and we have

$$\sum G\left(x+z, \frac{y-x}{2}-z, x\right) = \epsilon_1(n) \sum_{r=1}^T G(t, 0, 2r-e(t)),$$

where  $\epsilon_1(n) = 1$  or 0 according as *n* is or is not a square >0, and  $T = \lfloor t/2 \rfloor$ .

Similarly, from §4, if  $G_1(w, u, v)$  is G(w, u, v) with the restriction of entirety in (u, v) we get

$$4\sum G_1\left(x+z,\frac{y-x}{2}-z,x\right) = \epsilon_1(n) \left[G_1(t,0,\rho'(t)) - G_1(t,0,\rho'(-t))\right].$$

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## THE TRANSFORMATION OF LINES OF SPACE BY MEANS OF TWO QUADRATIC REGULI\*

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If we take two quadratic reguli, a line l meets two generators of each. To l we make correspond the other transversal of the four generators. This involutory transformation of the lines of space is one of three, quite similar in principle.<sup>†</sup> This case admits a very simple and effective algebraic treatment without the use of hyperspace.

We may take for the equations of two non-singular quadrics with real rulings  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 - x_4^2 = 0$  and  $a^2x_1^2 + b^2x_2^2 - c^2x_3^2 - d^2x_4^2 = 0$ . On the former lies the regulus  $R_1$  defined by  $x_1 - x_3 = m(x_4 - x_2), x_1 + x_3 = 1/(m(x_4 + x_2))$ . The Plücker coordinates of a line of this regulus are

(1) 
$$p_{12}: p_{13}: p_{14}: p_{23}: p_{42}: p_{34}$$

 $= (m^{2} + 1): 2m: (m^{2} - 1): (m^{2} - 1): 2m: - (m^{2} + 1).$ 

The other regulus  $R'_1$  on the same quadric is given by the

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