

et uniformiter in directum absq[ue] motu circulari. E.g. Motus rerum
in navi perinde se habent sive navis quiescat sive moveat ea uni-
formiter in directum.

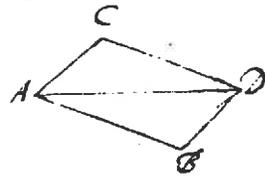
Lex 5. Motus corporum actionibus commune centrum gra-
vitatatis non mutare statum suum motus vel quietis. Hæc lex
et due superiores se mutuo probant.

Lex 6. Resistentiam mediæ esse ut mediæ illius densitas et
spherici corporis moti superficies et velocitas conjunctim. Hanc
legem exactam esse non affirmo. Sufficit quod sit vero proxima.
Corpora vero Spherica hæc suppono in sequentibus, ne opus sit
circumstantias diversarum figurarum considerare.

Lemmata

Lem. 1. Corpus viribus conjunctis diagonalem parallelo-
grammi eodem tempore describere quo latera separatis.

Si corpus dato tempore vi sola m ferretur
ab A ad B et vi sola n ab A ad C , com-
pleatur parallelogrammum $ABDC$ et vi
utraq[ue] ferretur id eodem tempore ab A ad
 D . Nam quoniam vis m agit secundum



lineam AC ipsi BD parallelam, hæc vis nihil mutabit veloci-
tatem accedendi ad lineam illam BD vi altera impressam. Acce-
det igitur corpus eodem tempore ad lineam BD sive vis AC im-
primatur sive non, atq[ue] ad id in fine illius temporis reperietur
alicubi in linea illa BD . Eodem argumento in fine temporis
ejusdem reperietur alicubi in linea CD , et prout in utriusq[ue]
linea concursus D reperiri necesse est.

Lem. 2. Spatium quod corpus urgente quacunq[ue] vi centri-
peta ipso motu metho describit, esse in duplicata ratione
temporis.

Exponantur tempora per lineas AB , AD datis Ab Ad
proportionalis, et urgente vi centripeta æquali exponantur
spatia descripta per areas rectilineas ABF ADH perpendicularis

De Motu Corporum in Mediis Regulariter Cedentibus

The aim of explaining all these things at length is that the reader may be freed from certain vulgar prejudices and imbued with the distinct principles of mechanics may agree in what follows to distinguish carefully from each other quantities which are both absolute and relative, a thing very necessary since all phenomena depend on absolute quantities. But ordinary people who fail to abstract thought from sensible appearances always speak of relative quantities, so much so that it would be absurd for wise men or even Prophets to speak to them otherwise. Hence both the sacred writings and theological writings are always to be understood in terms of relative quantities, and he who would on this account bandy words with philosophers concerning the absolute motions of natural things would be labouring under a gross misapprehension.

Def. 4. Relative space is that which is regarded as immobile in relation to any sensible thing: such as the space of our air in relation to the Earth. However, **these spaces are in fact distinguished from each other through the descent of heavy bodies which in absolute space seek the centre directly but in relative space rotating absolutely are deflected to one side.**

Def. 9. The motion of a body is its translation from one place to another, and is consequently either absolute or relative according to the kind of place. **But absolute motion is in fact distinguished from relative in circular motions by the endeavour to recede from the centre,** which in an entirely relative circular motion is zero, but in a circular motion relative to bodies at rest may be very large, as in the celestial bodies which the Cartesians believe to be at rest, although they endeavour to recede from the Sun. The fact that this endeavour is certain and determinate argues some certain and determinate quantity of real motion in individual bodies in no wise dependent on the relations [between bodies] which are innumerable and make up as many relative motions. For example, **that motion and rest absolutely speaking do not depend on the situation and relation of bodies between themselves is evident from the fact that these are never changed except by force impressed on the body moved or at rest, and are always changed after such a force; but the relative can be changed by forces impressed only on other bodies to which the relation belongs, and is not changed by a force impressed on both so that their relative situation is preserved.**

From ... *in mediis regulariter cedentibus*

Def. 11. The quantity of motion is that which arises from the velocity and the quantity of a body in translation [*corporis translati*] jointly. Moreover, the quantity of a body is to be reckoned [*aestimatur*] from the amount [*copia*] of the corporeal matter, which is usually proportional to its gravity [*gravitati*]. The oscillations of two equal pendulums with bodies of equal heaviness [*ponderis*] are counted, and the amount [*copia*] of matter in each will be reciprocally as the number of oscillations made in the same time.

Def. 12. [~~*Vis corporis seu*~~ [^]*Corporis vis insita, innata, et essentialis* [^]] The internal, innate, and essential force of a body is the power by which it ~~*conatur*~~ perseveres in its state of rest or of moving uniformly in a straight line. It is proportional to the quantity of the body, and is truly [*vero*] exercised [*exercetur*] proportionally to the change brought about [^]of state [^], [^]and insofar as it is exercised it can be said to be the exercised force of the body, of which one kind is the centrifugal force of rotating [*gyrantium*] bodies [^].

{Canceled: Def. 13. The force of a motion or of a body [*Vis motus seu corpori*] from motion at its approach [*ex motu sua adventitia*] is that by which a body endeavors to preserve the [^]total [^] quantity of its motion. It is commonly called impetus and is proportional to its motion, and according to its kind is absolute or relative. ~~The centrifugal force of rotating bodies is of the absolute kind.}~~

Def. 14. The force brought against and impressed on a body [*Vis corpori illata et impressa*] is that by which a body is urged to change its state of moving or rest [^]and is of diverse kinds such as impulse or pressure of percussion, continuous pressure, centripetal force, resistance of a medium, etc. [^]

Def. 16. I call centripetal force that by which a body is impelled or attracted [*atrahitur*] towards a certain point regarded as its center. Of this kind is gravity [*gravitas*] tending toward the center of the earth, magnetic force tending toward the center of a loadstone, and the celestial force restraining [*cohibens*] the Planets from going off [*abeant*] along the tangents of their orbits.