

- 70 qualitatum et velocitatum difformium. 8<sup>m</sup> de mensura et intensione in infinitum quarundam difformitatum. 9<sup>m</sup> de quodam [alio] exemplo. 10<sup>m</sup> quoddam aliud exemplum de difformitate composita ex partibus uniformibus et uniformiter difformibus. 11<sup>m</sup> de mensura et extensione in infinitum qualitatis finite seu velocitatis. 12<sup>m</sup> de infinita extensione secundum quid et mensura qualitatis finite et uniformis. 13<sup>m</sup> de infinita extensione simpliciter qualitatis finite atque difformis.
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## [Capitula prime partis]

### [I.i] Capitulum primum de continuitate intensionis

Omnis res mensurabilis exceptis numeris ymaginatur ad modum quantitatis continue. Ideo oportet pro eius mensuratione ymaginari puncta, lineas et superficies, aut istorum proprietates, in quibus, ut vult Philosophus, mensura seu proportio per prius reperitur. In aliis autem cognoscitur in similitudine dum per intellectum referuntur ad ista. Etsi nichil sunt puncta indivisibilia aut linee, tamen oportet ea mathematice fingere pro rerum mensuris et earum proportionibus cognoscendis. Omnis igitur intensio successive acquisibilis ymaginanda est per lineam rectam perpendiculariter

70 qualitatum *om.* *L* / qualitatum et velocitatum: velocitatum qualitatis *C*/difformium: difformiter difformium *E* / et<sup>2</sup> *om.* *S* / intensione corr. ex extensione (*vid. cap. III.8.*) / in *om.* *FM*

71 difformitatum: difformitatum difformiter difformibus (!) *A* qualitatum *E* / quodam: quorundam *F* / [alio] supplevi, cf. *III.ix.1*

71–72 quoddam...de: de quodam alio exemplo et *N*

72–73 de (et *N*)...difformibus *BFMNS* *om.* *P* difformitatis composite ex partibus uniformibus *A* de difformitate *ELC*

73 et: seu *E*

74 seu: vel *N* sive *AE* / secundum: propter *EL* / quid: quam *A*

75 uniformis: uniformitatis *E* / infinita extensione simpliciter *BFM* et cf. *III.xiii.1* extensione simpliciter infinita *AELNPSC* / qualitatis<sup>2</sup> *om.* *M*

76 atque: et *N* / post difformis add. *B* Expli- ciunt capitula tertie partis / post difformis add. *E* Explicit tabula capitulorum deo gratias / post difformis add. *FM* et sic est (erit *M*) finis intencionum omnium capitulo- rum huius libri divisi in tres partes et cetera / post difformis add. *L* Tunc sequitur prima pars

*I.i: AEBVDLNFMPCSG[J]*

1 [Capitula prime partis] *B*, *om. alii* MSS prima pars tractatus [*J*]

2 Capitulum...intensionis *BVEG* *om.*

*ADLNMS[J]* de continuitate intensionis capitulum primum *F* Primum capitulum prime partis *P* Prima propositio *mg. C* 1 *mg. S*

3 Omnes res mensurabiles *NC* / ymaginan- tur *C*

4 mensurationem *S* mensura [*J*]

qualities and velocities. 8. On the measure and intension to infinity of certain difformities. 9. Another example of the same. 10. A certain other example of a difformity composed of uniform and uniformly difform parts. 11. On the measure and extension to infinity of a finite quality or velocity. 12. On the qualified infinite extension and measure of a finite and uniform quality. 13. On the absolute infinite extension of a finite and difform quality.

## Chapters of Part I

### I.i On the continuity of intensity

Every measurable thing except numbers is imagined in the manner of continuous quantity. Therefore, for the mensuration of such a thing, it is necessary that points, lines, and surfaces, or their properties, be imagined. For in them (i.e. the geometrical entities), as the Philosopher has it,<sup>1</sup> measure or ratio is initially found, while in other things it is recognized by similarity as they are being referred by the intellect to them (i.e., to geometrical entities). Although indivisible points, or lines, are non-existent, still it is necessary to feign them mathematically for the measures of things and for the understanding of their ratios.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, every intensity which can be acquired successively ought to be imagined by a straight line perpendicular-

*I.i*

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.i, line 5.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, lines 7-9.

4-5 lineas et superficies: superficies et lineas  
*AP*

4 lineas: linea *N*

5 et: aut *G* / ut...Philosophus: secundum  
philosophum [J] / Philosophus *BVLF-*  
*MSCGD* Aristoteles *AENP*

6 seu: et *M* / per prius: proprius *GS*(?)  
prius *E* / autem: aut *A*

7 dum *BVFMSCG* qua *ENL* que *P* qui *A*

/ per intellectum *tr. N* post referuntur / ad  
ista *tr. N* post qua quod stat in loco dum /  
ista: illa *G* / nichil sunt: non sint *G*

8 mathematice om. *AP* / fingere: sumere *E*

9 proportionibus: proprietatibus et propor-  
tionibus *M* / igitur: ergo *G* aut *C*

10 ymaginanda est *tr. FM* post intensibilis in  
linea *II*

11 aliquod punctum *BVFMSCG*[J] aliquot

erectam super aliquod punctum spatii vel subiecti illius rei intensibilis, ut, verbi gratia, qualitatis. Nam quecunque proportio reperitur inter intensi-  
 15 nō et intensionem de intensionibus que sunt eiusdem rationis similis pro-  
 portio invenitur inter lineam et lineam et e contra; quemadmodum enim una  
 linea alteri linee est commensurabilis et alteri incommensurabilis, ita est con-  
 formiter de intensionibus quod quedam sunt commensurabiles ad invicem et  
 quedam incommensurabiles quomodolibet propter continuitatem earundem.  
 Ergo mensura intensionum potest ymaginari congrue sicut linearum mensu-  
 20 ra, cum etiam intensio possit eodem modo sicut linea in infinitum diminui  
 et quantum est ex se in infinitum augeri.

Rursum intensio secundum quam aliquid dicitur magis tale, ut magis  
 album aut magis velox; ipsa quidem, secundum quod intensio vel intensio  
 puncti est tantum uno modo divisibilis et in infinitum ad modum continui,  
 25 igitur non potest convenientius ymaginari quam per illam speciem continui  
 que est primo divisibilis et uno modo tantum, scilicet per lineam. Et quo-  
 niam linearum quantitas sive proportio notior est et facilius a nobis concipi-  
 tur, ymmo linea est in prima specie continuorum, ideo per lineas ymaginanda  
 est intensio talis—maxime vero et convenientissime per illas que subiecto  
 30 applicate super ipsum perpendiculariter eriguntur, quarum consideratio ad  
 cuiuslibet intensionis notitiam naturaliter iuvat et dicit, prout ex 4º capitulo  
 sequenti plenius apparebit. Ideoque intensiones eae per eae lineas  
 designantur et dupla intensio per duplam lineam et sic semper proportiona-  
 liter procedendo. Et istud est universaliter intelligendum de omni inten-  
 sione ad ymaginationem divisibili, sive sit intensio qualitatis active sive non  
 35 active, sensibilis sive insensibilis subiecti aut obiecti aut medii, ut de luce

punctum *N* aliquod punctum aut (vel *E*)  
 aliquot puncta *AEP* aliquot puncta *LD* /  
 spatii: intensibilis spacii *AP* / subiecti:  
 spaci subiecti *B* / illius...intensibilis *om.*  
*AP* / rei *om. F*

11-12 ut...qualitatis *VSG* ut gratia qualitatis  
*C* verbi gratia ut qualitas *FM* ut verbi gra-  
 tia *BLN* verbi gratia *AEP*

12 Nam. *om. LN lac. V* / quecunque: qualis-  
 cunque *AELNP* / reperitur: invenitur *E*

13 et intensionem *om. FM* / que: qualitatis  
 (?) que *B* quod quedam *F*

14 invenitur: reperitur *VAE* / et lineam *om.*  
*FM* / e contra: e converso *FM* / enim *om.*  
*AP* nisi *C*

14-15 una linea *tr. S*

15 linee *om. AL* / est *tr. VM* post linea / et...  
 incommensurabilis *om. C* / et *om. PCFM*

17 quedam: quidem *S* / quolibet *M* / earun-  
 dem *ABENP* earum *VS* eorum *FMCG*

eorundem *L*

18 Ergo: igitur *AVES* / ymaginari congrue  
*tr. N*

19 possit: posset *M* / possit...modo: eodem  
 modo possit *C* / diminui: dividi et diminui  
*FM* / diminui *tr. C ante* sicut

20 quantum: quantitas *FM* / ex: de *AP* / in  
 infinitum *om. G*

21 Rursum: Et rursum *AELNP* / post inten-  
 sio sup. scr. m. rec. *C* est / aliquid: aliquod  
*AP* / dicetur *B* / magis tale: magis clare *A*  
 et add. *A ante* dicitur / tale: tale aut minus  
 tale *E* / ut magis: et minus *A* ut minus *P*

22 post album add. *F* aut niger / aut: vel *V* /  
 magis: minus *E* / intensio: extensio *A* est  
 intensio *S*

22-23 vel intensio puncti *ABVCS* *om. FM*  
 ut intensio puncti *G* vel extensio puncti  
*LNPD* ut extensio puncti *E*

23 tantum: cum *L* / et: etiam *G*

ly erected on some point of the space or subject of the intensible thing, e.g., a quality. For whatever ratio is found to exist between intensity and intensity, in relating intensities of the same kind, a similar ratio is found to exist between line and line, and vice versa. For just as one line is commensurable to another line and incommensurable to still another, so similarly in regard to intensities certain ones are mutually commensurable and others incommensurable in any way because of their [property of] continuity. Therefore, the measure of intensities can be fittingly imagined as the measure of lines, since an intensity could be imagined as being infinitely decreased or infinitely increased in the same way as a line.

Again, intensity is that according to which something is said to be "more such and such," as "more white" or "more swift." Since intensity, or rather the intensity of a point, is infinitely divisible in the manner of a continuum in only one way, therefore there is no more fitting way for it to be imagined than by that species of a continuum which is initially divisible and only in one way, namely by a line. And since the quantity or ratio of lines is better known and is more readily conceived by us—nay the line is in the first species of continua, therefore such intensity ought to be imagined by lines and most fittingly by those lines which are erected perpendicularly to the subject. The consideration of these lines naturally helps and leads to the knowledge of any intensity, as will be more fully apparent in chapter four below. Therefore, equal intensities are designated by equal lines, a double intensity by a double line, and always in the same way if one proceeds proportionally. And this is to be understood universally in regard to every intensity that is divisible in the imagination, whether it be an active or non-active quality, a sensible or non-sensible subject, object, or medium. For example, it is to be understood in regard to the light of the body of the sun, to the illumination of a medium, or to a species in the medium, to a diffused influence or power, and similarly to others, with the

24 igitur *VLNS* ergo *BFMG* et ideo *AEP* /  
igitur...continui *om. C* / convenientius  
ymaginari *tr. V*

25 que: qui *A* / est primo *BVFMS* *tr.*  
*AELNPCGD*

26 sive: seu *A* / est *om. N*

26-27 concipitur: percipitur *M* corrupitur  
(?) *C* sed add. *m. rec. mg.* vel concipitur

27 ymmo: ymo *FNA* ideo *C* / linea est: pri-  
mo est linea *E* / lineas: lineam *S*

27-28 ymaginanda est *tr. N*

28 vero: enim *VS(?)* / per illas *om. G* per illos  
*C*

29 super ipsum *om. G* / ipsum *om. C* ipsam *L* /  
eriguntur quarum *tr. L* / quarum: quorum  
*V* quare *A* et *S* / ad: a *P*

30 cuiuslibet: cuiuscunque *BVG* cuiuscuius-  
libet *C* / naturaliter iuvat *tr. G* / ex: in  
*AELPC* / 4º capitulo *tr. N* primo capitulo  
*C*

31 apparebit: patebit *A*, et *mg.* add. *C* conclu-  
sio

31-32 per...intensio *om. AP*

32-33 proportionaliter: proportionabiliter  
*CG*

33 istud: illud *N* / est universaliter *tr. V*

34 divisibilis *A* / sit: sit etiam *V* / intensio  
*om. FM*

35 ante sensibilis add. *AELNP* sive / insensi-  
bilis: non sensibilis *C* / aut<sup>1</sup>: sive *APM*  
vel *BF* / aut<sup>2</sup>: vel *BVSG* / de *om. CSG*

35-36 luce corporis: corporis *G* corpore *VC*

corporis solis et de lumine medii, vel de specie in medio, vel influentia aut virtute diffusa, et sic de aliis, excepta forsitan intensione curvitatis, de qua dicetur ad partem in capitulis 20<sup>o</sup> et 21<sup>o</sup> huius partis.

Huiusmodi vero linea intensionis de qua nunc dictum est non extenditur extra punctum vel extra subiectum secundum rem sed solum secundum ymaginationem, et ad quamvis partem nisi quod convenientius ymaginatur in sursum perpendiculariter stare super subiectum qualitate informatum.

### [I.ii] Capitulum secundum de latitudine qualitatum

Omnis intensio per predictam lineam designata proprie vocari deberet longitudo illius qualitatis, primo quidem quia in alteratione continua [essentialiter] non exigitur successio secundum extensionem sive secundum partes subiecti [quia potest totum simul incipere alterari] sed ibi requiritur successio secundum intensionem. Ergo sicut in motu locali illa dimensio dicitur longitudo spatii seu vie secundum quam exigitur successio, ita conformiter huiusmodi intensio secundum quam requiritur successio deberet dici longitudo ipsius qualitatis. Item sicut velocitas in motu locali secundum longitudinem spatii mensuratur, ita in alteratione velocitas attenditur penes intensionem. Ergo talis intensio deberet dici longitudo. Item nulla qualitas alteratione acquisibilis potest ymaginari sine intensione seu divisibilitate secundum intensionem, sed bene potest ymaginari sine extensione; ymmo qualitas subiecti indivisibilis, ut anime vel angeli, non habet extensionem. Cum igitur ymaginetur mathematice longitudo sine latitudine et non e converso, et intensio sit referenda ad aliquam dimensionem, ut patet ex

- prius (?) corporis *S*
- 36 et: aut *E* / vel<sup>1</sup>: et *VE* / vel<sup>2</sup>: vel de *E* / aut *om.* *FM* vel *B*
- 37 virtute diffusa: divina virtute infusa *FM* / forsitan: forte *N* / de curvitatis *scr. m. rec.* *C* in *mg.* vel caritatis
- 38 ad partem: post *N* partialiter (?) *E* / in *om.* *S* / capitulo *V* / 20<sup>o</sup> et: 2<sup>o</sup> *N* 7<sup>o</sup> *C* / huius: istius *V* / huius partis *om.* *G*
- 39 Huiusmodi: huiusmodi cot (?) *C* / vero: vera *C* / extendit *C*
- 40 extra<sup>1</sup>: ultra *M* / subiectum: sanct (?) *C* / solum *om.* *AP*
- 41 in *om.* *AEP*
- 42 sursum: situ sive *S* / informatum *VEM-* *NSG* formatum (?) *B*, *AFLPCD*

### I.ii: *BVAEDLNFMPCSG*

- 1 Capitulum secundum *BVELPSCD om.* *ANM*, tr. *FG* post qualitatum / de... qualitatum *BVE(?)FG om.* *ANPMS* de latitudine qualitatis *LD* de velocitate qualitatis *C*
- 2 Omnis *BVSCGM* Omnis igitur *AELPD* Omnis ergo *FN* / designata: ymaginata *FM* distincta *A* / vocari deberet *BLND* vocari debet *VFMSCG* debet vocari *EP* deberet vocari *A*
- 3 longitudo: eius longitudo *C* / illius *om.* *F* / quidem: igitur quidem *L* igitur *N* / quia *om.* *N*
- 3-4 [essentialiter] *AELNPD om.* *BVFMS**CG*
- 4 exigitur: requiritur *E* / secundum<sup>2</sup> *om.* *N*

possible exception of curvature, concerning which we shall speak in a limited way in chapters twenty and twenty-one of this part [of our work].

Of course, the line of intensity of which we have just spoken is not actually extended outside of the point or subject but is only so extended in the imagination, and it could be extended in any direction whatever except that it is more fitting to imagine it standing up perpendicularly on the subject informed with the quality.<sup>3</sup>

### I.ii On the latitude of qualities

Every intensity designated by the aforesaid line ought properly to be called the longitude of the quality.<sup>1</sup> This is primarily because in continuous alteration succession according to the extension or parts of the subject is not [essentially] demanded, [for the whole subject can begin to be altered simultaneously], but succession according to intensity is required there. Therefore, just as in local motion that dimension according to which succession is demanded is called length of space or path, so similarly intensity of this sort according to which succession is required should be called the longitude of this quality. Also, just as velocity in local motion is measured according to length of space, so velocity in alteration is a function of intensity. Therefore, such intensity should be called longitude. Also, no quality acquirable by alteration can be imagined without intensity or divisibility according to intensity, but it can well be imagined without extension. Nay, a quality of an indivisible subject, such as a soul or an angel, does not have extension. Since, therefore, length is imagined mathematically without breadth but not conversely, and since intensity ought to be referred to some dimension, as is evident in the

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, lines 40–41.

I.ii

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.ii, lines 2–24.

- 5 [quia...alterari] *AELNPD om.*  
*BVFMSHG / potest totum EP tr. LND*  
possunt (!) totum *A / ibi om. AEP*
- 6 Ergo: igitur *LND* ideo *APE / dicitur*  
*VFMSG* dicetur *BC* diceretur *AELNPD*
- 7 seu: sive *P*
- 8 intensio: enim intensio *L / debet (?) BC*
- 9 ipsius: illius *FNMC et tr. N post qualitatis*  
/ Item: Et *NS / locali om. E*
- 10 spatii *tr. V post mensuratur*
- 11 Ergo: igitur *VNSG / debet (?) VCE /*  
Item: 3º *N / post qualitas add. P neque /*  
*post qualitas add. E in*

- 12 alteratione: alterative *G / seu: sex (?) V*  
aut *EAP* sive *S / divisibilitate: difformitate A diversitate LD* ex
- 13 bene potest *tr. AE/extensione: intensione L*
- 14 post anime add. *E intensive / habent FS*
- 15 ymaginetur: imaginatur *AEP / mathematische tr. AEP post latitudine / longitudo: loquendo L / et om. B*
- 16 et: et cum *ELNP* et tamen *A / referenda: differenda A / ex: in AELNP*
- 17 precedentii capitulo *tr. AN / est: esset BSG / non: et non AELNPG*

15 caretur latitudo et intensio longitudo. Verumtamen quia extensio est manifestior et palpabilius, ut ita loquitur, et prior cognitione quo ad nos quam sit intensio, et forsan quo ad naturam, ideo non obstantibus predictis ipsa extensio secundum communem usum loquendi attribuitur prime dimensioni, scilicet longitudini, et intensio latitudini. Et quoniam differentia 20 huiusmodi impositionis seu improprietas vocationis nichil facit ad rem sed utroque modo potest idem exprimi, volo sequi modum communem ne propter locutionem inconsuetam illa que dicam minus leviter intelligantur. Extensio igitur qualitatis in nomine dei vocetur eius longitudo et intensio 25 ipsius vocetur latitudo sive altitudo. Sed qualitercunque sit, patet ex dictis quod quidam moderni non bene vocant latitudinem qualitatis ipsam totam, sicut abusio esset per latitudinem superficie intelligere totam superficiem vel figuram. Nam quemadmodum aliisque latitudines superficierum sive figurarum inequalium sunt equales ita similiter, sicut postea videbitur, multe latitudines qualitatum inequalium sunt equales aut etiam econverso.

#### [I.iv] Capitulum 4<sup>m</sup> de quantitate qualitatum

Cuiuslibet linearis qualitatis quantitas ymaginanda est per superficiem cuius longitudo seu basis est linea in subiecto quali protracta, ut dicit precedens capitulum, et cuius latitudo seu altitudo designatur per lineam super 5 basim predictam perpendiculariter erectam secundum quod ponit capitulum

15 intensio: intensio vocaretur *N* / Verumtamen *APCE* verum *BVFMSG* verum est tamen *LND* / quia: quod *LND* / extensio: intensio *LND*

16 et<sup>2</sup> om. *S* / prior: peior *G*

16–17 quam sit intensio om. *D*

17 intensio: extensio *N* / et om. *AP* / ideo: et ideo *FM* ergo *D* / ipsa om. *AP*

18 usum: modum *AEP*

19 scilicet: et i. (id est?) *V* / longitudo *S*

19–22 Et...intelligantur om. *D*

19 Et: Sed *F* / quoniam: quia *AEP* / quoniam differentia *tr. L* / differentia: natura *FM*

20 huiusmodi: huius *B(?)VFM* / seu: vel *AEP* / proprietas *VFM* / vocationis: locutionis *P*

21 ne: nec *L*

22 locutionem: modum loquendi *AP* loqua-

tionem *B* / inconsuetum *AP* / illa: ista *N* / intelligitur *N*

23 igitur: enim *V* ergo *S* / dei: domini *NFM* 23–24 eius...vocetur: ipsius *A*

23 eius om. *D*

24 ipsius: eius *LS* et *tr. S* ante intensio / ipsius *tr. G* ante latitudo / vocetur *ENPFM* om. *D* vocatur *L* dicatur *BVSCG* / latitudo sive altitudo: altitudo vel latitudo *P* / sive: seu *ED* vel *AP*

24–29 Sed....econverso om. *D*

24 sit om. *N* / ex dictis om. *V*

25 bene vocant *tr. A* quidem bene vocant *S*

26 esset: est *PLN* / latitudinem superficie *tr. N* / intelligere...superficiem om. *S*

27 vel: sive *FM* aut *A* / Nam quemadmodum: non quemadmodum *S* quia sicut *AEP* quia quemadmodum *N* / aliique: quedam *FM* / aliique latitudines *tr. V* / sive: aut *A* vel *LP*

should be called latitude and their intensity longitude. Nevertheless, extension as it is thus spoken of is more manifest, more palpable, and prior in our cognition than is intensity.<sup>1</sup> It is perhaps also prior in nature. Therefore, notwithstanding my previous statements, this extension according to the common practice of speech is associated with the first dimension, namely longitude, and intensity with latitude. And since a difference in the application of [a name of] this sort, or an impropriety in naming, actually has no effect and the same thing can be expressed in either way, I wish [accordingly] to follow the common way. I do this so that those things which I say might not be less easily understood because of unaccustomed locution. Therefore, in the name of God let the extension of a quality be called its longitude and intensity its latitude or altitude. But however this might be, it is obvious from the things said that certain moderns do not speak in the best way when they call the whole of the quality its latitude, just as it would be an abuse [of terminology] to understand by the breadth of a surface the whole surface or figure.<sup>2</sup> For just as the breadths of some unequal surfaces or figures are equal, so, as will be seen later, many latitudes of unequal qualities are equal, or vice versa.

#### I.iv On the quantity of qualities

The quantity of any linear quality is to be imagined by a surface whose length or base is a line protracted in a subject of this kind, as the preceding chapter says, and whose breadth or altitude is designated by a line erected perpendicularly on the

##### I.iii

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.iii, lines 15–17.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, lines 24–27.

28 postea videbitur: patebit postea *AEP*

29 aut: vel *P* / aut...econverso *om. FM* / post  
econverso add. *E* et cetera

I.iv: *BVAPFLSD*—collated throughout;  
[*MENCGJ*]—also used, but not completely, and then placed in brackets

<sup>1</sup> Capitulum...qualitatum *LBVD[CE]* *om.*  
*AS[MN]* 4<sup>m</sup> capitulum *P* De quantitate  
qualitatum capitulum 4<sup>m</sup> *F[G]* 4 c *mg.* *S* 4  
*mg.* *A*

2 linearis (linealis *B*)...quantitas *BFS*  
[*GNM*] qualitatis quantitas linealis (linearis *L[ECD]*) *ALP[CDE]* quantitas linealis  
qualitatis *V*/ymaginanda est *tr. AP[E]*

<sup>3</sup> seu: vel *AP[E]* / pertracta *P[M]*  
<sup>3–4</sup> precedens capitulum *tr. AP[E]*  
<sup>4</sup> seu *LPDF[EMNJ]* sive *BV[CG]* sine *S*  
<sup>5–6</sup> predictam...qualitatem<sup>2</sup>: aliquem *A*  
<sup>5</sup> predictam: productam *LPD[EN]* / secundum...ponit: sicut dicit *P[E]* ut ponit *[N]*  
sicut ponit *D*

secundum. Et intelligo per qualitatem linearem qualitatem alicuius linee in subiecto informato qualitate.

Quod enim quantitas talis qualitatis per huiusmodi superficiem possit ymaginari patet, quoniam contingit dare superficiem illi qualitati equalē in longitudine seu extensione et similem in altitudine eidem qualitati in intentione, ut patebit post. Sed quod per hoc debeamus ymaginari qualitatem ut eius dispositio levius cognoscatur apparet quia eius uniformitas atque difformitas citius, facilius, et clarior perpenduntur quando in figura sensibili aliquod simile describitur quod ab ymaginatione velociter et perfecte capitur et quando in exemplo visibili declaratur. Satis enim difficile videtur quibusdam intelligere que sit qualitas uniformiter difformis. Sed quid facilius quam quod trianguli rectanguli altitudo est uniformiter difformis? Certe hoc apparet ad sensum. Cum igitur intensio huiusmodi qualitatis per altitudinem talis trianguli fuerit figurata et ei assimilata sicut fiet in 8º capitulo, tunc de facili cognoscetur huiusmodi qualitatis difformitas, dispositio, figuratio, et mensura, et ita de aliis. Nec alio modo possent species seu diversi modi difformitatis agnosci nec aliter assignari, sicut patebit capitulois 14º et 15º huius partis. Multum enim iuvat ad cognitionem rerum ymaginatio figurorum, propter quod theologi dicunt illud fuisse figuram alicuius rei ex cuius similitudine in illius rei notitiam poterat deveniri et configurari ei et assimilari. Nam ut dicit Apostolus de Christo quod “reformabit corpus humilitatis nostre, configuratum corpori claritatis sue.” Glosa dicit “i.e., assimilabimur corpori illius in claritate.”

Nunc autem ad propositum revertendo, sicut punctualis qualitas ymaginatur ut linea et linearis per superficiem, ita qualitas superficie ymaginatur ut

<sup>6</sup> per om. *F[M]* / linearem: linealem *P* / qualitatem<sup>2</sup> om. *P*

<sup>8</sup> enim quantitas *tr. A* / talis qualitatis *tr. LD[E]* talis *A* / huiusmodi superficiem *tr. B*

<sup>9</sup> quoniam: quia *AP[EN]*

<sup>10</sup> eiusdem *S* / quantitati *P* / in om. *L[N]*

<sup>11</sup> patebit post *tr. P[N]* patebit *[G]* / debeamus bis *P*

<sup>11-15</sup> Sed...declaratur om. *D*

<sup>12</sup> dispositiones *ALP[EN]* / cognoscantur *ALP[EN]* / eius uniformitas *tr. F[M]* / atque: et *AP[EN]*

<sup>13</sup> citius: citius et *L[N]* / et om. *B*

<sup>14</sup> aliquod: ad(?) *S[C]* aliquid *[NG]*

<sup>15</sup> et om. *AP* / enim om. *D*

<sup>15-16</sup> quibusdam intelligere om. *AP*

<sup>16</sup> que: quid *LPD[EC]* quod *A*

<sup>16-17</sup> Sed...difformis *BVAPDF[MECN]*,  
mg. *L*, om. *S[G]* et text. *L*

<sup>16</sup> quam: enim *A*

<sup>17</sup> quod: quo *AP*

<sup>17-23</sup> Certe....partis: cui comparatur talis qualitas *D*

<sup>17-18</sup> apparet: patet *A[GN]*

<sup>18</sup> huiusmodi om. *F[M]*

<sup>19</sup> trianguli: triangli rectanguli altitudo est uniformiter difformis *L* / 8º: 9º *AP* / capitulo om. *S*

<sup>20</sup> cognoscentur *FB* / qualitatis difformitas *tr. A* qualitatis difformitas et difformis *L*

<sup>21</sup> et...aliis om. *APL[EC]* et cetera *[N]* / species: superficies *A* / seu om. *AP* / diversi modi: diversimode *P*

<sup>22</sup> agnisci: cognosci *F[M]*/capitulois: in capitulois *APL[E]*

<sup>23</sup> enim: si (?) *A*

<sup>24</sup> illud *BVFS[MG]* illam *ALPD[ECN]* / alicuius rei om. *A* alicuius *S[M]*

<sup>25</sup> notitiam *tr. V* post in / devenire *F[MN]*

aforesaid base in the way that the second chapter proposes. And I understand by "linear quality" the quality of some line in the subject informed with a quality.

That the quantity of such a [linear] quality can be imagined by a surface of this sort is obvious, since one can give a surface equal to the quality in length or extension and which would have an altitude similar to the intensity of the quality, as will be clear later. But it is apparent that we ought to imagine a quality in this way in order to recognize its disposition more easily, for its uniformity and its difformity are examined more quickly, more easily, and more clearly when something similar to it is described in a sensible figure. [This is true] because something is quickly and perfectly understood when it is explained by a visible example. Thus it seems quite difficult for certain people to understand the nature of a quality that is uniformly difform. But what is easier to understand than that the altitude of a right triangle is uniformly difform? For this is surely apparent to the senses. Therefore, when the intensity of a quality of this sort is figuratively represented by the altitude of such a triangle and is assimilated to it in the manner done in chapter eight, then one recognizes with ease in such a quality its difformity, disposition, figuration, and measure<sup>1</sup>; and similarly for other qualities. Now there is no other way by which the species and diverse modes of difformity could be recognized and otherwise assigned, as will be obvious in chapters fourteen and fifteen of this part. For the imagining of figures is a great help in the understanding of things. Accordingly, theologians say that it was from the similarity of the figure of something that one was able to come into knowledge of that thing and to be conformed and assimilated to it. For as the Apostle says concerning Christ, He "will reform the body of our lowness, made like to the body of His glory."<sup>2</sup> A gloss on this passage says: "i.e. we shall be assimilated to His body in glorification."<sup>3</sup>

Now, reverting to the subject at hand, just as the quality of a point is imagined as a line, and the quality of a line by a surface, so the quality of a surface is imagined

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<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.iv, lines 8–26.

<sup>2</sup> Epist. to the Philippians 3:20–21.

<sup>3</sup> The so-called *Glossa ordinaria*. See the Commentary, I.iv, lines 27–28.

25–28 et<sup>1</sup>....claritate APLS[CEG] om.  
VBF[M]

25–26 et<sup>1</sup>....Apostolus: configurari enim i.  
assimilari unde apostolus ait S

25 configurari: figurari A

26–44 Nam....apparebit om. D

27–29 configuratum...revertendo: et cetera  
dico igitur quod [N]

27 Glosa L[C] glo<sup>a</sup>diffinitive A glo<sup>a</sup>PS[EG]  
/ i.e. S[CG] cf. glos. ord. ibi ALP[E]

27–28 assimilabimur corpori glos. ord. assimili-  
lari corpori P[E] assimilatum corpori  
S[G] assimilatio in corpora A assimilatum  
corpus L[?C]

28 claritate S[CG] cf. glos. ord. glorificatione  
ALP[E]

29 Nunc autem: Sednunc AP[E]/punctualis:  
patet talis F[M]

30 linea...ut om. AP

corpus cuius quidem corporis ymaginati basis est superficies ipsa informata qualitate prout plenius declarabitur in processu. Cum autem in corpore quali infinite sint superficies [equales] et cuiuslibet earum qualitas ymaginatur ut corpus, non est inconveniens, sed oportet, ymaginari unum corpus secundum situm ubi aliud potest ymaginari simul, vel etiam quodlibet simul, per penetrationem vel per mathematicam suppositionem (/superpositionem?) seu simul positionem corporum sic factorum; que tamen penetratio non est in re. Et quamvis qualitas superficialis ymaginetur per corpus, et non contingat esse vel ymaginari quartam dimensionem, tamen qualitas corporalis ymaginatur habere duplarem corporeitatem: unam veram ad extensionem subiecti secundum omnem dimensionem, aliam vero solum ymaginatam ab intensione ipsius qualitatis infinites replicabilem secundum multitudinem superficierum subiecti, cuius ymaginationis op(p)ortunitas prius tacta est et in sequentibus plenius apparebit.

### [I.v] Capitulum 5<sup>m</sup> de figuraione qualitatum

Omnis qualitas linearis figuratur ad modum alicuius superficiei super subiectam lineam perpendiculariter erecte. Sit enim *AB* linea informata qualitate [Fig. 1]. Et quoniam per precedens capitulum qualitas ista designatur per superficiem, oportet quod ymaginetur figurata sicut superficies per quam ipsa designatur vel ymaginatur. Cuius quidem superficie altitudo designat intensionem istius qualitatis. Oportet etiam quod istius superficiei

31 superficies ipsa tr. *A*

32 prout...declarabitur: sicut plenius patebit *A* sicut patebit plenius *P[E]* ut post declaratur *[N]* / in processu om. *[N]* / Cum: nunc *F[M]* / autem: igitur *V*

33 sint: sunt *AF[M]* / [equales] *BVAPSL*: [*EGCN*], sed delendum est, sicut in *F[M]*?

33–34 ymaginatur *F[MN]*

34 sed oportet om. *L* / sed: sed forte *F[MN]* / post ymaginari add. *S* sit

35 secundum situm: sic dictum *F[N]* situm *S* sic infinitum *[C]* / ubi...simul<sup>1</sup>: simul esse ubi aliud *AP[E]* / vel: aut *A* / quodlibet: quomodolibet *F[M]* quilibet *S* quotlibet *[E]* / simul<sup>2</sup>: sive *A*

36 penetrationes *L[C]* / vel: seu *VF* / per *BSF[CGM]* om. *V* etiam per *AP[EN]* etiam *L* / suppositionem: positionem *V*

37 positionem: possent *V* / sic om. *AL* / factorum *BVSF[MN]* situatorum *APL[E]* sitorum *[G]* finitorum *[C]* / post factorum add. *L* secundum infinitatem

38 qualitas om. *L* / ymaginatur *P[N]* / et<sup>2</sup>: tamen *L* et tamen *[N]*

38–39 contingat *BVFS* [*MGN*] conting<sup>t</sup> *APL* contingit *[EC]*

39 tamen *VPLS[EGC]* cum *BAF[M,?N]*

40 post duplarem add. *S* ipse

41–42 aliam...multitudinem om. *S*

41 vero om. *F[M]* / solum *VAPF[EGC]* solam *BL[MN]* / solum ymaginatam tr. *A*

42 replicata *L*

44 in sequentibus: post *[N]* / in...apparebit: postea plenius patebit *AP[E]*

as a body whose base is the surface informed with the quality. This will be more fully clarified as we go along. Moreover, since in any kind of a body there is an infinite number of equivalent<sup>4</sup> surfaces and the quality of any one of them is imagined as a body, it is not unfitting but necessary that one body be imagined to be at the same time in the place where another body—or even any other body whatever—is imagined to be. [We can think of this taking place] by penetration or by mathematical superposition<sup>5</sup> or the simultaneous placing of the bodies so imagined. However, this penetration is not real. And although a surface quality is imagined by means of a body and it does not happen that a fourth dimension exists or is imagined,<sup>6</sup> still a corporeal quality is imagined to have a double corporeity: a true one with respect to the extension of the subject in every dimension and another one that is only imagined from the intensity of this quality taken an infinite number of times and dependent upon the multitude of surfaces of the subject. The suitability of this imagined concept has been touched upon before and will be more fully apparent in what follows.

#### I.v On the figuration of qualities

Every linear quality is “figured” (i.e., represented in figures) by means of a surface perpendicularly erected upon a subject line. For let *AB* be a line informed with a quality [see Fig. 1]. And since by the preceding chapter this quality is designated by a surface, it is necessary that it be imagined as “figured” by the surface by which it is designated or imagined. The latitude of this surface designates the intensity of this quality. It is necessary also that any point of this surface or figure out-

<sup>4</sup> The Latin text appears to have *superficies* *equales*. Either the *equales* ought to be deleted, or it is used with the meaning of surfaces that are equivalent or equal in thickness. One would suppose that Oresme would have conceived of them as being of infinitely small thickness, syncategorematically speaking, i.e.,

that they are thinner than any assignable quantity.

<sup>5</sup> All manuscripts except *V* (which has *positionem*) have *suppositionem*. However, *suppositionem* makes much better sense and so I have rendered it such in my translation.

<sup>6</sup> See the Commentary, I.iv, line 39.

#### I.v: BVAPFLD [ENMCGS]

- 1 Capitulum... qualitatum *BVLD[EC]* om.  
*A[M]* <sup>5m</sup> capitulum *P* De figuratione  
qualitatum capitulum <sup>5m</sup> *F[G]* Capitulum  
<sup>5m</sup> *[NS]* <sup>5</sup> c mg. *S* 6 mg. *A*
- 2 lignealis *A*
- 3 lineam om. [*S*] lignealem *A*
- 4 quoniam: quia *AP[EN]*

6 ipsa om. *LD[N]* / vel: aut *A* / vel ymagi-  
natur om. *D*

7 intensionem... qualitatis: qualitatem in-  
tensionem *A* / istius<sup>1</sup> om. *ALPD[N]* /  
Oportet: et oportet *AP[E]* / etiam om.  
*AP[E]* igitur *G* / istius<sup>2</sup>: illius *AP* ius<sup>3</sup> *[E]*  
alicuius [*S*] / superficie *A*

vel figure quilibet punctus extra lineam  $AB$  subiectam stet perpendiculariter super eandem lineam  $AB$ , ut patet per primum capitulum, aliter enim intensio et qualitas essent extra subiectum, quia illud quod secundum istam ymaginationem est supra subiectum est secundum rem in subiecto, et econverso, propter quod si quid ymaginaretur super subiectum et non perpendiculariter, illud esset secundum rem extra subiectum. Unde patet quod nulla qualitas ymaginanda est per superficiem vel figuram cuius angulus super basim sit maior recto, sicut esset quadrangulus  $ABCD$ , neque per circuli portionem semicirculo maiorem, sicut esset portio  $EFG$ . Sed per quamlibet aliam figuram planam potest ymaginari aliqua qualitas linearis.

### [I.vi] Capitulum 6<sup>m</sup> de figurarum dearticulatione

Etsi per quamlibet figuram planam aliam a predictis possit recte ymaginari aliqua qualitas linearis, non tamen quelibet potest ymaginari per quamlibet. Nulla siquidem qualitas linearis ymaginatur sive designatur per aliquam figuram nisi quorumcunque punctorum ipsius qualitatis in intensione sit proportio sicut proportio linearum super eadem puncta erectarum perpendiculariter et terminatarum in summitate talis figure ymaginate.

Verbi gratia [Fig. 2], sit linea  $AB$  divisa qualitercumque in punto  $C$  sic quod intensio sit [in] duplo maior in punto  $C$  quam in punto  $A$ , et sit in punto  $B$  triplo maior quam in punto  $C$ . Ergo per primum capitulum linea perpendiculariter ymaginata super punctum  $C$  denotans intensionem illius

8 perpendiculariter *om.*  $F[M]$

9 ut: ultiam (?)  $F$  ultimam  $[M]$  / per *om.*  $P$  /

capitulum: casum  $P$  / enim: autem  $A$

10-12 quia...quod: unde  $D$

11 est<sup>1</sup>: esse  $P$  esset  $[E]$  / supra  $BV[SC]$  sim-  
pliciter  $AP$  sicud supra  $F[M]$  / supra...  
est *om.*  $L$

11-12 econverso: econtra  $ALP[ECN]$

12 quod: quid  $F$  / si quid: sin  $L$  *supra* / quid:  
quis  $F[NM]$  / ymaginaretur  $BF[SMGC]$   
ymaginetur  $ALP[E]$  yma<sup>2</sup>  $V$  ymaginatur  
 $[N]$  / super: supra  $F$

13 Unde: Ex quo  $D$

14 nulla: nulla talis  $F$

15 maior: minor  $V$  / esset *om.*  $LD$  /  $ABCD$ :  
 $ABDC$   $B$  / neque: remanet (?)  $B$  / per:  
secundum  $F[M]$

16 semicirculo maiorem *om.*  $F[M]$  / portio  
*om.*  $V$

17 potest ymaginari *tr.*  $A$  / aliqua *om.*

$ALD[E]$  / linearis: lignearum  $A$

#### I.vi: *BVAPFL*

1 Capitulum...dearticulatione  $BVLP[EC]$   
*om.*  $A[MNS]$  De articulatione figurarum  
capitulum 6<sup>m</sup>  $F$  De figurarum dearticula-  
tionem capitulum 6<sup>m</sup>  $[G]$  6 c *mg.* S 7  
*mg.*  $A$

2 alia  $F$  / recte *om.*  $AP$  / ymaginari *tr.*  $AP[E]$   
*ante non*

3 aliqua...ymaginari *om.*  $F$  / potest *om.*  $L$

4 Nulla *om.*  $[C]$  nulle  $AP[E]$ ; *lac.*  $L$  / qual-  
itates lineares  $AP[E]$  / ymaginatur  $AP[E]$   
/ sive: seu  $V$  aut  $A$  vel  $P[E]$  / designan-  
tur  $AP[E]$

7 et terminatarum: pertractarum  $F$  / talis:  
vel  $F$

8 gratia *om.*  $P$

9 quod *om.*  $V$  / sit *om.*  $BF[SM]$  / [in] *om.*  
 $F[C]$  cf. comm. / maior *tr.*  $P$  *ante sit<sup>1</sup> in*

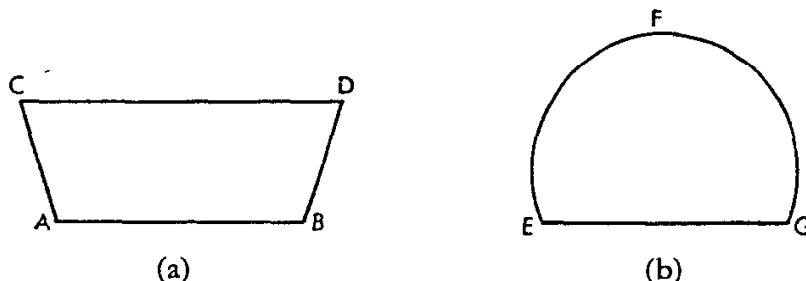


Fig. 1

Figures in MSS *BLDSJCG*. MS *C* interchanges letters *G* and *F*. MS *J* interchanges *D* and *C*.

side of subject line *AB* stands perpendicularly above this same line *AB*, as is obvious in the first chapter, for otherwise the intensity and quality would be [laterally] outside the subject.<sup>1</sup> [This is true] because anything which according to our imagination is above this line is actually in the subject, and vice versa. Accordingly, if anything were imagined as being above the subject but not above it perpendicularly, then it would actually be outside of the subject. Thus it is obvious that no quality is to be imagined by a surface or figure having an angle at the base greater than a right angle, e.g., quadrangle *ABCD*; or by a segment of a circle that is greater than a semicircle,<sup>2</sup> e.g., segment *EFG*. But some linear quality can be imagined by any other plane figure.

### I.vi On the clarification of the figures

Although some linear quality can be correctly imagined by any plane figure other than those mentioned before, still not any quality can be imagined by any figure. Indeed no linear quality is imagined or designated by any figure except the ones in which the ratio of the intensities at any points of that quality is as the ratio of the lines erected perpendicularly in those same points and terminating in the summit of the imagined figure.<sup>1</sup>

For example [see Fig. 2], let line *AB* be divided in point *C* in any way such that the intensity in point *C* is double<sup>2</sup> that in point *A*; and in point *B* let it be triple that in point *C*. Therefore, by the first chapter the line imagined as rising perpendic-

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<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.v, lines 9–10.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, line 16.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.vi, lines 4–7.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, line 9.

puncti est duplo maior quam linea ymagineata super *A*, et linea ymagineata super *B* est triplo maior quam linea ymagineata super *C*. Igitur qualitas ista non potest ymagineari nisi per figuram que sit duplo altior vel cuius summitas sit in duplo maior super *C* quam super *A*, et triplo maior super *B* quam super *C*, cum hoc tamen stat quod huiusmodi figura posset variari in altitudine secundum proportionem intensionis in aliis punctis linee *AB*. Sed ex hoc apparet quod huiusmodi qualitas non potest designari per quadrangulum rectangulum neque per semicirculum, et ita de aliis infinitis figuris.

### [I.vii] Capitulum 7<sup>m</sup> de figuratum coaptatione

Quilibet qualitas linearis per omnem figuram planam designari potest que super ipsam perpendiculariter ymagineata proportionalis est in altitudine eidem qualitati in intensione. Figura autem erecta super lineam informatam qualitate dicitur proportionalis in altitudine qualitati in intensione quando quilibet due linee perpendiculariter erecte super ipsam lineam que est basis usque ad figure vel superficiei summitem sunt proportionales in altitudine punctis super que stant in intensione.

Verbi gratia [Fig. 3], sit linea *AB* super quam statuatur superficies *ABCD* eriganturque super basim due linee *EF* et *GH*. Si igitur talis sit proportio *EF* ad *GH* qualis est proportio intensionis in punto *E* ad intensionem in punto *G*, et sic de aliis punctis et lineis correspondenter, dico quod hec superficies vel figura est proportionalis in altitudine huic qualitati in inten-

<sup>12</sup> est: *CAP[E]* C est [*N*] / duplo *BF[SMC*

*G]* in duplo *LVAP[NE]* / maoriem *P* / quam: quam sit *P* / ymagineata<sup>1</sup> tr. *F[M]* post *A* in linea <sup>12</sup> / ymagineata<sup>2</sup> tr. *AP[E]* post *B* in linea <sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> est: erit *AP[E]* / triplo *BF[SMCG]* in duplo *LVAP[NE]* / quam linea om. *F* / ymagineata om. *A* / ista om. *[M]* illa *P* ia *[E]*

<sup>14, 15</sup> duplo *BFL [MNCGS]* in duplo *AVP[E]*

<sup>15</sup> triplo: in duplo *P* in triplo *AVL[G]*

<sup>16</sup> posset: possit *F[EMC]* potest *[G]* / vari-  
ari om. *F[M]*

<sup>17</sup> Sed: sed etiam *A*

<sup>18</sup> apparet: patet *A[N]* / potest: posset  
*P[EC]*

<sup>19</sup> infinitis om. *A* in infinitis *P*

### I.vii: *BVAPFL*

<sup>1</sup> Capitulum...coaptatione (coaptione *P*)  
*BVLP[EC]* om. *A[SMN]* De figurarum coaptatione capitulum 7<sup>m</sup> *F[G]* 7 c mg. [S]  
7 mg. *A*

<sup>2</sup> linearis: lignearum *A* / planam: plenam *A*

<sup>3</sup> ymagineatura *L*

<sup>4</sup> informata *AP*

<sup>5</sup> in...qualitati: altitudini in qualitate *F[M]*

<sup>6</sup> est basis: a basi *A*

<sup>7</sup> ad: ad extreum *P[N]* / vel: aut *A*

<sup>8</sup> punto *F[M]* / que: quem *F[M]* quam [S]

<sup>9</sup> statuatur: situetur *ALP[EN]*

<sup>10</sup> supra *L[C]* / talis sit tr. *F[MG]*

<sup>12</sup> correspondenter: correspondentibus

*BA[G]* / hec: illa *A*

<sup>13</sup> vel: aut *A* / huic om. *L[C]*

ularly above point *C* and denoting the intensity at that point is double the line imagined as rising above point *A*, and the line imagined as rising above point *B* is three times the line imagined as rising above *C*. Therefore, this quality can be imag-

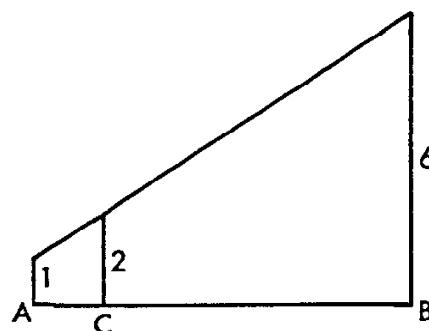


Fig. 2

Figure in MSS *BLGCS*. Letter *C* is missing in MS *L* which has at the tops of the altitudes  $1^m$ ,  $2^m$ ,  $3^m$ , and at the bottoms  $1$ ,  $2^m$ ,  $6$ . MS *L* also includes another similar figure with the perpendicular on *C* toward the middle of the figure.

ined only by the figure which at point *C* is twice as high as at point *A* or whose summit at *C* is double that at point *A*, and whose summit at point *B* is triple that at point *C*—with the further stipulation however that the figure of this sort could be varied in altitude according to the ratio of intensities in the other points of line *AB*. But from this it is apparent that a quality of this sort cannot be designated by a rectangle or by a semicircle; and similarly concerning an infinite number of other figures.

### I.vii On the suitability of the figures

Any linear quality can be designated by every plane figure which is imagined as standing perpendicularly on the linear [extension of the] quality and which is proportional in altitude to the quality in intensity. Moreover, a figure erected on a line informed with a quality is said to be “proportional in altitude to the quality in intensity”<sup>1</sup> when any two lines perpendicularly erected on the quality line as a base and rising to the summit of the surface or figure have the same ratio in altitude to each other as do the intensities at the points on which they stand.

For example [see Fig. 3], let there be line *AB* on which surface *ABCD* stands and let the two lines *EF* and *GH* be erected on the base. If, therefore, the ratio of *EF* to *GH* is as the ratio of the intensity in point *E* to the intensity in point *G*, and similarly for the other points and their corresponding lines, then I say that this surface or figure is “proportional in altitude to this quality in intensity,” so that the

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<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.vii, lines 4–8.

sione, ita quod altitudo superficie similis est intensioni qualitatis istius;  
 15 quare per talem figuram vel superficiem qualitas ista convenientissime designatur. Cum autem super eandem lineam *AB* plures superficies possint erigi proportionales vel similes in altitudine, quedam maiores alie minores, verbi gratia, superficies *ABKL* maior et superficies *ABMN* minor, et quelibet alie que essent consimilis altitudinis licet inequalis, sequitur quod qualitas  
 20 linee *AB* poterit indifferenter per earum quamlibet designari; ita tamen quod si ipsa qualitas ymaginetur per aliquam istarum figurarum signatam tunc stante ista figureatione qualitas dupla ad istam consimilis intensionis designabitur per duplo altiore figuream consimilis altitudinis. Et sic proportionaliter quantumlibet fuerit qualitas maior vel minor, et nichilominus  
 25 prima qualitas potuit ymaginari in principio per quamlibet maiorem vel minorem superficiem seu figuram. Iste autem superficies maiores vel minores sunt simpliciter inequales et dissimiles in figura et etiam in altitudine inequales et tamen sunt in altitudine similes sive proportionales. Unde si in duabus intersectionibus signentur duo puncta *O* et *P* eo modo quo patet in figura nunc posita, tunc si proportio *GH* ad *EF* sit sicut proportio *GP* ad  
 30 *EO* et sic de quibuslibet duabus lineis erectis conformiter super ipsam basim *AB*, dico quod superficies *ABCD* et superficies *ABMN* sunt consimilis altitudinis sive proportionalis.

14 istius om. *ALP[EN]*

15 quare: qualis *F[SM]* / talem om. *B* / vel:  
 sive *A* / qualitas ista om. *F[M]* / ista: illa  
*P[EN]* i<sup>a</sup> [G]

16 plures superficies tr. *F[M]* om. [G] / su-  
 perficies...erigi: essent superficies *V* /  
 possint *AFL[ESMG]* possunt *BP[NC]*

17 vel: aut *A* / consimiles *F[M]* / in altitudine  
 om. *V* / alie: quedam *F[M]* / minores:  
 breviores *V*

18 maior om. *FL[SM]* / minor: brevior *V* /  
 quelibet: quotlibet *B[SM]*

19 inequalis: equalis *A* / qualitas: ista qualitas  
*AP[E]*

21 ipsa: ista *F[M]* / ymaginatur *B[NC]* /  
 signatam om. *F[M]* figuratam [N]

22 ista: illa *AL[EG]* / figureatione: signata  
 ista signatione *B* / qualitatis *AL*, ?P

23 designatur *F[M]* / per: pro *A* / sic om. *A*

24 minor: brevior *V[MG]* / et om. *P* vel [M]

25 prima qualitas tr. *LP[N]* / poterit [N] /  
 vel: aut *A*

26 minorem: breviorem *VP* / seu: vel  
*FP[EM]* aut *A* / vel *VLPECG* et  
*BF[SMN]* aut *A* / minores: breviores *V*

27 sunt om. *L[N]* / et<sup>t</sup>: aut *A*

28 sive: seu *AF[EM]*

29 signantur *B[C]* / eo: eodem *A* / quo: duo  
*A* /

29–30 patet... figura lac. *A*

30 nunc om. [G] ultimo modo *L* nunc ultimo  
*[E]* ultimo nunc *PA* ultimo [NC] / si  
 om. *F[M]*

31 de om. *AP* / quibusunque *F[M]* quibus-  
 dam [NC] / duabus lineis tr. *V* lineis  
*L[NC]*

32 quod: cum *A* / superficies<sup>2</sup> om. *V*

33 proportionis *APL[ENC]*

altitude of the surface is similar to the intensity of this quality. Therefore, this quality is most fittingly designated by such a figure or surface.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, since on the same line  $AB$  a great number of surfaces can be erected which are proportion-

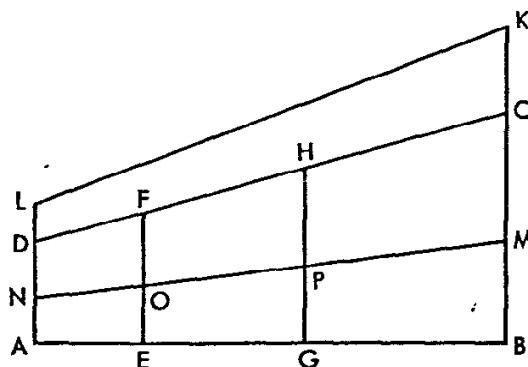


Fig. 3

Figure in MSS *BLGCS*. In MS *J* there is a scrambled figure, perhaps derived from this figure. In MS *B* letters *O* and *P* are missing. MS *L* extends *EF* and *GH* to meet *LK*.

al or similar in altitude—some of which are larger and some smaller than  $ABCD$ , as for example surface  $ABKL$  which is larger and surface  $ABMN$  which is smaller, and any number of others which would be of similar although unequal altitude—it follows that the quality of line  $AB$  can be designated by any one of them indifferently. There is however this provision: if the quality is imagined by some one of these designated figures, then with this figuration retained a quality which is double the original one in intensity and similar to it will be designated by a figure of similar altitude but twice as high.<sup>3</sup> The same thing holds proportionally for any greater or lesser quality, notwithstanding the fact that the first quality could have been imagined in the beginning by a greater or lesser surface or figure. Moreover these greater or lesser surfaces are unequal in area, dissimilar in figure and also unequal in altitude, and yet they are similar or proportional in altitude. Hence, if two points *O* and *P* are marked in the intersections as in the accompanying figure, then if  $GH/EF = GP/EO$  and similarly in regard to any two lines erected in like fashion on the base  $AB$ , I say that surface  $ABCD$  and surface  $ABMN$  are of similar or proportional altitude.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, lines 15–16.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, lines 20–23.

in altitudine. Igitur erit proportionalis cuilibet quadrangulo rectangulo super  $AB$  constituto, eo quod omnes tales sunt proportionalis altitudinis quamvis tamen inequalis. Ergo per capitulum 7<sup>m</sup> ipsa qualitas est ymaginabilis per quadrangulum  $ABCD$  et similiter per quadrangulum  $ABEF$  maiorem sive etiam per minorem. Quilibet autem talis qualitas dicitur uniformis seu equalis intensionis in cunctis partibus eius.

Rursum sciendum quod aliqua qualitas est ymaginabilis per quadrangulum habentem duos rectos angulos super basim et alios inequaes, sicut per quadrangulum  $ABCD$  [Fig. 6(b)] et per omnem quadrangulum proportionalis altitudinis super basim  $AB$  constitutum sive fuerit maior sive minor, ut patet ex 7<sup>o</sup> capitulo. Quilibet autem talis qualitas dicitur uniformiter difformis terminata utrinque ad gradum, ita quod extremum intensius designatur in angulo  $C$  acuto et extremum remissius in angulo  $D$  obtuso. Superior vero linea, sicut est linea  $CD$ , dicitur linea summitatis, vel in relatione ad qualitatem potest vocari linea intensionis quia secundum varietatem ipsius variatur intensio.

### [I.xi] Capitulum 11<sup>m</sup> de qualitate uniformi et difformi

Omnis itaque qualitas uniformis ymaginatur per quadrangulum rectangulum et omnis qualitas uniformiter difformis terminata ad non gradum ymaginabilis est per triangulum rectangulum. Omnis vero qualitas uniformiter difformis terminata utrinque ad gradum ymaginanda est per quadrangulum habentem rectos angulos super basim et alios inequaes. Omnis autem alia qualitas linearis dicitur difformiter difformis et est ymaginabilis per figuram aliter dispositas secundum multifariam variationem, cuius aliqui modi postea

7 altitudine: latitudine  $P$

7-8 cuilibet...altitudinis *om.*  $F$  (*sed babet*  
[ $M$ ])

8 tales: scilicet tales  $L$  scilicet [ $C$ ] / proportionabilis  $V$

9 Ergo: igitur  $LP[ESM]$  / 7<sup>m</sup>: 9<sup>m</sup>  $L$

10 similiter: simpliciter  $L$

10-12 ABEF...seu *om.*  $F[M]$

11 minorem: breviorem  $V$

12 cunctis: omnibus  $LP[AC]$

13 sciendum  $BVF[MSG]$  sciendum est  
 $LP[EANC]$  / est ymaginabilis *tr.*  $FP$   
[ $EM$ ]

14 rectos: equales  $P[A]$  / rectos angulos *tr.*  
 $V[N]$

15-16 proportionabilis  $V$

16-17 sive<sup>1</sup>...dicitur *om.*  $F[M]$

16 minor: brevior  $V$

17 ex 7<sup>o</sup>  $BV[ESG]$  in 7<sup>o</sup> [ $N$ ] 9<sup>o</sup>  $LP[A]$  in  
[ $C$ ]

18 terminata utrinque *tr.*  $LP$  / utrinque  $B[C]$   
utriusque  $LP[G]$  ubique  $V$  utriusque  $F[M]$   
utrimque [ $ES$ ] utrobique [ $A$ ] uterque [ $N$ ]  
/ ad: per  $L[N]$

19  $C$ :  $DCP$  de  $CDC[A]$

20 sicut *om.* [ $M$ ] / est linea *om.*  $F$  / linea<sup>2</sup>  
 $BV[MSG]$  *om.*  $LP[EANC]$

21 quia: que  $P$

22 intensio: 7<sup>a</sup>  $F$  intensio 7<sup>a</sup> [ $M$ ]

I.xi:  $BVPFL$

1 Capitulum...difformi *om.* [MAS] capitulu-

Therefore, it will be proportional to any rectangle constructed on  $AB$ , because all such rectangles are of proportional, although unequal, altitude. Therefore, by chapter seven, this quality is imaginable by rectangle  $ABCD$  and similarly by rectangle  $ABEF$  which is greater and also by one that is less. Moreover, any such quality is said to be "uniform" or "of equal intensity" in all of its parts.

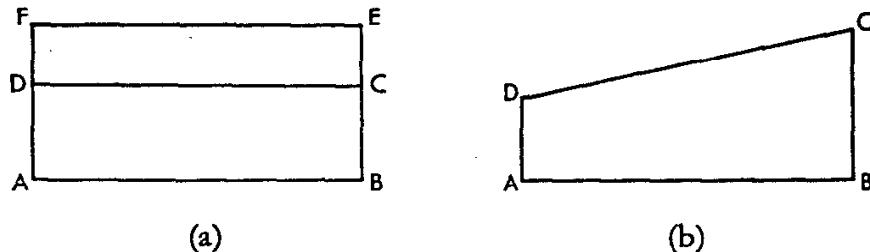


Fig. 6

Figures in MSS *BLSCG*. Letters *C* and *D* in figure (a) are interchanged in MS *L*.

Again it ought to be known that some quality is imaginable by a quadrangle having two right angles on the base and the other two angles unequal, e.g., by quadrangle  $ABCD$  [see Fig. 6(b)] and by every quadrangle constructed on base  $AB$  which is of proportional altitude, whether it be greater or less, as is clear in chapter seven. Moreover, any such quality is spoken of as "uniformly difform terminated in both extremes at some degree," so that the more intense extreme is designated in the acute angle  $C$  and the more remiss in the obtuse angle  $D$ . The superior line, e.g., line  $CD$ , is called "the line of summit," or in relation to quality it can be called "the line of intensity" because the intensity varies according to its variation

### I.xi On uniform and difform quality

And so every uniform quality is imagined by a rectangle and every quality uniformly difform terminated at no degree is imaginable by a right triangle. Further, every quality uniformly difform terminated in both extremes at some degree is to be imagined by a quadrangle having right angles on its base and the other two angles unequal. Now every other linear quality is said to be "difformly difform" and is imaginable by means of figures otherwise disposed according to manifold variation. Some modes of the "difformly difform" will be examined later. The

lum 11<sup>m</sup> [N] 11 mg. [SA] / Capitulum  
11<sup>m</sup> tr. P

2 itaque: igitur P[A]

2-3 rectangulum om. L

4 est om. F[MAC] / Omnis vero: et omnis F[M] omnis ergo [C]

4-5 uniformiter difformis om. L[N]

5 utrinque ad BF tr. [N] utrique ad P[G]

utrimque ad [SE] utriusque ad [A] utrumque ad [C] utramque ad V ad utrumque L[M] / gradum: non gradum B

7 qualitas linearis: linealis qualitas P linearis qualitas [E] lignealis qualitas [A] / ymaginabilis: ymaginanda LP[EANC]

8 variationem: varietatem P

videbuntur. Predicta vero differentie intensionum non melius nec clarius  
 10 neque facilius notificari possunt quam per tales ymaginations et relationes  
 ad figuras, quamvis quedam alie descriptiones seu notificationes possint dari  
 que etiam per huiusmodi figurarum ymaginations fiunt note: Ut si dicere-  
 15 tur qualitas uniformis est que in omnibus partibus subiecti equaliter est  
 intensa. Qualitas vero uniformiter difformis est cuius omnium trium punc-  
 torum proportio distantie inter primum et 2<sup>m</sup> ad distantiam inter 2<sup>m</sup> et 3<sup>m</sup> est  
 sicut proportio excessus primi supra 2<sup>m</sup> ad excessum 2<sup>i</sup> supra 3<sup>m</sup> in inten-  
 sione, ita quod punctum intensiorem illorum trium voco primum.

Istud primo declaratur de ea qualitate uniformiter difformi que termina-  
 tur ad non gradum que signetur seu ymaginetur per triangulum *ABC* [Fig.  
 20 7(a)]. Erectis itaque tribus perpendicularibus lineis *BC*, *FG* et *DE*, protra-  
 hatur *HE* equidistans linee *DF* et similiter *GK* equidistans linee *FB*. Fient ergo duo parvi trianguli *CKG* et *GHE* qui sunt equianguli; ergo per  
 4<sup>am</sup> 6<sup>i</sup> Euclidis proportio *GK* ad *EH* est sicut proportio *CK* excessus ad  
*GH* excessum. Et quoniam *GK* est equalis *FB* et similiter *EH* est equalis *DF*,  
 25 erit proportio *FB* ad *DF*, que quidem linee sunt distantie trium punctorum  
 ipsius basis, sicut proportio *CK* ad *GH*, qui sunt excessus altitudinis pro-  
 portionalis intensioni eorundum punctorum. Cum igitur qualitas linee *AB*  
 sit talis quod proportio punctorum linee in intensione est sicut proportio  
 30 linearum in altitudine super eadem puncta perpendiculariter erectarum,  
 patet evidenter propositum, scilicet quod que est proportio excessus primi  
 puncti supra secundum ad excessum secundi supra tertium in intensione,  
 eadem est proportio distantie inter primum punctum et secundum ad distan-

10 neque: nec *FP[MAC]* / notificari: decla-  
 rari vel notificari *P* / relationes *FLP*  
*[EMN]* relationem *BV[SG]*

11 ad: et *P* / possint dari *BV[LSG]* dari pos-  
 sunt *P* possent dari *F[M]* possunt dari  
*[EANC]*

12 que: qui *F* / ymaginations: notificationes  
*F[M]*

13 est<sup>i</sup> om. *F[M]* autem *[N]* / equaliter est  
 tr. *LP[AC]* inequaliter *[N]* est qualiter  
*[G]*

14 vero om. *F[M]*

15 est: est proportio *P[EA]*

16 supra<sup>i</sup> *BFL[SMCG]* super *P[EAN]* ad  
*V* / supra<sup>2</sup>: super *FP[ENG]*

18 primo *BV[SG]* postea *F[M]* ergo *L[A]*  
 igitur *P[EN]* vero *[C]* / declaratur: de<sup>2</sup> *B*

19 signetur om. *[EG]* significetur *F[M]* / seu  
 om. *[EG]* vel *B*

20 Erectis om. *[N]* erectum *LP[A]* / *BC*:  
*BC* et *BV BE P AB* et *[G]*

21 *HE*: *EH B[SCG]* / *GK*: *KG P[E]* /  
 equidistans linee: equidistanter *LP[EN]*

22 Fiunt *L[N]* / parvi om. *PL[EN]* / *CKG* et  
*GHE*: *GHE* et *CKG L[N]* scilicet *GHE*  
 et *CKG P[EA]* / qui: que *P* / eque anguli  
*FP[MA]*

23 6<sup>i</sup> Euclidis om. *P[A]* 6<sup>i</sup> *L[EN]*

24 excessum om. *V*

24–25 et<sup>2</sup>...*FB* om. *B[A]*

26 que *V*

26–27 proportionalis intensioni om. *L[C]*

27 intensioni *BV* intensionum *F[SMNG]*  
 intensionis *P[EA]*

31 supra<sup>i</sup>: super *V* ad *[N]* / supra<sup>2</sup>: super  
*FP[EN]* / in intensione om. *L[C]*

32 primum punctum tr. *P[E]* punctum *[A]*

aforesaid differences of intensities cannot be known any better, more clearly, or more easily than by such mental images and relations to figures, although certain other descriptions or points of knowledge could be given which also become known by imagining figures of this sort: as if it were said that a uniform quality is one which is equally intense in all parts of the subject, while a quality uniformly difform is one in which if any three points [of the subject line] are taken, the ratio of the distance between the first and the second to the distance between the second and the third is as the ratio of the excess in intensity of the first point over that of the second point to the excess of that of the second point over that of the third point, calling the first of those three points the one of greatest intensity.

Let us clarify this first with respect to a quality uniformly difform which is ter-

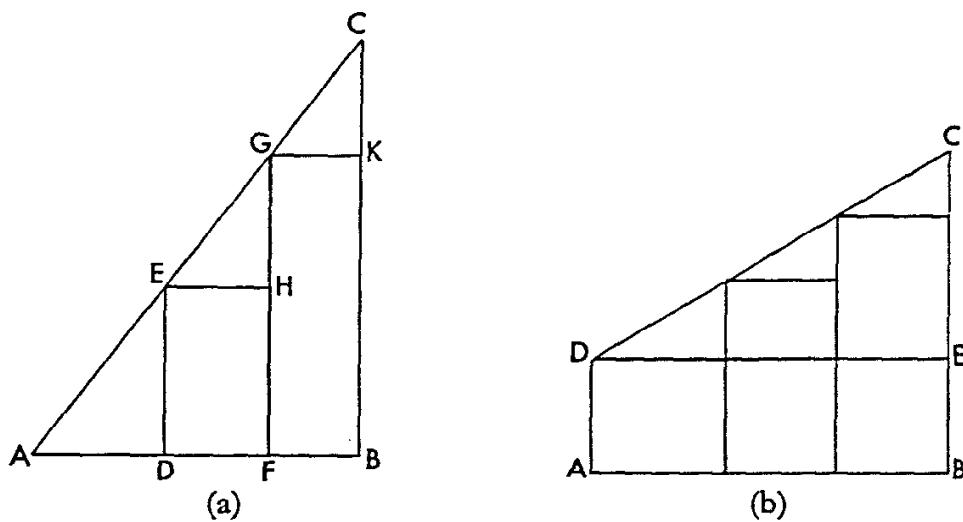


Fig. 7

Figure (a) in MSS *BLEDGSC*, with letters *B* and *C* interchanged in MS *B*. Figure (a) is reversed in orientation in MS *E*. Figure (b) in MSS *BLDCSG*.

minated at no degree and which is designated or imagined by  $\Delta ABC$  [see Fig. 7 (a)]. With the three perpendicular lines  $BC$ ,  $FG$ , and  $DE$  erected, then let  $HE$  be drawn parallel to line  $DF$  and similarly  $GK$  parallel to line  $FB$ . Therefore, the two small triangles  $CKG$  and  $GHE$  are formed and they are equiangular. Hence, by [proposition] VI.4 of [the *Elements* of] Euclid<sup>1</sup>,  $GK/EH = CK/GH$ ,  $CK$  and  $GH$  being excesses. And since  $GK = FB$  and similarly  $EH = DF$ , so  $FB/DF = CK/GH$ ,  $FB$  and  $DF$  being the distances on the base of the three points and  $CK$  and  $GH$  being the excesses of altitude proportional to the intensity of these same points. Since, therefore, the quality of line  $AB$  is such that the ratio of the intensities of the points of the line is as the ratio of the altitudes of the lines perpendicularly erected on those same points, that which has been proposed is evidently clear, namely that the ratio of the excess in intensity of the first point over the second to the excess of the second over the third is the same as the ratio of the distance between the first and second points to the distance between the second and the third, and similarly for

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<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.viii, lines 25, 27.

tiam inter secundum et tertium, et ita de quibusunque tribus aliis punctis.  
 Igitur qualitati sic difformi recte convenit quod premittebatur, et ita per  
 35 talem triangulum bene designabatur.

Per eundem modum predicta descriptio sive proprietas potest ostendi de  
 qualitate uniformiter difformi terminata utrobique ad gradum, et sic una que  
 ymaginetur per quadrangulum *ABCD* in quo protrahatur linea *DE* equedistans  
 40 basi *AB* et fiet triangulus *DEC* [Fig. 7(b)]; deinde protrahantur linee  
 altitudinis in quadrangulo et alie transversales equedistantes basi in isto  
 triangulo faciendo parvos triangulos. Et tunc faciliter poterit argui de illis  
 excessibus et distantiis in isto triangulo sicut superius arguebatur in alio,  
 prout intuenti potest leviter apparere.

Omnis autem qualitas se habens alio modo a predictis dicitur difformiter  
 45 difformis et potest describi negative, scilicet qualitas que non est in omnibus  
 partibus subiecti equaliter intensa nec omnium trium punctorum ipsius  
 proportio excessus primi supra secundum ad excessum secundi supra ter-  
 tium est sicut proportio distantiarum eorum.

### [I.xii] Capitulum 12<sup>m</sup> de eisdem aliter

Rursum in notitiam premissarum differentiarum possumus duci ex yma-  
 ginatione motus, ymaginetur enim punctus *d* regulariter moveri super  
 lineam *AB* et sit ita quod quicunque punctus linee *AB* super quem venerit  
 5 punctus *d* sit eidem punto *d* similis et equalis in intensione [Fig. 8]. Si  
 igitur in principio motus ipse punctus *d* habeat aliquem gradum vel ali-  
 quam intensionem et continue sine sui alteratione maneat in eodem gradu  
 durante illo motu, tunc describet in linea *AB* qualitatem uniformem. Si vero  
 10 in principio motus punctus *d* nichil habeat illius qualitatis et durante motu  
 ipse punctus *d* continue alteretur et regulariter intendatur, tunc describet  
 qualitatem uniformiter difformem terminatam ad non gradum. Si autem *d*

33 tribus aliis punctis *BV[SG]* aliis tribus  
 punctis *FL[EMC]* punctis tribus *P[AN]*

34 sic: sicut (?) *F* / ita *FL[EMANC]* illud  
 [S] illa *BV[?G]* ita recte *P*

35 bene om. *P* recte [EA]

36 sive: seu *F[A]* vel [M]

37 sic om. [C] sit [AES]

38 ymaginetur *BVL[GC]* ymaginatur *FP*  
 [ANMES]

39 fiat *P[C]* fiant [S] / protrahatur *V[SEC]* /  
 linea [ES]

40-41 et...triangulos om. *F*

41-42 Et...triangulo om. *L[C]*

43 potest leviter tr. *P[A]* leviter poterit [M]  
 patent [G]

44 dicatur *LP[EAD]*

45 negative scilicet om. *F[M]* negative [S] /  
 non: nec *F[M]*

46 omnium om. *F[M]*

47 primi om. *P* / supra <sup>1,2</sup>: super *P[EAN]*

48 distantie *P[EA]*

### I.xii: *BVFLP*

1 Capitulum...aliter om. [AMS] capitulum  
 12<sup>m</sup> [N] 12 mg. [SA] / Capitulum 12<sup>m</sup>  
 tr. *F[G]* post aliter / de...aliter om. *P* / eis-

any other three points. Hence what we have premised in regard to a quality difform in this way is quite fitting, and so it (this quality) was well designated by such a triangle.

By the same method the aforesaid description or property can be demonstrated for a quality uniformly difform terminated in both extremes at [some] degree, and thus for one which we let be imagined by quadrangle  $ABCD$  in which line  $DE$  is drawn parallel to base  $AB$  forming  $\Delta DEC$  [see Fig. 7(b)]. Then let lines of altitude be drawn in the quadrangle and also transversals parallel to the base in this triangle, thus forming small triangles. And then one can easily argue concerning the excesses and the distances in this triangle just as was argued in the other one. This will be easily apparent to one who is observant.

Further, every quality which is disposed in [any] other way than those described earlier is said to be "difformly difform." It can be described negatively as a quality which is not equally intense in all parts of the subject nor in which, when any three points of it are taken, the ratio of the excess of the first over the second to the excess of the second over the third is equal to the ratio of their distances.

## I.xii On these same [qualities considered] in another way

Again, we can be led to a knowledge of the differences which have been premised by the imagery of motion. For let point  $d$  be imagined as moving regularly on line  $AB$  and in such a way that any point of line  $AB$  over which  $d$  comes will be equal and similar in intensity to that same point  $d$  [see Fig. 8]. If, therefore, in the beginning of the motion the point  $d$  has a certain degree or some intensity and it con-

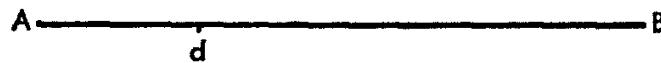


Fig. 8

Figure in MSS SG only.

tinually remains in that same degree without alteration throughout the motion, then it will describe in line  $AB$  a uniform quality. But if in the beginning of the motion point  $d$  has none of the quality and during the motion point  $d$  is continually altered and regularly increased in intensity, then it will describe a quality uniformly difform terminated at no degree. If, moreover,  $d$  is regularly increased in intensity,

dem: eodem  $L$ 9-10 nichil...dom.  $V$ 2 Rursum corr.  $B$  ex Sursum (*et sursum habet*  
 $A$ ) / possimus  $L$ 10 ipse: tunc ipse  $L$  / punctus d  $tr.$   $P$  punctus  
 $L$  / regulariter: continue [SG]5 sit...dom.  $FP[A]$  / Si: Tunc  $F[M]$ 10-12 tunc....intendatur om.  $V$ 8 describet: describeret  $P[A]$  describeretur  
[C]11-13 ad...terminatam om.  $B$

coniungatur basi, qualitas sive difformitas terminatur utrinque ad gradum. Et quoniam talis linea non potest coniungi basi in utroque extremo, quia ipsa est recta et basis recta et sic esset linea una, inde patet quod non potest esse aliqua qualitas uniformiter difformis terminata utrinque ad non gradum.

15 Si vero linea intensionis sive summitatis fuerit curva aut ex multis lineis composita et non una, tunc qualitas per illam figuram ymaginabilis erit difformiter difformis et potest esse quod terminatur utrinque ad gradum vel utrinque ad non gradum vel ad gradum in uno extremo et ad non gradum in altero.

### [I.xiv] Capitulum 14<sup>m</sup> de simplici difformitate difformi

Difformis difformitatis de qua nunc agitur duo sunt modi; quedam enim est simplex et alia est composita. Et primo dicendum est de simplici. Est 5 igitur simplex difformitas difformis que designabilis est per figuram cuius linea summitatis sive linea intensionis est una, non composita ex pluribus. Oportet igitur quod sit linea curva; quia si foret recta, iam esset uniformitas simpliciter aut uniformis difformitas, ut patet ex capitulo precedenti. Necesse est etiam quod eius curvitas non attingat ad circuli portionem maiorem semi- 10 circulo ita ut angulus super basim sit maior recto, ut patuit ex 4<sup>o</sup> (15<sup>o</sup>) capitulo. Potest tamen fieri ut angulus super basim sit minor recto etiam quantumlibet.

Sit igitur, gratia exempli, linea *AB*, cuius qualitas sit designabilis per semicirculum *ACB* [Fig. 10], quod est possibile, ut patet ex 7<sup>o</sup> capitulo. Nunc itaque dico quod eadem qualitas linee *AB* est ymaginabilis seu designabilis per figuram maioris altitudinis ac etiam minoris isto semicirculo etiam quantumlibet. Protrahatur enim linea *CD* perpendicularis super centrum *D*

11 terminatur *tr. P* post gradum / utrinque *B*  
utriusque *P* utrobique *VL[EGN]* ad utrumque  
que *F[MG]* utrimque *[S]* / ad: ad non  
*P[A]*

12-14 Et...gradum *om. F[M]*

12 non *om. L* / quia: quoniam *L[A]* nam *[E]*

13 linea: linea recta *L*

14 terminata utrinque: utrobique terminata usque *P[E]* terminata usque *L* terminata utrobique *[AC]* / utrinque *om. BLF[N]* utriusque *[G]* utrimque *[S]* utrobique *VP[EAC]*

17 difformis: difformis terminata *V* / esse... terminatur: etiam terminari *L* etiam quod terminari *[E]* / utrinque<sup>1,2</sup> *BP[N]* utro-

bique *V[C]* utriusque *F[MA]* utrimque *[SE]* utriusque *[G]* / utrinque...utrinque *om. L*

17-18 vel...gradum<sup>3</sup> *om. [M]*

18 altero *E a<sup>o</sup> B[AN]* alio *FLV[SPMCG]*

#### I.xiv: *BVLPF*

- 1 Capitulum...difformi *[om. MANS]* 14  
mg. *[SA]* / Capitulum 14<sup>m</sup> *tr. F post difformi*
- 2 ago *F[M]* / quedam *bis B* quidem *[A]*
- 2-3 enim est *tr. P* autem est *[A]*
- 3 est<sup>1</sup> *om. [C]* / et *om. LP[EG]* / alia: quedam *F[MN]* aliaque *[G]* / est<sup>2</sup> *VLP[ACS]* *om. BF[EMNG]*

and if it is joined to the base in neither extreme the quality or difformity is terminated in both extremes at [some] degree. And since such a line cannot be joined to the base in both extremes—for it is a straight line and thus would form a single line with the base which also is a straight line—it is clear that there cannot be a quality uniformly difform terminated in both extremes at no degree. Further, if the line of intensity or summit line is a curve or is composed of several lines rather than one, then the quality imaginable by that figure will be difformly difform, and it can be that it is terminated in both extremes at some degree, or in both extremes at no degree, or at some degree in one extreme and at no degree in the other.

### I.xiv On simple difform difformity

We now treat of difform difformity; there are two modes of such difformity: simple and composite. We must first talk of the simple mode. Simple difform difformity is that which can be designated by a figure whose line of summit or line of intensity is a single line, i.e. not composed of several lines. It is necessary, therefore, that the line be a curve; because if it were straight, then it would be simply a uniformity or uniform difformity, as is clear from the preceding chapter. Furthermore, it is necessary that the curvature of the summit line does not attain that of a circular segment greater than a semicircle so that the angle<sup>1</sup> on the base is greater than a right angle, as was clear in chapter five.<sup>2</sup> However, it can happen that the angle on the base is less than a right angle by any amount you please.

Therefore, for example, let there be line *AB*, whose quality can be designated by semicircle *ACB* [see Fig. 10]. This is possible, as is evident from chapter seven. And so I now say that the same quality of line *AB* is imaginable or can be designated by a figure having an altitude greater or less than that of the semicircle by any amount you please.<sup>3</sup> For let line *CD* be drawn as a perpendicular to center *D* and

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<sup>1</sup> In this case the angle would be a mixed angle composed of the curve and the straight base line.

<sup>2</sup> All the manuscripts have “chapter 4,” but this is a clear reference to the penultimate sentence in I.v.

<sup>3</sup> See the Commentary, I.xiv, lines 14–54.

5 sive: seu *BF[EMC]* / pluribus: partibus  
*L* partibus pluribus [*N*]

6 quia: que *P[EA]* / foret: esset linea *F[M]*  
 foret linea [*E*] esset [*C*] / esset: foret *P[E]*  
 forent [*A*]

9 ut<sup>1</sup> *BVF[ACGS]* quod *LP[EMN]* / patet  
*L* / ex om. *P[A]* / 4<sup>o</sup> capitulo *BVF[MS]*  
*tr. LP[EANGC]*

10 etiam: et *P[G]*

13 *ACB BV[FM] ABC PL[AENGCS]* /  
 patuit *V* / 7<sup>o</sup> capitulo *tr. P[E]* 4<sup>o</sup> capitulo  
*F[M]* capitulo alio [*A*]

14 linea *B*

15 maioris om. *L* / ac: aut *P[A]* / ac etiam om.  
*L*

16 supra *LP[M]*

et iterum protrahatur una alia linea perpendicularis, que sit *EF*, super lineam *AB*. Cum igitur sit possibile duas lineas minores istis duabus super eadem puncta perpendiculariter stare se habentes invicem in eadem proportione sicut et iste due, que sunt *CD* et *EF*, et conformiter possint fieri linee maiores aut minores super omnia puncta linee *AB* stante semper eadem proportione inter eas que est inter lineas perpendicularares super *AB* in semicirculo *ACB*, sequitur quod super *AB* basim poterit erigi figura minus alia et tamen erit proportionalis altitudinis huic semicirculo *ACB* et par ratione magis alta etiam quantumlibet. Igitur per capitulum 7<sup>m</sup> per quamlibet istarum figurarum potest qualitas linee *AB* recte ymaginari indifferenter.

Unde et nisi ita esset quod qualitas linee *AB* ymaginabilis per semicirculum posset ymaginari per figuram maiorem aut minorem et alteri proportionari, sequeretur quod intensio puncti *D* non posset recte designari per maiorem vel minorem lineam quam sit linea *DC* et sic de aliis punctis nisi intensio variaretur et ita quelibet intensio determinaret sibi lineam certe quantitatis per quam esset ymaginabilis et tunc intensio esset equalis et comparabilis linee vel extensioni in quantitate et per consequens motus localis comparabilis alterationi in velocitate, que omnia videntur nimis absurdia.

Quilibet tamen figura per quam est ymaginabilis ista qualitas linee *AB* est curva. Utrum autem figura minor quam semicirculus per quam ista qualitas potest ymaginari sit portio circuli discutiendum relinquo. Sed dico

- 17 una alia linea *P[AESC]* om. *L* una alia  
*B[NG]* una linea *V* linea alia *F[M]* /  
 que... *EF* *BVF[AMSCG]* que sit linea  
*FE* *L[MEN]* et tr. *L[N]* post *AB* / supra  
*L*  
 19 perpendiculariter stare tr. *F[M]*  
 20 iste: ille *F[M]* / et<sup>3</sup> *BVF[MN]* vel  
*LP[EC]* ut *[SG]* aut *[A]* / possint  
*BVL[G]* possunt *PF[EMANSC]*  
 21–22 stante... *AB* om. *F[M]*  
 22 lineas om. *P[A]* / perpendicularares: propor-  
 tionales *B* perpendiculariter erectas *[E]* /  
*AB*: *AB* erectas *P[A]*  
 23 *ACB* *LP[EN]* om. *BVF[MSCG]* *ABC*  
*[A]* / post *ACB* add. *L[N]* erectas  
 24 altitudinis om. *F[M]* / *ACB* *BVLF[C]*  
*ABC P[ASEMNG]*

- 25 magis: etiam magis *L[N]* / capitulum 7<sup>m</sup>  
 tr. *P[EA]*  
 28 figuram: circulum *P* / aut: et *L* sive *[A]*  
 29 sequeretur *BPL[EMG]* sequitur  
*VF[SANC]* / intensio puncti: punctus  
*F[M]*  
 30 vel: aut *P[A]*  
 31 lineam: certam lineam *F[M]* / certe: certe  
 scilicet *F[M]*  
 32 esset equalis tr. *F[M]* est equalis *[C]* /  
 equalis: ymaginabilis *P[A]*  
 33 in quantitate: quantumlibet *P*  
 34 videntur nimis tr. *F[M]* / nimis om. *[N]*  
 valde *P[A]* / nimis absurdum tr. *L*  
 35 tamen om. *V* / est ymaginabilis *FLP-*  
*[MANC]* tr. *BV[ESG]*

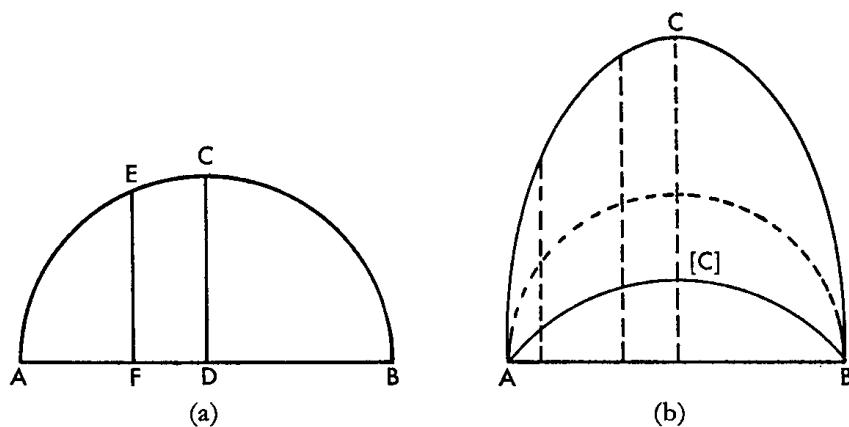


Fig. 10

Figure (a) in MSS *BLDSCJG*. In MS *J*, *C* is written over *G*, and *E* is replaced by *F* and *F* by *E*. In MS *L*, the arc is greater than a semicircle. Figure (b) is in MSS *BLSCG*. I have added the broken lines and have made the curves resemble ellipses, which they do not in the MSS. In MS *B*, both curves are drawn lower than a semicircle. In *S*, the top curve is a semicircle. In *C*, the figure is very crudely drawn. In *L* and *G*, the curves are lower and higher than a semicircle but are certainly not elliptical. See commentary.

again let another line *EF* be drawn as a perpendicular to line *AB*. Therefore, since it is possible to construct on the same points two other perpendiculars less than *CD* and *EF* but having the same ratio between them as do *CD* and *EF* and in the same way to construct on all the points of line *AB* perpendiculars which are greater or less than the corresponding perpendiculars in semicircle *ACB* constructed on those points of *AB* and having between any two of them the same ratio as the corresponding perpendiculars on *AB* in semicircle *ACB*, it follows that there can be erected on base *AB* a figure of less height but which will be proportional in altitude to this semicircle and with equal reason a figure of greater height by any amount you wish. Therefore, by chapter seven the quality of line *AB* can be correctly imagined by any of these figures without it making any difference [which figure is used].

For if it were not so that the quality of line *AB* imaginable by the semicircle could be imagined by a figure greater or less than the semicircle which is proportional [in altitude to the semicircle] it would follow (1) that the intensity of point *D* could not be correctly designated by a greater or lesser line than *DC*, and similarly for all the points, unless the intensity were varied, and thus (2) that any intensity would in itself determine the definite length of the line by which it would be imaginable, and then (3) an intensity would be equivalent and comparable to a line or to quantitative extension, and as a consequence (4) local motion would be comparable in velocity to [qualitative] alteration, all of which seems excessively absurd.

However, any figure by which this quality of line *AB* is imaginable is curved. But whether the figure less than a semicircle by which this quality can be imagined is a segment of a circle, I leave aside as a matter to be discussed. But I do say that it

quod per nullam maiorem potest designari que sit portio circuli, per nullam enim figuram potest ista qualitas designari cuius *AB* non sit basis seu corda; 40 sed *AB* non potest esse corda in circulo minore quam circulus *ACB* si es- set completus, cuius ipsa est dyameter. Ergo qualitas ista non potest ymaginari per maiorem figuram que sit portio circuli minoris quam circulus *ACB*; sed neque circuli maioris, quia aut illa portio esset maior medietate sui circuli, ergo per eam nulla qualitas posset designari, ut patet ex 4º [!5º?] 45 capitulo; aut esset minor medietate sui circuli. Ergo, cum ista portio minor medietate maioris circuli haberet eandem cordam cum semicirculo *ACB*, illa portio esset minor et esset pars illius semicirculi, ut faciliter patet et po- test probari per ultimam sexti Euclidis. Igitur ista qualitas non potest designari per figuram que sit portio circuli et que sit maior quam semicircu- 50 culus *ACB* et tamen potest designari per maiorem figuram curvam, ut ante probatum est. Igitur illius maioris figure curvitas non erit circularis et tamen terminabit altitudinem figure proportionalem ei quam terminat curvitas circularis; erunt itaque in altitudine proportionales figure, quarum una est curvitas circularis et alia curvitas non circularis.

### [I.xv] Capitulum 15<sup>m</sup> de quatuor generibus simplicis difformitatis difformis

Omnis igitur simplex difformis difformitas aut est yimaginabilis per figuram que non est portio circuli nec proportionalis altitudinis alicui circuli por- 5 tionis, sed eius summa determinatur curvitate irrationali, aut yimaginabilis est per figuram cuius summa determinatur curvitate rationali, scilicet, circulari vel ei proportionali in altitudine, et utroque modo dupliciter:

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|---|---|
| 38 per <sup>r</sup> om. <i>V</i> / designari: considerari <i>F</i> yma-<br>ginari [ <i>M</i> ]        | 45–46 minor medietate <i>LP[EAN]</i> minor<br><i>BF[SMCG]</i> minoris et <i>V</i>   |
| 39 non om. <i>F[M]</i>  | 47 pars illius: portio <i>F[M]</i> / faciliter om. [ <i>N</i> ]<br>/ patet et om. [ <i>SNC</i> ] etiam <i>L</i> etiam patet<br>et <i>P[A]</i>                           |
| 40 circulus: triangulus <i>F</i> / <i>ACB</i> : <i>ABC</i> [ <i>EAS</i> ]                             | 47–48 potest <i>BLF[AG]</i> posset <i>VP[SEM-</i><br><i>NC]</i>   |
| 40–41 si...dyameter om. <i>F[M]</i>   | 48 probari: probari seu posset <i>F</i> / ultimam:<br>penultimam [ <i>JG</i> ] / Euclidis om. <i>BV[S]</i> /<br>Igitur: ergo <i>LP[AN]</i> / ista qualitas <i>tr. B</i> |
| 41 ipse <i>P</i>  | 49 designari: ymaginari <i>F[M]</i>   |
| 42 circuli minoris <i>tr.</i> <i>F[MNG]</i>   | 51 Igitur: ergo <i>B[M]</i> / illius: istius <i>F[M]</i><br>nullius <i>L</i> / figure curvitas <i>tr. V</i> / erit: est<br>[ <i>N</i> ]                                 |
| 43 sed om. [ <i>M</i> ] / neque: ut <i>F[M]</i> / aut: vel<br><i>P[EA]</i>                            |   |
| 44 ergo...eam: et per talem [ <i>M</i> ]  |   |
| 44–45 ergo...circuli om. <i>F</i>   |   |
| 44 potest <i>P[MAG]</i> / designari: ymaginari<br>[ <i>M</i> ] / ex <i>BV[SMG]</i> in <i>LP[EANC]</i> |   |
| 45 sui circuli <i>tr. LP</i>  |   |

cannot be designated by a greater figure which is at the same time a segment of a circle. For this quality can be designated by no figure of which  $AB$  is not the base or chord. But  $AB$  cannot be the chord in a circle smaller than circle  $ACB$  if that circle were completed, for  $AB$  is the diameter of that circle. Therefore, this quality cannot be imagined by a greater figure which is a segment of a smaller circle than circle  $ACB$ ; nor also of a greater figure which is a segment of a larger circle. [This last is evident,] for then that segment would either (1) be greater than half of its own circle, and therefore no quality could be designated by it, as is clear from chapter five, or (2) it would be less than half its own circle. [But in the case of the second possibility,] since the segment which is less than half of a larger circle would have the same chord as semicircle  $ACB$ , the segment would be less [in area] and would be a part of semicircle  $ACB$ , as is easily evident and can be proved by the last<sup>4</sup> [proposition] of the sixth [book] of [the *Elements* of] Euclid. Therefore, this quality cannot be designated by a figure which is a segment of a circle and is [at the same time] greater [in altitude and area] than semicircle  $ACB$ , and yet it can be designated by [some] greater curved figure, as was proved before. Therefore, the curvature of the greater [curved] figure will not be circular but will bound a figure which in altitude is proportional to that which the circular curvature bounds; and so there will be two figures proportional in altitude, the curvature of one being circular and that of the other being non-circular.

### I.xv On four kinds of simple difform difformity

Therefore, every simple difform difformity either (1) is imaginable by a figure which is not a segment of a circle nor proportional in altitude to some segment of a circle but whose summit is determined by an irrational curvature,<sup>1</sup> or (2) is imaginable by a figure whose summit is determined by a rational curvature, namely, by a circular figure or one proportional to it in altitude. And each of these two kinds

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<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, line 48.

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, I.xv, line 5.

51–52 non... curvitas *om.* *F* (*sed habet M*)

plicis *om.* *P*

53 in altitudine *om.* *F*[*M*]

<sup>4</sup> alicui: alicuius [*FM*]

54 alia: alia est *F*[*M*] / non *om.* *F*[*M*]

<sup>5</sup> irrationabili *L*

I.xv: *BVL**P*

5–6 aut... curvitate iter. *V* et post curvitate<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Capitulum 15<sup>m</sup> *tr.* *P* / quatuor *om.* *L* / sim-

*add.* *V*irrationali

6 curvitate *om.* *P*

Deo, de quo scriptum est in libro Danielis quod “ipse revelat profunda et abscondita, et novit in tenebris constituta.”

## Incipit secunda pars huius tractatus de difformitate successivorum

### [II.i] Capitulum primum de dupli difformitate motus

5       Omnis motus successivus subiecti divisibilis habet partes et est divisibilis  
uno modo secundum divisionem et extensionem seu continuitatem mobilis,  
alio modo secundum divisibilitatem et durationem seu continuitatem tem-  
poris, tertio modo saltem ymaginative secundum gradus et intensionem  
velocitatis. A prima autem continuitate dicitur motus magnus vel parvus, a  
10      secunda brevis aut longus, a tertia velox aut tardus. Habet itaque motus  
duplicem extensionem, unam subiectivam et aliam temporalem, et habet  
unam intensionem. Due autem extensiones possunt ymaginari quodam  
modo orthogonaliter seinvicem ad modum crucis intersecare, ita quod ex-  
tensio durationis diceretur longitudo et extensio subiectiva vocaretur  
15      latitudo, intensio vero posset vocari altitudo ipsius motus seu velocitatis.  
Sed si iuxta premissa in 3º capitulo prime partis intensio velocitatis appel-  
laretur eius latitudo, tunc utraque extensionum ad intensionem comparata  
poterit dici longitudo et sic velocitas habebit duplicem longitudinem sicut  
habet duplicem extensionem, et in utraque istarum extensionum potest in-  
20      tensio velocitatis multipliciter variari. Et quoniam difformitas oritur ex eo

28 post Danielis add. [G] 3º (!) capitulo

28-29 de ipse...constituta scr. mg. B in (?)  
Danl' 2 et mg. A Daniel 28 (!) / et abs-  
condita om. B [P]

29 et om. L / et...constituta om. [C] sed add.  
et sic est finis illius capituli et per conse-  
quens totius tractatus / post constituta add.  
[E] Explicit prima pars huius tractatus  
deo gratias et add. [PFM] Explicit prima  
pars huius operis et [A] explicit prima  
pars et [N] Et sic finitur prima pars prin-

cipalis et [G] Explicit prima pars de inten-  
sione qualitatum

#### *Tit. et II. i: BVL*

1-3 Incipit (om. L)...successivorum BL[A]  
om. V[N] Incipit secunda [FMP] Secun-  
da pars de figureatione et potentia successi-  
vorum [G] Secunda pars particularis mg.  
[C] Incipit pars secunda [E] secunda pars  
mg. [S] Secunda pars [J]  
4 dupli om. L

or by good or bad angels, or immediately by God, of whom it has been written in the book of Daniel<sup>2</sup> that “He revealeth deep and hidden things and knoweth what is in darkness.”

Here begins the second part  
of this tract and it treats of the difformity  
of successive things

II.i On the double difformity of motion

Every successive motion of a divisible subject has parts and is divisible in one way according to the division and extension or continuity of the mobile, in another way according to the divisibility and duration or continuity of time, and in a third way—at least in imagination—according to the degree and intensity of velocity. From its first continuity motion is said to be “great” or “small”; from its second, “short” or “long,” and from its third, “swift” or “slow.” And so motion has two extensions, one that pertains to the subject and the other that pertains to time, and one intensity. Now the two extensions can be imagined in a certain way as mutually intersecting at right angles in the manner of a cross,<sup>1</sup> so that the extension of duration ought to be said to be “longitude” and the extension in subject ought to be called “latitude,” while the intensity could be called the “altitude” of this motion or velocity. But according to what was premised in the third chapter of the first part, if intensity of velocity were to be called its “latitude,” then each of the extensions in relationship to intensity could be called “longitude,” and so velocity will have a double longitude just as it has a double extension, and in each of these extensions the intensity of velocity can be varied in multiple ways. And since dif-

<sup>2</sup> Daniel 2:22.

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<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, II.i, lines 12–13.

5 subiecti: sive *L*

12 Due: que (?) *L*

6 extensionem et divisionem *L* / continua-  
tionem *V*

13 ortogonaliter *B[SG]* / se: seu *L* / seinvi-  
cem *tr. V post crucis*

7 et: temporis et *L*

15 posset *BV[AFCM]* potest *L[ENSG]*  
possit [*P*]

7–8 temporis: eiusdem *L*

16 intensio: in tempore [*PFM*]

10 aut<sup>1,2</sup>: vel *L*

[II.iii] Capitulum 3<sup>m</sup> de quantitate intensionis velocitatis

Cum utraque uniformitas motus primo capitulo posita consistat in intensionis equalitate et utraque difformitas ex inequalitye proveniat premitendum est penes quid attendatur quantitas gradualis intensionis ipsius velocitatis. Verum tamen circa velocitatem tria sibi invicem propinqua possunt considerari. Unum est quantitas ipsius velocitatis totalis pensatis intensione et extensione, et de hoc dicetur in tertia parte huius tractatus que erit de mensuris qualitatum et velocitatum. Aliud quoque potest ibi considerari, scilicet denominatio qua subiectum dicitur tale fieri velocius aut tardius, de quo etiam dicetur in capitulo sequenti. Tertium est ipsa gradualis intensio que facit ad istud propositum, et de qua nunc dicendum est. Dico ergo quod universaliter ille gradus velocitatis est simpliciter intensior sive maior quo in tempore equali plus acquiritur vel deperditur de illa perfectione secundum quam fit motus. Verbi gratia, in motu locali ille gradus velocitatis est maior et intensior quo plus pertransiretur de spatio vel de distantia, et in alteratione similiter ille gradus velocitatis est maior quo plus acquireretur vel deperderetur de intensione qualitatis, et ita in augmentatione quo plus acquireretur de quantitate et in diminutione quo plus deperderetur de quantitate vel de extensione, et ita generaliter ubicunque reperiatur motus.

[II.iv] Capitulum 4<sup>m</sup> de diversis modis velocitatis

Non est pretermittendum quod idem motus vel fluxus multis nominibus diversimode connotantibus appellatur et secundum hoc velocitas denominans diversimode attenditur sive mensuratur, ita quod quantitas intensionis gradualis multis modis assignatur, quibus tamen convenit descriptio prius dicta in capitulo precedenti.

Verbi gratia, primo in motu circulari mobile dicitur moveri et dicitur

## II.iii: BVL

- 1 intensionis velocitatis *tr. L[E]*
- 2 primo: ex primo *L[EN]* / posita *om. L[E]*
- 8 quoque: etiam *L*
- 9 aut: vel *L[G]* sive *[A]*
- 11 istud *V[ESN]* illud *L[PM]* <sup>iā</sup> *B[AFCG]*  
/ et *B[AFMPCSG]* *om. LV[EN]* / qua:  
quod *L* / dicenda *B* / ergo *BV[APCGM]*  
igitur *L[ENFS]*
- 11-12 quod universaliter *tr. L[EN]*
- 12 universaliter *tr. [FMP]* *ante* est / quo: alio

## [FMP]

- 14 velocitatis: motus vel velocitatis *[FMP]*
- 14-15 maior et intensior *B[SG]* maior (quo plus acquireretur aut deperderetur de intensione) et intensior *[A]* maior vel intensior *[FMP]* maior sive intensior *[C]* intensior et maior *L[EN]* intensior sive maior *V*
- 16 velocitatis *om. V*
- 17 de: in *B*
- 18 acquireretur *om. V*
- 19 reperiatur *BV[AFSG]* reperiatur *[ENMP]*

### II.iii On the quantity of the intensity of velocity

Since each uniformity of motion posited in the first chapter consists in equality of intensity and each difformity arises from inequality [of intensity] we ought to set out first [the measure of gradual intensity, i.e. we ought to specify] with what the gradual intensity of the velocity is measured. However, in the matter of velocity three closely related ideas can be considered. One is the total quantity of the velocity taking into account both intensity and extension. I shall speak of this in the third part of this tract, which will be concerned with the measures of qualities and velocities. Another thing to be considered in connection with velocity is the denomination in terms of which a subject is said to become such a kind more quickly or more slowly. I shall also speak of this in the following chapter. Third, there is the gradual intensity [of velocity]. This is the subject which must now be considered. Therefore, I say universally that that degree of velocity is absolutely more intense or greater by means of which in an equal time more is acquired or lost of that perfection according to which the motion takes place.<sup>1</sup> For example, in local motion that degree of velocity is greater and more intense by means of which more space or distance would<sup>2</sup> be traversed. In alteration, similarly, that degree of velocity is greater by means of which more intensity of quality would be acquired or lost; and so in augmentation, by means of which more quantity is acquired, and in diminution, by means of which more quantity or extension is lost. And so generally [our definition would hold] wherever motion would be found.

### II.iv On diverse ways of [considering] velocity

We must not overlook the fact that the same motion or flux is called by many names that connote a variety of things, and, according to the denomination, velocity is attended or measured in a variety of ways, so that the quantity of gradual intensity is assigned in diverse ways, with which, however, the definition stated earlier in the preceding chapter is in accord.

For example, first, in circular motion a mobile is said "to be moved" and it is

*II.iii*

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, II.iii, lines 11–14.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, line 15.

*II.iv: BVL*

<sup>2</sup> idem: idem est *L*

<sup>2–3</sup> nominibus diversimode *tr. LV*

*C] reperiuntur L*

<sup>3–4</sup> denominans: denominata *L[E]* denominata nominans [*N*]

<sup>4</sup> post quod add. *B* quantitas intensionis sive mensuratur ita quod

<sup>7</sup> movere *V*

motu sed tamen reducibles ad premissas. In motu enim quandoque est successio secundum inceptionem. Verbi gratia, in motu locali possibile est quod aliquod mobile totum simul incipiat moveri et possibile est quod incipiat moveri pars post partem, sicut si punctus *D* [Fig. 15] ymaginetur fluere super mobile *AB* ita quod pars ipsius mobilis *AB* pertransita a puncto *D* moveatur et pars nundum pertransita quiescat donec pertranseat a puncto *D*, sicut esset de virga plicabili que sic inciperet moveri. Hoc autem precise habet locum in motu alterationis ubi reperitur successio secundum partes quantitativas subiecti ac etiam in generatione forme substancialis materialis; in qua generatione est successio secundum partes quantitativas sive secundum extensionem, non tamen secundum partes graduales et intensionem, sicut est in generatione ignis. Huiusmodi vero successio assimilatur quodam modo motui locali, sicut patet in exemplo nunc posito de motu puncti *D*, et quodam modo assimilatur augmentationi secundum hoc quod continue plus et plus sive maior et maior portio de subiecto movetur, vel quod plus est generatum de forma. Et omnis successio que in hoc reperitur aut est secundum partes subiecti aut secundum partes temporis aut secundum velocitatem istius successionis secundum quod in exemplo posito punctus *D* ymaginaretur moveri velocius aut tardius, et sic totum reducitur ad tres divisibilitates in primo capitulo assignatas. Propter quod omnis uniformitas sive difformitas que posset in hac successione inveniri reducenda est et continetur sub duobus generibus uniformitatis et difformitatis in primo capitulo iam positis.

Adhuc autem potest ymaginari alia successio, omnis enim velocitas est intensibilis et remissibilis. Eius vero continua intensio vocatur velocitatio et hec quidem velocitatio seu augmentatio velocitatis potest fieri velocius aut tardius. Unde quandoque contingit quod velocitas intenditur et velocitatio remittitur, quandoque vero utraque simul intenditur. Et similiter huiusmodi velocitatio aliquando fit uniformiter et aliquando difformiter et diversimode. Sed quoniam omnis divisibilitas sive successio que in huiusmodi velocitate reperitur est aut secundum partes subiecti aut secundum partes tem-

3 assignatam: ymaginatam *V* / possunt *L[N]* / ymaginari *BL[AEP CNSG]* assignari *V[M]* assignari aut ymaginari *[F]*

4 premissa *V*

5 inceptionem: interruptionem *L[E]*

7 si punctus: penes *[FMP C]*

8 pertransita: pertranseat *[FMP C]*

9 nundum *V*

11 precise *L[ENFC]* precipue *V[AG]* precise *[M]* precie *B[PS]*

14 sive: materie sive *L[E]*

18 et<sup>2</sup> *L[AESG]* ac *BV* sive *[FPC]*

19 est generatum *BV[AS]* tr. *[FMP]* generatur *L[EN]*

21 istius: ipsius *L* / posito *om. L*

22 ymaginatur *L*

23 tres: tres divisiones vel *L*

24 potest *L* / in...successione *om. L*

26 iam *om. L*

27 alia: una alia *L* / velocitas: successio *V*

28 continua *om. V*

31 quandoque: et quandoque *V* / vero *om. V*

32 aliquando<sup>1</sup>: quandoque *L* / et *om. V*

33 omnis *om. L* / divisibilitas: diversitas *L* /

these however are reducible to those premised. For sometimes in motion there is succession according to inception. For example, in local motion it is possible that the whole of some body begins to be moved at the same time, but it is possible [at another time] that one part begins to be moved after another. A case in point is if point *d* [see Fig. 15] is imagined to flow over mobile *AB* so that the part of mobile

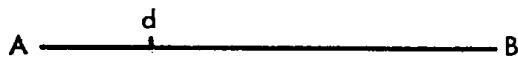


Fig. 15  
Figure in MS. B.

*AB* traversed by point *d* is moved and the part not yet traversed remains at rest until traversed by point *d*, as in a pliable rod which would begin to be moved in this way. But this is precisely what happens in the motion of alteration where succession is found according to quantitative parts of the subject and even in the generation of substantial, material form. In such generation there is succession according to quantitative parts, or according to extension, but not however according to gradual parts and intensity. An example is in the generation of fire. Succession of this kind is assimilated in a certain way to local motion, as is evident in the example just posited of the motion of point *d*, and it is [also] assimilated in a certain way to augmentation since there [i.e., in augmentation] continually more and more, or a greater and greater portion, of the subject is moved or more form is generated. But every succession which is found in this [type] is (1) according to parts of the subject, or (2) according to parts of the time, or (3) according to the velocity of the succession—as, in the example posited, point *d* would be imagined to be moved more quickly or more slowly. And everything thus is reduced to the divisions specified in the first chapter. Accordingly, every uniformity or difformity which could be found in this kind of succession is to be reduced to, and is contained in, the two kinds of uniformity and difformity already posited in the first chapter.

There can be imagined one further succession, for every velocity is capable of being increased in intensity and decreased in intensity. Now its continuous increase in intensity is called acceleration, and indeed this acceleration or augmentation of velocity can take place more quickly or more slowly.<sup>1</sup> Whence it sometimes happens that velocity is increasing and acceleration is decreasing, while sometimes both are simultaneously increasing. Similarly acceleration of this sort sometimes takes place uniformly and sometimes non-uniformly and in diverse ways. But since every divisibility or succession which is found in acceleration of this sort is according to parts of the subject, or according to parts of the time, or ac-

II.v

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, II.v, lines 27–32.

35 poris aut secundum intensionem gradualem, ex qua tria divisibilitate duplex oritur uniformitas sive difformitas, ut ostensum est in capitulo primo, ideo sicut prius omnis uniformitas atque difformitas que potest ex hoc oriri reducitur ad duo genera supradicta, scilicet ad uniformitatem secundum partes subiecti aut ad uniformitatem que est secundum partes temporis, et 40 ita de difformitate. De ea itaque que est secundum partes subiecti mobilis primo dicatur.

[II.vi] Capitulum 6<sup>m</sup> de difformitate velocitatis secundum partes quantitativas subiecti

5 De uniformitate subiectiva ac difformitate velocitatum quantum ad earum configurationem et figurarum variationem penitus dicendum est sicut dictum est in prima parte huius tractatus de uniformitate et difformitate permanentium qualitatum, quoniam difformitas velocitatis eodem modo potest ymaginari et eodem modo proportionatur et configuratur et totidem ac eisdem modis potest diversificari quot et quibus modis prius fuit ostensa variari difformitas qualitatum, sicut per terminari ad gradum et ad non 10 gradum, per hoc quod quedam est difformitas simplex, alia composita, et quod composita multipliciter distinguitur, et sic de omnibus differentiis supradictis.

15 Verbi gratia [Fig. 16], si linea *AB* moveatur, possibile est quod quilibet punctus eius alteri comparatus equali velocitate moveatur, scilicet omnia equevelociter, et hoc vel motu locali vel alteratione, et tunc erit velocitas secundum partes subiecti uniformis. Similiter possibile est quod velocitas puncti *A* sit duplo maior quam velocitas puncti *C* dividentis *AB* per medium et velocitas *C* duplo maior quam velocitas puncti *D* dividentis reliquam medietatem per medium, et sic proportionaliter de aliis punctis, et 20 quod nulla sit velocitas in punto *B* terminante; et in isto casu erit velocitas

36 seu *L* / in *L*[ENFMPSC] om. *BV*[*AG*]

liter *L*

37 atque: sive *V*

8 prius...ostensa: ostensa fuit prius *V*

38–39 secundum...uniformitatem om.  
[FMPSC]

9 qualitatis *L*

39 aut *BV*[*G*] et *L*[*EN*] sive [*A*]

10 alia: et alia *L* et quedam [*NS*]

41 dicam *L*

11 distinguntur *L*[*G*]

*II.vi*: *BVL*

13 post gratia desinit *E* / si...*AB*: *AB* linea *L*

3 ac *BV*[*FMSCG*] et *L*[*ENP*] sive [*A*]

14 punctus *BV*[*ASG*] *ACDB* punctus *L*[*N*]

4 configurationem: assignationem *L* figura-

punctus *ACDB* [*FMPC*]

5 tractatus om. *V* / et: ac *L*

16 subiecti uniformis tr. *L* / est om. *V*

7 modo om. *L* / proportionaliter et configura-

19 proportionabiliter *L*

20 isto casu *BV*[*ACG*] tr. *L*[*N*] illo casu

[*FM*] i<sup>o</sup> casu [*S*] alio casu [*P*]

cording to gradual intensity, and from such threefold divisibility arises twofold uniformity or difformity, as was demonstrated in the first chapter, therefore, as before, every uniformity and difformity which can so arise is reduced to the two above-mentioned kinds, that is, to uniformity and difformity according to parts of the subject or uniformity and difformity according to parts of the time. And so let us first speak of that which is according to parts of the subject.

## II.vi On difformity of velocity according to the quantitative parts of the subject

In regard to the configuration and variation in figures representing uniformity and difformity of velocities with respect to subject, one should speak completely in the same way as we spoke before in the first part of the tract where the uniformity and difformity of permanent qualities were discussed. This is clear since the difformity of velocity can be imagined in the same way, can be proportioned and figured in the same way, and can be diversified in as many and in the same ways, as it was demonstrated before that the difformity of qualities is varied. These variations are, for example: (1) in being terminated at [some] degree or at no degree, and (2) that some difformity is simple and some composite, and (3) that the composite difformity is distinguishable in many ways, and so on for all the differences mentioned above.

For example [see Fig. 16], if line  $AB$  is moved, it is possible that any point of it is moved with the same velocity as any other point, namely that they are all moved

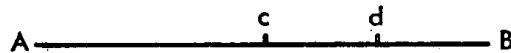


Fig. 16

Figure in MSS *BLSG*. MS *L* also has a right triangle with base  $AB$  marked.

equally fast.<sup>1</sup> This is so in either local motion or alteration. And we have then velocity uniform according to the parts of the subject. Similarly, it is possible that the velocity of point  $A$  is twice that of point  $c$  (dividing line  $AB$  in half) and the velocity of  $c$  is twice that of point  $d$  (dividing the remaining half in half), and so on proportionally for the other points, with there being no velocity in terminal point  $B$ . In this case the velocity will be uniformly difform terminated at no degree in

- <sup>40</sup> cordias domini in eternum cantabunt, quo cantico in gloriam gratie Christi [...] nichil erit profecto illi iocundius civitati.”

## Incipit tertia pars de acquisitione et mensura qualitatum et velocitatum

[III.i] Capitulum primum: per quid ymaginanda est  
5                   acquisitio qualitatis

Duplici modo potest contingere successio in acquisitione qualitatis, scilicet secundum extensionem et secundum intensionem, sicut superius fuit dictum capitulo 4<sup>o</sup> partis secunde. Acquisitio itaque extensiva qualitatis linearis ymaginanda est per motum puncti fluentis super ipsam lineam subiectivam, ita quod pars pertransita sit qualificata et pars nundum pertransita non qualificata. Sicut si punctus *c* moveretur super lineam *AB* et quidquid esset ab eo pertransitum esset album et quidquid nundum esset pertransitum nundum esset album [Fig. 18(a)]. Acquisitio autem extensiva qualitatis superficialis ymaginanda est per motum linee dividentis partem superficiei

40 Christi *om. L*

41 profecto *B[AFMSG]* *text.* *Aug.* perfecto *L[VPC]* perfectius [*N*] / illi iocundius *tr. L[N]* iocundius [*A*] / *post civitati add.* [*PM*] et sic est finis istius. Explicit secunda pars huius tractatus, *et add.* [*F*] et sic est finis, *et add.* [*G*] Explicit secunda pars, *et add.* [*A*] Amen. Explicit secunda pars huius tractatus, *et add.* [*N*] Explicit secunda pars *et add.* *L* Sequitur (!) pars huius tractatus, *et add.* [*S*] et sic explicit pars secunda

seu tractatus altius (alterius?) de acquisitione et mensura qualitatis et velocitatis [*C*]

1 3<sup>a</sup> pars *mg.* [*S*], *mg.* [*J*] tertia pars *tr. B* tertia pars eiusdem [*A*]

2–3 qualitatis et velocitatis *L*

7 scilicet *om. L[N]*

8 capitulo 4<sup>o</sup> [*VANFMPSCG*] *tr. BL* / partis secunde *B[VANS]* *tr. L[G]* prime partis [*FMPG*] / extensiva *B[AFMPG]* *om. [C]* extensive *L[VN]*

9 motum *B[VN]* (*et cf. lin. 14, 15, 17–18, 22, 25, 30*) modum *L[MACSG]* *mo<sup>m</sup> [P]* medium [*F*]

9–10 subiectivam *om. L* subiectam [*C*]

10 nundum *B[ANFMP]* nondum *L[VCSG]* *bis et alibi*

12 esset<sup>1</sup> *tr. L* *post pertransitum<sup>1</sup>* / esset<sup>3</sup>: est *L*

14 superficialis: linearis *L* / est: esset *L[N]*

*Tit. et III.i: BL*

1–3 Incipit...velocitatum *mg.* *BL[ANG]* (*except for the variants in BAL below*) *om.* [*VP*] Incipit tertia etc. [*M*] Incipit 2<sup>a</sup> (!) pars que est de figuraione et potentia qualitatum successivorum [*F*] Tertia pars

of God in eternity . . . certainly there will be no greater joy in that city than this song to the glory of the grace of Christ.”<sup>5</sup>

## Here begins the third part [of this treatise]: On the Acquisition and Measure of Qualities and Velocities

### III.i How the acquisition of quality is to be imagined

Succession in the acquisition of quality can take place in two ways: (1) according to extension, (2) according to intensity, as was stated in the fourth chapter of the second part. And so extensive acquisition of a linear quality ought to be imagined by the motion of a point flowing over the subject line in such a way that the part

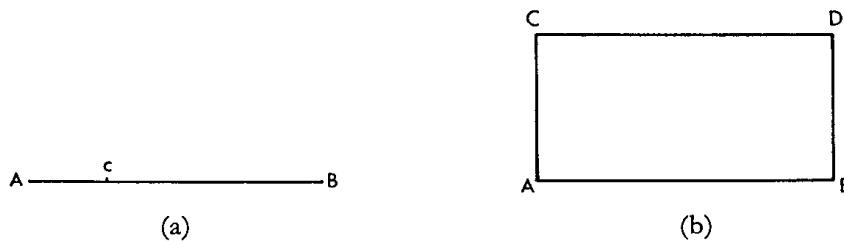


Fig. 18

Figure (a) in MSS *BG*. Figure (b) in MSS *SJGL*. MS *L* merely has two parallel lines *AB* and *CD* close together.

traversed has received the quality and the part not yet traversed has not received the quality. An example of this occurs if point *c* were moved over line *AB* so that any part traversed by it would be white and any part not yet traversed would not yet be white [see Fig. 18(a)]. Further the extensive acquisition of a surface quality ought to be imagined by the motion of a line dividing that part of the surface that

<sup>5</sup> *De civitate Dei*, XXII, 30 (ed. of Dombart, Vol. 2, 633–34): “Alioquin si se fuisse miseros nescituri sunt, quo modo, sicut ait psalmus, *misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabunt? Quo*

*cantico in gloriam gratiae Christi, cuius sanguine liberati sumus, nihil erit profecto illi iucundus civitati.*” Augustine is referring to *Psalms* 88:2.

15 alteratam a parte nundum alterata. Et acquisitio extensiva corporee qualitatis conformiter ymaginanda est per motum superficiei dividentis partem alteratam a parte nundum alterata.

16 Acquisitio autem intensiva qualitatis punctualis ymaginanda est per motum puncti continue ascendentis super punctum subiectivum et motu suo desribentis perpendiculararem lineam ymaginatam super eundem punctum subiectivum. Acquisitio vero intensiva qualitatis linearis ymaginanda est per motum linee perpendiculariter ascendentis super lineam subiectivam et suo fluxu vel ascensu derelinquentis superficiem per quam designatur qualitas acquisita. Verbi gratia [Fig. 18(b)]: Sit *AB* linea subiectiva. Dico 20 igitur quod intensio puncti *A* ymaginatur per motum vel per ascensum perpendiculararem puncti *C* et intensio linee *AB* vel acquisitio intensionis ymaginatur per ascensum linee *CD*. Acquisitio autem intensiva qualitatis superficialis conformiter ymaginanda est per ascensum superficie motu suo ymaginato derelinquentis corpus per quod illa qualitas designatur. Et simili 25 liter acquisitio intensiva corporee qualitatis ymaginatur per motum superficie quia superficies fluxu suo ymaginato derelinquit corpus et non contingit dare quartam dimensionem sicut dictum fuit 4º capitulo prime partis.

30 Et sicut nunc dictum est de acquisitione qualitatis ita conformiter dicendum est et ymaginandum de deperditione, sive deperdatur extensio sive etiam intensio, ymaginatur enim talis deperditio per motus oppositos motibus prius dictis. Sicut etiam nunc dictum est de acquisitione aut deperditione qualitatis ita conformiter ymaginandum est de acquisitione aut deperditione velocitatis tam in extensione quam in intensione.

- 15 alteratam *om.* *L* alterate [FMP] / a: ab altera *L*[*N*]
- 15–17 alterata....alterata *om.* [*C*] / Et...alterata *om.* [FMP]
- 15–16 qualitatis *om.* *L*[*AN*]
- 17 alteratam: alteram *L*
- 19 subiectum *L*[*C*]
- 19–21 et...subiectivum *om.* *L*[*N*]
- 21 subiectivum *om.* *L* subiectum [*C*]
- 22 subiectivam: summam *L*
- 24 subiecta *L*
- 25 per<sup>2</sup> *BL*[FMP] *om.* [AVNSCG] / ascensum *BL*[VANS] ascensionem [FMPG]
- 27 autem *om.* *L*[*N*] vero [*F*]
- 29 designatur: ymaginatur [*V*]
- 30 acquisitio *om.* *L*[*N*]
- 30–31 superficie: superficie qualitatis *L*[*N*]
- 32 fuit: est *L* / 4º capitulo tr. [VAC]

- 34 deperditione *BL*[VNSG] perditive [AFMPC] / deperdatur: deperditio *L*/extensio *L*[VNG] etiam extensio *B* extensive [FMP] intensio [AS] intensive [*C*] etiam intensio *B*[*V*] *om.* *L* intensio [*NG*] etiam intensive [*F*] etiam extensive [*C*] etiam extensio [*A*] intensive [MP] extensio [*S*]
- 36 etiam *om.* [*G*] enim *L*[*N*]
- 36–37 aut deperditione *BL*[*V*] *om.* [NFMP C] de perditive [A] et de perditive [G] perditive [*S*]
- 37–38 deperditione: de perditive [AFP] perditive [*V*]
- 38 in extensione quam in intensione *B*[VFM PG] in (*om.* *C*) intensione quam in (*om.* *S*) extensio *L*[SC] in intensum quam extensum [*N*] extensive quam intensive [*A*]

has been altered from the part not yet altered. And the extensive acquisition of a corporeal quality in a similar way is to be imagined by the motion of the surface dividing the part altered from the part not yet altered.<sup>1</sup>

The intensive acquisition of punctual quality is to be imagined by the motion of a point continually ascending over a subject point and by its motion describing a perpendicular line imagined [as erected] on that same subject point. But the intensive acquisition of a linear quality is to be imagined by the motion of a line perpendicularly ascending over the subject line and in its flux or ascent leaving behind a surface by which the acquired quality is designated. For example [see Fig. 18(b)], let *AB* be the subject line. I say, therefore, that the intension of point *A* is imagined by the motion, or by the perpendicular ascent, of point *C*, and the intension of line *AB*, or the acquisition of the intensity, is imagined by the ascent of line *CD*. Further, the intensive acquisition of a surface quality is in a similar way to be imagined by the ascent of a surface, which (by its motion) leaves behind a body by means of which that quality is designated. And similarly the intensive acquisition of a corporeal quality is imagined by the motion of a surface because a surface by its imagined flux leaves behind a body, and one does not have to pose a fourth dimension, as has been said in the fourth chapter of the first part.

One should speak and conceive of the loss of quality in the same way that we have now spoken of its acquisition, whether that loss is of extension or intensity. For such loss is imagined by movements which are the opposite of the movements described before. Furthermore, one ought to speak of the acquisition or loss of velocity, both in extension and intensity, in the same way we have just spoken of the acquisition or loss of quality.

*III.i*

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, III.i, lines 13–17.

ymaginetur ens successivum. Unde in Ysaia dicitur, “erit lux lune sicut lux solis, et lux solis erit septempliciter sicut lux septem dierum,” quia videlicet 30 lux unius diei septempliciter intensa equalis est luci que per septem dierum spatium extenderetur.

[III.vii] Capitulum 7<sup>m</sup> de mensura qualitatum et velocitatum  
diformium

Omnis qualitas, si fuerit uniformiter diformis, ipsa est tanta quanta foret qualitas eiusdem subiecti vel equalis uniformis secundum gradum puncti mediī eiusdem subiecti; et hoc intelligo si qualitas fuerit linearis. Et si fuerit superficialis, secundum gradum linee medie; si vero fuerit corporalis, secundum gradum medie superficie, semper conformiter intelligendo. Istud ostenditur primo de linearī. Sit igitur una qualitas ymaginabilis per triangulum *ABC* que est uniformiter diformis terminata ad non gradum in 5 punto *B* [Fig. 21(a)]; et sit *D* punctus medius linee subiective, cuius quidem puncti gradus vel intensio ymaginatur per lineam *DE*. Igitur qualitas que es- 10 set uniformis per totum subiectum secundum gradum *DE* ymaginabilis est per quadrangulum *AFGB*, ut patet per 10<sup>m</sup> capitulum prime partis. Constat autem per 26<sup>am</sup> primi Euclidis quod duo parvi trianguli *EFC* et *EGB* sunt

28 ens *B[VAFMPC]* esse *L[SG]* esse ens  
[*N*]

29-30 videlicet lux *tr. L* lux [*N*]

31 extenditur *L[S]*

III.vii: *BL*

3-4 ipsa...uniformis *om. [FMP]*

5 si...linearis: qualitate linearī *B*

7 medie superficiei *tr. L[NS]* superficiei [*V*]  
/ semper: secundum hoc *L*

8 ostenditur primo *tr. L[G]* ostenditur  
[*FMP*]

11-12 esset *B[VASG]* est *L[NFMP]*

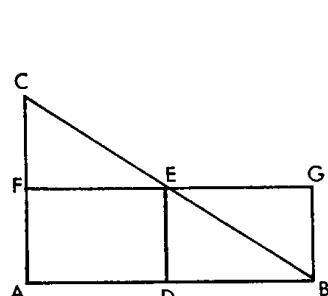
13-14 Constat autem *B[VSG]* constatque  
*L[N]* constat et [*FMP*]

14 *EFC: EFG B[V]*

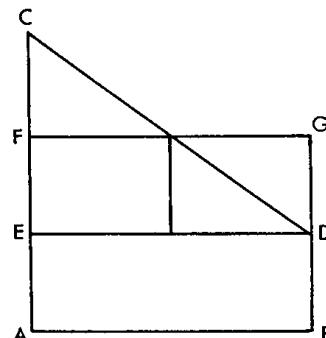
if it is imagined to be a successive entity. Whence it is said in Isaías:<sup>3</sup> "And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold as the light of seven days," for evidently the light of one day increased intensively by sevenfold is as the light which would be extended through a space of seven days.

### III.vii On the measure of difform qualities and velocities

Every quality, if it is uniformly difform, is of the same quantity as would be the quality of the same or equal subject that is uniform according to the degree of the middle point of the same subject.<sup>1</sup> I understand this to hold if the quality is linear. If it is a surface quality, [then its quantity is equal to that of a quality of the same subject which is uniform] according to the degree of the middle line; if corporeal, according to the degree of the middle surface, always understanding [these concepts] in a conformable way. This will be demonstrated first for a linear quality. Hence let there be a quality imaginable by  $\triangle ABC$ , the quality being uniformly difform and terminated at no degree in point  $B$  [see Fig. 21(a)]. And let  $D$  be the middle point of the subject line. The degree of this point, or its intensity, is imag-



(a)



(b)

Fig. 21

Figures in *BLSJG*. Figures are rotated through  $90^\circ$  in MS *G*. In figure (b) in MS *L*, there is no center perpendicular. In MS *J*, line  $ED$  is missing and the center perpendicular is marked  $KH$ . Both figures are reversed in MS *J*.

ined by line  $DE$ . Therefore, the quality which would be uniform throughout the whole subject at degree  $DE$  is imaginable by rectangle  $AFGB$ , as is evident by the tenth chapter of the first part. Therefore, it is evident by the 26th [proposition] of [Book] I [of the *Elements*] of Euclid<sup>2</sup> that the two small triangles  $EFC$  and  $EGB$

#### III.vii

<sup>3</sup> Isaías 30:26.

<sup>1</sup> See the Commentary, III.vii, lines 3–5.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, line 14.

<sup>15</sup> equales. Ergo maior triangulus *BAC* qui designat qualitatem uniformiter difformem et quadrangulus *AFGB* qui designaret qualitatem uniformem secundum gradum puncti medii sunt equales. Ergo qualitates per huiusmodi triangulum et quadrangulum ymaginabiles sunt equales. Et hoc est propositum.

<sup>20</sup> Eodem modo potest argui de qualitate uniformiter difformi terminata utrinque ad certum gradum, sicut esset qualitas ymaginabilis per quadrangulum *ABCD* [Fig. 21(b)]. Protrahatur enim linea *DE* equedistans basi subiecte et fieret triangulus *CED*. Deinde protrahatur per gradum puncti medii linea *FG* equalis et equedistans basi subiecte, et protrahatur etiam linea *GD*. Tunc sicut prius probabitur quod triangulus *CED* et quadrangulus *EFGD* sunt equales. Ergo addito utrobique quadrangulo communi *AEDB* fient duo tota equalia, scilicet quadrangulus *ACDB* qui designat qualitatem uniformiter difformem et quadrangulus *AFGB* qui designaret qualitatem uniformem secundum gradum puncti medii ipsius subiecti *AB*. Igitur per capitulum 10<sup>m</sup> prime partis qualitates per huiusmodi quadrangulos designabiles sunt equales.

<sup>25</sup> Conformiter potest argui de qualitate superficiali ac etiam de corporali. De velocitate vero omnino dicendum est sicut de qualitate linearis, dum tamen loco puncti medii capiatur instans medium temporis velocitatem huiusmodi mensurantis. Sic itaque patet cui qualitati aut velocitati uniformi adequatur qualitas sive velocitas uniformiter difformis. Proportio autem qualitatum et velocitatum uniformiter difformium est sicut proportio qualitatum et velocitatum simpliciter uniformium quibus adequantur. Et de mensura et proportione illarum uniformium dictum est in capitulo precedenti.

<sup>30</sup> Si autem qualitas seu velocitas fuerit difformiter difformis, tunc, si componatur ex partibus uniformibus aut uniformiter difformibus, ipsa poterit mensurari per suas partes, de quarum mensura dictum est ante. Si vero qualitas fuerit alio modo difformis, sicut difformitate illa que per curvitatatem designatur, tunc oporteret recurrere ad mensurationem figurarum curvarum inter se aut earum cum rectis figuris; et hoc est alterius speculacionis. Sufficient ergo que dicta sunt.

<sup>21</sup> utrinque *B[SG]* om. [*C*] utriusque *L[A]*  
utrobique [*VN*] uterque [*FMP*]

<sup>23-24</sup> et...et<sup>2</sup> om. *L*

<sup>26</sup> sunt *B[VANSG]* fient *L* erunt [*FMP*]

<sup>26-27</sup> equales...fient *B[VANSG]* om. [*FM*]  
*PC*] equales quare *L*

<sup>27-28</sup> *ACDB*...quadrangulus om. *L*

<sup>28</sup> designaret *B[AVS]* designat *L[FNM*  
*?P, ?C, ?G]*

<sup>33</sup> De<sup>1</sup> om. *L[N]*

<sup>34</sup> capiatur *B[VSG]* om. [*FMP*], tr. *L[AN]*  
post temporis / instans: instantis *L* infert  
[*FMP*]

<sup>36</sup> qualitatis aut velocitatis *L*

<sup>37</sup> et: aut *L[N]* sive [*A*]

<sup>38</sup> Et om. *L[AN]*

<sup>39</sup> et: et de *L[VMP]* / uniformium om. *L[N]*

<sup>41</sup> qualitas...velocitas: velocitas seu qualit-

are equal. Therefore, the larger  $\triangle BAC$ , which designates the uniformly difform quality, and the rectangle  $AFGB$ , which designates the quality uniform in the degree of the middle point, are equal. Therefore the qualities imaginable by a triangle and a rectangle of this kind are equal. And this is what has been proposed.

In the same way it can be argued for a quality uniformly difform terminated in both extremes at a certain degree, as would be the quality imaginable by quadrangle  $ABCD$  [see Fig. 21(b)]. For let line  $DE$  be drawn parallel to the subject base and  $\triangle CED$  would be formed. Then let line  $FG$  be drawn through the degree of the middle point which is equal and parallel to the subject base. Also, let line  $GD$  be drawn. Then, as before, it will be proved that  $\triangle CED = \square EFGD$ . Therefore, with the common rectangle  $AEDB$  added to both of them, the two total areas are equal, namely quadrangle  $ACDB$ , which designates the uniformly difform quality, and the rectangle  $AFGB$ , which would designate the quality uniform at the degree of the middle point of the subject  $AB$ . Therefore, by chapter ten of the first part, the qualities designatable by quadrangles of this kind are equal.

It can be argued in the same way regarding a surface quality and also regarding a corporeal quality. Now one should speak of velocity in completely the same fashion as linear quality, so long as the middle instant of the time measuring a velocity of this kind is taken in place of the middle point [of the subject].<sup>3</sup> And so it is clear to which uniform quality or velocity a quality or velocity uniformly difform is equated. Moreover, the ratio of uniformly difform qualities and velocities is as the ratio of the simply uniform qualities or velocities to which they are equated. And we have spoken of the measure and ratio of these uniform [qualities and velocities] in the preceding chapter.

Further, if a quality or velocity is difformly difform, and if it is composed of uniform or uniformly difform parts, it can be measured by its parts, whose measure has been discussed before. Now, if the quality is difform in some other way, e.g. with the difformity designated by a curve, then it is necessary to have recourse to the mutual mensuration of the curved figures, or to [the mensuration of] these [curved figures] with rectilinear figures; and this is another kind of speculation.<sup>4</sup> Therefore what has been stated is sufficient.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, lines 33–35.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, line 46.

tas  $L[N]$  difformitas sive qualitas [ $A$ ]  
44 sicut *om.* [ $C$ ] sicut de  $L[N]$

47 Sufficient...sunt  $BL[VS]$  *om.*  
[ANFMPG]