$G_a$  is of the same form. Hence it remains only to consider the number of those which have no operator besides identity in common with  $G_a$ .

All these subgroups may be divided into two classes, viz: (1) those which are transformed into themselves by  $G_a$ , and (2) those which are transformed into different groups by the operators of  $G_a$ . The number of the former class may evidently be written in the form ap + bq, a and b being positive integers. If a group of the latter class occurs, all its operators must be commutative to every operator of  $G_a *$  and hence r > p(q-1). In this case the given theorem is evidently true. It may be observed that the number of self-conjugate subgroups of G is not necessarily of the given form, e. g., the direct product of two non-commutative groups of order 21 contains only two self-conjugate subgroups of this order.

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## NOTE ON THE TETRAHEDROID.

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IN a brief paper, "A special form of a quartic surface," Annals of Mathematics, vol. 11, p. 158, I have called attention to an interesting special form of the locus of the vertex of a cone passing through six points. I wish to point out in this note the connection between this special surface and the tetrahedroid.

Given six arbitrary points in space 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. These determine a system of  $\infty^3$  quadric surfaces each of which pass through the six points. Denote this configuration by  $\Sigma$ .

Choose any arbitrary point P and consider the polar planes of P with respect to the system of quadrics. There are determined in this way  $\infty^3$  planes forming a configuration  $\Sigma_1$ .

To a quadric in  $\Sigma$  corresponds a plane in  $\Sigma_1$ . The vertices of the cones of  $\Sigma$  have for locus a surface K of the fourth order. The planes of  $\Sigma_1$  corresponding to the cones of  $\Sigma$  envelope a Kummer surface. The point in each plane corresponding to the cone vertex is the point of tangency.

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<sup>\*</sup> Dyck, Mathematische Annalen, vol. 22, p. 97.