

## THE LATTICE-ORDERED GROUP OF AUTOMORPHISMS OF AN $\alpha$ -SET

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The group of all automorphisms of a chain  $\Omega$  forms a lattice-ordered group  $A(\Omega)$  under the pointwise order. It is well known that if  $G$  is the symmetric group on  $\aleph$  elements ( $\aleph \neq 6$ ), then every automorphism of  $G$  is inner. Here it is shown that if  $\Omega$  is an  $\alpha$ -set, every  $l$ -automorphism of  $A(\Omega)$  (preserving also the lattice structure) is inner. This is accomplished by means of an investigation of the orbits  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  of Dedekind cuts  $\bar{\omega}$  of  $\Omega$ .

The same conjecture for arbitrary chains  $\Omega$  has been investigated in [6], [4], and [8]. Lloyd proved in [6] that when  $\Omega$  is the chain of rational numbers (i.e., the 0-set), or is Dedekind complete, every  $l$ -automorphism of  $A(\Omega)$  is inner. He also stated this conclusion for  $\alpha$ -sets in general, but a lacuna in his proof has been pointed out by C. Holland.

2.  $o$ -2-transitive groups  $A(\Omega)$ . An automorphism of a chain  $\Omega$  is simply a permutation  $g$  of  $\Omega$  which preserves order in the sense that  $\omega < \tau$  if and only if  $\omega g < \tau g$ . The group  $A(\Omega)$  of all automorphisms of  $\Omega$  forms a lattice-ordered group ( $l$ -group) when ordered pointwise, i.e.,  $f \leq g$  if and only if  $\omega f \leq \omega g$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$ . We identify each  $g \in A(\Omega)$  with its unique extension to  $\bar{\Omega}$ , the conditional completion by Dedekind cuts of  $\Omega$ , and thus consider  $A(\Omega)$  as an  $l$ -subgroup of  $A(\bar{\Omega})$ , i.e., as a subgroup which is also a sublattice.

An  $l$ -subgroup  $G$  of  $A(\Omega)$  is  $o$ -2-transitive if for all  $\beta, \gamma, \sigma, \tau \in \Omega$  with  $\beta < \gamma$  and  $\sigma < \tau$ , there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $\beta g = \sigma$  and  $\gamma g = \tau$ .  $\Omega$  is  $o$ -2-homogeneous if  $A(\Omega)$  is  $o$ -2-transitive. (To avoid pathology, we assume throughout that  $\Omega$  contains more than two points.) Corollary 16 of [8] states, for the special case in which  $\Omega$  is  $o$ -2-homogeneous, that every  $l$ -automorphism  $\psi$  of  $A(\Omega)$  is induced by an inner automorphism  $\pi$  of the larger group  $A(\bar{\Omega})$ , say  $\pi: h \rightarrow f^{-1}hf$ ,  $f$  a fixed element of  $A(\bar{\Omega})$ ; and that  $\Omega f$  is an orbit  $\bar{\omega}A$  of  $A(\Omega)$ , for some  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ . Thus, as was essentially obtained by Lloyd in [6] by methods different from those in [8], we have

**THEOREM 1 (Lloyd).** *If  $\Omega$  is  $o$ -2-homogeneous, then every  $l$ -automorphism of  $A(\Omega)$  is inner, provided that no orbit  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega} \setminus \Omega$ , is  $o$ -isomorphic to  $\Omega$ .*

It may be that the proviso that no orbit  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega} \setminus \Omega$ , be  $o$ -isomorphic to  $\Omega$  is satisfied by every  $o$ -2-homogeneous  $\Omega$ ; this is an

open question.<sup>1</sup> We shall find at any rate that the proviso holds when  $\Omega$  is an  $\alpha$ -set.

For any  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ ,  $\Omega$   $\alpha$ -homogeneous, the orbit  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  is dense in  $\bar{\Omega}$ . For  $g \in A(\Omega)$ , form  $\hat{g} \in A(\bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  by first extending  $g$  to  $\bar{\Omega}$  and then restricting to  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ . The map  $g \rightarrow \hat{g}$  is an  $\alpha$ -isomorphism of  $A(\Omega)$  into  $A(\bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$ . We shall write  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  when considering  $A(\Omega)$  to act on  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ , and shall say that  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  is *entire* if the  $\alpha$ -isomorphism is *onto*  $A(\bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Suppose that  $A(\Omega)$  is  $\alpha$ -2-transitive on  $\Omega$ , and let  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega} \setminus \Omega$ . Then  $A(\Omega)$  is also  $\alpha$ -2-transitive on  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{\beta}, \bar{\gamma}, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau} \in \bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ , with  $\bar{\beta} < \bar{\gamma}$  and  $\bar{\sigma} < \bar{\tau}$ . Since  $A(\Omega)$  is  $\alpha$ -2-transitive on  $\Omega$ , we can pick  $f \in A(\Omega)$  such that  $\bar{\beta}f \leq \bar{\sigma}$  and  $\bar{\gamma}f \geq \bar{\tau}$ . Since  $\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\beta}$ , and  $\bar{\beta}f$  all lie in the same orbit of  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\Omega})$ , we can pick  $1 \leq g \in A(\Omega)$  such that  $\bar{\beta}fg = \bar{\sigma}$ ; then  $\bar{\gamma}fg \geq \bar{\gamma}f \geq \bar{\tau}$ . Letting  $r = fg \in A(\Omega)$ , we have  $\bar{\beta}r = \bar{\sigma}$  and  $\bar{\gamma}r \geq \bar{\tau}$ . Similarly, there exists  $s \in A(\Omega)$  such that  $\bar{\gamma}s = \bar{\tau}$  and  $\bar{\beta}s \geq \bar{\sigma}$ . Letting  $t = r \wedge s$ , we have  $\bar{\beta}t = \bar{\sigma}$  and  $\bar{\gamma}t = \bar{\tau}$ . Hence  $A(\Omega)$  is  $\alpha$ -2-transitive on  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ .

**3. Characters of points and holes of  $\Omega$ .** By a *hole* in  $\Omega$  we shall mean an  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega} \setminus \Omega$ . We now give some terminology from [2, pp. 142-4], assuming for convenience that  $\Omega$  is  $\alpha$ -2-homogeneous (and thus dense in itself). An ordinal number  $\omega_\beta$  is *regular* if it is an initial ordinal and all of its cofinal subsets have cardinality  $\aleph_\beta$ . We say that the point or hole  $\bar{\omega}$  has *character*  $c_{\beta\gamma}$  if  $\omega_\beta$  is the unique regular ordinal which is  $\alpha$ -isomorphic to a cofinal subset of  $\{\sigma \in \Omega \mid \sigma < \bar{\omega}\}$  (or equivalently, if  $\aleph_\beta$  is the smallest cardinality of any cofinal subset of  $\{\sigma \in \Omega \mid \sigma < \bar{\omega}\}$ ), and dually for  $\omega_\gamma$ . Since orbits  $\bar{\tau}A(\Omega)$  are dense in  $\bar{\Omega}$ , we can when convenient consider instead cofinal subsets of  $\{\sigma \in \bar{\tau}A(\Omega) \mid \sigma < \bar{\omega}\}$ . Of course, all elements of the orbit  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  have the same character as  $\bar{\omega}$ ; and one such orbit is  $\Omega$ , so that all points have the same character.

**PROPOSITION 3.** *Let  $\Omega$  be  $\alpha$ -2-homogeneous. Suppose there exists a hole  $\bar{\omega}$  having the same character as the points in  $\Omega$ , and suppose that the orbit  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  contains all holes of this character. Then  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  is entire.*

*Proof.* If  $\bar{\tau} \in \bar{\Omega}$ ,  $h \in A(\bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$ , then  $\bar{\tau}$  and  $\bar{\tau}h$  must have the same character. Since  $\Omega$  consists of all  $\bar{\tau} \in \bar{\Omega} \setminus \bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  whose character is that of the points of  $\Omega$ , we must have  $\Omega h = \Omega$ . The proposition follows.

The reader can prove the following rather easy proposition himself,

<sup>1</sup> C. Holland has recently discovered an  $\alpha$ -2-homogeneous chain  $\Omega$  for which the proviso fails.

or he can refer to the proof of Theorem 5.

PROPOSITION 4. *Let  $\Omega$  be  $o$ -2-homogeneous. If there exists a hole  $\bar{\omega}$  of character  $c_{00}$ , then  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  is the set of all holes of character  $c_{00}$ . Hence if the points of  $\Omega$  have character  $c_{00}$ ,  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  is entire.*

4.  $\alpha$ -sets. If  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  are subsets of a chain  $\Omega$ , we write  $\Gamma < \Delta$  if and only if  $\gamma < \delta$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma, \delta \in \Delta$ . Let  $\alpha$  be an ordinal number. An  $\alpha$ -set is a chain  $\Omega$  of cardinality  $\aleph_\alpha$  in which for any two (possibly empty) subsets  $\Gamma < \Delta$  of cardinality less than  $\aleph_\alpha$ , there exists  $\omega \in \Omega$  such that  $\Gamma < \omega < \Delta$ . If  $\omega_\alpha$  is a regular ordinal, then (assuming the generalized continuum hypothesis) there exists an  $\alpha$ -set, and it is unique up to  $o$ -isomorphism [2, pp. 179-181]. It is easy to deduce from the definition of an  $\alpha$ -set (or see [2, p. 179], which is not so easy) that if  $\Omega$  is an  $\alpha$ -set, its points have character  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$  (so that  $\Omega$  is  $o$ -2-homogeneous); that each hole has character  $c_{\alpha\beta}$  or  $c_{\beta\alpha}$  for some  $\beta \leq \alpha$  with  $\omega_\beta$  regular; and that each of these characters actually is the character of some hole. (Holes of a given nonsymmetric character can be obtained as limits of monotone transfinite sequences of points of  $\Omega$ . For  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$  holes, see Proposition 6.)

THEOREM 5. *Let  $\Omega$  be an  $\alpha$ -set. Then every orbit of  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\Omega})$  consists of the set of all holes of a given character (except for  $\Omega$ , which consists of points).*

*Proof.* We must show that any two holes of the same character lie in the same orbit of  $A(\Omega)$ . By duality, it suffices to show that for any two  $c_{\beta\alpha}$  holes  $\bar{\tau}_1$  and  $\bar{\tau}_2$  ( $\beta \leq \alpha$ ), the two sets  $\Gamma_i = \{\sigma \in \Omega \mid \sigma < \bar{\tau}_i\}, i = 1, 2$ , are  $o$ -isomorphic. Pick in  $\Gamma_i$  a strictly increasing cofinal sequence  $\{\beta_i^n \mid n \in \omega_\beta\}$  indexed by  $\omega_\beta$ . For each limit ordinal  $\pi < \omega_\beta$ , let  $\bar{\gamma}_i^\pi = \sup \{\beta_i^n \mid n < \pi\} \in \bar{\Omega}$ . Since  $\omega_\beta$  is an initial number, any such  $\bar{\gamma}_i^\pi$  has "left" character less than  $\beta$ , and hence is a hole with "right" character equal to  $\alpha$ . Hence each  $\Delta_i^\pi = \{\sigma \in \Omega \mid \bar{\gamma}_i^\pi < \sigma < \beta_i^\pi\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -set. Also, each  $\Delta_i^0 = \{\sigma \in \Omega \mid \sigma < \beta_i^0\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -set, and for each ordinal  $\lambda < \omega_\beta$ , each  $\Delta_i^{\lambda+1} = \{\sigma \in \Omega \mid \beta_i^\lambda \leq \sigma < \beta_i^{\lambda+1}\}$  is an  $\alpha$ -set. Hence for each  $\mu < \omega_\beta$ ,  $\Delta_i^\mu$  is  $o$ -isomorphic to  $\Delta_i^\mu$ . It is now easy to show that  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  are  $o$ -isomorphic.

The following result, which was pointed out to the author by Andrew Glass, can also be established by splicing together suitable  $\alpha$ -sets.

PROPOSITION 6. *Let  $\Omega$  be an  $\alpha$ -set, let  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$  be subsets of cardinality less than  $\aleph_\alpha$ , and let  $\varphi$  be an  $o$ -isomorphism from  $\Gamma$  onto  $\Delta$ . Then  $\varphi$  can be extended to an automorphism  $\Omega$ .*

PROPOSITION 7. *Let  $\Omega$  be an  $\alpha$ -set. Then each orbit  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  has cardinality  $\aleph_\alpha$  except for the orbit of  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$  holes, which has cardinality  $2^{\aleph_\alpha}$ .*

*Proof.* By definition,  $\text{card}(\Omega) = \aleph_\alpha$ . By [1, Theorem 13. 23],  $\text{card}(\bar{\Omega}) = 2^{\aleph_\alpha}$ . The number of distinct hole characters is no greater than  $\aleph_\alpha$ . For any character  $c_{\beta\alpha}$  or  $c_{\alpha\beta}$  with  $\beta < \alpha$ , the number of holes of that character is of cardinality  $\aleph \leq \aleph_\alpha$ ; and since the orbit of such holes is dense in  $\bar{\Omega}$ ,  $2^\aleph \geq \text{card}(\bar{\Omega}) = 2^{\aleph_\alpha}$ , so that  $\aleph = \aleph_\alpha$ . Hence  $\{\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega} \mid \bar{\omega} \text{ is not a } c_{\alpha\alpha} \text{ hole}\}$  has cardinality  $\aleph_\alpha$ . Since  $\text{card}(\bar{\Omega}) = 2^{\aleph_\alpha}$ , the number of  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$  holes is also  $2^{\aleph_\alpha}$ .

COROLLARY 8. *No two orbits of  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\Omega})$ ,  $\Omega$  an  $\alpha$ -set, are  $o$ -isomorphic.*

*Proof.* As mentioned after the definition of character, the character of  $\bar{\omega}$  can be determined via the set  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ . Hence if  $\bar{\omega}$  has character  $c_{\alpha\beta}$  as determined by  $\Omega$ , the points of the chain  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  have character  $c_{\alpha\beta}$  as determined by the chain  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ . Hence no two orbits associated with distinct characters can be  $o$ -isomorphic. Finally,  $\Omega$  and the orbit of  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$  holes cannot be  $o$ -isomorphic because they are of different cardinalities.

In view of Theorem 1, we have

MAIN COROLLARY 9. *Every  $l$ -automorphism of the  $l$ -group  $A(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega$  an  $\alpha$ -set, is inner.*

Since every chain can be  $o$ -embedded in a sufficiently large  $\alpha$ -set [2, p. 181], we have

COROLLARY 10. *Every chain can be embedded in a chain  $\Omega$  such that every  $l$ -automorphism of  $A(\Omega)$  is inner.*

Since every  $l$ -group can be embedded in some  $A(\Omega)$ ,  $\Omega$  an  $\alpha$ -set [3, Theorem 4], we also have

COROLLARY 11. *Every  $l$ -group can be embedded in an  $l$ -group all of whose  $l$ -automorphisms are inner.*

5. Representations. By a representation of an  $l$ -group  $G$  we mean  $l$ -isomorphism of  $G$  into some  $A(\Sigma)$ . In §2,  $o$ -2-transitive  $A(\Omega)$ 's were canonically represented as  $l$ -subgroups of  $A(\bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$ ,  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ , and we identified  $A(\Omega)$  with its image. Here we shall find that these constitute all the "nice" representations of  $A(\Omega)$ .

If  $G_i$  is an  $l$ -subgroup of  $A(\Omega_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , an  $o$ -isomorphism from  $(G_1, \Omega_1)$  onto  $(G_2, \Omega_2)$  consists of an  $o$ -isomorphism  $\psi$  from  $\Omega_1$  onto  $\Omega_2$  and an  $l$ -isomorphism  $\theta$  from  $G_1$  onto  $G_2$  such that  $(\omega g)\psi = (\omega\psi)(g\theta)$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega_i, g \in G_i$ . In [4], Holland defined a transitive  $l$ -subgroup  $G$  of  $A(\Omega)$  to be *weakly  $o$ -primitive* if  $G$  is faithful on  $\bar{\omega}G, \bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ , *only* when  $\bar{\omega}G$  is dense in  $\bar{\Omega}$ . (For other formulations of the condition, see [4].) As a special case of [4, Theorem 7], we have

**THEOREM 12 (Holland).** *Suppose that  $A(\Omega)$  is  $o$ -2-transitive and let  $\theta$  be a representation of  $A(\Omega)$  as a weakly  $o$ -primitive  $l$ -subgroup of some  $A(\Sigma)$ . Then there is an  $o$ -isomorphism  $\psi$  from some  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega), \bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ , onto  $\Sigma$  which, together with  $\theta$ , furnishes an  $o$ -isomorphism from  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  onto  $((A(\Omega))\theta, \Sigma)$ . In particular, the collection of  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$ 's,  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ , constitute (up to  $o$ -isomorphism) all weakly  $o$ -primitive representations of  $A(\Omega)$ .*

A representation  $\theta$  of an  $l$ -group  $G$  is *complete* if it preserves arbitrary suprema and infima that exist in  $G$ , or equivalently, if  $G\theta$  is a *complete*  $l$ -subgroup of  $A(\Sigma)$  in the sense that arbitrary suprema (infima) that exist in  $G\theta$  are also suprema (infima) in  $A(\Sigma)$ .

**THEOREM 13.** *Theorem 12 remains valid if one considers complete transitive representations instead of weakly  $o$ -primitive representations.*

*Proof.* First we show that each  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega)), \bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ , is indeed complete. For [8, Theorem 1] states that the stabilizer subgroup  $A(\Omega)_{\bar{\omega}} = \{g \in A(\Omega) \mid \bar{\omega}g = \bar{\omega}\}$  is closed under arbitrary suprema and infima that exist in  $A(\Omega)$ , so that for  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  the stabilizer subgroups of *points* are closed; and [7, Theorem 7] states that for transitive  $l$ -subgroups, this latter condition is equivalent to completeness.

Now let  $\theta$  be any complete transitive representation of  $A(\Omega)$  in some  $A(\Sigma)$ . Pick any  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ . Since  $(A(\Omega))\theta$  is a complete subgroup of  $A(\Sigma)$ , the stabilizer subgroup  $A(\Sigma)_\sigma$  is a closed prime subgroup of  $A(\Sigma)$  (by [8, Theorem 1] again); while by [8, Theorem 11], every proper closed prime subgroup of  $A(\Omega)$  is  $A(\Omega)_{\bar{\omega}}$  for some  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}$ . Hence for some  $\bar{\omega} \in \bar{\Omega}, (A(\Omega)_{\bar{\omega}})\theta = A(\Sigma)_\sigma$ . Thus (see, for example, the proof of Lemma 14 of [4]) there exists an  $o$ -isomorphism  $\psi$  from  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  onto  $\Sigma$  which, together with  $\theta$ , furnishes an  $o$ -isomorphism from  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$  onto  $((A(\Omega))\theta, \Sigma)$ .

Unfortunately, there are generally other (neither weakly  $o$ -primitive nor complete) transitive representations of  $A(\Omega)$ , as is seen by the argument given in [4, p. 433] for  $\Omega$  the reals.

In general there seems to be no guarantee that  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$ 's will be nonisomorphic for distinct orbits of  $A(\Omega)$ , but by Corollary

8 we have

**THEOREM 14.** *Let  $\Omega$  be an  $\alpha$ -set. Then the  $(A(\Omega), \bar{\omega}A(\Omega))$ 's are nonisomorphic for distinct orbits of  $A(\Omega)$ , and they constitute (up to  $o$ -isomorphism) all weakly  $o$ -primitive (alternately, all complete transitive) representations of  $A(\Omega)$ .*

**THEOREM 15.** *Let  $\Omega$  be an  $\alpha$ -set, and let  $\Gamma$  be the orbit of holes of character  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$ . If  $\Delta = \Gamma$ , or if  $\Delta = \Omega$ , then  $(A(\Omega), \Delta)$  is entire, and  $\Delta$  possesses an anti-automorphism. If  $\Delta = \bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ , where  $\bar{\omega}$  is a hole of character  $c_{\beta\alpha}$  or  $c_{\alpha\beta}$  ( $\beta < \alpha$ ,  $\omega_\beta$  regular), then  $(A(\Omega), \Delta)$  is not entire, and the points of  $\Delta$  are nonsymmetric, so that not even the intervals of the  $o$ -2-homogeneous chain  $\Delta$  possess anti-automorphisms.*

*Proof.* Proposition 3 and Theorem 5 establish that  $(A(\Omega), \Gamma)$  is entire. Now let  $\Delta = \bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ ,  $\bar{\omega}$  nonsymmetric. Pick any  $\beta \in \Omega$  and any  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$  hole  $\bar{\gamma}$ . Then  $L(\beta) = \{\delta \in \Omega \mid \delta < \beta\}$  and  $U(\beta) = \{\delta \in \Omega \mid \delta > \beta\}$  are  $\alpha$ -sets, and similarly for  $\bar{\gamma}$ . By the uniqueness of  $\alpha$ -sets, there exist  $o$ -isomorphisms  $f$  of  $L(\beta)$  onto  $L(\bar{\gamma})$  and  $g$  of  $U(\beta)$  onto  $U(\bar{\gamma})$ . Define a map  $h$  by setting  $\lambda h = \lambda f$  if  $\lambda \in L(\beta)$ , and  $\lambda h = \lambda g$  if  $\lambda \in U(\beta)$ . Since  $\Delta$  is the set of all holes of a given character,  $h \in A(\Delta)$ , and by construction  $\beta h = \bar{\gamma}$ . Hence  $\Omega$  and  $\Gamma$  lie in the same orbit of  $A(\Delta)$ , so that  $(A(\Omega), \Delta) \neq (A(\Delta), \Delta)$ .

Reversing the ordering of an  $\alpha$ -set yields an  $\alpha$ -set, so by the uniqueness of  $\alpha$ -sets,  $\Omega$  has an anti-automorphism, and it induces an anti-automorphism of  $\Gamma$ . Nonsymmetric holes have been discussed above.

**COROLLARY 16.**  *$\Pi = \Omega \cup \Gamma$  is  $o$ -2-homogeneous. The orbits of  $A(\Pi)$  are, besides  $\Pi$  itself, precisely the orbits  $\bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$  of  $A(\Omega)$  for nonsymmetric  $\bar{\omega}$ . For each orbit  $\Delta$ ,  $(A(\Pi), \Delta)$  is entire; and  $(A(\Pi), \bar{\Omega})$  is entire. The representations  $(A(\Pi), \Delta)$  constitute all the weakly  $o$ -primitive (alternately, complete transitive) representations of  $A(\Pi)$ . All  $l$ -automorphisms of  $A(\Pi)$  are inner.*

*Proof.* If  $\alpha = 0$ , so that  $\Pi$  is the reals, the conclusion (well known except for part about complete transitive representations) follows from Theorems 12, 13, and 1. Now suppose that  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $\Delta = \bar{\omega}A(\Omega)$ ,  $\bar{\omega}$  nonsymmetric. By the proof of the theorem, all of  $\Pi$  lies in the same orbit  $\Delta$  of  $A(\Delta)$ . Since  $\Pi$  consists of all holes in  $\Delta$  of character  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$ ,  $\Pi = \Delta$ . By Proposition 2,  $\Pi$  is  $o$ -2-homogeneous. Since  $A(\Omega) \subset A(\Pi)$  and  $\Delta$  consists of all elements of  $\bar{\Omega}$  of a given character,  $\Delta$  is also an orbit of  $A(\Pi)$ . Since we have already established that  $\Pi$  is an orbit of  $A(\Delta)$ ,  $(A(\Pi), \Delta)$  is entire. Also,  $\Pi$  is the set of all

points of  $\bar{\Omega}$  of character  $c_{\alpha\alpha}$ , so  $(A(\Pi), \bar{\Omega})$  is entire. (This extension of terminology to the nonhomogeneous chain  $\bar{\Omega}$  causes no difficulties.) For the rest, apply Theorems 12, 13, and 1.

**COROLLARY 17.** *If  $\Omega$  is an  $\alpha$ -set, then  $A(\Omega)$  is self-normalizing in  $A(\bar{\Omega})$ .*

*Proof.* If  $g(A(\Omega))g^{-1} = A(\Omega)$  for  $g \in A(\bar{\Omega})$ , then  $\Omega g$  must be a union of orbits of  $A(\Omega)$ . This implies that  $\Omega g = \Omega$  (by the proof of Corollary 8), so that  $g \in A(\Omega)$ .

We say that a chain  $\Omega$  (without a greatest element) has *initial character*  $c_\beta$  if  $\aleph_\beta$  is the smallest cardinality of any coinital subset of  $\Omega$ ; and dually for *final character*. In the definition of an  $\alpha$ -set, permitting  $\Gamma$  or  $\Delta$  to be empty forces both of these characters to be  $c_\alpha$ .

**PROPOSITION 18.** *Let  $\aleph_\alpha, \aleph_\beta,$  and  $\aleph_\gamma$  be regular cardinals, with  $\beta, \gamma \leq \alpha + 1$ . Then there exists a chain  $\Omega$ , unique up to  $o$ -isomorphism, such that for any two nonempty subsets  $\Gamma < \Delta$  of cardinality less than  $\aleph_\alpha$ , there exists  $\omega \in \Omega$  such that  $\Gamma < \omega < \Delta$ , and having initial character  $c_\beta$  and final character  $c_\gamma$ . (If  $\beta$  or  $\gamma = \alpha + 1$ , cardinality  $\aleph_\alpha$  is required only for intervals of  $\Omega$ , not for  $\Omega$  itself.)  $\Omega$  satisfies all of the results proved in this paper for  $\alpha$ -sets, except for the anti-automorphisms of Theorem 15.*

*Proof.* Let  $\Sigma$  be an  $\alpha$ -set. To obtain final character  $c_\beta, \beta < \alpha$ , let  $\bar{\sigma}$  be a hole of character  $c_{\beta\alpha}$  and delete  $\{\sigma \in \Sigma \mid \sigma > \bar{\sigma}\}$ . To obtain final character  $c_{\alpha+1}$ , use  $\overleftarrow{\Sigma \times \omega_{\alpha+1}}$ , ordered lexicographically from the right. Similar considerations regarding the initial character establish the existence of  $\Omega$ . Uniqueness is proved in the manner of the proof of Theorem 5. The proofs of the results about  $\alpha$ -sets require no change.

Let  $L(\Omega) = \{g \in A(\Omega) \mid \text{there exists } \sigma \in \Omega \text{ such that } \omega g = \omega \text{ for all } \omega \leq \sigma\}$ , an  $l$ -ideal of  $A(\Omega)$ ; let  $U(\Omega)$  be the dual; and let  $B(\Omega) = L(\Omega) \cap U(\Omega)$ . If  $\Omega$  is  $o$ -2-homogeneous, these three  $l$ -ideals are proper and distinct, and even  $B(\Omega)$  is  $o$ -2-transitive and has the same orbits as  $A(\Omega)$ . If we pick any one of these three types of  $l$ -ideals and substitute it for  $A(\Omega)$  throughout the paper, all results remain true except that in Theorem 1 and Corollary 9 the  $l$ -automorphism of the ideal need not be inner, but merely induced by an inner automorphism of  $A(\Omega)$ . The proofs require only minor changes.

Finally, if  $\Omega$  is an  $\alpha$ -set, it is not the case that all group automorphisms of  $A(\Omega)$  are inner. For let  $f$  be an anti-automorphism of the chain  $\Omega$ . Then  $g \rightarrow f^{-1}gf$  is a group automorphism of  $A(\Omega)$ , and since it interchanges  $L(\Omega)$  and  $U(\Omega)$ , it is not inner. Its restriction to  $B(\Omega)$  is a group automorphism of  $B(\Omega)$  which can easily be shown

not to be inner. Are there group automorphisms of  $L(\Omega)$  and  $U(\Omega)$  which are not inner?

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