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which bear the same relation as cos. and sin. of an angle.

Then

$$\gamma + \delta\sqrt{-1} = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}} + \frac{\beta\sqrt{-1}}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}}, \text{ and}$$

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and

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Take logarithm of both members; the result is

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$$2\alpha\sqrt{-1} - \left(\frac{1-n}{1+n}\right)\left(e^{+2\alpha\sqrt{-1}} - e^{-2\alpha\sqrt{-1}}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1-n}{1+n}\right)^2\left(e^{+4\alpha\sqrt{-1}} - e^{-4\alpha\sqrt{-1}}\right) \dots \&c.$$

Hence

$$\beta = \alpha - \left(\frac{1-n}{1+n}\right) \sin. 2\alpha + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1-n}{1+n}\right)^2 \sin. 4\alpha - \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{1-n}{1+n}\right)^3 \sin. 6\alpha + \&c.,$$

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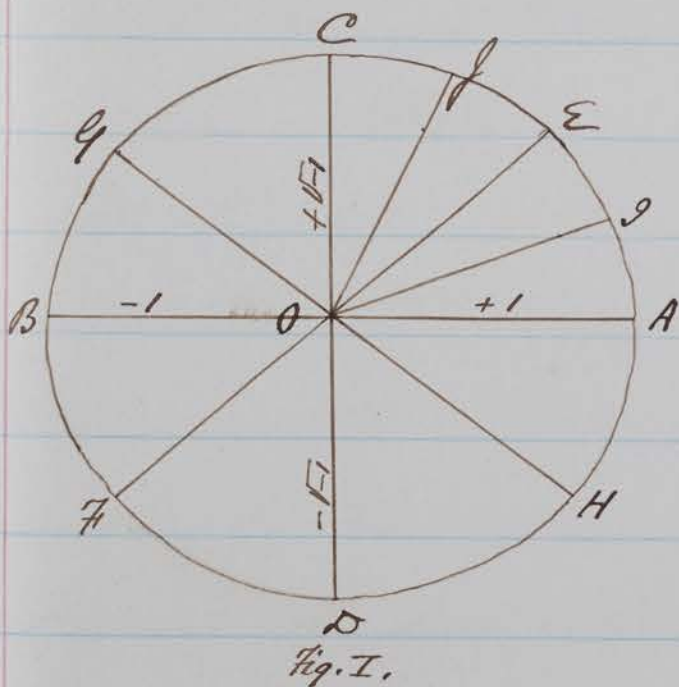
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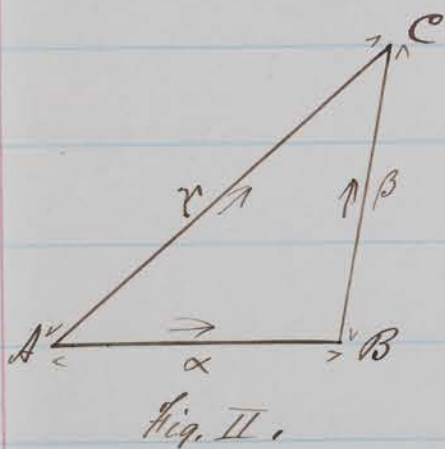
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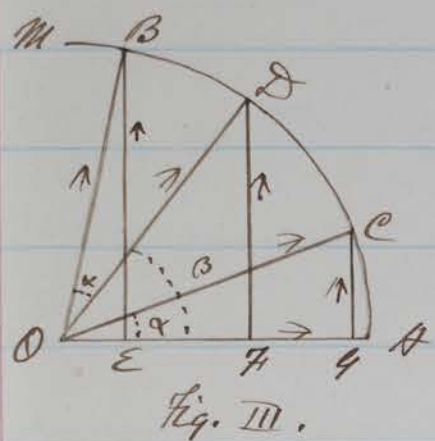
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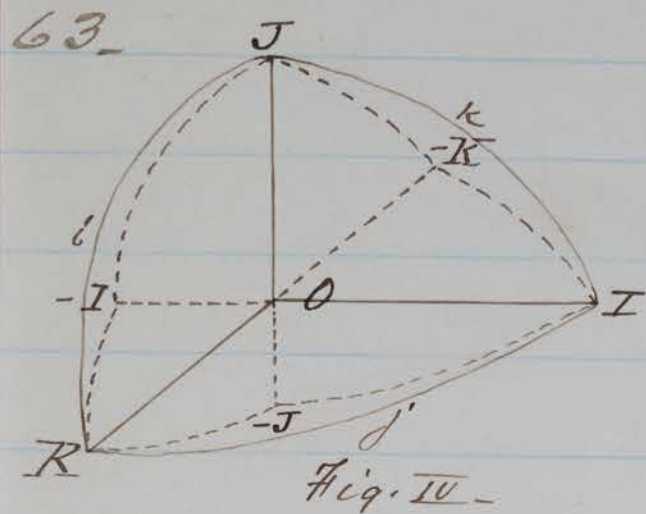
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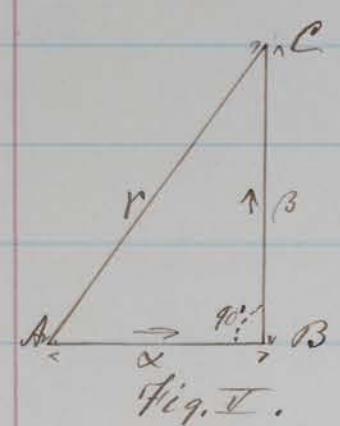
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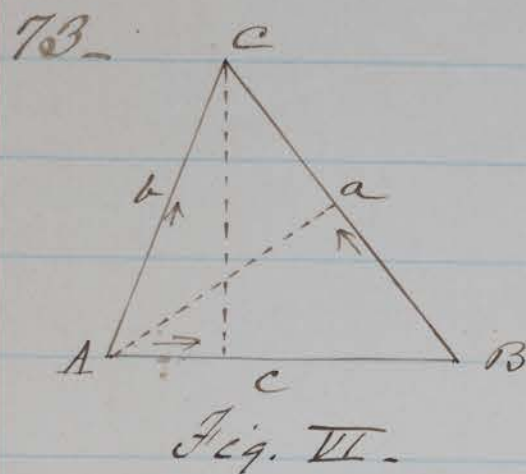
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