

§12.1.

Synopsis: Chapter Twelve.

Briggs demonstrates an improved method of subtabulation, far superior to the 'proportional parts' method of the previous chapter. The new scheme involves the use of finite differences, and can be applied when first and second order differences only need be considered, the latter being constant, or nearly so, (and negative, though the negative signs are suppressed); Briggs uses this method extensively to fill in the blank spaces in his Chiliads of logarithms: the missing Chiliades from the 31st to the 89th represents the region where this simple scheme does not work.

In modern terms, if A and B are the logarithms of two successive numbers in a table of logarithms, with first and second order differences a and b , where b is constant or almost so, in some region, then the logarithms of 9 equally spaced numbers z_i between the successive numbers are generated by the formula $z_i = A + x.a + [x(x-1)/2].b$, where $x = i/10$, and $1 \leq i \leq 9$. There is not of course an algebraic representation in the *Arithmetica* of this formula, or any other. Initially, Briggs uses a numerical scheme to calculate and add on successive difference to previously found intermediate logarithm as he proceeds; he then demonstrates the formula shown above numerically, by means of which any intermediate logarithm can be found, without the requirement of evaluating all the others up to that stage; finally, he shows how the method greatly improves on finding the square root of a number with a known logarithm.

This scheme is identical with that later formulated by Newton, and is now known as Newton's Forward Difference Method. In the notes, we give a little historical digression concerning the possible origins of this method.

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For two given nearby numbers, together with the logarithms of these: to place nine other numbers equidistant between them; and to find the logarithms of these.

If the second differences of the given logarithms are almost equal, it will not be difficult to perform this: otherwise, if third differences are summoned, here the method is somewhat deficient.

		47602,0016 C	
91235 A	4,96016,14763,8639 B		5217 D
		47601,4799 C	
91236 A	4,96016,62365,3438 B		5217 D
		47600,9582 C	

[Table 12-1.]

Two nearby numbers A are taken, and the logarithms of these B , together with the first and second differences of these, C and D .

E	
1. 45	product added
2. 35	
3. 25	
4. 15	
5. 5	
6. 5	product subtracted
7. 15	
8. 25	
9. 35	
10.45	

[Table 12-2.]

[Table 12-1.] If the second differences are equal, one of these is

multiplied by the numbers in the Table E, [12-2], with the ten numbers adjoined to the first

[difference]; but with the last three places of the products F, G, H, I, K taken away [Table 12-3] :

for the first five are added, with just as many taken away, placed between A and B with the tenth

part of the difference C^1 . The total remaining is the differences of the logarithms sought; which

continually added in order to the given smaller logarithm, give the logarithms sought, as you see

here. Let the given numbers be 91235, 91236, and the first difference of their logarithms 476014799 :

25.]	<i>Abs. Number</i>	<i>Logarithms</i>	<i>Product</i>	<i>5217 Factor</i>
			F ---234 765	}
			G -- 182 595	
			H -- 130 425	
			I --- 78 255	
			K --- 26 085	
			47601479 9	$\frac{1}{10} C$
			47601714 7	
			47601662 5	
			47601610 3	
			47601558 2	
			47601506 0	
			47601453 8	
			47601401 6	
			47601349 5	
			47601297 3	
			47601245 1	

[Table 12 - 3]

If the second differences as here \therefore are not equal, the two numbers in proximity are to be added and half the sum taken for the second difference, and multiplied as before.

	4,51707,8187 C		<i>Product:</i>	469721. <i>Factor</i>
9615A	3,98294,92885,7405 B	469771 D	\therefore	}
	4,51660,8416 C			
9616 A	3,98299,44546,5866 B	469672D		
	4,51613,8744 C			
		939443 sum		
		469721 1/2 sum		
			451660841 6	$\frac{1}{10} C$
			451681979 0	C + F

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E	
1.	45
2.	80
3.	105
4.	120
5.	125
6.	120
7.	105
8.	80
9.	45

Whereas, if you want to find any one of these logarithms, with the rest omitted²: the [required] number less than ten added to the given number A , multiplies the given difference C , and the same adjoined number from the table E [Table 12-4] multiplies the second difference D ; hence with three places removed, and with a single place [taken] from the first product, the products are added: the whole added to the given logarithm A gives the logarithm sought. As [an example], if I wish to know what the logarithm of the number 96157 shall be, the given difference 4516608416, is multiplied by 7, [to give] the product 31616258912. Then 105 across from 7 in Table E, multiplies the second difference 469721, the product 49320705 with the three final places taken away is added to the previous product, from which one place is removed gives³ 3161625891, the total 3161675212 is added to the given logarithm ¶. The total 3,98298,09053,2662 is the logarithm sought of the number 96157 * *.

If you want to know the difference between the logarithms of this number and the next larger: the number 8 in Table [12 - 5] corresponding to G , which exceeds the seventh part by one, multiplies the second difference 469721; the product 11743025 with three places subtracted, taken from the tenth part of the given first difference, is the difference sought 451649099 with the remainder⁴ †.

To find the accurate proportional parts.

And here the method finds the proportional part with sufficient accuracy. For when, following that considered in the above chapter [11], we transfer the given logarithm to the proper place in the last or second last Chiliad in the Tables, we can add the first place of the proportional part to an absolute number found in the Chiliad, and find the logarithm of the augmented number, through the nearby preceding, together with the difference between the same and the larger logarithm nearby. This difference gives the proportional part that we seek most accurately, as we see by a single example.

The square root of the number 147 is sought . The given logarithm of 147 is 2,16731,73347,4814, of which the half, 1,08365,86673,7409 is the logarithm of the root sought.

<i>Logarithms</i>			
√147	1,08365,86673,7409	given	
8192	0,91338,99436,3175	nearest complement.	
N.N	0,99704,86110,0584	total.	proportions { 43725 } Given { 31548 } differences { 10 --- } { 7 --- } required
	31548,5329	difference.	
99322	0,99704,54561,5255		
	43725,6897	difference.	
99323	0,99704,98287,2152		

Hitherto by the method of Chapter 11, that gives the place as 7, with the number 99322 in the table found nearby. The remainder required following that which preceded nearby.

	43726,1300		C 437256897	} factors
993220	0,99704,54561,5255	4403	7	
	43725,8697	C	3060798279	} product
993230	0,99704,98287,2152	4402	4403	
	43725,2495		105	} factors
993220	0,99704,54561,5255	R	22015	
	30608,0290	Q	4403	
993227	0,99704,85169,5545	M	462 315	product
	4372,5580	C - H	products	306079827 9
993228	0,99704,89542,1125			462 3
			Q	<u>306080290 2</u> to be added

With the product from the given difference C with 7, added to the second difference 4403, & with the factor 105 found in table E: the total Q added to the given logarithm R gives the logarithm M, of the number 993227, between which & the nearby 991228 is the difference C - H, of which the fraction gives almost the most accurate result, if the total NN 0,99704,86110,0584, is brought together with M as shown.

	4403
	25
	<hr/> 22 015
	88 06
	110 075 product
	to be taken away.
	<hr/> C 43725689 7
	H - - - - -110 2
	<hr/> C - H 43725579 6

27.]

NN	0,99704,86110,0584	
	1940,5039	
993227	0,99704,85169,5545 M	
	4372,5580	
993228	0,99704,89542,1125	
	proportions { 43725580- } Differences given. { 9405039- } { 10----- } { 21509238 }	proportional part sought

Therefore the number corresponding to the logarithm NN 0,99704,86110,0584 is 9932272150923.

Thus if the number 8192, or the factors 8.8.8.8.2 of the same, divide the number found, the quotient 12124,35565,29831,6 will be the root of the number 147 required and enlarged. It is thus close to the true root, given by⁵ 12124,35565,29824,41054.

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Notes On Chapter Twelve.

¹ This is an appropriate place to quote Charles Hutton, from that uniquely wide-ranging and illuminating preamble to *Hutton's Mathematical Tables* 5th Ed., (1811): *On the Construction of Logarithms*, page 71: '...our ingenious author first of all teaches the rules of the Difference Method, in constructing logarithms by interpolation from differences. This is the same method which has since been largely treated by later authors, and in particular by the ingenious Mr. Cotes, in his *Canontechnia*. How Mr. Briggs came by it does not well appear, as he only delivers the rules, without laying down the principles or investigation of them. He delivers the method into two cases, namely when the second differences are equal or nearly equal, and when the differences run out to any length whatever. The former of these...he particularly adapts to interpolating 9 equidistant means between the two terms, evidently for this reason, that then the power of ten becomes the principal multipliers or divisors, and so the operation performed mentally. The substance of his method is this: having given two absolute numbers with their logarithms, to find the logarithms of 9 arithmetical means between the given numbers: Between the given logarithms take the 1st difference, as well as between each of them and their next or equidistant greater and less logarithm: and likewise the 2nd differences, or the two differences of these first three differences; then if these two differences be equal, multiply one of them severally by the numbers 45, 35, &c, as in the annexed table, dividing each product by 1000, that is cutting off the last three figures from each; lastly, to $\frac{1}{10}$ th of the 1st difference of the given logarithms to add severally the first five quotients, and subtract the other five, so shall the ten results be the respective first differences to be continually added to compose the required series of logarithms. Now this amounts to the same thing as what is at this day taught in the like case: It is known that if A be any term of an equidistant series of terms, and $a, b, c, \&c$, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, &c order of differences; then the term z , whose distance from A is expressed by x , will be thus:

$$z = A + xa + x \cdot \frac{x-1}{2} b + x \cdot \frac{x-1}{2} \cdot \frac{x-2}{3} c + \&c \quad [12-1].$$

And if now, with our author, we make the 2nd differences equal, then *c, d, e, &c,* will all vanish, or be equal to 0, and *z* will become barely

$$= A + xa + x \cdot \frac{x-1}{2}b \quad [12-2].$$

Therefore if we take *x* successively to be 0/10, 1/10/ 2/10,3/10. &c, we shall have the annexed series of terms with their differences. Where it is to be observed, that our author has reduced the differences from the 1st to the 2nd form, as he thought it easier to multiply by 5 than to divide by 2.

Also all the last terms ($x \cdot \frac{x-1}{2}b$) are set down positive, because in the logarithms *b* is negative.'

(End of quote).

Note that in Table 12 - 4, Briggs calculates and adds on the successive difference to the previous logarithm as he proceeds.

Briggs' first method of subtabulation is one of the earliest published applications of a finite difference method, which is now (in the general case) called Newton's Forward Difference Method: Hutton is of the opinion that Newton discovered the method for himself, and this was presumably the case; nevertheless, as Goldstine points out (*A History of Numerical Analysis...*), p.

Series of terms.	The differences.
<i>A</i>	
$A + \frac{1}{10}a + \frac{9}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a + \frac{9}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a + \frac{45}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{2}{10}a + \frac{16}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a + \frac{7}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a + \frac{35}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{3}{10}a + \frac{21}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a + \frac{5}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a + \frac{25}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{4}{10}a + \frac{24}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a + \frac{3}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a + \frac{15}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{5}{10}a + \frac{25}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a + \frac{1}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a + \frac{5}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{6}{10}a + \frac{24}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a - \frac{1}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a - \frac{5}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{7}{10}a + \frac{21}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a - \frac{3}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a - \frac{15}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{8}{10}a + \frac{16}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a - \frac{5}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a - \frac{25}{1000}b$
$A + \frac{9}{10}a + \frac{9}{200}b$	$\frac{1}{10}a - \frac{7}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a - \frac{35}{1000}b$
$A + a$	$\frac{1}{10}a - \frac{9}{200}b = \frac{1}{10}a - \frac{45}{1000}b$

[Table 12-4.]

23, Thomas Harriot, (but not 'Sir' as Goldstine would have you believe, as Harriot was always on the wrong side of royalty with the Stuart kings, and even spent some time in the Tower of London! However, as he was an atheist, Harriot could hardly be accused of being a Catholic.), used a similar method of interpolation in his investigation of rhomb lines in

navigation, leading to the equi-angular or logarithmic spiral, as investigated by Lohne (J. A.

Lohne, *Essays on Thomas Harriot*, Archive for the History of the Exact Sciences. Vol. 15, 1979. pp. 189 - 312), and Pepper (Jon V. Pepper, *Harriot's Calculation of the Meridional Parts*, Archive for the History of the Exact Sciences. Vol. 4, 1968. pp. 359 - 413), who have studied some of the Harriot manuscripts. However, Goldstine would appear to be in error with his assumption of Briggs and Harriot 'overlapping' at Oxford by 2 years: for by the time Briggs arrived at Oxford in 1619 or thereabouts, Harriot was a very ill man, living in semi-seclusion, trying to put his mathematical affairs into some order before his death in 1621. From Lohne's Chronology, *ibid.* p. 308, we find that Harriot was on the payroll at Gresham College in 1596 at its inception, and this is probably when and where the two men were in contact, if indeed Harriot was not responsible to some extent for Briggs being offered his position at the College. Harriot had a strong interest in navigation and the New World, which he had visited for a year as a scientific consultant as part of an abortive colony proposed by Rayleigh, and some of this enthusiasm obviously spread to Briggs, who was to write about finding the North-West Passage, as of course did other armchair travelers such as John Dee during this period of exploration. While Harriot was to go off to be a 'gentleman scientist', living in a house in the grounds of Syon House, Isleworth, on a lucrative salary of £200 p.a. provided by Henry Percy, 9th Earl of Northumberland (The wizard earl, who unfortunately was locked up in the Tower for 16 years by James I after the Gunpowder Plot in 1605, for his suspected involvement), Briggs had accepted the more onerous position of Professor of Geometry at Gresham College, a post he held for some 25 years, at a salary of £50 p.a. Thus, the connection between Briggs and Harriot is a tenuous one without more evidence, and it seems pointless to speculate on it: what we can say is that similar subtabulation schemes, used by both men, had their origins around this time. As regards Newton and some useful references for the interested reader, a well-reasoned discourse concerning the origins of Newton's involvement with finite differences is given in the introduction to Volume 4 of D.T. Whiteside's monumental work: *The Mathematical Papers of Isaac Newton*.

In modern terms, Newton's difference series for a function $f(x)$ is the finite calculus equivalent of the Taylor series of the infinite calculus, and if the convergence and general agreement of the expansion with the left hand side is assured, may be expressed in the form (see *Concrete Mathematics*, by Graham, Knuth, and Patashnik, Addison-Wesley (1998) 2nd ed., p. 191):

$$f(a + x) = \frac{f(a)}{0!} x^0 + \frac{\Delta f(a)}{1!} x^1 + \frac{\Delta^2 f(a)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{\Delta^3 f(a)}{3!} x^3 + \dots \quad (12 - 3).$$

Thus, in (12 - 2), we identify the constant term A with $f(a)$, while the first order difference 'a' = $\Delta f(a)$ and the second order difference $b = \Delta^2 f(a)$; where $x^1 = x$, $x^2 = x(x - 1)$, etc. in (12 - 3).

² i.e. without working out all the other intermediate values: in this case the formula used is equation (12 - 3) above with $x = 7/10$.

³ Inspection of Table 12-5 shows that the 2nd order sums of products are formed with an extra place, which is then rounded. The differences are added cumulatively in table E, and not added/subtracted to the previous difference, as in Table 12-3.

⁴ This follows in a straightforward manner from (12-1) & (12-2).

⁵ Thus, the method of the previous chapter is used to obtain an approximate value for $\sqrt{147}$ by first finding the number closest to a power of ten in the upper Chiliades by considering their logs: Briggs finds $\sqrt{147} \times 8129 = N.N$ has a log that lies between 99322 and 99323. Simple proportion then gives this number more accurately to be 99322.7. However, with the power of the finite difference method available, and as the second order is sufficient as we are so close to a power of ten, the logarithms corresponding to 99322.7 and 99322.8 can be found to the full 14 figure accuracy, between which the log of $N.N$ is located. Hence, by simple proportion (again) the accuracy of the $N.N$ is increased dramatically, as Briggs shows, and so with the final value for $\sqrt{147}$.

Datis duobus numeris proximis, una cum eorum Logarithmis: intersere alios novem aequidistantes, inter eosdem; & eorum Logarithmos invenire.

Si datorum Logarithmorum differentiae secundae sint fere aequales, non erit difficile hoc praestare: alias, hic modus, si tertiae differentiae sint adhibendae, non nihil deficiet.

Sumantur duo numeri proximi A, & eorum Logarithmi B, una cum eorum differentiis primis C, & secundis D. Si differentiae secundae sint aequales, multiplicetur eorum altera per numeros in abaco E, decem primis numeris adiunctos: facti autem F G H I K demptis tribus ultimis notis, pro primis quinque addantur, pro totidem reliquis auferantur parti decimae differentiae primae C interiectae: toti & reliqui erunt differentiae Logarithmorum quaesitorum; quae dato minori Logarithmo, suo ordine continue additae, dabunt Logarithmos quaesitos. ut hic vides. Sunt dati numeri 91235.91236. differentia prima 476014799.

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Num. abs.	Logarithmi.	Facti	5217 Factor	Factores reliqui.
912350	4,96016,14763,8639	F -- -234 765	45	
	4760,1715 C+F	G -- 182 595	35	
912351	4,96016,19524,0354	H -- 130 425	25	
	4760,1662 C+G	I --- 78 255	15	
912352	4,96016,24284,2016	K --- 26 085	5	
	4760,1610 C+H	47601479 9	$\frac{1}{10}$ C	
912353	4,96016,29044,3626	47601714 7	C+ F	
	4760,1558 C+I	47601662 5	C+ G	
912354	4,96016,33804,5184	47601610 3	C+ H	
	4760,1506 C+K	47601558 2	C+ I	
912355	4,96016,38564,6690	47601506 0	C+K	
	4760,1454 C-K	47601453 8	C - K	
912356	4,96016,43324,8144	47601401 6	C - I	
	4760,1402 C-I	47601349 5	C - H	
912357	4,96016,48084,9546	47601297 3	C - G	
	4760,1350 C-H	47601245 1	C - F	
912358	4,96016,52845,0896			
	4760,1297 C-G			
912359	4,96016,57605,2193			
	4760,1245 C-F			
912360	4,96016,62365,3438			

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† reliquus	451649098 6																							

Quod si horum aliquem invenire cupias, reliquis omissis: numerus denario minor, numero A dato adiectus, multiplicet datam differentiam C; & numerus eidem adiunctus in abaco E, multiplicet differentiam secundam, & [p.26.]

demptis hinc tribus, illinc unica nota, addantur facti: totus dato Logarithmo additus, dabit Logarithmum quaesitum. ut si scire velim quis sit Logarithmus numeri 96157, data differentia 4516608416 multiplicetur per 7 factus 31616258912. deinde 105 situs e regione numeri 7 in abaco E, multiplicet differentiam secundam 469721, factus 49320|705 ablatis tribus notis ultimis, addatur priori facto, cui unica nota detracta fuerit 3161625891, totus 3161675212 addatur dato Logarithmo ¶. totus 3,98298,09053,2662 erit Logarithmus numeri 96157. quaesitus * *. Si differentiam inter Logarithmos huius numeri & proxime maioris scire cupias: numerus in abaco G adiunctus numerus 8, qui datum septenarium unitate superat, multiplicet differentiam secundam 469721; factus 11743|025 ablatus tribus notis, auferatur e parte decima datae differentiae primae, reliquis 451649099 erit differentia quaesita †.

Invenire partis proportionalis accuratae.

Atque hic modus partem proportionalem inveniet satis accuratam. Cum enim secundum ea quae superiori capite tradebantur, Logarithmum datum transtulimus, a loco proportio in ultimam vel penultimam Chiliadem, poterimus primam partis proportionalis notam, numero absoluto in Chiliade reperto adijcere, & numeri aucti Logarithmum per proxime praecedentia invenire, una cum differentia inter eundem & proxime maiorem. haec differentia dabit partem proportionalem quam quaerimus accuratissimam huius rei unicum videamus exemplum.

Quaeratur latus numeri 147. Dati Logarithmus est 2,16731,73347,4814, huius semissis, 1,08365,86673,7409 est Logarithmus quaesiti lateris.

Logarithmi.

√147	1,08365,86673,7409	datum	
8192	0,91338,99436,3175	complemento proximus.	
N.N	0,99704,86110,0584	totus.	
	31548,5329	differentia.	
99322	0,99704,54561,5255		
	43725,6897	differentia.	
99323	0,99704,98287,2152		

proport. { 43725 } differentia datae.
 { 31548 }
 { 10 - - }
 { 7 - - - } quaesita.

Hucusque per praecepta cap. 11 quae dederunt notam 7, numero 99322 in abaco reperto adijciendam. reliqua quaerantur secundum ea quae proxime praecesserunt.

43726,1300 } C 437256897 } factores

993220	0,99704,54561,5255	4403
	43725,8697	C
993230	0,99704,98287,2152	4402
	43725,2495	
993220	0,99704,54561,5255	R
	30608,0290	Q
993227	0,99704,85169,5545	M
	4372,5580	C - H
993228	0,99704,89542,1125	

	7	
	3060798279	factus
	4403	factores
	105	
	22015	
	4403	
	462 315	factus
	facti	306079827 9
		462 3
Q	306080290 2	addendus
	4403	factores
	25	
	22 015	
	88 06	
	110 075	factus
		auferendus.
	C 43725689 7	
	H - - - -110 2	auferendus.
	C - H 43725579 6	

Facto a data differentia C in 7, addatur factus a differentia secunda 4403, & 105 factore reperto in abaco E: totus Q additus dato Logarithmo R dabit logarithmum M, numeri 993227, inter quae & proximum 991228 est differentia C - H, quae partem dabit proportionalem fere accuratissimam, si totus NN 0,99704,86110,0584, conferatur cum M sic. [p.27.]

NN	0,99704,86110,0584
	1940,5039
993227	0,99704,85169,5545 M
	4372,5580
993228	0,99704,89542,1125

proport. { 43725580-
9405039-
10----- } Differentia datae..
pars proportionalis quaesita.

Est igitur numerus 99704,86110,0584 congruens Logarithmo NN 9932272150923. Quod si numerus 8192, vel eiusdem factores 8.8.8.8.2 dividerint numerum, inventum, quotus 12124,35565,29831,6 erit latus numeri 147 quaesitum & amplius. est enim latus vero proximum, 12124,35565,29824,41054.