

wxu and yzu then the joining line of the two remaining points of intersection of the sextics so determined will meet F elsewhere in the two lines wx and yz .

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NOTE ON THE GROUP OF ISOMORPHISMS.

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LET s_1, s_2, \dots, s_g represent all the operators of a group G and let $t_a s_a$ correspond to s_a ($a = 1, 2, \dots, g$) in any given simple isomorphism of G with itself. It is evident that t_a is some operator of G . When G is abelian these t_a 's must constitute a group T which is isomorphic with G .* In this isomorphism, t_a evidently can not be the inverse of s_a unless $s_a = 1$. As this condition is sufficient as well as necessary, we have

THEOREM I.—*Every simple isomorphism of an abelian group A with itself may be obtained by 1° making A isomorphic with one of its subgroups or with itself in such a manner that no operator corresponds to its inverse, and 2° making each operator of A correspond to itself multiplied by the operator which corresponds to it in the given isomorphism.*

The simplest case that can present itself is the one in which the subgroup of G , which corresponds to identity of T in the given isomorphism between G and T , includes T . The resulting simple isomorphism of G with itself must correspond to an operator in the group of isomorphisms of G , whose order is equal to the operator of highest order in T . When the order of T is an odd prime number p , or the double of an odd prime, only one other case can present itself; viz, the case in which T corresponds to itself, or to its subgroup of an odd prime order, in the given isomorphism between G and T . The resulting simple isomorphism of G with itself may clearly correspond to a cyclical group of order $p - 1$, or to any one of its subgroups in the group of isomorphisms of G . These results lead to the following

* When G is non-abelian, these t_a 's need not constitute a group, as can be seen from the simple isomorphisms of the symmetric group of order 6 with itself.