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Dear Prof. Darwin,

I enclose a reprint giving rather more fully the mathematics of the worst part of chapter IV, besides a quite unsuccessful letter to "Nature". In trying to avoid mathematical complications I am afraid I slurred over the actual method of calculating the differential coefficient

$$\frac{d^k v}{d u^k}$$

at  $u = 0$ . The numerical values of  $v$  itself in this neighbourhood would really have been nearly useless unless I had worked them to 20 figures or more, as I found when I worked them to 10 figures. The behaviour of the "remainder" in the table is really rather reassuring. I do not think the constant .0146860717 can be expressed in terms of  $\gamma, \log e^2$  etc., and this is the more likely as the function  $u_v$  is really a very odd one. Taking  $u > 1$ , it increases ultimately more rapidly than  $e^v$  or  $e^{e^v}$  or anything with a finite number of  $e$ 's in it.

Yours sincerely