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**DE EVOLUTIONE  
POTESTATIS POLYNOMIALIS  
CUJUSCUNQUE**

$(1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 \text{ etc.})^n$

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§. I.

**I**ncipiamus a potestate binomiali  $(1 + x)^n$ , qua more solito evoluta designemus coëfficientem potestatis cuiusvis  $x^\lambda$  hoc charac-  
tere  $\binom{n}{\lambda}$ , ita ut sit

$(1 + x)^n = 1 + \binom{n}{1} x + \binom{n}{2} x^2 + \binom{n}{3} x^3 + \binom{n}{4} x^4 + \text{etc.} \dots \binom{n}{n} x^n$ ,  
ubi ergo erit

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{n}{1} &= n; \quad \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2}; \quad \binom{n}{3} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}; \\ \binom{n}{4} &= \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4};\end{aligned}$$

et in genere

$$\binom{n}{\lambda} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-\lambda+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \lambda};$$

unde patet casu  $\lambda = 0$  et  $\lambda = n$  fore  $\binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n} = 1$ , atque adeo in genere  $\binom{n}{\lambda} = \binom{n}{n-\lambda}$ . Praeterea vero notasse juvabit, tam casi-  
bus quibus  $\lambda$  est numerus negativus, quam quibus est numerus