9 puro erg. L. 10 a  $\beta + \xi$  erg. L. 13 eliditur | valor gestr. |  $\theta$  L. 15 semel | valor ipsius gestr. |  $\lambda^2$ , ex L. 19 voles (z) inveniri (z) eum L. 20 Im Zähler müßte es -1 heißen, ein Fehler, der sich bis Z. 327,5 vererbt. 27 Leibniz vergißt vor dem ersten Summanden der rechten Gleichungsseite das Vorzeichen  $\dagger$ . Der Fehler vererbt sich auf die Folgezeile.

Pone  $z \cap \frac{q^2}{l}$ . poterunt omnia dividi per q. et fiet aequatio:  $\dagger 2y + 10y + \frac{4q^2}{l} \pm \frac{4l}{\dagger 2 - 10}$   $\cap 2l - 2q$ . Esto iam  $\frac{ev}{l} \cap$  dato  $x[\ ]$  item  $(\dagger) \frac{ev}{l} (\pm)$  e numerus datus, exempli causa

d. fiet  $v \cap \frac{xl}{e}$ . per priorem positionem, eoque valore in posteriore substituto, fiet:  $(\dagger)x(x) \cap d$ . fiet  $e \cap x(\pm) d$ . et  $v \cap \frac{xl}{x(\pm) d}$ . Iam  $v \cap z - \beta$ , seu  $z = \frac{l}{\dagger 2 - 10}$ . Erit  $z \cap \frac{xl}{x(\pm) d} + \frac{l}{\dagger 2 - 10}$   $\cap \frac{q^2}{l}$ . Sed hinc iam video rem absolute effici hac methodo non posse, ut quadrato-quadratus sit datus, quia v iam datur. Ergo in aequatione initio reperta inseramus valorem ipsius v. fiet:

$$\dagger 2lx \dagger 2lq \cap (\pm) d$$

$$-2q^2 \dots -2q^2 \dots$$

$$\dagger 2xl^2 + 10lx + 4ql \cap -l^2 \dots -l^2 \dots \text{ sive}$$

$$\frac{\dagger 2xl^2 + 10lx + 4ql}{x(\pm) d} \cap \frac{-l^2 \dots -l^2}{x(\pm) d}$$

$$\dagger 2xl^2 + 10lx + 4ql \cap \dagger 2lq \cap \dagger 2lx \cap + x(\pm) d \text{ sive}$$

$$-2q^2 \dots -l^2 \dots$$

$$\cap -2qx(\pm) 2q^2 d \dagger 2lx(\pm) \dagger 2ldq \cap \dagger 2xl^2 + 10lx + l^2x(\pm) l^2 d \text{ sive}$$

$$\pm 4 \dots$$

$$\odot \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dagger 2lxq. \\ [\pm]4 \dots \end{array} \right.$$

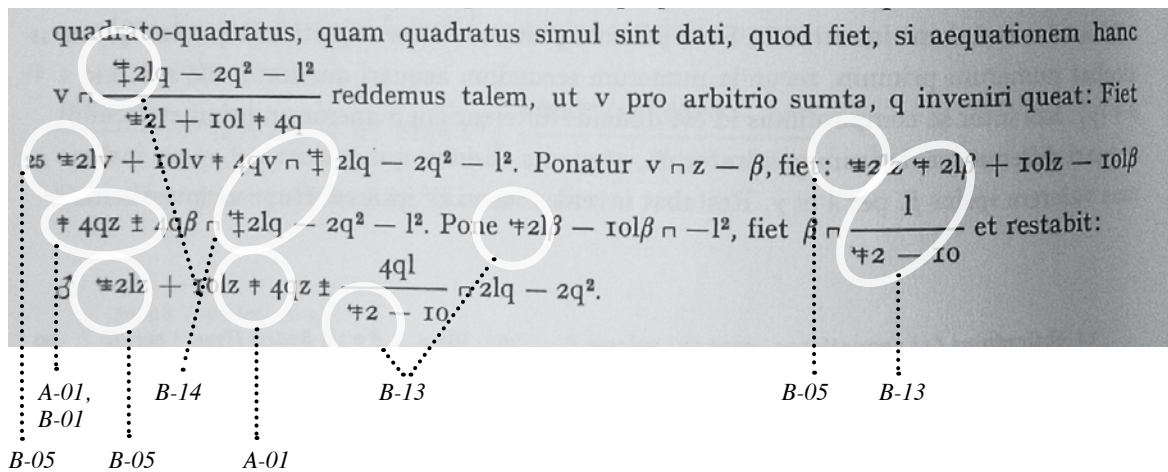
$$q^2 \frac{(\dagger)\dagger 2ld \dots}{-2x(\pm) 2d} + \frac{\odot^2}{4} \cap \frac{[\dagger] 2xl^2 + 10lx + l^2x(\pm) l^2 d}{-2x(\pm) 2d} \odot + \frac{\odot^2}{4} \text{ erit}$$

$$q \pm \frac{\odot}{2} \cap \frac{\sqrt{4\odot + \odot^2}}{2}$$

Sunt autem x et d, et l. ac per consequens etiam  $\odot$  et  $\odot$  numeri dati, quare si  $4\odot + \odot^2$  non evenit esse numerum quadratum, tunc effici potest ut tam quadratus quam quadrato-quadratus sint dati. Illud vero manifestum est, quia in aequatione  $\odot$ . neque x. neque d. ut quadratum ascendunt, hinc semper effici posse, ut alterutra earum sit data, item ut

2 dato erg. L. 2 datus (z). Erit  $e \cap (z)$ , exempli L. 5 hac methodo erg. L. 6 datus, (z)  $\dagger$  (z) quia L. 17 + L. ändert Hrsg. 18  $\dagger$  erg. Hrsg. 22

Example of ambiguity signs, 2nd system. LAA VII-1 p. 326-329. See following figures for details.



hierfür hält er in der *Méthode de l'universalité* I (N. 10), verfasst wohl im Mai oder Juni 1674, fest. Aus + und  $\dagger$  etwa bildet er das Symbol  $\dagger\dagger$ , welches in Worten ausgedrückt bedeutet: „im einen Fall +, im anderen Fall entweder + oder -“. Auch hier gibt es also zwei Hierarchieebenen. Ist die Reihenfolge der beiden Fälle vertauscht, schreibt Leibniz dies als  $\dagger\dagger$ . Das Symbol  $\dagger\dagger$  dagegen stellt die Negation von  $\dagger\dagger$  dar, bedeutet also „immer dann -, wenn  $\dagger\dagger$  für + steht, und immer dann +, wenn jenes Zeichen für -

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$$\varphi - 2q^2x (\mp) 2q^2l (\mp) 2lqx (\pm) (\mp) 2ldq (\mp) \mp 2xl^2 + 10l^2x + l^2x (\pm) l^2d \quad \text{sive}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\mp) 2lxq. \\ [(\pm)]4 \dots \end{array} \right.$$

$$q^2 \frac{(\mp) (\mp) 2ld \dots}{-2x (\mp) 2d} + \frac{(\ominus)^2}{4} \frac{[(\mp)] 2xl^2 + 10l^2x + l^2x (\pm) l^2d}{-2x (\mp) 2d} (\oplus) + \frac{(\ominus)^2}{4} \quad \text{erit}$$

$$q + \frac{(\ominus)}{2} \sqrt{4 \oplus 1 + (\ominus)^2}.$$

Sunt autem x et d, et l; ac per consequens etiam  $\oplus$  et  $\ominus$  numeri dati, quare si  $4 \oplus 1 + (\ominus)^2$  eventit esse numerum quadratum, tunc effici potest ut tam quadratus quam quadrato-quadratus sint dati. Illud vero manifestum est, quia in aequatione  $\varphi$ . neque x. neque d. id quadratum ascendunt, hinc semper effici posse, ut alterutra earum sit data, item ut

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[L<sup>3</sup>]

$$e^{2l} \mp 2e^{2v} (\mp) 2e^{2q} (\oplus e^{2v}) (\ominus f^2) (\mp e^{2v}) (\mp e^{2q}) (\oplus e^{2v}) - g^2 (\pm) 2gf (\ominus f^2).$$

Ergo  $f \mp \frac{e^{2l} \mp 2e^{2v} (\mp) e^{2q} + g^2}{(\pm) 2gl}$ . Pro e<sup>2</sup>, substitue potius  $\frac{g^2 h^2}{l^2}$ , fiet  $f \mp \frac{h^{2l} \mp 2h^v (\mp) h^q + l^3}{(\pm) l^3}$

sive  $f \mp \frac{h^{2r} + l^3}{(\pm) l^3} g$ . Ergo  $f^2 \mp \frac{h^{4r^2} + 2h^{2l^3r} + l^6}{+l^6} g^2$  fiet  $\frac{l^3 h^{2r} - h^{4r^2} - 2h^{2l^3r} - l^6}{l^6} g^2$

[Text bricht ab]

$$\mp (\oplus) l^2 + (\oplus) l^2 + (\oplus) ql, (\mp 2lq) (\mp) 10lq \mp (\oplus) q^2, - 2lq (\mp 2q^2) (\mp l^2),$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\mp) 6l \\ (\mp) 10l \\ - 2l \\ (\mp) 2l \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mp 2lq - 2q^2 (\ominus l^2) \mp 0 \quad \text{sive } q^2 \frac{(\mp) 2 - 2}{(\mp) 2 - 2} q + 36l^2$$

II  $\frac{e^{2l} \mp 2e^{2v} (\mp) e^{2q} + g^2}{(\pm) 2gl}$ . (I) fiet (a) item e<sup>2v</sup> (b) ergo f (2) Porro e<sup>2</sup> (3) Pro L

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Soit maintenant une certaine grandeur affectée du signe  $\neq$  par exemple  $\neq a$ , c'est à dire :  $o \neq a$ . car puisque  $+$  aussi bien que  $-$  signifie une Relation entre deux, et qu'il n'y a qu'une seule grandeur  $a$ , l'autre sera  $o$  ou rien : supposons donc que la dite grandeur  $\neq a$  doit estre ajoutée à une autre  $b$ , le produit sera  $b + \neq a <$  ou  $b$  plus  $\neq a >$  c'est à dire  $b \neq a$ , car le signe  $+$  ne change point les autres signes : mais à present supposons que la dite grandeur  $\neq a$  doit estre soustraite d'une autre  $b$ , le produit sera  $b - \neq a$ , ou  $b$  moins  $\neq a$ , et | par ce que cela arrive bien souvent, je trouve à propos d'employer un seul signe,  $\pm$  au lieu de ces deux  $-$  et  $\neq$  joints ensemble, et le produit susdit sera  $b \pm a$ , et  $\pm$  vaudra  $- \neq$  et generalement j'observeray cette regle, qu'un signe ambigu insistant sur un  $-$  aura une signification contraire à celle qu'il auroit sans cela, ou que le signe avec le  $-$   $<$  au bas du caractere  $>$  signifie moins le  $<$  même  $>$  signe sans  $-$ . Par exemple  $\mp$  (que nous expliquerons cy après : ) signifiera  $-- \neq$ . Par consequent si dans une meme formule ou Equation ces deux signes opposés se trouvent à la fois, comme par exemple  $\neq a \pm b \square c$ , et que cette formule vienne à estre expliquée ou appliquée à un certain cas particulier, ou  $\neq$  signifie par exemple  $+$ , alors  $\pm$  s'expliquera aussi et signifiera  $-$ , et si  $\neq$  signifie  $-$  dans le cas particulier dont nous avons besoin,  $\pm$  signifiera  $+$

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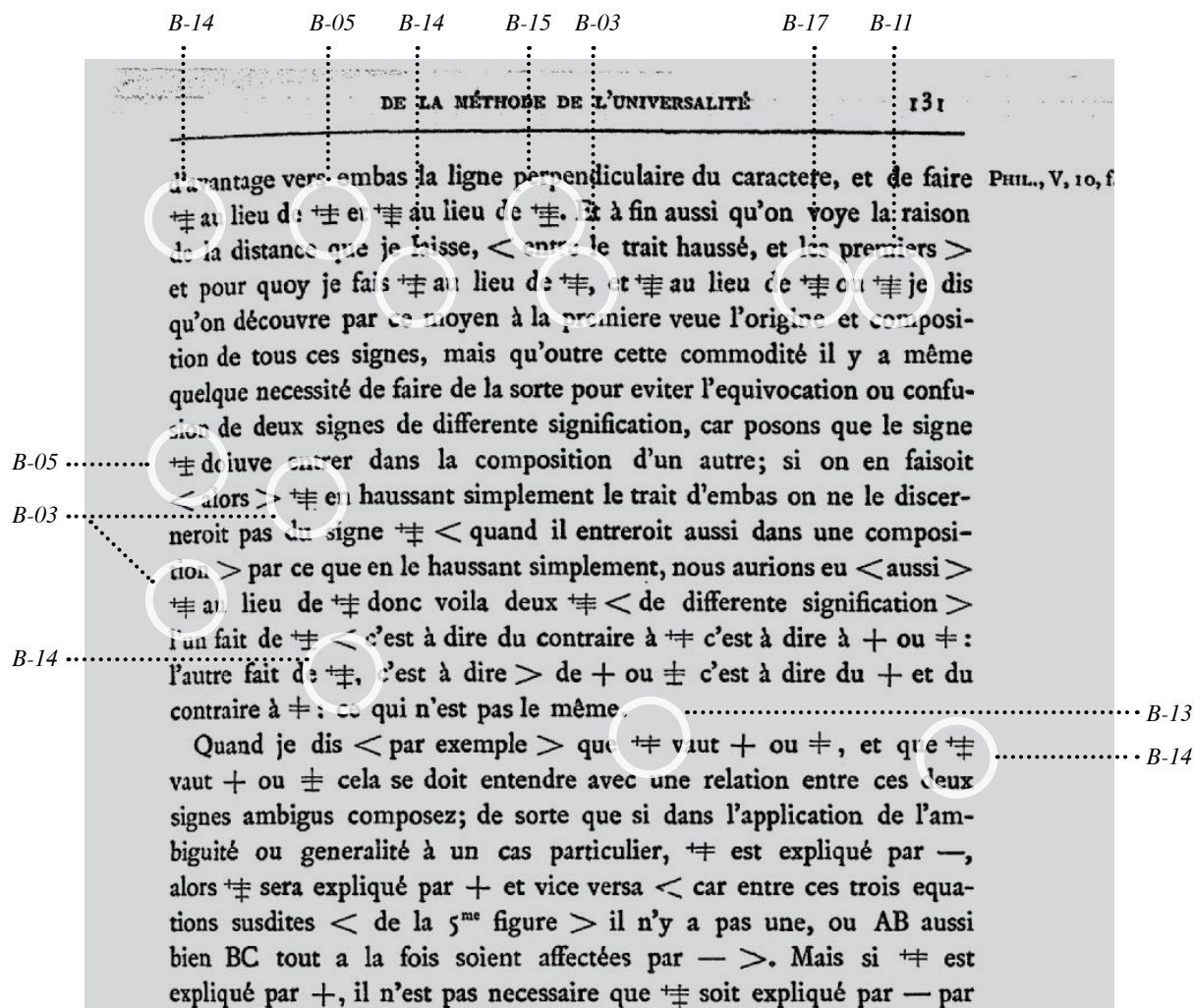
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fait voir que ces deux signes ambigus  $\mp$  et  $\mp$  signifient ou tous deux  $+$ , ou que l'un signifiant  $\neq$ , l'autre signifie  $\pm$ , je les exprime en mettant  $+$  au devant, en tous deux  $\mp$  et  $\mp$ , au lieu de  $\mp$  et  $\mp$  dont nous aurons besoin dans une autre rencontre.

- On voit en fin par là; la grande difference qu'il y a entre le signe  $\neq$ , et tous les autres.
- 5 Car le signe simple  $\neq$  peut subsister tout seul, sans changement, par ce qu'il ne dit point de relation à aucun autre; mais tous les autres contiennent quelque relation à un autre signe provenant d'une meme equation ambiguë, et pour cela je les appelle Correspondants. Par exemple si nous avons deux signes ambigus simples,  $\neq$  et  $\pm$  provenans de l'equation  $\neq a \pm y \square b$ , et si dans la suite du calcul le signe  $\neq$  evanouit, comme il arrive en cet exemple,
- 10 ou nous trouvons en fin cette equation,  $y \square \pm b + a$ , alors si nous nous determinons à abandonner entierement la premiere equation, avec tout ce qui en est provenu, hormis cette nouvelle trouvée, dont nous pretendons nous servir à l'avenir dans le calcul qui reste à faire; nous pourrons sans scrupule changer le signe  $\pm$  en  $\neq$ , et nous servir de cette

Example of ambiguity sign B-16, 2nd system. LAA VII-7 p. 126



Example of ambiguity signs, 2nd system.  
 Couturat 1903 (1961) p. 131



au lieu de  $\ddagger$ ; et  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$ . Et à fin aussi qu'on voye la raison de la distance que je laisse entre le trait haussé, et les premiers, et pour quoy je fais  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$ , et  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$  ou  $\ddagger$  je dis qu'on découvre par ce moyen à la premiere veue l'origine et composition de tous ces signes, mais qu'outre cette commodité il y a même quelque nécessité de faire de la sorte, pour éviter l'équivocation, ou confusion de deux signes de differente signification, car posons que le signe  $\ddagger$  doive entrer dans la composition d'un autre si par exemple on faisoit  $\ddagger$  en haussant simplement le trait d'embas on ne le

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en le haussant simplement, nous aurions eu aussi  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$  donc voila deux  $\ddagger$  de differente signification l'un fait de  $\ddagger$ , c'est à dire du contraire à  $\ddagger$  c'est à dire à + ou  $\ddagger$ : l'autre fait de  $\ddagger$ , c'est a dire de + ou  $\ddagger$  c'est à dire du + et du contraire à  $\ddagger$ : ce qui n'est pas le même.

Quand je dis par exemple que  $\ddagger$  vaut + ou  $\ddagger$ , et que  $\ddagger$  vaut + ou  $\ddagger$  cela se doit entendre avec une relation entre ces deux signes ambigus composez; de sorte que si dans l'application de l'ambiguité ou generalité à un cas particulier,  $\ddagger$  est expliqué par -, alors  $\ddagger$  sera expliqué par + et *vice versa* car entre ces trois equations susdites de la 5<sup>me</sup> figure il n'y a pas une, ou *AB* aussi bien que *BC*, tout a la fois soient affectées par -. Mais si  $\ddagger$  est expliqué par +, il n'est pas necessaire que  $\ddagger$  soit expliqué par - par ce que dans une de ces equations particulieres, *AB*, aussi bien que *BC*, sont affectées par +. Par consequent si l'un de ces deux signes composés est expliqué par + l'autre sera expliqué par  $\ddagger$  et *vice versa* (: avec la caution pourtant, que nous y apporterons plus bas :) de sorte que l'ambiguité decomposée qu'elle est, deviendra simple. Et par ce que la liste des Equations particulieres

$$\begin{array}{rcc}
 AC & \square & + \quad AB + \quad BC \\
 & & - \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} AB + \\ AB - \end{array} \right\} \ddagger \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} BC \\ BC \end{array} \right\} \ddagger \\
 & & + \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} AB + \\ AB - \end{array} \right\} \ddagger \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} BC \\ BC \end{array} \right\} \ddagger
 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{rcc} AC \\ & & + \\ & & - \\ & & + \end{array}} \right\} \text{ qui peuvent estre entendues}$$


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sous la Generale                     $\ddagger AB$                      $\ddagger BC$ ,

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2 entre ... premiers *erg. L* 3 de  $\ddagger$  ou  $\ddagger$  *L ändert Hrsq.* 8-10 signe  $\ddagger$  | qvand ... composition *erg.* | par ce qve (1) si on haussoit le signe (2) en ... eu | aussi *erg.* |  $\ddagger$  au ... deux  $\ddagger$  | de differente signification *erg.* | l'un (a) faisoit de (aa)  $\ddagger$ , l'autre de + ou  $\ddagger$  (bb)  $\ddagger$ , l'autre de  $\ddagger$ , c'est à dire de + ou  $\ddagger$  (b) fait de  $\ddagger$ , c'est à dire (aa) de + ou  $\ddagger$  (bb) du contraire *L* 13 (1) On voit par la, a (2) Qvand je dis | par exemple *erg.* | *L* 14f. dans (1) l'explication (2) l'application *L* 16f. car ... susdites | de la 5<sup>me</sup> figure *erg.* | il ... bien | qve *erg. Hrsq.* | *BC* ... par - *erg. L*

Ambiguity signs, 2nd system. LAA VII-7 p. 125

Necesse est ergo dividi posse aut per  $a^2 \mp \frac{y^4}{x^2}$ , aut per  $a^2 \mp \frac{y^3}{x}$ . Sin ordinetur secundum  $y$ , necesse est si dividi potest dividi posse per  $y^4 \mp a^2 x^2$ , vel  $y^3 \mp a^2 x$  vel denique si ordinatur secundum  $x$ , fiet:  $x^2 \frac{+y^3 x^2}{a^2 y^2 + a^4} x \frac{-y^6}{a^2 y^2 + a^4}$  quo casu solus ex prioribus divisoribus tentandis restat:  $x \mp \frac{y^3}{a^2}$ . Multiplicetur per  $x + b$ . fiet:  $x^2 \mp \frac{y^3}{a^2} x \mp \frac{y^3 b}{a^2}$ . Unde conferendo:

$$b \mp \frac{y^3}{y^2 + a^2} \text{ et fiet: } \frac{\mp y^3}{a^2} \mp \frac{y^3}{y^2 + a^2} \mp \frac{y^3}{y^2 + a^2}, \text{ sive } \mp y^3 \left( \frac{\mp a^2 \mp a^2}{a^2} \right) \mp a^2. \text{ Quod est absurdum. Ergo: nihil habet aequatio inventa divisorem rationalem. Aequatione ergo ad tangentes ordinata fiet:}$$

$$6y^6 - 3a^2xy^3 - 2a^2x^2y^2 \mp + 2a^4xl + a^2y^3xl, \text{ et fiet: } l \mp \frac{6y^6 - 3a^2xy^3 - 2a^2x^2y^2}{2a^4x + 2a^2y^2x}.$$

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Ambiguity signs, 2nd system. LAA VII-3 p. 567

ou + b + c	ou + e - f	ou + h - k + l - m
	ou + e + f	ou - h - k + l + m

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Leur Equations ambiguës generales pourront estre telles:

(1)	(2)	(3)
$a \mp + b \mp c$	$d \mp (2 \mp 1) e (2 \mp 2) f$	$g \mp (3 \mp 1) h (3 \mp 2) k (3 \mp 2) l (3 \mp 3) m$

Par exemple  $(3 \mp 2) k$  signifie, que le signe ambiguë dont  $k$ . est affecté est le second signe ambiguë, de la troisieme ambiguë; et  $(3 \mp 2) l$ , signifie que celui de  $l$ , est le contraire de celui de  $k$ . Et l'on peut avoir besoin de ces sortes de nombres et parentheses, si mêmes on se serviroit de la fabrique des signes composez. Car posons qu'il y ait trois

Ambiguity signs, 3rd system. This notation uses ( LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS and ) RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS. – LAA VII-7 p. 134

signe composé dans un signe simple, en cas qu'il reste seul de tous les autres correspondants. Car si de la 3<sup>me</sup> Equation susdite le seul signe  $(\overline{\gamma\varphi\gamma})$  ou  $\mp$  reste, et l'autre  $(\overline{\gamma\gamma\varphi})$  ou  $\mp$  evanouit, le premier pourra estre changé en celui cy :  $(\overline{\gamma\varphi}) <$  comprenant les deux premiers cas,  $\gamma\gamma$ , sous un seul : tout ainsi que nous n'avions pas feint de comprendre sous un seul cas le 3<sup>me</sup> et le 5<sup>me</sup> endroit du point D, dans la 1. ou 7<sup>me</sup> figure  $>$ . Mais si des signes de la quatrieme equation le seul signe  $\mp$ , ou  $(\overline{\delta, \alpha\omega})$  reste, et l'autre  $\mp$  ou  $(\overline{\alpha\omega, \delta})$  evanouit, le dit signe  $(\overline{\delta, \alpha\omega})$  ne pourra pas estre changé en un simple, par ce qu'on ne sçauroit determiner si ce  $<$  signe  $>$  simple doit estre  $(\overline{\delta\omega})$ , ou  $(\overline{\alpha\omega})$ ; et par ce que cette quatrieme ambiguë est une soubstdistinction de la premiere, et par consequent les signes de la quatrieme sont correspondents avec ceux de la premiere, de sorte qu'on ne peut pas dire, que de tous les signes

( LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS, ) RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS. This sample shows the use of the 4th system of ambiguity notation, for which Leibniz used Greek letters. – Couturat 1903 (1961) p. 141

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 EINLEITUNG
 

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*ambigua* für vier Fälle,  $(\#)\#$  und  $(\#)\#$ , aus. (Der Grund dafür ist, dass in Leibniz' Ansatz der gegebene Punkt im Problem

⌋ RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS – LAA VII-7 p. XXIX

These special paranthesis characters form a part of system 2 and system 3. They are to connect to either side and fit to virgula characters such as OVERLINE (203E), COMBINING OVERLINE (0305) or COMBINING DOUBLE MACRON (035E).

selbe Zahl stehen, *signes heterogenes* unterschiedliche. Handel Zahlen um eine 1, lässt Leibniz sie oft einfach weg. Diese Regeln  $(\overline{3\#2})$ ,  $(\overline{3\#}2)$  oder  $(\overline{2\#})$ . Die Ziffer rechts des Grundzeichens inhaltlichen Aufschluss über die Ambiguität, sondern es werde

⌈ LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS, ⌋ RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS

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Verwechslung der Mehrfachvorzeichen mit Koeffizienten oder  $(\overline{\alpha\omega})$  und  $(\overline{\beta\psi})$  sind also voneinander unabhängige einfache Zeichen  $(\overline{\omega\alpha})$  und  $(\overline{\psi\beta})$  ihre Negationen. Die zusammengesetzten Zeichen N. 10 durch ein Komma, welches zwei Fälle, einer darunter doppelt eindeutig, voneinander abgrenzt, etwa  $(\overline{\alpha, \alpha\omega})$ . In seiner späteren Komma. Die Notation mit Komma spiegelt zwei Hierarchieebenen

⌈ LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS, ⌋ RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS

This notation with Greek letters forms the 4th system of ambiguity notation. LAA VII-7 p. XXXI

ihre Vorzeichen unterschiedenen Gleichungen hervorgeht, in denen außer + und – auch das Zeichen  $(\overline{3\#2})$  oder sein Gegenstück auftreten. Auch in der *Méthode de l'universalité* II (N. 11) gibt Leibniz eine Einführung in das dritte System, streicht dann jedoch den entsprechenden Abschnitt. In der Praxis setzt er dieses System niemals ein. Beispiele:

[P]osons le cas qu'il y ait trois equations ambiguës dans nostre calcul, sçavoir:

Equat. 1	Equat. 2	Equat. 3
$a \infty \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + b - c \\ + \dots + \dots \end{array} \right.$	$d \infty \left\{ \begin{array}{l} - e + f \\ + \dots - \dots \\ + \dots + \dots \end{array} \right.$	$g \infty \left\{ \begin{array}{l} - i + k - l - m \\ + i - k + l - m \\ - i - k + l + m \end{array} \right.$
<i>item</i>		

Leur expression pourra estre telle:

$$a \infty b(\#)c \quad d \infty (\overline{2\#})e(\overline{2\#}2)f \quad g \infty (\overline{3\#})i(\overline{3\#}2)k(\overline{3\#}2)l(\overline{3\#}3)n$$

⌈ LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS, ⌋ RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS

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signe, sous un *vinculum*, à l'imitation des racines sourdes; dont on verra l'usage dans la suite, quand il s'agira de purger l'équation des signes ambigus. Cependant ce *vinculum* a cela de commode qu'on le peut dissoudre, et qu'on en peut eximer ce qui bon nous semble, au lieu que le *vinculum* d'une racine sourde est indissoluble. Au reste il n'est pas permis de faire de ces deux lignes  $AB$ ,  $BF$  une seule  $AF$ , en calculant, si toutes deux sont inconnues.

### XIII. Signes composez de plus que trois variations.

13. S'il y a plus de trois variations, on pourra faire des signes semblables à ceux cy par exemple on fera

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{pour représenter} \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\overline{\neq}) \neq AB (\neq) \neq BC \infty AC \\ - \dots + \dots \dots \dots \\ + \dots - \dots \dots \dots \\ + \dots + \dots \dots \dots \\ - \dots - \dots \dots \dots \end{array} \right.$$

C'est à dire ou il y aura  $(\overline{\neq})AB (\neq)BC$ , sçavoir le mesme signe, quoyque indéterminé, selon le 3<sup>me</sup> et quatriesme cas; ou il y aura  $\neq AB \neq BC$ , des signes opposez, selon le 1. et 2. cas: et à fin que deux signes semblables  $\neq$  et  $(\neq)$  mais differents ne se confondent pas, l'un en est renfermé dans une parenthese. Et à fin de discerner un seul signe  $(\neq) \neq AB$  de deux  $(\overline{\neq}) \neq AB$ , qui se multiplient, il y a une ligne transversale qui les unit.

### XIV. Soudsdistinctions de l'ambiguité.

14. Il pourra arriver que les variations comprennent en elles mesmes des signes ambigus, comme par exemple:

$$\begin{array}{l} \neq a + b, \text{ ou } + a \neq b \infty c \\ + a + b, \text{ ou } - a + b \text{ ou } + a + b, \text{ ou } + a - b, \end{array} \quad \text{ce qui veut dire:}$$

4-6 Au reste ... inconnues *erg. L* 16 selon ... cas *erg. L* 18 signe  $(\neq)$  | ändert *Hrsg.*  
24-83,1 +a - b | et il se pourra exprimer ändert *Lil* | par *l*

Ambiguity signs, 3rd system. This system uses

( LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS, ) RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS.

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15 Hoc ut fiat, eam ita aequipollenter scribamus:  $\vartheta^2 v^2 + \beta^2 v^2 + 2\vartheta\beta v^2 + 2\vartheta\beta v^2 \frac{(46)}{\square} \vartheta^2 \beta^2 + \text{I}$ .  
 Haec enim ipsi 45. coincidit. Eam porro ita divellemus in duas:  $\vartheta^2 v^2 + \beta^2 v^2 + 2\vartheta\beta v^2 \frac{(47)}{\square} \text{I}$ .

13f. Hinc exitus patet, nam scribentur:  $\vartheta^2 v^2 - \text{I}$  aequ.  $\beta^2 \vartheta^2 - \beta^2 v^2$  et fiat  $\text{I}$ ,  $\overline{\vartheta v + \text{I}}$  aequ.  $\vartheta(\mp)$  ergo  $\vartheta v + \text{I}$  aequ.  $\text{I}\beta^2 \overline{\vartheta(+)} v$ . Ergo  $2\vartheta v$  aequ.  $\frac{\vartheta(\mp)}{\vartheta(+)} v$ ,  $+1\beta^2$ ,  $\overline{\vartheta(+)} v$ . Pone  $\vartheta$  aequ.  $fv$ . fiet  $2fv$  aequ.  $\frac{f(\mp)}{f(+)} v$ ,  $+1\beta^2$ ,  $\overline{f(+)} v$  adeoque datur  $v$ . et solutum est problema universa-

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et  $\mp 2\vartheta\beta v^2 \frac{(48)}{\square} \vartheta^2 \beta^2$ . ex. 47. extrahendo fiet:  $\overline{\vartheta v + \beta v} \frac{(49)}{\square} \text{I}$ . Ex 48. dividendo fiet:  $\mp 2v^2 \frac{(50)}{\square} \vartheta\beta$ . Ex 49. erit  $\vartheta \frac{(51)}{\square} \frac{\vartheta(+)}{v} \overline{\vartheta v + \beta v}$ . et ex 50, erit  $\vartheta \frac{(52)}{\square} \frac{\mp 2v^2}{\beta}$ , quibus duobus ipsius  $\vartheta$  valoribus aequatis, fiet:  $(\mp) \overline{\vartheta} \beta + \beta^2 v \frac{(53)}{\square} 2v^3$ . sive signo  $(\mp) \overline{\vartheta}$  compendiose per novum  $\mp$  expresso, fiet  $\mp f + \beta^2 v \frac{(54)}{\square} 2v^3$ . Sit  $v \frac{(55)}{\square} \gamma\beta$ . fiet ex 54. haec:  $\mp \text{I} + \beta^2 \gamma \frac{(56)}{\square} 2\beta^2 \gamma^3$  sive  $\beta^2 \frac{(57)}{\square} \frac{\mp \text{I}}{2\gamma^3 - \gamma}$ . Iamque nova suppositione faciendo  $\gamma \frac{(58)}{\square} \mp \text{I}$  fiet  $\beta \frac{(59)}{\square} ((\mp)) \text{I}$ . 5

Ac proinde nisi forte in nihilo minores ita incidatur, erit problemati, particulariter quidem, satisfactum tamen. Et supererunt quatuor minimum casus, ob explicationes signorum  $\mp$   $((\mp))$  a se invicem independentes, modo ut dixi nihilo minores non obstant, et error calculi abfuerit.

Nunc secundum inventos valores literas quaesitas retrogrado ordine explicemus: erit 10 ex 55.  $v \frac{(60)}{\square} ((\mp)) \text{I}$  et ex 52. erit  $\vartheta \frac{(61)}{\square} \mp ((\mp)) 2$ . Manentibusque e. s. n. pro arbitrio, erit ex 41.  $\text{I} \frac{(62)}{\square} \mp ((\mp))$  et ex 42.  $p \frac{(63)}{\square} ((\mp)) n$ .  $\text{I} \frac{(64)}{\square} \mp ((\mp)) s$ . Sed hinc iam absurdum orietur, in aequationibus 35, 36. aliisque fiet enim v. g.  $\frac{4}{m} \square 0$ . adeoque suppositio 58. et quae ex

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Redeundum ergo ad aeq. 57. videndumque an non formula  $\mp 2\gamma^3 + \gamma$  aequari possit <sup>15</sup> quadrato, hac enim ratione absolutum erit problema. Sit ergo  $2\gamma^3 - \gamma \frac{(65)}{\square} \mp \gamma^2 \lambda^2$ . fiet:  $2\gamma^3 - \text{I} \frac{(66)}{\square} \mp \gamma \lambda^2$ . erit  $v^2 + \frac{\gamma^2}{2} \gamma + \frac{\lambda^4}{16} \frac{(67)}{\square} \frac{\lambda^4}{16} + \frac{\text{I}}{2}$  sive  $\overline{\frac{\lambda^4}{16}} \frac{(68)}{\square} \frac{\sqrt{\lambda^4 + 8}}{4}$ .

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<p>sind sodann vier Fälle gemeinsam zu betrachten, und auch hier bedient sich Leibniz neuer Doppelvorzeichen, nämlich der Symbole <math>\text{⋈}</math>, <math>\text{⋉}</math>, <math>\text{⋊}</math> und <math>\text{⋋}</math>. Er erläutert die neuen Symbole nicht; ihre Verwendung scheint für ihn entweder selbstverständlich oder selbsterklärend zu sein. Der Übergang zur Verwendung der neuen Symbole ist also, soweit es die zusammengesetzten Symbole anbelangt, Weihnachten 1674 offenkundig bereits vollzogen. Dass die älteren zusammengesetzten Symbole nach Dezember 1674 noch einmal eingesetzt werden, lässt sich nicht belegen.</p> <p>Leibniz führt das fünfte System nicht in einer weiteren programmatischen Schrift ein. Doch liefern manche Stücke Hinweise auf seine Genese. So finden sich in dem auf Dezember 1674 datierten Stück <i>De descriptionibus curvarum</i> (N. 44) nicht nur die einfachen Doppelvorzeichen des fünften Systems, <math>\text{⋈}</math> und <math>\text{⋉}</math>, sondern mit den Symbolen <math>\text{⋊}</math> und <math>\text{⋋}</math> auch Vorformen zusammengesetzter Zeichen. Diese unterscheiden sich von den bald darauf kanonisierten Formen des fünften Systems dadurch, dass sie jeweils zwei der Querbalken mit Hilfe einer weiteren Linie verbinden. Dieser Verbindungsstrich gliedert die Zeichen: Die durch ihn verbundenen beiden Querbalken bilden zusammen den (doppelseitigen) ersten Fall, der untere Querbalken den (eindeutigen) zweiten Fall. Das Symbol <math>\text{⋊}</math> bedeutet also „im ersten Unterfall des ersten Falles <math>-</math>, im zweiten Unterfall des ersten Falles <math>+</math>; im zweiten Fall <math>+</math>“. In seinen Exzerpten aus Mariottes <i>Du choc des corps</i> (VIII, 2 N. 50), die ebenfalls aus dem Dezember 1674 stammen dürften, kann sogar unmittelbar verfolgt werden, wie Leibniz das fünfte aus dem zweiten System ableitet. Er hält fest, die Notation müsse neu gestaltet werden, startet mit dem Zeichen <math>\text{⋈}</math>, ersetzt es zunächst durch die Übergangsform <math>\text{⋊}</math> und gelangt schließlich zur Form <math>\text{⋋}</math>. Die Übergangsform <math>\text{⋊}</math> findet sich ausschließlich in diesem Stück und an dieser Stelle, sie spiegelt Leibniz' Einfall wider, ein Minus durch einen halben Querbalken auszudrücken. Diese Darstellungsweise wird — gemeinsam mit der geradlinigen Anordnung der Fälle an einem senkrechten Balken — für das fünfte System charakteristisch. Im selben Stück identifiziert Leibniz auch die Symbole des vierten Systems mit jenen des fünften: (<math>\alpha\omega</math>) setzt er mit <math>\text{⋊}</math> gleich, (<math>\alpha\omega\alpha</math>) mit <math>\text{⋋}</math>.</p> <p>Die Form <math>\text{⋊}</math> entspricht dem später bevorzugten Symbol <math>\text{⋈}</math> bis auf eine Besonderheit: Bei ihr ist der untere Querbalken näher an den unteren als den oberen gerückt, wegen das Symbol <math>\text{⋈}</math> gleiche Abstände der Querbalken aufweist. Doch sind die Form <math>\text{⋊}</math> und analog gestaltete Zeichen, etwa Symbol <math>\text{⋉}</math>, nicht lediglich Ausdruck eines Übergangsstadiums, sondern Leibniz setzt sie bisweilen auch in der Praxis ein, etwa in VII, 1 N. 96 von April 1676. Tatsächlich lassen sich die beiden Symbole <math>\text{⋊}</math> und <math>\text{⋋}</math> zwei unterschiedlichen</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">C-16</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-17</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-04</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-05</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-05</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-01</p> <p style="text-align: right;">B-13</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-01</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-18</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-18</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C-08</p>
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Ambiguity signs, 2nd and 5th system. LAA VII-7 p. XXXIII

(31) Ponamus jam contra directricem esse non  $AD$ , sed  $AE$ , constantem  $WL$ , quam vocabimus  $\lambda$ . Crementum ordinarum  $EG$ , esse  $GW$ ; ipsam  $EH \cap l$ . primum investi-

gemus hoc modo:  $2ax \mp \frac{2a}{q}x^2 \cap 2yl$ . sive  $l \cap \frac{ax \mp \frac{a}{q}x^2}{y} \cap \frac{2ax \mp \frac{a}{q}x^2 - ax}{y}$  sive  $\frac{y^2 - ax}{y}$ .

Jam ut  $x$  inveniatur, erit  $x^2 \mp \frac{2q\phi}{\phi}x + q^2 \cap q^2 \mp y^2$ , adeoque fiet  $\mp x \mp q \cap \sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}$ ,

et  $x \cap \mp q \mp \sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}$  adeoque  $l \cap \frac{y^2 \mp qa \mp a\sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}}{y} \cap EH$ . Ergo  $GW$  erit

$\cap \frac{\lambda, \cap y^2 \mp qa \mp a\sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}}{y, \cap \mp q \mp \sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}}$ ; et  $\frac{GB \cap WL^2}{GW} \cap \frac{y \cap \lambda^2, \cap y, \cap \mp q \mp \sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}}{\lambda, \cap y^2 \mp qa \mp a\sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}}$ , cujus

seriei itidem habetur summa, ex datis omnibus  $\sqrt{q^2 \mp y^2}$ .

Quae theoremata vel ideo annotanda duxi, quod semel elapsa non facile rursus in mentem venirent, et non nisi per multas ambages deprehensa sint. Et haec quidem de Trianguli characteristici usu ad dimensiones curvilinearum nunc sufficient. 10

Ambiguity signs C-21, 5th system. LAA VII-5 p. 191

imatur, etc.  $CL \cap BL \cap \sqrt{2ax - x^2}$  fiet  $EL$ . Nimirum si  $D$  sit intra  $A$  et  $T$ , seu quando  $TD \cap +TA - AD$ , erit  $+EC + CL$ , quando  $D$  intra  $A$  et  $B$ , tunc cadit  $E$  inter  $C$ . et  $L$ . et erit  $EL \cap -EC + CL$ . et  $TD \cap TA + AD$ : Quando  $D$  ultra  $B$  tunc  $TD$  etiam  $TA + AD$ . sed  $EL \cap +EC - CL$ . Quando  $D$  ultra  $T$ , seu quando  $TD \cap -TA + AD$  tunc  $EL \cap EC + CL$ . Ut ergo digeramus erunt situs quatuor ipsius  $D$ , varietatem afferentes, (1) $D$ , (2) $D$ , (3) $D$ , (4) $D$ .

- (1) $D$ , dat:  $TD \cap -TA + AD$   $EL \cap +EC + CL$
- (2) $D$  ...  $TD \cap +TA - AD$   $EL \cap +EC + CL$
- (3) $D$  ...  $TD \cap +TA + AD$   $EL \cap -EC + CL$
- (4) $D$  ...  $TD \cap +TA + AD$   $EL \cap +EC - CL$

Generaliter ergo  $TD$  ita exprimemus:

$$TD \cap \mp TA \mp AD, \quad EL \cap \mp EC \mp CL.$$

Ergo hoc modo  $DE \cap \frac{\mp ax \mp af \mp xf}{a}$  et  $EL \cap \mp \frac{f\sqrt{2ax - x^2}}{a} \mp \sqrt{2ax - x^2}$ .

Ponendo jam  $DE \cap y$ , fiet:  $\frac{cy \mp af}{\mp a \mp f} \cap x$ , et  $x^2 \cap \frac{a^2y^2 \mp 2a^2fy + a^2f^2}{a^2 \mp 2af + f^2}$ .

Unde  $EL \cap z \cap \frac{\mp f \mp a}{a} \cap \sqrt{2ax - x^2}$ .

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Debet ergo  $(\dagger) 6m^3 (\dagger) 48m^2 (\dagger) 72m (\dagger) 64$  esse maior quam  $\dagger 8m^3 \dagger 36m^2 \dagger 150m \dagger 238,9$  differentiae scilicet, ideo, ut sciamus signum  $\dagger$  dandum parti maiori, eorum quae signo  $\dagger$  vel  $\dagger$  affecta sunt.

Ad duas ergo conditiones rem reduximus scilicet, tum ut  $\dagger 8m^3 \dagger 36m^2 \dagger 150m \dagger 238,9$  minor quam  $(\dagger) 6m^3 (\dagger) 48m^2 (\dagger) 72m (\dagger) 64$  tum ut radix extracta sit iusto maior, sive ut novissima subrahenda inter extrahendum sint maiora addendis.

Cubus a  $-4m^2 + 12m - 16$

Ambiguity signs, 5th system. LAA VII-2 p. 54

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EINLEITUNG XLV

schreibt einfach  $\ddagger$  oder  $\ddagger$ . Eine Erweiterung auf beliebig viele Fälle ist ohne weiteres möglich, ein Einsatz für vier Fälle mit Symbolen wie etwa  $\ddagger$  tatsächlich belegt. Die Vorzeichen dieses Systems verwendet er während seines weiteren Paris-Aufenthalts und darüber hinaus noch viele Jahre später. Beispiele:

Sit  $a \dagger \frac{a}{c} x \cap \omega$  fiet  $x \cap \dagger \frac{q}{a} \omega \dagger q$  (N. 69)

fiet aequatio  $\dagger 2cz + c^2 \cap c^2 \dagger 2cx + x^2$ . et extrahendo radicem:  $\sqrt{c^2 \dagger 2cz} \cap \ddagger c \ddagger x$ . (N. 44)

$r \cap \ddagger b \ddagger c$  (VIII, 2 N. 50)

pro  $\ddagger$  scribemus  $\ddagger$  pro  $\ddagger$  scribo  $\ddagger$  pro  $\ddagger$  scribo  $\ddagger$  pro  $\ddagger$  scribo  $\ddagger$  (N. 15)

$TD \cap \ddagger TA \ddagger AD$   $EE \cap \ddagger EC \ddagger CE$ . (VII, 5 N. 18)

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Example of ambiguity signs, 2nd and 5th system. LAA VII-7 p. XLV

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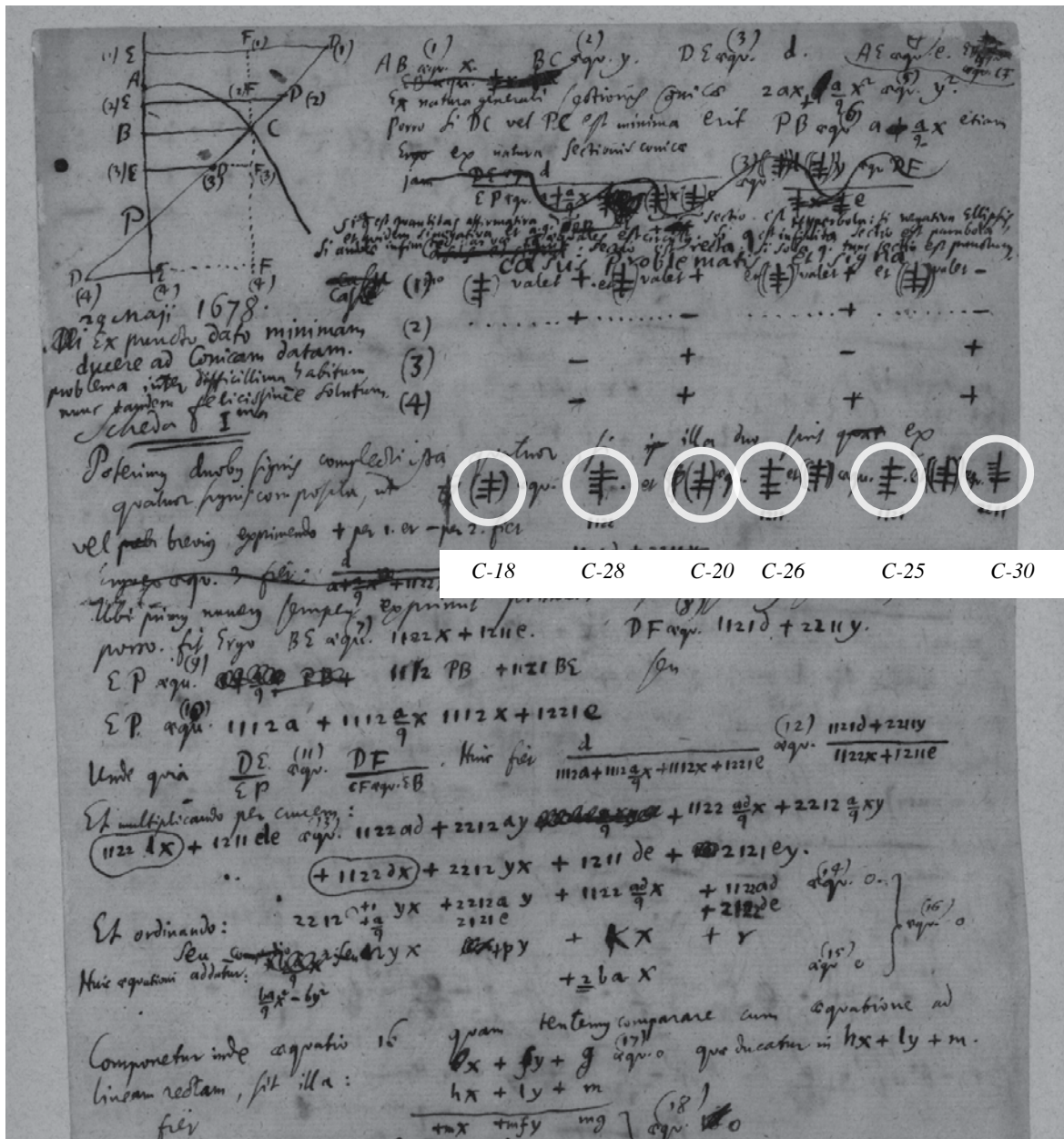
traits, ou  $-$ , horsmis un qui se pourra placer ou l'on voudra, par exemple  $\ddagger (\overline{3\ddagger}) (\overline{2\ddagger}) a$  fait  $\dagger (\overline{3\ddagger}) (\overline{2\ddagger}) - a$  ou  $\dagger (\overline{3\ddagger}) (\overline{2\ddagger}) a$  et  $\ddagger (\overline{3\ddagger}) a$ , fait  $\dagger (\overline{3\ddagger}) a$ .

Si les signes qui se multiplient, ou qui se divisent sont correspondants seulement: leur nature particuliere qui se reconnoit par la forme du Caractere, fera juger du produit. Par exemple

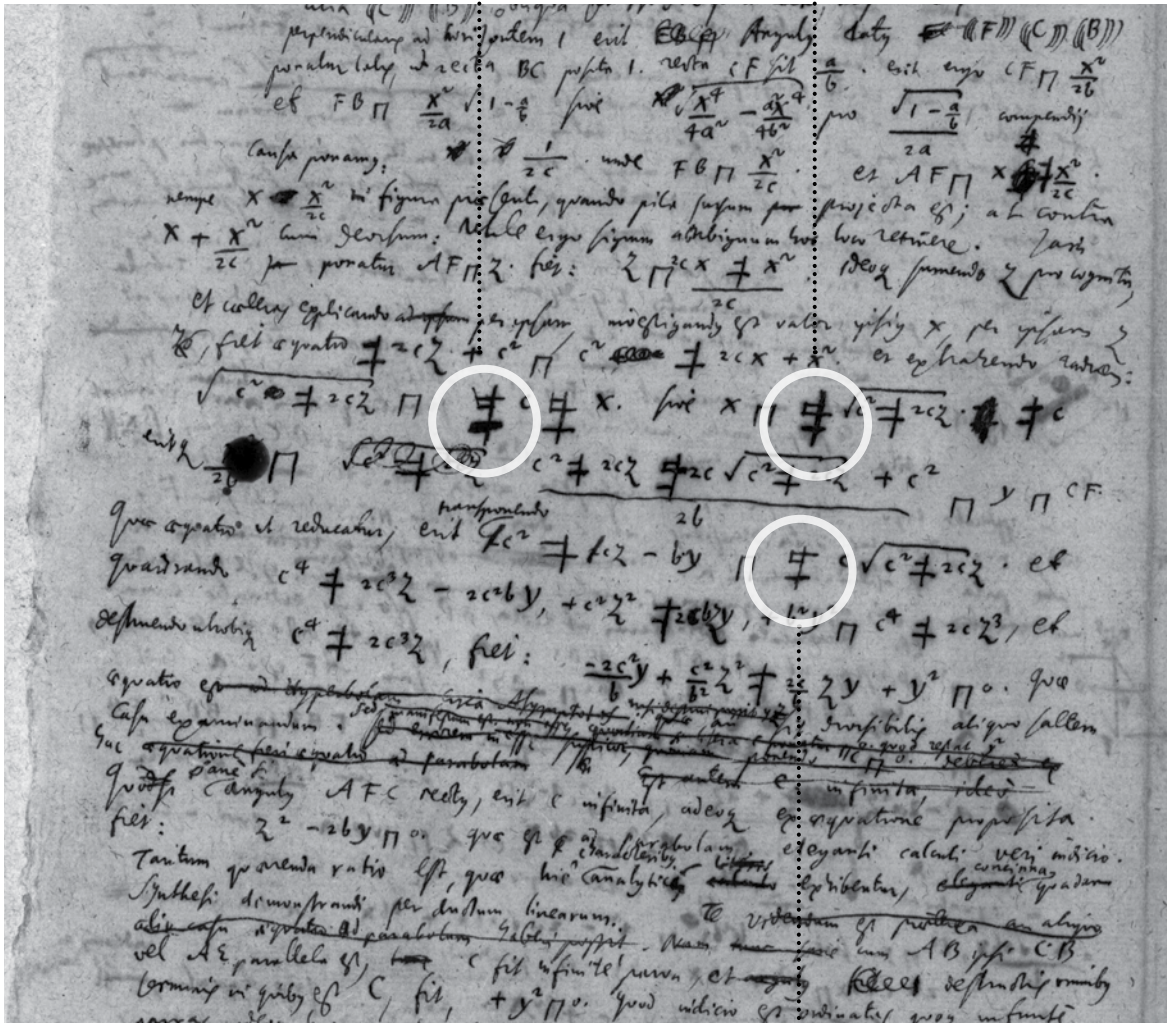
$(\overline{2\ddagger}) b \wedge (\overline{2\ddagger}) a$ , fait  $(\overline{2\ddagger}) ab$

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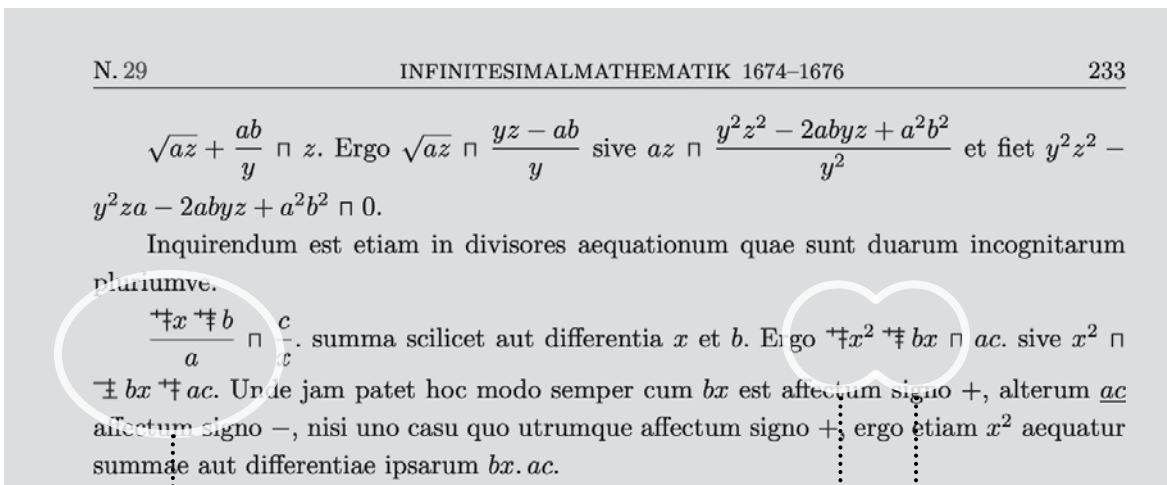




Ambiguity signs of the 5th system, as seen in one of Leibniz's manuscripts (LH 35 XII 1, 217v). The edition of this manuscript is in preparation.



Ambiguity signs, 5th system.  
LH 35 XII 1 fol. 227v



$\sqrt{az} + \frac{ab}{y} \sqcap z$ . Ergo  $\sqrt{az} \sqcap \frac{yz - ab}{y}$  sive  $az \sqcap \frac{y^2z^2 - 2abyz + a^2b^2}{y^2}$  et fiet  $y^2z^2 - y^2za - 2abyz + a^2b^2 \sqcap 0$ .

Inquirendum est etiam in divisores aequationum quae sunt duarum incognitarum plurimumve.

$\frac{+x + b}{a} \sqcap \frac{c}{x}$ . summa scilicet aut differentia  $x$  et  $b$ . Ergo  $+x^2 + bx \sqcap ac$ . sive  $x^2 \sqcap \pm bx + ac$ . Unde jam patet hoc modo semper cum  $bx$  est affectum signo  $+$ , alterum  $ac$  affectum signo  $-$ , nisi uno casu quo utrumque affectum signo  $+$ , ergo etiam  $x^2$  aequatur summae aut differentiae ipsarum  $bx$ .  $ac$ .

Ambiguity signs, 5th system.  
LAA VII-5 p. 233

au lieu de  $\ddagger$ ; et  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$ . Et à fin aussi qu'on voye la raison de la distance que je laisse entre le trait haussé, et les premiers, et pour quoy je fais  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$ , et  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$  ou  $\ddagger$  je dis qu'on découvre par ce moyen à la première veue l'origine et composition de tous ces signes, mais qu'outre cette commodité il y a même quelque nécessité de faire de la sorte, pour éviter l'équivocation, ou confusion de deux signes de différente signification, car posons que le signe  $\ddagger$  doive entrer dans la composition d'un autre, si on en faisoit alors  $\ddagger$  en haussant simplement le trait d'embas on ne le discerneroit pas du signe  $\ddagger$  quand il entroit aussi dans une composition par ce que en le haussant simplement, nous aurions eu aussi  $\ddagger$  au lieu de  $\ddagger$  donc voila deux  $\ddagger$  de différente signification l'un fait de  $\ddagger$ , c'est à dire du contraire à  $\ddagger$  c'est à dire à + ou  $\ddagger$ : l'autre fait de  $\ddagger$ , c'est à dire de + ou  $\ddagger$  c'est à dire du + et du contraire à  $\ddagger$ : ce qui n'est pas le même.

Quand je dis par exemple que  $\ddagger$  vaut + ou  $\ddagger$ , et que  $\ddagger$  vaut + ou  $\ddagger$  cela se doit entendre avec une relation entre ces deux signes ambigus composez; de sorte que si dans l'application de l'ambiguité ou generalité à un cas particulier,  $\ddagger$  est expliqué par -, alors  $\ddagger$  sera expliqué par + et *vice versa* car entre ces trois equations susdites de la 5<sup>me</sup> figure il n'y a pas une, ou *AB* aussi bien que *BC*, tout a la fois soient affectées par -. Mais si  $\ddagger$  est expliqué par +, il n'est pas nécessaire que  $\ddagger$  soit expliqué par - par ce que dans une de ces equations particulieres, *AB*, aussi bien que *BC*, sont affectées par +. Par consequent si l'un de ces deux signes composés est expliqué par + l'autre sera expliqué par  $\ddagger$  et *vice versa* (: avec la caution pourtant, que nous y apporterons plus bas:) de

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IV. Ambig.

$$a \sqcap (\overline{3\ddagger}) b (\overline{3\ddagger}) c \text{ signifie } a \sqcap + b + c, \text{ c'est à dire, } a \sqcap + b + c$$

$$(\overline{3\ddagger}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + b \\ - b \end{array} \right. (\overline{3\ddagger}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} - c \\ + c \end{array} \right. \text{ ou } (\overline{3\ddagger}) b (\overline{3\ddagger}) c$$

*a* estant ou la somme, ou la difference de *b*. *c*. cela fait voir clairement la raison de la fabrique des signes, et il faut remarquer seulement que de + ou  $\overline{3\ddagger}$ , on a fait tout expres  $\overline{3\ddagger}$  au lieu de  $\overline{3\ddagger}$  par ce que  $\overline{3\ddagger}$  signifie le signe opposé à  $\overline{3\ddagger}$ .

Si nous eussions eu

$$f \sqcap + b + c (\overline{3\ddagger}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + e \\ - e \end{array} \right.$$

$$(\overline{3\ddagger}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + b \\ - b \end{array} \right. (\overline{3\ddagger}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} - c \\ + c \end{array} \right. - e, \text{ cela auroit fait}$$


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$$f \sqcap (\overline{3\ddagger}) b (\overline{3\ddagger}) c (\overline{3\ddagger}) e$$

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vel quia  $r \square + b + c$ , erit  $b \square + r - c$ , sive  $b \square + r \pm c$ , sed quia relatio apparere debet, erit potius  $b \square + r \pm c$ .

Ac proinde reformanda non nihil notatio est: nimirum pro  $\mp$  faciemus  $\mp$  vel  $i$  a  $\pm$ , vel etiam ita  $\mp$  pro  $(\alpha\alpha\omega)$  et pro  $(\alpha\omega\alpha)$  fiet:  $\mp$ . Quae naturalissima omnium haud dubie notatio est. Itaque ponendo:  $r \square \mp b \pm c$ , erit  $b \square \mp r \pm c$  et  $c \square \mp r \pm b$ . Sed et utile forte erit summam differentiamque distinguere, et fiet:  $r \square \pm b \pm c$ , unde  $b \square \mp r \pm c$  vel  $b \square \mp r \pm c$  e..... C-11

C-09.....  $\square \mp r \pm [b]$ . Quod si velimus totam formulam signo afficere, aut eandem ejus partem, fiet, ..... C-06

C-07..... v.g.  $r \square (sd) b + c$ , sed signum ejusmodi cum sit instar signi radicalis incapax est partium ..... C-07

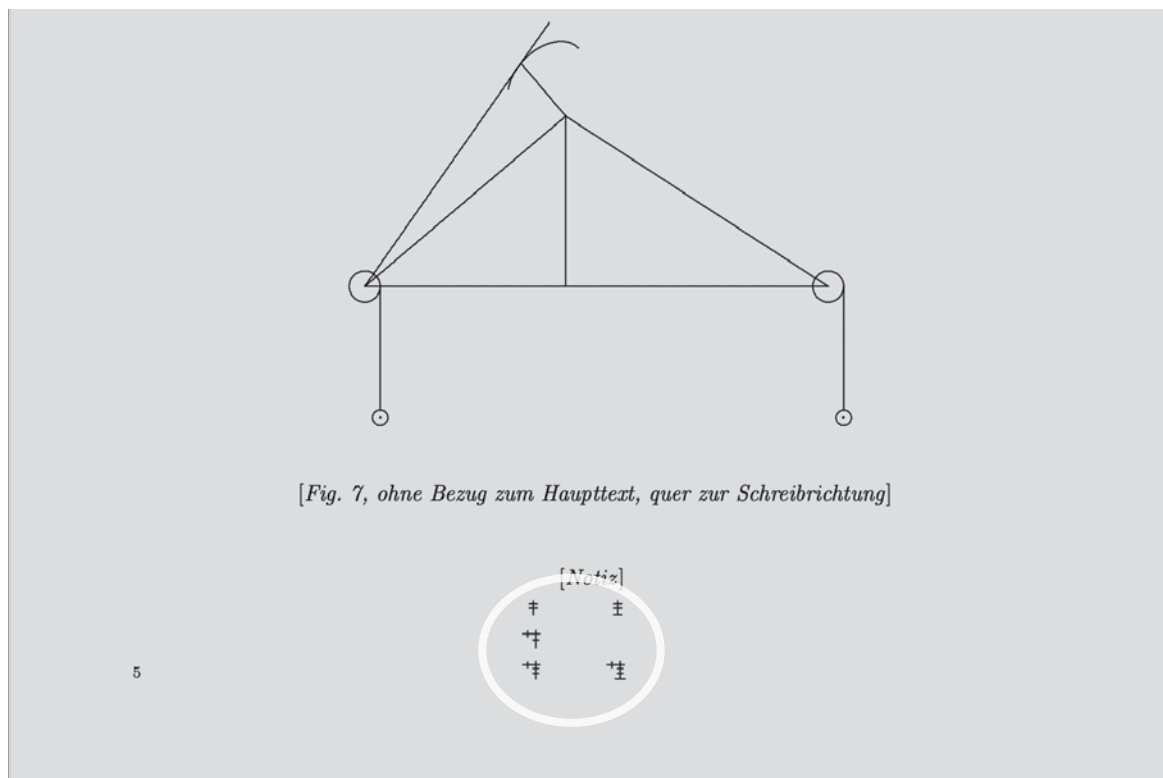
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divulsio: nisi aliunde ratiocineris. Nimirum perinde est ac si dicas esse  $\sqrt{b^2 \mp 2bc + c^2}$ , nam differentia seu  $(d) b + c$  est  $\square [\sqrt{b^2 - 2bc + c^2}]$ . Caeterum posito  $r \square (sd) b + c$  erit  $b \square [(ds)]r + c$  et  $c \square (ds) r + b$ . Sed cum haec signa ut dixi intractabilia sint, nisi quatenus in alia resolvuntur, rectius ex Analysis ablegabuntur.

Redeamus ergo ad rem nostram, scilicet:  $r \square \mp b \pm c$ .  $b \square \mp r \pm c$ .  $c \square \mp r \pm b$ . Quodsi compendii causa faciamus semper majorem celeritatem esse  $d$ , minorem semper esse  $c$ , fiet:  $r \square b \pm c$ . adeoque  $b \square r \pm c$  et  $c \square r \pm b$ .

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Example of ambiguity signs, 2nd and 5th system. LAA VIII-2 p. 438



B-02, B-06, B-03; LAA VII-3 p. 360

by De Witt.<sup>1</sup> Wallis<sup>2</sup> wrote  $\wp$  for  $+$  or  $-$ , and  $\text{⊗}$  for the contrary. The sign  $\text{⊗}$  was used in a restricted way, by James Bernoulli,<sup>3</sup> he says, “ $\text{⊗}$  significat  $+$  in pr. e  $-$  in post. hypoth.,” i.e., the symbol stood for  $+$  according to the first hypothesis, and for  $-$ , according to the second hypothesis. He used this same symbol in his *Ars conjectandi* (1713), page 264. Van Schooten wrote also  $\text{⊗}$  for  $\mp$ . It should be added that  $\text{⊗}$  appears also in the older printed Greek books as a ligature or combination of two Greek letters, the omicron  $\omicron$  and the upsilon  $\upsilon$ . The  $\text{⊗}$  appears also as an astronomical symbol for the constellation Taurus.

Da Cunha<sup>4</sup> introduced  $\pm'$  and  $\pm''$ , or  $\pm'$  and  $\mp'$ , to mean that the upper signs shall be taken simultaneously in both or the lower signs shall be taken simultaneously in both. Oliver, Wait, and Jones<sup>5</sup> denoted positive or negative  $N$  by  $^{\pm}N$ .

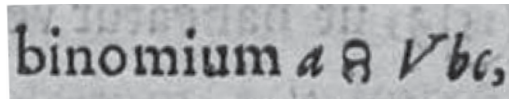
211. The symbol  $[a]$  was introduced by Kronecker<sup>6</sup> to represent

$\text{⊗}$  PLUSMINUS SIGN,  $\text{⊗}$  MINUSPLUS SIGN; Cajori I p. 246. In this paragraph Cajori explains the different usage of this two symbols for “+ or -” and “- or +” by van Schooten, Bernoulli and Wallis. A variety of symbols was used during the 17th century for denoting plus-minus. Leibniz used the same symbols in a different context in order to denote *congruence*, hence the proposed character name in this proposal.

Despite of what Cajori writes here about the similar looking characters *omicron-epsilon* and the astrological *Taurus* symbol, the  $\text{⊗}$  should not be mixed up with neither of them. See page 102 for this peculiar character.

$\text{⊗}$  MINUSPLUS SIGN

Descartes, *Geometria*, p. 330



binomium  $a \text{⊗} Vbc,$

Where the First Term hath the Sign  $+$  (because made by Multiplying  $+$  into  $+$ .)  
 The Second Term is wanting (because  $-ya^3$  and  $+ya^3$  destroy each other.)  
 In the Third Term,  $yy$  hath  $-$  (because made of  $+y$  into  $-y$ ;) and  $b, d,$   
 have the same Terms as in the Quadratics, (which Sign, be it  $+$  or  $-$ , we  
 here design by  $\text{⊗}$ , and its contrary by  $\text{⊗}$ ;) In the Fourth Term,  $b$  hath the same  
 Sign as before (because Multiplied into  $+y$ ;) but  $d$  the contrary to what it  
 had (because Multiplied into  $-y$ .) And thus far it holds constantly, whatever  
 be the Signs of  $p, q, r$ .

$\text{⊗}$  PLUSMINUS SIGN,  $\text{⊗}$  MINUSPLUS SIGN

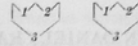
Wallis, *Algebra*, p. 210

( $\text{⊗}$  significat  $+$  in pr.  $\text{⊗}$   $-$  in post. hypoth.)

$\text{⊗}$  MINUSPLUS SIGN

Acta eruditorum 1701, p. 214

le rayon  $BC$ . De mesme l'intersection d'un plan et de la spherique est une ligne circulaire. Car l'expression d'une spherique est  $AC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } AY$  et celle d'un plan est  $AY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BY$  et par consequent  $AC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BC$ , parce que le point  $C$  est un des points  $Y$ : or  $BC$  estant  $\textcircled{+}$   $AC$  et  $AC$  estant  $\textcircled{+}$   $AY$ , nous aurons  $BC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } AY$  et  $AY$  estant  $\textcircled{+}$   $BY$  nous aurons  $BC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BY$ . Joignons ces congruités et nous aurons  $ABC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } ABY$  c'est à dire



$AB \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } AB$  or  $ABC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } ABY$  est à la circulaire, donc l'intersection d'un plan et d'une  $BC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BY$

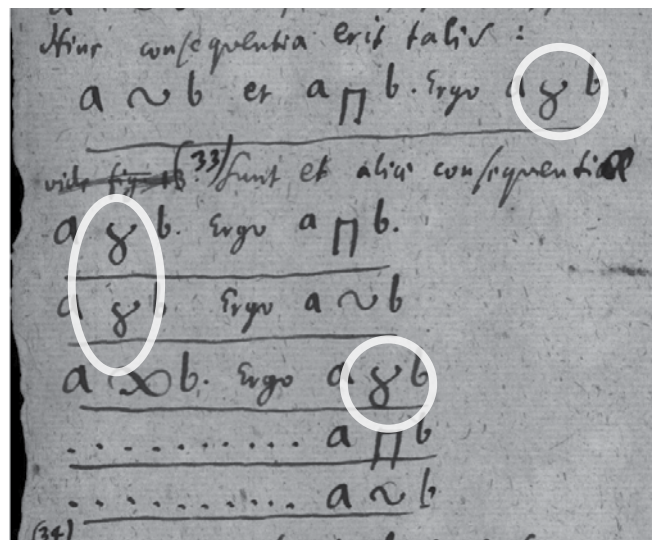
$AC \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } AY$

surface spherique donne la circulaire. Ce qu'il falloit demonstrier par cette sorte de calcul. De la même façon il paroistra que l'intersection de deux plans est une droite. Car soient deux congruités, l'une  $AY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BY$  pour un plan, l'autre  $AY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } CY$  pour l'autre plan, nous aurons  $AY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } CY$  dont le lieu est la droite. Enfin l'intersection de deux droites est un point car soit  $AY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } CY$  et  $BY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } CY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } DY$  nous aurons  $AY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } BY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } CY \text{ } \textcircled{+} \text{ } DY$ .

Je n'ay qu'une remarque à ajouter, c'est que je voy qu'il est possible d'entendre la

$\textcircled{+}$  PLUSMINUS SIGN,

is used here by Leibniz as a symbol for "congruence" instead; LAA III-2 p. 859.



$\textcircled{+}$  PLUSMINUS SIGN,

is used here by Leibniz as a symbol for "congruence" instead; manuscript LH 35 I 11 fol. 9r

4.d) Geometrical signs

Sit linea AB secta alicubi in C. Demonstravit Euclides, quadratum ab AB aequari quadrato ab AC, + quad. a CB, + bis rectang. ACB. Et idem demonstravit, quadratum ab AC alterutra partium aequari, quadrato ab AB, + quadr. a CB, - rectang. ABC. Inventor regularum Cardani demonstravit, cubum ab AB aequari cubo ab AC, + cub. a CB, + 3<sup>10</sup> rectang. solido ACBA, sive ter rectang. solido, comprehenso sub rectis AC, CB, BA; et cubum ab AC aequari cubo ab AB, - cub. a CB, - 3 rectang. solido ACBA.

Haec tabula continuata pro omnibus aliis potestatibus altioribus similia theoremata concinnare docet; nimirum surdesolidum ab AC aequatur surdesolid. ab AB - surdes. a CB,

□ CUBUS 1  
LAA III-1 p. 643

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Als men de  $\angle ACB$  wil 2 mahl in 2 gelijcke deel, deelen; om  $AF$  te vinden, soo kan men het dus oock doen[:]

Regel.

Gelijck als

5  $AC + BC$ , sijn □ staet tot also het tot het  
 $-\square AB$ , multipl. in  $BC$   $\square AB$ , multipl. in  $AC$   $\square AC$   $\square AF$ .

□ CUBUS 2. This figure shows also the use of PROPORTION 2. - LAA VII-6 P. 302

173. Deeply influenced by geometrical considerations was Jean Buteon,<sup>1</sup> in his *Logistica quae et Arithmetica vulgo dicitur* (Lugduni, 1559). In the part of the book on algebra he rejects the words *res*, *census*, etc., and introduces in their place the Latin words for "line," "square," "cube," using the symbols  $\rho$ ,  $\diamond$ ,  $\square$ . He employs also  $P$  and  $M$ , both as signs of operation and of quality. Calling the sides of an equation *continens* and *contentum*, respectively, he writes between them the sign [ as long as the equation is not reduced to the simplest form and the *contentum*, therefore, not in its final form. Later the *contentum* is inclosed in the completed rectangle [ ]. Thus Buteon writes  $3\rho M 7 [ 8$  and then draws the inferences,  $3\rho [15]$ ,  $1\rho [5]$ . Again he writes  $\frac{1}{4} \diamond [100$ , hence  $1\diamond [400]$ ,  $1\rho [20]$ . In modern symbols:  $2x - 7 = 8$ ,  $3x = 15$ ,  $x = 5$ ;  $\frac{1}{4}x^2 = 100$ ,  $x^2 = 400$ ,  $x = 20$ . Another example:  $\frac{1}{8} \square P 2 [218$ ,  $\frac{1}{8} \square [216$ ,  $1 \square [1728]$ ,  $1\rho [12]$ ; in modern form  $\frac{1}{8}x^3 + 2 = 218$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}x^3 = 216$ ,  $x^3 = 1,728$ ,  $x = 12$ .

When more than one unknown quantity arises, they are repre-

□ CUBUS 2. Cajori vol. 1, p. 176

ducta est) tangat. Ex altero extremo  $B$ , recta  $BE$  radio  $AW$  perpendiculariter occurrat in  $E$ . Iungatur  $EG$  tum  $AM$  ipsi  $AW$ , et  $LM$ , ipsi  $AM$  perpendiculariter incidant. Aio si rectangulum  $AL$  multiplex secundum numerum  $\delta$ , adimatur triangulo  $GWE$ , differentiam fore aream segmenti  $BWCB$ .

Ex his facile intelligi potest, numerum  $\delta$ , esse unitate imo et semisse minorem. Nam si  $BCW$  sit arcus quadrantis, erit  $\square AL$  duplum  $\triangle AW$ , sequitur et ex data quadratura circuli totius dari quadraturam quarumlibet partium quae geometricè abscindi possint. Et rursus vel unica eius portione quae geometricè abscindi possit

$\triangle$  RIGHT TRIANGLE POINTING RIGHT      *The Rectangle has codepoint 25AD.*  
LAA VII-3 p. 275

$\frac{a^2[\sqrt{2}]}{a\sqrt{2} + x - \sqrt{2a^2 + x^2}} \sqcap z$ . Contra si  $x$ . investigare velis, retenta  $z$ , fiet:  $\sqrt{2a^2 + x^2} \sqcap a\sqrt{2} + x - \frac{a^2}{z}\sqrt{2}$ . Unde  $(2a^2)(+x^2) \sqcap (2a^2) + 2ax\sqrt{2}(+x^2)$ ,  $\frac{2a^2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}}{z} - \frac{4a^2}{z} - \frac{2a^2x\sqrt{2}}{z} + \frac{2a^4}{z^2} \sqcap 0$ . sive:  $2axz^2\sqrt{2} - 4a^2z - 2a^2xz\sqrt{2} + a^4 \sqcap 0$ . et  $x \sqcap \frac{4a^2z - a^4}{2az^2\sqrt{2} - 2a^2z\sqrt{2}}$ . Iam pro  $z$ . pone  $z - b$ . fiet:  $\frac{4a^2z - 4a^2b - a^4}{2az^2 - 4azb\sqrt{2} + 2ab^2 - 2a^2z\sqrt{2} + 2a^2b\sqrt{2}}$ . quarum duarum  $x$ . differentia utique est  $ff$ .

Iam spat.  $\beta Ad\beta \sqcap \square A\lambda\beta - \text{spat. } \beta\lambda\beta$ . sed spatium  $\beta\lambda\beta \sqcap \text{spat. } \beta f f \beta - \square f f \xi - \triangle \beta \xi \pi + \triangle \pi \lambda \beta$ . Ergo spat.  $\beta Ad\beta \sqcap \square A\lambda\beta - \text{spat. } \beta f f \beta + \square f f \xi + \triangle \beta \xi \pi - \triangle \pi \lambda \beta$ .

$\triangle$  RIGHT TRIANGLE POINTING RIGHT  
LAA VII-3 p. 506

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Ut est diameter ad circumferentiam, ita est semifigura circa suum axem voluta ad superficiem curvam.

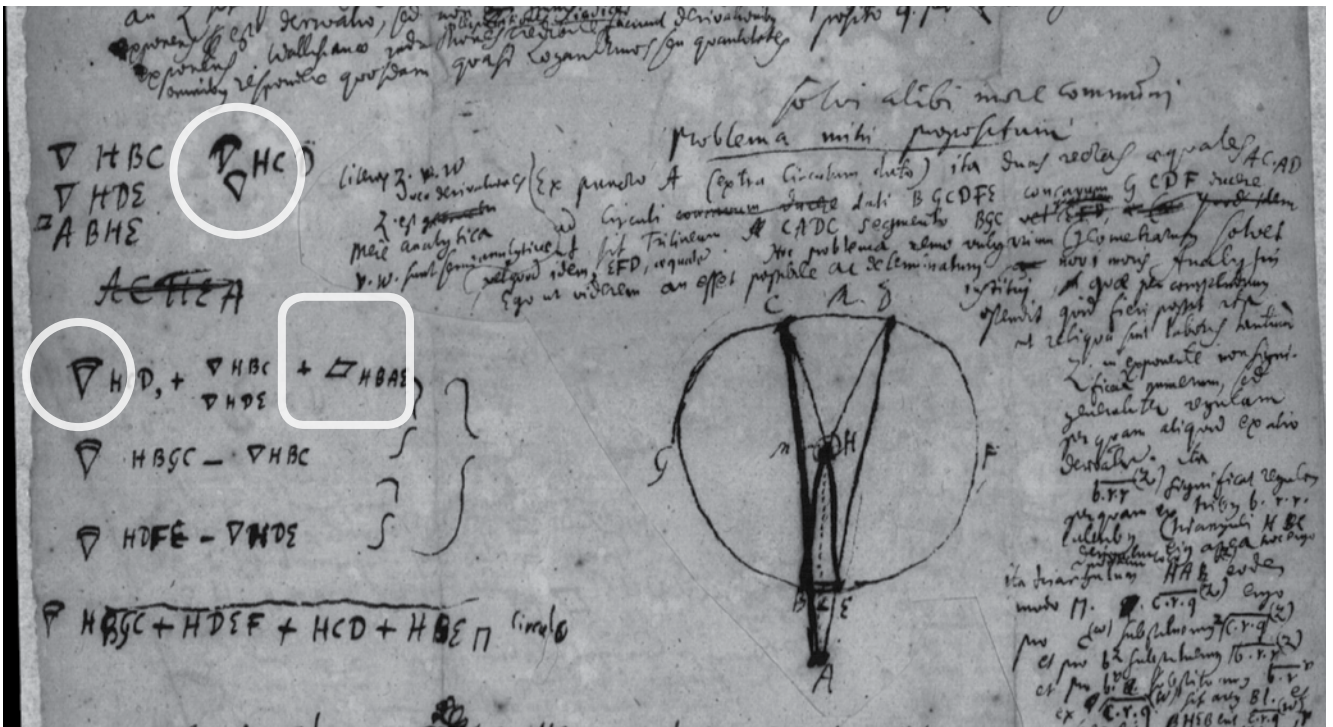
$\frac{\text{rad. } a}{\text{circumf. } b} = \frac{\square}{\text{sup. cycl.}} = \frac{\text{D}}{\text{sup. hem.}}$ . Ergo  $\frac{\text{sup. cyl.}}{\text{sup. hem.}} = \frac{\square}{\text{D}}$ .

Ratio cyl. ad hemisph. est ut 3 ad 2. ergo ratio quadr. circumscr. vel quadr. diam. ad circ. ut Rq 3. ad Rq 2.

Ergo diam. ir.  $\square$ . diam. ir. erit Rq 3 — Rq 2 —  $\frac{9}{1}$  —  $\frac{\text{Rq } 2\text{rqq}}{\text{D}}$  circ. dividatur per  $\frac{\text{ir}}{\text{D}}$ .

$\text{D}$  HALF RIGHTHAND CIRCLE WITH DIAMETER  
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◊ SMALL SECTOR, ◊ SMALL SECTOR WITH DOUBLE ARC, ◊ KITE SIGN  
 LH 35 I 14 fol. 88v. The edition of this manuscript is currently in progress.

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gravitatis  $c$ . erit  $2ca \cap \omega\pi$ , pro  $v$  sinu verso paulo ante substituendo nunc  $\omega$  sinum rectum. Ergo  $c \cap \frac{\omega\pi}{2a}$ . Sit  $\frac{\pi}{2a} \cap r$  erit  $c \cap r\omega$ . Et  $\omega \cap \frac{c}{r}$ . Porro  $B(F) \cap g$ . et  $\frac{2g}{c} \cap \frac{\delta}{\pi}$ .  $AB \cap v$ .  $A(F) \cap v - g$ .  $av - ag \cap \text{se}[g]m$ . dupl.  $AHA$ . Jam  $\frown + LHA \cap \frac{a\delta}{2,2}$ . Ergo  $2\frown + 2LHA \cap \frac{a\delta}{2}$ . Jam  $2\frown \cap av - ag$ . et  $2LHA \cap \frac{\omega\delta}{2}$  ergo  $2av - 2ag + \omega\delta \cap a\delta$ . Porro  $g \cap \frac{\delta}{2\pi}c$ . et  $c \cap r\omega$ . Ergo  $g \cap \frac{\delta r\omega}{2\pi}$  fietque  $2av - 2a\frac{\delta r\omega}{2\pi} + \omega\delta \cap \frac{a\delta}{2}$ . et pro  $v$  ponendo:  $\sqrt{\delta^2 - \omega^2}$  habebitur aequatio in qua sola supererit  $\omega$ , quae proinde poterit semper inveniri ex data Quadratura Circuli, et relatione arcus ad circumferentiam, aequatione plana quod est absurdum. Non ergo poterit inveniri quadratura circuli. Sed ne in calculo tanti momenti erremus omnia ab integro ordiemur.

Diameter  $AD \cap \delta$ . Peripheria  $\cap \pi$ . Arcus  $AH \cap a$ . Sinus versus  $AB \cap v$ . Sinus rectus  $HB \cap \omega$ . Momentum arcus  $AH$  ex tangente verticis  $AT$  est duplum segmentum  $AHR$ .  $\frown \cap \frown - \frown$  et  $\frown \cap \frac{\omega\delta}{2}$ . Nam  $AHL \cap AL$  in  $HB$ . Porro  $\frown \cap \frac{\text{Arcus}}{2}$

Segm. Sect.  $ALH$   $ALH$

in rad. seu  $\frac{a\delta}{4}$ . Ergo  $2\frown \text{ segm.} \cap \frac{a\delta}{2} - \omega\delta$ , arcus momentum ex  $AT$ . Ergo  $A(F) \cap \frac{\delta}{2} -$

⊂ SMALL SEGMENT, ◊ SMALL SECTOR and ◊ SMALL SECTOR TRIANGLE  
 LAA VII-5 p. 555

parabolicum, nam aequatio talis  $y^2 = ax - a^2$ . est parabolica, ut patet. Iam si ponatur  
 10  $y^2 = x^2$ . non ideo minus aequatio parabolica erit, seu cuius locus est parabola. Id ergo  
 videmur obtinuisse, ut hoc pacto quadratura circuli devenerit problema solidum solubile,  
 et construi possit, quemadmodum problemata solida omnia. Sed in eo malum est, quod  
 una tantum est cognita  $a^2$ . Si quaedam  $b$ . aequationem ingrederetur, tunc solvi posset  
 problema ope parabolae, deberet nimirum fieri aequatio talis posito  $y = x$ .

15  $y^2 = ax - b^2$ . vel  $x^2 = [ay] - b^2$ .

haberemus solutionem saltem per parabolam, seu locum solidum. Quare si quis exhibere  
 posset segmentum circuli aequale cuidam sectori cuius arcus est radix segmenti demto  
 quodam quadrato cuius radix est alia a radio. Sed his non opus, sufficit prior illa aequatio:

$$\frac{x^2}{\alpha} = \frac{bx}{\beta} - b^2.$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \nabla \\ a^2 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \smile \\ x^2 \\ x \\ \wedge \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \ominus \\ ax \\ a \\ - \end{array}$$

▽ SMALL SECTOR WITH CHORD – LAA VII-4 p. 192

Si esset corpus quod pro aetate  $\triangleright$  mutaret pondus, daret motum perpetuum. Fiat  
 talis rota  $\ominus$  ubi nigrum sit alterius formae  $\triangleright$  non subditae et tota rota, ita in axe librata  
 ut utraque forma in naturali statu aequalis sit ponderis, haud dubie perpetuo movebitur  
 juxta motum  $\triangleright$ .

⊖ CIRCLE WITH HALF MOON OBLIQUE

LAA VII-8 (preliminary edition)

Si esset corpus quod pro aetate  $\triangleright$  mutaret pon-  
 dus, daret motum perpetuum. Fiat talis rota  $\ominus$  ubi  
 nigrum sit alterius formae  $\triangleright$  non subditae ex totâ  
 rotâ, ita in axe librata ut utraque forma in naturali

⊖ CIRCLE WITH HALF MOON OBLIQUE

Foucher de Careil (ed.): Œvres inédites de Descartes, vol. I p. 34; 1859

## 25. DE SERIE AD SEGMENTUM CIRCULI

[Herbst 1673]

**Überlieferung:** L Konzept: LH 35 II 1 Bl. 248–249. 1 Bog. 2°. 4 S.

Cc 2, Nr. 554.

- 5 Datierungsgründe: Das Wasserzeichen des Papiers ist für den Zeitraum August 1673 bis Juni 1674 belegt. Das Stück setzt die Entdeckung der Kreisreihe voraus; es ist vermutlich kurz danach entstanden, da es direkte Bezüge zur bisher frühesten bekannten Abhandlung zur Kreisreihe, der *Dissertatio de arithmetico circuli tetragonismo* (Cc 2, Nr. 563 u. 1233 A), aufweist. Außerdem enthält N. 25 einen Verweis auf *De quadratura circuli et hyperb.* (Cc 2, Nr. 1237), das auf demselben Bogen steht wie N. 22 und nach diesem geschrieben ist. N. 25 ist also nach N. 22 entstanden.
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[Teil 1]

Inventum est a me:

- Prop. 1. Si dato quodam circuli segmento  $\frown$ ; cuius arcus non sit quadrante maior, radius ponatur esse  $a$ , tangens semiarculus  $b$ , sinus versus vero arcus integri  $c$ , tunc serie in infinitum productae  $\frac{b^3}{3a} - \frac{b^5}{5a^3} + \frac{b^7}{7a^5} - \frac{b^9}{9a^7}$  etc. etc., summam, aequalem fore ipsi  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown$ ; seu residuo post segmentum datum ex semirectangulo tangentis semiarculus in sinum versus arcus ductu facto, subtractum.
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Unde ante omnia consequentia ducitur eiusmodi:

Prop. 2. Posito radio  $a = 1$ , erit:  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown = \frac{b^3}{3} - \frac{b^5}{5} + \frac{b^7}{7} - \frac{b^9}{9}$  etc.

14 tunc (1) differentiam inter  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown$ , ( $a$ ) fore ( $b$ ) erit = (2) seriem in infinitum productam (3)

Primum ergo posito  $a = 1$ , iam supra prop. 2. ostensum est, fieri:  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown = \frac{b^3}{3} - \frac{b^5}{5} + \frac{b^7}{7} - \frac{b^9}{9}$  etc. ex  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown = \frac{b^3}{3a} - \frac{b^5}{5a^3} + \frac{b^7}{7a^5} - \frac{b^9}{9a^7}$  etc.

At posito  $a = 1$ , et praeterea  $b = \frac{a}{\gamma}$ , seu sumta serie p r o p. 6. quae erat:  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown = \frac{a^2}{3\gamma^3} - \frac{a^2}{5\gamma^5} + \frac{a^2}{7\gamma^7} - \frac{a^2}{9\gamma^9}$ , fiet aequatio haec:

5 Prop. 8.  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown = \frac{1}{3\gamma^3} - \frac{1}{5\gamma^5} + \frac{1}{7\gamma^7} - \frac{1}{9\gamma^9}$ , etc.

At ex  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown = \frac{a^2\lambda^3}{3} - \frac{a^2\lambda^5}{5}$  etc., fiet aequatio haec:

Prop. 9.  $\frac{bc}{2} - \frown = \frac{\lambda^3}{3} - \frac{\lambda^5}{5} + \frac{\lambda^7}{7} - \frac{\lambda^9}{9}$  etc. posito  $a = 1$ , et  $\lambda = \frac{b}{a} = \frac{1}{\gamma}$ .

⊆ SMALL SEGMENT, LAA VII-3 p. 282, 286

et ponendo  $w^3 - v^3 \sqcap \pi^3$ . et  $-\mu^9 + \omega^9 \wedge [w^3] \sqcap v^{12}$ .

et  $-3\omega^3 w^3 + 3\mu^3 v^3 \sqcap \beta^6$ . et  $3\alpha^6 w^3 - 3\mu^6 v^3 \sqcap \gamma^9$ . et fiet:

$$\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\oplus}}}} \pi^3 x^9 + \beta^6 x^6 + \gamma^9 x^3 \sqcap v^{12}.$$

Atque ita sublatae sunt irrationales duae, nempe v. et w. iam ipsarum r. et s. tollenda est alterutra. Iam conferendo aequationes  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\oplus}}}}$  et  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  tolletur x, nec restabit incognita aut

Unde ex aeq.  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  fiet aeq.

$$\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -3\pi^3 a^4 n^2 l x^2 + \pi^3 a^4 h^4 x - \pi^3 a^6 l^3 \\ -3\pi^3 a^5 h l^2 + \pi^3 a^5 h^3 l \\ + \beta^6 a^2 h^2 \dots + 2\beta^6 a^3 h l + \beta^6 a^4 l^2 \\ - \gamma^9 a h \dots - \gamma^9 a^2 l \\ - v^{12} \end{array} \right\} \sqcap 0.$$

Ubi notandum  $w^3 - v^3$  seu  $\pi^3$ , valere  $-2a^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}l^2 + \frac{1}{27} \frac{h^3}{a}}$  et  $\omega^3$  seu  $v^3 + w^3$  valere  $-a^2 l$ .  
 et  $\lambda^3 \sqcap 6a^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}l^2 + \frac{1}{27a} \frac{h^3}{a}}$ . et  $\mu^3 \sqcap a^2 l - 6a^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}l^2 + \frac{1}{27a} \frac{h^3}{a}}$ . et

$$\beta^6 \sqcap \left[ +3a^2 l w^3 + 3a^2 l v^3 \right] - 6a^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}l^2 + \frac{1}{27a} \frac{h^3}{a}} - 3a^4 l^2 + 3a^4 \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}l^2 + \frac{1}{27a} \frac{h^3}{a}} - \frac{6a^4}{4} l^2 - \frac{6a^3}{27} h^3.$$

Unde terminus  $x^2$  aequationis  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  fiet

$$+ 6a^6 h^2 l \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}l^2 + \frac{1}{27a} \frac{h^3}{a}} - 3a^6 h^2 l^2 - \frac{6a^3}{27} h^3.$$

qui utique non est ut metuebam nihilo aequalis. Nisi sit in calculo error, nam metuo ne omnes termini aequationis  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  sine nihilo aequales, quod ultimum est effugium quo se tuetur natura rerum protiformis.

Imo iam iudico necessariam esse hanc destructionem, erroremque haud dubie in calculo admissum, quia calculus aequationis  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  et  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  oritur ex sola aequatione  $x \sqcap v + w$ . quae eadem est cum aequatione  $x^3 + ax + a^2 l \sqcap 0$ . et ommissa a nobis mentio ipsius m, dum  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  aequationem per  $x + m$  divisimus. Itaque nihil hinc nisi identicum duci potuit. Ergo non aequatio  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$ , sed  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  adhibenda fuit. Et praeterea resumendus est calculus certo erroneus.

This paragraph also contains  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR ALUMEN-PISCES.

Compendii causa potuisset methodo qua initio huius paginae usi sumus aequatio  $x \sqcap v + r$ . resolvi donec ipsarum v. et r. tollatur asymmetria, inde orta aequatio  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  poterit multiplicari per  $x + m$ . sed nonne sufficit in aequatione  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  pro x substitui eius valorem ex aeq.  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$ , ita arbitror fieri compendiosissime. Optimum ergo credi resumim methodum paginae praecedentis, ut ope aequationis  $x \sqcap v + r$ . tollatur primum asymmetria ex v. et w, et corrigatur calculus paginae praecedentis, qui fuit erroneus; deinde ut in aequatione producta ab hac asymmetria libera, tollatur x. ope aequationis  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$ , restabit aequatio in qua nullae erunt incognitae, et duae tantum asymmetriae, r. et s.

$\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL LINE,  $\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\textcircled{\opl�}}}}$  CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL LINE – LAA VII-2 p. 256–259

quadraticam, methodo plana. Quod fateor non satis mirari me posse nihil tamen habeo quod contradicam. Ipsa  $\underline{b}$  pro arbitrio sumi potest.

[Teil 2]

$$\boxed{b^2 z^4} + \boxed{c^3 z^3} + \boxed{d^4 z^2} + e^5 z + f^6 \quad \text{aequ.} \quad m^2 z^4 + 2mn^2 z^3 + 2mp^3 z^2 + 2n^2 p^3 z + p^6 + n^4 \dots$$

⊕ DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE HORIZONTAL LINE  
LAA VII-2 p. 266

[Teil 3]

Calculus  $\oplus$  resumamus. Sit aequatio data:  $rz^4 + sz^3 + tz^2 + w$  aequ. 0. ponamus ab initio  $d^4$  aequ. 0.

$$\boxed{b^2 z^4} + \boxed{c^3 z^3} + \cancel{d^4 z^2} + e^5 z + f^6 \quad \text{aequ.} \quad m^2 z^4 + 2mn^2 z^3 + 2mp^3 z^2 + n^4 z^2 + 2n^2 p^3 z + p^6$$


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$$+ bz^2 + \frac{c^3}{2b} z - \frac{c^6}{8b^3} \quad \text{aequ.} \quad mz^2 + 2n^2 z + p^3$$

⊕ DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE HORIZONTAL LINE  
LAA VII-2 p. 268

$$z^5 \quad m^5 + 5v\omega z^3 + \boxed{5v^2 \omega^2 z} + 5mn\omega^3 - 5m^2 n^2 \left\{ \begin{matrix} \omega \\ v \end{matrix} \right.$$

$$n^5 \quad v \dots \odot_I \quad \boxed{v^2} \cdot \odot_{II} \quad v^3 \quad \odot_{VII}$$

$$b^5 \quad \boxed{2v\omega} \cdot \odot_{III} \quad \boxed{3\omega^2 v} \odot_{VI}$$

$$c^5 \quad \boxed{3\omega v} \odot_{VIII}$$


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$$5 \quad \odot_V \quad 5mn3vv^2 - 5v^2 2v\omega z \odot_{III} \quad \boxed{-5v^2 z^3 \odot_I} \quad - \frac{5v^4}{x} z \odot_{II}$$

$$\boxed{\odot_{VII} - 5mn3vvv} \quad v \odot_{IV} \quad + 5v^2 \odot_X vv \cdot \odot_{IV}$$

$$\boxed{\odot_{VIII} + 5mn3v^2 v} - 5mn3v\omega^2 \odot_{VI} \quad \odot_{VII}$$

$$v^2 \odot_V \quad \boxed{+ 5mn3vv\omega} \odot_{VI}$$

$$2\omega v \odot_{VI} \quad v \odot_{VII}$$

$$- 5mn3v^2 \omega \odot_{VII}$$

$$v \odot_{VIII}$$

⊙ DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH DOT  
LAA VII-2 p. 432

ITALIAN: F. GHALIGAI  
(1521, 1548, 1552)

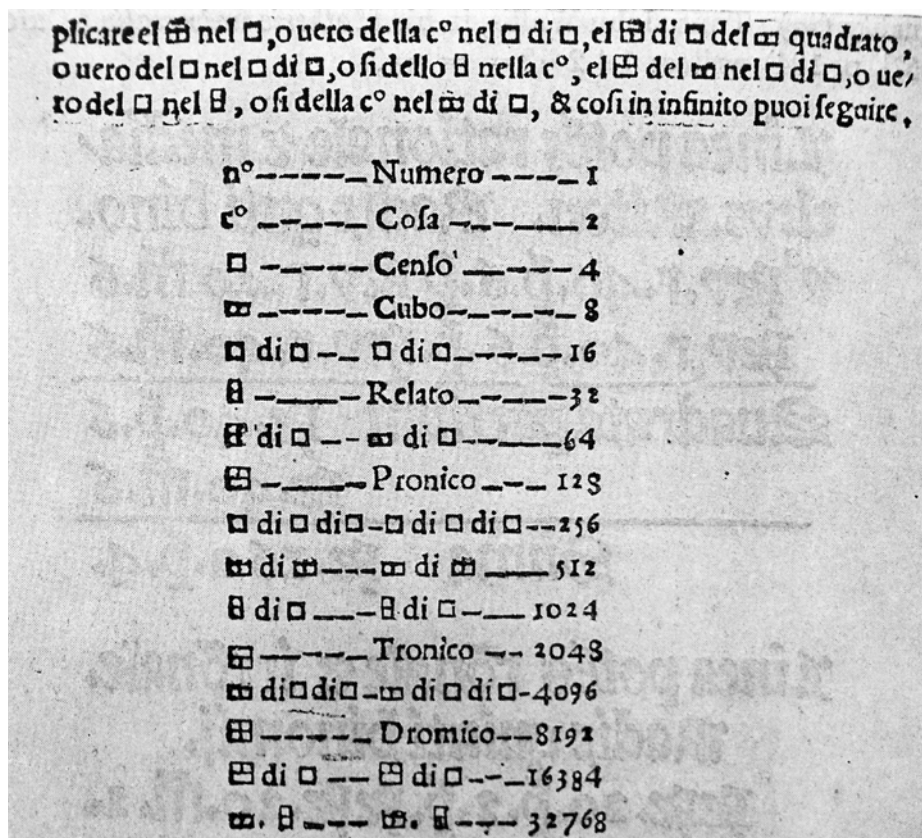
139. Ghaligai's *Pratica d'arithmetica*<sup>1</sup> appeared in earlier editions, which we have not seen, in 1521 and 1548. The three editions do not differ from one another according to Riccardi's *Biblioteca matematica italiana* (I, 500–502). Ghaligai writes (fol. 71B):  $x = cosa = c^\circ$ ,  $x^2 = censo = \square$ ,  $x^3 = cubo = \square\square$ ,  $x^5 = relato = \square$ ,  $x^7 = pronico = \begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}$ ,  $x^{11} = tronico = \begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$ ,  $x^{13} = dromico = \begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$ . He uses the  $m^\circ$  for “minus” and the  $\bar{p}$  and  $e$  for “plus,” but frequently writes in full *piu* and *meno*.

<sup>1</sup> *Pratica d'arithmetica di Francesco Ghaligai Fiorentino* (Nuouamente Riuista, & con somma Diligenza Ristampata. In Firenze. M.D.LII).

$\square$  HORIZONTAL DOUBLE SQUARE,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}$  VERTICAL DOUBLE SQUARE,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$  THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 1,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$  THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 2,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$  FOUR-PART BIG SQUARE

Cajori I. p. 112

For the simple square one would use the character 25FB or 25A1.



$\square$  HORIZONTAL DOUBLE SQUARE,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square \\ \square \end{smallmatrix}$  VERTICAL DOUBLE SQUARE,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$  THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 1,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$  THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 2,  $\begin{smallmatrix} \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \square & \square & \square & \square \end{smallmatrix}$  FOUR-PART BIG SQUARE

Francesco Ghaligai, *Pratica d'Arithmetica*, 1552 (after Cajori)

13 Zu Fig. 3: Nach Aussage (4) soll  $D$  ein beliebiger Punkt auf dem Quadranten  $AO$  sein. Leibniz hat in seiner Handzeichnung den Bogen  $AD$  jedoch gleich  $60^\circ$  gewählt, wodurch die Allgemeinheit verloren gegangen ist. Leibniz hat dies, wie die Zusätze neben der Figur zeigen, später bemerkt. Er hat aber keine neue Zeichnung angefertigt, sondern hat sich damit begnügt, den allgemeinen Fall mittels Einzeichnen der Linie  $B\varpi$ , der Verlagerung der Linie  $A\beta\alpha$  sowie vieler zusätzlicher Winkelmarkierungen darzustellen. Hierbei bedeuten  $\sphericalangle = 25^\circ$ ;  $\sphericaltriangle = 50^\circ$ ;  $\sphericalangle = 65^\circ$  und  $\sphericaltriangle = 40^\circ$ . — Die Handzeichnung ist bis auf einige wenige Winkelangaben korrekt. 14 AN: s. dazu N. 29 S. 523 Z. 22 – S. 524 Z. 8 .  
15 modo: Eine ähnlich unbestimmte Haltung bezüglich der Existenz des Höhenschnittpunkts im Dreieck nimmt Leibniz *LSB* VII, 1 N. 2 S. 4 ein.

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 90 \\ 25 \\ 50 \end{array} \right\} \text{Ang.}$	$90 - 25 = 65 = 25 + 40$	65
	$90 - 50 = 40$	65
	$65 + 40 = 105$	50
	$180 - 105 = 75$	$\overline{180}$

NB. recta  $DB$  continuata non cadit in  $\varpi$  punctum medium rectae  $CF$  nisi  $\sphericalangle$  sit =  $\sphericaltriangle$  nam angulus  $EF\varpi$  est  $\sphericalangle$  ob  $\sphericaltriangle CEF$ . et idem foret  $\sphericaltriangle$  ob  $\sphericaltriangle D\varpi F$ .

[Teil 2]

Determinatio punctorum, sive quantitas linearum in fig. 3.

- (1) Ex centro  $B$  radio  $BA$  describatur circulus.
- (2) Ducatur diameter  $ABC$  producta utcunque versus  $C\gamma$ .
- (3) et ex puncto  $A$  ducatur tangens sive ad diametrum perpendicularis  $AH$ .

$\sphericalangle$  ANGLE 1,  $\sphericaltriangle$  ANGLE 2,  $\sphericalangle$  ANGLE 3,  $\sphericaltriangle$  ANGLE 4  
LAA VII-4 p. 409, 410

In circulo  $AB$  ducta applicata seu sinu  $CD$  iunctisque chordis  $AD$ .  $DB$  erit  $\sphericaltriangle^{lo}$   $ADB$  simile  $ADC$ . quia  $\sphericaltriangle ACD = \sphericaltriangle ADB$ . rectus recto et  $\sphericaltriangle DAB = \sphericaltriangle DAC$ . ergo  $\sphericaltriangle ADC = \sphericaltriangle DBA$ . Eodem modo  $\sphericaltriangle^{lum} DCB$  simile utrique.

Ergo  $\frac{AB}{AD} = \frac{AD}{AC}$ . Ergo  $AB \cdot AC = AD \cdot AD$ . seu rectangulum sub diametro et sinu verso aequatur quadrato chordae.

$\sphericaltriangle^{lus} HID$  (vel  $DHI$ ) =  $\sphericaltriangle^{lo} HLS$ . supplenti dimidii anguli dati  $ALD$  nempe  $ALH$  ad quadrantem.

Ang.  $ADB$  rect. =  $AGD$  rect.  $\sphericaltriangle ADC = \sphericaltriangle CBD$ .  $AG = AC$ .  $DC = GD$ .  $AH = HD$ . et quia  $AK = GD$ . ergo  $GH = IK = IC$ . Porro  $\sphericaltriangle CIK = \sphericaltriangle AHD$ . item  $\sphericaltriangle CIK = \sphericaltriangle AID$ .

$\sphericaltriangle$  ANGLE VERTICAL  
LAA VII-4 P. 377, 385

nec adhibitae sunt irrationales. Imo non nisi unicum exemplum datum est; quod attulit Mercator. Methodus mea revocandi ad progressionem geometricas, commodior est altera Mercatoris per divisionem; quia, ita series qualescunque propositae etiam irregulares satis nec ordine procedentes, ad figuram convenientem, revocantur, qualis ista est:  $\frac{b}{1} - \frac{b^3}{3} + \frac{b^2}{2}$

5 etc. Varias aliae coniunctiones institui possunt, ut ista:

$$\underbrace{\frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{8}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{11} - \frac{1}{12}} \text{ [etc.]}$$

$$\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{40} - \frac{1}{42} + \frac{3}{108} - \frac{1}{110} \text{ etc.}$$

Et ita semper novae erui possunt figurae. Sumtis seriebus fractionum quadraticarum unitate deminutarum:

10  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{24} + \frac{1}{35} + \frac{1}{48} + \frac{1}{63} + \frac{1}{80} + \frac{1}{99} + \frac{1}{120} + \frac{1}{143} + \frac{1}{168} + \frac{1}{195} + \frac{1}{224}$  [etc.]



15 Omnium terminorum punctatorum habetur summa; item omnium terminorum □ notatorum; ac proinde et totius seriei; sed termini circulo notati pendent ex quad. circuli, termini ∩ notati ex quad. hyperb.

Sed quid termini  $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{24}$   $\frac{1}{63}$   $\frac{1}{120}$  [etc.], sane sunt:  $\frac{1}{1 \frown 3}$   $\frac{1}{4 \frown 6 \square 3 \frown 8}$   $\frac{1}{7 \frown 9}$

20  $\frac{1}{10 \frown 12}$  [etc.]

∩ HYPERBOLE

LAA VII-3 p. 386, p. 388 – these samples shows the necessary distinction between HYPERBOLE and ∩ LEIBNIZIAN PRODUCT SIGN. The HYPERBOLE should be a character on the baseline, approximating the size of mathematical relation and operation characters.

$\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{35}$   $\frac{1}{99}$  [etc.] resoluta dant:

$\frac{1}{1 \frown 3}$   $\frac{1}{5 \frown 7}$   $\frac{1}{9 \frown 11}$  etc., cuius seriei origo est

10  $\frac{b}{1} - \frac{b^3}{3} + \frac{b^5}{5} - \frac{b^7}{7} + \frac{b^9}{9} - \frac{b^{11}}{11}$  etc. facta ex summis omnium:

$1 - y^2 + y^4 - y^6 + y^8 - y^{10}$  etc.

Idem plane evenit, examinatis duabus alteris ad hyperbolam seriebus, ∞ et ∩; ut non sit opus immorari. Videamus quid fiat, ademtis:

3f.  $\frac{y^2}{1+y^2}$ . (1) Eodem modo sumatur series, alia per saltus tertianos, quam ita notavi ∞  $\frac{1}{3}$   $\frac{1}{35}$

$\frac{1}{99}$  (2) Quoniam autem (a) constat seriem (3) series L 7-389,6 etc. erg. Hrsg. fünfmal 7f. circuli.

(1) Miror autem eandem ex una quam ex altera serie prodire figuram. Nam (2)  $\frac{1}{5}$  L 9 etc., (1) unde



#### 4.e) Alchemical symbols

m. h. H. ob nicht die destillation sine affuso liquore per descensum geschehe in diesem n<sup>o</sup> 3 wirdt keiner destillation sine affuso liquore gedacht, sondern die rectificatio ♃ geschicht in dem ☉ purificatiss. in ein weiswullen zeug gebunden wirdt, alß ein knopff, daran man ein faden last, thut den ♃ in ein Zuckerglaß hanget dan daß ☉<sup>ri</sup> hinein, so solvirt die phlegma 5 daß ☉<sup>ri</sup>, vnd fällt gleichsam tropfenweiß wie ein regen auf den boden v. wirdt also der ♃ von der phlegma geschieden, vnd man alßdan per Separatorium scheidet. N<sup>o</sup> 7 vnd 8 destilliret man sine affuso liquore aber nicht per descensum, sondern wie gebräuchlich vnd bestehet die kunst nur an den Zinnern, kupffern, vnd gläsern gefäßen, ist sehr curios nutzlich vnd leicht. N<sup>o</sup> 9 Menstruum Willisii ist nicht spiritus Zwelfferi ☉<sup>ris</sup> welcher von 10 dem soluto nicht totaliter kan geschieden werden, sondern es ist sal ☉<sup>ri</sup> purificatiss. wie Willis in tractatu de fermentatione dessen operation klärlich mit dem ☉<sup>re</sup> entdecket, aber daß ☉<sup>ri</sup> verschweiget. N<sup>o</sup> 10 Liliū Paracelsi verum wirdt allein aus ☉, oder auch mit Zusetzung anderer metallen alß ☉ so ist es universal, oder mit ♀, ♂, ♃, etc. so ist eß particular vnd gewissen membris vnd kranckheit appropriet, gemacht, habe eß auch gemacht aber

☉ ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR TARTAR-SALT

LAA III-2 p. 512

ohne diese Massa aber auf gemeine art weich vnd zu Kalck, dieses habe offters eigenhandig gemacht. N<sup>o</sup> 12. ♀ per se zu praecipitiren ist gantz leicht, wan man nur erst daß glaß hat 15 woran daß gantze secret hanget. N<sup>o</sup> 24 bey der separation ☉ v. ☉ ex ♃ ist kein verlust sondern gewin, weil aber der ♃ ohne Arsenic vnd andere schädliche sachen nicht wohl zu zwingen oder sich capelliren läst, ist es nicht für Curiose leute so ihr zeit vnd gesundheit besser anzuwenden wissen, doch wan man erst ♃ in cineres bringt vnd selbige wieder in ein Corpus redigieret, ist solche operation nicht so schädlich, aber doch bey beyden modis 20 grose rüche vnd zeitversäumnuß also mehr für grobe arbeitsamme leut so es wie ein handt

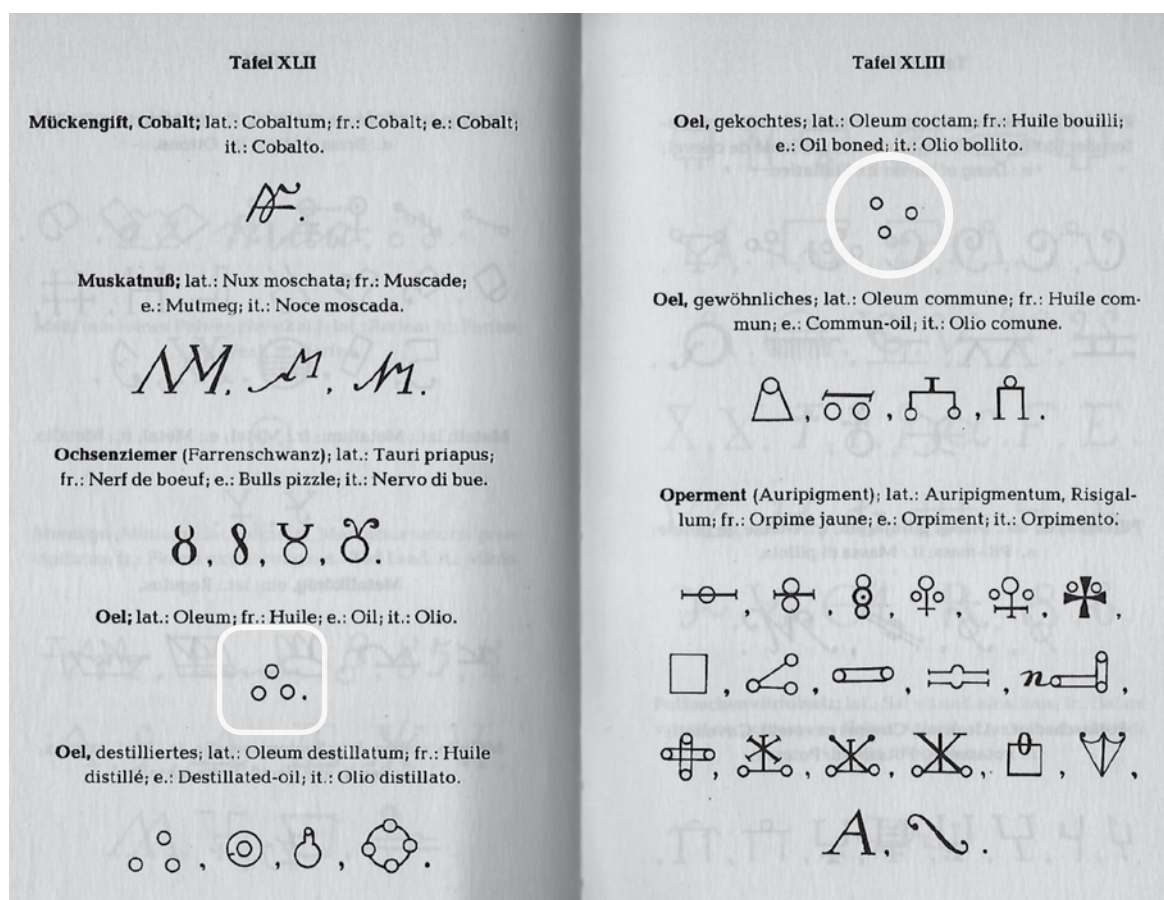
♃ ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR MOON-JUPITER denotes *silver-bearing tin*.

LAA III-2 p. 514



processo pare un poco scuro.

Con l'occasione del rammollire del ferro, comunicherò à V.S. Ill. una cosa assai curiosa comunicata al Sr Bodenhausen d'un Signore Curioso che si è di mandata Francesco Miniti. Intorno all'Ammollir il |:vetro:|  $\mathcal{R}$  latte di Capra, aceto forte,  $\circledast$  d'uliva, Aloë Epatico,  $\circledast$  laurino, orina di ragazzi ana. Fà bollire in un vaso in vetro nuovo il |:vetro:|, lascialo nell'infusione caldo in detto mestruo per 1 notte e la mattina opera. Si è fatta la prova in Parma d'uno chiamato Ottici con una Medaglia del Papa e dell'Imperatore in un |:vetro:| verde e riuscì pulitissimo, che poi rassoda come prima. Non si puol capire un esperienza si strana.

$\circledast$  ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR OIL BOILED. Graphically this is the common oil symbol, rotated 180 degrees. As "boiled oil" it bears a different meaning than the ordinary oil symbol and both characters can occur in text alongside each other. LAA III-8 p. 248



$\circledast$  ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR OIL BOILED (on the right) is clearly distinguished from the common symbol for oil (on the left) in Geßmann's book on alchemical symbols.

Nunc conferendo aequationes  et  tuto licebit invenire ipsas n.e.m. ac proinde omnes evolvere collatitias ad ultimam usque. Et primum ex terminis secundis fiet:

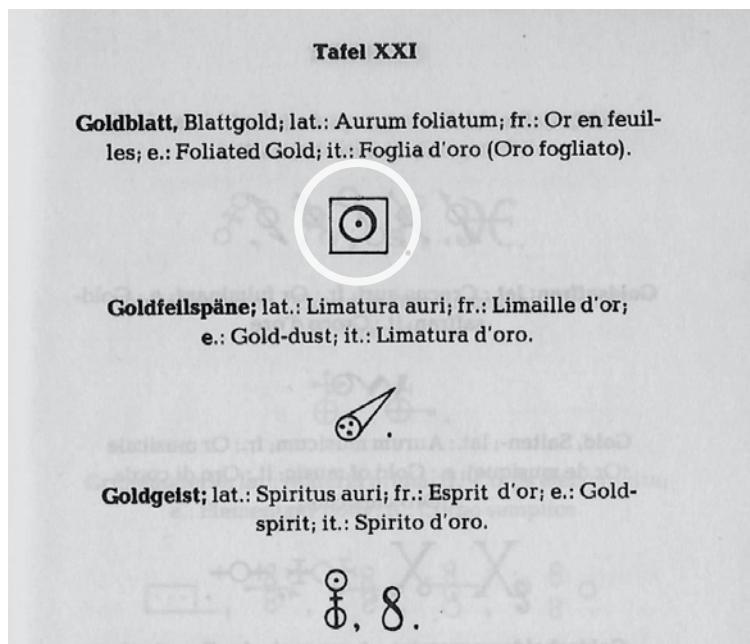
$$\frac{4d^3ag\lambda + a^3\varphi\lambda n + 4a^3b\lambda e - d^4a\beta - ad^2a\beta n - [a^3e\beta]n}{+ d^4\lambda + and^2\lambda + a^3e\lambda} \square m. \quad \text{et}$$

$$n \square \frac{a^2\delta d^4\lambda + a^2\delta a^3e\lambda - 6d^2a^2g^2\lambda^2 - 6a^3eb^2\lambda^2 + 4d^3ag\lambda a\beta + 4a^3b\lambda ea\beta - d^4a^2\beta^2}{}$$

 ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED SUN, denotes *foliated gold*;

 ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED MOON, denotes *foliated silver*.

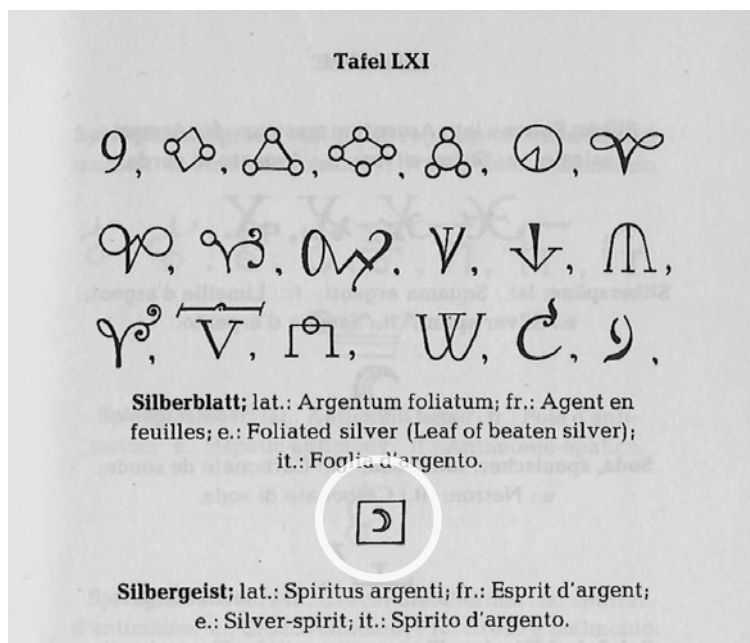
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 ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED SUN,

 ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED MOON,

as shown in Geßmann's concise book on alchemical symbols (1964)



Habita iam affectione sub quadrato, unica tantum superest affectio sub latere. Habuimus autem iam pagina praecedente  $60mnv\omega x$ , et hic  $+105mnv\omega x$ , et  $\chi$  valet  $-135mnv\omega x$ , quae simul faciunt:  $+30mnv\omega x$ . Quae supersunt nunc tandem absolva-  
 5 mum  $m^2n^2x$ , et similia, fiet:

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \varrho & 10m^2n^2m & \\
 & n & \\
 \wp & 30m^2n^2v & \text{(sive } 10m^2n^2v + 20mnv, mn + 20mn\omega, mn) \\
 & \omega & \omega \\
 0 & \mathfrak{h} & -15m^2n^2x - 15mnv, mn - 15mn\omega, mn \\
 & \mathfrak{d} & -30mn\omega, mn \\
 & & \dots v, \dots \\
 & \mathfrak{f} & +30mnv, mn \\
 & & \omega
 \end{array}$$

$\chi$  ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR ALUMEN-PISCES.

LAA VII-2 p. 810

Urin mus nicht alle genommen sondern die faeces zuruck gelaßen werden, d  
 schäumen zustarck, und treiben das andere mit zum pot heraus.

Die abgerahmte materi kan man in einen glas stehen laßen, so sezet sich ein  
 zuckerCandi zuboden, daß kan man weg thun.

Hernach sie ubergetrieben, man kan sie auch wohl zu dem einmahl uberge  
 $\wp$  thun, so darff man nicht selbst ubertreiben.

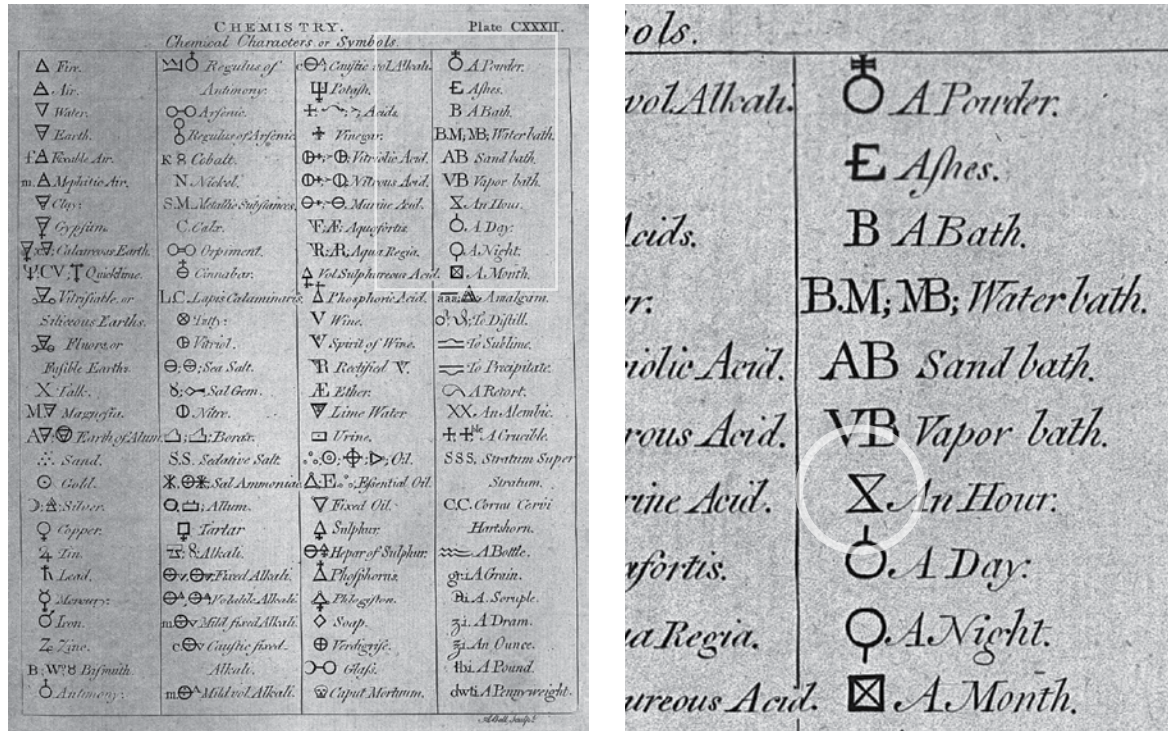
Das salz so sich anfangs vor zuckerCandi zuboden sezet, auch im uberdi  
 zuruck bleibt möchte wohl etwas guthes in sich haben, alleine es reißet alle retort  
 zwey, man müste es mit einer  $\mathfrak{d}$ sernen retorte probiren.

Die retorten alhier zu Hanover halten die spiriten wohl. Die Heßische Erde al  
 theier, sie ist nothig die ofen inwendig damit zubestreichen, so schmelzen sie nich

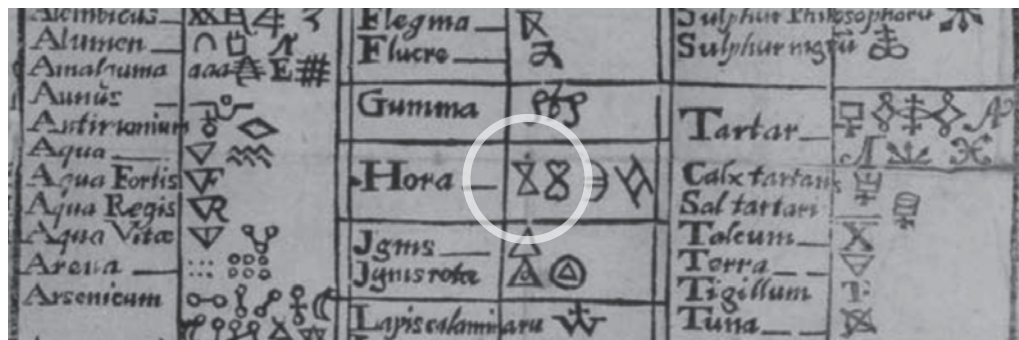
$\wp$  ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR REALGAR 3

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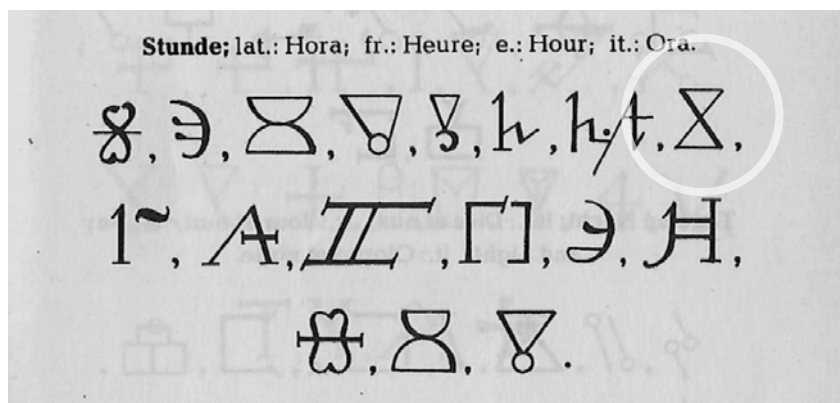
The char. X ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR HORA 2 appears in historical sources frequently in its most usual, straight X-like shape, either singularly or at first place. Because of the considerable form difference to the encoded 1F76E, the latter is not suitable to represent ‘the simple hora sign’.



X ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR HORA 2, in an engraving of Andrew Bell (1726–1809); from: Welcome collection (<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/s5vs9bfr>)



A part from a copperplate by Basil Valentine, The Last Will and Testament of Basil Valentine, 1671. (source: Newton N3584 Alchemy Unicode Proposal--March 31 2009.pdf )



From Geßmann (1964)

Vörnehmste chemische Zeichen

▽ Erde	△ Feuer	III Metalle	○ Natur
◇ Stein	✦ Brennbare Wiere	III Halbmetalle	○ Verlage
▽ Sand	⊕ Schwefel	○ Gold (Aureum)	○ Silber (Argentum)
▽ Kalk, p. reinigbar (Kalk)	⊕ Leuchtstein (Phosphor)	○ Platina	XX Nickel
▽ Kohle, p. reinigbar (Kohle)	⊕ Luftstein (Pyrophor)	○ Silber (Argentum)	re. Abdampfen (Destillieren)
▽ Schwarze Erde	⊕ Kohle	○ Quecksilber (Mercur)	re. Digeriren (Digestion)
▽ Magneis (Bittererde)	⊕ Nit. Uns. ch. litt.	⊕ Blei (Sulfur)	re. Kochen Sieden
▽ Sulfur (Schwefel)	⊕ Bernstein	⊕ Kupfer (Venus)	re. Destilliren
▽ Sulfur (Schwefel)	⊕ Salter Oel	⊕ Eisen (Mars)	re. Einatthern
XXX Crystal	⊕ Brennb. Oel	⊕ Zinn (Cyprius)	re. Verarbeiten
XXX Glas	⊕ warentliches Oel	⊕ Wismuth	re. Sublimiren = Sublimat.
XXX Glasgalle	⊕ Oel	⊕ Nickel	re. Verarbeiten = Fulvergen = Pulver
△ Erde	⊕ Weingeist (Alkohol)	⊕ Arsenik	re. Auflösen = Auflösen
▽ Metallkalk	⊕ phlogistirtes Laugenalk	⊕ Kalk	re. fällen = Niederschlag
▽ Metall Arsenik	⊕ Laugenalkaliges Schwefel	⊕ Zink	re. Schmelzen = Schmelzen
XXX Bleiglas	⊕ Kalkstein	⊕ Spangas	re. Zurückbleiben = Todten
▽ Metall	⊕ Saft	⊕ Zinnstein	ana Amalgama
△ Horn	⊕ Zucker	⊕ Harz	re. Monat
▽ Waffer	⊕ Gummi	⊕ Gummi	re. Tag & Nacht, 8 & 9 Nacht
△ Luft, n. freie	⊕ geschwefeltes Metall	⊕ geschwefeltes Quecksilber (Zinnob.)	re. Stunde & Woche
	⊕ geschwefeltes Eisen (Kies.)	⊕ geschwefeltes Eisen (Kies.)	re. med Pfund = 372 = 396 = 26
			3i = 3 viij = 33 = 34 = gr. 480.
			1 lb. Handelsgew. = Pfund = 32 L
			1 Loth = 4 Quent. = 276 1/2 ab = 214,757
			1 Gran = 1,2875 ab; 1 ab = 0,7767 G

⊗ ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR HORA 2, table from Karl Gottfried Hagen, Grundriß der Experimentalchemie (1786); after Schneider 1964.

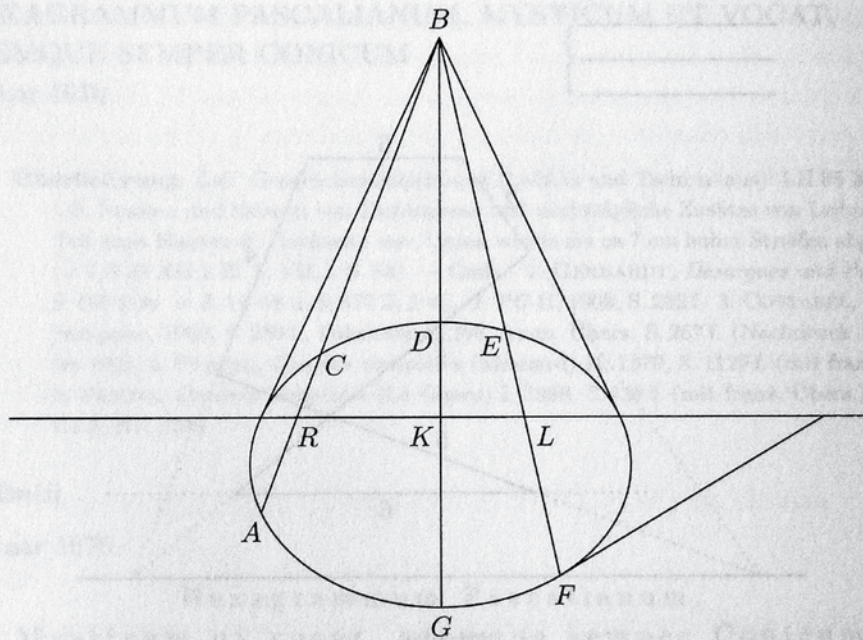
re. Auflösen ~ tio. Auf  
 re. fällen, ~ Niedersc  
 re. Schmelzen ~ io, Sch  
 Zur rückbleibsel. Todten  
 aaa Amalgama  
 Monat  
 Tag & Nacht, 8 & 9 Nacht  
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Medicinisch-Chymisches und Alchemistisches Oraculum (Ulm 1755); after Schneider 1964.

Gutta, guttae.	G. g. gth	Ein Tropfen; Tropfen.
Haematites, siehe Lapis haematites.	H.	
Herba.	H, B	Ein Kraut.
Hermetice sigillatum.	H. S.	Hermetisch sigillirt, zugeschmelkt.
Hora.	⊗, 1, A, II, Π, Δ, H, ⚡, ⚡	Eine Stunde.
Hiems.	Π, Ω	Der Winter.
Hydrargyrum, siehe		



4.f) Miscellaneous scientific signs

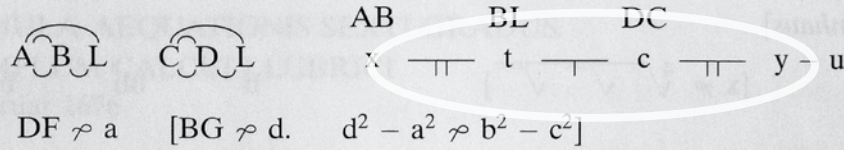


[Fig. 3]

Theorema: in omni Conica ut  $FB \mp BE$  sic  $FE$  ad  $\langle EL \rangle$   
 $GB \mp BD \mp GD \mp DK$

⊖ PROPORTION 1, ⊖ PROPORTION 2  
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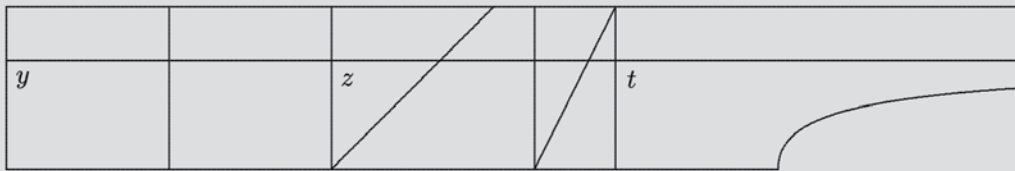




[Leibniz]

ABDC semicirculus. AG ⊥ AF. BCG est recta. DCF est recta.  
DF ⊥ a. BG ⊥ d. BC ⊥ b. BL ⊥ t. AD ⊥ y. AL ⊥ v.

⊥ PROPORTION 1, ⊥ PROPORTION 2  
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[Fig. 6]

z y — z — z — z —  $\frac{zz}{y-z} \infty t$  10  
y ∞  
z ∞ a - x  
xx — x — x —  
x — x —

⊥ PROPORTION 2  
This figure shows also the use of the TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN ∞.  
LAA VII-6 p. 271

Als men de  $\angle ACB$  wil 2 mahl in 2 gelijcke deel, deelen; om  $AF$  te vinden, soo kan men het dus oock doen[:]

Regel.

Gelijck als

5  $AC + BC$ , sijn  $\square$  staet tot also het tot het  
 $-\square AB$ , multipl. in  $BC$  —  $\square AB$ , multipl. in  $AC$  —  $\square AC$  —  $\square AF$ .

⊥ PROPORTION 2  
This figure shows also the use of  $\square$  CUBUS 2.  
LAA VII-6 P. 302

Characteristica omnis consistit in formatione Expressionis et transitu ab Expressione ad expressionem. Expressio simplex est vel composita, quae formatur vel per appositionem, vel per coalitionem. Appositione fit formula. Coalitione fit character novus. Sed pro Calculo non opus est coalitione, sed sufficit simplex appositio seu formula, et compendii causa assumptione arbitrarii characteris cujus significatio tantum nota est. Licet ad perfectionem characteristicae necessaria sit coalitio, ut ingredientia indicentur. In appositione rursus interveniunt ordo (quando ejus habetur ratio); et signa quibus variatur appositio.

Transitus ab expressione ad expressionem, significat una expressione posita poni posse aliam. Hinc dantur jam porro formulae transitum involventes, seu enuntiantes; et transitus ab enuntiatione ad enuntiationem seu consequentiae. Transitus species simplicissima est substitutio, et ex substitutionibus ipsa mutua substitutio seu aequipollentia. Generalis transitus est, ut positis  $A$  et  $B$  dicere liceat  $AB$ , nisi quid scilicet ex specialibus calculi regulis obstat; est inter generalia postulata. Sunt et generales enuntiationes, tales circa *est* et *non*; item inversio relationis, ut  $A^{bc} \circlearrowleft B^{cb}$ , ergo  $[B^{cb} \circlearrowright A^{bc}]$ . Seu si  $A$  se habet aliquo modo ad  $B$ , tunc  $B$  determinato quodam modo priori contrario se habet ad  $A$ .

#### $\circlearrowleft$ RIGHTHAND RELATION SIGN, $\circlearrowright$ LEFTHAND RELATION SIGN

In expressions such as  $A \circlearrowleft B$ , both signs are used for relations between some  $A$  and  $B$ . The relations are not further specified by a specific rule, with  $\circlearrowright$  being the inverse relation to  $\circlearrowleft$ . LAA VI-4 p. 917, 988 (below)

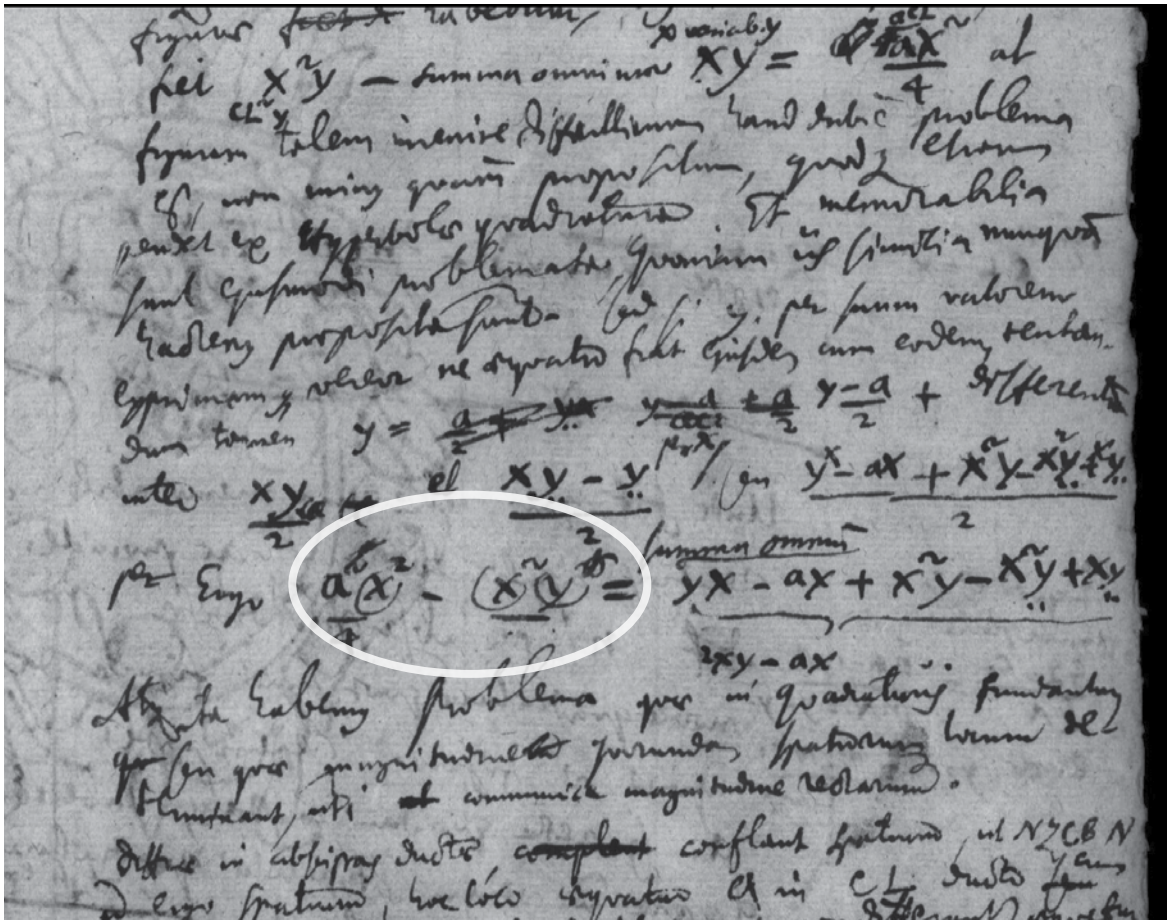
Considerandum etiam est cum dicitur *sapiens*, quod concretum est, duo dici: Ens in recto, et abstractum sapientis in obliquo et quidem simplici obliquitate. Itaque si  $A \infty$  *Ens*  $\circlearrowright B$ , sitque haec propositio per se manifesta, erit  $A$  concretum,  $B$  ejus abstractum.

Immediate nimirum pertinet  $B$  ad  $A$ , sapientia ad sapientem, hoc est si sapientia non est, etiam sapiens non erit, idque apparet non consequentia aliqua, sed ex ipso hujusmodi terminorum instituto. Et proinde dici potest sapientiam esse immediatam conditionem sapientis. Et *sapientem habere sapientiam*, propositio est per se nota, nec opus est ut ejus cognoscendae causa explicentur termini.

Praeterea Concretum et abstractum eadem omnia involvunt, et quidem eodem modo seu ordine. Et quia plus est dicere quam involvere (*dicere* enim est continere manifeste vel certe facili consequentia) recte asseretur utrumque etiam eadem dicere, cum enim

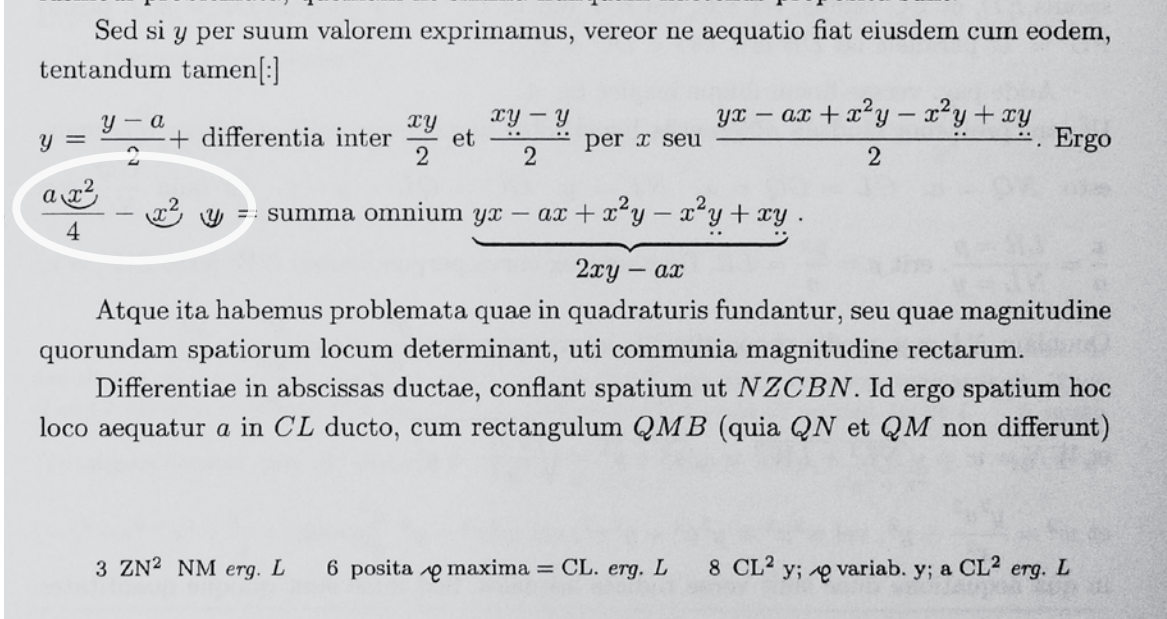
<sup>1</sup> *Am Rande*: Duplo calidius dicitur aliquid, si effectus similis, per quem quid agnoscitur calidum sit duplus. Is effectus est rarefactio; vel si mavis Elastrum aëris auctum, ut si duplo vel triplo majus pondus sustineat.

3 effectus | potius *gestr.* | Sapientiae,  $L$  6 f. est, (1) si sit (2) si in (3) in concretis esse posse duos terminos, (4) fieri . . . termini,  $L$  8 f. sapientem; (1) in abstractis fieri posse ut duo inde fiant termini, nempe *sapientia* et *divitia* ut cum veteribus loquar. (2) et . . . ut | in *str. Hrsq.* | abstracta . . . Entia.  $L$  10 idem (1) est sapiens et virtuosus, nec tamen alia res est virtus de qua agitur quam sapientia, nam ipsa (2) qui . . . etiam  $L$  13 *Ens* (1)  $\sim B$  (2)  $\circlearrowright B$  e.g. |  $L$  13 concretum, (1) *Ens* (2)  $B$  | ejus *erg.* |  $L$  13 f. abstractum. (1) Nam ea natura est (2) Immediate requiritur (3) Ex his (4) Immediate (a) etiam



☉ COMBINING HALF CIRCLE BELOW

The shape of the character is typically at least a half circle, often it approximates 3/5 of a circle. Hence it is considerably different from COMBINING DOUBLE BREVE BELOW (035C).  
 LH XIII 35 3 fol. 250v



☉ COMBINING HALF CIRCLE BELOW

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ottavo del quadrato delli Tanti, fa 84 e se li aggiunge la metà delle 2 et 1  $\downarrow$  per regola, fa  $84 + 2 \downarrow + 1 \downarrow$ , che si salva. Poi si moltiplica la metà de' Cubi via la metà delli Tanti, fa 48, che aggiuntoli il numero cioè 2, fa 50, che sono Tanti e sono eguali a  $84 + 2 \downarrow + 1 \downarrow$  serbato di sopra, che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà 2 et detto 2 si cava d'1  $\downarrow$  (e li 4  $\downarrow$  nascono dalla metà de' Cubi) resta  $1 \downarrow + 4 \downarrow - 2$ , che il suo quadrato è  $1 \downarrow + 8 \downarrow + 12 \downarrow - 16 \downarrow + 4$ , che cavatone  $1 \downarrow + 8 \downarrow + 4 \downarrow + 2$  resta  $8 \downarrow - 16 \downarrow + 2$ , che aggiunto a  $24 \downarrow$  fa  $8 \downarrow + 8 \downarrow + 2$ , ch'il suo lato è R.q.  $8 \downarrow + R.q. 2$  et è eguale a  $1 \downarrow + 4 \downarrow - 2$ , che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà R.q.  $L3 - R.q. 18J + R.q. 2 - 2$ .

*Capitolo di potenza potenza Cubi Tanti e numero eguale a potenza.*<sup>83</sup>

Il presente Capitolo patisce le eccezioni degli altri sopradetti e può venire in assai modi, del quale (com'altre volte ho detto) per non andare, in l'infinito, ne porrò solo uno essemplio.

Agguagliasi  $1 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 22$  a  $29 \downarrow$ . Aggiunglisi alle  $1 \downarrow$  quarto del quadrato de' 2, ch'è 9, fa 38, e moltiplichisi per 11, metà del numero, fa 418, al quale si aggiunge l'ottavo del quadrato delli 2, ch'è  $4 \frac{1}{2}$ , fa  $422 \frac{1}{2}$  e salvisi; poi si moltiplica la metà de' Cubi via la metà delli Tanti, fa 9 e si cava del numero, resta 13, e sono  $\downarrow$ , che aggiunti a  $422 \frac{1}{2}$  serbato di sopra fa  $422 \frac{1}{2} + 13 \downarrow$  e per regola è eguale a  $1 \downarrow +$  la metà delle 2, cioè  $14 \frac{1}{2} \downarrow$ , che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà 5 e si aggiunge a  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow$ , fa  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow + 5$  e li Tanti nascono dalla metà de' Cubi, che il suo quadrato è  $1 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 19 \downarrow + 30 \downarrow + 11$ , che cavatone  $1 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 22$  resta  $19 \downarrow + 24 \downarrow + 3$ , che aggiunto a  $29 \downarrow$  fa  $48 \downarrow + 24 \downarrow + 3$ , che il suo lato è R.q.  $48 \downarrow + R.q. 3$  et è eguale a  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow + 5$  detto di sopra, che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà R.q.  $12 - 1 \frac{1}{2} + R.q. L9 \frac{1}{4} - R.q. 75J$ , ovvero R.q.  $12 - 1 \frac{1}{2} - R.q. L9 \frac{1}{4} - R.q. 75J$ , che l'una e l'altra valuta è vera.

<sup>83</sup> È l'equazione

$$x^4 + ax^3 + cx + d = bx^2.$$

Ci limiteremo d'ora in avanti agli esempi del B. avvertendo che gli altri sono sempre facilmente ricavabili dagli esempi finora posti. Qui si ha:

$$y^3 + \frac{b}{2} y^2 = \left(d - \frac{ac}{4}\right) y + \left(b + \frac{a^2}{4}\right) \frac{d}{2} + \frac{c^2}{8}.$$

*Capitolo di potenza potenza potenze Tanti e numero eguale a Cubi.*<sup>84</sup>

Questo Capitolo patisce le difficoltà de' Capitoli di 2 eguale a  $\downarrow$  e numero e di 3 e numero eguale a  $\downarrow$  e rare volte si può agguagliare senza + di - e di esso solo ne porrò un essemplio.

Agguagliasi  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow + 40 \downarrow + 20$  a  $8 \downarrow$ . Piglisi il quarto del quadrato de' 2, ch'è 16, del quale se ne cava 3, numero delle 2, resta 13, che moltiplicato via 10, metà del numero fa 130 e se li aggiunge l'ottavo del quadrato delli  $\downarrow$ , ch'è 200, fa 330 e se li aggiunge la metà delle 2, ch'è  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ , et  $1 \downarrow$  per regola, fa  $330 + 1 \frac{1}{2} \downarrow + 1 \downarrow$  e si salva. Poi si moltiplica la metà delli  $\downarrow$  via la metà de' 2, fa 80 et aggiuntoli il numero fa 100, e sono  $\downarrow$ , che sono eguali a  $330 + 1 \frac{1}{2} \downarrow + 1 \downarrow$  serbato di sopra, che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà 6, che si cava d'1  $\downarrow - 4 \downarrow$ , resta  $1 \downarrow - 4 \downarrow - 6$  (e li  $- 4 \downarrow$  nascono dalla metà delli Cubi e sono meno per essere li Cubi dalla parte contraria della  $\downarrow$ ), che il suo quadrato è  $1 \downarrow - 8 \downarrow + 4 \downarrow + 48 \downarrow + 36$ , che cavatone  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow + 40 \downarrow + 20$ , resta  $1 \downarrow + 8 \downarrow + 16 - 8 \downarrow$ , che aggiunto a  $8 \downarrow$  fa  $1 \downarrow + 8 \downarrow + 16$ , che il suo lato è  $1 \downarrow + 4$  et è eguale a  $1 \downarrow - 4 \downarrow - 6$ , che agguagliato, il tanto valerà R.q.  $16 \frac{1}{4} + 2 \frac{1}{2}$ ; avvertendosi che il lato d'1  $\downarrow - 8 \downarrow + 4 \downarrow + 48 \downarrow + 36$  può essere  $6 + 4 \downarrow - 1 \downarrow$ , che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà R.q.  $4 \frac{1}{4} + 1 \frac{1}{2}$ .

*Capitolo di potenza potenza Cubi e Tanti eguale a potenza e numero.*<sup>85</sup>

Di questo Capitolo si può fare la positione in due modi e patisce le difficoltà del passato, e l'essemplio che io ne porrò sarà di  $- 1 \downarrow$  di numero.

Agguagliasi  $1 \downarrow + 12 \downarrow + 72 \downarrow$  a  $8 \downarrow + 84$ . Piglisi il quarto del quadrato delli Cubi, ch'è 36, e aggiunglisi alle 2, fa 44, e moltiplichisi via la metà del numero, fa 1848, che cavatone l'ottavo del quadrato delli  $\downarrow$ , resta 1200, e se li aggiunge la metà delle 2, fa  $1200 + 4 \downarrow$  e si salva; poi si moltiplica il mezzo dei Cubi via il mezzo delli  $\downarrow$ , fa 216,

<sup>84</sup> È l'equazione

$$x^4 + bx^3 + cx + d = ax^2.$$

Posto  $-y$ , si ottiene la seconda equazione della n. 82.

<sup>85</sup> È l'equazione

$$x^4 + ax^3 + cx = bx^2 + d.$$

Posto  $-y$ , si ottiene la:

$$y^3 + \left(d + \frac{ac}{4}\right) y = \frac{b}{2} y^2 + \left(\frac{a^2}{4} + b\right) \frac{d}{2} - \frac{c^2}{8}.$$

☉ COMBINING BOMBELLI POWER MARK

A number combined with a small bow below as introduced by R. Bombelli denotes the n-th power of a quantity. Example from Bombelli (1966).

Agguagliasi  $1 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 22$  a  $29 \downarrow$ . Aggiunglisi alle quarto del quadrato de' 2, ch'è 9, fa 38, e moltiplichisi per 11, metà del numero, fa 418, al quale si aggiunge l'ottavo del quadrato de' 2, ch'è  $4 \frac{1}{2}$ , fa  $422 \frac{1}{2}$  e salvisi; poi si moltiplica la metà de' Cubi via la metà delli Tanti, fa 9 e si cava del numero, resta 13, e sono  $\downarrow$ , che aggiunti a  $422 \frac{1}{2}$  serbato di sopra fa  $422 \frac{1}{2} + 13 \downarrow$  e per regola è eguale a  $1 \downarrow +$  la metà delle 2, cioè  $14 \frac{1}{2} \downarrow$ , che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà 5 e si aggiunge a  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow$ , fa  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow + 5$  e li Tanti nascono dalla metà de' Cubi, che il suo quadrato è  $1 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 19 \downarrow + 30 \downarrow + 11$ , che cavatone  $1 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 6 \downarrow + 22$  resta  $19 \downarrow + 24 \downarrow + 3$ , che aggiunto a  $29 \downarrow$  fa  $48 \downarrow + 24 \downarrow + 3$ , che il suo lato è R.q.  $48 \downarrow + R.q. 3$  et è eguale a  $1 \downarrow + 3 \downarrow + 5$  detto di sopra, che agguagliato, il Tanto valerà R.q.  $12 - 1 \frac{1}{2} + R.q. L9 \frac{1}{4} - R.q. 75J$ , ovvero R.q.  $12 - 1 \frac{1}{2} - R.q. L9 \frac{1}{4} - R.q. 75J$ , che l'una e l'altra valuta è vera.

*Dimostrazione delle Rc. legate con il piu di meno, e meno di meno, in linea (+ puto: in linee +).*

Habbisi Rc.<sub>4</sub>. p. di m. Rq.<sub>11</sub>. p. Rc.<sub>4</sub>. m. di m. Rq. 11, e per trovare la sua linea aggiungasi 16. quadrato del 4. con 11. quadrato di Rq.<sub>11</sub>. fa 27. e di questo si pigli il lato cubo ch'è 3. e per regola si moltiplichi per 3. fa 9, e salvisi, poi per regola si moltiplica il 4. per 2. fa 8, e queste due [Rc.] legate sono nate dall'aggiugliatione d'  $1 \text{ } \overset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{3}}$  a  $9 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 8}}$ . però faccisi la dimostrazione in linea d'  $1 \text{ } \overset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{3}}$  eguale a  $9 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 8}}$ . cioè in superficie piana e si troverà che la longhezza del tanto sarà ancora la longhezza delle due Rc. legate proposte.

Subicit postea demonstrationem quae originem exhibet inventionis regularum Cardani per sectionem cubi. Sed notat ipse

Si  $1 \text{ } \overset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{3}}$  eguale a  $6 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 4}}$ . e sia la q. la unità. Tirisi la m.e. e faccisi m.l. che sia pari alla q. cioè sia 1. e l.f. o. cioè quanto è il numero delli tanti, e sopra detta l.f. si faccia un parallelogrammo che sia 4. di superficie, cioè quanto il numero, e sarà il parallelogrammo a.b.f. poi allonghisi la a.b. sino in d. ed' a.l. sino in r. poi habbiansi due squadri, delli quali l'uno si ponga con l'angolo sopra la linea r. e che l'uno delle braccia tocchi la estremità m. il qual squadro si alzi o abbassi tanto, che tirato dal angolo del squadro una linea, che tocchi la estremità f. che vada a toccare la b.d. in tal luogo, che mettendo un altro squadro con l'angolo al detto toccamento, e con l'uno delle braccia sopra la d.a. vadi a intersegare il braccio dell'altro squadro nella linea f.e. fatto questo dico che la linea, ch'è dal punto l. sino al angolo del squadro. è la valuta del tanto, e lo provo in questo modo. Prosupposto che si habbia alzato e abbassato lo squadro talmente, che in l. tirando la l.f. sino in c., e che il braccio dello squadro p. tagliassi con l'altro squadro in g. suso la linea g.e. fatto questo; dico la linea l.i. essere la valuta del tanto. Perché essendo la l.i.  $1 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 4}}$  et m.l.i. (+ male credo impressum, lege: et m.l. 1. +) la l.g. sarà  $1 \text{ } \overset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{3}}$ , perché tanto può la m.l. in l.m. (+ lege: in l.g. +) quanto l.i. in se stessa, essendo il angolo i. retto, il parallelogrammo i.l.g. sarà un cubo (+ vel  $y^3$  +) et il parallelogrammo i.l.f. sarà  $6 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 4}}$ , perché i.l. è  $1 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 4}}$ , et l.f. 6. et il parallelogrammo h.f.g. sarà 4, perché pari al parallelogrammo a.l.f. ch'era 4, e essendo i.l.g. tutto insieme  $6 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 4}}$ , e 4.; e per l'altra ragione è provato essere  $1 \text{ } \overset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{3}}$ , dunque  $1 \text{ } \overset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{3}}$  sarà eguale à  $6 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 4}}$ , et la i.l. sarà  $1 \text{ } \underset{\circ}{\underset{\circ}{p. 4}}$ , che per la aggiugliatione insegnata la l.i. sarà Rq.<sub>3</sub>. p. 1. la l.g. sarà 4. p. Rq.<sub>12</sub>. la f.g. sarà

### ☉ COMBINING BOMBELLI POWER MARK

A number combined with a small bow below as introduced by R. Bombelli denotes the n-th power of a quantity. By this, Bombelli provides a different formalization of what is addressed by the use of cossic signs. Today, we write  $x$ ,  $x^2$ ,  $x^3$ , ... instead.

Note that the vertical alinement of the raised figures with the mark is not ideal in this example.

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ce tanto sconueneuole, che più dir non si potrebbe, per  
che pare, che punto non si confaccia in materia de nu-  
meri sapendosi generalmente, che cosa significhi que-  
sta uoce di censo senza che io lo dichi: Da altri è stato  
chiamato poi quadrato, il qual nome è atto à genera-  
re confusione perche bisogna poi nominare li numeri  
quadrati, e le superficie quadrate: però mi son risoluo-  
to di seguire Diofante (come hò fatto nel restante,) e  
chiamarlo potenza, la quale potenza quando è uno si  
fa quadrato del Tanto, e si segnerà con questo cara-  
ttero  $\text{Ⓜ}$ .

*Diffinitione del cubo.*

Il cubo è il prodotto di una potenza moltiplicata uia  
vn Tanto, che uiene à seruare l'ordine de' cubi, che il  
prodotto d'un numero quadrato moltiplicato uia il  
suo lato, fa numero cubo, parimète la potenza, ch'è qua-  
drata moltiplicata uia il tanto suo lato, produce il cubo,  
il quale si segnerà con questo carattere  $\text{Ⓝ}$ .

*Diffinitione della potenza di potenza.*

La potenza di potenza è il quadroquadrato del Tan-  
to, ouero il quadrato della potenza, ouero il produt-  
to del cubo uia il tanto, la quale sarà segnata con que-  
sto carattere  $\text{Ⓞ}$ , e tutti questi nomi saranno chiamati di-  
gnità, le quali (per non dilattarmi troppo) ma seguen-  
do la solita breuità, non diffinirò particolarmente, pa-  
rendomi, che queste bastino, poiche l'altre tutte nasco-  
no da questo, e solo porrò li nomi loro qui sotto, e il suo  
carattere.

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R. Bombelli, L'Algebra. Bologna 1579, p. 203

*Gültige Nebenrechnungen zu den gestrichenen Gleichungen 55 bis 68:*

$\begin{array}{r} 5 \quad 17 \quad 64 \quad 15 \quad \frac{7225}{16} - 64 - 225 \\ \underline{5} \quad \underline{16} \quad \underline{15} \\ 85 \quad 384 \quad 75 \\ \underline{85} \quad \underline{64} \quad \underline{15} \quad 7225 \quad 17 \\ 425 \quad 1024 \quad 225 \quad \underline{4624} \quad \underline{17} \\ 10 \quad \underline{680} \quad \underline{16} \quad \times \sim \quad \underline{2601} \quad \underline{119} \\ \underline{7225} \quad \underline{16} \quad \underline{1350} \quad \underline{16} \quad \underline{17} \\ 225 \quad 3600 \quad 1024 \quad 4624 \quad \underline{289} \\ 15 \quad 289 \quad 100 \quad \underline{51} \quad \underline{51} \\ \underline{100} \quad \underline{51} \quad \underline{2890} \quad \underline{2501} \quad \underline{4} \\ 20 \quad \text{####} \quad \underline{1} \quad \underline{1} \end{array}$					
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$e^2 - c^2 \cap \text{quad. ab } e - s.$   
 $\frac{25}{4} - \frac{16}{4} \cap \frac{9}{4}$   
 $\frac{25}{4} \cap \frac{289}{4} \cap \frac{7225}{16} \cap d^2$   
 $\frac{7225}{16} - 225 - \frac{3600}{16} \cap 3625$   
 $\frac{6}{6}$

×~ CASTING-OUT-NINES SIGN  
 LAA VII-1 p. 408; VII-3 p.660 (below)

*[Nebenrechnungen und Zusätze zu S. 654 Z. 1-8]*

$\begin{array}{r} 144 \quad \times \sim \\ \underline{144} \\ 576 \\ 576 \\ \underline{144} \\ 20736 \end{array}$		$\begin{array}{r} 144 \\ \underline{8} \\ 1152 \\ 48 \\ \underline{48} \\ 768 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ \underline{16} \\ 288 \\ 48 \\ \underline{48} \\ 768 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ \underline{48} \\ 384 \\ 192 \\ \underline{192} \\ 2304 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 2304 \\ \underline{16} \\ 13824 \\ 2304 \\ \underline{2304} \\ 36864 \\ + 64 \\ \underline{36928} \\ - 768 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 20736 \\ \underline{16} \\ 124416 \\ \underline{20736} \\ 331776 \end{array}$
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$2a \left( \frac{n}{m} \right) a, \left( \frac{+}{-} a \right) \left( \frac{+}{-} \frac{m}{n} a \right) \quad 2 \left( \frac{+}{-} \frac{n}{m} \right) \left( \frac{+}{-} \frac{m}{n} \right) \cap a$   
 $\frac{10}{2} \quad \text{⊙} \quad \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{+}{-} \frac{m}{n} \right) \left( \frac{+}{-} \frac{n}{m} \right) + \frac{mn}{nm} \quad \text{⊙} \quad 2 \left( \frac{+}{-} \frac{m}{n} \right) \left( \frac{+}{-} \frac{n}{m} \right) \cap a.$

**Hoc theorema magni potest usus esse ad problemata numerorum**

⊙ LUNATE ENCIRCLED DIGIT ONE  
 LAA VII-1 p. 472

Dn. Osannam, Mengolus, et Itali plerique, aliique, an qui superscribunt literae, ut Cartesius, Wallisius; posteriores patet praeferendos, quia prioribus methodus mea sine confusione applicari non potest, nam pone esse quantitatem  $(2) [4] a^2 3b$  more meo scriptam, more ipsorum fieret:  $(2) 4a^2, 3b$ , ubi vides opus esse virgula interiecta, et proinde vel alio signo turbante ne confundantur numeri dimensionum, cum numeris calculi. Et cum postea novenarii proba adhibenda est cavendum est ne hos quoque numeros dimensionum aliquando caeteris confundamus, et, cum caeteris interponantur, perpetuo mentem turbant, gerent, cum contra si semper superscribantur; nihil turbant, accedit una magna ratio, quod aliquando ipsi numeri dimensionum sint in caeteros reflexi ut  $41^2 h^2$ , quod significat ipsum numerum  $41$  in se multiplicandum.

Dicet aliquis ad rationem praecedentem numeros calculo seu probae novenarii subiendos, semper more communi, et ipsius Cartesii ac Wallisii initio termini ponendos; neque quenkam ante me, eos ipsi termino inseruisse nam in exemplo praedicto pro  $(2) 4a^2 3b$  scribendum esse more communi, (et si velis adhibito meo separare numeros essentielles a fictitiis,)  $(2) 4a^2 b$ . Ita omnes numeri erunt ab initio, et ad secundam rationem. Dicitur: non esse ita scribendae  $41^2$ , sed absolvendam operationem seu scribendum  $1681$ . Verum hinc apparet perdi maximum methodi meae commodum quod est, numeros adhiberi,

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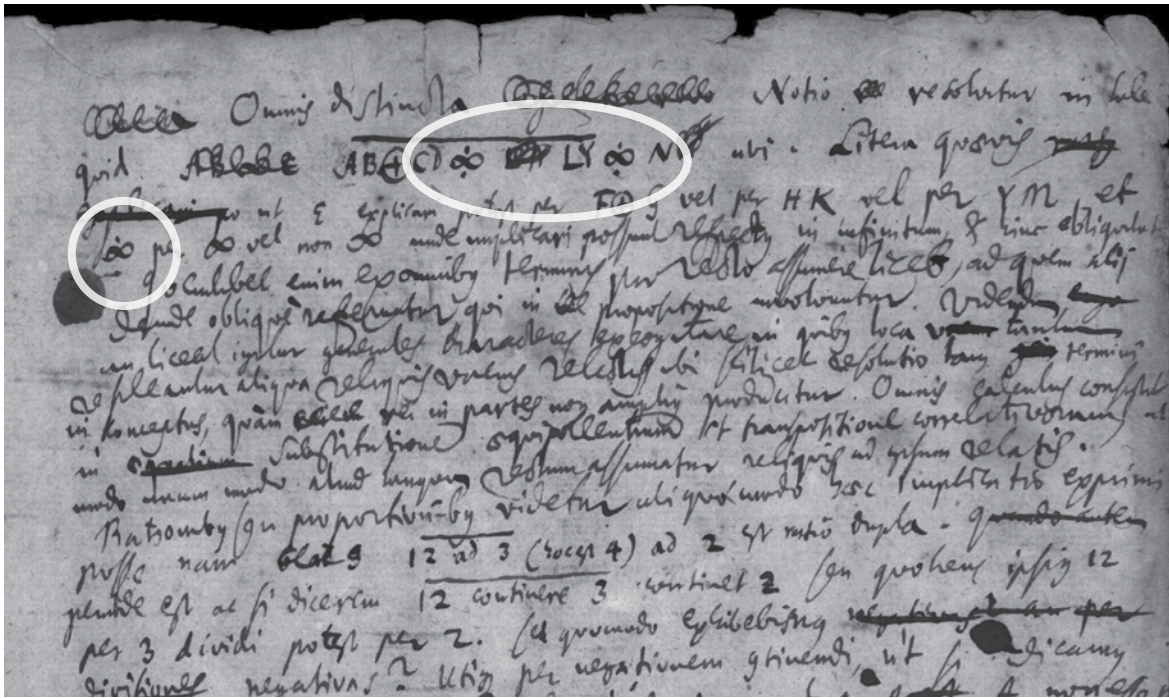
LAA VII-1 p. 530

cuius aequationis ut tollatur terminus secundus, (a) fiet (b) ponemus  $\frac{3}{2}z + \frac{2e}{4} \pi 2y$ , sive unde:  
 $16y^4 \pi \frac{81}{16}z^4 + (4) \frac{e}{2} \frac{27}{8}z^3 + (6) \frac{e^2}{4} \frac{9}{4}z^2 + (4) \frac{e^3}{8} \frac{3}{2}z + \frac{1}{16}e^4 \pi 0$ . (2)  $2y = 12e L$      4  $2e L$  ändert Hrs dreimal

☉ COMBINING ENCLOSING SPIRAL MARK, ☉ COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE ENCLOSING SPIRAL MARK – LAA VII-2 p. 180; VII-3 p. 630 (below)

630	DIFFERENZEN, FOLGEN, REIHEN 1672-1676				N. 432
$625y^4 + \frac{8b5s}{a} 125y^3 + 64b^2 - \beta^2 \sim \frac{5s}{a} 25y^2 + \frac{64b^2\beta - \beta^3[-\delta a^2]}{8} 5y$					*
$+ \frac{10\gamma\beta}{(2)5s} \dots + \beta 8b \sim (2) \dots$					
$(41) \quad (319) \quad (8)$					
$-31\lambda \quad -278\mu a \quad +72a^2\xi \quad +66ma^3$					
Unde $10g \pi (2) 8125a^2 + 10\gamma\beta a - (2) 31\lambda a 5s, \sim (2) a 5s$ , et $41h \pi (2) 5s 64b^2 - (2) 5s\beta^2 +$					
$\beta a 8b - (2) 278\mu a^2 \sim (2) a^2$ .					
$(8) a^3 125s^3 \sim 1000g^3 \pi (8) 8b^3 25^3 s^3 + (12) 64b^2 25^2 s^4 10\gamma\beta a - (24) 64^2 25^2 s^4 31\lambda a 5s,$					
$+ (6) 8b 25s^2 100\gamma^2 \beta^2 a^2 + (24) 8b 25s^2 31^2 \lambda^2 a^2 25^2 s^2$					





∞ INFINITY SIGN WITH DOTS  
LH 4 VII B 2, fol. 73v

Ordo seu prius et posterius ex cogitationis plus minusve distinctae gradibus peti debent. Prius enim est quod altero simplicius concipitur. Quod si accedat ratio ad existentiam seu perceptionem fit prius tempore.

Omnia ad haec videntur revocari posse. Aliquidditas. Essentia. Existentia. Realitas. 15  
Perfectio. Uni[ta]. Convenientia. Veritas. Consequentia. Ordo. Causalitas. Mutatio.  
Magnitudo. Sensus. Appetitus. Cogitatio. Qualitates Sensibiles.

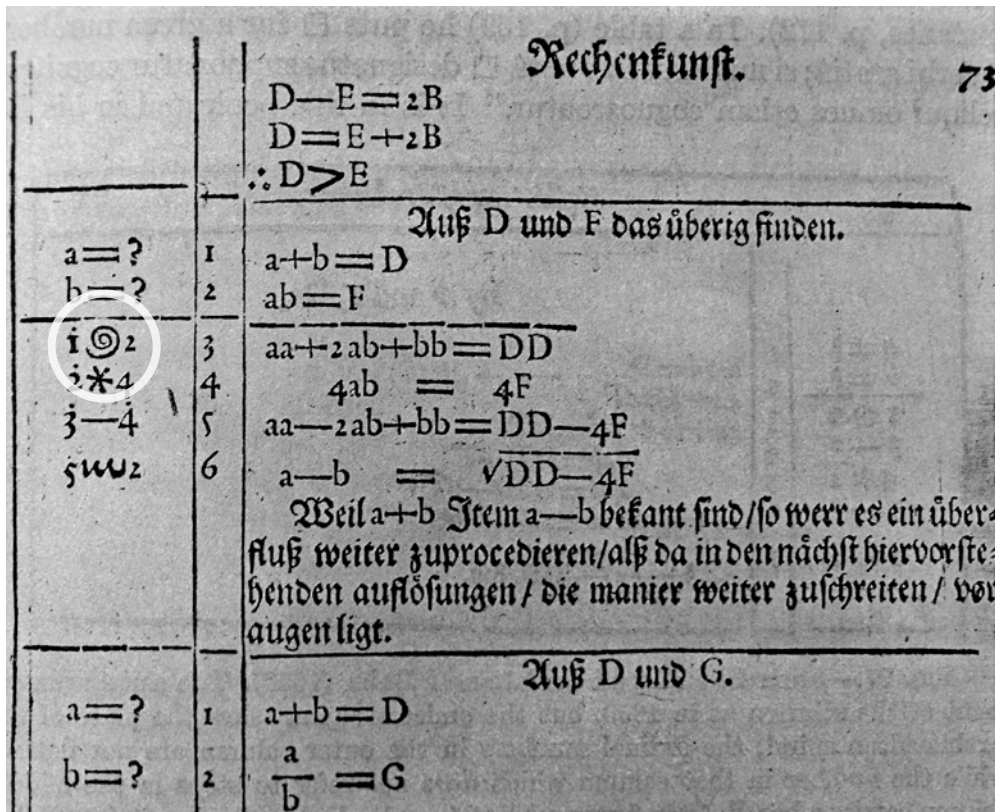
⟨ - ⟩ in characteristica omnia distincte cogitabilia revocari possunt ad  

$$\overline{AB + CD} \overset{\infty}{\text{non } \infty} LM \infty N$$
 hoc uno not(ato) ⟨ - - - ⟩ et contra explicari ⟨ - - - ⟩ quod  
 quaedam literae in ⟨ - ⟩ ut Y pro S pon(-) 20

Omnia distincta Notio resoluitur in tale quid  $\overline{AB \oplus CD} \infty LY \infty N$  ubi Litera quaevis  
 ut E explicari potest per  $F \oplus G$  vel per HK vel per YM et  $\infty$  per  $\infty$  vel non  $\infty$  unde  
 implicari possunt respectus in infinitum, et hinc obliquitat[es].

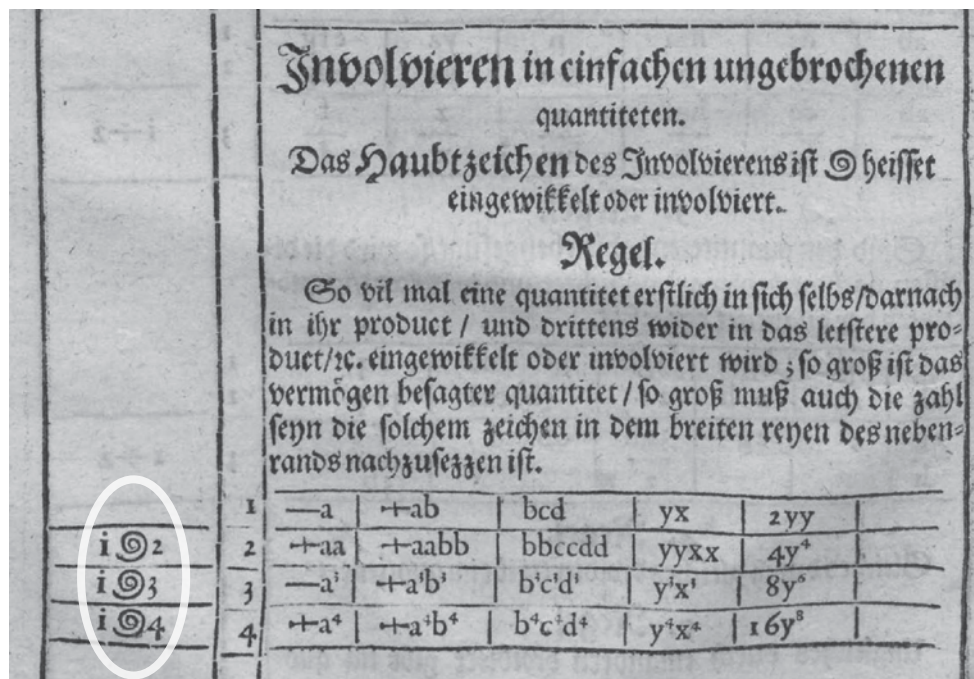
Quemlibet enim ex omnibus terminis pro recto assumere licet, ad quem alii deinde  
 oblique referuntur, qui in propositione involvuntur. Videndum an liceat igitur generales 25  
 characteres excogitare, in quibus loca tantum repleantur aliqua reliquis vacuis relictis,  
 ubi scilicet resolutio tam termini in conceptus, quam rei in partes non amplius  
 producitur.

∞ INFINITY SIGN WITH DOTS  
LAA VI-4 p. 873



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In expressions of the form  $a \odot b$ , the sign  $\odot$  is used to denote the exponentiation of  $a$  by the power of  $b$ . In his “Teutsche Algebra” from 1659, the swiss mathematician Johann Heinrich Rahn refers to the operation as “involvieren” (= to involve).



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In the time of Leibniz, the usual way of referring to curves or magnitudes is by giving equations that describe their specific relations. The concept of mapping as it is used in modern mathematics is not yet developed. Leibniz writes the signs © and ⊗ to the right of an expression (such as  $x$  © and  $y+1$ , ⊗) in order to denote two different arbitrary rules by which the expressions given in the left position are treated. The result is an expression. By this, the meaning is similar to writing  $f(x)$  or  $g(y+1)$  in modern mathematical notation with  $f$  and  $g$  denoting arbitrary functions.

In a similar way, Johann Bernoulli uses the sign  $\phi$  (see p. 97) to denote a quantity depending on variables  $x$  and  $a$  (in modern terminology a function in  $x$  and  $a$ ).

stantem numerum multiplicatam esse vel 1, vel multipum facti ex denominatoribus duobus proximis, per numerum respondentem, ut 3. 35 etc. nempe:

Sunto duo termini:  $\frac{b}{z \text{ © } z + 1, \text{ ©}}$  erit  $b \frac{z + 1, \text{ ©}, - z \text{ ©}}{z \text{ ©}, z + 1, \text{ ©}}$   $\cap \frac{1}{16z^2 - 16z + 3}$ . Quod si nominator etiam sit inconstans, erunt termini  $\frac{z \text{ ⊗}, z + \beta, \text{ ⊗}}{z \text{ ©}, z + \beta, \text{ ©}}$  et fiet:

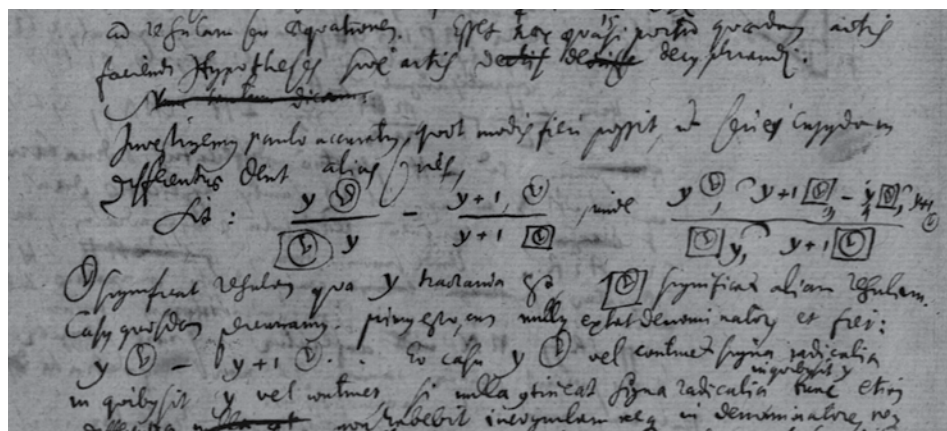
$$\frac{z + 1, \text{ ©}, z \text{ ⊗}, - z \text{ ©}, z + \beta, \text{ ⊗}}{z \text{ ©}, z + \beta, \text{ ©}} \cap \frac{1}{16z^2 - 16z + 3}$$

Certum est semper destrui omnia quae non ducuntur in  $\beta$ . Sed hanc aequationem

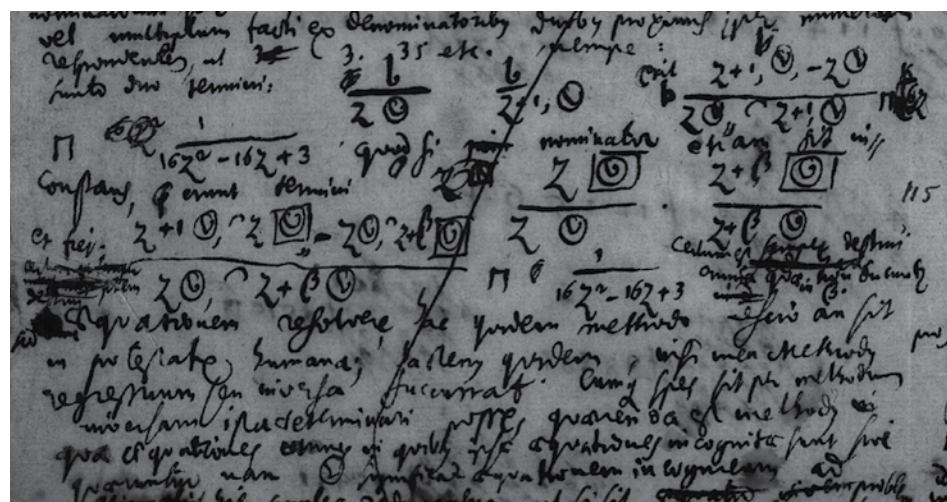
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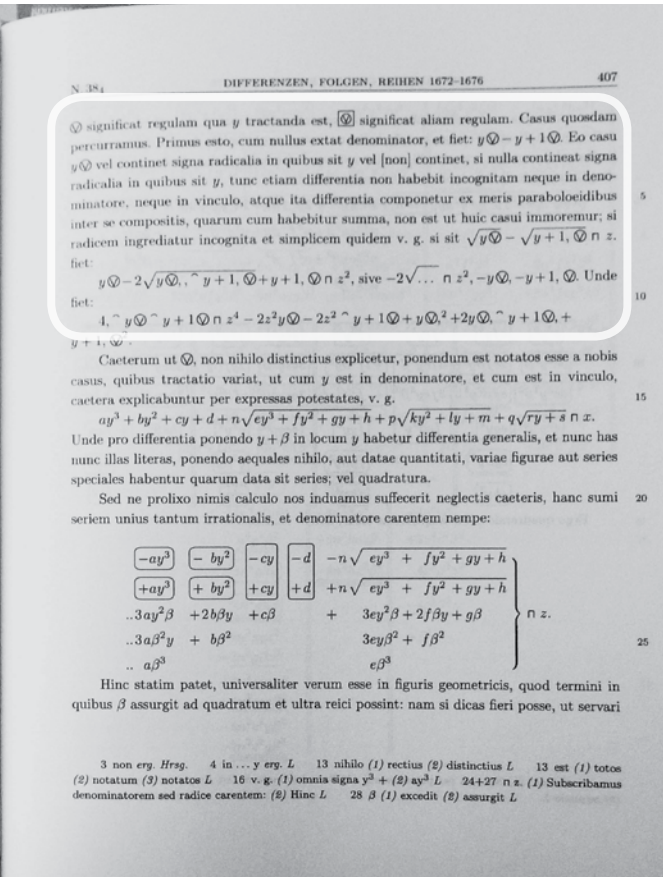
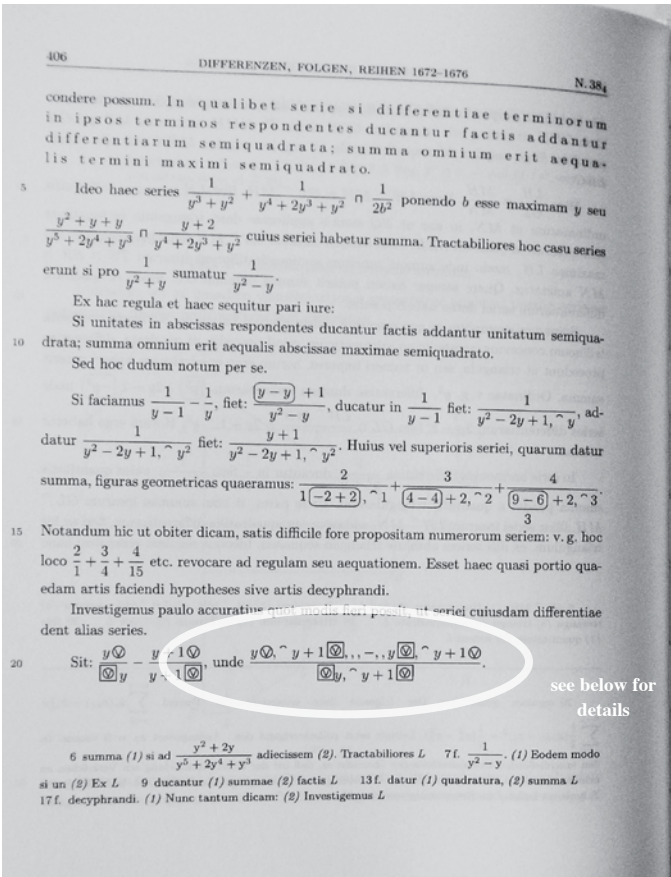
LAA VII-1 p. 527



LH 35 V 4, fol. 6



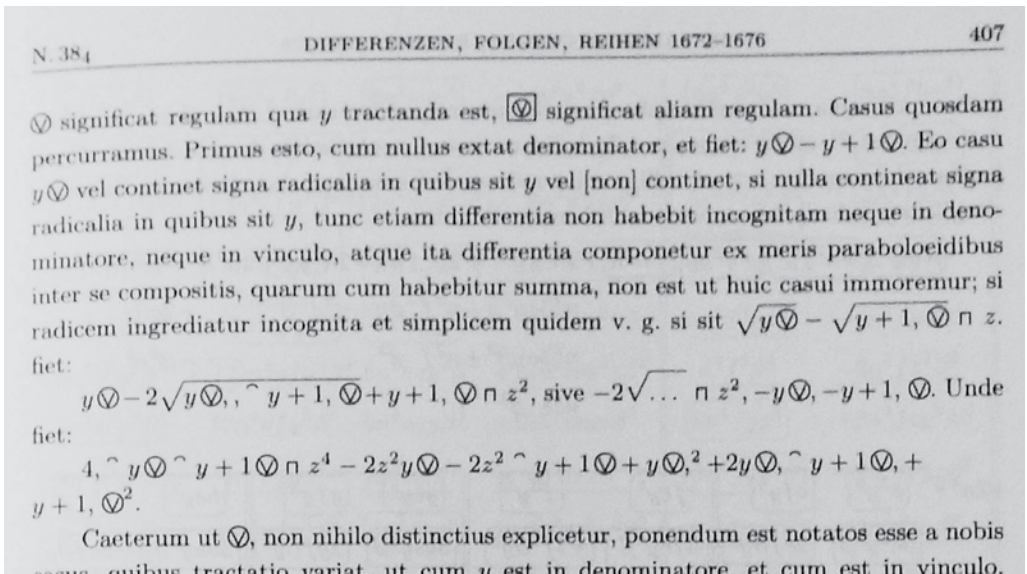
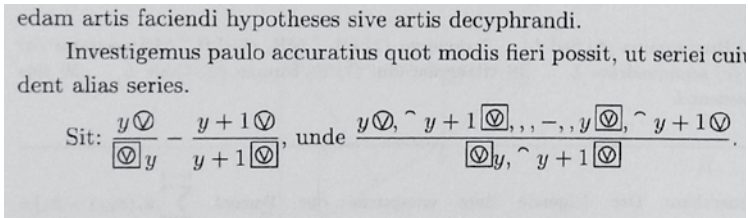
LH 35 VIII 30, fol. 115r



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Note that the representation of these characters in the edition is considered unfortunate. The round shape has to resemble a volute, similar as with @ (0040).

LAA VII-3 p. 406-407



La Colonne C. du mesme feuillet, contient l'aplication que j'ay faite de la premiere  
15 analogie de M. Leibnits, en ne se servant que de la ligne interrompue -- pour designer  
le Zero; et de la ligne entiere — pour marquer Un. La continuation de cette colonne est  
de l'autre coté du mesme feuillet.

Les colonnes D. E. F. G. H. font connoitre les diverses combinaisons qui se forment,  
lors que la ligne interrompue -- et la ligne entiere — se trouvent une à une; ou jointes  
20 deux à deux; ou trois à trois; ou 4. à 4. ou 5. à 5.

Et enfin la colonne I. donne les 64. caracteres ou figures de Fo-hi, arrangez dans  
l'ordre qu'ils doivent estre suivant la seconde analogie de M. Leibnits, pour marquer la  
suite naturelle des nombres, depuis 0. jusques et compris 63. Mais par ce que depuis 31.  
les figures de cette Colonne I se raportent parfaitement au reste de ceux de la colonne C.  
25 je n'ay pas cru necessaire de les repeter.

On conclud donc de cette seconde analogie, qu'il faudroit sept lignes pour aller  
jusques à 127. Et 8 pour aller jusques à 255. etc. En sorte que si on vouloit exprimer  
20000. de nostre arith. en la Binaire, il y faudroit employer suivant la premiere analogie,  
quinze rangs de lignes; ce qui seroit inevitable depuis 16384. qui s'exprimeroient ainsi,  
30 |||||||||. De maniere que pour connoitre la valeur de la ligne entiere, qui est à gauche, il  
faut bien sçavoir combien elle precede de lignes interrompues, ou de Zeros.

#### -- BROKEN EMDASH

LAA III-9, p. 606

deux sortes de caracteres, qu'on assemble de six en six de toutes les manieres possibles,  
l'ordre naturel des combinaisons (de quelque façon qu'on s'y veuille prendre) les arrangera  
comme ils se trouvent dans le P. Martini; d'où l'on peut conclure, que cet arrangem<sup>t</sup> si  
bien suivi, ne procede d'autre chose, que de ce que n'y ayant que deux sortes de lignes à  
employer, il se faut necessairement servir, pour la combinaison de la progression double,  
15 qui estant la mesme qu'il faut employer dans l'arithmetique Binaire, il ne se faut pas  
étonner que le tout se raporte si parfaitement.

Cela est si vray que si les Figures de Fo-hi, estoient composées de trois sortes de  
Lignes, comme celles cy -- — +- et qu'on en deut mettre pareillement six en chaque  
figure, dez que l'ordre de ces lignes aura esté fixé comme elles sont icy; si on cherche  
20 ensuite toutes les Combinaisons selon la methode qu'il faut employer pour trois choses  
dissemblables, on trouvera 729 figures differentes de six lignes chacune; sans qu'il paroisse  
d'aucune necessité que cela se puisse raporter à aucune sorte d'arithmetique. Et cepen-  
dant si on se propose d'appliquer l'arithm. ternaire à ces trois sortes de lignes, et que la  
premiere interrompue -- designe le Zero. La suivante entiere — Un. Et la trois[i]esme  
25 croisée par le milieu +- deux, on trouvera en descendant de haut en bas, ou en remon-  
tant de bas en haut, que toute la suite des figures, donnera exactem<sup>t</sup> toute la suite des  
nombres depuis 0. Jusques et compris 728.

Il n'est donc pas facile à mon sens de determiner certainement, si les 64 caracteres  
de Fo-hi, doivent estre regardez comme une simple Combinaison, ou comme une arith.  
30 binaire complete, puis qu'il y a un si parfait raport entre ces deux choses; sur tout si

#### -- BROKEN EMDASH, +- CROSSED EMDASH

LAA III-9, p. 610

These two characters group with the existent EMDASH (2014) in lines 18 and 24 of this sample.

1 ① sec ① Produit d'une prime quantité par une prime quantité secondement posée.

5 ④ ter ② Produit de cinq quartes quantitez par une seconde quantité tiercement posée.

Les caracteres signifians racines de quels l'explication se trouve à la 29 & 30 definition sont tels :

✓ Racine de quarré.

✓✓ Racine de racine de quarré.

✓✓✓ Racine de racine de racine de quarré.

✓✓✓✓ Racine de racine de racine de racine de quarré.

✓ ③ Racine de cube.

✓✓ ③ Racine de racine de cube.

✓ ④ Racine de quarte quantité.

✓✓ ④ Racine de racine de quarte quantité, &c.

Le caractere signifiant la separation entre le signe de racine & la quantité, duquel l'explication se trouve à la 34. definition, est tel.

χ, Comme ✓ 3 χ ② n'est pas le mesme que ✓ 3 ②, comme dict est à ladicte 34. definition.

Les caracteres signifians plus & moins, comme à la 36 definition, sont tels :

+ Plus.

— Moins.

Et pour expliquer la racine d'un multinomie (qu'aucuns appellent racine universelle) nous userons le vocable du multinomie, comme:

✓ bino 2 + ✓ 3, c'est à dire racine quarrée de binomie, ou de la somme de 2 & ✓ 3.

✓ trino ✓ 3 + ✓ 2 — ✓ 5, c'est à dire racine quarrée de trinomie, ou de la somme de ✓ 3 & ✓ 2 & — ✓ 5.

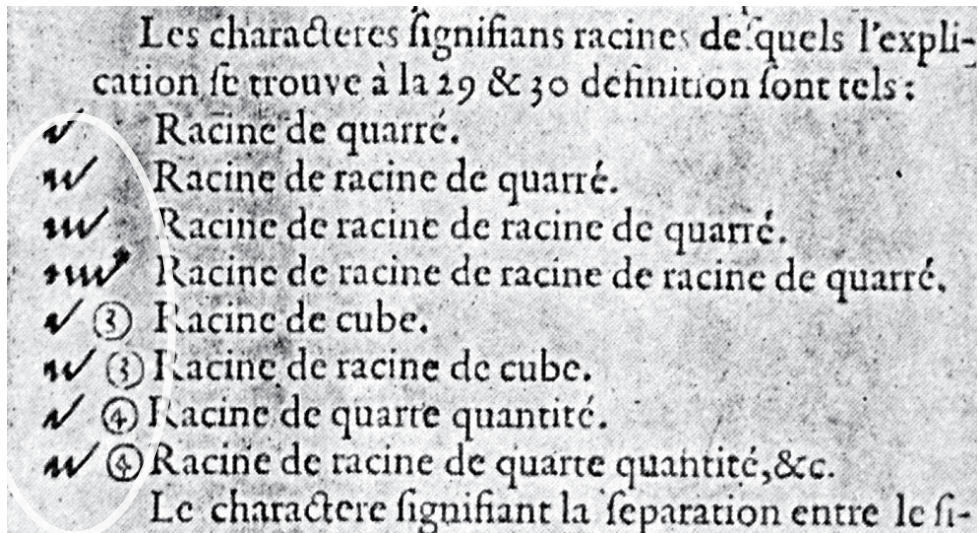
✓ ③ bino ✓ 2 + ✓ 3, c'est à dire racine cubique de

see also  
next page

✓✓✓ RADIX SIGN 1, ✓✓✓✓ RADIX SIGN 2, ✓✓✓✓✓ RADIX SIGN 3

These characters can be seen related to the established radix symbol ✓ (221A).

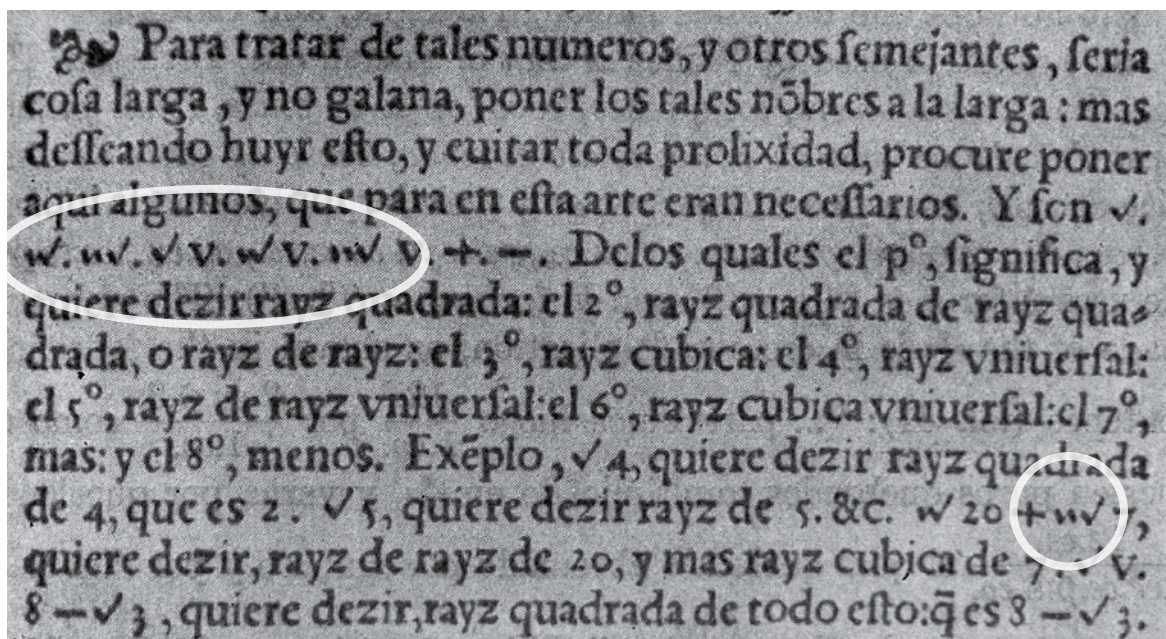
Simon Stevin, L'arithmétique in Œuvres mathématiques, 1634 (after Cajori)



Simon Stevin, *L'arithmétique* in *Œvres mathématiques*, 1634 (after Cajori)

The number of ascending lines indicates how often an operation of root determination is performed on an expression. In the Stevin example the combination with an encircled number indicates, which type of root is meant. If there is no such number, the square root is to be considered. For example, the combinations denote the following:

- √√ square root of square root, which corresponds to the fourth root;
- √√√ square root of square root of square root, which corresponds to the eighth root;
- √√√√ square root of square root of square root of square root, which corresponds to the sixteenth root;
- √√③ cubic root of cubic root, which corresponds to the ninth root;
- √√④ fourth root of fourth root, which corresponds to the sixteenth root.



√√ RADIX SIGN 1, √√√ RADIX SIGN 2, √√√√ RADIX SIGN 3  
 Marco Aurel, *Arithmetica algebrica*, 1552 (after Cajori)

tantum ponendo  $a^2t$  minorem quam  $q^3$ .  
 Quae aequatio ponatur esse eadem cum aequatione 4. erit in aequatione 4[:]

$$P \stackrel{(43)}{\cap} 0. \text{ et } Q \stackrel{(44)}{\cap} -. Q \cap - 1. \frac{3q^2}{a}.$$

Nam per hoc signum  $\cap$  .Q. semper designo ipsam molem affirmativam, ideoque per  $\cap$  . designo signum affectionis cuiusque quantitatis, quod ex signis calculi non semper apparet. (Quando autem quantitas ipsa est quadratica aut alia parium dimensionum, ut

• BOLD PERIOD

The glyphic representation being optically close to BULLET (2022) and BULLET OPERATOR (2219), this character is defined by its position on the base line, like PERIOD (002E).

LAA VII-2 P. 609; VII-8 p. 18, 19 (below)

et ... il (a) faut (b) vaut L 7 j'avois (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (2)  $\frac{3}{4}$  L 10 joue (1) trois jeux (2) à trois partis L  
 11-19,1 suite; (1) item qv'il en gagne (2) ||| item qv'il gagne (a) .||| vel |.||| vel |||.|| vel (b) |||.|| (aa) vel |.||| vel .||| (bb) ou L

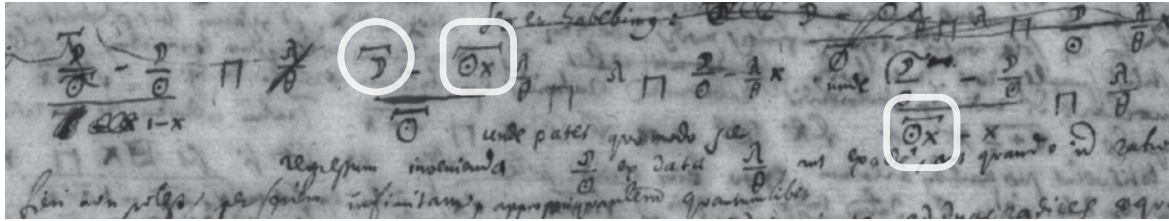
qu'il gagne |||.|| ou |.||| ou .|||. Et s'il gagne en 5 jeux il peut gagner ainsi:  
 .|||.|| |.||| |||.|| .|||.|| .|||.|| |.|||.||. *Ecce modos omnes quibus vinci potest. Et notandum hoc combinationis plane singularis genus. Nunc ut ex*

$1^{\cap} + b 2^{\cap} + c x 3^{\cap} + d x^2 - 4 \frac{l\lambda}{\theta} x^3 \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\ominus}$   
 unde  $\lambda \cap \frac{-\frac{f\lambda}{\theta} \quad -\frac{g\lambda}{\theta} \quad -\frac{h\lambda}{\theta}}{1g + 2hx + 3lx^2} \cap y - \frac{\lambda}{\theta} x$ . Fiet  $\mathcal{D}$  determinata ad 2  
 radices sit signum  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$  et  $\ominus$  determ. sit sign.  $\ominus$ .  $\overline{\mathcal{D}} - \frac{\ominus x \lambda}{\theta} \cap \lambda \cap \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\ominus} - \frac{\lambda}{\theta} x$ . unde  $\frac{\overline{\mathcal{D}}}{\ominus x} - \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\ominus x}$   
 $\frac{\lambda}{\theta}$  unde patet quomodo per regressum invenienda  $\frac{\mathcal{D}}{\ominus}$  ex data  $\frac{\lambda}{\theta}$ , aut exacte, aut quando  
 id rationaliter fieri non potest, per seriem infinitam, appropinquantem quantumlibet.  
 Aequationes notabiles:  $a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$  etc.  $\cap \mathcal{D}$  determinata ad duas radices 10  
 aequales dat:  $b + 2cx + 3dx^2$  etc.  $\cap \overline{\mathcal{D}}$ . Dicitur hoc in illud fiet  $\overline{\mathcal{D}}\overline{\mathcal{D}}$ . Ajo  $\int \overline{\mathcal{D}}\overline{\mathcal{D}}$  id est  
 $\int \overline{\mathcal{D}} d\overline{\mathcal{D}} \cap \frac{\overline{\mathcal{D}}^2}{2}$ . Itaque

⊖ COMBINING OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS

⊖ COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS

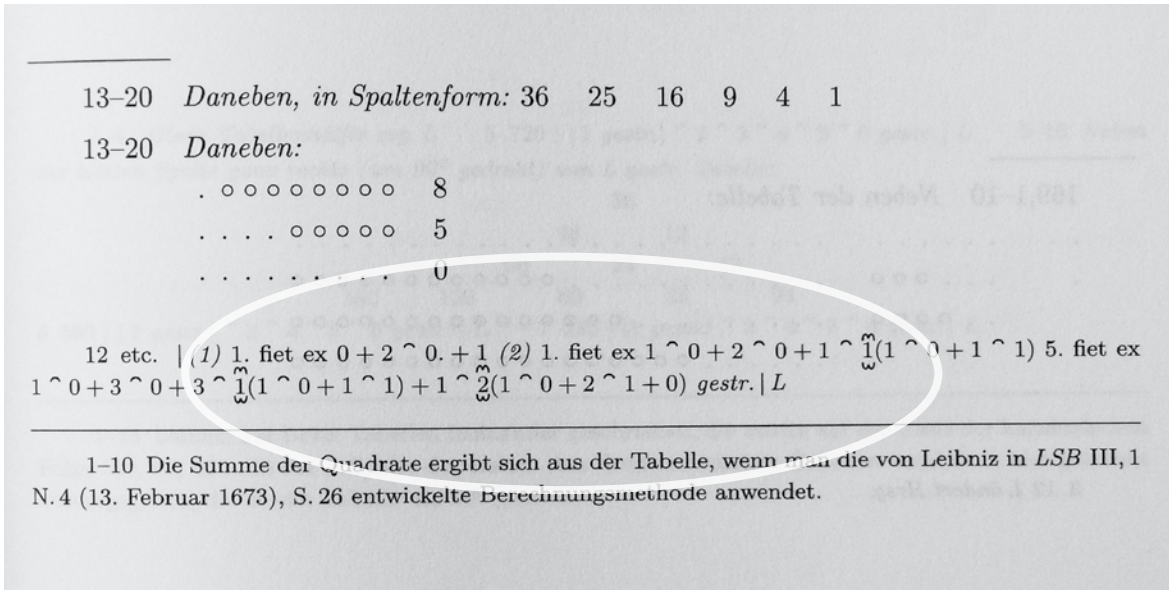
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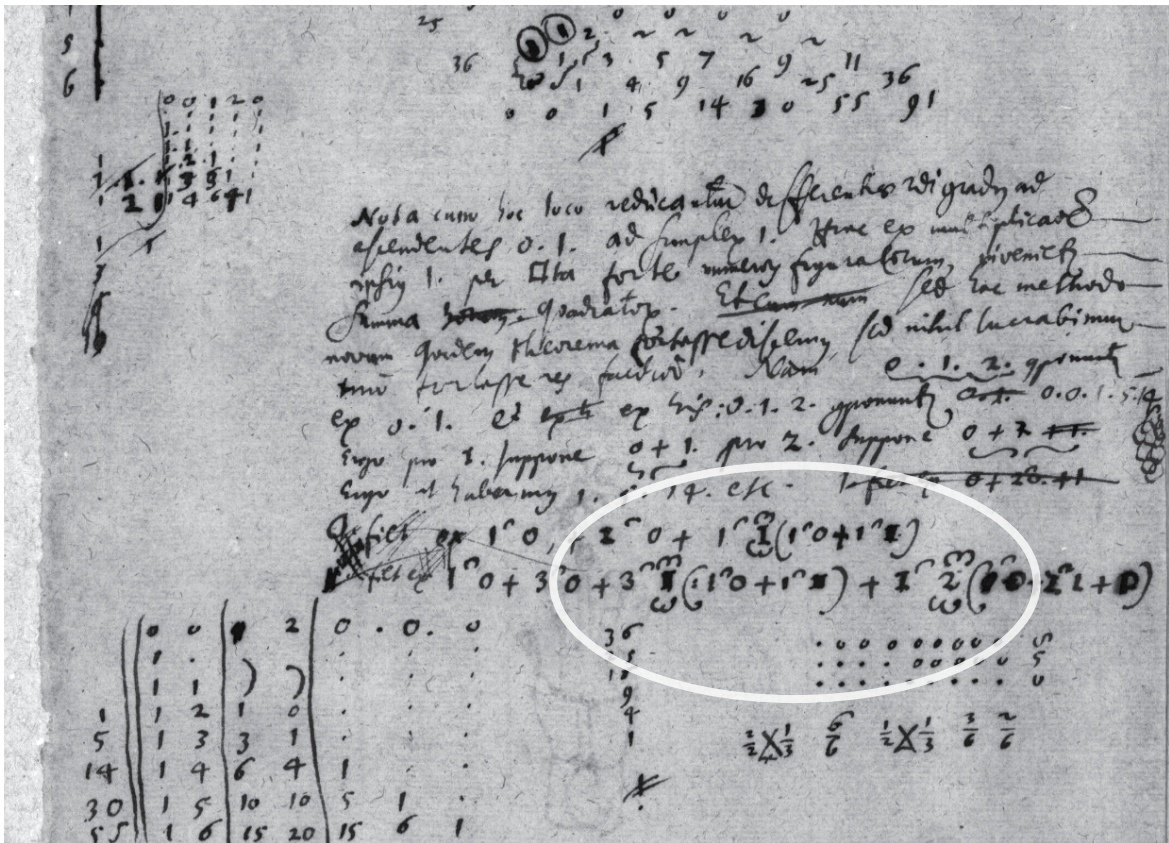
⊖ COMBINING OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS, ⊖ COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS – LAA VII-5 p. 587.

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☞ COMBINING FACTOR MARK  
LAA VII-3 p. 167



☞ COMBINING FACTOR MARK  
LH 35 XII 1 fol. 138r

Esto jam aequatio ad sectionem Conicam  $y \propto \sqrt{2ax \mp \frac{r}{t}x^2} B$ . Primum ponendo  $x \propto v$  videamus quod eventurum sit, nam si res non succedit, valorem mutabimus: At  $y$  esto  $\propto w + \varphi + k - \psi$ . fietque  $B + \psi \propto A$ . et quadrando  $B^2 + 2\psi B + \psi^2 \propto A^2$ , unde ordinando:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 +1 \quad v^2 \quad -e \quad v \quad -\lambda^2 \quad \propto \quad -2\psi B. \\
 \mp \frac{r}{t} \quad \quad \quad -2h \quad \quad \quad -eh \\
 \textcircled{\ominus} \quad \quad \quad \textcircled{\textcircled{D}} \quad \quad \quad +h^2 \\
 \quad \quad \quad +2a \quad \quad \quad +2\varphi k \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad +k^2 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \textcircled{\textcircled{F}} \quad \quad \quad +\psi^2
 \end{array}$$

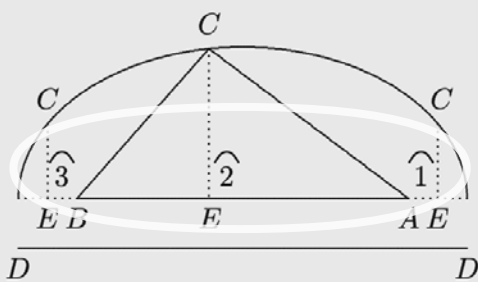
et rursus quadrando atque ordinando

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \textcircled{\ominus}^2 v^4 + 2\textcircled{\ominus} \textcircled{\textcircled{D}} v^3 + 2\textcircled{\ominus} \textcircled{\textcircled{F}} v^2 [+ ] 2 \textcircled{\textcircled{D}} \textcircled{\textcircled{F}} v + \textcircled{\textcircled{F}}^2 \propto 0. \\
 \quad \quad \quad + \textcircled{\textcircled{D}}^2 \quad \dots \quad - 8\psi^2 a \dots \\
 \quad \quad \quad \mp 4\psi^2 \frac{r}{t} \dots
 \end{array}$$

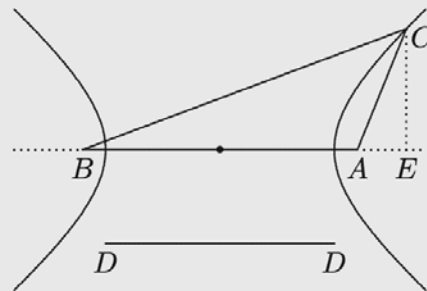
⊖ COMBINING HORIZONTAL PARANTHESIS  
LAA VII-7 p. 329

Schediasma de Focis Conicarum, Octob. 1674

Invenire locum, unde ductae ad data duo puncta rectae datam faciant summam, aut dato differant intervallo. Quod ita reperiemus:



[Fig. 1]



[Fig. 2]

Datorum punctorum distantia  $AB$  appelletur,  $a$ , data summa vel datum intervallum,  $b$ . Ex puncto loci quaesiti assumpto,  $C$ , demittatur perpendicularis in  $AE$  productam si opus est.  $CE$ , appellanda  $y$ , et  $AE$  vocetur  $x$ . Erit  $AC^2 \propto y^2 + x^2$ , porro  $\textcircled{\textcircled{1}} EB \propto AB + AE$ , vel  $\textcircled{\textcircled{2}} AE - AE$ , vel  $\textcircled{\textcircled{3}} AE - AB$ , ergo  $EB \propto (\mp)a(\mp)x$ , ejusque quadratum,  $EB^2 \propto$

⊖ COMBINING HORIZONTAL PARANTHESIS  
LAA VII-7 p. 357 – The glyphs applied in those two samples are not ideal.

$$z \text{ terminus primus. } z - a \text{ terminus 2}^{\text{dus}}. z - a - b \text{ terminus tertius. } z = \frac{c}{d}. z - a = \frac{c}{d+e}. z - a - b = \frac{c}{d+e+f}. \text{ Ergo } \frac{c}{d} - \frac{c}{d+e} = a. \frac{c}{d} \times \frac{c}{d+e} [=] \frac{cd+ce-ed}{dd+de}. \text{ Ergo } a = \frac{ce}{dd+de}. b = \frac{c}{d+e} \times \frac{c}{d+e+f} = \frac{cd+ce+cf-ed-ee}{(d+e)dd+ee+2de+df+ef} = b. \frac{\cancel{c}}{dd+de} \times \frac{\cancel{c}}{d+e} = \frac{\cancel{c}}{d} \times \frac{\cancel{c}}{d+e+f}. \frac{d+e+f}{d} = \frac{d+e+df+ef}{ddf}.$$

### COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE SLASH

This character is similar to COMBINING LONG SOLIDUS OVERLAY (0338). Its function is to create a strike-through mark for *two* neighbouring base characters, so it is supposed to work in the same way as e.g. the characters 035C to 0362.

LAA VII-3 p.122

[Teil 1]

Fig. 3.

$$AN = AE = AK$$

$$AI = ID = IG = A\beta = \gamma M = \frac{AG}{2} \text{ modo } \beta \text{ sit in linea } DE.$$

$$IB = AZ = B\gamma = \gamma\delta = \frac{CG}{2} = ZG$$

$$BI = AZ \quad B\alpha = BE \quad \beta\alpha = \beta E \quad A\beta = D\beta$$

NB. recta  $A\alpha$  non incidit in rectam  $AZ$ .

### COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE SLASH

LAA VII-4 p. 409

1 puncta (1) D(D) (2) N(N) L 5 f. et A(A). (1) | Sane *erg.* | Esto NB  $\cap$  b. N(N)  $\cap$  n. fiet: (a) NB vel N(B)  $\cap$  b +  $\frac{yn}{b}$  sive  $b + \frac{yn}{b}$  (aa)  $\frac{e}{n} \cap \frac{C(E)}{n}$  (bb)  $\frac{E(E)}{N(N)} \cap \frac{C(E)}{CN}$  quae CN velut data appelletur c, et fiet C(E)  $\cap \frac{E(E) \wedge c}{N(N)}$  datur porro et CB  $\cap$   $\#b \#c$ . Datur et NE  $\cap$   $\nu$  unde scilicet calculum incipimus. datur ergo et AB. Nam est  $\frac{AB}{NE \cap \nu} \cap \frac{CB \cap \#b \#c}{c \cap NC}$ . Ergo AB  $\cap$   $\#b \#c$ ,  $\wedge$  (aaa)  $\frac{n}{c}$  (bbb)  $\frac{N(N)}{C}$  sit B(B)  $\cap$   $\beta$ . (aaaa) | NL  $\cap$  *streicht Hrsg.* |  $\lambda$  (bbbb) | E(E)  $\cap$   $\lambda$ . *streicht Hrsg.* | Rectius ita | Porro cum Triangula NL(N) et CEN sunt similia erit  $\frac{N(N)}{N(L)} \cap \frac{NC \cap \cancel{c}}{E(E) \wedge \cancel{c}}$  *erg. u. gestr.* | (2) omnes L 6 f. cognitae, (1) | erit CE ad EN *streicht Hrsg.* | (hic negliguntur signa includentia ob infinitas parvitates) ut NL  $\cap$  E(E)  $\cap$   $\lambda$  ad (N)L, seu  $\lambda$  ad  $\sqrt{n^2 - \lambda^2}$  sive EC  $\cap \frac{\lambda n}{\sqrt{n^2 - \lambda^2}}$  Jam alias EC  $\cap \sqrt{c^2 - e^2}$  (2) (hic ... parvitates) | : *erg. Hrsg.* | EC  $\cap \sqrt{c^2 - e^2}$  L 8 NL  $\cap$   $\lambda$  L *ändert Hrsg.* 9  $\frac{b-c}{b}$  (1) demonstravit jam Hugenus:

### CLOVERLEAF SIGN

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#### 4.g) Superscript characters

auf der ein Punkt  $D$  mit der Ordinate  $y$  liegt. Wird an diese Kurve eine Tangente angelegt, die jene eben in  $D$  berührt, so bezeichnet Leibniz den Tangentenabschnitt zu  $y$  (also den Abstand zwischen  $D$  und dem Schnittpunkt der Tangente mit der  $x$ -Achse) als  $y^{\boxed{t}}$ . Die Abszisse des Punktes  $D$  bezeichnet er auf analoge Weise mit  $y^{\boxed{x}}$ . Um Platz für einen etwaigen Exponenten zu schaffen, verwendet er hierfür auch die Schreibweise  $\frac{\boxed{x}}{y}$ . Ob Leibniz diese Notation — die man modern gesprochen als eine Schreibweise für Funktionen bezeichnen könnte und die er selbst als besonders leistungsfähig einschätzt — in seinem weiteren Werk verwendet, ist noch nicht geklärt. Beispiele:

$$FG \cap FG^{\boxed{t}}$$

$$DN \cap e^{\boxed{x}} - y^{\boxed{x}}$$

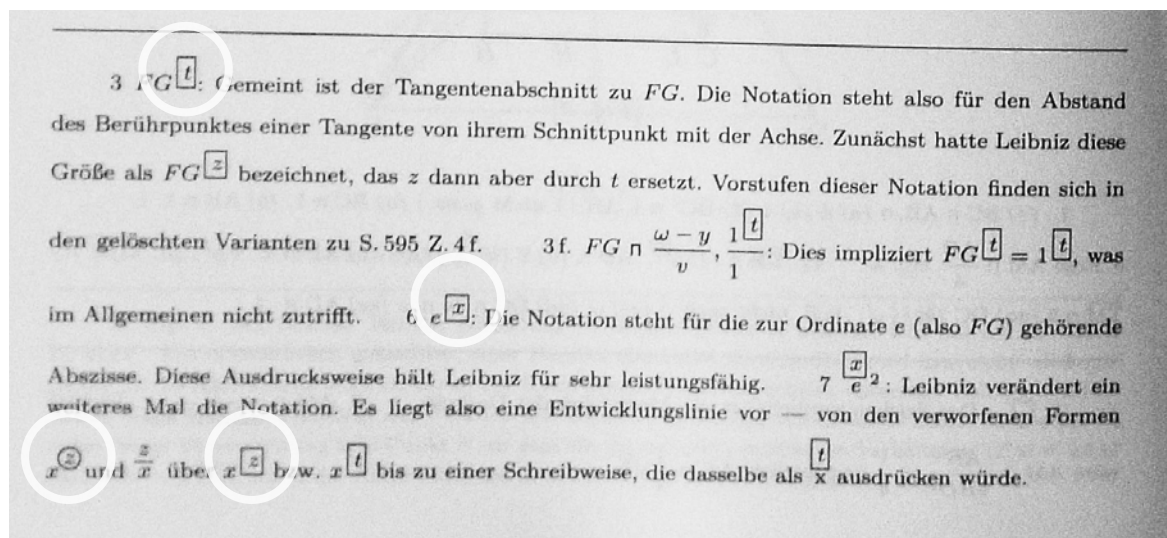
$$DG \cap \sqrt{e^2 - 2cy + y^2 + e^{\boxed{x}} - 2e^{\boxed{x}}y + y^{\boxed{x}}}. \quad (\text{alle aus N. 66})$$

Zu den im Band auftretenden mathematischen Symbolen siehe auch S. 674 f.

▣ SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL T SIGN

⊠ SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL X SIGN

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▣ SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL T SIGN

⊠ SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL X SIGN

⊠ SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL Z SIGN

⊚ SUPERSCRIPT ENCIRCLED SMALL Z SIGN

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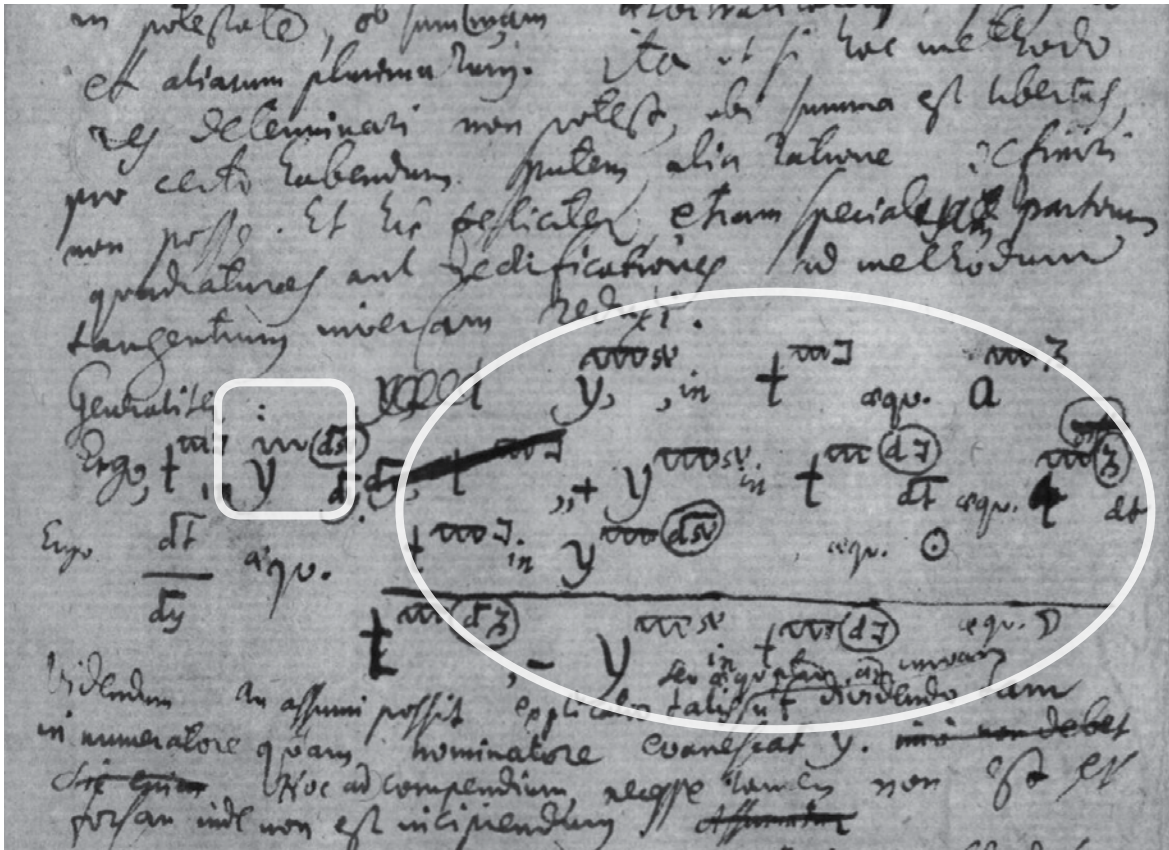
Haec maximi momenti. Si  $h = r$  fit  $g$  integer posito  $m$  integro. Sed hinc nihil lucratur. Si faciamus  $v = \sqrt[n]{e + fz^h}$  fiet  $v^{I:n} - e = fz^h$  et  $v^{I:n-1} dv : nf = hz^{h-1} dz$  et  $z = \sqrt[I:n]{v - e, : f \frac{I:h}{h}}$  et  $dz = \frac{dv}{hnf} v^{I:n-1}$  in  $\sqrt[I:n]{v - e, : f \frac{I-h}{h}}$  et fit  $\int dz z^m e + fz^h \sqrt[b + dz^c]{r}$  et  $dz \cdot z^m e + fz^h$  etc. =  $\frac{dv}{hnf} v^{I:n} \textcircled{-1}$   
 15 in  $\sqrt[I:n]{v - e, : f \frac{I-h+m}{h}}$  in  $\textcircled{v}$  in  $b + d \frac{v^{I:n} - e}{f} \textcircled{c}$ , ita revera, posito  $\frac{r - h + m}{h}$  esse integrum, obtenta est depressio. Si  $h$  sit  $r$ , quantitate sub irrationali contenta resoluta in plures divisores, et unum ex his irrationalem ponendo  $v$ , habetur depressio.

12 integer |posito  $m$  integro *erg.*| (1) et hac methodo licebit nodere et pro pluribus invicem ducere unus. Si quaeratur  $\textcircled{\ominus} = \int dz z^m \sqrt[e + fz : b + dz : k + iz]{n}$  non eos reducitur ad  $\textcircled{\ominus} = \int, \frac{w - c \frac{g}{f}}{f} \omega^n$  (2)  
 20 Sed hinc  $LiA^I$  16 depressio, (1) imo generaliter (2) si  $h$  fiet, (3) si  $h$  sit  $LiA^I$  16 1, (1) adhibitis quovocunqve (2) quantitate  $LiA^I$

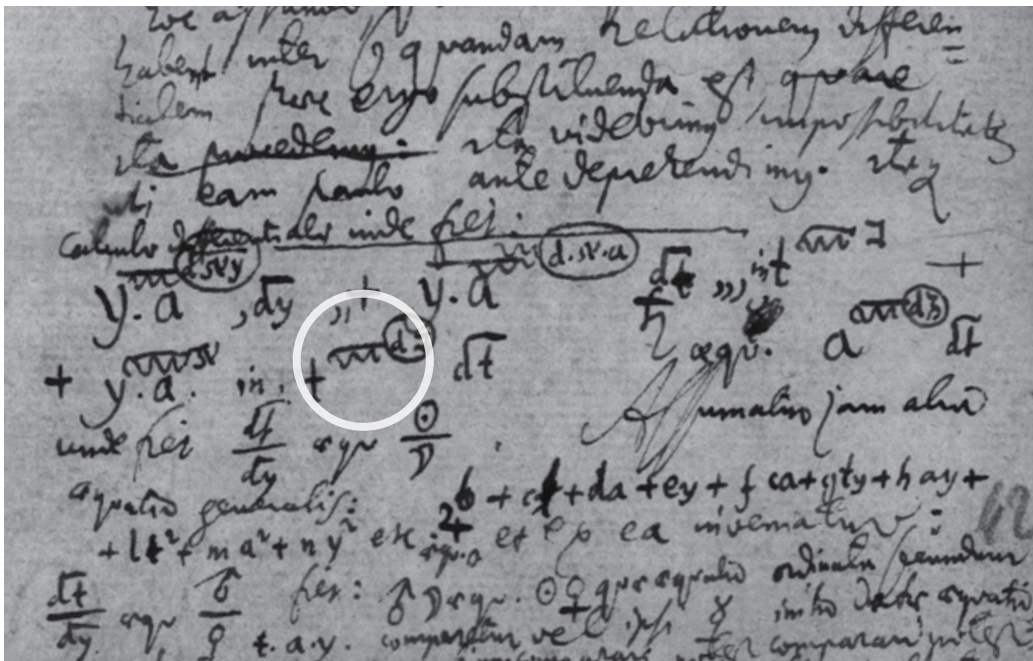
⊠ SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL G SIGN

⊠ SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL N SIGN

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~ SUPERSCRIPT WAVE, ~ SUPERSCRIPT WAVE WITH TOP LINE  
 LH 35 7 I, fol. 39r. The edition of this manuscript is currently in progress.



~ SUPERSCRIPT WAVE WITH TOP LINE  
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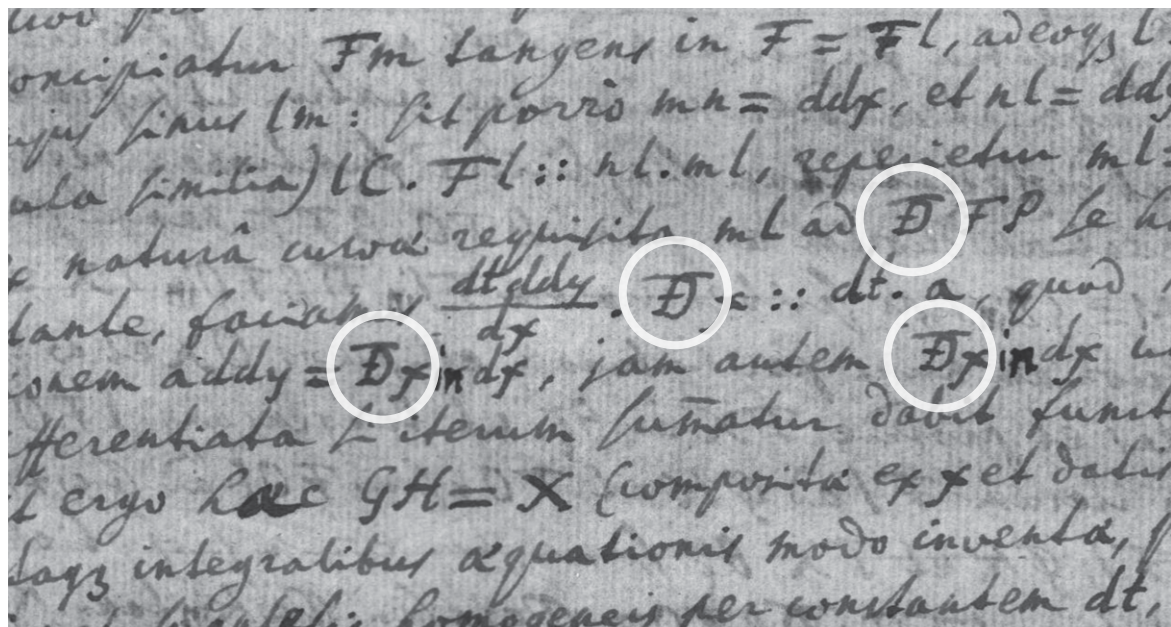
4.h) Letterlike symbols

differat ab  $RO$  particula infinite parva  $IO$ , censetur tamen in speculatione curvarum non solum ut ipsi aequalis sed prorsus tanquam eadem; quamdiu enim curvae particula infinite parva  $FO$  consideratur ut lineola recta, tunc singulae applicatae inter  $PF$  et  $RO$  cum legem mutationis curvaturae nondum subeant haberi possunt pro una eademque applicata, quasi nempe singulae ipsi  $PF$  absolute essent aequales: eodem modo quia  $\omega\varphi$  considero ut rectam lineolam singulae applicatae inter  $\rho\omega$  et  $\pi\varphi$  utpote legem mutationis curvaturae pariter non subeuntes possunt pro se invicem sumi adeoque eadem poni cum  $\pi\varphi$ ); si igitur, inquam, loco  $RO$  sumatur aequipollens  $PF$  et loco  $\rho\omega$  aequipollens  $\pi\varphi$ , habebitur  $FO \times \mathcal{D}PF = \varphi\omega \times \mathcal{D}\pi\varphi$  adeoque  $\mathcal{D}PF$  ad  $\mathcal{D}\pi\varphi$  ut  $\varphi\omega$  ( $\varphi O$ ) ad  $FO$  ut sin.  $OF\varphi$  ad sin.  $O\varphi F$  et permutando  $\mathcal{D}PF$  ad sin.  $OF\varphi$  ut  $\mathcal{D}\pi\varphi$  ad sin.  $O\varphi F$ . Hinc cum  $F\varphi$  sit subtensa arcus curvae infinite parvi  $FO\varphi$ , adeoque angulus  $OF\varphi$  et  $O\varphi F$  haberi possit pro semisse anguli curvedinis in  $F$  et  $\varphi$ , erit  $\mathcal{D}PF$  ad sinum curvedinis in  $F$  ut  $\mathcal{D}\pi\varphi$  ad sinum curvedinis in  $\varphi$ ; hoc est in ratione constanti. Problema itaque ad pure analyticum redactum huc redit: Ut quaeratur curva  $BF\varphi$

Ⓓ LATIN CAPITAL D WITH TOP BAR AND CROSSBAR

The D with top bar and crossbar is used here to denote the differential quotient.

LAA III-7 p. 817



Ⓓ LATIN CAPITAL D WITH TOP BAR AND CROSSBAR

The D with top bar and crossbar is used here to denote the differential quotient. The D shape and the top stroke are written in one single movement, which reveals that the stroke is intended as a part of the letterform itself, not as a virgula.

Leibniz manuscript, GWLB, LBr. 57,1 239v°

elapsum dum consequi ac colligere conatur studiosus lateri meo adhaerens, ego eundem praevenire aditor, non reminiscens baculi mei, quem vestimento alligaveram, cumque se inter humum et pectus fulserit gravius quam putavi thoracis regionem contudi, ut media hac nocte mihi ob sanguinem extravasatum, quem adesse colligo, pene spiritus omnis interceptus sit. Quare statim e pharmacopoeio adhibito pulvere resolvente ex lapid. ☉[.] sangu. drac.[.] mum. ppt.[.] cinnab. nat. ppt. et ♂<sup>io</sup> diaphoret. liberius quidem nunc spiritum Deo sit gratia duco, sed graviores in loci afflicti regione dolores nondum cessare volunt, vixque brachium manumque pro exarandis literis hisce movere valeo. Spero tamen, me commodis medicamentis tractatum mox intentatum hoc sanitatis periculum evasurum.

p LOWERCASE P WITH DOUBLE CROSSBAR

In this specimen ppt means *präpariert* (prepared). The connecting double stroke must however cross the descender, the glyph used in the edition is not quite appropriate. LAA III-8 p. 572

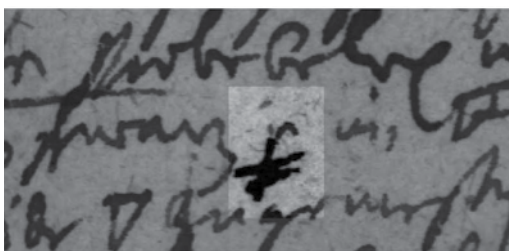
Ne igitur accederet febris vulneraria, dein vires, quas ex itinere imminutas habebat, ipsi redderentur, et 3<sup>tio</sup> libertas viarum ac respirationis ipsi conciliaretur ordinabam mixturam ex aq. carbunc.[.] cord.[.] card. bened.[.] p<sup>e</sup> cordial. Dorncrell.[.] mandib. luc. prisc. ppt.[.] lez. mineral. et sirup. acetos. citr. qua vix accepta levamen sentiebat.

Stoerianas nuper cursui publico tradebam, metuens, ne absente Per-III. Exc. vestra venirent. Has vero haud gravatim transmittendas obsequiose rogatum volo. Per eundem

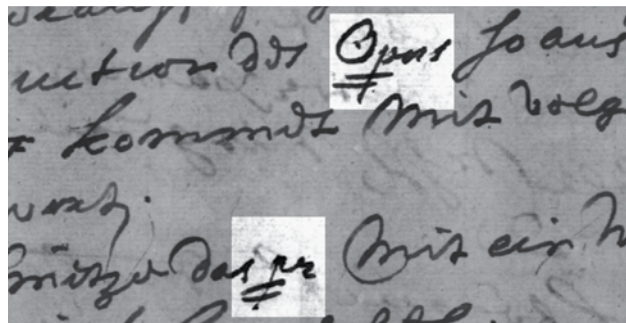
p LOWERCASE P WITH DOUBLE CROSSBAR

The character is used in at least two alchemical expressions: a single p denotes *pulvis* (powder) whereas the double pp in combination with t stands for *präpariert* (prepared). In this specimen both single and double usage are represented. LAA III-8 p. 605

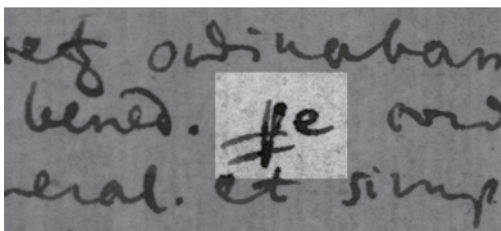
Some examples of the usage of p LOWERCASE P WITH DOUBLE CROSSBAR by Leibniz and some of his correspondents (below). In all these cases the abbreviation is used for Pulvis. (top left: Leibniz; top right: Martin Elers; bottom left and right: Rudolf Christian Wagner).



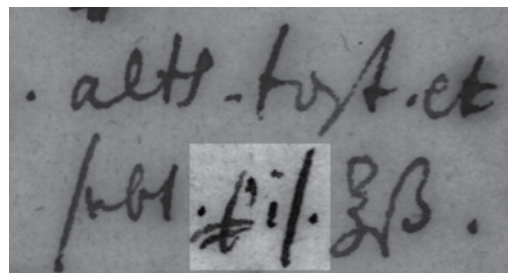
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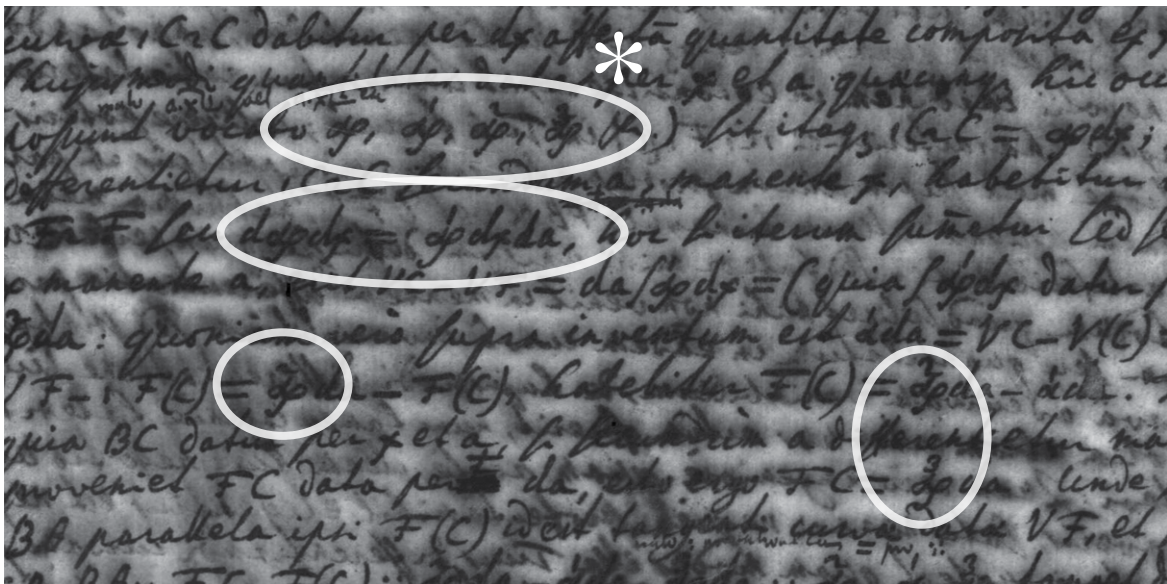
illarum portionum, quod sic facio: Quoniam  $VC$  seu  $\alpha$  datur per  $a$ , ejus differentialis dabitur per  $da$ ; sit itaque  $VC - V(C)$  seu  $d\alpha = \alpha da$ ,<sup>25</sup> (per  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$  etc. intelligo quantitates<sup>26</sup> diversimode datas per  $a$ ). Sit jam  $VB$ ,  $x$ ; ergo particula curvae  ${}_1C_2C$  dabitur per  $dx$  affectam quantitate composita ex  $x$  et  $a$  (hujusmodi quantitates datas per  $x$  et  $a$  quaecunque hic occurrere possunt, vocabo<sup>27</sup>  $\infty$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $\infty$  etc.) sit itaque  ${}_1C_2C = \infty dx$ ; jam si differentietur  ${}_1C_2C$  secundum  $a$ , manente  $x$ , habebitur  ${}_1C_2C - {}_1F_2F$  seu  $d\infty dx = \infty da$ ,<sup>28</sup> hoc si iterum summetur sed secundum  $x$  manente  $a$ , erit  $VC - VF = da \int \infty dx =$  (quia  $\int \infty dx$  datur per  $a$  et  $x$ )  $\infty da$ ; quoniam vero supra inventum est  $\alpha da = VC - V(C) = VC - VF - {}_1F(C) = \infty da - F(C)$ , habebitur  $F(C) = \infty da - \alpha da$ . Tandem quia  $BC$  datur per  $x$  et  $a$ , si secundum  $a$  differentietur manente  $x$ , proveniet  $FC$  data per  $da$ , esto ergo  $FC = \infty da$ . Unde si ducatur  $B\theta$  parallela ipsi  $F(C)$  id est tangenti curvae datae  $VF$ , et si fiat  $CB \cdot B\theta :: FC \cdot F(C) :: \infty da - \alpha da :: \infty - \alpha$ ,<sup>29</sup> tanget ducta  $C\theta$  curvam  $C(C)((C))$  in puncto  $C$ . Si nunc regula generalis inventa ad certum exemplum esset applicanda dispiciendum tantum esset quid sit  $\infty$ ,  $\alpha$ , et  $\infty$ , primum enim et ultimum

15 semper dabuntur per  $a$  et  $x$  promiscue, medium vero per  $a$  tantum; dari per  $a$  et  $x$ , vel per  $a$ , comprehendo etiam quando transcendenter vel ut Tu vocas quadratorie dantur: hoc enim processum regulae generalis non impedit.

Quod si hanc methodum ad problema brevissimi appulsus applicare velimus, reperiemus quidem facile tangentes synchronarum licet ordinatim positione datae curvae non

#### ∞ BERNOULLIAN ALPHA-X SIGN

The author Johann Bernoulli uses  $\alpha$  as a quantity depending on  $a$ . In analogy, he combines an  $\alpha$  and a cursive  $x$  to denote a quantity depending on the variables  $a$  and  $x$  (in modern terminology a function in  $a$  and  $x$ ). LAA III-7 p. 558



#### ∞ BERNOULLIAN ALPHA-X SIGN

Handwriting of Johann Bernoulli, 1697. Approximately the same part of text as in the image above. GWLB, LBr. 57,1 211v°

Et ut compendio consulamus licebit  $\mathcal{D}$  ita enuntiare:  $\frac{l}{a} \frac{y^2 + \lambda y + \pi a}{y^2 + \rho y + \omega a} \mathcal{D}$ . Tantum ergo notemus;  $\underline{\epsilon}$  pendere ex  $e$ .  $\underline{\rho}$  ex  $r$ .  $\underline{\omega}$  ex  $r$  et  $s$ .  $\underline{\lambda}$  ex  $l$  et  $n$ . et  $\underline{\pi}$  ex  $l.n.p$ . Igitur  $\frac{\ominus\phi + \mathcal{D}\phi}{\phi\phi}$  faciet:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddagger & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho a y^2 \\ + \rho n \dots + \rho r a y \\ + \omega l \dots + \omega a n \dots + \omega a^2 p \end{array} \right\} \sqcap \ominus\phi \\ \ddagger & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \pi a \dots \\ + r \lambda \dots + r \pi a \dots \\ + s l \dots + s a \lambda \dots + s a^2 \pi \end{array} \right\} \sqcap \mathcal{D}\phi \end{aligned}$$

Sed iam ex numeratore  $\ominus\phi + \mathcal{D}\phi$  intelligo conferendo cum calculo superiore, nullum hic a compendio seu brachylogia haberi lucrum, nisi forte in nominatore, cum hic per brachylogiam tantum novem habeantur quantitates, partes formulae, supra vero 14. Itaque retento superiore numeratore, quia nullum a comprehensione seu brachylogia lucrum, nominatorem novum adhibeamus, multiplicando:  $y^2 + ry + sa$ , per  $y^2 \rho y + \omega a$ . Sed ne in lapsum proclives simus describendo ob affinitatem  $r$  et  $\rho$ , et  $s$  et  $\omega$ , satius ergo pro  $\rho$  adhibere  $\varphi$  et pro  $\omega$  adhibere,  $\gamma$ . et  $y^2 + ry + sa$ , multiplicata per  $y^2 + \varphi y + \gamma a$ , dabit:

$\sigma$  SIGMA-SIGMA SIGN

Leibniz uses this symbol for a quantity in the same way as he uses roman letters or other Greek letters, such as gamma, epsilon, lambda, pi, phi or omega; as shown in this example.

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$$a \sqcap \frac{2y}{1} \quad \omega \sqcap 2y$$

$$a \sqcap \frac{2y}{1} - \frac{2y^3}{3} \quad \omega \sqcap \frac{2y}{a} - \frac{2y^3}{a}$$

$$\frac{2y^3}{3} \sqcap \frac{2y}{1} - a \text{ ex } 3 \quad \omega \sqcap \frac{2y}{1 + y^2} \quad y^2 \sqcap \frac{a^2}{4} \quad \omega \sqcap \frac{8y}{4 + a^2}$$

$$\text{arc } \sqcap \frac{2y}{1} \quad \omega \sqcap \frac{2y}{1 + y^2} \quad y^2 \sqcap \frac{a^2}{4} \quad \omega \sqcap \frac{8y}{4 + a^2}$$

$$\text{arc } \sqcap 2y - \frac{2y^3}{3} \quad \omega \sqcap \frac{4a}{4 + a^2}$$

Si tangens  $y$ , arcus  $a$ , erit  $a \sqcap \frac{y}{1} - \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{y^5}{5} - \frac{y^7}{7}$  etc.

et duplus arcus erit  $2a \sqcap \frac{2y}{1} - \frac{2y^3}{3} + \frac{2y^5}{5} - \frac{2y^7}{7}$  etc.

$\sigma$  SIGMA-SIGMA SIGN

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This sample also shows the two signs  $\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN GREATER and  $\sqcap$  LEIBNIZIAN LESS.

$$-\sigma^2 \pi \frac{-d^2 + 2d\varphi - \varphi^2}{4}. \text{ Ergo } ca \pi \left[ \frac{a}{q} \varphi^2 \right] + 2a\varphi \pm \frac{2a}{q} \varphi^2 \frac{-d^2 + 2d\varphi - \varphi^2}{4} \frac{-d\varphi}{2} + \frac{\varphi^2}{2}.$$

$$\text{Ergo } \frac{ca}{+d^2} \pi 2a\varphi \pm \frac{a}{q} \varphi^2 + \frac{\varphi^2}{4}. \text{ Ergo } \left\{ \frac{ca}{+d^2} \right. \pi 2a\varphi \pm \frac{a}{q} \varphi^2 \text{ vel } \pi \frac{\varphi^2}{4}.$$

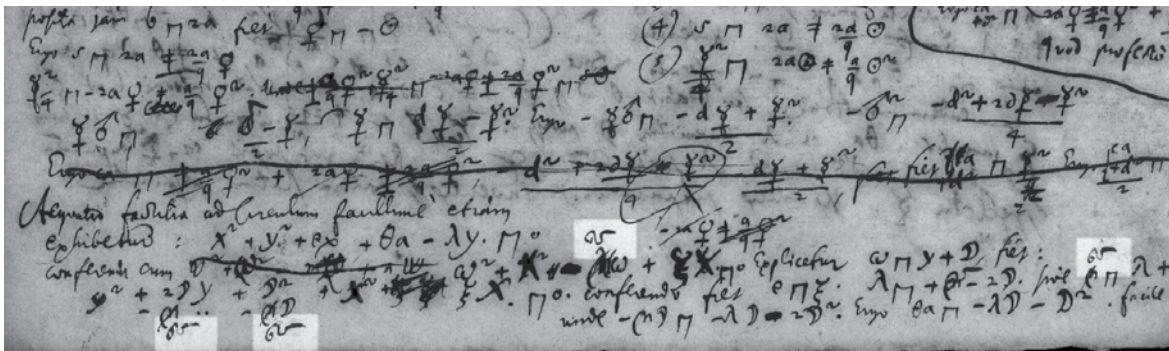
Quod profecto elegans est theorema. s  $\pi \frac{\varphi^2}{4\varphi}.$

Aequatio factitia ad Circulum facillime etiam exhibetur:  $x^2 + y^2 + ex + \theta a - \lambda y \pi 0.$   
 5 conferenda cum  $\omega^2 + x^2 - \alpha\omega + \xi x \pi 0.$  Explicetur  $\omega \pi y + \mathcal{D},$  fiet:  
 $y^2 + 2\mathcal{D}y + \mathcal{D}^2 + x^2 + \xi x \pi 0.$   
 $-\alpha \dots -\alpha \mathcal{D}$

Conferendo fiet  $e \pi \xi. \lambda \pi \alpha - 2\mathcal{D}.$  sive  $\alpha \pi \lambda + 2\mathcal{D}.$  Unde  $-\alpha \mathcal{D} \pi -\lambda \mathcal{D} - 2\mathcal{D}^2.$   
 Ergo  $\theta a \pi -\lambda \mathcal{D} - \mathcal{D}^2.$  Facile ergo habetur  $\mathcal{D}$  ergo et  $\alpha.$

σ SIGMA-SIGMA SIGN – LAA VII-7 p. 414

The following figure shows the manuscript source of that text (LH 35 XIII 3, fol. 161r).



7-14 Am Rand:

$$1 - \frac{a^2}{1,2} + \frac{a^4}{1,2,3,4} - \frac{a^6}{1,2,3,4,5,6}$$

$$\frac{a}{1} - \frac{a^3}{1,2,3} + \frac{a^5}{1,2,3,4,5} - \frac{a^7}{1,2,3,4,5,6,7}$$

$$\frac{a^2}{1,2} - \frac{a^4}{1,2,3,4} + \frac{a^6}{1,2,3,4,5,6} - \frac{a^8}{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}$$

14 Darunter:  $\int \overline{d\alpha v} \pi \text{ segm. } \pi \alpha. \int \overline{d\alpha v} \pi \int \overline{d\alpha v}. \overline{d\alpha v} \pi \overline{d\alpha v}.$  Ergo vel  $v \pi \frac{\overline{d\alpha v}}{\overline{d\alpha v}}$   
 vel  $a \pi \int \frac{\overline{d\alpha v}}{v}. \int \overline{d\alpha v} \pi \alpha.$

σ SIGMA-SIGMA SIGN

LAA VII-6 p. 401

incognitae vel indeterminatae, nec altera in alterius locum substitui potest, cum aequatio illa, quae relationem ipsius  $x$  ad  $y$  exprimat, quaeratur.

$\frac{ZN^2}{x^2} - \frac{NM}{\varphi} = \frac{a}{2}$ . quae si applicata ad ipsam unitatem constructionis intelligantur, fiet  
 5  $\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{a}{2} = \frac{ax^2}{4}$  momentum trianguli  $CBNZC$  ex  $CZ$ . Momentum vero rectanguli  $CLNZ$ ,  
 fiet  $\frac{x^2y}{2}$ . posita  $\varphi$  maxima =  $CL$ . a qua si auferatur momentum figurae ipsius  $CLNBC$

restabit utique momentum trilinei quod supra. Momentum autem figurae habebitur,  
 ductis  $NL = y$ , in  $x$ , fiet  $\frac{CL^2y}{x^2y} -$  summa omnium  $\frac{\varphi \text{ variab. } y}{xy} = \frac{aCL^2}{4}$ .

At figuram talem invenire difficillimum haud dubie problema est, non minus quam  
 10 propositum, quodque etiam pendet ex hyperbolae quadratura. Et memorabilia sunt eiusmodi problemata, quoniam iis similia nunquam hactenus proposita sunt.

Sed si  $y$  per suum valorem exprimamus, vereor ne aequatio fiat eiusdem cum eodem, tentandum tamen[:]

$y = \frac{y-a}{2} +$  differentia inter  $\frac{xy}{2}$  et  $\frac{xy-y}{2}$  per  $x$  seu  $\frac{yx-ax+x^2y-x^2y+xy}{2}$ . Ergo  
 15  $\frac{ax^2}{4} - x^2 \psi =$  summa omnium  $\underbrace{yx-ax+x^2y-x^2y+xy}_{2xy-ax}$ .

Atque ita habemus problemata quae in quadraturis fundantur, seu quae magnitudine quorundam spatiorum locum determinant, uti communia magnitudine rectorum.

Differentiae in abscissas ductae, conflant spatium ut  $NZCBN$ . Id ergo spatium hoc loco aequatur  $a$  in  $CL$  ducto, cum rectangulum  $QMB$  (quia  $QN$  et  $QM$  non differunt)

3  $ZN^2 - NM \text{ erg. } L$     6 posita  $\varphi$  maxima =  $CL$ . erg.  $L$     8  $CL^2 y$ ;  $\varphi$  variab.  $y$ ;  $a CL^2 \text{ erg. } L$

4  $\varphi$  ist die laufende Variable mit der oberen Grenze  $x$ .    14 f. Ergo: bei konsequentem Rechnen müssten die Vorzeichen auf der linken Seite vertauscht werden.  $\psi$  und  $\Psi$  bezeichnen hier die oberen Grenzen.

#### $\varphi$ LOWERCASE KURRENT X SIGN

This page shows a deliberate distinction between the normal Latin  $x$  and a kurrent  $x$ , which has been ‘borrowed’ from the German cursive “Kurrentschrift” style. In this case, the LOWERCASE KURRENT X SIGN is used in the context of analyzing properties of curves. In a modern correspondence, it could be described as a variable on which the curve depends and which is limited by a given  $x$ . Therefore, to choose the LOWERCASE KURRENT X SIGN is motivated by the need to apply a *different* kind of  $x$ .

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superficiem cylindricam sub arcu et abscissa ab extremo radii *IB*. ad habendum arcus momentum. Iam ut arcus decrescunt, ita abscissae crescunt, in ratione altitudinum, seu numerorum naturalium. Ergo cylindro quem dixi segmenti, addenda est summa talium productorum.

<i>x</i>	<i>2x</i>	<i>3x</i>	<i>4x</i>	<i>5x</i>	etc.
<i>a - 1</i>	<i>a - 2</i>	<i>a - 3</i>	<i>a - 4</i>	<i>a - 5</i>	

Posito radice *a*, infinitis arcus partibus *x*. fiet:  $ax + 2ax + 3ax$  seu pro omnibus *x*. seu arcu sumto  $\mathbb{X}$  fiet  $\frac{\mathbb{X}^2 a}{2}$ .

<i>x</i>	<i>2x</i>	<i>3x</i>	<i>4x</i>
1	2	3	4

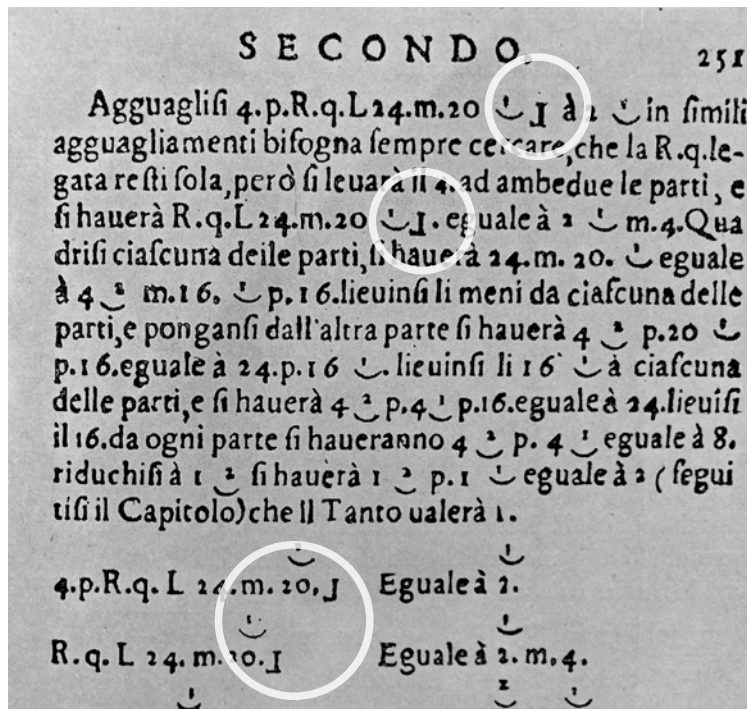
Seu posito *a* = infinitis *b* seu =  $\beta b$  fiet  $1xb. 4xb. 9xb. 16xb.$  Erit tertia pars cubi sub media proportionali inter arcum et radium *a*. Idemque sic probatur: manifestum est ista

### XX LATIN CAPITAL DOUBLE X

With this symbol Leibniz denotes “all *x*”. As in the case of the LOWERCASE KURRENT X SIGN, Leibniz needed a different kind of X.

LAA VII-4 p. 273, 274 (below)

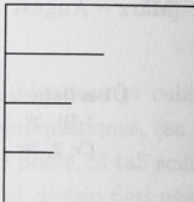
$1xb. 2^2 \wedge 2xb. 3^2 \wedge 3xb.$  esse nihil aliud quam summam  $\nabla$ lorum quorum altitudo omnia *b*. vel ipsa *a*. basis omnia *x*. vel ipsa  $\mathbb{X}$  eaque continue diminuta. Inde a basi, sibi superposita horum elementa crescunt et parallelepipeda, quorum latera crescunt in eadem ratione numerorum naturalium seu ut quadrata, quorum radices sunt numeri naturales: nam v.g. parallelepipedum  $4xb.$  ergo radix  $\square^{\text{ta}}$  aequalis:  $2Rqxb.$  et pro  $Rq_{11} 9_1xb,$  fiet  $3Rqxb.$  et ita porro.



### J REVERSED CAPITAL L

Bombelli, *L'algebra*, 1572 (after Cajori I p. 125)

[Leibniz]

$r$	$y$	$z$	$\omega$	$\gamma$	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	
$p$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$e$	$f$		
$q$	$g$	$h$	$i$	$k$	$l$			
$s$	$m$	$n$	$s$	$t$				
$t$	$v$	$w$	$x$					
$v$								
$w$								

[Fig. 1]

[Tschirnhaus]

$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{12}$	$\frac{1}{20}$
$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{11}{6}$	$\frac{50}{24}$			$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{5}{6}$

8 OMICRON-UPSILON SIGN, LAA VII-3 p. 810

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autem  $\psi r$  loco  $e^2$ , quia nihil necesse est assurgere ad quadratum. Ergo valor ipsius  $\psi r$

$$\text{est } \frac{\frac{r}{t} \omega^2 r^4 + \frac{\delta q}{r} \omega r^2 + 4b^2 g^2 + \frac{2\gamma qb}{r} g^2 - r^3 p}{+ rm + \frac{l^2}{r} + \frac{r}{t} g^2 - 4bg - \frac{\gamma q}{r} g}$$

Sunt ergo lineae ducendae,

$EF \sqcap \frac{\delta r^2}{g^2} - 2b, \text{ vel } \frac{\beta r}{g} + \frac{r}{t} g - 2b \sqcap \frac{\gamma q}{r}$ $EF \sqcap \frac{\frac{r}{t} \omega^2 r^4 + \frac{\delta q}{r} \omega r^2 + 4b^2 g^2 + \frac{2\gamma qb}{r} g^2 - r^3 p}{+ r g^2} \sqcap h$	$g \sqcap \frac{-\frac{\beta r l}{2} + r^2 n - \lambda \frac{r^3}{t}}{\frac{r}{t} + \frac{r l}{2 t}}$ $\psi r \sqcap \frac{\frac{h^2 r}{t} + \frac{d \omega^2 g^2}{r} + 4b^2 g^2 + \frac{2\gamma qb}{r} g^2 - r^3 p}{\delta r - 4t g - \frac{\gamma q}{r} g}$
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5  $PK \sqcap \frac{\psi r}{g} + b$   $\lambda$ , et  $b$ , sunt quantitates arbitrariae.

$K\sigma \sqcap \frac{2\psi r + \beta r}{2g} + \frac{g}{2}$ $\sigma^4 \sqcap \frac{-\beta r l - g^2 l + 2r^2 n}{2g^2}$	$\beta r \sqcap r m + \frac{l^2}{4}$ $\delta r [g] \sqcap \beta r g + \frac{r}{t} g^3$
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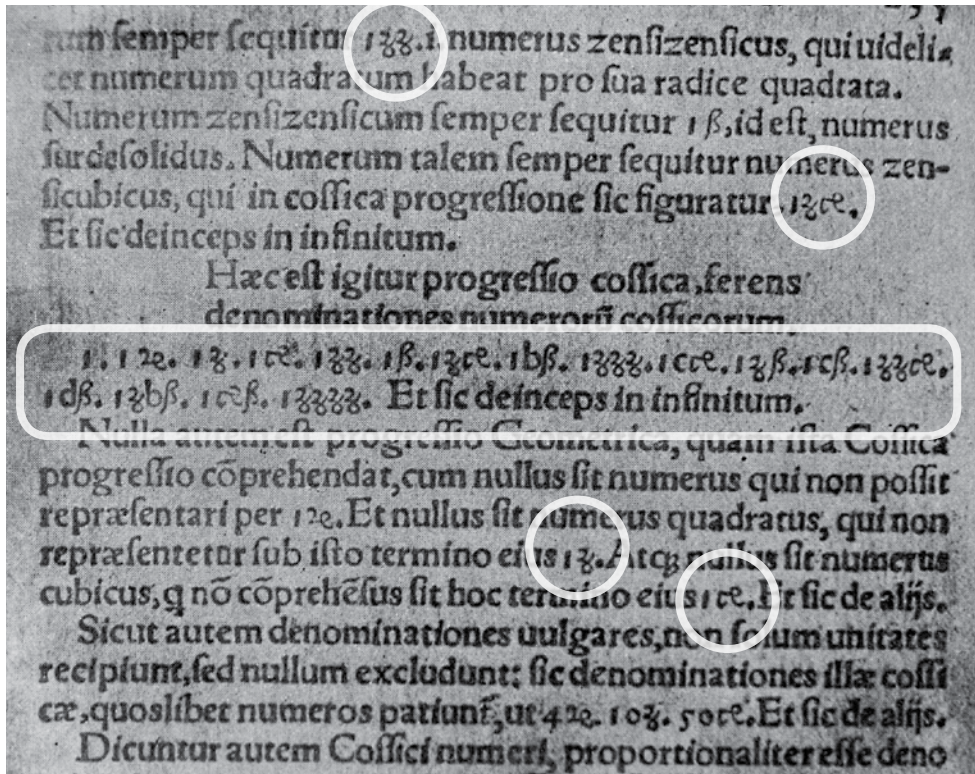
Habemus ergo regulam generalem construendi problema solidum datum, ope sectionis Conicae datae, speciei cujuslibet, methodo in omnibus sectionibus Conicis uniformi.

10 Experiar an aliam brevius obtinere liceat:

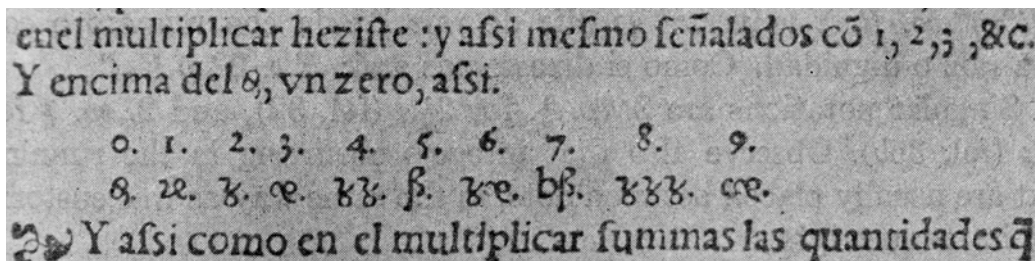
8 GREEK LOWERCASE OMICRON-UPSILON - LAA VII-7 p. 328

Leibniz uses that symbol, which is derived from a Greek minuscule ligature  $\omega\nu$ , for denoting a variable, alongside with e.g.  $\beta$  or  $\omega$  and latin lowercase letters. Because of that specific context and function the character ought to be distinguished from  $\pm$  PLUSMINUS SIGN which has a similar basic grapheme but is used as a mathematical operator symbol instead. - Optional is an encoding of a Greek letter pair (upper and lowercase), the capital  $\Sigma$  has been proposed by M. Everson 1998 (N1743).





Stifel 1544 (after Cajori). This sample shows ꝛ LOWERCASE KURRENT Z SIGN, ꝛ LOWERCASE R ROTUNDA WITH LOOP, ce LOWERCASE C WITH RIGHT LOOP and β DOUBLE S ABBREVIATION SIGN.



Aurel 1552, fol. 73B (after Cajori). This sample shows ꝛ LOWERCASE KURRENT Z SIGN (2., 4., 6., 8.), 0 LOWERCASE D ROTUNDA WITH CROSSING LOOP (0.), ꝛ LOWERCASE R ROTUNDA WITH LOOP (1.), ce LOWERCASE C WITH RIGHT LOOP (3., 6., 9.), and β DOUBLE S ABBREVIATION SIGN (7.).

These samples also show how those characters were used in combination to express the powers 4th and so on.



nous fournit de termes consecutiz, pour exposer les nombres Radicaus e leurs Singes: comme vous voyez par la Table ici mise.

0,	1,	2,	3,	4	5,	6,	7,	8,	9,	10,
1,	R,	ç,	çç,	β,	ççç,	bβ,	çççç,	ççç,	çβ,	
1,	2,	4,	8,	16,	32,	64,	128,	256,	512,	1024,
11,	12,	13,	14,	15,	16.					
çβ,	ççççç,	dβ,	çbβ,	ççβ,	ççççç.					
2048,	4096,	8192,	16384,	32768,	65536.					

### L'ordre des Exposans composez.

4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24,  
25, 26, &c.

### L'ordre des Singes composez.

ççç, çççç, ççççç, çççççç, çβ, çççççç, çbβ. &c. La ou vous noterez, que le Çantique est toujours participant, ou le Cube redouble.

### L'ordre des Exposans incomposez.

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47,

### Exemple de la Diuision.

Ie veu diuiser 30ç m. 58R, p. 24, par 5R m. 3.  
La posicion sera comme vous voyez.

	40		
30ç m.	58R	p. 24	
5R	m. 3.		(6R,
<hr/>			
30ç m.	18R.		

Ie di donq ainsi : 5 an 30 font com-

Three extracts from Peletier 1554: ç LOWERCASE C WITH DESCENDER, çç LOWERCASE C WITH RIGHT LOOP, R SMALL CAPITAL R WITH SLASH and β DOUBLE S ABBREVIATION SIGN.



nis, a diuerse *Arithmetike* from the other, Practise bryngeth in, here, diuerse compounding of Numbers: as some tyme, two, three, foure (or more) *Radicall* nūbers, diuersly knit, by signes, of More & Lesse: as thus  $\sqrt[3]{8} \cdot 12 + \sqrt[3]{\text{C}} 15$ . Or thus  $\sqrt[3]{8} \cdot 19 + \sqrt[3]{\text{C}} 12 - \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot 2$ . &c. And some tyme with whole numbers, or fractions of whole Number, amōg them: as  $20 + \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot 24 \cdot \sqrt[3]{\text{C}} 16 + 33 - \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot 10 \cdot \sqrt[3]{8} \cdot 44 + 12 \div + \sqrt[3]{\text{C}} 9$ . And so infinitely, may hap the varietie. After this: Both the one and the other.

Example from Dee 1570 (after Cajori): Ꝣ LOWERCASE C WITH RIGHT LOOP and ꝛ LOWER-CASE KURRENT Z SIGN.

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,  
 I, Ꝣ, ꝣ, Ꝥ, ꝥ, Ꝧ, ꝧ, Ꝩ, ꝩ, Ꝫ, ꝫ, Ꝭ, ꝭ, Ꝯ, ꝯ, ꝰ, ꝱ, ꝲ, ꝳ,  
 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024,  
 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,  
 ꝣꝢ, ꝣꝣꝤ, ꝤꝢꝢ, ꝣꝢꝢꝢ, ꝣꝢꝢꝢꝣ,  
 2048, 4096, 8192, 16384, 32768, 65536.

From Peletier 1620.

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Sit rursus Binomium primum  $72 + \sqrt[3]{8} 280$ . Maius nomen  $72$ , fecabitur in duas partes producentes  $720$ . quartam partem quadrati  $2880$ . maioris nominis, hac ratione. Semipsis maioris nominis  $72$ . est  $36$ . a cuius quadrato  $1296$ . detracta quarta pars prædicta  $720$ . relinquit  $576$ . cuius radix  $24$ . addita ad semissem nominatam  $36$ . & detracta ab eadem, facit partes quasvis  $60$ . &  $12$ . Ergo radix Binomij est  $\sqrt[3]{8} 60 + \sqrt[3]{8} 12$ . quod hic probatum est per multiplicationem radicis in se quadratè.

Sit quoque elicienda radix ex hoc residuo sexto  $\sqrt[3]{8} 60 - \sqrt[3]{8} 12$ . Maius nomen  $\sqrt[3]{8} 60$ . distribuatur in duas partes producetes  $\frac{3}{4}$  quartam partem quadrati:  $12$ . minoris nominis, hoc pacto. Semipsis maioris nominis  $\sqrt[3]{8} 60$ . est  $\sqrt[3]{8} 15$ . a cuius quadrato  $15$ . detracta nominata pars quarta  $3$ . relinquit  $12$ . cuius radix  $\sqrt[3]{8} 12$ . addita ad semissem  $\sqrt[3]{8} 15$ . prædictam, & ab eadem sublata facit partes  $\sqrt[3]{8} 15 + \sqrt[3]{8} 12$ . &  $\sqrt[3]{8} 15 - \sqrt[3]{8} 12$ . Ergo radix dicti Residui sexti est  $\sqrt[3]{8} (\sqrt[3]{8} 15 + \sqrt[3]{8} 12) - \sqrt[3]{8} (\sqrt[3]{8} 15 - \sqrt[3]{8} 12)$  quod hic probatum est.

$$\begin{array}{r} \sqrt[3]{8} (\sqrt[3]{8} 15 + \sqrt[3]{8} 12) - \sqrt[3]{8} (\sqrt[3]{8} 15 - \sqrt[3]{8} 12) \\ \sqrt[3]{8} (\sqrt[3]{8} 15 + \sqrt[3]{8} 12) - \sqrt[3]{8} (\sqrt[3]{8} 15 - \sqrt[3]{8} 12) \\ \hline \text{Quadrata partium. } \sqrt[3]{8} 15 + \sqrt[3]{8} 12 \text{ \& } \sqrt[3]{8} 15 - \sqrt[3]{8} 12 \\ \quad \quad \quad - \sqrt[3]{8} 3 \\ \quad \quad \quad - \sqrt[3]{8} 3 \\ \hline \text{Summa. } \sqrt[3]{8} 60 - \sqrt[3]{8} 12 \end{array}$$

Clavius 1608 (after Cajori): ꝛ LOWERCASE KURRENT Z SIGN.

2ℓ  
 3ℓ  
 4ℓ

Nomina.	Characteres.	Potes.
Radix	R A	a a
Quadratum	ℓ Aq	aa a <sup>2</sup>
Cubus	C Ac	aaa a <sup>3</sup>
Quad. quadratum	ℓℓ Aqq	aaaa a <sup>4</sup>
Surdefolidum	ℓ S Aqc	&c. a <sup>5</sup>
Quad. Cubi.	ℓC Acc	a <sup>6</sup>
2 <sup>m</sup> Surdefolidum.	ℓS Aqqc	a <sup>7</sup>
Quad. quad. quad.	ℓℓℓ Aqcc	a <sup>8</sup>
Cubi cubus	CC Accc	a <sup>9</sup>
Quad. Surdefol.	ℓS Aqqcc	a <sup>10</sup>
3 <sup>m</sup> Surdefolidum	ℓS Aqccc	a <sup>11</sup>
Quad. quad. cubi.	ℓℓC Acccc	a <sup>12</sup>
4 <sup>m</sup> Surdefolidum	ℓS Aqqccc	a <sup>13</sup>
quad. 2 <sup>i</sup> Surdefol.	ℓbS Aqcccc	a <sup>14</sup>
Cubus Surdefol.	CS Accccc	a <sup>15</sup>
Quad. quad. quad. quad.	ℓℓℓℓ Aqqcccc	a <sup>16</sup>

From Wallis, Operum mathematicorum, 1657 (after Cajori) shows the use of ℓ LOWERCASE LONG S WITH TOP LOOP, an abbreviation sign based on the letter long s.

*Exemplum.* operationis. Probatio est, vt in exemp.o,  
cubus & quadrata 3. æquentur 21. æstima-  
tio ex his regulis est,  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cubica  $9\frac{1}{4}$   $\bar{p}$ .  
 $\mathcal{R}$ .  $89\frac{1}{4}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cubica  $9\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $89\frac{1}{4}$   $\bar{m}$ .  
1. cubus igitur est hic constans ex septem  
partibus,  
12.  $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . cubica,  $4846\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $23487833\frac{1}{4}$   
 $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cubica  $4846\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $23487833\frac{1}{4}$   
 $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $46041\frac{3}{4}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  
 $2119776950\frac{7}{8}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $2096286117\frac{9}{16}$   
 $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $46041\frac{3}{4}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $2096354180\frac{11}{16}$   
 $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $46041\frac{3}{4}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  
 $2096354180\frac{11}{16}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $2096289117\frac{9}{16}$   $\bar{m}$ .  
 $\mathcal{R}$ .  $2119776950\frac{7}{8}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $226\frac{1}{2}$   
 $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $65063\frac{1}{4}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $256\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  
 $65063\frac{1}{4}$   
Tria autem quadrata sunt ex septem parti-  
bus hoc modo,  
9.  $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $4846\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $23487833\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
 $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $4846\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $23487833\frac{1}{4}$   
 $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $256\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $65063\frac{1}{4}$   
 $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v.  $256\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $65063\frac{1}{4}$   
 $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $256\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{p}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $65063\frac{1}{4}$   
 $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cub.  $256\frac{1}{2}$   $\bar{m}$ .  $\mathcal{R}$ .  $65063\frac{1}{4}$   
Inde iunctis tribus quadratis cum cubo sex  
partes, quæ sunt  $\mathcal{R}$ . v. cubicæ æquales  $\bar{p}$ .  
cum  $\bar{m}$ . cadunt & relinquitur 21. ad àmuf-  
 $\bar{m}$  aggregatum.

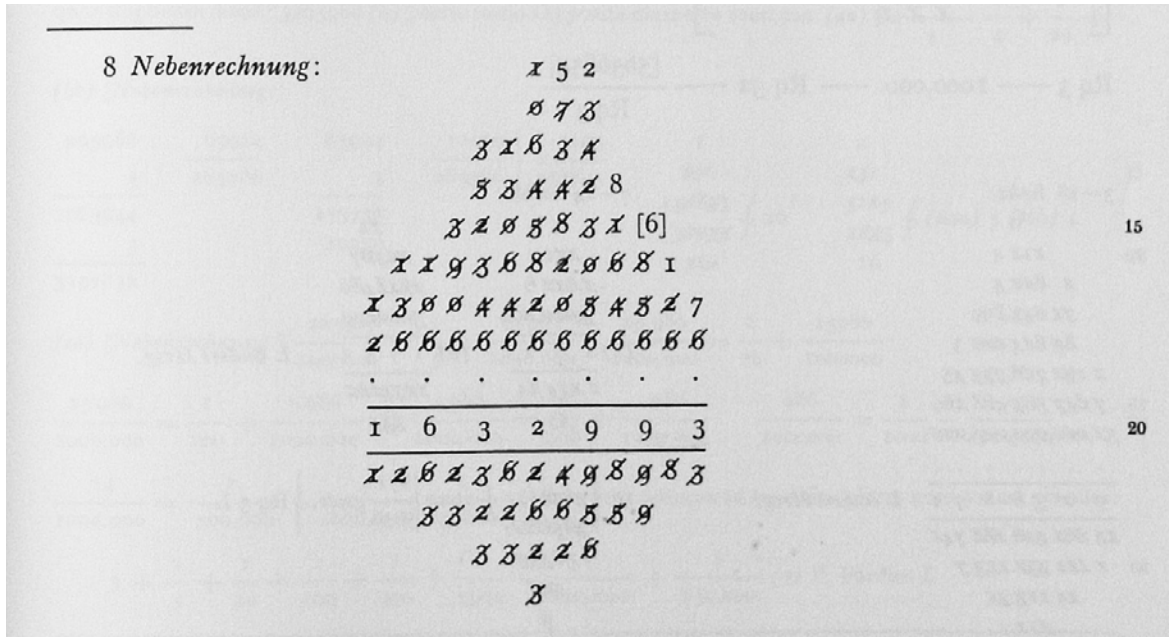
A page from Cardano 1663 (after Cajori) shows a frequent use of  $\mathcal{R}$  SMALL CAPITAL R WITH SLASH.



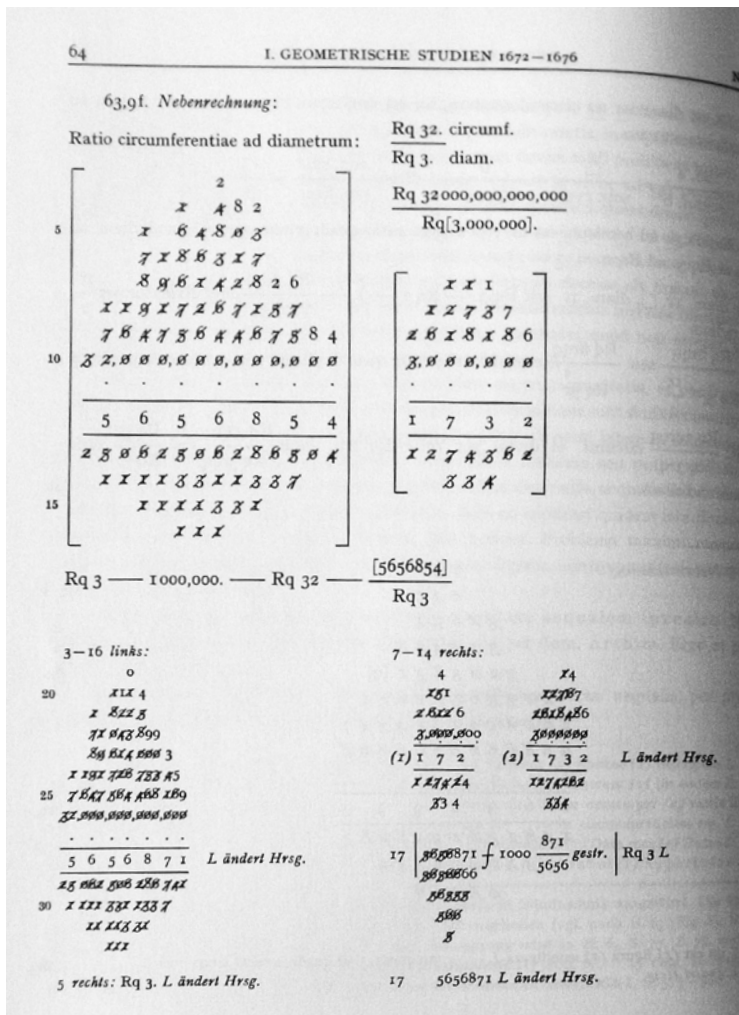
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	Character	LOWERCASE D ROTUNDA WITH CROSSING LOOP	SMALL CAPITAL R WITH SLASH	LOWERCASE R ROTUNDA WITH LOOP	LOWERCASE KURRENT Z SIGN	LOWERCASE C WITH DESCENDER	LOWERCASE C WITH SMALL SLASH	LOWERCASE C WITH RIGHT LOOP	DOUBLE S ABBREVIATION SIGN	LOWERCASE LONG S WITH TOP LOOP
	Meaning	dragma	radix	radix	zensus	census	cubus	cubus	solidus sursolidum semis	sursolidum
1	Rudolf 1525									
2	Stifel 1544									
3	Aurel 1552									
4	Peletier 1554									
5	Recorde 1557									
6	Dee 1570									
7	Peletier 1620									
8	Clavius 1608/12									
9	Beeckmann 1628									
10	Wallis 1657									
11	Cardano 1663									
12	Leibniz MS 1676									
13	MS Leiden 17. c.									
14	MS Hamburg 17. c.									

Comparative survey of Coss symbols in various sources, 1525 to 1676.

4.k) Digit characters



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 SLASHED DIGITS ZERO to NINE.  
LAA VII-1 p. 63 (top), 64 (below)





$$g \square \frac{\frac{f^2 h^2}{l^4} + \frac{lp + l^2 p^2}{2 - 2lp} - \frac{f^4}{l^4} - \frac{2f^2}{l^2} - 1, \frac{h^2}{l^2}}{\frac{f^2 h^2}{l^4}}$$

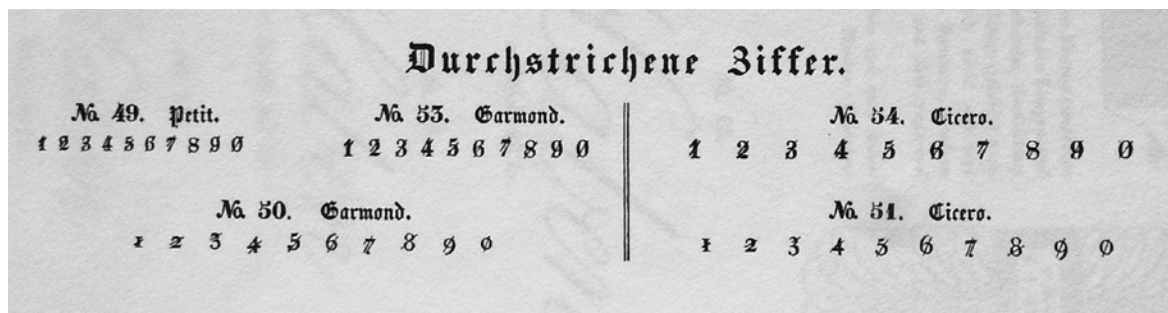
[Unabhängig vom übrigen Text steht auf dem unteren Rand von Bl. 130r<sup>o</sup>.]

5235712796224	7	2288168		2
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5 8745460254848	<del>AA</del> 40	4161600	<del>AA</del> 600	<del>AA</del>
	<del>AB</del> 7622731		...	<del>AB</del> 98
	<del>AC</del> 2798AA69		2 0 2 0	<del>AC</del> 235
	<del>AD</del> 7AB60254848	1313760	<del>AD</del> 240	...
	.....	1498575	40	1 6 5 9
10	2 9 5 7 2 7	2812335		<del>AD</del> 809
	<del>AE</del> 8508A2474			333
	<del>AF</del> 891A45			
	<del>AG</del> 991			
	5			

Die richtigen Berechnungsschemata lauten:

14		
78		
<del>AA</del> 40		<del>AA</del>
<del>AB</del> 7622731		<del>AB</del> 98
<del>AC</del> 2798AA69		<del>AC</del> 235
<del>AD</del> 7AB60254848	<del>AD</del> 240	<del>AD</del> 809
.....	.....	.....
2 9 5 7 2 7	2 0 4 0	1 6 7 7
<del>AE</del> 8508A2474	<del>AE</del> 809	<del>AE</del> 809
<del>AF</del> 891A45	<del>AF</del> 991	<del>AF</del> 991
<del>AG</del> 991		
5		

Ø 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 SLASHED DIGITS ZERO to NINE. LAA VII-1 p. 442, 443



Ø 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 SLASHED DIGITS ZERO to NINE. From Andra's Type specimen book, 1834



		$\cancel{X}$	$\cancel{Z}$
		$\cancel{Z}6$	$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$
		$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$	$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$
5		$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$	$8\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$
$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$		$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$	$\cancel{X}\cancel{X}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$
$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}71$		$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}2$	$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$
$\cancel{X}\cancel{X}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}44$	$\int 49$	$\cancel{X}\cancel{X}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}44$	$\int 496$
$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}88$		$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}9$	$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$
$\cancel{Z}9$		$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}8$	$\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}$
		$\cancel{Z}$	$\cancel{Z}$

N. 361 DE FORMULIS OMNIUM DIMENSIONUM, P. PRIMA ET SECUNDA, Januar 1675 213

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{fiet} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1z^6 - 10z^5 + 35z^4 - 50z^3 + 24z^2 \\ - 5\dots\dots + 50\dots\dots - 175\dots + 250 - 120z \end{array} \right. \\
 \text{seu} \begin{array}{l} 1z^6 - 15z^5 + 85z^4 - 225z^3 + 274z^2 - 120z \\ \cancel{X} \quad \quad \cancel{Z} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{X} \quad \quad \quad 0 \quad \quad \quad \cancel{X} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{Z} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

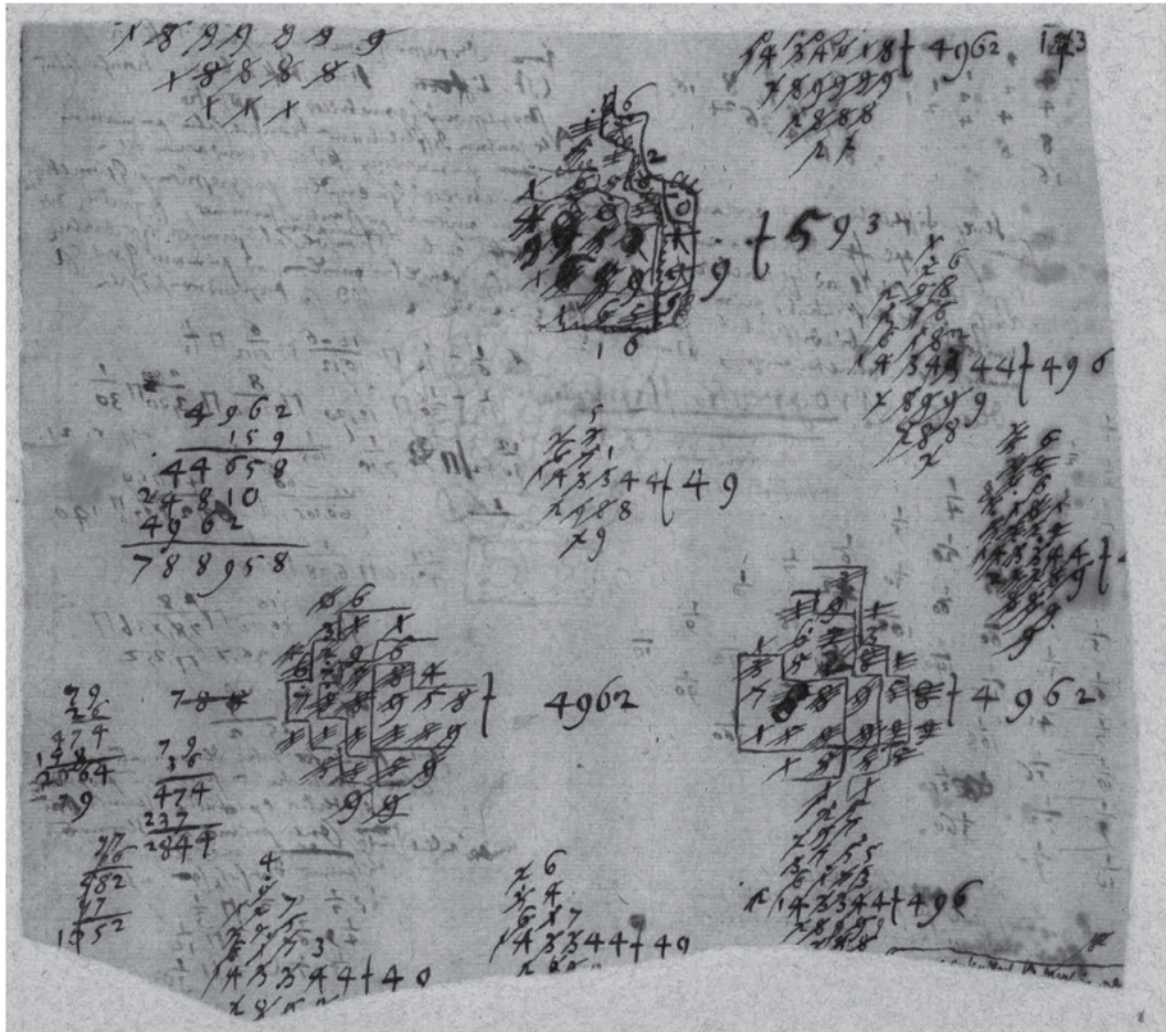
z - 4, fiet:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \begin{array}{l} z^6 - 10z^5 + 35z^4 - 50z^3 + 24z^2 \\ - 4\dots\dots + 40\dots\dots - 140\dots + 200\dots - 96z \end{array} \\
 \text{seu} \begin{array}{l} 1z^6 - 14z^5 + 75z^4 - 190z^3 + 224z^2 - 96z. \\ \cancel{X} \quad \quad \cancel{X} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{Z} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{Z} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{Z} \quad \quad \quad \cancel{Z} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

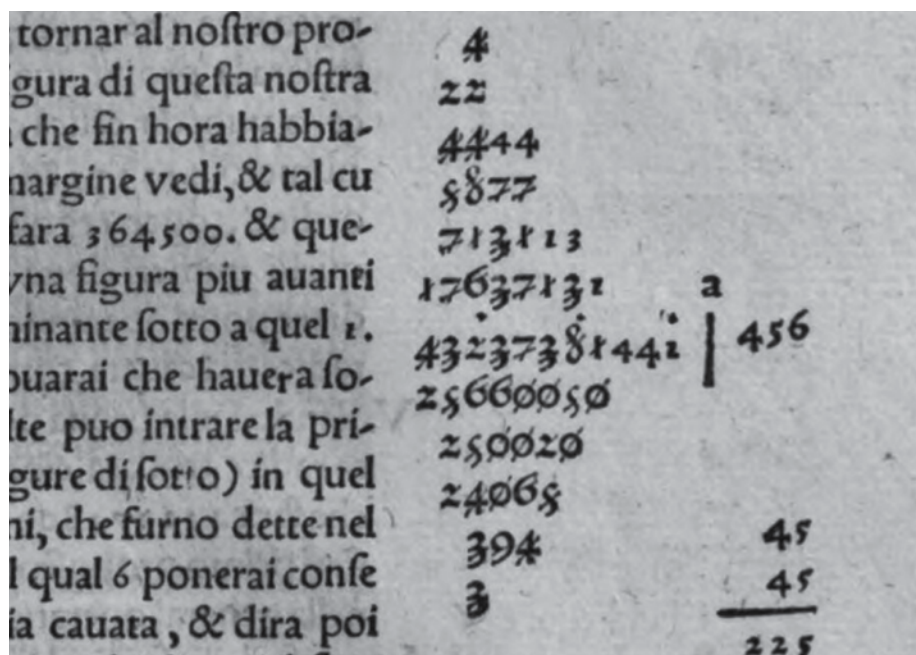
Ubi notandum omnes (a) te (b) numeros simul sumtos semper aeqvari nihilo. (2) z - 5, L

$$\begin{array}{r}
 6 \\
 \hline
 \cancel{X}\cancel{X} \\
 \cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}2 \\
 \hline
 \cancel{X}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z} \\
 \hline
 \cancel{X}\cancel{X}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}0 \\
 \hline
 \cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{X} \int 593 \\
 \hline
 \cancel{X}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}9 \\
 \hline
 \cancel{X}\cancel{Z}\cancel{Z}5 \\
 \hline
 16
 \end{array}$$

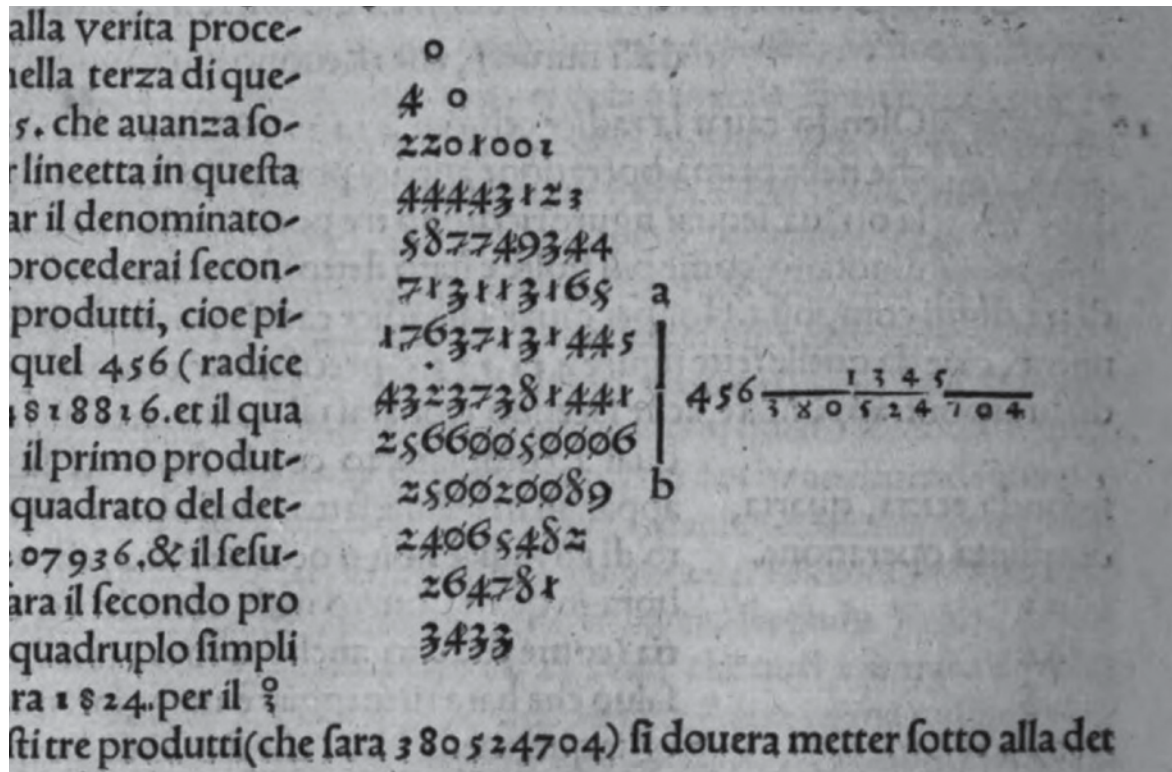
Various examples of SLASHED DIGITS, DOUBLE SLASHED DIGITS, BACKSLASHED DIGITS, TRIPLE SLASHED DIGITS and CROSSED DIGITS. LAA VII-8 (preliminary edition).



Example of the use of digits in various strike modes; in a Leibniz manuscript. This sheet shows also the use of f FACIT SIGN. LH 12 I fol. 250 v



Use of slashed digits in: La seconda Parte Del General Trattato Di Nvmeri, Et Misvre Di Nicolo Tartaglia (1556), fol. 37r



Use of slashed digits in:

La seconda Parte Del General Trattato Di Nvmeri, Et Misvre Di Nicolo Tartaglia (1556), fol. 37v

multiples arises in the preparation of fractions for ad-  
 dition and subtraction; the need of factoring arises in  
 the reduction of fractions to their lowest terms and in  
 cancellation. Factoring is the life of Arithmetic.

**128. Composites and Primes.** Every composite number  
 is made up of prime numbers. It is worth while for  
 pupils to grasp this thought quite early.

ILL. *Classification.* T. "Let us classify numbers with reference  
 to their factors."

1, 2, 3, ~~4~~, 5, ~~6~~, 7, ~~8~~, ~~9~~, 10, 11, ~~12~~.

"Write the numbers through 12. What are all the factors of  
 3? 1 and 3. What are all the factors of 4? 1, 2, and 4. What

Examples of slashed digits in Bailey (1913).

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2	3	<del>4</del>	5	<del>6</del>	7
<del>8</del>	<del>9</del>	10	11	<del>12</del>	13
<del>14</del>	<del>15</del>	<del>16</del>	17	<del>18</del>	19
<del>20</del>	<del>21</del>	<del>22</del>	23	<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>
<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	<del>28</del>	29	<del>30</del>	31

"How shall we find the higher multiples of 2? By crossing every  
 2d no. after 2; do so. To find the higher multiples of 3 cross every  
 3d no. after 3. To hit the multiples of 4 will it be necessary to cross  
 every 4th no. after 4? No, because every multiple of 4 is a multiple of  
 2 and has been already crossed. Cross the higher multiples of 5. To  
 hit the multiples of 6 will it be necessary to cross every 6th no. after

**Further Work in Averages.** A sheep raiser finds that ten of his sheep together weigh 1813 lb., and he wishes to find their average weight. What is this average weight?

If 10 sheep together weigh 1813 lb., their average weight is  $1813 \text{ lb.} \div 10$ .

We divide 1813 lb. by 10 in the manner here shown.

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \overline{)181\cancel{3} \text{ lb.}} \\ \underline{181\frac{3}{10} \text{ lb.}} \end{array}$$

The teacher should explain at the board that we may divide 1810 by 10 by simply cutting off the last figure (0), as has already been shown on page 153. Since 1813 is 3 more than 1810, we have 181 for the whole number in the quotient, with a remainder 3 still to be divided; so the complete quotient is  $181\frac{3}{10}$ . The abbreviation may be used or not in the computation. In practice, it usually is not written.

Examples of slashed digits in Wentworth & Smith (1919).

**Divisor ending in Zeros.** There are 2000 lb. in a ton. A dealer sells coal to-day in small quantities amounting in all to 24,000 lb. How many tons does he sell? How many tons would he sell if there were 24,357 lb.? 25,357 lb.?

We wish to know how many 2000's there are in each of these numbers, and we divide as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2000 \overline{)24000} \\ \underline{12} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2000 \overline{)24\cancel{3}\cancel{5}\cancel{7}} \\ \underline{12\frac{357}{2000}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2000 \overline{)25\cancel{3}\cancel{5}\cancel{7}} \\ \underline{12\frac{1357}{2000}} \end{array}$$

That is, we *cancel* (cross out) the zeros at the right of the divisor and cancel as many figures at the right of the dividend as we cancel zeros of the divisor, writing the complete remainder over the divisor.

### 4.3 DAS SUBTRAKTIONSVERFAHREN IN WICHTIGEN GASTARBEITERLÄNDERN

Auf der Grundlage der im Abschnitt 4.1.3 zusammenfassend dargestellten Typisierung können wir die Subtraktionsverfahren im Ausland, insbesondere in wichtigen *Gastarbeiterherkunftsländern*, rasch und knapp beschreiben (vgl. auch Ottmann (1982)):

*Italien, Jugoslawien (z.T.), Portugal, Spanien, Türkei:*

*Abziehverfahren kombiniert mit der Borgetechnik*

Das Entbündeln wird häufig *überhaupt nicht* kenntlich gemacht. In der *Türkei* wird (abweichend von der in 4.1.2.1 vorgestellten Schreibweise) das Entbündeln *folgendermaßen* schriftlich festgehalten:

$$\begin{array}{r} 35 \\ 462 \\ - 178 \\ \hline 284 \end{array}$$

*Griechenland:*

*Abziehverfahren kombiniert mit der Erweiterungstechnik*

Slashed digits in: Padberg 1986.

durchgestrichen und der nächstkleinere Zehner (bzw. Hunderter) hingeschrieben werden. Für manche Kinder macht diese Schreibform das Verfahren des Wechsels noch deutlicher, weil hier der verbliebene Zehner aufgeschrieben wird, so dass sie bei der nächsten Teilberechnung nicht erneut überlegen müssen, wie viele Zehner noch da sind. Diese Schreibweise sieht in der Zwischen- und Endform folgendermaßen aus:

Zwischenform	Endform
$\begin{array}{r} 7 \cancel{4} 2^{10} \\ - 4 \ 3 \ 8 \\ \hline 3 \ 1 \ 4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7 \cancel{4} \ 2 \\ - 4 \ 3 \ 8 \\ \hline 3 \ 1 \ 4 \end{array}$

Die schriftlich die Kinder als Schwierigkeit

- Fehler bei
- Fehler bei
- Fehler bei
- Fehler dur

Auch zur sch (auch in Abele als Kopiervorlen Überblick se zu bekomme

**Tabelle der Schwierigkeitsmerkmale beim diagno**

Slashed digits in: Radatz 1999.

## Unicode Character Properties

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### a) Historical mathematical operators

A001;LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
A002;LEIBNIZIAN PRODUCT SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
A003;LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION-PRODUCT SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
A004;LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 1;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
A005;LEIBNIZIAN DIVISION STAFF SIGN 2;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;

### b) Historical mathematical relations

B001;LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B002;LEIBNIZIAN DOUBLE EQUAL SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B003;LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B004;LEIBNIZIAN GREATER;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B005;LEIBNIZIAN LESS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B006;BERNOULLIAN GREATER;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B007;BERNOULLIAN LESS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B008;LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH P;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B009;LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH P;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B010;LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B011;GREATER 2;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B012;LESS 2;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B013;PARALLEL GREATEREQUAL;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B014;PARALLEL LESSEQUAL;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B015;FACIT SIGN;Ll;0;L;<font> 0066;;;;;N;;;;;  
B016;CARTESIAN EQUAL SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B017;TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B018;CONGRUENCE SIGN 1;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B019;CONGRUENCE SIGN 2;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B020;SIMILARITY SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B021;COINCIDENCE SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B022;LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 1;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
B023;LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY SIGN 2;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;

### c) Leibnizian ambiguity signs

C001;AMBIGUITY SIGN A-01;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
C002;AMBIGUITY SIGN A-02;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
C003;AMBIGUITY SIGN A-03;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
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C010;AMBIGUITY SIGN B-02;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
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C039;AMBIGUITY SIGN C-13;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
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 C050;AMBIGUITY SIGN C-24;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
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 C055;AMBIGUITY SIGN C-29;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 C056;AMBIGUITY SIGN C-30;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 C057;AMBIGUITY SIGN C-31;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 C058;LEFT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 C059;RIGHT VIRGULA PARANTHESIS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 C060;PLUSMINUS SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 C061;MINUSPLUS SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;

d) Geometrical signs

D001;DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH DOT;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D002;CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL LINE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D003;CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL LINE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D004;DOUBLE CIRCLE WITH DOUBLE HORIZONTAL LINE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D005;CIRCLE WITH HALF MOON OBLIQUE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D006;HALF RIGHTHAND CIRCLE WITH DIAMETER;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D007;SMALL SECTOR WITH CHORD;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D008;SMALL SECTOR;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D009;SMALL SECTOR WITH DOUBLE ARC;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D010;SMALL SECTOR TRIANGLE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D011;SMALL SEGMENT;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D012;RIGHT TRIANGLE POINTING RIGHT;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D013;KITE SIGN;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D014;ANGLE 1;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D015;ANGLE 2;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D016;ANGLE 3;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D017;ANGLE 4;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D018;ANGLE VERTICAL;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D019;CUBUS 1;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D020;CUBUS 2;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D021;HORIZONTAL DOUBLE SQUARE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D022;VERTICAL DOUBLE SQUARE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D023;THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 1;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D024;THREE-PART BIG SQUARE 2;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D025;FOUR-PART BIG SQUARE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 D026;HYPERBOLE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;

e) Alchemical symbols

E001;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR ALUMEN-PISCES;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E002;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR OIL BOILED;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E003;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR MOON-JUPITER;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E004;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR TARTAR-SALT;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E005;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED SUN;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E006;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL ENCLOSED MOON;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E007;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR REALGAR 3;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E008;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR HORA 2;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 E009;ALCHEMICAL SYMBOL FOR RETORT 2;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;

f) Miscellaneous scientific signs

F001;CASTING-OUT-NINES;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F002;LUNATE ENCIRCLED FIGURE ONE;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F003;PROPORTION 1;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F004;PROPORTION 2;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F005;RIGHTHAND RELATION SIGN;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F006;LEFTHAND RELATION SIGN;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F007;CLOVERLEAF SIGN;So;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F008;INFINITY SIGN WITH DOTS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;  
 F009;INVOLVED SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;

F010;LEIBNIZIAN ENCIRCLED V SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F011;LEIBNIZIAN BOXED ENCIRCLED V SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F012;BROKEN EMDASH;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F013;CROSSED EMDASH;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F014;BOLD PERIOD;Po;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F015;RADIX SIGN 1;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F016;RADIX SIGN 2;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F017;RADIX SIGN 3;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
F018;COMBINING BOMBELLI POWER MARK;Mn;220;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F019;COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE SLASH;Mn;1;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F020;COMBINING HALF CIRCLE BELOW;Mn;220;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F021;COMBINING ENCLOSING SPIRAL MARK;Me;1;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F022;COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE ENCLOSING SPIRAL MARK;Me;1;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F023;COMBINING FACTOR MARK;Mn;1;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F024;COMBINING OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS;Mn;230;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F025;COMBINING DOUBLE-WIDE OVERLINE WITH TERMINALS;Mn;230;NSM;;;N;;;;;  
F026;COMBINING HORIZONTAL PARANTHESIS;Mn;230;NSM;;;N;;;;;

g) Superscript characters

G001;SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL G SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
G002;SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL N SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
G003;SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL T SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
G004;SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL X SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
G005;SUPERSCRIPT ENCLOSED SMALL Z SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
G006;SUPERSCRIPT ENCIRCLED SMALL Z SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
G007;SUPERSCRIPT WAVE;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
G008;SUPERSCRIPT WAVE WITH TOP LINE;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;

h) Letterlike symbols

H001;BERNOULLIAN ALPHA-X SIGN;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
H002;LATIN CAPITAL D WITH TOP BAR AND CROSSBAR;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
H003;LATIN CAPITAL REVERSED L;Lu;0;L;;;N;;;H004;  
H004;LATIN LOWERCASE REVERSED L;Ll;0;L;;;N;;;H003;;H003  
H005;LOWERCASE P WITH DOUBLE CROSSBAR;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
H006;LOWERCASE KURRENT X SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
H007;LATIN CAPITAL DOUBLE X;Lu;0;L;;;N;;;H008  
H008;LATIN LOWERCASE DOUBLE X;Ll;0;L;;;N;;;H007;;H007  
H009;SIGMA-SIGMA SIGN;Sm;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
H010;GREEK CAPITAL OMICRON-UPSILON;Lu;0;L;;;N;;;H011;  
H011;GREEK LOWERCASE OMICRON-UPSILON;Ll;0;L;;;N;;;H010;;H010

i) Coss symbols

I001;LOWERCASE C WITH SMALL SLASH;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I002;LOWERCASE C WITH DESCENDER;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I003;LOWERCASE C WITH RIGHT LOOP;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I004;LOWERCASE D ROTUNDA WITH CROSSING LOOP;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I005;SMALL CAPITAL R WITH SLASH;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I006;LOWERCASE R ROTUNDA WITH LOOP;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I007;DOUBLE S ABBREVIATION SIGN;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I008;LOWERCASE LONG S WITH TOP LOOP;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;  
I009;LOWERCASE KURRENT Z SIGN;So;0;ON;;;N;;;;;

k) Digit characters

K000;SLASHED DIGIT ZERO;Nd;0;EN;;0;0;0;;;;;  
K001;SLASHED DIGIT ONE;Nd;0;EN;;1;1;1;;;;;  
K002;SLASHED DIGIT TWO;Nd;0;EN;;2;2;2;;;;;  
K003;SLASHED DIGIT THREE;Nd;0;EN;;3;3;3;;;;;  
K004;SLASHED DIGIT FOUR;Nd;0;EN;;4;4;4;;;;;  
K005;SLASHED DIGIT FIVE;Nd;0;EN;;5;5;5;;;;;  
K006;SLASHED DIGIT SIX;Nd;0;EN;;6;6;6;;;;;  
K007;SLASHED DIGIT SEVEN;Nd;0;EN;;7;7;7;;;;;  
K008;SLASHED DIGIT EIGHT;Nd;0;EN;;8;8;8;;;;;  
K009;SLASHED DIGIT NINE;Nd;0;EN;;9;9;9;;;;;  
K010;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT ZERO;Nd;0;EN;;0;0;0;;;;;  
K011;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT ONE;Nd;0;EN;;1;1;1;;;;;  
K012;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT TWO;Nd;0;EN;;2;2;2;;;;;  
K013;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT THREE;Nd;0;EN;;3;3;3;;;;;  
K014;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT FOUR;Nd;0;EN;;4;4;4;;;;;  
K015;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT FIVE;Nd;0;EN;;5;5;5;;;;;  
K016;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT SIX;Nd;0;EN;;6;6;6;;;;;  
K017;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT SEVEN;Nd;0;EN;;7;7;7;;;;;  
K018;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT EIGHT;Nd;0;EN;;8;8;8;;;;;  
K019;DOUBLE SLASHED DIGIT NINE;Nd;0;EN;;9;9;9;;;;;



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**Please fill all the sections A, B and C below.**

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**A. Administrative**

1. Title:	Proposal to add historic scientific characters to the UCS		
2. Requester's name:	Uwe Mayer, Siegmund Probst, David Rabouin, Elisabeth Rinner, Andreas Stötzner, Achim Trunk, Charlotte Wahl		
3. Requester type (Member body/Liaison/Individual contribution):	Individual (work group)		
4. Submission date:	2024-02-19		
5. Requester's reference (if applicable):	LUCPL-2402		
6. Choose one of the following:			
This is a complete proposal:			Yes
(or) More information will be provided later:			

**B. Technical – General**

1. Choose one of the following:			
a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters):			Yes
Proposed name of script:	Historic scientific characters		
b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block:			Yes
Name of the existing block:	Greek and Coptic 0370		
2. Number of characters in proposal:			228
3. Proposed category (select one from below - see section 2.2 of P&P document):			
A-Contemporary	B.1-Specialized (small collection)	B.2-Specialized (large collection)	Yes
C-Major extinct	D-Attested extinct	E-Minor extinct	
F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic	G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols		
4. Is a repertoire including character names provided?			
a. If YES, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document?			Yes
b. Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?			Yes
5. Fonts related:			
a. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font to the Project Editor of 10646 for publishing the standard?	Andreas Stötzner		
b. Identify the party granting a license for use of the font by the editors (include address, e-mail, ftp-site, etc.):	Andreas Stötzner Gestaltung, Klauflügelweg 21, 88400 Biberach/R., Germany, as@signographie.de		
6. References:			
a. Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?			Yes
b. Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?			Yes
7. Special encoding issues:			
Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)?			No

8. Additional Information:  
Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at <http://www.unicode.org> for such information on other scripts. Also see Unicode Character Database ( <http://www.unicode.org/reports/tr44/> ) and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

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### C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES explain	No
2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)? If YES, with whom?	Yes
	Leibniz-Archiv, Forschungsstelle der Leibniz-Edition, Niedersächsische Landesbibliothek (GWLb), Hanover, Göttingen Academy of Science and Humanities in Lower Saxony (DE), Philiumm research group of CNRS (UMR 7219, laboratoire SPHERE) / Université de Paris VII; general: scholars, researchers, authors and editors working in the field of science history and upon editions of historic text corpora (e.g. of G. W. Leibniz, but also many others)
If YES, available relevant documents:	L-2403, L-2404, L-2405, L-2409, L-2410
3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included? Reference:	Yes
4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare) Reference:	Common mainly specialist usage, scholarly, worldwide
5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community? If YES, where? Reference:	Yes mainly Germany, France; other countries
6. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP? If YES, is a rationale provided? If YES, reference:	No
7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)?	No
8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
9. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to, or could be confused with, an existing character? If YES, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? If YES, reference:	No
11. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences? If YES, is a rationale for such use provided? If YES, reference: Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided? If YES, reference:	Yes a few combining characters, see under f) No
12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics? If YES, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary)	No
13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility characters? If YES, are the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic characters identified? If YES, reference:	No