

$n_1 + 1, \dots$ , then the group generated by  $i_1$  and  $H$  contains operators of order  $p^2$  and the remarks in regard to additional groups apply only to the remaining numbers and to the invariant operators of  $H$  which are not commutators. As  $i_1$  and its conjugates cannot give rise to any group of order  $p^m$  when  $p$  is less than some one of the numbers  $n + 1, n_1 + 1, \dots$ , all the groups of this order which contain  $H$  can be readily obtained by the above considerations. It may be observed that this includes all the groups of order  $p^m$  in which every operator is of order  $p$  whenever  $m < 5$ , since every group of order  $p^4$  contains an abelian subgroup of order  $p^3$ .

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## A CLASS OF SIMPLY TRANSITIVE LINEAR GROUPS.

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1. In the study of the group defined for any given field by the multiplication table of any given finite group,\* it is necessary to discuss the types of simply transitive linear homogeneous groups  $G$  whose transformations can be given the form

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \xi_1' &= \eta_1 \xi_1, & \xi_2' &= \eta_2 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_2, & \xi_3' &= \eta_3 \xi_1 + a \xi_2 + \eta_1 \xi_3, \\ \xi_4' &= \eta_4 \xi_1 + \beta \xi_2 + \gamma \xi_3 + \eta_1 \xi_4, \\ \xi_5' &= \eta_5 \xi_1 + \lambda \xi_2 + \mu \xi_3 + \nu \xi_4 + \eta_1 \xi_5, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3, \eta_4, \eta_5, \dots$  are the independent parameters, while  $a, \beta, \gamma, \lambda, \dots$  are linear homogeneous functions of the  $\eta_i$ . Burnside † was led to the erroneous conclusion that every such group  $G$  is an abelian group. He first concludes that the expression for  $\xi_i'$  contains only the parameters  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_i$  and contains  $\eta_i$  only in the first term  $\eta_i \xi_i$ . That this result need not be true is shown by a consideration of the simply transitive group of quaternary transformations

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \xi_1' &= \eta_1 \xi_1, & \xi_2' &= \eta_2 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_2, & \xi_3' &= \eta_3 \xi_1 + a \xi_2 + \eta_1 \xi_3, \\ \xi_4' &= \eta_4 \xi_1 - \frac{a_3}{a_4} a \xi_2 + \eta_1 \xi_4, \end{aligned}$$

\* For the case of a continuous field, Burnside, *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.*, vol. 29 (1898), pp. 207-224, 546-565; for an arbitrary field, Dickson, *Transactions*, vol. 3 (1902), pp. 285-301.

† *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.*, vol. 29, pp. 552-553.

where  $a \equiv a_2\eta_2 + a_3\eta_3 + a_4\eta_4$ ,  $a_4 \neq 0$ . Let  $Y_i$  be the infinitesimal transformation obtained by setting  $\eta_i = \delta t$ ,  $\eta_j = 0$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ;  $j \neq i$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \xi_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_i}, & Y_2 &= \xi_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_2} + a_2 \xi_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_3} - \frac{a_3}{a_4} a_2 \xi_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_4}, \\ Y_3 &= (\xi_1 + a_3 \xi_2) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_3} - \frac{a_3^2}{a_4} \xi_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_4}, \\ Y_4 &= a_4 \xi_2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_3} + (\xi_1 - a_3 \xi_2) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_4}, & (Y_2 Y_3) &= a_3 Y_3 - \frac{a_3^2}{a_4} Y_4, \\ & & (Y_2 Y_4) &= a_4 Y_3 - a_3 Y_4, & (Y_3 Y_4) &= 0, & (Y_1 Y_i) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

But the desired result can always be reached by applying a suitable transformation on the variables  $\xi_i$  and the cogredient transformation on the parameters  $\eta_i$  (see §§ 4, 5 below). Taking  $G$  in this reduced form, Burnside attempts to prove by induction that  $G$  is abelian. He supposes that the first  $t - 1$  equations of  $G$  define an abelian group and concludes, from the fact that  $G$  is its own parameter group, that the subgroup of  $G$  generated by the infinitesimal operations  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{t-1}$  corresponding to  $\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_{t-1}$  is abelian. The invalidity of the conclusion is shown by an example. The transformations

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \xi_1' &= \eta_1 \xi_1, & \xi_2' &= \eta_2 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_2, & \xi_3' &= \eta_3 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_3, \\ \xi_4' &= \eta_4 \xi_1 + (b_2 \eta_2 + b_3 \eta_3) \xi_2 + (c_2 \eta_2 + c_3 \eta_3) \xi_3 + \eta_1 \xi_4 \end{aligned}$$

constitute a simply transitive group in reduced form, which is its own parameter group. The first three equations taken alone constitute an abelian group. But  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  do not generate a group if  $b_3 \neq c_2$ . In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \xi_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_i}, & Y_2 &= \xi_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_2} + (b_2 \xi_2 + c_2 \xi_3) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_4}, \\ Y_3 &= \xi_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_3} + (b_3 \xi_2 + c_3 \xi_3) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_4}, & Y_4 &= \xi_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \xi_4}, \\ (Y_1 Y_2) &= 0, & (Y_1 Y_3) &= 0, & (Y_2 Y_3) &= (b_3 - c_2) Y_4, \\ & & (Y_i Y_4) &= 0 & (i = 1, 2, 3). \end{aligned}$$

Each of the two preceding examples shows that  $G$  need not be abelian.

2. For the case of one variable or the case of two variables,

the transformations (1) evidently form a simply transitive abelian group. We proceed to consider the cases  $n = 3, 4, 5$ . The method applies immediately to  $n$  variables, but the formulæ are complicated by the necessary use of a triple subscript notation for the coefficients. Set

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \eta_k, & \beta &= \sum b_k \eta_k, & \gamma &= \sum c_k \eta_k, \\ \lambda &= \sum l_k \eta_k, & \mu &= \sum m_k \eta_k, & \nu &= \sum n_k \eta_k, \end{aligned}$$

where the  $a_k, \dots, n_k$  are constants for a particular group  $G$ . The general transformation of  $G$  will be designated  $T_\eta$  or  $T_{\eta_1, \dots, \eta_n}$ . Then the product  $T_{\eta'} T_\eta$  is of the form (1) with  $\eta_i'', a'', \beta'', \dots$ , in place of  $\eta_i, a, \beta$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_1'' &= \eta_1 \eta_1', & \eta_2'' &= \eta_2 \eta_1' + \eta_1 \eta_2', & \eta_3'' &= \eta_3 \eta_1' + a \eta_2' + \eta_1 \eta_3', \\ & & \eta_4'' &= \eta_4 \eta_1' + \beta \eta_2' + \gamma \eta_3' + \eta_1 \eta_4', \\ & & \eta_5'' &= \eta_5 \eta_1' + \lambda \eta_2' + \mu \eta_3' + \nu \eta_4' + \eta_1 \eta_5', \\ a'' &= a \eta_1' + \eta_1 a', & \beta'' &= \beta \eta_1' + \gamma a' + \eta_1 \beta', & \gamma'' &= \gamma \eta_1' + \gamma' \eta_1, \\ \lambda'' &= \lambda \eta_1' + \mu a' + \nu \beta' + \eta_1 \lambda', & \mu'' &= \mu \eta_1' + \nu \gamma' + \eta_1 \mu', \\ & & \nu'' &= \nu \eta_1' + \eta_1 \nu'. \end{aligned}$$

The transformations (1) will form a group if, and only if,  $T_{\eta'} T_\eta = T_{\eta''}$ , where  $\eta_1'', \dots, \eta_n''$  have the values just given, while the relations

$$a'' = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k \eta_k'', \quad \beta'' = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k \eta_k'', \quad \dots$$

reduce to identities in  $\eta_i$  and  $\eta_i'$ . Upon replacing  $a'', \beta'', \dots, \eta_k''$  by the above values. Comparing the coefficients of  $\eta_1 \eta_1'$ , we find that  $a_1, b_1, c_1, l_1, m_1, n_1$  are zero. For  $n = 5$ , the remaining conditions are

$$(4) \quad a_3 a_k + a_4 b_k + a_5 l_k = 0, \quad a_4 c_k + a_5 m_k = 0, \quad a_5 n_k = 0,$$

$$(5) \quad c_3 a_k + c_4 b_k + c_5 l_k = 0, \quad c_4 c_k + c_5 m_k = 0, \quad c_5 n_k = 0,$$

$$(6) \quad n_3 a_k + n_4 b_k + n_5 l_k = 0, \quad n_4 c_k + n_5 m_k = 0, \quad n_5 n_k = 0,$$

$$(7) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b_3 a_k + b_4 b_k + b_5 l_k = a_2 c_k, \quad b_4 c_k + b_5 m_k = a_3 c_k, \\ b_5 n_k = a_4 c_k, \quad 0 = a_5 c_k, \end{array} \right.$$

$$(8) \quad \begin{cases} m_3 a_k + m_4 b_k + m_5 l_k = c_2 n_k, & m_4 c_k + m_5 m_k = c_3 n_k, \\ m_5 n_k = c_4 n_k, & 0 = c_6 n_k, \end{cases}$$

$$(9) \quad \begin{cases} l_3 a_k + l_4 b_k + l_5 l_k = a_2 m_k + b_2 n_k, & l_4 c_k + l_5 m_k = a_3 m_k + b_3 n_k, \\ l_5 n_k = a_4 m_k + b_4 n_k, & 0 = a_5 m_k + b_5 n_k, \end{cases}$$

where  $k$  takes the values 2, 3, 4, 5.

3. For  $n = 3$ , the  $a_k$  are the only coefficients to be considered, and the preceding conditions reduce to  $a_3 a_k = 0$  ( $k = 2, 3$ ). Hence  $a = a_2 \eta_2$ . Then  $\eta_1'', \eta_2'', \eta_3'', a''$  are symmetrical in  $\eta_i$  and  $\eta_i'$ , so that the group is abelian.

4. For  $n = 4$ ,  $l_k, m_k, n_k$  do not occur, so that conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 a_k + a_4 b_k &= 0, & a_4 c_k &= 0, & c_3 a_k + c_4 b_k &= 0, & c_4 c_k &= 0, \\ b_3 a_k + b_4 b_k &= a_2 c_k, & b_4 c_k &= a_3 c_k, & 0 &= a_4 c_k, \\ & & & & & & & (k = 2, 3, 4). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $c_4 = 0$ . If either  $c_2$  or  $c_3$  is not zero, the conditions reduce to

$$a_4 = 0, \quad b_4 = a_3 = 0, \quad c_3 a_2 = 0, \quad b_3 a_2 = a_2 c_2.$$

If  $a_2 \neq 0$ , then  $a = a_2 \eta_2$ ,  $\beta = b_2 \eta_2 + b_3 \eta_3$ ,  $\gamma = b_3 \eta_2$ , and  $\eta_j'', a'', \beta'', \gamma''$  are symmetrical in  $\eta_i$  and  $\eta_i'$ . The group is therefore abelian. If  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $T_\eta$  takes the form (3). The group  $G$  is abelian if, and only if,  $b_3 = c_2$ . If\*  $b_3 \neq c_2$ , the only "ausgezeichnete" infinitesimal transformations are the  $e_1 Y_1 + e_4 Y_4$ .

Let next  $c_2 = c_3 = 0$ , so that the conditions are

$$a_3 a_k + a_4 b_k = 0, \quad b_3 a_k + b_4 b_k = 0 \quad (k = 2, 3, 4).$$

If  $a_4 = 0$ , then  $a_3 = b_4 = 0$ ,  $b_3 a_2 = 0$ . If also  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $T_\eta$  is of the form (3) with  $c_2 = c_3 = 0$ . But if  $a_2 \neq 0$ , then  $a = a_2 \eta_2$ ,  $\beta = b_3 \eta_2$ ,  $\gamma = 0$ , so that the group is abelian. Finally, if  $a_4 \neq 0$ , the conditions reduce to the following:

$$a_3 + b_4 = 0, \quad a_3^2 + a_4 b_3 = 0, \quad a_3 a_2 + a_4 b_2 = 0,$$

whence  $\beta = -a a_3 / a_4$ ,  $\gamma = 0$ , so that  $T_\eta$  is of the form (2). The group  $G$  is then not abelian (§1). To bring it to the reduced form, set

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\* The group is of the type (V'), page 588, Lie-Scheffers, *Continuierliche Gruppen*.

$$x_3 = a_3 \xi_3 + a_4 \xi_4, \quad \zeta_3 = a_3 \eta_3 + a_4 \eta_4.$$

Then  $T_\eta$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1' &= \eta_1 \xi_1, & \xi_2' &= \eta_2 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_2, & x_3' &= \zeta_3 \xi_1 + \eta_1 x_3, \\ \xi_4' &= \eta_4 \xi_1 - \frac{a_3}{a_4} (a_2 \eta_2 + \zeta_3) \xi_2 + \eta_1 \xi_4. \end{aligned}$$

Its self-conjugate transformations are the following :

$$\xi_1' = \eta_1' \xi_1, \quad \xi_2' = \eta_1' \xi_2, \quad x_3' = \eta_1' x_3, \quad \xi_4' = \eta_4' \xi_1 + \eta_1' \xi_4.$$

The group of transformations (1) on four variables is either abelian or else is one of the types (2) and (3), whose self-conjugate transformations form groups of exactly two parameters.

5. Let next  $n = 5$ . Then  $n_5 = 0$ . If  $a_5 \neq 0$ , the last of the conditions (4) and (7) give  $n_k = 0$ ,  $c_k = 0$ , and the second condition (4) gives  $m_k = 0$ . Hence  $\gamma = \mu = \nu = 0$ . The first condition (4) gives  $a_3 a + a_4 \beta + a_5 \lambda = 0$ . Set

$$x_3 = a_3 \xi_3 + a_4 \xi_4 + a_5 \xi_5, \quad \zeta_3 = a_3 \eta_3 + a_4 \eta_4 + a_5 \eta_5.$$

Then  $x_3' = \zeta_3 \xi_1 + \eta_1 x_3$ , so that, by applying a transformation on  $\xi_3, \xi_4, \xi_5$  and a transformation on the parameters  $\eta_3, \eta_4, \eta_5$ , we obtain a transformation (1) with  $a = 0$ .

Let  $a_5 = 0$ ,  $a_4 \neq 0$ . Then  $c_k = 0$ , so that  $\gamma = 0$ , and  $a_3 a + a_4 \beta = 0$ . Set

$$x_3 = a_3 \xi_3 + a_4 \xi_4, \quad \zeta_3 = a_3 \eta_3 + a_4 \eta_4.$$

Then  $x_3' = \zeta_3 \xi_1 + \eta_1 x_3$ . If  $a_5 = a_4 = 0$ , then  $a_3 a_k = 0$  by (4), so that  $a_3 = 0$ .

Let  $a_5 = a_4 = a_3 = 0$ ,  $c_5 \neq 0$ . Then  $n_k = 0$  by the third equation (5), so that  $\nu = 0$ . Also  $c_3 a_2 \eta_2 + c_4 \beta + c_5 \lambda = 0$ ,  $c_4 \gamma + c_5 \mu = 0$  by the first and second equations (5). Set

$$x_4 = c_4 \xi_4 + c_5 \xi_5, \quad \zeta_4 = c_4 \eta_4 + c_5 \eta_5.$$

Then  $x_4' = \zeta_4 \xi_1 - c_5 a_2 \eta_2 \xi_2 + \eta_1 x_4$ . Hence, by applying a transformation on  $\xi_4, \xi_5$  and one on the parameters  $\eta_4, \eta_5$ , we obtain a transformation (1) with  $\gamma = 0$ .

Let  $a_5 = a_4 = a_3 = 0$ ,  $c_5 = 0$ . Then  $c_4 = 0$  by (5). If  $b_5 \neq 0$ , then  $n_k = 0$  by the third equation (7), so that  $\nu = 0$ . By the first and second equations (7),

$$(b_3 - c_2) a_2 \eta_2 - a_2 c_3 \eta_3 + b_4 \beta + b_5 \lambda = 0, \quad b_4 \gamma + b_5 \mu = 0.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}x_4' &= \zeta_4 \xi_1 + [(c_2 - b_3)a_2 \eta_2 + a_2 c_3 \eta_3] \xi_2 + \eta_1 x_4, \\x_4 &\equiv b_4 \xi_4 + b_5 \xi_5, \quad \zeta_4 \equiv b_4 \eta_4 + b_5 \eta_5.\end{aligned}$$

We may therefore take  $b_5 = 0$ . Then  $b_4 b_3 = 0$  by the first equation (7), so that  $b_4 = 0$ . Then  $m_5 = 0$  by the second equation (8). Hence  $l_5 = 0$  by the first equation (9). Hence  $T_\eta$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_1' &= \eta_1 \xi_1, \quad \xi_2' = \eta_2 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_2, \quad \xi_3' = \eta_3 \xi_1 + a_2 \eta_2 \xi_2 + \eta_1 \xi_3, \\ \xi_4' &= \eta_4 \xi_1 + (b_2 \eta_2 + b_3 \eta_3) \xi_2 + (c_2 \eta_2 + c_3 \eta_3) \xi_3 + \eta_1 \xi_4, \\ \xi_5' &= \eta_5 \xi_1 + (l_2 \eta_2 + l_3 \eta_3 + l_4 \eta_4) \xi_2 + (m_2 \eta_2 + m_3 \eta_3 + m_4 \eta_4) \xi_3 \\ &\quad + (n_2 \eta_2 + n_3 \eta_3 + n_4 \eta_4) \xi_4 + \eta_1 \xi_5.\end{aligned}$$

Since the group is now in its reduced form, it contains the self-conjugate transformations, in which  $\eta_1'$  and  $\eta_5'$  are arbitrary,  $\eta_1' \neq 0$ ,

$$\xi_i' = \eta_1' \xi_i \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad \xi_5' = \eta_5' \xi_1 + \eta_1' \xi_5.$$

6. The conditions (4)-(9) on  $T_\eta$  in its reduced form are

$$\begin{aligned}c_3 a_2 = 0, \quad n_3 a_2 + n_4 b_2 = 0, \quad n_4 b_3 = 0, \quad n_4 c_2 = 0, \quad n_4 c_3 = 0, \\ b_3 a_2 = a_2 c_2, \quad m_3 a_2 + m_4 b_2 = c_2 n_2, \quad m_4 b_3 = c_2 n_3, \quad m_1 c_2 = c_3 n_2, \\ m_4 c_3 = c_3 n_3, \quad l_3 a_2 + l_4 b_2 = a_2 m_2 + b_2 n_2, \quad l_4 b_3 = a_2 m_3 + b_2 n_3, \\ 0 = a_2 m_4 + b_2 n_4, \quad l_4 c_2 = b_3 n_2, \quad l_4 c_3 = b_3 n_3.\end{aligned}$$

If  $n_4 \neq 0$ , then  $b_3 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ ,  $n_3 a_2 + n_4 b_2 = 0$ . Set

$$x_4 = n_3 \xi_3 + n_4 \xi_4, \quad \zeta_4 = n_3 \eta_3 + n_4 \eta_4.$$

Then  $x_4' = \zeta_4 \xi_1 + \eta_1 x_4$ . Hence by introducing  $x_4$  in place of  $\xi_4$ , and  $\zeta_4$  in place of  $\eta_4$ ,  $T_\eta$  retains its reduced form and has  $b_2 = b_3 = c_2 = c_3 = 0$ . Then

$$(10) \quad n_3 a_2 = 0, \quad m_3 a_2 = 0, \quad l_3 a_2 = m_2 a_2, \quad m_4 a_2 = 0,$$

are the only further conditions.

If  $a_2 \neq 0$ , we obtain the transformation

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_1' &= \eta_1 \xi_1, \quad \xi_2' = \eta_2 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_2, \quad \xi_3' = \eta_3 \xi_1 + a_2 \eta_2 \xi_2 + \eta_1 \xi_3, \\ \xi_4' &= \eta_4 \xi_1 + \eta_1 \xi_4, \\ \xi_5' &= \eta_5 \xi_1 + (l_2 \eta_2 + l_3 \eta_3 + l_4 \eta_4) \xi_2 + l_3 \eta_2 \xi_3 + (n_2 \eta_2 + n_4 \eta_4) \xi_4 + \eta_1 \xi_5.\end{aligned}$$

It is readily verified that these transformations form a group with the parameters  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_5$ , whatever be the values of  $a_2, l_2, l_3, l_4, n_2, n_4$ . The expressions for  $\eta_i''$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) are symmetric in  $\eta_i$  and  $\eta_i'$ , but that for  $\eta_5''$  is symmetric if, and only if,  $n_2 = l_4$ . In the latter case only, the group is abelian. For  $n_2 \neq l_4$ , a transformation will belong also to the reciprocal group if, and only if,  $\eta_2 = \eta_4 = 0$ . Hence the subgroup of self-conjugate transformations has three arbitrary parameters  $\eta_1, \eta_3, \eta_5$ .

But, if  $a_2 = 0$ , the conditions (10) become identities. Hence the transformations

$$T_\eta \text{ with } a_2 = b_2 = b_3 = c_2 = c_3 = 0, \quad n_4 \neq 0,$$

form a group, whatever be the values of  $l_i, m_i, n_i$ . It is abelian if, and only if,  $m_2 = l_3, n_2 = l_4, n_3 = m_4$ . A self-conjugate transformation must have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_2 = \eta_3 = 0, & \quad \text{if } m_2 \neq l_3; \quad \eta_2 = \eta_4 = 0, \quad \text{if } n_2 \neq l_4; \\ \eta_3 = \eta_4 = 0, & \quad \text{if } n_3 \neq m_4. \end{aligned}$$

If  $G$  is not abelian, the subgroup of its self-conjugate transformations has two or three arbitrary parameters.

Let next  $n_4 = 0$ . If  $a_2 \neq 0$ , the conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} c_3 = n_3 = m_4 = 0, \quad b_3 = c_2, \quad (l_3 - m_2)a_2 = (n_2 - l_4)b_2, \\ m_3a_2 = c_2n_2 = l_4c_2. \end{aligned}$$

If also  $n_2 = l_4$ , so that  $l_3 = m_2$ , then  $\eta_j''$  ( $j = 1, \dots, 5$ ) is symmetric in  $\eta_i$  and  $\eta_i'$  and the group is abelian. If  $n_2 \neq l_4$ , and  $l_3 = m_2$ , then  $c_2 = 0, b_2 = 0, m_3 = 0$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_4' = \eta_4\xi_1 + \eta_1\xi_4, \quad \xi_5' = \eta_5\xi_1 + (l_2\eta_2 + l_3\eta_3 + l_4\eta_4)\xi_2 \\ + l_3\eta_2\eta_3 + n_2\eta_2\xi_4 + \eta_1\xi_5, \end{aligned}$$

with the restrictions  $a_2 \neq 0, n_2 \neq l_4$ . The self-conjugate transformations have  $\eta_2 = \eta_4 = 0, \eta_1, \eta_3, \eta_5$  arbitrary. If  $n_2 \neq l_4$ , and  $l_3 \neq m_3$ , then  $c_2 = m_3 = 0$ , and the self-conjugate transformations have  $\eta_2 = \eta_3 = \eta_4 = 0, \eta_1$  and  $\eta_5$  arbitrary.

Let next  $n_4 = a_2 = 0$ . The conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} m_4b_2 = c_2n_2, \quad m_4b_3 = c_2n_3, \quad m_4c_2 = c_3n_2, \quad (m_4 - n_3)c_3 = 0, \\ l_4b_3 = b_3n_3, \quad l_4c_2 = b_3n_2, \quad l_4c_3 = b_3n_3, \quad (l_4 - n_2)b_2 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The transformations form an abelian group if, and only if

$$b_3 = c_2, \quad l_3 = m_2, \quad l_4 = n_2, \quad m_4 = n_3, \quad n_3c_2 = c_3n_2, \quad n_3b_2 = c_2n_2.$$

The form of the general transformation can be simplified by applying a transformation on  $\xi_2, \xi_3$ , and the cogredient transformation on  $\eta_2, \eta_3$ , and similarly a transformation on  $\xi_4, \xi_5$  and one on  $\eta_4, \eta_5$ .

7. The argument of Burnside, l. c., §6, page 553, is faulty. It does not show that  $\nu = \mu$ , but does prove that  $\nu$  is a multiple of  $\mu$ . In view of the work of Frobenius and that of Molien, the theorem in question is true.

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## ERRORS IN LEGENDRE'S TABLES OF LINEAR DIVISORS.

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SOME years ago an error in Legendre's Tables of Linear Forms came to my notice. Another was found recently by members of my class, and as this error was left without correction in the later editions I determined to make a careful computation of the whole set. I was surprised to find the list of errors so long. The importance of these tables for many investigations makes it desirable that all these corrections be noted. I have also compared results with the tables in Tshebyshef's *Theorie der Congruenzen*, Berlin, 1889. Most of the errors in Legendre's work have been carried over uncorrected into these tables.

I. Under the form  $t^2 - 29u^2$  the form  $116x + 3$  should read  $116x + 7$ . This error was corrected in the fourth edition (1900), which is a copy of the edition of 1830.

II. Under the form  $t^2 - 38u^2$  the form  $152x + 129$  should read  $152x + 131$ . Not corrected in the fourth edition nor in Tshebyshef.

III. Under the form  $t^2 - 43u^2$  the form  $172x + 147$  should read  $172x + 137$ . Not corrected in the fourth edition nor in Tshebyshef.

IV. Under  $t^2 - 51u^2$  there are two forms  $204x + 13$ . The second of these should read  $204x + 31$ . This error is in the fourth edition but not in the first (1797).

V. Under  $t^2 - 61u^2$  there are so many errors that I will give the correct list:  $244x + 1, 3, 5, 9, 13, 15, 19, 25, 27, 39, 41, 45, 47, 49, 57, 65, 73, 75, 77, 81, 83, 95, 97, 103, 107, 109, 113, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 131, 135, 137, 141, 147, 149, 161, 163, 167, 169, 171, 179, 187, 195, 197, 199, 203, 205, 217, 219, 225, 229, 231, 235, 239, 241, 243$ . The