ON THE THEORY OF ELLIPTIC FUNCTIONS.

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WE have seen [45] that the equation

$$n\left({n - 1} \right){x^2}z + \left({n - 1} \right)\left({\alpha x - 2{x^3}} \right)\frac{{dz}}{{dx}} + \left({1 - \alpha {x^2} + {x^4}} \right)\frac{{{d^2}z}}{{d{x^2}}} - 2n\left({{\alpha ^2} - 4} \right)\frac{{dz}}{{d\alpha }} = 0$$

is integrable, in the case of n an odd number, in the form $z = B_0 + B_1 x^2 \dots + B_{\frac{1}{2}(n-1)} x^{n-1}$; and the coefficients at the beginning of the series have already been determined; to find those at the end of it, the most convenient mode of writing the series will be

$$z = \mu \sum \frac{(-)^r D_r}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots (2r+1)} x^{n-1-2r},$$

and then the coefficients D_r are determined by

$$\begin{split} D_{r+2} &= (2r+3) \left(n-2r-3\right) D_{r+1} \alpha - 2n \left(\alpha^2-4\right) \frac{dD_{r+1}}{d\alpha} \\ &- \left(2r+3\right) \left(2r+2\right) \left(n-2r-2\right) \left(n-2r-1\right) D_r. \end{split}$$

The first coefficients then are

$$\begin{split} D_0 &= 1, \\ D_1 &= (n-1)\,\alpha, \\ D_2 &= 2\,(n-1)\,(n+6) + (n-1)\,(n-9)\,\alpha^2, \\ D_3 &= 6\,(n-1)\,(n-9)\,(n+10)\,\alpha + (n-1)\,(n-9)\,(n-25)\,\alpha^3, \\ D_4 &= -36\,(n-1)\,(n^3 - 13n^2 + 36n + 420) \\ &\quad + 12\,(n-1)\,(n-9)\,(n-25)\,(n+14)\,\alpha^2 \\ &\quad + (n-1)\,(n-9)\,(n-25)\,(n-49)\,\alpha^4, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} D_5 = &-12 \, (n-1) \, (n-9) \, (47 n^3 - 355 n^2 + 3188 n + 31500) \, \alpha \\ &+ 20 \, (n-1) \, (n-9) \, (n-25) \, (n-49) \, (n+18) \, \alpha^3 \\ &+ (n-1) \, (n-9) \, (n-25) \, (n-49) \, (n-81) \, \alpha^5, \end{split}$$

$$D_6 = &-24 \, (n-1) \, (n-9) \, (23 n^4 + 2375 n^3 - 14638 n^2 + 116100 n + 693000) \\ &- 12 \, (n-1) \, (n-9) \, (493 n^4 - 8882 n^3 + 70317 n^2 - 361641 n - 7276500) \end{split}$$

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$$+ (n-1) (n-9) (n-25) (n-36) (n-49) (n-81) (n-121) \alpha^6,$$
&c.

And, in general,

$$\begin{split} D_r = & (n-1) \, (n-9) \, \dots \, \{ n - (2r-1)^2 \} \, \alpha^r \\ & + r \, (r-1) \, (n-1) \, (n-9) \, \dots \, \{ n - (2r-3)^2 \} \, (n+4r-2) \, \alpha^{r-2}, \\ & \&c. \end{split}$$

(where however the next term does not contain the factor $(n-1)(n-9)\dots (n-(2r-5)^2$).

In the case when $n = \nu^2$, then in order that the constant term may reduce itself to unity, we must assume

$$\mu = (-)^{\frac{1}{2}(\nu-1)} \nu$$
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this is evident from what has preceded.