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1. Mathematical relation symbols in historic sources

The topic of this proposal is a group of symbols for relations, like *equal*, *congruence*, *greater-than* or *commensurability*. They are testified in works of G. W. Leibniz and many other authors, mainly of the 17th century. Some of the proposed characters basically represent the same meaning as e.g. 003D = EQUAL SIGN or 003E > GREATER-THAN SIGN. However, for the purpose of historiographically exact transcriptions and editions it is necessary to encode the difference between such modern symbols and historic ones, since either of them may occur in the very same edition.

2. Revision of Proposal

The 2nd revision of the *Relations* proposal is a significant update and an extended version. After expert discussion a couple of changes have been implemented. RECTANGULAR GREATER OPEN RIGHT \sqsubset and RECTANGULAR GREATER OPEN RIGHT \sqsupset have been unified with 2ACD and 2ACE. The remaining characters \sqsupset and \sqsubset have been given new names in accordance to 2ACD and 2ACE. HORIZONTAL EQUAL TO OR LESS-THAN \mp and HORIZONTAL EQUAL TO OR GREATER-THAN \mp are now proposed as variation sequences based on 22DC and 22DD.

The subset of the *congruence* characters has been re-ordered and in the course of recent research work a number of additional characters has been identified. Some of these characters can be defined as historic precedences of modern symbols like \simeq , \simeq , \approx or \approx ; in these cases they are proposed as “lazy-S” variation sequences. The two characters \bowtie and \bowtie do not have “tilde” equivalents because their usage did not make it into modern math notation, they are therefore proposed as new (historical) characters.

The Unicode Character Properties entries have been updated accordingly. This version also contains more demonstration samples from MS sources as well as from printed editions.

This 3rd revision was edited after the January 15 discussion. Many representative glyphs have been improved with regard to the math axis; see p. 8.

3.a New Characters

If this proposal gets accepted, the following 29 new characters will exist:

- LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL
- LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL WITH DOUBLE VERTICALS
- S LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL WITH SMALL S
- LEIBNIZIAN GREATER
- LEIBNIZIAN LESS
- P LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH SMALL P
- p LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH SMALL P
- LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS
- INVERTED SQUARE LEFT OPEN BOX OPERATOR
- INVERTED SQUARE RIGHT OPEN BOX OPERATOR
- TWO-LINE GREATER
- TWO-LINE LESS
- COMMENSURABILITY
- INCOMMENSURABILITY
- COMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE
- INCOMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE
- ∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE WITH VERTICAL BAR
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 INVERTED
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 WITH HORIZONTAL BAR
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 WITH HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BAR
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN COINCIDENCE
- ∞∞ INVERTED LAZY S OVER LAZY S
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY-2
- ∞∞ LEIBNIZIAN DISSIMILARITY
- ƒ FACIT SYMBOL

3.b New Variation sequences

For these characters we propose new standardized variation sequences (with variation selector 1):

- \wp xxxx – VS1 – CARTESIAN EQUAL ∞
- \sphericalangle 223D – VS1 – REVERSED TILDE \curvearrowleft
- \bowtie 2243 – VS1 – ASYMPTOTICALLY EQUAL TO \sim
- \bowtie 22CD – VS1 – REVERSED TILDE EQUALS \simeq
- \bowtie 2242 – VS1 – MINUS TILDE \approx
- \bowtie 2248 – VS1 – ALMOST EQUAL TO \approx
- \bowtie 2A6C – VS1 – SIMILAR MINUS SIMILAR \approx
- \bowtie 22DC – VS1 – EQUAL TO OR LESS-THAN \leq
- \bowtie 22DD – VS1 – EQUAL TO OR GREATER-THAN \geq

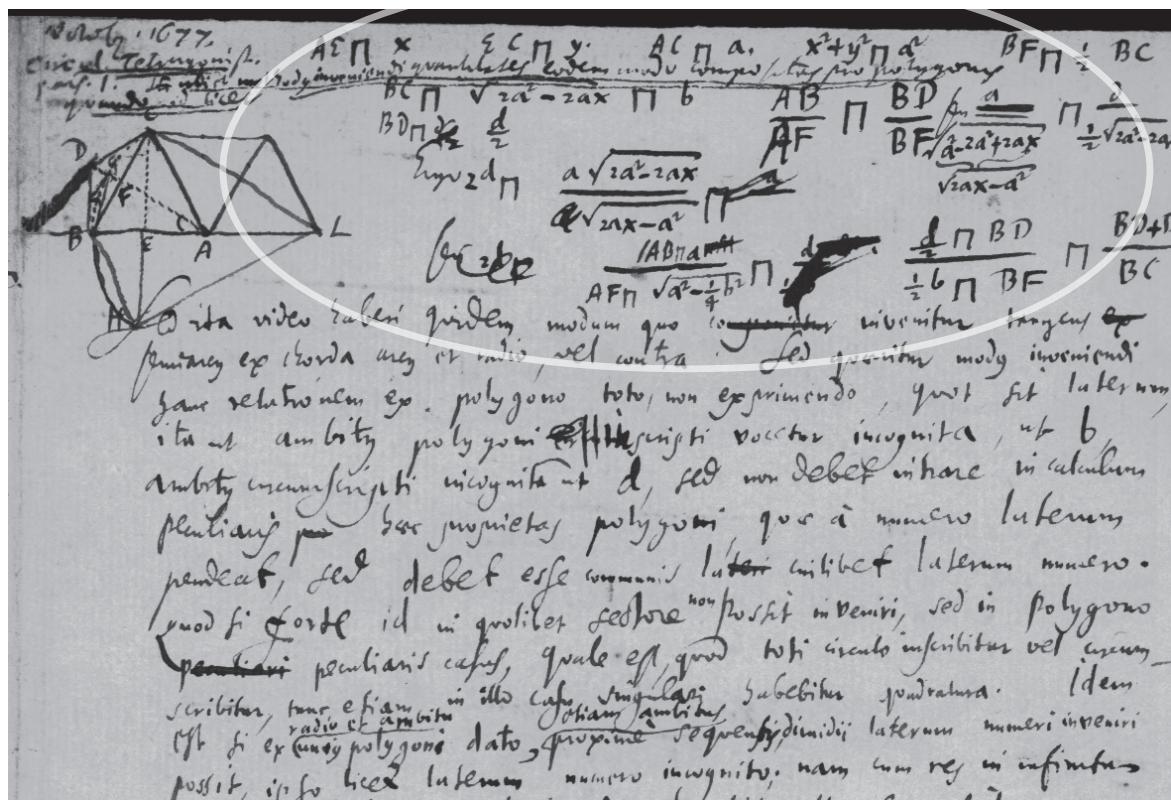
The character \wp is a historically significant variant of the widely used CARTESIAN EQUAL sign ∞ , see further explanations on p. 37f.

The other 8 variations relate to existing characters.

When a source is referenced by e.g. **LAA VII-3**, that means: Leibniz-Edition, Akademie-Ausgabe, series VII, volume 3. For mathematical topics series III and VII are relevant in the first place. Currently, of series III volumes 5 to 10 and of series VII volumes 3 to 8 are accessible online (PDF). Go to leibnizedition.de to select a series and a volume:

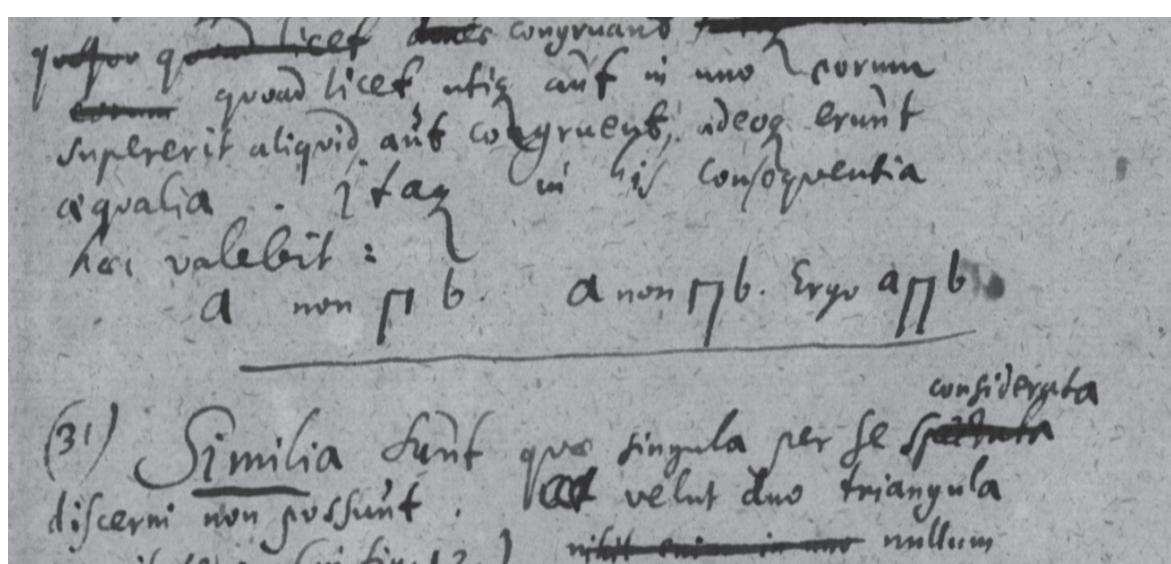
4. Figures and explanations

Leibniz made use of a fine differentiation of notions of equality and inequality in his mathematical writings. The character \sqcap LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL signifies in many of his mathematical works *equality* in the common meaning as it denotes the equality of two things with regard to some property.



□ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL

LH 35 XIII 3, fol. 72r



□ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL, □ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER, □ LEIBNIZIAN LESS
J.H. 35 J. 11 fol. 8r

(29) Et quālia dicitur proportionem
magnitudi, in qua nullus amissus est vel acceptus
congrua reddi possunt. Quālia est
minus dicitur quod alterius parti aequalis est
id vero quod partem habet alteri aequalis
dicitur maius. Itur pars minor toti, quia
parti ipsi, ^{nempe} sibi aequalis est
hanc autem huius ultimam :

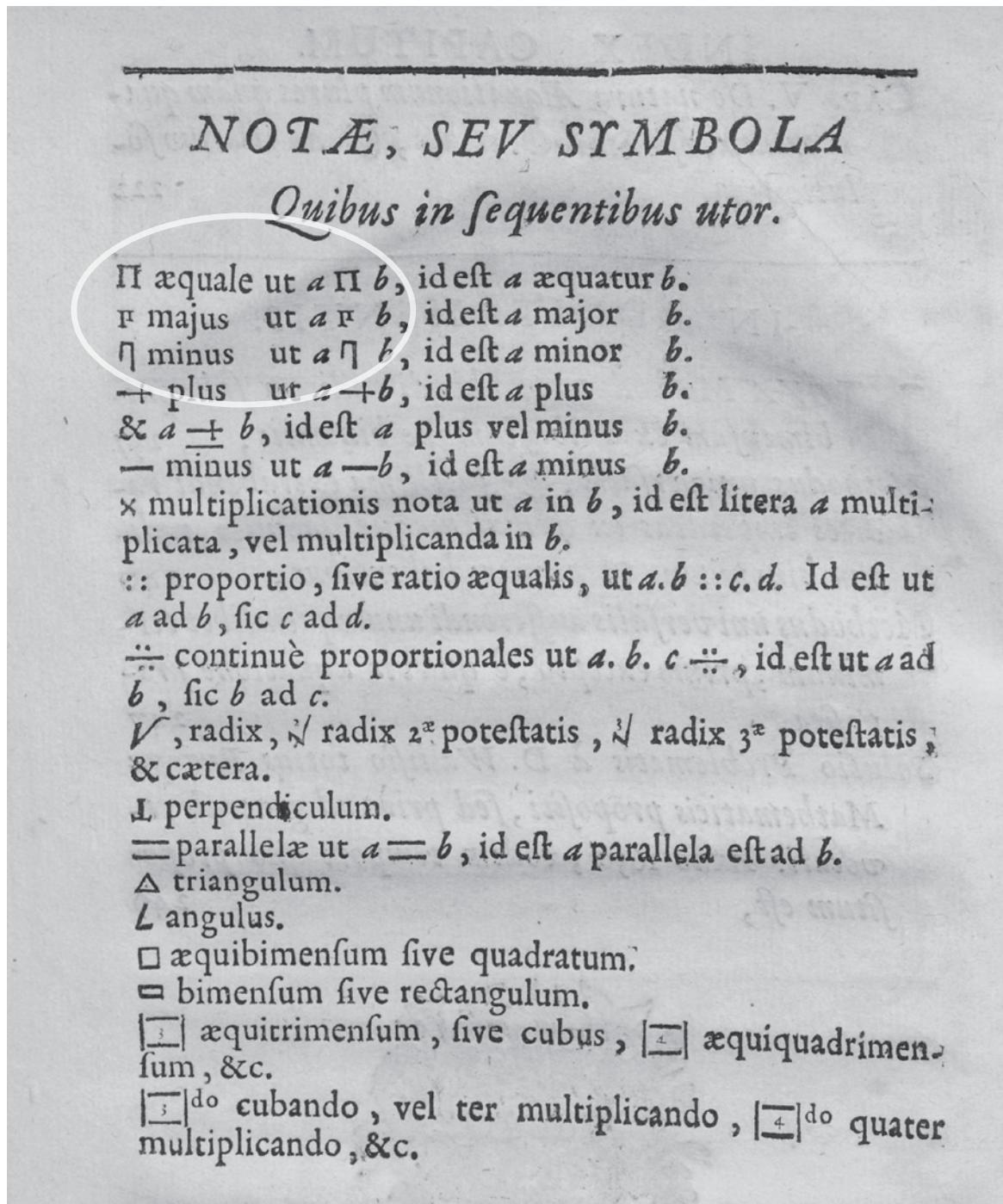
a	\prod	b	a aequ. b
a	Γ	b	a maj. quam b
a	\prod	b	a min. quam b.

Si pars unius parti alteri toti aequalis
est, reliqua parti ~~in~~ in maiore magnitudi
dicitur differentia. Magnitudo autem
totius ~~et~~ humma magnitudinem partium, vel his
vel aliorum partibus eis aequalium

□ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL, □ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER, □ LEIBNIZIAN LESS
LH 35 I 11, fol. 7v

□ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL
LH 35 XIII 3, fol. 73v

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.



□ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL, ▨ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER, ▨ LEIBNIZIAN LESS
Dulaurens, *Specimina Mathematica*, 1667. Note the typesetter's makeshift solution, he borrowed two different greek Π-characters for *æquale* and *majus*.

$e \cap c \frac{+d + z^2}{v^2}$. ergo $\frac{+d + z^2}{v^2}$ integer $\cap e - c$. Videndum iam quomodo quadratum numero auctum minutumve vel eius negatio possit exakte 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 $y^2 \cap v \sqrt{e - z^2}$. et $y^2 \cap v \sqrt{e - y^2}$. et $z^2 \cap v \sqrt{e - y^2}$. et $z^2 \cap v \sqrt{e - z^2}$. 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 sufficient duae posteriores. Rursus $v^2 \cap \frac{z^2 + y}{e}$. 10 et $v^2 \cap \frac{y^2 + z}{e}$. Ergo $y^2 + z^2 \cap \frac{z^2 + y}{e}$. vel $\cap \frac{y^2 + z}{e}$. Sed hoc ob integra rursus per se patet. $y^2 + z^2 \cap e$. Sed nihil ex his.

□ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER, □ 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

$b^3 \cap \frac{r}{2}$. $b^2 \cap \frac{q}{3}$. $c^3a^3 \cap \frac{q^3}{27} - \frac{r^2}{4}$. 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

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 $r - q^3 - r^2 \cap 2ca$. Iam determinatio contraria

□ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL, □ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER, □ LEIBNIZIAN LESS
LAA VII-2 p. 475

Ideally these character's glyphs are adjusted with their horizontal parts to the *math axis*, like e.g. + and – (see also next page):

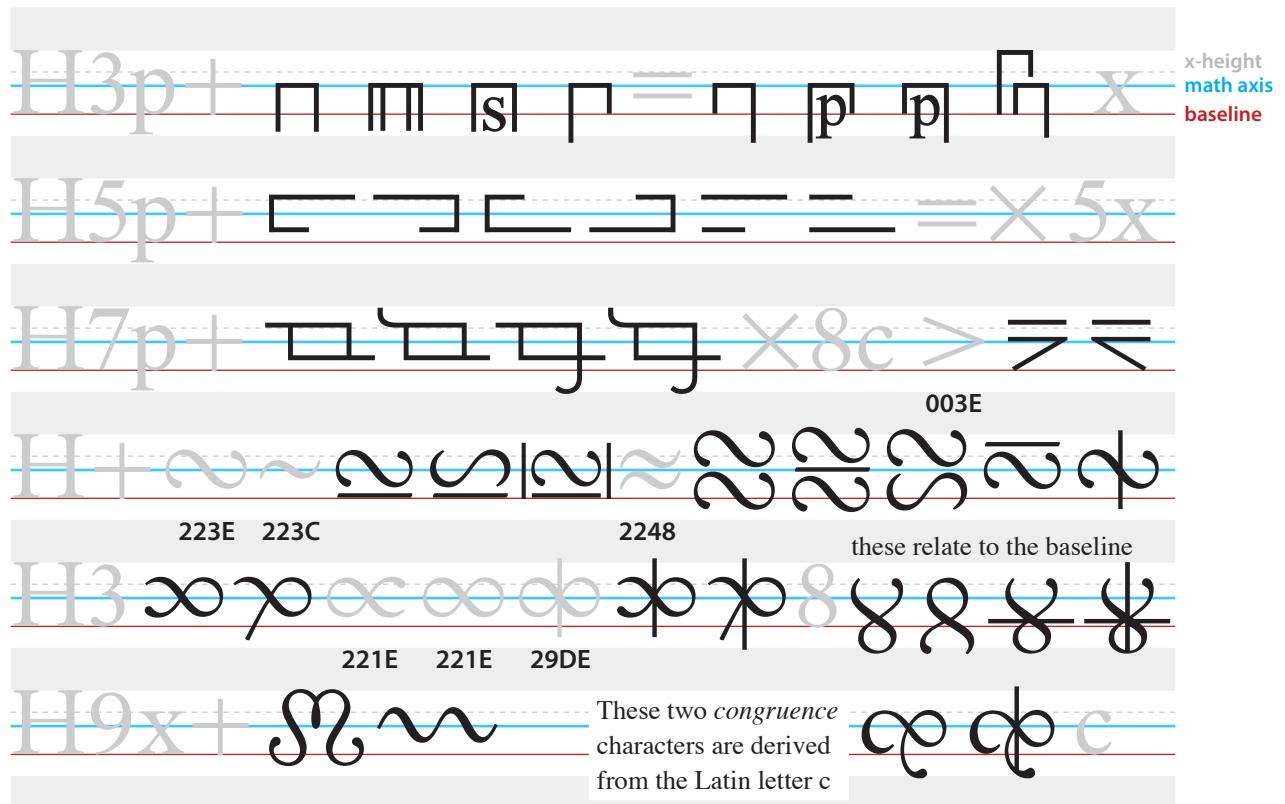
 Math Axis

Whereas the printer of Dulaurens' book (mis-)used capital Greek Pi types as stand-ins for *equality* and *greater*, thus getting the representations of *greater* and *less* inconsistent; 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. These symbols have to be aligned vertically with their horizontal parts to the *math axis* which is usually represented by the vertical centres of + and – (*plus, minus*). This graphosystemic requirement together with different semantics exclude □ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL from being united with the (visually similar) character 2293 □ SQUARE CAP.

Arial Unicode MS		Math axis
Cambria Math		
Stix Two Math		

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. The same is required for \sqsubseteq LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL and all characters which are derived from it: \sqsubset , \sqsubseteq , \sqcap , \sqcup , \sqsupset , \sqsupseteq and $\sqsupset\sqsubseteq$ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS.

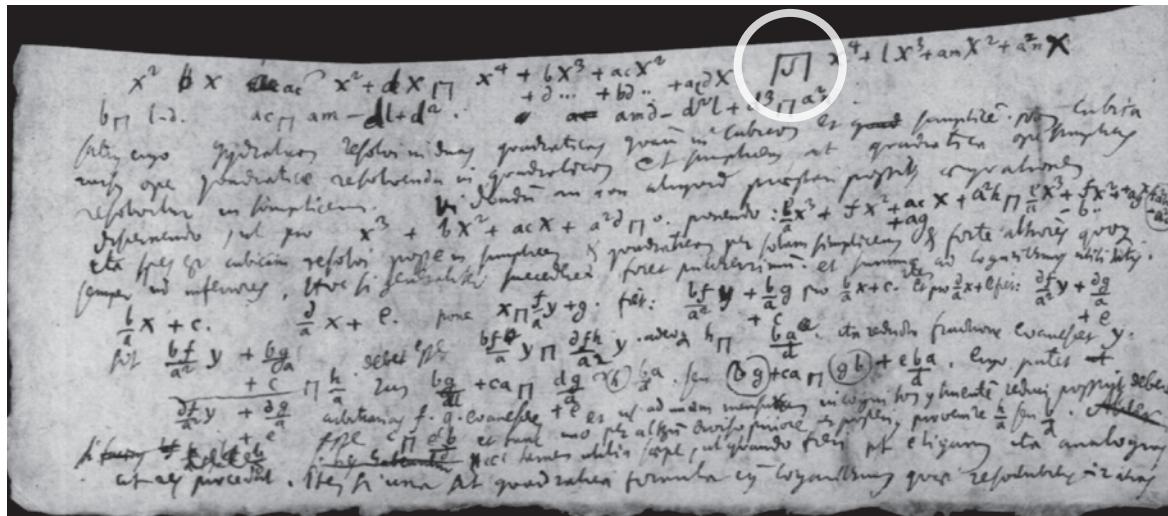
During the recent experts discussion (Zoom, January 15, 2026) a consensus was reached about that the *math axis* is relevant for the correct design and systemic coherence of most of the proposed characters. The following figure demonstrates how the representative glyphs shall be integrated into a Roman-style typeface:



Leibniz derived the configurations of several other symbols from \square LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL:

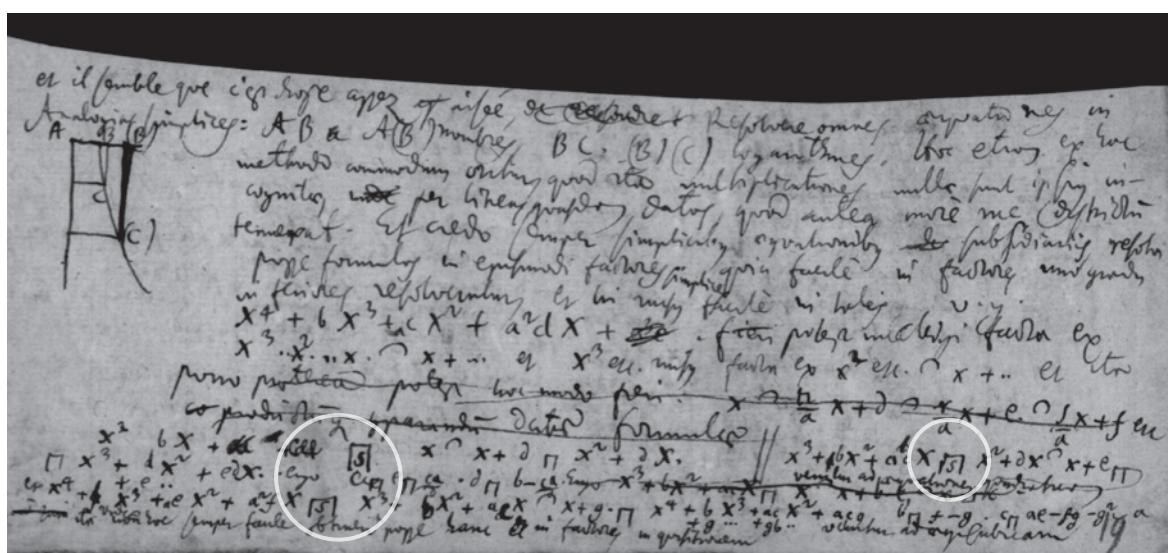
\square LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S denotes a kind of equality by definition that originates from equating two expressions with each other as in the phrase “let a be equal to b ”. Unlike the definition sign in modern mathematics, there is no specific direction in Leibniz’s sign. The “s” in the sign is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

Combining both \square and \sqcap into \sqcap LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS leads to an ambiguous inequality sign that denotes “greater than in the first case and less than in the second case”.



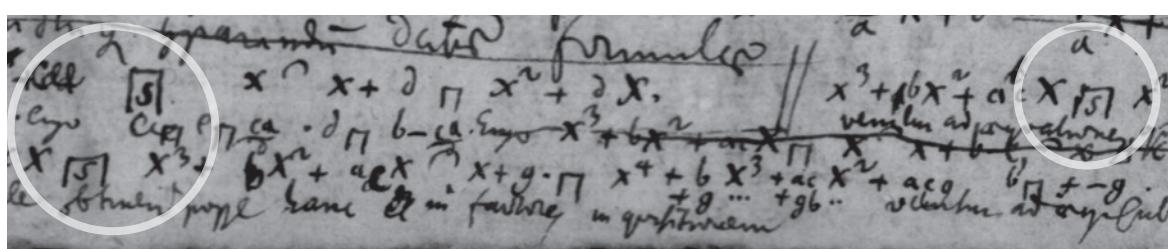
\square LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S

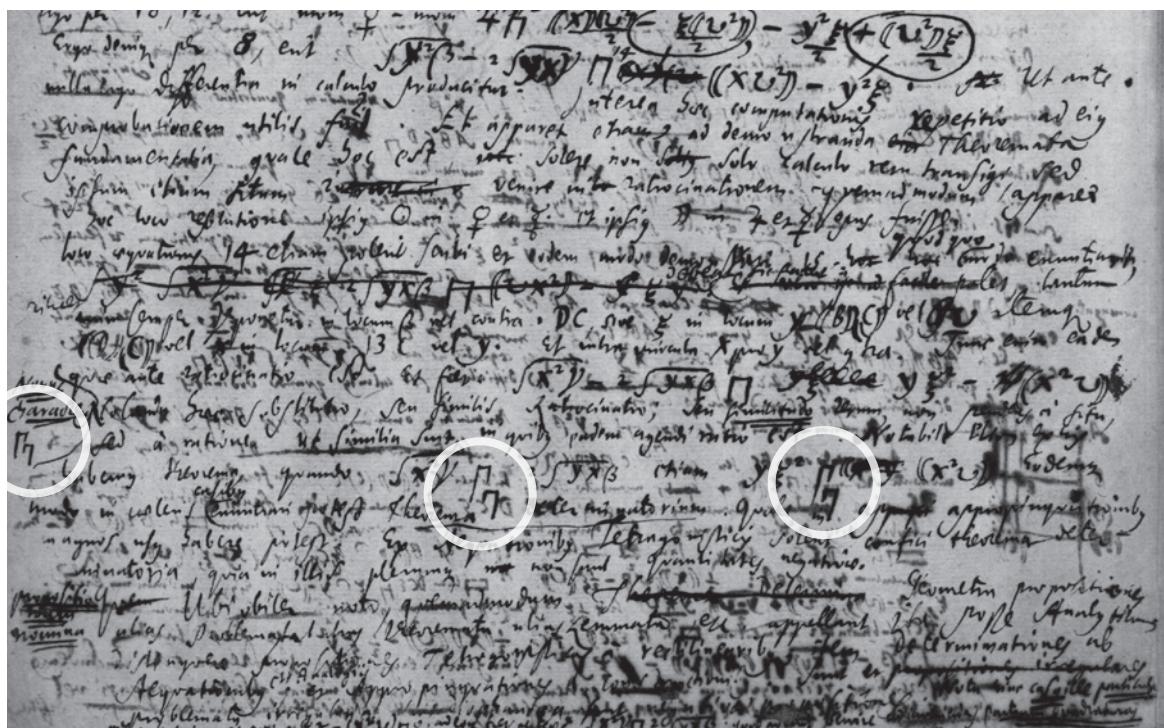
LH 35 V 14, fol. 18r. *The edition of this manuscript is currently in progress.*



\square LEIBNIZIAN EQUALITY WITH S

LH 35 V 14, fol. 19r. *The edition of this manuscript is currently in progress.*





□ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS

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

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DIFFERENZEN, FOLGEN, REIHEN 1672-1676

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

Unde duci potest corollarium semper haberi summam seriei $\frac{x^2 + yw^2 - 2yw x}{2} \boxplus \frac{e^2 b}{2}$. Quod ut exemplo nostro applicemus fiet $\frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{y+1, \square, y} - \frac{2}{y^2 + y} \boxplus \frac{e^2 b}{2} \boxplus \frac{1}{b}$. Iam $\frac{2}{y^2 + y} \boxplus \frac{2}{b}$. Ergo (1) $\frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{y+1, \square, y} \boxplus \frac{e^2 b}{2} + \frac{2}{b}$. Jungamus duas aequationes supra in-

A

ventas: (2) $\frac{1}{y^2} \boxplus 2C - B \boxplus 2A + B$ (3). Ergo (4) $C \boxplus A + B$ et (5) $\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{b} \boxplus C$. Ergo (6) $\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{b} \boxplus A + B$ per 5. et 4. Iam $B \boxplus \frac{1}{b^2} - 2A$. per 2. et 3. Ergo $\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{b} \boxplus (A) + \frac{1}{b^2} - (2)A$.

Iam $-A \boxplus \frac{1}{y^2} - e^2 b + \frac{2}{b}$ per aeq. 1. et fiet: $\left(\frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{1}{b} \right) \boxplus \frac{1}{b^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} - e^2 b + \frac{2}{b}$.

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

□ LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL WITH DOUBLE VERTICALS

Leibniz uses this symbol for “equality of sums”.

LAA VII-3 p. 443

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

$$v \in \mathbb{P} \left[\frac{zc}{100^5} \right] . \quad v \in \mathbb{P} \left[\frac{zc}{100^5} + 1 \right]$$

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

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

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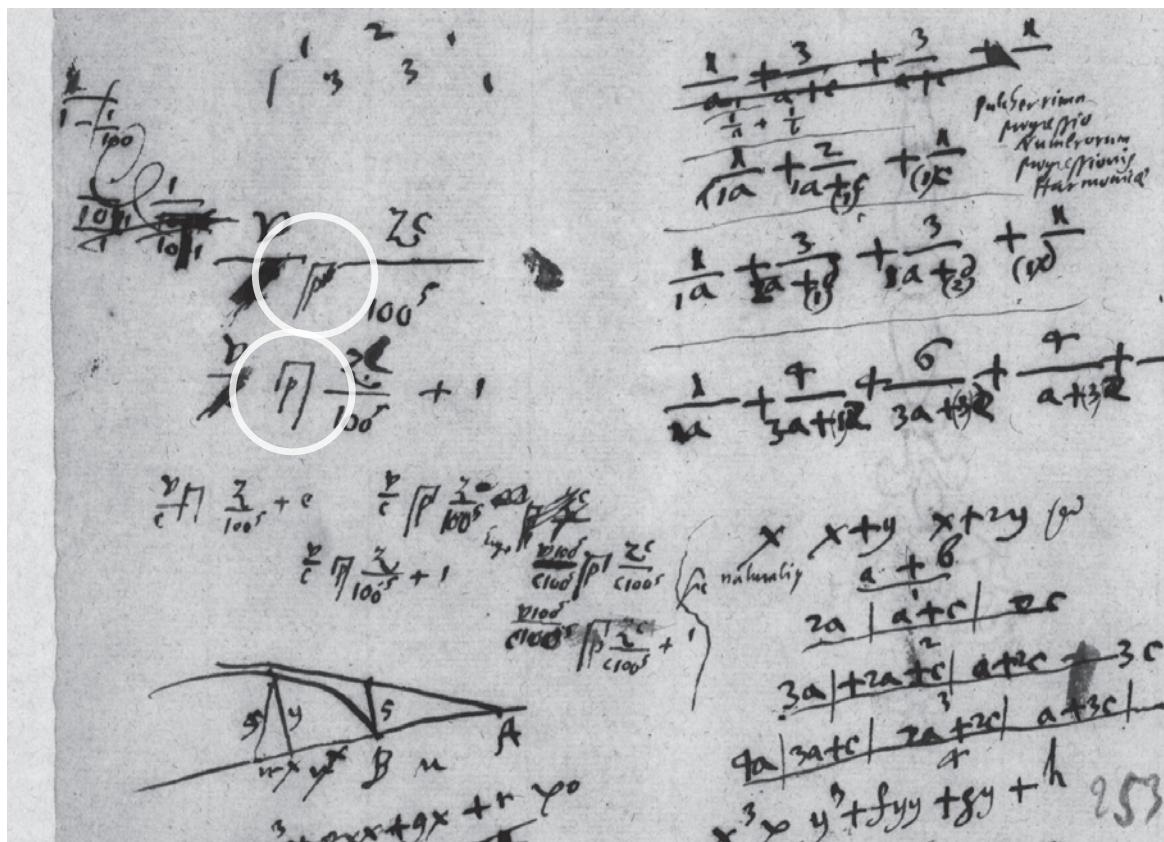
[Tschirnhaus mit Ergänzungen von Leibniz]

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

¶ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH SMALL P, § LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH SMALL P

These symbols denote “a little bit greater” and “a little bit less”, the letter “p” abbreviating the Latin word “paulo” (little). – *Corresponding Ms.: see below.*

LAA VII-3 p. 732



¶ LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH SMALL P, ¶ LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH SMALL P

The handwriting shows that a lowercase p was intended by the author, so the representation of these symbols in the printed edition is not accurate in this respect.

LH 35 XII 1, fol. 253r

(7) Ungleichungen:

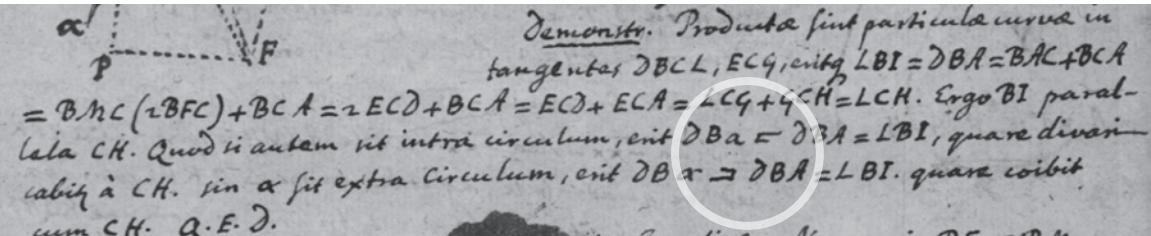
Zusätzlich zu den üblichen Symbolen \sqsupset für „größer“ und \sqsubset für „kleiner“ (N. 66) führt Leibniz noch Zeichen für „ein wenig größer“ ($\sqsupset\!\!\sqsupset$) bzw. „ein wenig kleiner“ ($\sqsubset\!\!\sqsubset$) ein (N. 54).

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

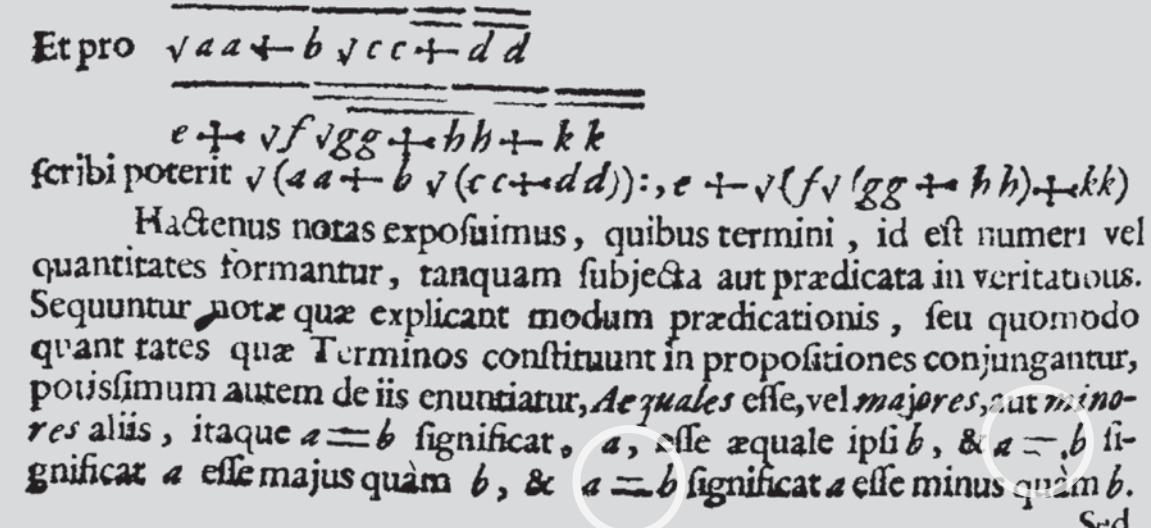
Demonstr. Productae sint particulae curvae in tangentes $DBCL$, ECG , eritque $LBI = DBA = BAC + BCA = BMC$ ($2BFC$) + $BCA = 2ECD + BCA = ECD + FCA = LCG + GCH = LCH$. Ergo BI parallela CH . Quod si a sit intra circulum, erit $DBa \sqsubset DBA = LBI$, quare divaricabitur a CH . Sin α sit extra circulum,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

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

— INVERTED SQUARE RIGHT OPEN BOX OPERATOR, here bearing the meaning of “less”, alongside with \sqsubset SQUARE LEFT OPEN BOX OPERATOR 2ACD
LAA III-6 p. 688; corresponding manuscript part (below)


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 autem sit intra circulum, erit $DBa \sqsubset DBA = LBI$, quare divaricabitur a CH . Sin α sit extra circulum, erit $DBa \sqsupset DBA = LBI$, quare coabit cum CH . Q. E. D.
 Ita Caustica: Nam ania $BF = 2BM$.

Distinct from the above signs are these two greater / less signs, which lack the vertical part:


 Et pro $\sqrt{aa+bb} \sqrt{cc+dd}$
 $e + \sqrt{f \sqrt{gg+hh} + kk}$
 scribi poterit $\sqrt{(aa+bb)(cc+dd)}: e + \sqrt{(f \sqrt{gg+hh})+kk}$
 Hactenus notæ exposuimus, quibus termini, id est numeri vel quantitates formantur, tanquam subjecta aut prædicata in veritatis. Sequuntur notæ quæ explicant modum prædicationis, seu quomodo quantitates quæ terminos constituant in propositiones conjungantur, prouissimum autem de iis enuntiatur, *Ae quales esse, vel majores, aut minorres* aliis, itaque $a = b$ significat, a , esse æquale ipsis b , & $a \neq b$ significat a esse majus quam b , & $a \neq b$ significat a esse minus quam b .
 Sed

= TWO-LINE GREATER, = TWO-LINE LESS

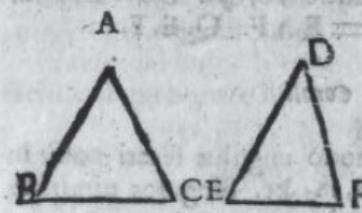
Monitum de Characteribus Algebraica, Miscellanea Berolinensis, 1710, p. 158

ergo ang. $FDC \angle ACD$, id est ang. $FDC \angle ADC$. c 9. ax.

3. Cas. Si D cadat extra triangulum ACB ,
jungatur CD .

Rursus, ang. $BDC = BDC$, & $BCD =$ c 5. r.
 BDC . fergo ang. $ACD \angle BDC$. & proinde $f 9. ax.$,
multo magis ang. $BDC \angle BDC$. Sed erat
ang. $BDC = BDC$. Quae repugnant. Ergo,
&c.

P R O P. VIII.



Si duo triangula ABC , DEF habuerint duo latera AB , AC duobus lateribus DE , DF , utrumque utriusque aqua-

EVCLIDIS Elementorum

Quoniam $CE = EA$, & $EF = EB$, &
ang. $FEC = BEA$, erit ang. $ECF = EAB$.
Simili arguento ang. ICH (FCD) = ABH .
ergo totus ACD major est utrovis CAB , &
 ABC . Q. E. D.

P R O P. XVII

Cujusunque trianguli ABC duo anguli duobus rectis sunt minores, omnifariam sumpti.

Producta latus BC .
Quoniam ang. $ACD +$
 $ACB = 2$ Rect. & ang.
 $ACD \angle A$, erit $A + ACB = 2$ Rect. Eodem modo erit ang. $B + ACB = 2$ Rect. Denique producto latere AB , erit similiter ang. $A + B = 2$ Rect. Quae E. D.

Coroll.

1. Hinc, in omni trianulo latus unus angulus fuerit rectus, vel obtusus, reliqui acuti sunt.

2. Si linea recta AE cum alia recta CD angulos inaequales faciat, unum AED acutum, & alterum AEC obtusum, linea perpendicularis AD ex quovis ejus punto A ad aliam illam CD demissa, cadet ad partes anguli acuti AED .

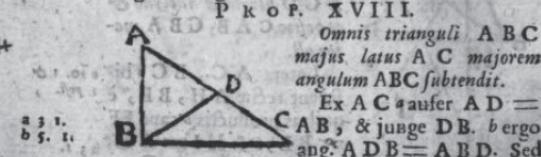
Nam si AC ad partes anguli obtusi ducta, dicitur perpendicularis; in triangulo AFC erit ang. $AEC + ACE = 2$ Rect. \times Q. F. N.

3. Omnes anguli trianguli aequilateri, & duo anguli trianguli isoscelis, supra basim, acuti sunt.

P R O P. XVIII.

Omnis trianguli ABC maior latus AC majorem angulum ABC subtendit.

Ex AC aufer $AD = CAB$, & juge DB . b ergo
 $ang. ADB = ABD$. Sed $c ADB$



□ INVERTED SQUARE RIGHT OPEN BOX OPERATOR

Barrow 1659

c is equal to the excess of r above s , and $a = \sqrt{cc + \frac{1}{2}cc} - \frac{1}{2}c$ signifieth that a is equal to the remainder, when $\frac{1}{2}c$ or $\frac{1}{2}c$ is subtracted from the universal square Root of $cc + \frac{1}{2}cc$ this will be made plain and easie to the ingenious practitioner by the ensuing Examples of this Treatise.

XXI. This Character (\sqsupset) stands for the word (greater) signifying the number, or quantity standing on the left hand of the said Character to be greater than that on the right hand thereof; as $8\sqsupset 3$ signifieth that 8 is greater than 3; also $a+b\sqsupset c$ signifieth that the sum of a and b is greater than c , &c.

XXII. This Character (\sqsubset) stands for the word (less) and it signifieth that the number or quantity standing on the left hand thereof, is lesser than that on the right hand. As $4+3\sqsubset 20-8$ signifieth that the sum of 4 and 3 is less than the excess of 20 above 8. Likewise $c-d\sqsubset b+e$ is thus read, viz. the remainder of d being subtracted from c is lesser than the sum of b and e .

In this 1685 edition of Edward Cocker's Decimal Arithmetick \sqsupset INVERTED SQUARE LEFT OPEN BOX OPERATOR is used to denote *greater*, whereas \sqsubset INVERTED SQUARE RIGHT OPEN BOX OPERATOR stands for *less*. Source: Google books

An Explanation of the Signs used in Algebra.

$+$	More or added to
$-$	Less or substracted from
\times	Multiplied by, or multiplying
\div	Divided by, or dividing
\vdots	Continually divided by
$=$	Equal to
$\sqrt{ } \text{ or } \sqrt[2]{ }$	The Square Root, or the Root of the 2d. power.
\therefore	Continual Geomet. Proportion
\therefore	Disjunct Geomet. Proportion
\therefore	Continual Arithmet. Proportion
\therefore	Disjunct Arithmet. Proportion
\therefore	Greater than
\therefore	Less than
$\square \text{ or } >$	The difference of two Quantities, when it is not known which of them is the greater.
$\square \text{ or } <$	Therefore

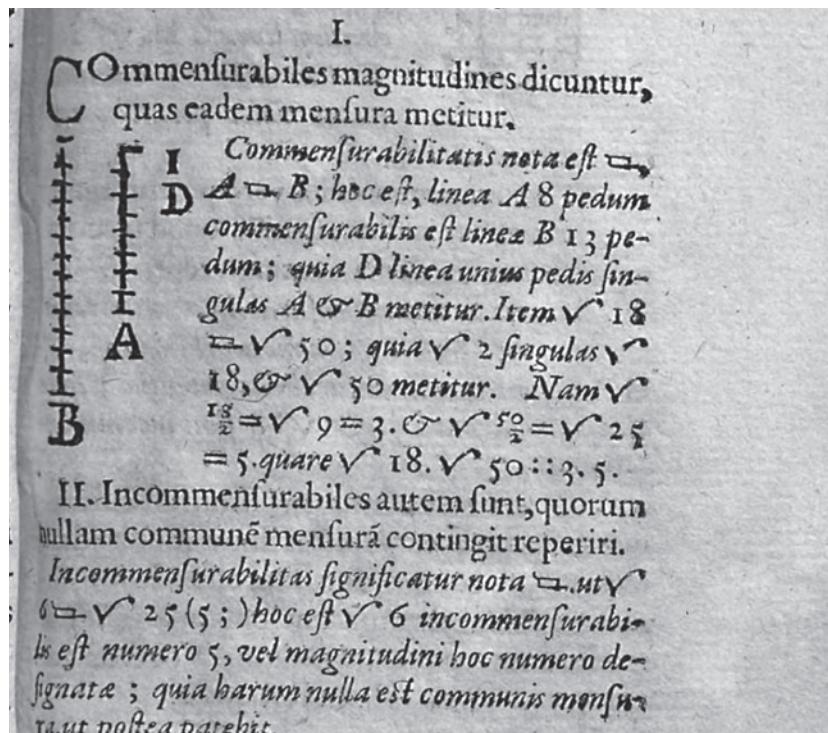
— 2ACE for *greater than*, — INVERTED SQUARE RIGHT OPEN BOX OPERATOR for *less than*. John Parsons, Thomas Wastell: Clavis Arithmeticae, 1705. Source: [Google books](#)

Notarum Explicatio.

- Commensurabilis
- Incommensurabilis
- Commensurabilis potentia
- Incommensurabilis potentia.
- Ejusdem rationis.
- Continue proportionales.
- = Aequalitatem
- Majoritatem
- Minoritatem
- Plus, vel addendum esse
- Minus, vel subtrahendum esse

— COMMENSURABILITY, — INCOMMENSURABILITY, — COMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE, — INCOMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE

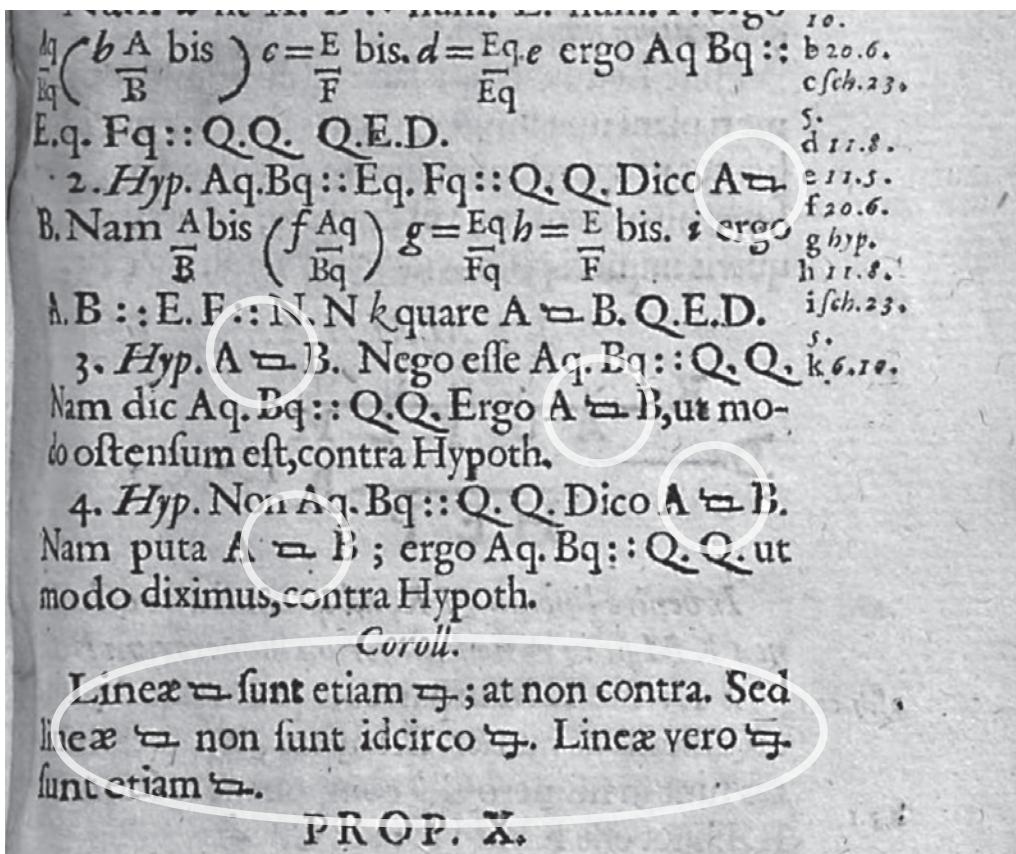
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$\frac{1}{2}$ COMMENSURABILITY, $\frac{1}{2}$ INCOMMENSURABILITY, $\frac{1}{2}$ COMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE, $\frac{1}{2}$ INCOMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE

Barrow 1676





□ COMMENSURABILITY, □ INCOMMENSURABILITY, □ COMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE, □ INCOMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE

Barrow 1676

SIGNS IN THEORETICAL ARITHMETIC

483. *Signs for “greater” and “less.”*—Harriot’s symbols $>$ for greater and $<$ for less (§ 188) were far superior to the corresponding symbols \square and \square used by Oughtred. While Harriot’s symbols are symmetric to a horizontal axis and asymmetric only to a vertical, Oughtred’s symbols are asymmetric to both axes and therefore harder to remember. Indeed, some confusion in their use occurred in Oughtred’s own works, as is shown in the table (§ 183). The first deviation from his original forms is in “Fig. EE” in the Appendix, called the *Horologio*, to his *Clavis*, where in the edition of 1647 there stands \square for $<$, and in the 1652 and 1657 editions there stands \square for $<$. In the text of the *Horologio* in all three editions, Oughtred’s regular nota-

¹ A. de Morgan, *Trigonometry and Double Algebra* (London, 1849), p. 130.

² G. Peano, *Formulaire mathématique*, Vol. IV (Turin, 1903), p. 229.

³ Désiré André, *op. cit.*, p. 63.

⁴ J. Bourget, *Journal de Mathématiques élémentaires*, Vol. II, p. 12.

⁵ Oliver Byrne, *Tables of Dual Logarithms* (London, 1867), p. 7-9. See also Byrne’s *Dual Arithmetic* and his *Young Dual Arithmetician*.

□ INVERTED SQUARE LEFT OPEN BOX OPERATOR and □ INVERTED SQUARE RIGHT OPEN BOX OPERATOR. Cajori vol. II p. 115 (1928)

tion is adhered to. Isaac Barrow used \square for "majus" and \square for "minus" in his *Euclidis Data* (Cambridge, 1657), page 1, and also in his *Euclid's Elements* (London, 1660), Preface, as do also John Kersey,¹ Richard Sault,² and Roger Cotes.³ In one place John Wallis⁴ writes \square for $>$, \square for $<$.

Seth Ward, another pupil of Oughtred, writes in his *In Ismaelis Bullialdi astronomiae philolaicae fundamenta inquisitio brevis* (Oxoniae, 1653), page 1, \square for "majus" and \square for "minus." For further notices of discrepancy in the use of these symbols, see *Bibliotheca mathematica*, Volume XII⁵ (1911-12), page 64. Harriot's $>$ and $<$ easily won out over Oughtred's notation. Wallis follows Harriot almost exclusively; so do Gibson⁶ and Brancker.⁷ Richard Rawlinson of Oxford used \square for greater and \square for less (§ 193). This notation is used also by Thomas Baker⁸ in 1684, while E. Cocker⁹ prefers \square for \square . In the arithmetic of S. Jeake,¹⁰ who gives " \square greater, \square . next greater, \square . lesser, \square . next lesser, \square not greater, \square . not lesser, \square . equal or less, \square . equal or greater," there is close adherence to Oughtred's original symbols.

Ronayne¹¹ writes in his *Algebra* \square for "greater than," and \square for "less than." As late as 1808, S. Webber¹² says: ". . . . we write $a \square b$, or $a \triangleright b$; $a \square b$, or $a \triangleleft b$." In Isaac Newton's *De Analysis per Aequationes*, as printed in the *Commercium Epistolicum* of 1712, page 20, there occurs $x \square \frac{1}{2}$, probably for $x < \frac{1}{2}$; apparently, Newton used here the symbolism of his teacher, I. Barrow, but in Newton's *Opuscula* (Castillion's ed., 1744) and in Lefort's *Commercium Epistolicum* (1856), page 74, the symbol is interpreted as meaning $x > \frac{1}{2}$. Eneström¹³

¹ John Kersey, *Elements of Algebra* (London, 1674), Book IV, p. 177.

² Richard Sault, *A New Treatise of Algebra* (London, n.d.).

³ Roger Cotes, *Harmonia mensurarum* (Cambridge, 1722), p. 115.

⁴ John Wallis, *Algebra* (1685), p. 127.

⁵ Thomas Gibson, *Syntaxis mathematica* (London, 1655), p. 246.

⁶ Thomas Brancker, *Introduction to Algebra* (trans. of Rahn's *Algebra*; London, 1668), p. 76.

⁷ Thomas Baker, *Clavis geometrica* (London, 1684), fol. d 2 a.

⁸ Edward Crocker, *Artificial Arithmetick* (London, 1684), p. 278.

⁹ Samuel Jeake, Sr., *ΛΟΓΙΣΤΙΚΗΑ or Arithmetick* (London, 1696), p. 12

¹⁰ Philip Ronayne, *Treatise of Algebra* (London, 1727), p. 3.

¹¹ Samuel Webber, *Mathematics*, Vol. I (Cambridge, Mass., 1808; 2d ed.), p. 233.

¹² G. Eneström, *Bibliotheca mathematica* (3d ser.), Vol. XII (1911-12), p. 74.

argues that Newton followed his teacher Barrow in the use of \square and actually took $x < \frac{1}{2}$, as is demanded by the reasoning.

In E. Stone's *New Mathematical Dictionary* (London, 1726), article "Characters," one finds \square or \square for "greater" and \square or \square for "less." In the Italian translation (1800) of the mathematical part of Diderot's *Encyclopédie*, article "Carattere," the symbols are further modified, so that \square and \square stand for "greater than," \square for "less than"; and the remark is added, "but today they are no longer used."

Brook Taylor¹ employed \square and \square for "greater" and "less," respectively, while E. Hatton² in 1721 used \square and \square , and also $>$ and $<$. The original symbols of Oughtred are used in Colin MacLaurin's *Algebra*.³ It is curious that as late as 1821, in an edition of Thomas Simpson's *Elements of Geometry* (London), pages 40, 42, one finds \square for $>$ and \square for $<$.

The inferiority of Oughtred's symbols and the superiority of Harriot's symbols for "greater" and "less" are shown nowhere so strongly as in the confusion which arose in the use of the former and the lack of confusion in employing the latter. The burden cast upon the memory by Oughtred's symbols was even greater than that of double asymmetry; there was difficulty in remembering the distinction between the symbol \square and the symbol \square . It is not strange that Oughtred's greatest admirers—John Wallis and Isaac Borrow—differed not only from Oughtred, but also from each other, in the use of these symbols. Perhaps nowhere is there another such a fine example of symbols ill chosen and symbols well chosen. Yet even in the case of Harriot's symbolism, there is on record at least one strange instance of perversion. John Frend⁴ defined $<$ as "greater than" and $>$ as "less than."

484. *Sporadic symbols for "greater" or "less."*—A symbol constructed on a similar plan to Oughtred's was employed by Leibniz⁵ in 1710, namely, " $a =$ significat a esse majus quam b , et $a =$ significat a esse minus quam b ." Leibniz borrowed these signs from his teacher Erhard Weigel,⁶ who used them in 1693. In the 1749 edition of the *Miscellanea Berolinensis* from which we now quote, these inequality

¹ Brook Taylor, *Phil. Trans.*, Vol. XXX (1717-19), p. 961.

² Edward Hatton, *Intire System of Arithmetic* (London, 1721), p. 287.

³ Colin Maclaurin, *A Treatise of Algebra* (3d ed.; London, 1771).

⁴ John Frend, *Principles of Algebra* (London, 1796), p. 3.

⁵ *Miscellanea Berolinensis* (Berlin, 1710), p. 158.

⁶ *Erhardi Weigelii Philosophia mathematica* (Jenae, 1693), p. 135.

quod pro PF (nondum cognita) substituatur f , adeoq; pro $DF, f \pm a$. Erant igitur (ut prius) $PA \cdot DA :: Paq \cdot DOq = \frac{d \pm a}{d} p^2$. Et $PF \cdot DF :: Pa \cdot DT$. (hoc est, $f \cdot f \pm a :: p \cdot \frac{f \pm a}{f} p = DT$. Et $\frac{f^2 \pm 2fa + a^2}{f^2} p^2 = DTq$.

Est item (propter tangentem) $DT \geq DO$ (hoc est, DT aequalis vel major quam DO ; illud quidem $f \cdot D, P$ coincident; hoc, si secus) & $DTq \geq DOq$, hoc est $\frac{f^2 \pm 2fa + a^2}{f^2} p^2 \geq \frac{a \pm a}{d} p^2$; & (utrumq; multiplicando in df^2 & dividendo per p^2) erit $df^2 \pm 2dfa + da^2 \geq df^2 \pm fa^2$; & auferendo utrinq; df^2 , atq; dividendo per $\pm a$ auf $\pm da \geq f^2$.

Deniq; ponendo D idem punctum (ut evanescat quantitas a , adeoq; & da), erit $2df = f^2$, hoc est $2d = f$. Quod est ipsum Theorema quod investigandum erat, quodq; modo demonstravimus.

Conversa propositionis propositae; nempe Parabolæ tangentem AF diametro PA producere occursum, & quidem ita ut absindat rectam AF ipsi AP aequalem; ex dictis satis patet, vel inde saltem facile

\geq EQUAL TO OR GREATER-THAN (22DD) in the parallelised form, which we propose as a variation sequence. Wallis, De sectionibus conicis nova methodo expositis tractatus, 1655; p. 53

Subtangens grajota FV (vel ΦY) = $\frac{1}{2}$ tangentia curva AV , ultra citrag V , puncta D, D , (vel in AV , puncta y, y) eis ordinatio-applicatur DT (vel yT) curvæ occurrentes in A , et Tangentia in T , ultra curvam ultra citrag y , ubi est Trilineare AVd ad curvam partem concavam; sed citra curvam, ubi est AYa ad curvam partem concavam.) Sitq; VD (vel yY) = a . Adeo $y_3 \cdot DA$ (vel yA) = $v \pm a$: et DF (vel $y\Phi$) = $f \pm a$. Et (propter similitudinem triangula) $VF \cdot DF :: Vd \cdot DT$. (vel $y\Phi \cdot y\Phi :: yd \cdot yT$) = $\frac{f \pm a}{f}$. Erigitur $IT \geq$ (aequalis vel major quam) DO . Nam ut aequalis si intelligatur D in V ; si major, si extra V . (Et similiter $IT \geq$ aequalis, et P minor quam yD ; nempe aequalis, si y in Y ; minor, si extra V .) Hoc hactenus Universitatis, qualitercumque frustul Trilineare AVd (vel AYa). Ergo (quod probemus) eadem Tangentia (sed alibi terminata, in F et Φ) quae Trilinea facta AVd , et quae Trilinea externa AYa , consistit.

Sed pro DO (quae est cum DT comparanda) sumendum est, pro quaeq; curva, sans enigam debitis characteri, sive aequalis propria. Exempta grajota; si Ad sit Parabolæ (qua est omnis simplicissima curva) est $AV \cdot AD :: Vd \cdot DT$. $DOq = \frac{v \pm a}{f} b^2$; si $DO = b^2 v \pm a$, Erigitur propria $\frac{f \pm a}{f}$ (= DT) aequalis vel major quam $b^2 v \pm a$ (= DO). Adrog, (dividendo utrinq; b^2 , et quoniam b^2 ,) $\frac{f^2 \pm fa + a^2}{f^2} = \frac{v \pm a}{v}$: et (decimulacione multiplicando) $f^2 v \pm 2fa + v^2 = f^2 v \pm fa$. Paraturq; (Debetis ultraq; aequalibus, vel potius ab initio negatis, non est, ijs; eximisq; in quibus a non conspicitur; ceterisq; per $\pm a$ dividitis,) $2fa \pm a = f^2$. Hoc est, aequalis si terminatur D in V ; sed illa maior, si extra V .

Tandem (qui methodi nucleus est) posito D in V (qua sit $a = 0$, abrogat

\geq EQUAL TO OR GREATER-THAN (22DD) and \leq EQUAL TO OR LESS-THAN (22DC) in their parallelised forms, which we propose as variation sequences. Manuscript of J. Wallis, LBr 974, 28v.

< est le signe de minorité ; Harriot introduisit le premier ces deux *caractères*, dont tous les auteurs modernes ont fait usage depuis.

D'autres auteurs employent d'autres signes ; quelques-uns se servent de celui-ci $_$; mais aujourd'hui on n'en fait aucun usage.

 est le signe de similitude, recommandé dans les *Miscellanea Berolinensia*, & dont Leibnitz, Wolf, & d'autres ont fait usage, quoiqu'en général les auteurs ne s'en servent point. *Voyez SIMILITUDE.*

D'autres auteurs employent ce même *caractère*, pour marquer la différence entre deux quantités, lorsque l'on ignore laquelle est la plus grande. *Voyez DIFFÉRENCE.*

Le signe \checkmark est le *caractère* de radicalité ; il fait voir que la racine de la quantité qui en est précédée, est

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nommen werden, in welcher sie am angeführten Orte erklärt sind. Man kan also auch sagen: es sey $AE = \frac{b \times c}{a} = \frac{AC \times AD}{AB}$, weil die Regel des 175

§ der Rech. im 199§ so allgemein erwiesen ist, daß sie diese Folge zuläßt.

209 §.

102 Gradlinichte Figuren ABCDEF, abcdef heissen F. ähnliche Figuren, wenn bey einer gleichen Anzahl von Seiten, die Winkel A, B, C, u. s. f. den Winkel a, b, c nach der Ordnung gleich, und die Seiten, welche die gleichen Winkel einschliessen, einander proportional sind. Diese Seiten nennt man die gleichnahmigten Seiten der Figuren. Man braucht dies Zeichen (\sim) die Ähnlichkeit zweier Figuren anzudeuten.

Figuren also, die auf einander passen, sind nicht allein gleiche; sondern auch ähnliche Figuren.

\sim variation sequence to 223D

Diderot, Encyclopédie, Paris 1751 (top); Karsten 1767 (bottom).

The “lazy S” character is the historic predecessor of what we know in modern math notation as the “reversed tilde”, 223D. Originally it was created by simply turning a Latin sort S by 90 degrees. It occurs in larger amount of sources, of which we show a selection on the following pages.

findet man $a \cdot b = c \cdot d$ als Bezeichnung einer geometrischen Proportion, nach Saverien a. a. O., aber selten. Ein Verhältnis, welches aus den Verhältnissen $a:b$, $c:d$, $e:f$, u. s. f. zusammengesetzt ist, bezeichnet man durch $(a:b) + (c:d) + (e:f) + \dots$. Eine geometrische Progression wird auch bezeichnet durch $\div 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, \dots$; eben so eine stetige arithmetische Proportion durch $\div a \cdot b \cdot c$, eine stetige geometrische Proportion durch $\div a \cdot b \cdot c$. Eine arithmetische Progression durch $\div 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, \dots$

∞ bedeutet bei einigen englischen und französischen Schriftstellern, wenn es zwischen zwei Größen steht, wie z. B. a ∞ b, den Unterschied der beiden Größen a und b,

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Zeichen.

es mag die vorangeseckte a die größere oder die kleinere seyn. Dieses Zeichen scheint von Wallis zuerst gebraucht zu seyn. Es ist aber völlig unnöthig und unnütz, daher auch gar nicht in Gebrauch gekommen. Das Vorzeichen der Differenz liefert die nöthige Bestimmung von selbst.

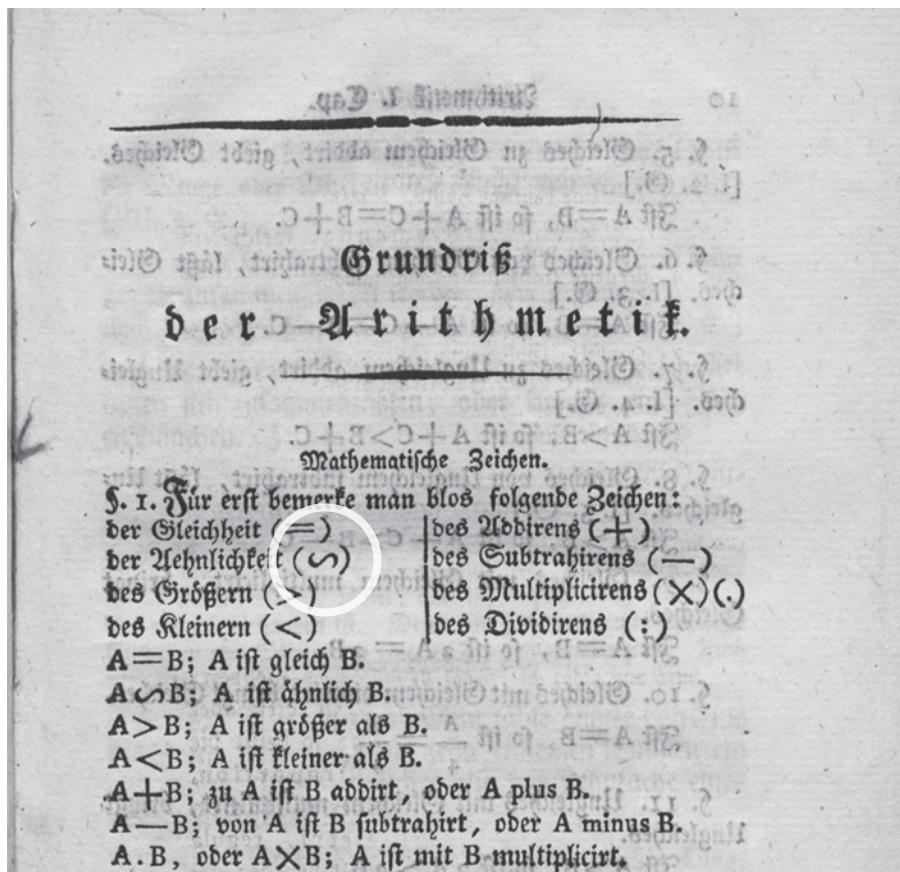
Bei deutschen Schriftstellern ist \approx das Zeichen der Ähnlichkeit, ein liegendes lateinisches S. Leibniz und Wolf haben es zuerst angewandt. Oft gebraucht man das Wort ähnlich selbst. Vergl. Miscellan. Berolin. Part. III. p. 159.

Mit dem Begriffe hat auch Gauß das Zeichen \equiv als Zeichen der Zahlen-Congruenz eingeführt (s. den Art. Zahl. II. 1.). $\sqrt{-1}$ wird oft, auch in diesem Wörterbuche, durch i bezeichnet.

Hat eine Größe mehrere Werthe, so wird nach Cauchy
der Inbegriff aller Werthe durch Einschließung in doppelte
Klammer, die folgende Form erhält:

\curvearrowleft variation sequence to 223D

Klügel 1831.



↪ variation sequence to 223D

Lorenz 1798.

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Figuren weit einfacher, als die kollinearer Figuren; wir müssen also jene vor diesen kennen lernen.

Die Abbildung erfolgt unter den angegebenen Bedingungen ebenso wie die Abbildung der Figuren einer Ebene auf eine zweite Ebene; es sind hierbei gleichsam beide Ebenen in eine zusammengefallen, und die Unterscheidung der Teile beider Figuren kann in der Weise geschehen, dass man von Punkten und Linien der ersten und der zweiten Ebene spricht. Die Übereinstimmung mit der Projektion einer Ebene auf eine zweite wird im dritten Teil nachgewiesen werden.

3. Zwei Figuren heißen ähnlich (\sim), wenn sie in perspektivisch ähnliche Lage, projektivisch (π), wenn sie in perspektivische Lage gebracht werden können.

↪ variation sequence to 223D

Henrici/Treutlein 1881.

VERKLAARING der Merktees in dit Werk ge- bruikt.

— Beteekent gelyk.

+ — meer; dus $a+b$ is even zoo veel als a tot b vergaard.

— — min; dat is $a-b$, wil zoo veel zeggen als a min b .

\times of $()$, verbeeld vermeenigvuldigt: Dus is $a \times b$ zoo veel als a vermeenigvuldigt door b ; even zoo is het met $(a+b)c$ of $(a+b) \times c$.

$>$ beteekend groter: dat is $6 > 4$ of 6 groter als 4 .

\triangleleft — kleiner: dus $3 \triangleleft 5$ of 3 kleiner als 5 .

Δ — driehoek.

\square — vierkant, vierhoek of parallelogram.

\approx — gelykvoormig, wanneer a gelykvoormig is aan b , schryft men het zelve $a \approx b$.

\perp beteekent loodrecht.

INLEI-

in een en zelvde punt A ontmoeten.

BETOOGINGE.

Laat ons voor een oogenblik veronderstellen, dat, de rechte MN de lyn PQ in het stip A ontmoet, maar dat RS het die zelvde PQ in eenig ander stip als B doet, zoo is het klaar, dat 'er alleen be toogt moet worden dat de stippen A en B in elkander smelten en op een vallen; of 't geen op het zelvde uitkomt, dat $AP =$ is aan BP . Dewyl de lynen PM en QN ; PR en QS evenwydig aan elkander zyn ieder aan ieder zoo zyn de Δ : APM en AQN \approx , als mede de Δ : BPR en BQS ; Door de eersten is $AP: AQ = PM: QN$ (n), en door de stelling . . . $PM: QN = PR: QS$, de Δ : BPQ en BQS geven . . . $PR: QS = BP:$

(n) Eucl. Def. I. 6.

≈ variation sequence to 223D

Mauduit 1764, p. xxiiii (top),
p. 109, 116.

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QN zoo wel evenwydig zynde als LI en NS , (door de saamenstelling) zyn de Δ : CIL en OSN \approx ; dus is $CI: OS = IL: NS$ (w); maar door de eigenschappen van de elips heeft men $IL: NS = IF: MS$, dus ook $CI: OS = IF: MS$ (a); waar uit volgt, dat de rechthoekige Δ : CIF en OSM ook \approx zyn (w), en by gevolg de lynen CF en M evenwydig aan elkander (c).

V. GRONDLES.

§. 95. Het vierkant \overline{PM}^2 (Fig. 18.) van eene ordinaat PM aan een diameteer CE in de elips, staat tot den regthoek $EPXeP$ of $\overline{CE}^2 - \overline{CP}^2$ der abscissen EP en eP , gelyk het vierkant \overline{CF}^2 van den halven mede-diameteer CF staat tot het vierkant \overline{CE}^2 van den halven diameteer CE op welken

| divisé par, entre deux nombres. Voir \times . Devant un nombre seul signifie *le réciproque de* (Int § 22, II § 2 P21). Dans les parties I-IV il a aussi la signification du signe f .

$\sqrt{}$ racine arithmétique. Il se place devant un nombre positif (II § 6).

$\sqrt{*}$ racines algébriques. Il se place devant un nombre réel ou imaginaire (II § 9 P11).

! factorielle (III § 1 P30, 31).

$>$ est plus grand que. Il se place entre deux nombres réels finis (II § 5), entre un nombre fini et l'infini (V § 1 P6, § 3 P7), ou deux transfinis (VI § 2 P13).

$<$ est plus petit que. Voir $>$.

\mathfrak{J} fonction. Voir f .

' ' Signes qui forment des fonctions (Intr § 21). Voir \sim , \cap , Ne , Ω , etc.

$a^{\neg}b$, $a-b$, $a^{\neg}b$, $a^{\neg}b$ intervalles de a à b , avec, ou sans les extrêmes (Intr § 2, V § 4 P41-45).

| Signe du produit intérieur de deux nombres complexes du même ordre (V § 4 P24).

$\binom{b}{a}$ Signe de la substitution de b à a (Intr § 28).

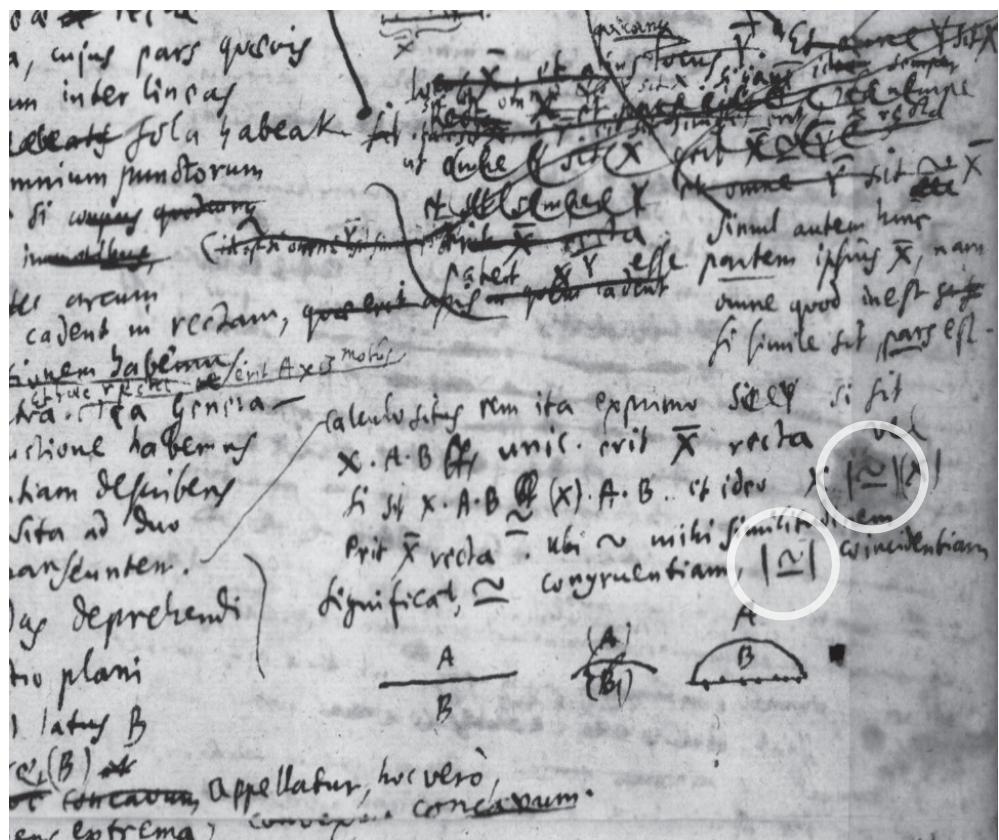
\approx est semblable, ou de la même puissance ; on l'écrit entre deux classes (VI § 1 P1).

II deuxième classe de nombres transfinis (VI § 2 P27).

|, \uparrow , \downarrow (Intr § 32-33). Ils ne figurent pas dans le Formulaire.

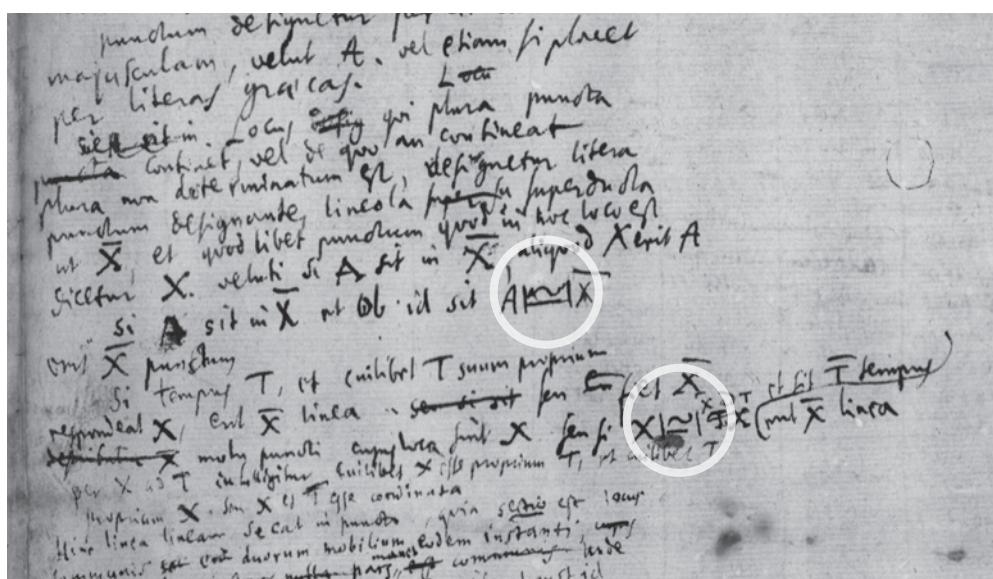
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Peano 1895.



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❧ LEIBNIZIAN COINCIDENCE

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fuisset aggressus demonstrare, in triangulo duo quaecunque latera esse tertio majora; id enim ex tali definitione statim consequebatur.

(2) Ego varias lineae rectae definitiones habeo: veluti *Recta* est linea, cuius pars quaevis est similis toti, quanquam *Recta* non solum inter lineas, sed etiam inter magnitudines hoc sola habeat. Sit locus \bar{X} (fig. 82), et locus aliis quicunque \bar{Y} , qui insit priori, seu cujusque punctum quodvis Y sit X ; si jam \bar{Y} est simile ipsi \bar{X} , erit \bar{X} recta. Simul autem hinc patet, Y esse *partem* ipsius \bar{X} , nam omne quod inest si simile sit, *pars* est.

(3) Definio etiam *rectam*, locum omnium punctorum ad duo puncta sui situs unicorum. Et hinc si quaecunque magnitudo moveatur duobus punctis immotis, mota quidem puncta arcum circuli describent, quiescentia autem omnia cadent in rectam, in quam cadent omnium illorum Circulorum centra. Et haec recta erit Axis Motus. Ita generationem rectae et circuli una eademque constructione habemus. At punctum extra rectam positum, circumferentiam describens, infinita percurrit puncta, eodem modo sita ad duo illa puncta immota et ad rectam per ea transeuntem. Calculo situs rem ita exprimo: Si sit $X.A.B$ unic., erit \bar{X} recta, vel si sit $X.A.B \approx (X).A.B$ et ideo $X \approx (X)$, erit \bar{X} recta, ubi \approx mihi similitudinem significat, \approx congruentiam, \approx coincidentiam.

(4) Sed ad Euclideas demonstrationes perficiendas deprehendi hac opus esse definitio, ut *recta* sit *sectio plani* utrinque se habens eodem modo, ut latus A (fig. 83) et latus B , cum in *curva*

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Gerhard 1858, p. 185.

Ad calculum situs constituendum utile est omnia à verbis reduci ad signa, remque eo usque produci donec habeatur Analysis, id est donec demonstrationes theorematum sine ope ingenii, certo ratiocinandi filo prodeant.

Punctum designetur per literam majusculam, velut A, vel enim si placet per literas graecas.

Locus qui plura puncta continet, vel de quo an continet plura non determinatum est, designetur litera punctum designante, lineola superducta ut \bar{X} , et quodlibet punctum quod in hoc loco est dicetur X. Veluti si A sit in \bar{X} , aliquod X erit A.

Si A sit in \bar{X} et ob id sit $A \simeq \bar{X}$, erit \bar{X} punctum.

Si tempus T, et cuilibet T saum proprium respondeat X, erit \bar{X} linea. Seu fiet \bar{X} motu puncti; complura sint X seu si $X \simeq |X|$ ad T et sit \bar{T} tempus erit \bar{X} linea per X ad T; intelligitur cuilibet X esse proprium T, et cuilibet T proprium X. Seu X et T esse coordinata.

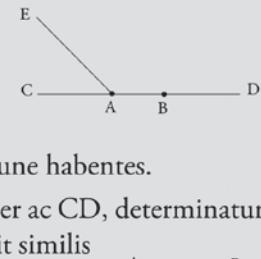
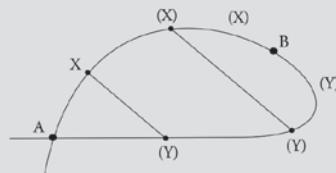
Hinc linea lineam secat in puncto, quia **sectio** est locus communis duorum mobilium eodem instanti, ita ut post id instans nihil sit ipsis mobilibus commune. Sed haec definitio non potest applicari ad sectionem in motu superficierum et corporum, quia duae lineae generantes suam quaevis superficiem, et duae superficies generantes quaevis suum corpus rari tales sunt ut ex toto vel parte congruere possint. At punctum puncto semper congruit sectionis ergo definitioni nostrae generali standum, ut sit totum commune duabus magnitudinibus partem communem non habentibus.

Ex natura similitudinis consequitur rectas duas non nisi in uno puncto sibi occurtere posse. Habeant commune punctum A et inde egrediantur AX et AY et rursus concurrant in B. Moveantur puncta X et Y velocitatibus, quae sunt ut AXB ad AYB, ita concurrent in puncto B. Sit autem *cu'uscumque* puncti motus uniformis. Cum sit $A(X) \simeq AX$ et $A(Y) \simeq AY$ et motus per $A(X)$ vel $A(Y)$ similis motu per AX , AY , atque adeò $A(X)(Y)$ et AXY determinentur similiter, erit et $A(X)(Y) \simeq AXY$. Cum ergo non coincident X et Y, neque etiam coincident (X) et (Y) adeoque nec poterit dari punctum B.

Hinc datis duobus punctis determinata est recta, quae puncta connectit; seu rectae extremis congruentes totae congruent.

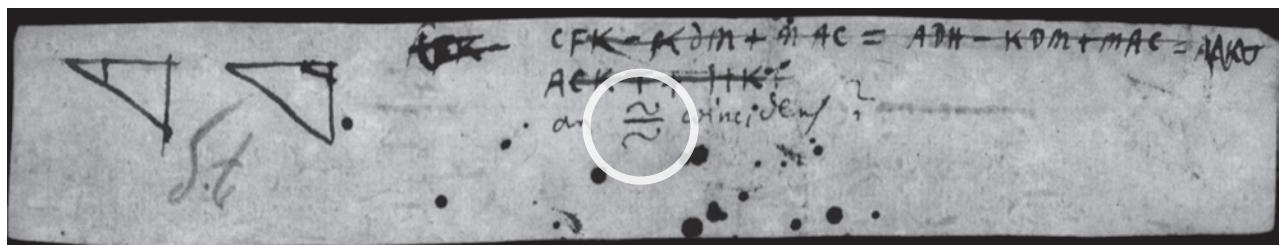
Et datis duobus punctis determinata est recta infinita transiens per duo puncta. Nam determinata est recta AB, nec produci potest utrinque nisi uno modo, ut versus C vel D, nam si ex A versus C et E produci posset, rectae EAB et CAB darentur, plus quam punctum commune habentes.

Duae rectae AB et CD sunt similes inter se: nam AB, pariter ac CD, determinatur ex eo ut duo puncta connectuntur per rectam cuius pars sit similis



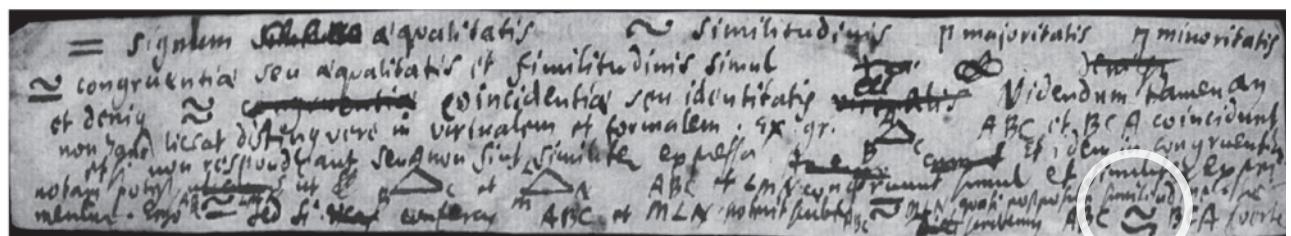
LEIBNIZIAN COINCIDENCE; \simeq variation sequence to 2243
de Risi 2007, p. 604, 605.

≈ variation sequence to 2A6C
LH 35 I 13, f.1r



\approx variation sequence to 2A6C

LH 35 I 14, f. 75r



\approx INVERTED LAZY S OVER LAZY S

LH 35 I 14, f. 75v

designetur per x , lineam super litera ducendo. Si quaevis loci puncta sint Y et Z , loca erunt \bar{Y} vel \bar{Z} . Sit ergo totum \bar{x} , partes constituentes sint \bar{Y} et \bar{Z} , et sectio sit \bar{v} , formari poterunt hae propositiones: Omne Y est X , omne Z est X , quia \bar{Y} et \bar{Z} insunt ipsi \bar{x} . Sed et quod non est Y nec Z , id non est X , posito \bar{Y} et \bar{Z} esse partes constituentes seu exhaustientes totum \bar{x} . Porro omne V est Y , et omne V est Z , quia \bar{v} est ipsis \bar{Y} et \bar{Z} commune, seu utriusque inest. Denique quod est Y et Z simul, id etiam est V , quia \bar{v} est sectio seu terminus communis totus, scilicet qui continet quicquid utriusque commune est, partem enim (seu aliquid praeter terminum) non habent communem. Hinc omnes Logicae subalternationes, conversiones, oppositiones et consequentiae hic locum interdum cum fructu habent, cum alias a realibus proscriptae fuerint visae, hominum vitio, non propria culpa.

(8) *Coincident loca \bar{x} et \bar{y} , si omne X sit Y , et omne Y sit X . Hoc ita designo: $\bar{x} \approx \bar{y}$.*

(9) *Punctum est locus, in quo nullus alias locus assumi*

\approx variation sequence to 2A6C

Gerhard 1858, p. 173.

109 (40946). SIGNA CONGRUENTIAE ET COINCIDENTIAE
[1677 – 1716]

Überlieferung: L Konzept: LH 35 I 14 Bl. 75. 1 Streifen ca 16,5 × 3 cm. 8 Z. auf Bl. 75 v°, 3 Z. auf Bl. 75 r°. Auf Bl. 75 r° oben Berechnungen, die bis auf die Figuren gestrichen sind (= Z. 15–18). [noch].

Datierungsgründe: [noch].

= signum aequalitatis \approx similitudinis \sqcap majoritatis \sqcap minoritatis \approx congruentiae seu aequalitatis et similitudinis simul et denique \approx coincidentiae seu identitatis. Videndum tamen an non hanc liceat distinguere in virtuali et formale. Ex. gr.

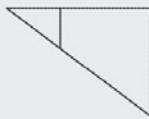
10  ABC et BCA coincidunt etsi non respondeant seu non sint similiter expressa.

Et idem in congruentia notari potest, ut  et  ABC et LMN congruunt simul et similiter exprimentur. Ergo ABC \approx LMN. Sed si conferas APC et MNL pergit scribi ABC \approx LMN, quasi postposita similitudine seu scribemus ABC \approx BCA. An \approx coincidentes?

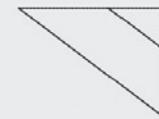
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[Berechnungen auf Bl. 75 r°, bis auf Figuren gestrichen]

CFK – KDM + MAC = ADH – KDM + MAC =



[Fig. 1]



[Fig. 2]

ACKT + HKT

7 signum (1) Similitu (2) aequalitatis L 8 et (1) \approx (2) similitudinis simul (a) \leftarrow co*(i)* (b) \approx (c) denique (d) et denique (aa) congruentiae (bb) coincidentiae L 8 f. identitatis (1) virtualis (2).

Videndum L 10 f. expressa. (1) tantum current (2) Et L 11 ut (1) congr*(u)* (2) si (3)  C et L 12 f. Ergo (1) \approx Sed si (a) dicas (b) conferas ... scribi \approx (2) ABC \approx LMN L 13 seu (1) dice (2) scribemus ABC \approx BCA. | an \approx coincidens? erg. | L 16 (1) AD (2) | CFK ... MAC = gestr. | L 18 ACKT + HKT gestr. L

\approx
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Ergo (1) \approx Sed si (a) dicas (b) conferas
s ABC \approx BCA. | an \approx coincidens? erg. |
HKT gestr. L

\approx INVERTED LAZY S OVER LAZY S;

\approx variation sequence to 2A6C, \approx variation sequence to 2243, \approx variation sequence to 2248, \approx variation sequence to 2242.

Mathesis vs. 2, Hannover 2025 (PDF), p. 360

(21) Si $a, b \approx l, m$, et $a, c \approx l, n$, et $b, c \approx m, n$ erit
 $a, b, c \approx l, m, n$.

(22) Si $a, b, c \approx l, m, n$ erit
 $a, b \approx l, m$. Et ita, nonne,
 binis binis respondentibus

(23) Si $a, b, c \approx l, m, n$ et
 $a, b, d \approx l, m, p$ et $a, c, d \approx l, n, p$
 erit $a, b, c, d \approx l, m, n, p$

(24) Si duorum communis quid
 communem aliquam naturam puncta
 determinare detur. ~~hanc naturam ad~~
 unius habentium puncta, et sicut natura
 ad certum individuum determinanda,
 quidem certa se sicut habent,
~~hinc illa inter se congrua erunt.~~
 Sit apparet communis natura.
 Et ponamus determinatis punctis
 in \odot , determinatum esse \odot , secundum
 nisi unum esse \odot quod caderet
 in puncta habent, ~~hinc~~ et
 sicut duos F, G et H, I , ex quibus tam
~~hinc~~ puncta in F, G ut a, b, c, d , et
 in puncta in H, I ut l, m, n, p , sit
 et in punctis in F, G et in H, I erit

(1) ~~Principia~~ ~~Characteristica~~ ~~seu~~
~~Principia~~ ~~figuratum est~~ ~~figuratum per notas observationes~~

(2) punctum puncto simile est, ~~et~~ $a \approx b$

(3) ~~Punctum~~ puncto congruus ~~A~~ ~~B~~ $a \approx b$
 Hoc non solum ad aliorum quoque a, b per notas determinantur
~~Principia~~ ~~figuratum est~~ ~~figuratum per notas observationes~~
~~Principia~~ ~~figuratum est~~ ~~figuratum per notas observationes~~

(4) Punctum puncto, in quo assumentur $a \approx b$
 coincidit, sicut si $\overline{A, B}$ $a \approx b$ in puncto C .
 Si plura puncta aliquam communem
 proprietatem habent, et ideo unum
 quodque ex ipsis communis nomine
 appelletur X . ~~hunc~~ hunc locum
 omnibus communem et solis proprium
 appellabimus X . sive X significabit:
 (4) Unde punctum X esse in \overline{X} , et
 omne punctum in \overline{X} esse X .

Si $\overline{X} \approx \overline{Y}$ est $\overline{X} \approx \overline{Y}$
 his est namque \overline{X} et \overline{Y} aliorum
 extensis coincidit, et in puncto
 Si unum X est Y et omne Y est X
 est $\overline{X} \approx \overline{Y}$. et si $\overline{X} \approx \overline{Y}$, et omne
 (7) Si omne X est Y , ~~hunc~~
 quidam Y ~~est~~ X , erit $\overline{X} \approx \overline{Y}$.

\cong variation sequence to 2243

LH 35 I 14, fol. 1r

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Sed & *proportionalitas* vel analogia de quantitatibus enuntiatur, id est, rationis identitas, quam possumus in Calculo exprimere per notam & qualitatis, 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 continua proportionalium erit $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$, ita ut $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d} = \frac{b}{c} = \frac{d}{a}$ &c. &c. sint continua proportionales.

Interduum nota *Similitudinis* prodest, quæ est \sim , item nota si-
militudinis & æqualitatis simul, seu nota *congruitatis* \simeq , Sic D E F \sim
P Q R significabit Triangula hæc duo esse similia; at D E F \simeq P Q R
significabit congruere inter se. Hinc si tria inter se habeant ex dem-
rationem quam tria alia inter se, poterimus hoc exprimere nota si-
militudinis, ut $a; b; c \sim l; m; n$ 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

\cong variation sequence to 22CD

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

angle, jusques à O, en sorte qu'NO soit égale à NL,
la toute OM est à la ligne cherchée. Et elle s'exprime
en cette sorte

$$2 \cos \frac{1}{2} \alpha + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} aa + bb}.$$

Que si iay $y \infty - a y + b b$, & qu'y soit la quantité qu'il faut trouver, ie fais le mesme triangle rectangle N L M, & de sa baze M N i'oste N P esgale a N L, & le reste P M est y la racine cherchée. De façon que iay $y \infty - \frac{1}{2} a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a a + b b}$. Et tout de mesme si i'aurois $x \infty - a x + b$. P M feroit x . & i'aurois $x \infty \sqrt{-\frac{1}{2} a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} a a + b b}}$: & ainsi des autres.

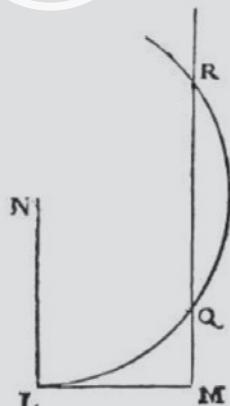
Enfin si i'ay

$$z \propto a z - b b$$

ie fais $N\bar{L}$ esgale à $\frac{1}{2}a$, & $L\bar{M}$
esgale à b cōme deuāt, puis, au lieu
de ioindre les poins $M\bar{N}$, ie tire
 $M\bar{Q}\bar{R}$ parallele a $L\bar{N}$. & du cen-
tre N par L ayant descrit vn cer-
cle qui la coupe aux poins Q &
 R , la ligne cherchée γ est $M\bar{Q}$,
oubiē $M\bar{R}$, car en ce cas elle s'ex-

prime en deux façons, a ζ auoient $\zeta \propto \frac{1}{2}a + \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}aa - bb}$,
 & $\zeta \propto \frac{1}{2}a - \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}aa - bb}$.

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 fagon qu'on peut assurer que la construction du probleme propose est impossible.



∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL

Descartes, La Géométrie, 1637, p. 303

Here the type composer utilized a turned **œ** letter from which he carved off the horizontal bar of the **e**, as a makeshift for ∞ . Rather than sticking to that desperate solution, we see ∞ being graphically a rotated variant of 221D **œ** PROPORTIONAL TO.

∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL

LAA III-2 p. 698. – Equal sign introduced and mainly used by René Descartes.

JOHANN JAKOB FERGUSON F.

Überlieferung:
K Abfertigung: LH XXXV 12,2 Bl. 32 – 33. 1. Bog. 2^o. 1 S. (Bl. 33 v^o). Bemerkung von Leibniz' Hand. Auf Bl. 32 r^o Aufzeichnung von Leibniz zur gleichen Thematik; auf Bl. 33 r^o und Bl. 33 v^o Aufzeichnung von Leibniz zum Albazenschen Problem. — (Unsere Druckvorlage)

Ponatur latus quadrati $2ax + b$ eritque

quadratum $aaa x + 2abx + bb$

addatur *non plus* *h* *c*

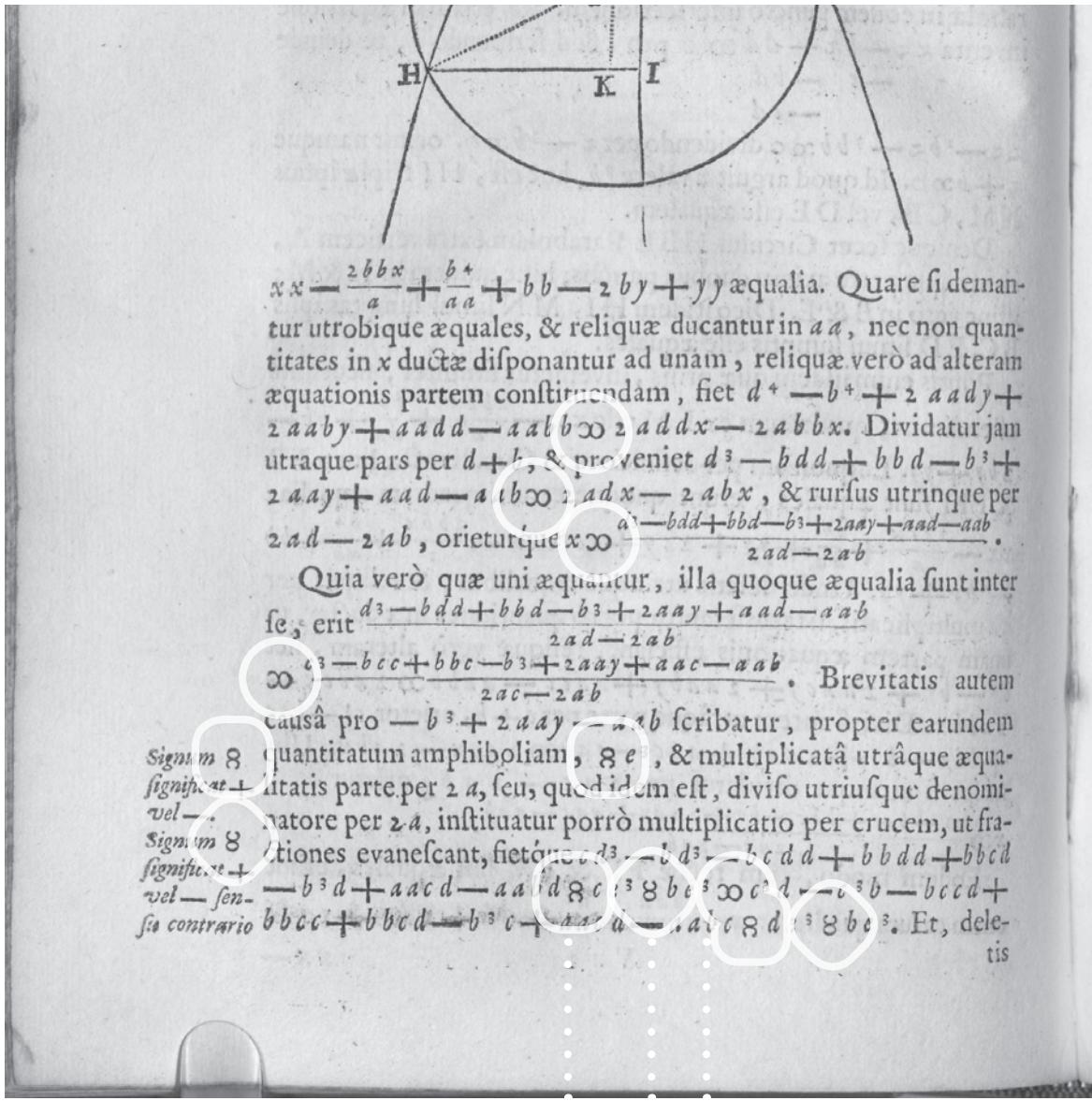
20 et Cubus $aaxx + 2abx + bb + c$, aequale cubo cujus latus $dx + f$ ergo
 $\sim d^3x^3 + 3ddfx + 3dff + f^3$, sit jam $bb + c \propto f^3$ habebitur
 $d^3x^3 + 3ddfx \propto aaxx + 2abx$ sive $d^3xx + 3ddfx + 3dff \propto aax + 2ab$ sit iterum
 $3dff \propto 2ab$, et erit $d^3xx + 3ddfx \propto aax$ sive $d^3x + 3ddf \propto aa$ vel $x \propto \frac{aa - 3ddf}{d^3}$ unde
 $dx + f \propto \frac{aa - 2ddf}{dd}$ sive $\propto \frac{aa}{dd} - 2f$ latus Cubi.

∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL. LAA III-3 p. 102.

		<i>neum</i> $\delta\gamma\pi\rho$	<i>tur spatium</i> $\delta\gamma\pi\rho$.
ibid.	l. 24.	$\frac{trdy}{z} = rdx$	v. pag. 284. l. 14. ubi
		$y \propto \frac{zx}{t}$.	10
pag.	286.	l. 9.	$\text{Nam } \frac{zdz}{\sqrt{rr - zz}} \propto FE,$ omnia autem $FE \propto CA$ seu $\sqrt{rr - zz},$ z indefinite accipitur pro quavis DG

∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL

LAA III-7 p. 137



8 8 ∞

∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL, 8 LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2,

8 LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 INVERTED

Francisci à Schooten In Geometriam Renati Des Cartes Commentarii, p. 340. Amsterdam 1659.

The image is from an anthology of Descartes' Geometria, this copy was in possession of G. W. Leibniz. It shows that van Schooten created the characters 8 and 8 on the model of Descartes' sign for *equal* ∞ ; here he uses them for the meanings "plusminus" and "minusplus". Leibniz eventually adopted these characters to denote "congruence".

Source: GWLB Hannover, Leibn. Marg. 178, 1

\wedge	Multiplikation	Proportion:
\times	Überkreuzmultiplikation	$a:b = c:d$
\cup	Division	$a - b - c - d$
$a^q, a^0, a^{qq} \dots$	$a^2, a^3, a^4 \dots$	$a \overline{-} b \overline{-} c \overline{-} d$ (Tschirnhaus)
$a_2, a_3 \dots$	$a^2, a^3 \dots$ (Ozanam)	$a \overline{\times} b \overline{\times} c \overline{\times} d$
$\square, \boxed{2}$	Quadrat	$a:b :: c:d$
$q., Q.$	Quadrat	$a \cdot b : c \cdot d$
$rq., Rq.$	Quadratwurzel	a, b, c, d
$\sqrt[3]{C}, \sqrt[3]{3}, Rc$	Kubikwurzel	$a b \parallel c d$ (Hérigone)
$rqq., Rqq.$	4. Wurzel	Elementarsymmetrische Funktionen:
$\sqrt[n]{\bullet}$	n-te Wurzel	$xy = ab + ac + \dots + bd \dots$
$\#$	identisch	$\vdots \vdots \vdots \vdots$
\equiv	gleich	$vxy = abc + abd + \dots + bcd + \dots$
\approx	gleich (Descartes)	∞ Folge
$\not\approx$	gleich (Tschirnhaus-Variante)	\bullet ausfallende Glieder
\sim	gleich (Ozanam)	$*$ ausfallende Glieder
\sqsupset	S. 57: minus (Hérigone)	S. 34: Multiplikation
\sqsubset	größer als	Kürzung eines Bruches
$\sqsupset\sqsubset$	kleiner als	f facit
		\times Neunerprobenkreuz

∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL – key to symbols, LAA VII-1

German natural scientist Ehrenfried Walther von Tschirnhaus (1651–1708) adopted Descartes' symbol ∞ for *equal*, but wrote it in a more sloppy version with a straight downwards going line. This led the editors of the Leibniz Akademie-Ausgabe (LAA) to decide to distinguish the two variants, and so these two came into use for many decades. Initially we proposed a second character:

∞ TSCHIRNHAUS EQUAL

which reflects this typographic convention. In certain situations it is desirable to maintain the distinction for historiographical reasons, to trace different authors and writing habits. On the other hand, ∞ and $\not\approx$ actually bear the same meaning: *equal*. Therefore we propose to encode ∞ as a new character but to encode the Tschirnhaus variant as a variation sequence:

xb17;CARTESIAN EQUAL;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb17 FE00; with descender; # CARTESIAN EQUAL

[Tschirnhaus]

$$x^3 - pxx + qx - r \not\approx 0$$

$$pp \not\approx 3q$$

$$\frac{pp}{4} + \frac{2r}{p} \not\approx 4$$

$$x \not\approx \frac{p}{3} [-] \sqrt[3]{\frac{p^3}{27} - r}$$

$$x \not\approx \frac{p}{3} + \sqrt{\frac{pp}{9} - r}$$

$$x^4 - px^3 + qxx - rx + s \not\approx 0$$

$$\frac{rr}{p^2} \not\approx s$$

$$x \not\approx \frac{p}{4} + \sqrt{\frac{pp}{4} +} + \sqrt{\quad + \sqrt{\quad}}$$

$$x^4 - 2ax^3 + ccx^2 + a^6 - a^4$$

∞ variation sequence to CARTESIAN EQUAL (Tschirnhaus variant)
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 gelijcke deelen deelt, dan is AB , een weijnig kleijnder als $\frac{1}{5}$ deel van AC (wen AB is $\varpropto AC$) 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 $\varpropto AC$ ofte een wenig kleijnder, het is genoeg om de $\angle ACB$, te deelen in 2 mahl, in 2 gelijcke deel, de \angle sal ontrent $\frac{4}{5}$ deel, van 1 minut differen (als men met de 2 eerste termen, als $\frac{b}{1} - \frac{b^3}{3} \varpropto$ de arcus ADE werckt) van de Tab. sinus; ende hoe naeder het kombt tot $\frac{1}{3}$ deel van AC , hoeweniger het verschiet.

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

\varpropto variation sequence to *CARTESIAN EQUAL* (Tschirnhaus variant)
LAA VII-6 p. 301

sive cubica $x^3 - pxx + qx - r\varphi o$ etc.; si jam saltem unicus terminus debeat auferri supponatur $x\varphi a + y$ et transmutatur aequatio in qua unicus terminus debet auferri; ope $x\varphi a + y$ in aliam; ubi y incognita radix, in qua ponatur ille terminus *auferendus* φo atque sic inveniemus quoniam ratione a sit assumenda ad terminum illam auferendum. Sit eg. in hac aequatione $xx - px + q\varphi o$ auferendus secundus terminus fiat $x\varphi y + a$ jam vero $xx\varphi yy + 2ay + aa\varphi o$ adeoque ponendo $2ay - by\varphi o$ erit $2a - p\varphi o$
 $-px\varphi - py - pa$
 $+ q\varphi$
et $a\varphi \frac{p}{2}$, hinc patet debere fieri $x\varphi y + \frac{p}{2}$ ad secundum terminum in aequatione quadratica

\varpropto variation sequence to *CARTESIAN EQUAL* (Tschirnhaus variant)
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^{da} est supponendo formulas 15 omnes possibles radicalium $x\varphi \sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}$, $x\varphi \sqrt[3]{a} + b$, $x\varphi \sqrt{a + \sqrt{b + \sqrt{c}}}$ quae facile omnes quo esse possunt numero determinantur et tunc liberandae sunt ab signis radicalibus atque comparatio instituenda. Specimen Tibi exhibeo ad formulas Cardanicas obtainendas sit $x\varphi \sqrt[3]{a} + \sqrt[3]{b}$ supponatur jam $\sqrt[3]{a}\varphi c$ et $\sqrt[3]{b}\varphi d$ et habebimus has tres aequationes $x\varphi c + d$, $a\varphi c^3$ et $b\varphi d^3$ quibus reductis inveniemus aequationem absque signo radicali 20 (ut Tibi jam notum erit juxta Methodum D. de Beaune radicalia signa auferendi, quaeque

[Vierter Teil]

$$\begin{array}{l} a + b \not\propto ac + 2cd + dd \\ a \not\propto cc \qquad \qquad b \not\propto 2cd \end{array}$$

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \not\propto e^2 + 3cd^2 + 3c^3d + d^3$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} a^2 \not\propto c^3 & 2ab \not\propto 3c^2d & b^2 \not\propto 3cd^2 + d^3 \\ a \not\propto \sqrt{c^3} & b \not\propto \frac{3c^2d}{2a} & \frac{9c^4dd}{4e^2} \not\propto 3c^3d + d^3 \\ & & \frac{9cdd}{4} \\ & & 9cdd \not\propto 12c^3d + d^3 \\ & & 9cd \not\propto 12c^3 + dd \\ & & \hline & & dd \not\propto 9cd - 12c^3 \\ & & d \not\propto 3c + \sqrt{9cc - 12c^3} \\ & & d \not\propto 3c + c\sqrt{9 - 12c} \end{array}$$

∞ variation sequence to *CARTESIAN EQUAL* (Tschirnhaus variant)
LAA VII-8 p. 287; III-2 p. 380 (below)

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

ratione determinentur. 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 absolvit; aequationes seu quaestiones ex aequaliter compositis primis et simplicissimis 5 quantitatibus $x + y \not\propto a$ et $xy \not\propto b$ reducuntur ad quadraticam $yy - ay + b \not\propto o$; $x + y + z \not\propto a$, $xy + xz + yz \not\propto b$, $xyz \not\propto c$ ad Cubicam $y^3 - ayy + by - c \not\propto o$; $x + y + z + t \not\propto a$, $xy + xz + xt + yz + yt + zt \not\propto b$, $xyz + xyt + xzt + yzt \not\propto c$, $xyzt \not\propto d$ ad quadrato-quadraticam $y^4 - ay^3 + byy - cy + d \not\propto o$ atque sic porro ubi jam notum et facillime demonstratur.

10 Jam vero 2^{do} aequationes

$$\begin{array}{lll} xx + yy \not\propto a, & xy \not\propto b \text{ possunt reduci ad} & xx + yy \not\propto a \text{ et} \quad xxxy \not\propto bb \text{ etc.} \\ x^3 + y^3 \not\propto a & & x^3 + y^3 \not\propto a \quad x^3y^3 \not\propto b^3 \\ x^4 + y^4 \not\propto a & & x^4 + y^4 \not\propto a \quad x^4y^4 \not\propto b^4 \end{array}$$

item per superiora Theorematha aequationes

$$\begin{array}{lll} 15 \quad xx + yy + zz \not\propto a, & xy + xz + yz \not\propto b, & xyz \not\propto c \\ x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \not\propto a & & \\ x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \not\propto a & & \end{array}$$

reducuntur ad aequationes

$$\begin{array}{lll} 20 \quad xx + yy + zz \not\propto a, & xxxy + yyzz + xxzz \not\propto & cognitae \quad xxxyzz \not\propto cc \\ x^3 + y^3 + z^3 \not\propto a & x^3y^3 + y^3z^3 + x^3z^3 & \text{quantitati} \quad x^3y^3z^3 \not\propto c^3 \\ x^4 + y^4 + z^4 \not\propto a & x^4y^4 + y^4z^4 + x^4z^4 & x^4y^4z^4 \not\propto c^4 \end{array}$$

The marked lines read:

Duae formulae et quae comparabiles non sunt per se, neque erunt comparabiles si per alias multiplicentur ut a per b et l per m , (nisi sit $m \propto a$ et $b \propto l$)
 \propto identitas \wp diversitas seu confossa obelo identitas
 \wp congruitas \wp incongruitas \sim similitudo \wp dissimilitudo

This detail of Leibniz's manuscript LH 35 VIII 30, f. 119v, shows ∞ (221E), ϕ (29DE) and \sim (variant to 223E) alongside the characters:

∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE

LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE WITH VERTICAL BAR

♪ LEIBNIZIAN DISSIMILARITY

We prefer the latter character $\not\sim$ not to be seen as a mere variant of 2241 \sim NOT TILDE and to give it its own codepoint. The obliqueness of the dash in 2241, together with the distinct lazy-S shape, does not let a unification under one codepoint seem appropriate.

∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE

Ms. LH 35 I 14, fol. 20r, 20v. *This manuscript is under preparation for edition.*

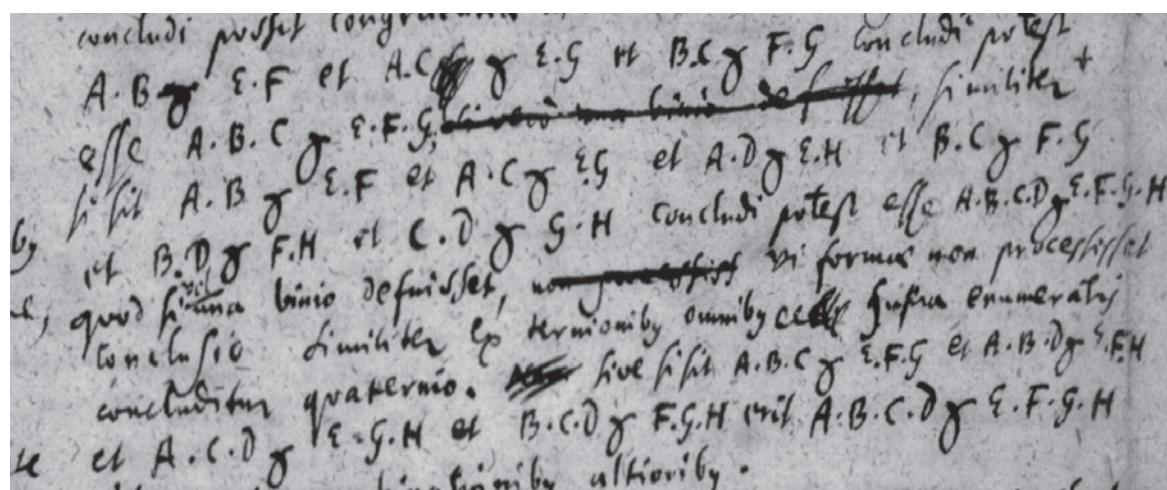
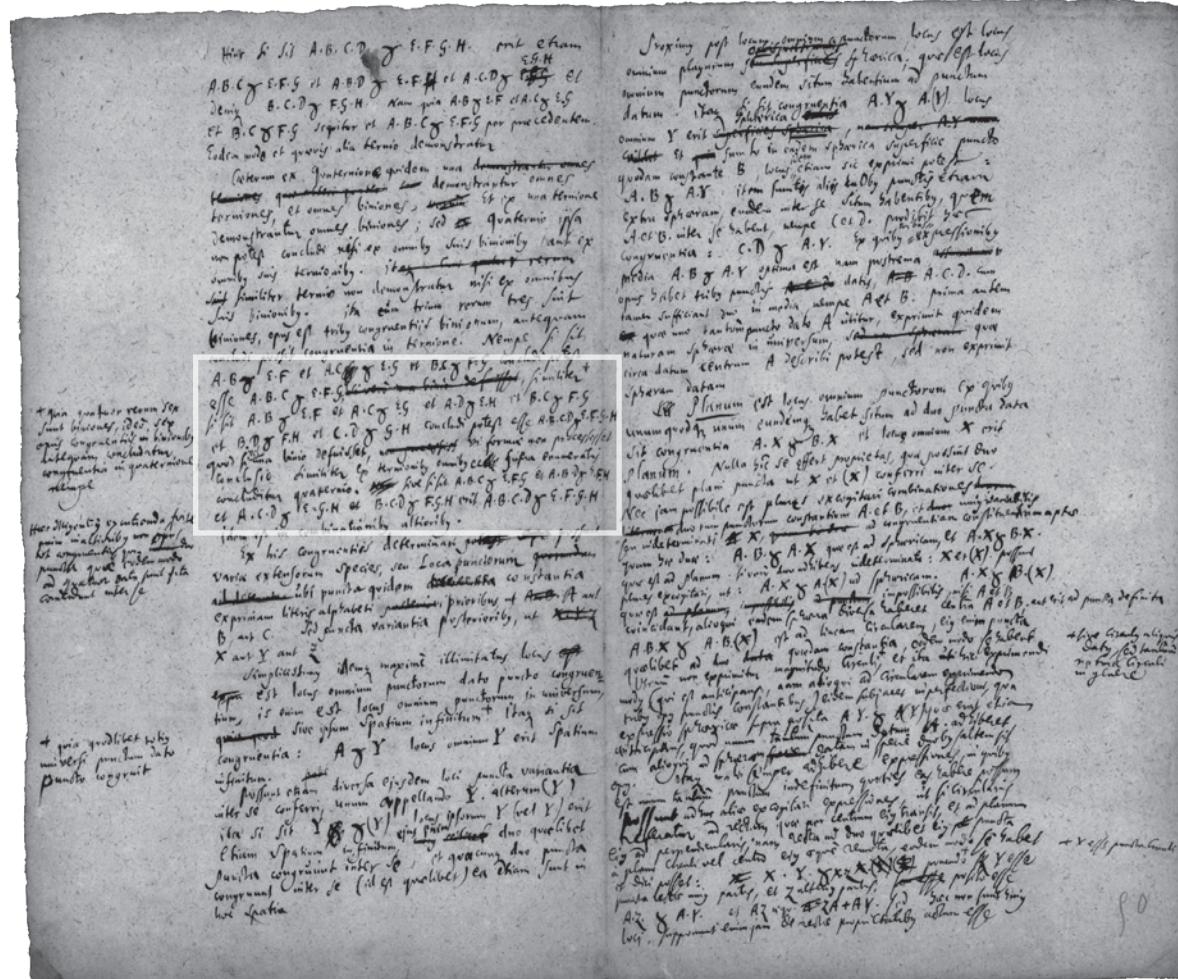
Si quicquid est in A ~~coincidit~~ ipsi A, tunc A dicitur Punitum
B/ Si A est punctum, et B est in A erit B ∞ A. Et contra
si B est in A, et ideo B ∞ A erit A ~~punctum~~, et B punctum.
Punctum puncto congruit seu A ∞ A ∞ C. Congrua
etiam sunt quorum determinatio qui ~~determinatiby~~ coinci-
dentiiby coincidunt, exempli causa tribus punctis datis datu-
est positione circulorum, itaq; quia duo circuli quales coinci-
dentiiby tribus eorum punctis, inter se coincidunt, bine-
congrui. At in punctis

∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE
Ms. LH 35 I 14, fol. 27r (top), fol. 29r

∞ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE

From a type specimen by Dr. John Fell, Oxford 1695. Source: Bodleian Library Oxford

Leibniz used an even greater and rather complex variety of symbols for *congruence*: \simeq , $\simeq\!\simeq$, \approx , $\approx\!\approx$ and $\approx\!\approx$. In this set, \approx is a glyph derived from the letter c , but its shape also reflects the intention to show a relation to the *infinity* symbol ∞ . In a similar way he developed the symbols \approx , $\approx\!\approx$ and $\approx\!\approx$ on the basis of the shape of ∞ CARTESIAN EQUAL and are used very frequently. They form a group in which the base character (\approx) gets differentiated in terms of the aspect of *coincidence* (with or without). – First, a few examples from Leibniz's manuscripts.



§ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2
LH 35 I 11, fol. 47v-46r (top); detail of fol. 47v

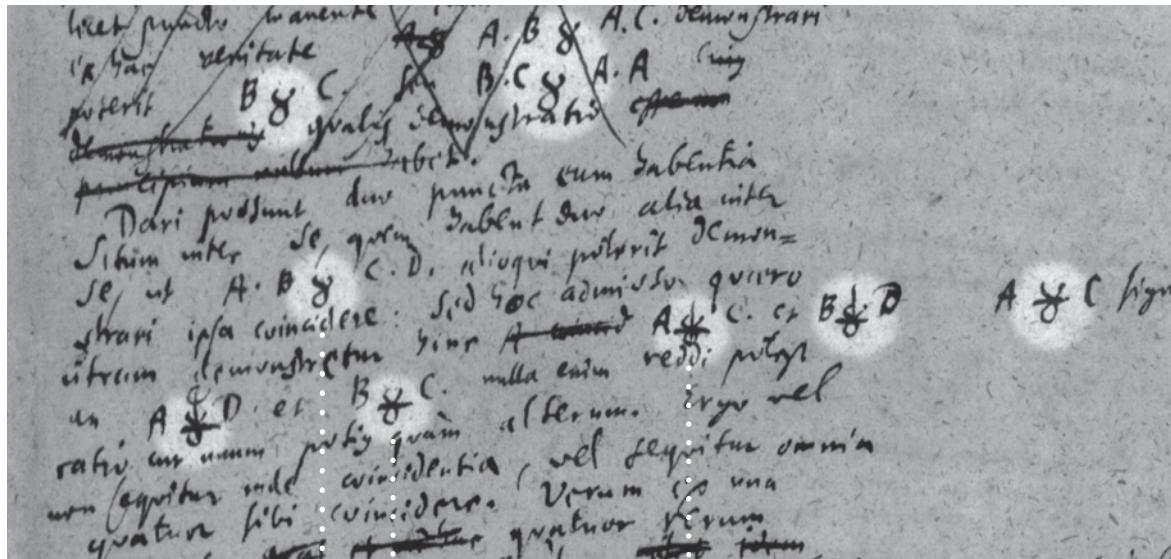
Potest puniri ad punitum dictum ministeri
potest ex precedenti. Potest enim alterius puniri
alius esse sit, quoniam hinc, trius et hinc ipsius
alii quoniam unus est, quoniam ab altero nulla in
re difficit, itaq; quod alteri possibile est, dicimus
ipsi possibile est. *leg. postulata est. Ad hanc etiam* (1) 3
Lucus ~~est~~ ~~est~~ regi est in quo ipsa sita est,
sicut quis alterius non potest, aut partis extremum est
vel autem in calce suffit intelligitur de loco
in partibus unius extremum est, ex parte
alterius conformatum. *Et in calce extremum puniri*
linea super ficti, *in calce extremum puniri* lineam significatio

Si situm determinatum
Ex quo datur puncta determinata ex tenui complexo
Sunt inter se situm determinatum
Pari possunt glosa puncta quae in situm
habent ad eam communem rationem / seu A.B.C.
possunt alio puncta cum situm
inter se, quae in eam quae in aliis intersc,
ut A.B.C. cum eam nullus in illis
possit esse ratio diversitatis. In eam puncta
sunt in aliis differentia, sive sunt propter inconfundibilitatem
sunt datus puncta quae

see p. 46

The shape of LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 is in a way similar to 8 GREEK SMALL LETTER OMICRON UPSILON, which we propose in doc. L-2535 (N5335R). They have different meanings and function in the mathematical context: 8 is a relation symbol whereas 8 is a Greek letter used as a variable. Visually 8 and 8 are clearly different in their position on the baseline. – See L-2535 p. 10 for further explanation.

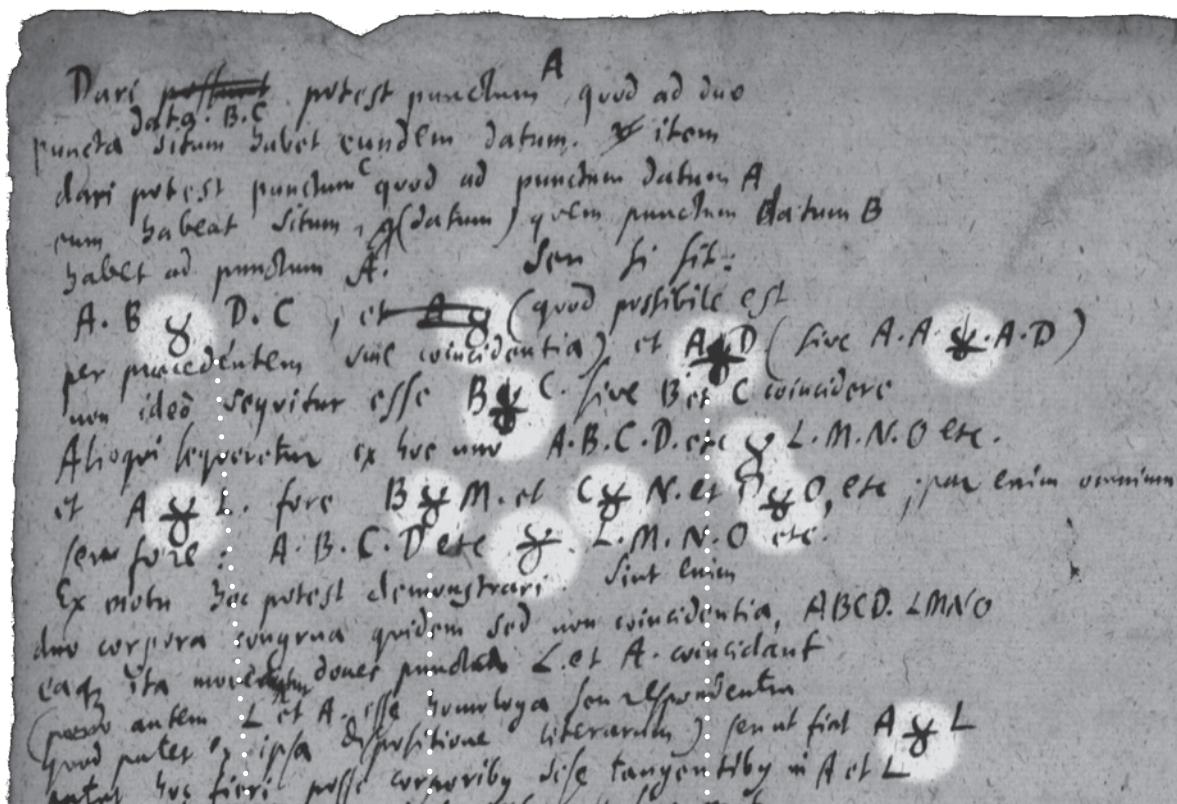
8 LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2, 8 LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 WITH HORIZONTAL BAR, 8 LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 WITH HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BAR



8 8

8

LH 35 I 11, part of fol. 49r



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LH 35 I 11, part of fol. 49v

Locus omnium punctorum γ sese eodem
modo habent ad hanc puncta data A, B, C tertium
punctum datum, ist circum γ argumentum est.
A. B. C. A. B. Y. si p. i. f. γ : At
A. B. Y. A. B. (Y) locus quidem sufficit γ circum qui
est ad hanc punctorum eodem modo γ habentium ad
hanc puncta data A, B non sufficit γ circum data A, B ad alios
autem (est) A. et B. efficiunt γ circum punctum ante ipsos
Locus omnium punctorum γ sese eadem modo
habent ad hanc puncta data A, B, C tertia puncta
data C γ habent eadem modo γ recta : ist
A. Y. B. Y. C. Y. cum si determinatio in
eiusmodi altera ultima definitio recte est quia iste locus determina-
tus est enim A, B, C nihil aliud quam habet ex duobus punctis
A. et B. et C determinatus, per LM. γ parum iam
punctorum C γ recta eadem modo γ habere ad tria puncta A, B, C .
Item punctum C hanc etiam quodlibet punctum in recta LM
conducere eadem modo γ habebit ad A. et B. et C. Ratione
hanc in determinatio recte : L. A. Y. B. Y. C. et M. A. Y. B. Y. M. C.
ergo est LM. A. Y. B. Y. C. et M. C.

~~A est B
B fort B~~
A designat
punctum B.
A-B significat
sive est longum
etiam situs d.
A-B-C. signat
A et B et C
Atq. ita pone
signat  sive
punctum A con-
ut nullum  A-B-C.
puncta A et
sive aliquod
unus sit, unus
punctus est
etiam unus
enuntiatio punct
transferrit.

8 LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2

LH 35 I 11, part of fol. 47r

hinc spatium punctum congruentium, id
pundorum dato puncto congruentium, id
est locus omnium punctorum absolute, quod
specie expimendo, ~~est~~ est congruentia
Y 8 A. ~~est~~ locus ~~est~~ omnium Y. erit
spatium illimitatum.
~~et~~ Cum si sit aliquis situs inter
duos punctos ~~quilibet~~ Dicimus propositis
duobus punctis esse aliquem inter ipsa situm.
~~et~~ Cum determinatum ~~sit~~ sit autem
utiq. est determinatus ita definitus situm
ut sit aliqua duorum punctum relatio
ex duobus ipsis ~~est~~ quod extensionem
ex ipsis coextentia determinata.
Relatio autem quae determinatur

8 LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2

LH 35 I 11, part of fol. 49r

inter se, seu omnia puncta esse unum et idem. Nam quod unum punctum A alteri alicui C non coincidat, non potest aliter demonstrari, quam quod aliud quoddam punctum datur, B , cuius respectu diversum habent situm, ita ut $A.B.$ non $\propto C.B.$

Potest puncti ad punctum situs mutari patet ex praecedenti. Potest enim alterius puncti alias esse situs, quam hujus, ergo et hujus ipsius alias quam nunc est, quia ab altero nulla in re differt, itaque quod alteri possibile est, etiam ipsi possibile est. 5

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

Puncta Extensi determinati habent inter se situm determinatum. Ergo duo puncta determinato extenso connexa habent inter se situm determinatum. 10

Dari possunt duo puncta eum habentia situm inter se, quem habent duo alia inter se, ut $A.B \propto C.D$. Alioqui poterit demonstrari ipsa coincidere: sed hoc admisso quaero utrum demonstretur hinc $A \propto C$ et $B \propto D$ an $A \propto D$ et $B \propto C$. 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 cuius termini A et B posse transferri in locum cuius termini C et D . 15

quem habent milla alia inter se. Itaque sic scribi potest: $A.B.C.D.$ etc. $\propto (A).(B).(C).(D).$ (etc) vel $A.B.C.D$ etc. $\propto yA.yB.yC.yD$.

Dari potest punctum A , quod ad duo puncta data $B.C$ situm habet eundem datum. Item dari potest punctum C quod ad punctum datum A eum habeat situm (datum), 5 quem punctum datum B habet ad punctum A . Seu si sit: $A.B \propto D.C$ (quod possibile est per praecedentem sine coincidentia) et $A \propto D$ (sive $A.A \propto A.D$) non ideo sequitur esse $B \propto C$. sive B et C coincidere. Alioqui sequeretur ex hoc uno $A.B.C.D.$ etc. $\propto L.M.N.O.$ etc. et $A \propto L$. fore $B \propto M$. et $C \propto N$. et $D \propto O$, etc.; par enim omnium ratio est seu fore $A.B.C.D$ etc. $\propto L.M.N.O$ etc. 15

10 Ex motu hoc potest demonstrari. Sint enim duo corpora congrua quidem sed non coincidentia, $ABCD$. $LMNO$. eaque ita moveantur donec puncta L . et A . coincident (porro autem L . et A . esse homologa seu respondentia quod patet ex ipsa dispositione literarum) seu ut fiat $A \propto L$. Patet hoc fieri posse corporibus sese tangentibus in A et L tantum, licet non coincidentibus. Sine motu res patet ex solo tactu, si ponamus duo corpora congrua nullam partem coincidentem habentia se in puncto aliquo tangere, et duo puncta contactus esse respondentia. Potest etiam intelligi corpus unum ab alio multo majore tangi, et ex majore rejectis superfluis exsculpi aliquod congruum minori et congrue positum ad punctum contactus. Sed analytica et generalissima harum possibilitatum demonstratio ex eo satis habetur, si analysi sufficiente facta, patet demonstrari contrarium 15 non posse. 20

\propto LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2, \propto LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 WITH HORIZONTAL BAR

Philiumm vs. 2 (2023), p. 83, 84

by De Witt.¹ Wallis² wrote \wp for $+$ or $-$, and \wp for the contrary. The sign \wp was used in a restricted way, by James Bernoulli;³ he says, “ \wp 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 \wp for \mp . It should be added that \wp appears also in the older printed Greek books as a ligature or combination of two Greek letters, the omicron \circ and the upsilon υ . The \wp appears also as an astronomical symbol for the constellation Taurus.

Da Cunha⁴ 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 Jones⁵ denoted positive or negative N by *N .

211. The symbol $[a]$ was introduced by Kronecker⁶ to represent

\wp LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2, \wp LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 INVERTED

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-upsilon* (\wp , see top of p. 46 and doc. L-2535 on letterlike symbols p. 10) and the astrological *Taurus* symbol \wp (2649), \wp must not be mixed up with neither of them.

binomium $a \wp \sqrt{bc}$,

\wp LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 INVERTED; Descartes, Geometria, p. 330

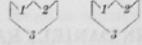
Where the First Term hath the Sign $+$ (because made by Multiplying $+$ into $+$;) The Second Term is wanting (because $-ya^3$ and $+\,ya^3$ destroy each other;) In the Third Term, yy hath $-$ (because made of $+\,y$ into $-y$;) and b, d , have the same Terms as in the Quadratiks, (which Sign, be it $+$ or $-$, we here design by \wp , and its contrary by \wp :) In the Fourth Term, i 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 .

\wp LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2, \wp LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 INVERTED
Wallis, Algebra, p. 210

(\wp significat $+$ in pr. \wp — in post. hypoth.

\wp LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 INVERTED
Acta eruditorum 1701, p. 214

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



$AB \wedge AB$ or $ABC \wedge ABY$ est à la circulaire, donc l'intersection d'un plan et d'une

$BC \wedge BY$

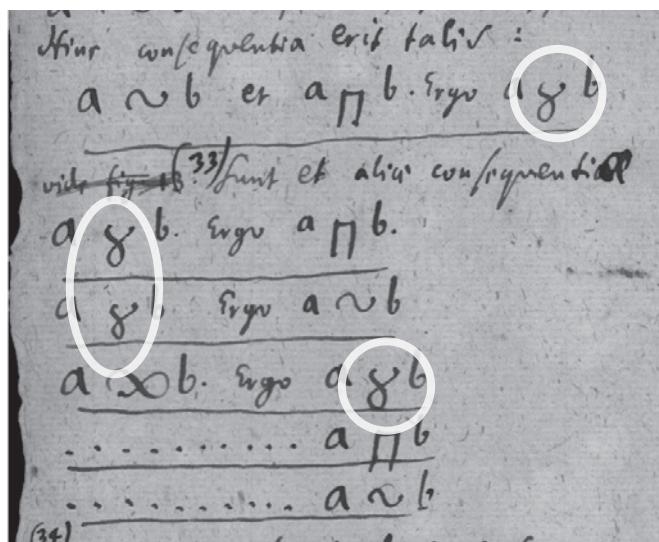
$AC \wedge AY$

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

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

§ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2

LAA III-2 p. 859.

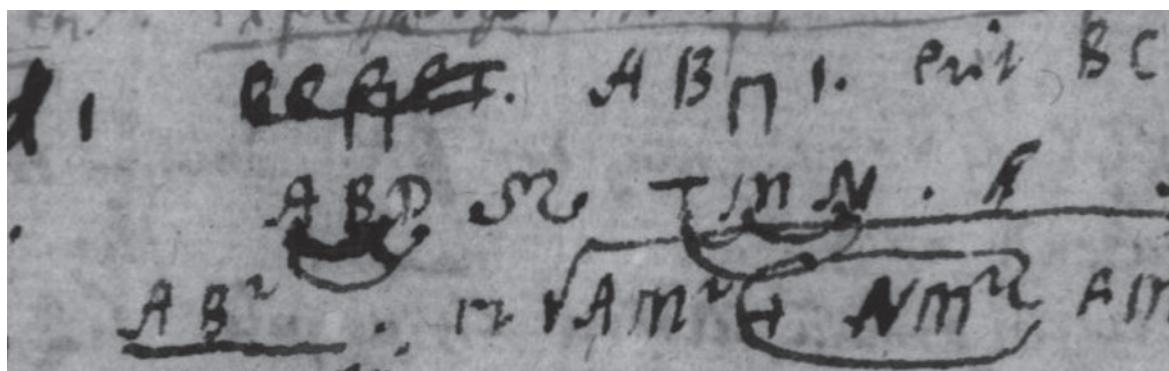
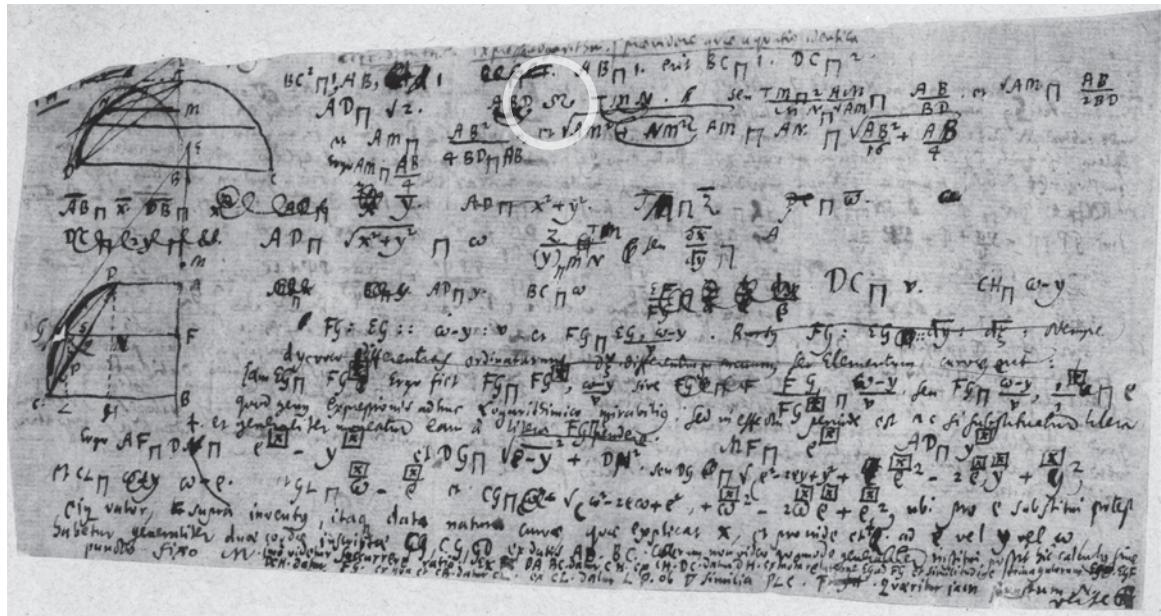


§ LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2

LH 35 I 11 fol. 9r

Leibniz used a variety of symbols to denote *similarity*: \curvearrowright , \mathfrak{M} and \sim . Of these, we propose \curvearrowright as a variation sequence to 223D \sim REVERSED TILDE. This variant is already referenced in the annotations to 223D, however, it does not show up in the *Standardized Variation Sequences* chapter of the 2200 block so far.

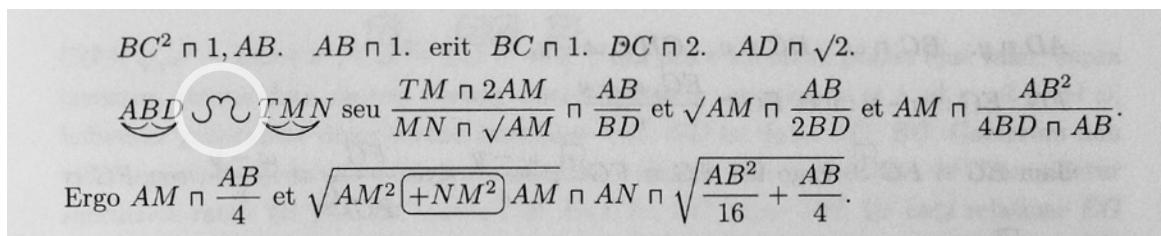
Two other, considerably different *similarity* signs remain for new encoding: \mathfrak{M} and \sim .



\mathfrak{M} LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY

LH 35 XII 1, fol. 343v;

– this is the same text in the LAA edition:



\mathfrak{M} LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY

LAA VII-7 p. 595

(10) Weitere neue Notationen

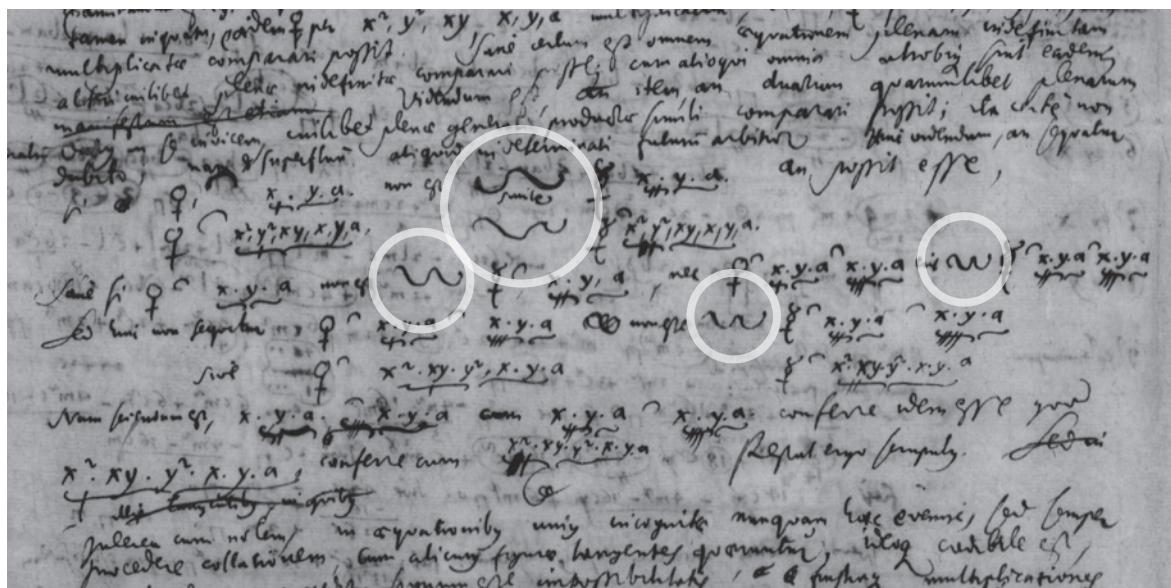
Wohl im April 1676 verwendet Leibniz mit \sim ein neues Symbol für die Ähnlichkeit von Dreiecken. Ob er es auch andernorts einsetzt, ist bislang nicht bekannt. Das Beispiel:

$$\underline{ABL} \sim \underline{TMN} \quad (\text{N. 66})$$

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

Ω LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY

LAA VII-7 p. LIII



~~ LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY-2

LH 35 V 1 fol. 4v;

the same part in the edition:

Hinc videndum, an sequatur si

$$\varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{/} \quad \text{non est } \sim \varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{//} \text{ an possit esse,}$$

$$\varphi \sim \underbrace{x^2, y^2, xy, x, y, a.}_{/} \quad \sim \varphi \sim \underbrace{x^2, y^2, xy, x, y, a.}_{//}$$

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Sane si $\varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{/}$ non est $\sim \varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{//}$, nec $\varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{/} \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{//}$ erit $\sim \varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{//}$

$\sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{//}$ Sed hinc non sequitur

$$\varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{/} \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{//} \quad \text{non esse } \sim \varphi \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{/} \sim \underbrace{x.y.a.}_{//}$$

$$\text{sive } \varphi \sim \underbrace{x^2.xy.y^2.x.y.a.}_{/} \quad \varphi \sim \underbrace{x^2.xy.y^2.x.y.a.}_{//}$$

19 Zu \sim : simile

~~ LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY-2

LAA VII-3 p. 75

$$\frac{\text{Rq. 8 } \text{ 888,888,888 } \text{ 888}}{\text{Rq. 2}} = \int 266666666666 \frac{2}{3} \text{ Rq.}$$

Huius numeri radii quadrata circiter est : minor vera erg. 1632993. nempe semicircumferentia,

quae duplicata dabit: 3265986 (a) positio radio (b) positio diametro 1000,000. (aa) $3 + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{26} +$

(bb) [Nebenrechnung:]

265986	63944	63944	10210	5105	1	2	
4	265986	4	265986	132893	876	201	
1063944		255776		X3.893	X3.895	X3.893	
3		10210		f 26	f (aa) 3 (bbb) 4		
3191832				818	16		

$$(cc) \text{ [Nebenrechnung:]} \frac{265986}{1000000} = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{65986}{1000000} \quad \frac{65986}{1000000} = \frac{1}{20} + \frac{15986}{1000000}$$

FACIT SYMBOL – LAA VII-1 p. 65

Leibniz used various script-style forms of the lowercase f for *fact* in his writings. In order to suitably represent them by one unambiguous symbol which make it distinguishable from both the ordinary (upright) f as well as the italic f; 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 descender and a reversed stress pattern (which not in any case was executed properly).

There is another 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 advise 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.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 +2257 & +2257 & 2257 \\
 +1105 & -1105 & +457 \\
 \hline
 \frac{3362}{256} & \frac{1181}{256} & \frac{2714}{256} \\
 \frac{1}{2} f \frac{1181}{256} & \text{quadratus.} & \frac{1152}{256} \frac{576}{256} \text{ quadratus.} \\
 \end{array}$$

ƒ FACIT SYMBOL

LAA VII-1 p. 352

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & \text{II} & 8 & 3 & 2 & \text{I} \\
 & \cancel{\frac{28}{19}} f \text{ I} + \frac{\text{II}}{19} & \cancel{\frac{19}{19}} f \text{ I } \frac{8}{\text{II}} & \cancel{\frac{19}{8}} f \text{ I } \frac{3}{8} & \cancel{\frac{8}{3}} f \text{ I } \frac{2}{3} & \cancel{\frac{3}{2}} f \text{ I } \frac{1}{2} & \cancel{\frac{1}{1}} f \text{ I } \\
 \text{Nempe} & & & & & & \\
 \hline
 \text{n} & \text{p} & \text{r} & \text{t} & \text{w} & \text{m} & \text{q} & \text{s} & \text{v} & \text{z} \\
 10 & \text{I} & \text{I} & \text{I} & 2 & \text{I} & \text{O} & \text{II} & 8 & 3 & 2 & \text{I} & \text{O}
 \end{array}$$

ƒ FACIT SYMBOL

LAA VII-1 p. 508

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

550,15–551,5 Nebenrechnungen:

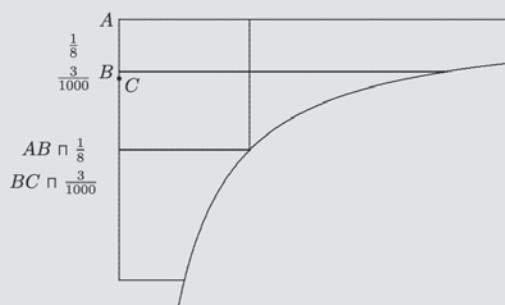
$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{zu Z. 15: } & \begin{array}{l} 15 \wedge 25 \\ 225 \int 25 \\ \hline 9 \quad 9 \wedge 9 \end{array} & \text{zu Z. 1–5: } +9,25 \pm 99 \pm 3 \wedge 125 9 \wedge 15 \\
 & & \pm 18 \pm 3 \wedge 27 9 \wedge 25 \\
 & & \pm 81 3 \wedge \pm 152 3 \wedge 45 \\
 & & 3 \wedge 75
 \end{array}$$

f FACIT SYMBOL

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

These samples demonstrate the intentional use of a specific character for “facit” in order to distinguish it from 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 $\frac{256-250}{250,256} \mid \frac{6}{64000} \mid \frac{3}{32000}$ 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 quartitas $\frac{d}{f} - \frac{d^2}{2f^2} + \frac{d^3}{3f^3}$ etc. ita 5 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 $\frac{1}{250} \sqcap \frac{1}{256} + \frac{3}{32000}$ cuius quaeritur logarithmus.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \emptyset \\
 256 \\
 250 \\
 \hline 12800 \\
 512 \\
 \hline 64000 \\
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 \emptyset \\
 1 \\
 22 \\
 \hline 256000 \\
 10244 \\
 \hline 1022 \\
 10 \\
 \end{array}$$

5. Unicode Character Properties

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xb01;LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb02;LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL WITH DOUBLE VERTICALS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb03;LEIBNIZIAN EQUAL WITH SMALL S;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb04;LEIBNIZIAN GREATER;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb05;LEIBNIZIAN LESS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb06;LEIBNIZIAN GREATER WITH SMALL P;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb07;LEIBNIZIAN LESS WITH SMALL P;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb08;LEIBNIZIAN GREATER-LESS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb09;INVERTED SQUARE LEFT OPEN BOX OPERATOR;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb10;INVERTED SQUARE RIGHT OPEN BOX OPERATOR;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb11;TWO-LINE GREATER;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb12;TWO-LINE LESS;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb13;COMMENSURABILITY;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb14;INCOMMENSURABILITY;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb15;COMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb16;INCOMMENSURABILITY IN SQUARE;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb17;CARTESIAN EQUAL;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb18;LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb19;LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE WITH VERTICAL BAR;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb20;LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb21;LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 INVERTED;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb22;LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 WITH HORIZONTAL BAR;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb23;LEIBNIZIAN CONGRUENCE-2 WITH HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL BAR;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb24;LEIBNIZIAN COINCIDENCE;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb25;INVERTED LAZY S OVER LAZY S;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb26;LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb27;LEIBNIZIAN SIMILARITY-2;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb28;LEIBNIZIAN DISSIMILARITY;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;
xb29;FACIT SYMBOL;Sm;0;ON;;;;;N;;;;;

xb17 FE00; with descender; # CARTESIAN EQUAL
223D FE00; lazy S variant; # REVERSED TILDE
2243 FE00; lazy S variant; # ASYMPTOTICALLY EQUAL TO
22CD FE00; lazy S variant; # REVERSED TILDE EQUALS
2242 FE00; lazy S variant; # MINUS TILDE
2248 FE00; lazy S variant; # ALMOST EQUAL TO
2A6C FE00; lazy S variant; # SIMILAR MINUS SIMILAR
22DC FE00; parallelised form; # EQUAL TO OR LESS-THAN
22DD FE00; parallelised form; # EQUAL TO OR GREATER-THAN
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A. Administrative

1. Title:	Proposal to encode historical mathematical relations	
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:	2026-01-19.	
5. Requester's reference (if applicable):	LUCP L-2603	
6. Choose one of the following:		
This is a complete proposal:	Yes	
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B. Technical – General

1. Choose one of the following:		
a. This proposal is for a new script (set of characters):	No	
Proposed name of script:		
b. The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block:	No	
Name of the existing block:		
2. Number of characters in proposal:	38	
3. Proposed category (select one from below - see section 2.2 of P&P document):		
A- Contemporary	B.1-Specialized (small collection)	Yes
C-Major extinct	D-Attested extinct	B.2-Specialized (large collection)
F-Archaic Hieroglyphic or Ideographic	E-Minor extinct	
	G-Obscure or questionable usage symbols	
4. Is a repertoire including character names provided?	Yes	
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, Klaufügelweg 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	

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C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before? If YES explain	<i>see L-2530 (N5334R), L-2519 (N5334), N5277 (L-2402n)</i>	Yes
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?	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)	Yes
If YES, available relevant documents:	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:	mainly specialist usage, scholarly, worldwide	Common
5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community? If YES, where? Reference:	mainly Europe, Americas; other countries	Yes
6. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?		No
If YES, is a rationale provided?		
If YES, reference:		
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?	<i>see explanations in chapter 4.</i>	Yes <i>Yes</i>
If YES, reference:		
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?	<i>see explanations in chapter 4.</i>	Yes <i>Yes</i>
If YES, reference:		
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?		No
If YES, reference:		
11. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences? If YES, is a rationale for such use provided?		No
If YES, reference:		
Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided? If YES, reference:		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
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