vanish identically; whence not only

$$\xi_0 = R_1 - \frac{q}{2}$$

but also

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}_1 = -R_1 - \frac{q}{2}$$

is a root of $\varphi = 0$. Whence

$$\begin{split} R_1 &= \frac{1}{2} (\xi_0 - \xi_1) = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3^3} \left[(x_0 + \omega^2 x_1 + \omega^2 x_2)^3 - (x_0 + \omega x_1 + \omega^2 x_2)^3 \right] \\ &= - \sqrt{-3} \frac{1}{2 \cdot 9} \sqrt{\Delta}, \end{split}$$

where $\triangle = (x_0 - x_1)^2 (x_1 - x_2)^2 (x_1 - x_2)^2$ is the discriminant of (1). Thus the suite (β) has the character (B). YALE UNIVERSITY,

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In what follows a linear transformation homogeneous in n variables as

$$\begin{array}{c} x_1' = a_{11} \ x_1 + a_{12} \ x_2 + \dots + a_{1n} \ x_n, \\ x_2' = a_{21} \ x_1 + a_{22} \ x_2 + \dots + a_{2n} \ x_n, \\ \vdots \\ x_n' = a_{n1} \ x_1 + a_{n2} \ x_2 + \dots + a_{nn} \ x_n, \end{array}$$

will be denoted by the single letter A. If x_1, x_2 , etc., are the Cartesian coördinates of a point in n-fold space, the transformation A is a homogeneous strain; and the totality of transformations A constitutes the group of homogeneous strains in n-fold space. If we consider only transformations A of non-zero determinant, we obtain Lie's general linear homogeneous group. The group of transformations A of determinant +1 is termed by Lie the special linear homogeneous group.