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ADDITION TO THE MEMOIR ON TSCHIRNHAUSEN'S TRANSFORMATION.

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IN the memoir "On Tschirnhausen's Transformation," *Philosophical Transactions*, vol. CLII. (1862), pp. 561—568, [275], I considered the case of a quartic equation: viz. it was shown that the equation

$$(a, b, c, d, e\chi x, 1)^4 = 0$$

is, by the substitution

$$y = (ax + b)B + (ax^2 + 4bx + 3c)C + (ax^3 + 4bx^2 + 6cx + 3d)D,$$

transformed into

$$(1, 0, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E}\chi y, 1)^4 = 0$$

where $(\mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E})$ have certain given values. It was further remarked that $(\mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E})$ were expressible in terms of U, H', Φ' , invariants of the two forms $(a, b, c, d, e\chi X, Y)^4, (B, C, D\chi Y, -X)^2$, of I, J , the invariants of the first, and of $\Theta', = BD - C^2$, the invariant of the second of these two forms, viz. that we have

$$\mathfrak{C} = 6H' - 2I\Theta',$$

$$\mathfrak{D} = 4\Phi',$$

$$\mathfrak{E} = IU^3 - 3H'^2 + I^2\Theta'^2 + 12J'\Theta'U' + 2I'\Theta'H';$$

and by means of these I obtained an expression for the quadrinvariant of the form

$$(1, 0, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E}\chi y, 1)^4;$$

viz. this was found to be

$$= IU'^2 + \frac{1}{3}I^2\Theta'^2 + 12J'\Theta'U'.$$

But I did not obtain an expression for the cubinvariant of the same function: such expression, it was remarked, would contain the square of the invariant Φ' ; it was probable that there existed an identical equation,

$$JU^3 - IU^2H' + 4H'^3 + M\Theta' = -\Phi'^2,$$

which would serve to express Φ'^2 in terms of the other invariants; but, assuming that such an equation existed, the form of the factor M remained to be ascertained; and until this was done, the expression for the cubinvariant could not be obtained in its most simple form. I have recently verified the existence of the identical equation just referred to, and have obtained the expression for the factor M ; and with the assistance of this identical equation I have obtained the expression for the cubinvariant of the form

$$(1, 0, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E} \mathfrak{X}y, 1)^4.$$

The expression for the quadrinvariant was, as already mentioned, given in the former memoir: I find that the two invariants are in fact the invariants of a certain linear function of U, H ; viz. the linear function is $= U'U + \frac{2}{3}\Theta'H$; so that, denoting by I^* , J^* , the quadrinvariant and the cubinvariant respectively of the form

$$(1, 0, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E} \mathfrak{X}y, 1)^4,$$

we have

$$I^* = \tilde{I}(U'U + 4\Theta'H),$$

$$J^* = \tilde{J}(U'U + 4\Theta'H),$$

where \tilde{I}, \tilde{J} signify the functional operations of forming the two invariants respectively. The function $(1, 0, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E} \mathfrak{X}y, 1)^4$, obtained by the application of Tschirnhausen's transformation to the equation

$$(a, b, c, d, e \mathfrak{X}x, 1)^4 = 0,$$

has thus the *same invariants* with the function

$$U'U + 4\Theta'H = U'(a, b, c, d, e \mathfrak{X}x, 1)^4 + 4\Theta'(ac - b^2, ad - bc, ae + 2bd - 3c^2, be - cd, ce - d^2 \mathfrak{X}x, 1)^4,$$

and it is consequently a linear transformation of the last-mentioned function; so that the application of Tschirnhausen's transformation to the equation $U=0$ gives an equation linearly transformable into, and thus virtually equivalent to, the equation

$$U'U + 4\Theta'H = 0,$$

which is an equation involving the single parameter $\frac{4\Theta'}{U'}$: this appears to me a result of considerable interest. It is to be remarked that Tschirnhausen's transformation, wherein y is put equal to a rational and integral function of the order $n-1$ (if n be the order of the equation in x), is not really less general than the transformation wherein y is put equal to any rational function $\frac{V}{W}$ whatever of x ; such rational function may, in fact, by means of the given equation in x , be reduced to a rational and integral function of the order $n-1$; hence in the present case, taking V, W to

be respectively of the order $n-1, = 3$, it follows that the equation in y obtained by the elimination of x from the equations

$$(a, b, c, d, e\chi(x, 1))^4 = 0,$$

$$y = \frac{(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta\chi(x, 1))^3}{(\alpha', \beta', \gamma', \delta'\chi(x, 1))^3},$$

is a mere linear transformation of the equation $AU + BH = 0$, where A, B are functions (not as yet calculated) of $(a, b, c, d, e, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \alpha', \beta', \gamma', \delta')$.

Article Nos. 1, 2, 3. *Investigation of the identical equation*

$$JU'^3 - IU'^2H' + 4H'^3 + M\Theta' = -\Phi'^2.$$

1. It is only necessary to show that we have such an equation, M being an invariant, in the particular case $a=e=1, b=d=0, c=\theta$, that is for the quartic function $(1, 0, \theta, 0, 1\chi(x, 1))^4$; for, this being so, the equation will be true in general. Writing the equation in the form

$$-M\Theta' = U'^2(JU' - IH') + 4H'^3 + \Phi'^2,$$

and observing that we have

$$U' = (B^2 + D^2) + 2\theta BD + 4\theta C^2,$$

$$H' = \theta(B^2 + D^2) + (1 + \theta^2)BD - 4\theta^2 C^2,$$

$$\Theta' = BD - C^2,$$

$$\Phi' = (1 - 9\theta^2)C(B^2 - D^2),$$

$$I = 1 + 3\theta^2,$$

$$J = \theta - \theta^3,$$

and thence

$$JU' - IH' = -4\theta^3(B^2 + D^2) + (-1 - 2\theta^2 - 5\theta^4)BD + (8\theta^2 + 8\theta^4)C^2,$$

the equation becomes

$$-(BD - C^2)M =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \{-4\theta^3(B^2 + D^2) + (-1 - 2\theta^2 - 5\theta^4)BD + (8\theta^2 + 8\theta^4)C^2\} \times \{B^2 + D^2 + 2\theta BD + 4\theta C^2\}^2 \\ & + 4\{\theta(B^2 + D^2) + (1 + \theta^2)BD - 4\theta^2 C^2\}^3 \\ & + (1 - 9\theta^2)^2 C^2 \{(B^2 + D^2)^2 - 4B^2 D^2\}. \end{aligned}$$

2. It is found by developing that the right-hand side is in fact divisible by $BD - C^2$, and that the quotient is

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (-1 + 10\theta^2 - 9\theta^4)(B^2 + D^2)^2 \\
 &\quad + (8\theta + 16\theta^3 - 24\theta^5)(B^2 + D^2)BD \\
 &\quad + (4 + 8\theta^2 + 4\theta^4 - 16\theta^6)B^2D^2 \\
 &\quad + (-64\theta^3 - 192\theta^5)(B^2 + D^2)C^2 \\
 &\quad + (16\theta^2 - 416\theta^4 - 112\theta^6)BDC^2 \\
 &\quad + (-128\theta^4 + 128\theta^6)C^4.
 \end{aligned}$$

3. This is found to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= -I^2U'^2 + 12JU'H' + 4IH'^2 \\
 &\quad - 8IJU'\Theta' \\
 &\quad - 16J^2\Theta'^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

which is consequently the value of $-M$. We have therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\Phi'^2 &= JU'^3 - IU'^2H' + 4H'^3 \\
 &\quad + (I^2U'^2 - 12JU'H' - 4IH'^2)\Theta' \\
 &\quad + 8IJU'\Theta'^2 \\
 &\quad + 16J^2\Theta'^3,
 \end{aligned}$$

which is the required identical equation.

Article No. 4. *Calculation of the Cubinvariant.*

4. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J^* &= \frac{1}{6} \mathfrak{C} \cdot \mathfrak{C} - \left(\frac{1}{6} \mathfrak{C}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{4} \mathfrak{D}\right)^2 \\
 &= (H - \frac{1}{3}I\Theta') \{IU'^2 - 3H'^2 + (12JU' + 2IH')\Theta' + I^2\Theta'^2\} \\
 &\quad - (H - \frac{1}{3}I\Theta')^3 \\
 &\quad - \Phi'^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

whence, substituting for $-\Phi'^2$ its value and reducing, we find

$$J^* = JU'^3 + \Theta' \cdot \frac{2}{3} I^2U'^2 + \Theta'^2 (4IJU') + \Theta'^3 (16J^2 - \frac{8}{27} I^3).$$

Article No. 5. *Final expressions of the two Invariants.*

The value of I^* has been already mentioned to be $I^* = IU'^2 + \Theta'12JU' + \Theta'^2 \cdot \frac{4}{3}I^2$, and it hence appears that the values of the two invariants may be written

$$\begin{aligned}
 I^* &= (I, 18J, 3I^2\chi U', \frac{2}{3}\Theta')^2, \\
 J^* &= (J, I^2, 9IJ, -I^3 + 54J^2\chi U', \frac{2}{3}\Theta')^3.
 \end{aligned}$$

But we have (see Table No. 72 in my "Seventh Memoir on Quantics," *Philosophical Transactions*, vol. CLI. (1861), pp. 277—292, [269])

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{I}(\alpha U + 6\beta H) &= (I, 18J, 3I^2\chi\alpha, \beta)^2, \\ \tilde{J}(\alpha U + 6\beta H) &= (J, I^3, 9IJ, -I^3 + 54J^2\chi\alpha, \beta)^3; \end{aligned}$$

so that, writing $\alpha = U'$, $\beta = \frac{2}{3}\Theta'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I^* &= \tilde{I}(U'U + 4\Theta'H), \\ J^* &= \tilde{J}(U'U + 4\Theta'H); \end{aligned}$$

or the function $(1, 0, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E}\chi y, 1)^4$ obtained from Tschirnhausen's transformation of the equation $U = 0$ has the same invariants with the function $U'U + 4\Theta'H$; or, what is the same thing, the equation $(1, 0, \mathfrak{C}, \mathfrak{D}, \mathfrak{E}\chi y, 1)^4 = 0$ is a mere linear transformation of the equation $U'U + 4\Theta'H = 0$; which is the above-mentioned theorem.