## ON THE RATIONAL AUTOMORPHS OF $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$

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- 1. Notations. References followed by Q refer to an associated article. We use the notations of §1Q. In addition to the sets  $\mathfrak{Q}$ ,  $\mathfrak{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}$  there defined, we employ German capitals for the following sets:
- 2: the 48 automorphs obtained from any one by shuffling rows;
- A: all automorphs obtained from a given one by shuffling rows and shuffling columns;
- $\mathbb{C}$ : the pure quaternion residues (mod m) obtained from a set  $\mathfrak{M}$  by shuffling  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ ;
- $\Re$ : all pure quaternions obtained from a pure one x by shuffling  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$ . Here shuffling denotes "permuting and changing signs of." In §3, letters which elsewhere represent integers denote real numbers.

We shall establish a one-to-one-to-one interconnection between the rational automorphs of  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$  and certain sets of solutions of  $(1_1Q)$  and  $(1_2Q)$ . Numerous arithmetical properties of the automorphs and some additional properties of quaternions are obtained.

2. The rational automorphs of  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$  are the matrices

$$A = (a_{\alpha\beta}/m)$$

$$(\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3; \gcd(a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{33}, m) = 1; m > 0)$$

such that, if  $A^*$  denotes the transpose matrix and I the identity,

(2) 
$$A^*A = I = AA^*, A^* = A^{-1}.$$

Here  $|A| = \theta = \pm 1$ , and the relations (2) expand into the following:

(3) 
$$\sum_{\beta} a_{\alpha\beta}^2 = \sum_{\beta} a_{\beta\alpha}^2 = m^2, \qquad \sum_{\beta} a_{\alpha\beta} a_{\gamma\beta} = 0 = \sum_{\beta} a_{\beta\alpha} a_{\beta\gamma} \quad \text{if } \alpha \neq \gamma,$$

(4) the cofactor of each element 
$$a_{\alpha\beta}$$
 in  $(a_{\alpha\beta})$  is  $\theta ma_{\alpha\beta}$ .

If m could be even  $(3_1)$  would imply that every  $a_{\alpha\beta}$  is even. Similarly no prime factor 4f + 3 of m can divide any  $a_{\alpha\beta}$ .

THEOREM 1. The denominator m of any automorph (1) is odd. Each row and column of  $(a_{\alpha\beta})$  satisfies

$$(5) x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = m^2,$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>G. Pall, On the Arithmetic of Quaternions, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc., vol. 47 (1940), pp. 487-500. This article was originally intended to precede the present article in these Annals, but was transferred to the Transactions.

(6) the g.c.d. of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  being 1 or a product of primes 4f + 1.

Trivially, two  $x_{\alpha}$  in (5) are even and one is odd. If m > 0,

(7) the even 
$$x_a$$
 in (5) are  $\equiv 0$  if  $m \equiv 1$ ,  $\equiv 2$  if  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

In §8Q we proved a generalization of the fact that

(8) 
$$x_1 = t_0^2 + t_1^2 - t_2^2 - t_3^2$$
,  $x_2 = 2(-t_0t_3 + t_1t_2)$ ,  $x_3 = 2(t_0t_2 + t_1t_3)$ 

is the general solution of (5)-(6) with  $x_1$  odd, t being a proper quaternion of norm m. For the purpose of proving (7), since any common factor of the  $x_a$  is  $\equiv 1$  (4), it will suffice to show that every proper solution of (5) with  $x_1$  odd is given by (8) for a proper t. Since  $x = i_1x_1 + i_2x_2 + i_3x_3$  is proper and  $Nx = m^2$ , x = vt with Nt = m by Theorem 1Q, Nv = m,  $v = \bar{t}a$  with Na = 1 since  $\bar{x} = -x$  has t for a left divisor, whence  $x = \bar{t}at$ ;  $x_1$  being odd and  $\bar{t}at \equiv (Nt)a$  (mod 2),  $a = \pm i_1$ ; the case  $a = -i_1$  reduces to  $a = i_1$ , since  $\bar{t}(-i_1)t = \bar{u}i_1u$  if  $t = i_2u$ . Expanding  $x = \bar{t}i_1t$  gives us (8). Finally, (7) follows on considering (8) with one or three of the  $t_i$  odd.

An automorph will be called odd if

(9) 
$$|A| = 1$$
, and  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{22}$ ,  $a_{33}$  are odd.

A class & contains four odd automorphs obtainable from each other by changing signs of two rows.

3. The matrix function  $\mathcal{C}(t)$  of a real quaternion t, defined by

(10) 
$$\hat{G}(t) = \frac{1}{Nt} \begin{bmatrix}
t_0^2 + t_1^2 - t_2^2 - t_3^2 & 2(-t_0t_3 + t_1t_2) & 2(t_0t_2 + t_1t_3) \\
2(t_0t_3 + t_1t_2) & t_0^2 - t_1^2 + t_2^2 - t_3^2 & 2(-t_0t_1 + t_2t_3) \\
2(-t_0t_2 + t_1t_3) & 2(t_0t_1 + t_2t_3) & t_0^2 - t_1^2 - t_2^2 + t_3^2
\end{bmatrix}$$

is considered in this section. By the homogeneity,

(11) 
$$G(\lambda t) = G(t)$$
 for any real number  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

If a matrix  $B = (b_{\alpha\beta})$  is of the form G(t) for some real quaternion t, then t is unique up to a factor  $\lambda$ . For by choice of  $\lambda$  we can suppose Nt to have any value m > 0. Equating (10) to  $(b_{\alpha\beta}) = (a_{\alpha\beta}/m)$  we get the ten equations

$$(12) \quad 4t_0^2 = m + a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}, \qquad 4t_1^2 = m + a_{11} - a_{22} - a_{33}, \cdots,$$

$$4t_0t_1=a_{32}-a_{23}, \quad 4t_2t_3=a_{23}+a_{32}, \cdots,$$

which determine  $t_f t_g(f, g = 0, 1, 2, 3)$  and hence an unique  $\pm t$ .

If further m and the  $b_{\alpha\beta}$  are rational, every  $t_f^2$  and  $t_f t_g$  is rational;  $t_f = u_f n^{\frac{1}{2}} (f = 0, 1, 2, 3)$  with rational  $u_f$  and n,  $B = \mathcal{C}(u)$ . Choice of a factor  $\lambda$  makes u proper. Hence we have

LEMMA 1. If a matrix B with rational elements is of the form  $\mathfrak{A}(u)$  for some real quaternion u, then there are two and only two proper integral quaternions, t and -t, such that  $\mathfrak{A}(t) = B$ .

The matrix  $\mathfrak{A}(t)$  has the multiplicative property

$$\mathfrak{A}(t) \cdot \mathfrak{A}(u) = \mathfrak{A}(tu).$$

This can be verified as follows. Let x denote either the

(15) pure quaternion  $i_1x_1 + i_2x_2 + i_3x_3$ , or matrix  $(x_a)$  of one column;

similarly for y. The columns of  $Nt\Omega(t)$  are  $ti_{\alpha}\bar{t}$  ( $\alpha = 1, 2, 3$ ). Hence  $Nt\Omega(t)x$  corresponds to  $\sum x_{\alpha}ti_{\alpha}\bar{t} = t(\sum x_{\alpha}i_{\alpha})\bar{t} = tx\bar{t}$ , that is, if  $A = \Omega(t)$  the matrix equation

$$(16) Ax = y$$

corresponds to the quaternion equation

(17) 
$$tx\bar{t} = my, \text{ where } m = Nt.$$

Hence (14) follows when we observe that for arbitrary x and y,

$$t(ux\bar{u})l/(NuNt) = y$$
 is equivalent to  $(tu)x(tu)/N(tu) = y$ ,  $G(t)G(u)x = y$  is equivalent to  $G(tu)x = y$ .

For any non-zero real quaternion t,  $\Omega(t)$  is a real automorph of  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$ ; for by taking norms in (17), Nx = Ny. Also  $|\Omega(t)|$  is +1, and not -1, for every t, since by continuous transformation of t we can reach  $t = \pm 1$  when  $\Omega(t)$  is the identity matrix. It is worth noting the following identity in the  $x_a$  and  $t_i$ , the expressions in the matrix of (10) being substituted for the  $a_{ab}$ :

$$(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2)(t_0^2 + t_1^2 + t_2^2 + t_3^2)^2 = \sum_{\alpha} (a_{\alpha 1}x_1 + a_{\alpha 2}x_2 + a_{\alpha 3}x_3)^2.$$

We now prove conversely that every real automorph of  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$ , with determinant +1, is of the form  $\Omega(t)$  for real t; and it will follow from lemma 1 that every rational automorph is of that form for proper t.

It suffices to prove that if m > 0 and (3)-(4) hold with  $\theta = 1$ , the ten equations (12)-(13) are solvable in real  $t_i$ . By (3<sub>1</sub>) and (4),

(18) 
$$a_{32}^2 - a_{23}^2 = a_{13}^2 - a_{31}^2 = a_{21}^2 - a_{12}^2 (= \varepsilon, \text{say}),$$

(19) 
$$ma_{12} = a_{22}a_{31} - a_{21}a_{33}$$
,  $ma_{21} = a_{13}a_{32} - a_{12}a_{23}$ , etc. cyclically.

Thus  $a_{12} = \pm a_{21}$  implies  $a_{23}a_{31} = \pm a_{13}a_{32}$  with the same sign; and similarly on permuting subscripts cyclically. Hence, if  $\varepsilon = 0$ :

- a) we can set  $a_{23} = \eta_1 a_{32}$  etc., each  $\eta_{\alpha} = \pm 1$ ,  $\eta_1 \eta_2 \eta_3 = 1$ ;
- b) if  $a_{23}$ ,  $a_{31}$ , or  $a_{12}$  vanishes, at least two of them vanish.

Case I,  $\varepsilon = 0$ , at least two of  $a_{23}$ ,  $a_{21}$ ,  $a_{12}$  zero; say  $a_{31}$  and  $a_{12}$ . Then  $a_{23} = \pm a_{32}$ . For the + sign, (3) and |A| > 0 imply  $a_{33} = -a_{22}$ ,  $a_{11} = -m$ ; take  $t_0 = t_1 = 0$ ,  $2t_2t_3 = a_{23}$ ,  $t_2^2 + t_3^2 = m$ ; then  $a_{22}^2 = m^2 - a_{23}^2 = (t_2^2 - t_3^2)^2$ , and by permuting  $t_2$ ,  $t_3$ ,  $a_{22} = t_2^2 - t_3^2$ . The rest of (12)-(13) follows. If  $a_{23} = -a_{32}$ ,  $t_2 = t_3 = 0$  yields a similar result.

Case II,  $\varepsilon = 0$ , no  $a_{\alpha\beta} = 0 (\alpha \neq \beta)$ . According to the cases 0)  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = \eta_3 = 1$ , 1)  $\eta_2 = \eta_3 = -1$ , 2)  $\eta_3 = \eta_1 = -1$ , 3)  $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = -1$ , we take  $t_0$ ,  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$ , or  $t_3$  to be zero. Three of equations (13) become trivial, the rest determine an unique  $\pm t$ , and imply respectively: 0)  $2t_1^2 = a_{21}a_{12}/a_{23}$ ,  $\cdots$ ; 1)  $2t_0^2 = a_{21}a_{13}/a_{23}$ ,  $2t_2^2 = a_{13}a_{23}/a_{21}$ ,  $2t_3^2 = a_{21}a_{23}/a_{13}$ ; and similarly in cases 2) and 3). Equations (12) now follow. For example in case 0), by (4) and (3<sub>2</sub>),  $a_{12}(m + \sum a_{\alpha\alpha}) = a_{12}a_{11} + a_{12}a_{22} + a_{12}(m + a_{23}) = a_{12}a_{11} + a_{22}a_{21} + a_{31}a_{32} = 0 = 4t_0^2a_{12}$ ,  $a_{23}(m + a_{11} - a_{22} - a_{23}) = a_{21}a_{31} - a_{22}a_{32} - a_{23}a_{33} = 2a_{21}a_{31} = 4t_1^2a_{23}$ , etc. In case 1),  $a_{23} = a_{22}$ ,  $a_{31} = -a_{13}$ , and  $a_{12} = -a_{21}$ , whence for example,  $a_{23}(m + \sum a_{\alpha\alpha}) = a_{12}a_{31} + a_{23}a_{22} + a_{23}a_{33} = -a_{21}a_{31} + a_{22}a_{32} + a_{23}a_{32} = -2a_{21}a_{31} = 4t_0^2a_{23}$ .

Case III,  $\varepsilon \neq 0$ . Then all of (13) are implied by the conditions  $16t_0t_1t_2t_3 = \varepsilon$ ,  $4t_2t_3 = a_{23} + a_{32}$ ,  $4t_3t_1 = a_{31} + a_{13}$ ,  $4t_1t_2 = a_{12} + a_{21}$ , which determine  $\pm t$  uniquely. Also (12) follow. For example by (19),

$$(a_{12} + a_{21})(m + a_{11} + a_{22} + a_{33}) = a_{13}a_{32} + a_{31}a_{23} + a_{21}a_{11} + a_{12}a_{22} + a_{21}a_{22} + a_{12}a_{11}$$
$$= (a_{32} - a_{23})(a_{13} - a_{21}) = 4t_0^2(a_{21} + a_{12}) \text{ by (13)}.$$

**4.** Theorem 2. A rational automorph  $A = (a_{\alpha\beta}/m)$  of denominator m and determinant +1 is of the form A(t) for an unique pair of proper quaternions  $\pm t$ ; A(t) is A(t), A(t),

The first part follows from §3. If in (10) the denominator reduces to m, Nt = hm for some integer h dividing all nine elements of the matrix  $Nt\Omega(t)$ . Since t is proper and obvious combinations of the diagonal elements with Nt produce  $4t_f^2(f=0,1,2,3)$ , h=1,2, or 4. Conversely if t is proper and Nt is m, 2m, or 4m (m odd), the denominator to which  $\Omega(t)$  reduces is indeed m; for any prime dividing m and the three diagonal terms divides each  $t_i$ . The possible parities of the  $t_i$  in each case show that three  $a_{\alpha\alpha}$  are odd if Nt=m, one is odd if Nt=2m, and all even if Nt=4m, every  $t_i$  odd.

THEOREM 3. Let u be proper, m odd. If Nu = 2m,  $\Omega(u)$  can be derived from an odd A by interchanging two rows and changing the signs of one row. If Nu = 4m,  $\Omega(u)$  is obtainable from an odd A by permuting the rows cyclically.

For if  $2 \mid Nu$ , the  $u_i$  are congruent (mod 2) in pairs. Hence  $u = (1 + i_{\alpha})t$  with t integral,  $\alpha = 1, 2, \text{ or } 3$ ;  $Nt = \frac{1}{2}Nu$ ,  $\Omega(u) = \Omega(1 + i_{\alpha})\Omega(t)$ ; and

$$G(1+i_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The case Nu = 4m is solved by two applications of this process, and

LEMMA 2. The three automorphs obtained from  $\Omega(t)$  by changing the signs of two of its rows are  $\Omega(i_1t)$ ,  $\Omega(i_2t)$ ,  $\Omega(i_3t)$ .

The four odd automorphs of a class  $\mathcal{L}$  (end  $\mathcal{L}$ ) are, in view of Theorem 2 and lemma 2, associated with an unique set  $\mathcal{L}$  ( $\mathcal{L}$ 1Q).

We denote the set of quaternions conjugate to those of  $\mathfrak{E}$  by  $\mathfrak{E}^*$ ; the set of automorphs transpose to those of  $\mathfrak{A}$  by  $\mathfrak{A}^*$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{E}^* = \mathfrak{E}$  if and only if

(20) an equality occurs among 
$$t_0^2$$
,  $t_1^2$ ,  $t_2^2$ ,  $t_3^2$ , 0.

THEOREM 4. As t ranges over a set  $\mathfrak{C}$  (or  $\mathfrak{Q}$ ) of odd norm m,  $\mathfrak{A}(t)$  ranges twice, as  $\mathfrak{A}(t) = \mathfrak{A}(-t)$ , over the odd automorphs of a set  $\mathfrak{A}(\text{or }\mathfrak{L})$  of denominator m. If  $\mathfrak{A}$  corresponds in this way to  $\mathfrak{C}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}^*$  corresponds to  $\mathfrak{C}^*$ .

The proof for  $\mathfrak Q$  and  $\mathfrak X$  was given above. We can restrict t to one value in every subset  $\mathfrak Q$  of  $\mathfrak X$ , say that given in lemma 13Q. By forming the automorphs  $\mathfrak Q(\eta)$ , for  $\eta$  in (15Q), we find that  $\mathfrak Q(\eta t \bar{\eta}) = \mathfrak Q(\eta) \mathfrak Q(t) \mathfrak Q(\bar{\eta})$  is obtained by the following respective operations:

(21) identity, 
$$\sigma_{\alpha}$$
,  $\sigma_{\alpha+1}\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha+2}\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$ ,  $\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha}\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$ ,  $\pi_{123}$ ,  $\pi_{123}\sigma_{\alpha}$ ,  $\pi_{321}$ ,  $\pi_{321}\sigma_{\alpha}$ ;  $(\alpha = 1, 2, 3)$ .

Here the subscripts are to be reduced (mod 3) to 1, 2, 3;  $\sigma_{\alpha}$  denotes the operation of changing the sign of the  $\alpha$ -th row, then of the  $\alpha$ -th column;  $\pi_{\alpha\beta}$  indicates the interchange of the  $\alpha$ -th and  $\beta$ -th rows, then of the  $\alpha$ -th and  $\beta$ -th columns;  $\pi_{123}$  represents a cyclic permutation of rows, and then columns.

If an odd A' is derived by shuffling (§1) rows, and columns, from an odd A, any rearrangement of rows must be accompanied by the same rearrangement of columns, and since |A| > 0, the number of sign-changes must be even. All such possibilities, except for sign-changes of two rows, which are provided for in the  $\mathcal{E}$ -classes, are expressed in (21). Theorem 4 follows, the last part being obvious from (10):  $\mathcal{C}(t) = \mathcal{C}^*(t)$ .

It may be observed from the last part of §3 that some  $t_i$  vanishes if and only if  $\varepsilon = 0$ , and that then A becomes symmetric on changing signs of certain rows. From (10) we see that if  $t_1 = t_2$ , then  $a_{11} = a_{22}$ ,  $a_{31} = a_{23}$ ,  $a_{13} = a_{32}$ , and A becomes symmetric on interchanging the last two rows; and similarly if any equality occurs among  $t_0^2$ ,  $t_1^2$ ,  $t_2^2$ ,  $t_3^2$ , 0. Conversely, by (10), if  $a_{11} = a_{22}$ , then  $t_1^2 = t_2^2$ ; if  $a_{12} = a_{31}$ , then  $t_0 = -t_1$  or  $t_2 = t_3$ ; the possibility  $a_{11} = \pm a_{23}$  implies  $(t_0 \pm t_1)^2 = (t_2 \pm t_3)^2$  and is excluded by residues (mod 2) if Nt is odd. Thus we have two theorems:

Theorem 5. If some two elements not in the same row or column of A are numerically equal, then the class  $\mathfrak L$  of A contains a symmetric automorph.

THEOREM 6. A class  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains a symmetric automorph if and only if two of  $t_0^2$ ,  $t_1^2$ ,  $t_2^2$ ,  $t_3^2$ , 0 are equal in the corresponding proper  $\mathfrak{E}$ .

5. In view of the equivalence of (16) and (17), the identities

$$t(t-t_0)\bar{t}=(t-t_0)Nt, \qquad t(i_\alpha t+t_\alpha)\bar{t}=(ti_\alpha+t_\alpha)Nt,$$

give us the lemma and cofollary:

LEMMA 3. On multiplying by  $\mathfrak{A}(t)$  on the left, the column vector  $(t_1, t_2, t_3)$  becomes  $(t_1, t_2, t_3)$ ,  $(t_0, -t_3, t_2)$  becomes  $(t_0, t_3, -t_2)$ ,  $(t_3, t_0, -t_1)$  becomes  $(-t_3, t_1)$ ,  $(-t_2, t_1, t_0)$  becomes  $(t_2, -t_1, t_0)$ .

COROLLARY 1. If  $G(t) = (a_{\alpha\beta}/Nt)$  in (10), then

(22) 
$$\sum_{\beta} a_{\alpha\beta} y_{\beta} \equiv 0 \pmod{Nt} \ (\alpha = 1, 2, 3) \text{ for each of } (y_1, y_2, y_3)$$
$$= (t_1, t_2, t_3), (t_0, -t_3, t_2), (t_3, t_0, -t_1), (-t_2, t_1, t_0).$$

In fact (22) gives the identities in the proof of Theorem 5'Q. Hence COROLLARY 2. If  $p' \mid Nt$  and  $p \nmid t_0^2 + t_\alpha^2$ , the four congruences

(23) 
$$u_0t_0 - u_1t_1 - u_2t_2 - u_3t_3 \equiv 0, \qquad u_0t_1 + u_1t_0 + u_2t_3 - u_3t_2 \equiv 0,$$

$$u_0t_2 - u_1t_3 + u_2t_0 + u_3t_1 \equiv 0, \qquad u_0t_3 + u_1t_2 - u_2t_1 + u_3t_0 \equiv 0,$$

obtained on expanding  $ut \equiv 0 \pmod{p^r}$ , can be expressed as linear combinations of  $(23_1)$  and  $(23_{\alpha+1})$ .

**6.** Theorem 7. For any automorph (1) we can choose pure quaternions u and v such that

(24) 
$$a_{\alpha\beta} \equiv u_{\alpha}v_{\beta} \pmod{m}, \qquad \alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3.$$

Here u and v must satisfy

(25) 
$$Nu \equiv Nv \equiv 0, u \text{ and } v \text{ proper (mod } m).$$

Also, u and v are uniquely determined (mod m) except that we can replace (u, v) by (eu, fv), where e, f are any integers such that  $ef \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

By the Chinese Remainder Theorem it suffices to determine u and v (mod  $p^r$ ), for each  $p^r$  dividing m. Some  $a_{\alpha\beta}$  is prime to p, say  $a_{11}$ . Then let  $u_1 = 1$ ,  $v_{\beta} \equiv a_{1\beta}$ , and determine  $u_2$  and  $u_3$  from  $a_{21} \equiv u_2a_{11}$ ,  $a_{31} \equiv u_3a_{11}$ ; (24) holds for every  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , since by (4) every minor determinant of order 2 in  $(a_{\alpha\beta})$  is divisible by  $p^r$ .

Since m,  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{12}$ ,  $\cdots$ ,  $a_{33}$  are coprime, u and v must be proper; this with  $(3_1)$  implies that  $m \mid Nu$  and Nv.

If  $u_{\alpha}v_{\beta} \equiv u'_{\alpha}v'_{\beta} \pmod{m}$ ,  $(\alpha, \beta = 1, 2, 3)$ , we can find integers  $r_{\alpha}$ ,  $s_{\beta}$  such that  $\sum r_{\alpha}u_{\alpha} \equiv 1 \equiv \sum s_{\beta}v_{\beta} \pmod{m}$ . Set  $e = \sum s_{\beta}v'_{\beta}$ ,  $f = \sum r_{\alpha}u'_{\alpha}$ . Then  $u_{\alpha} \equiv \sum u_{\alpha}v_{\beta}s_{\beta} \equiv \sum u'_{\alpha}v'_{\beta}s_{\beta} \equiv eu'_{\alpha}$ ,  $v_{\beta} \equiv fv'_{\beta}$ , and  $ef \equiv \sum s_{\beta}v'_{\beta} \sum r_{\alpha}u'_{\alpha} \equiv \sum r_{\alpha}s_{\beta}u'_{\alpha}v'_{\beta} \equiv \sum r_{\alpha}s_{\beta}u_{\alpha}v_{\beta} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

If  $B = (b_{\alpha\beta}/n)$  is an automorph of denominator n, and m | n, we write

$$(26) B \sim v \pmod{m}$$

to indicate that the three rows of  $(b_{\alpha\beta})$  belong to the set  $\mathfrak{M}$  (mod m) determined by v. By (24),  $A \sim v$  and  $A^* \sim u$  (mod m). Since u is proper (mod m) the set  $\mathfrak{M}$  (mod m) containing all three rows of mA is evidently unique.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Examples with no  $a_{\alpha\beta}$  prime to m may appear when m has three prime factors 4f+1. If  $m=5\cdot 13\cdot 17$ ,  $v=775i_1+51i_2+533i_3$  is effective for  $\mathfrak{C}(t)$ ,  $t=28+11i_1+10i_2+10i_3$ ; likewise for  $t=24+22i_1+6i_2+3i_3$ , every  $a_{\alpha\beta}$  is divisible by 5, 13, or 17.

LEMMA 4. If v is pure and proper (mod m), and m | Nv, we can secure

$$(27) m^2 \mid Nv$$

by adding multiples of m to  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ .

Set Nv = sm,  $w = hi_1 + ki_2$ . Then  $N(v + mw) = m(s + 2hv_1 + 2kv_2) + (h^2 + k^2)m^2$ , and we can choose h and k to make  $m \mid s + 2hv_1 + 2kv_2$ , since  $v_1, v_2, m$  are coprime.

LEMMA 5. If (24) holds for the automorph (1), and  $m^2 \mid Nv$ , the integers  $h_{\alpha\beta}$  defined by  $a_{\alpha\beta} = u_{\alpha}v_{\beta} + mh_{\alpha\beta}$  satisfy

(28) 
$$\sum h_{\alpha\beta}v_{\beta} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}, \ \alpha = 1, 2, 3.$$

For on substituting  $a_{\alpha\beta} = u_{\alpha}v_{\beta} + mh_{\alpha\beta}$  in (3) and using (27) we get

(29) 
$$m \mid u_{\alpha} \sum h_{\alpha\beta}v_{\beta}, \quad m \mid u_{\gamma} \sum h_{\alpha\beta}v_{\beta} + u_{\alpha} \sum h_{\gamma\beta}v_{\beta}.$$

Multiply the latter by  $u_{\gamma}$ . Since m,  $u_{\alpha}$ ,  $u_{\gamma}^{2}$  are coprime, (28) follows.

COROLLARY 3. With the same hypotheses,  $m^2 \mid \sum a_{\alpha\beta} v_{\beta}$ .

LEMMA 6. If v is pure and proper, and Nv is odd,

(30) 
$$\mathfrak{C}(v) \sim v \pmod{Nv}.$$

For  $\mathcal{C}(v)$  is then of denominator Nv; (30) follows from (10) with t replaced by  $v, v_0 = 0$ :  $a_{\alpha\beta} \equiv 2v_{\alpha}v_{\beta} \pmod{m}$ .

We note here the similar fact that for proper t of odd norm,

(30') if 
$$t_0 = t_1$$
,  $G(t) \sim 2t_1i_1 + (t_2 - t_3)i_2 + (t_2 + t_3)i_3 \pmod{Nt}$ ;

two like results being obtained by permuting subscripts 1, 2, 3 cyclically.

COROLLARY 4. The preceding remarks furnish quickly a value of v for any symmetric automorph.

LEMMA 7. If x is proper and Nx odd, and x = ut, Nt = m, then the rows of  $Nx\Omega(x)$  are in the set  $\mathfrak{M}$  (mod m) containing the rows of  $m\Omega(t)$ .

For by (14),  $Nx\Omega(x) = Nu\Omega(u) \cdot Nt\Omega(t)$ , whence the rows of  $Nx\Omega(x)$  are linear combinations with integer coefficients of the rows of  $m\Omega(t)$ .

THEOREM 8. Let v be pure and proper (mod m),  $m \mid Nv$ , t proper, Nt = m; then

(31) 
$$G(t) \sim v \pmod{m}$$
 if and only if t is a right divisor of v.

By adding multiples of m to the  $v_{\alpha}$  we make v actually proper and of odd norm; then (30) holds. I. Let v=ut. By lemma 7, if  $\Omega(t)\sim z(m)$ ,  $\Omega(v)\sim z(m)$ . By (30), v and z are proportional (mod m),  $\Omega(t)\sim v(m)$ . II. Conversely, let  $\Omega(t)\sim v(m)$ . By lemmas 4 and 1Q we can make  $m^2\mid Nv$ . Set  $\Omega(t)=(a_{\alpha\beta}/m)$ ,  $a_{\alpha\beta}=u_{\alpha}v_{\beta}+mh_{\alpha\beta}$  as in lemma 5. Let v=uy, Ny=m. We must show that t and y are left-associates. By case I,  $\Omega(y)\sim v(m)$ . Set  $\Omega(y)=(b_{\alpha\beta}/m)$ ,  $b_{\alpha\beta}=w_{\alpha}v_{\beta}+mk_{\alpha\beta}$  as in lemma 5. Then  $\Omega(t\bar{y})=\Omega(t)\Omega(y)^*=(c_{\alpha\gamma}/m^2)$ , where

$$c_{\alpha\gamma} = \sum a_{\alpha\beta}b_{\gamma\beta} = u_{\alpha}w_{\gamma} \sum v_{\beta}^{2} + mu_{\alpha} \sum k_{\gamma\beta}v_{\beta} + mw_{\gamma} \sum h_{\alpha\beta}v_{\beta} + m^{2} \sum h_{\alpha\beta}k_{\gamma\beta},$$

is divisible by  $m^2$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{C}(t\bar{y})$  has denominator 1,  $t\bar{y} = m\eta$  with  $N\eta = 1$ ,  $t = \eta y$ .

In (24) if A is odd, and corresponds to t, the vectors u and v are, respectively pure right and left multiples of t. By Theorem 3Q all left multiples (and similarly all right multiples) are proportional (mod m). By Theorem 9Q, u and v belong to the same set  $\mathfrak C$  if and only if (20) holds.

If  $A \sim v(m)$ , and v' is obtained by shuffling  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ , and A' is obtained by the same shuffle of the columns of A, then  $A' \sim v'$  (m). Theorems 4, 7, 8, and 4Q imply

THEOREM 9. Every set  $\mathfrak{M}$  (mod m) contains all three rows  $(\times m)$  of the automorphs in one and only one class  $\mathfrak{L}$  of denominator m, and conversely; likewise for  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

We have thus, for any odd positive m, a one-to-one-to-one association between sets  $\mathfrak{L}$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\mathfrak{D}$ ; and  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}$ .

7. THEOREM 10. Let x be proper and of odd norm m'',  $m \mid m''$ ,  $A'' = \mathfrak{A}(x)$ . The rows and columns of m''A'' are in the same set  $\mathfrak{C} \pmod{m}$  if and only if

(32) 
$$m \text{ divides one of } x_f, x_f \pm x_g (f \neq g), x_0 \pm x_1 \pm x_2 \pm x_3.$$

For set x = at,  $\bar{x} = bt'$ , Nt = m = Nt'. By Theorem 8Q, (32) holds if and only if t and t' are in the same set  $\mathfrak{E}$ . The columns of  $\mathfrak{A}(x)$  being the rows of  $\mathfrak{A}(\bar{x})$ , the theorem follows from lemma 7.

COROLLARY 5. If mA is symmetrical (mod m), the class  $\mathfrak{L}$  of A contains a symmetrical automorph.

For the sets  $\mathfrak{M}$  containing the rows and columns of mA coincide.

8. Factorization of Automorphs. We call A a right divisor of A" if

(33) 
$$A'' = A'A$$
, and  $m'' = m'm$  holds for the denominators.

Then every automorph in the set  $\mathfrak{L}$  of A is a right divisor of every automorph in the set  $\mathfrak{L}$  of A''.

LEMMA 8. If A is a right divisor of A", and t and t" are in the corresponding sets  $\Omega$  and  $\Omega$ ", then t is a right divisor of t".

For we can suppose A and A'' replaced by odd automorphs in their sets  $\mathfrak{L}$ , and have (33) with  $A = \mathfrak{C}(t)$ ,  $A'' = \mathfrak{C}(t'')$ . A product of odd automorphs being obviously odd, we have  $A' = A''A^* = \mathfrak{C}(t''\bar{t})$  of denominator m', whence  $t''\bar{t} = \lambda t'$ , Nt' = m'. By the norms  $\lambda = \pm m$ . Hence  $t'' = \pm t't$ .

LEMMA 9. If z is proper (mod m), and t is a right divisor of z of norm m, then  $\Omega(t)$  is a right divisor of  $\Omega(z)$ .

For we can write  $z = \lambda vy$ , where  $\lambda$  is an integer prime to m,  $Nv = 2^r$ , y proper, Ny odd. Then  $\mathcal{C}(z)$  is in the class  $\mathfrak{L}$  of  $\mathcal{C}(y)$  and is of denominator Ny. By Cor. 1'Q, the right divisors of y and z of norm m are the same. Hence y = ut,  $\mathcal{C}(t)$  is a right divisor of  $\mathcal{C}(y)$ , hence of  $\mathcal{C}(z)$ .

However, A need not be a right divisor of A'A, for the denominator of A'A may be less than m'm. By shuffling rows of A, columns and rows of A', the

problem is reduced to the case where A' and A are odd, say  $A' = \mathfrak{C}(u)$ ,  $A = \mathfrak{C}(t)$ . If ut is proper, A is a right divisor of A'A. This is trivially the case if m' and m are coprime (e.g. by lemma 9Q). We now have:

- (a) The right divisors of denominator m of an automorph whose denominator is divisible by m, form an unique class  $\mathfrak{L}$ .
- (b) An automorph of denominator  $m_1 m_2 \cdots m_s$  (each  $m_r$  odd) can be expressed in the form  $A'A'' \cdots A^{(s)}$  where  $A^{(r)}$  is of denominator  $m_r(r = 1, \dots, s)$ , in essentially only one way; the general such expression being

$$(A'K'^*)(K'A''K''^*)(K''A'''K'''^*)\cdots(K^{(s-1)}A^{(s)}),$$

where the  $K^{(i)}$  are integral automorphs. That is, the  $K^{(i)}$  are matrices having one element  $\pm 1$  in each row and column, the rest 0; whence KAK' is in the class  $\mathfrak{A}$  of A, and KA in the class  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

- (c) If z is proper (mod m) and  $m \mid Nz$ , the right divisors of denominator m of  $\Omega(z)$  and  $\Omega(z + xm)$  are the same.
- (d) If (33) holds, suppose  $A'' \sim v \pmod{m'}$ . By lemma 7,  $A \sim v \pmod{m}$ . Conversely, let A'' be of denominator m'' = m'm,  $A'' \sim v(m'')$ , and let  $A \sim v(m)$ . The right divisor of denominator m of A'' being also  $\sim v(m)$ , it is in the class  $\mathfrak{L}$  of A. Hence A is a right divisor of A''.

It may be worth noting that if (33) holds,  $m''A'' = (u_{\alpha}v_{\beta}) + m''(h_{\alpha\beta})$ , and  $(m'')^2 \mid Nu$  and Nv, as in lemma 5, and we set

$$mA = (s_{\alpha}v_{\beta}) + m(k_{\alpha\beta}), \qquad m'A' = (u_{\alpha}r_{\beta}) + m'(l_{\alpha\beta}),$$

then, as is easily seen by multiplying out  $mA = mA'^*A''$ ,

$$s_{\alpha} \equiv (1/m') \sum u_{\gamma} l_{\gamma \alpha} \pmod{m}, \qquad r_{\beta} \equiv (1/m) \sum k_{\beta \alpha} v_{\alpha} \pmod{m'}.$$

9. A natural application of automorphs is in transforming solutions of

$$(34) x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = n$$

into other solutions. We employ the double interpretation (15) for x, y. If  $A = (a_{\alpha\beta}/m)$  the equation Ax = y expands into

(35) 
$$\sum_{\beta} a_{\alpha\beta} x_{\beta} = m y_{\alpha}, \qquad \alpha = 1, 2, 3.$$

We say that A is integrally effective on x, if x and Ax are integral.

As A-ranges over a set  $\Re$ , Ax ranges over a set  $\Re$  (§1) precisely 2/k times, where k, called the weight of  $\Re$ , has the following values:

$$k = 2$$
, if no two of  $y_1^2$ ,  $y_2^2$ ,  $y_3^2$ , 0 are equal;

(36) 
$$k = 1$$
 if there is only one equality among  $y_1^2$ ,  $y_2^2$ ,  $y_3^2$ , 0;

$$k = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}$$
 resp. for the types  $(g, g, 0), (g, g, g), (g, 0, 0)$ .

As A ranges over the four odd automorphs of a set  $\mathcal{L}$ , Ax ranges over a set [y]((23Q)). We can then use the notation (17).

Theorem 11. Let Nt = m, t proper, m as always odd. Use the double notation (15), x integral but not necessarily proper. Then  $\Omega(t)$  is integrally effective on x, that is

(37) 
$$(tx\bar{t})/m$$
 is integral,

if and only if t is a right-divisor of  $x_0 + x$  for some integer  $x_0$ .

Sufficiency.  $x_0 + x = ut$ ,  $tx\bar{t} = t(ut - x_0)\bar{t} = (tu - x_0)m$ .

*Necessity.* Let  $\Omega(t) \sim v \pmod{m}$ . By Theorem 8, v = ut. By Theorem 7, the condition that  $\Omega(t)$  be integrally effective on x is equivalent to

$$(38) v_1x_1 + v_2x_2 + v_3x_3 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}.$$

Corollary 7Q completes the proof. In place of cor. 7Q we may use

Lemma 10. Let m not have a factor in common with two of  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ . Every integral solution x of (38) is of the following form for certain integers  $w_1$ ,  $w_2$ ,  $w_3$ :

$$(39) x_1 \equiv w_2v_3 - w_3v_2, x_2 \equiv w_3v_1 - w_1v_3, x_3 \equiv w_1v_2 - w_2v_1 \pmod{m}.$$

By the C. R. T. the proof reduces to modulus  $p^r$ . Let  $v_2$  and  $v_3$  be prime to p. Solve  $w_2v_3 - w_3v_2 \equiv x_1(p^r)$  for  $w_2$  and  $w_3$ ; (38) becomes  $v_3(x_3 + v_1w_2) \equiv v_2(v_1w_3 - x_2)$  (mod p). Hence  $x_3 + v_1w_2 \equiv w_1v_2$  for a certain  $w_1$ , and  $w_1v_3 \equiv v_1w_3 - x_2$ . Set  $x_0 = \sum w_\alpha v_\alpha$ . Then  $x_0 + x \equiv wv = (wu)t \pmod{m}$ .

THEOREM 12. Let x be pure and proper (mod m). An automorph A of denominator m is integrally effective on x if and only if A is a right divisor of  $\mathcal{C}(x_0 + x)$  for some integer  $x_0$ .

We can replace A by an odd automorph,  $A = \mathcal{C}(t)$ , in its class  $\mathfrak{L}$ . If Ax is integral,  $x_0 + x = ut$  for some  $x_0$ , by Theorem 11. By lemma 9,  $\mathcal{C}(t)$  is a right divisor of  $\mathcal{C}(x_0 + x)$ . Conversely, if  $\mathcal{C}(t)$  is a right divisor of  $\mathcal{C}(x_0 + x)$ , set  $x_0 + x = \lambda vy$  as for lemma 9. Then  $\mathcal{C}(t)$  is a right divisor of  $\mathcal{C}(y)$ , y = ut by lemma  $x_0 + x = (\lambda vu)t$ . By Theorem 11,  $\mathcal{C}(t)$  is integrally effective on x.

By lemma 1Q and corollary 6Q we have

Lemma 11. The  $\mathfrak{L}$ -classes of denominator m which are integrally effective on x in Theorem 12, are different for incongruent values  $x_0$ , and the same for congruent values  $x_0 \pmod{m}$ .

THEOREM 13. Let x be pure and proper (mod m), Nx = n. The number of sets  $\mathfrak{L}$  of denominator m which are integrally effective on x, is equal to the number of solutions  $x_0 \pmod{m}$  of

$$(40) x_0^2 \equiv -n \pmod{m}.$$

For  $x_0 + x$  has an unique set  $\Omega$  of right divisors of norm m.

The number depends only on n and m, not on the particular proper x. If  $m = p^r$ ,  $(-n \mid p) = 1$ , the number is 2; if  $(-n \mid p) = -1$ , zero.

COROLLARY 6. Let x be a proper pure quaternion of norm n, m odd and positive. To each solution  $x_0$  of (40) appertains uniquely:

- (a) a set  $\Omega$  of proper right divisors of norm m of  $x_0 + x$ ;
- (b) a set  $\mathfrak{Q}$  of proper quaternions t of norm m satisfying  $tx\bar{t} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ ;
- (c) a set M of pure quaternions v (mod m) all satisfying (38);

(d) a set  $\mathfrak{L}$  of automorphs of denominator m integrally effective on x. Conversely each such set corresponds to one and only one  $x_0 \pmod{m}$ . Hence the number of such sets is in each case equal to the number of solutions of (40).

COROLLARY 7. The two sets appertaining to  $x_0$  and  $-x_0$  (mod m) are in the same  $\mathfrak{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{E}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}$  respectively if and only if (32) holds; hence certainly if two of  $x_1^2$ ,  $x_2^2$ ,  $x_3^2$ , 0 are equal.

10. The degenerate cases, in which a set A contains less than 24 sets & are worth classifying. For any such case,

$$(40') v \equiv k(\pm i_1 v_\alpha \pm i_2 v_\beta \pm i_3 v_\gamma) \pmod{m}$$

for a choice of signs, permutation  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  of 1, 2, 3, and k prime to m.

If  $v = k(-v_1, v_2, v_3)$  then since gcd  $(v_2, v_3, m) = 1$ , k = 1,  $v_1 = 0$ . If  $v = k(v_1, v_3, -v_2)$  then  $v_2 = -k^2v_2$ ,  $v_3 = -k^2v_3$ ,  $k^2 + 1 = 0$ , k - 1 prime to m,  $v_1 = 0$ . Similarly in all cases  $\sigma_{\alpha}$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha+1}\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha+2}\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$  in (21),  $m \mid v_{\alpha}$ . The only possible corresponding column of mA is by  $(3_1)$ ,  $(\pm m, 0, 0)$ . By (3) an automorph

$$\begin{pmatrix} m & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e & f \\ 0 & -f & e \end{pmatrix} / m$$

is contained in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . If e is odd comparison with (10) gives  $m=t_0^2+t_1^2$ ,  $e=t_0^2-t_1^2$ ,  $f=2t_0t_1$  in coprime integers  $t_0$ ,  $t_1$ .

If  $v \equiv k(v_1, v_3, v_2)$ ,  $v_2 \equiv k^2v_2$ ,  $v_3 \equiv k^2v_3$ ,  $k^2 \equiv 1$ ; k+1 is prime to m, for else a prime p would divide m and  $v_1$ ,  $v_2^2 + v_3^2 = Nv - v_1^2$ ,  $2v_2^2$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ ;  $k \equiv 1$ ,  $v_2 \equiv v_3$ . Similarly in all cases  $\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$ ,  $\sigma_{\alpha}\pi_{\alpha+1,\alpha+2}$ , in (21),  $v_{\alpha+1} \equiv \pm v_{\alpha+2}$ . We can take the first two columns congruent (mod m),  $a_{11} = e$  and  $a_{22} = g$  odd and positive, the remaining  $a_{\alpha 1}$  and  $a_{\alpha 2}$  even. If  $a_{31} = a_{32} \pm 2m$ ,  $a_{32} = \mp m$ , and we have (41). Hence  $a_{31} = a_{32}$ ,  $a_{12} = e - m$ ,  $a_{21} = g - m$ ;  $e^2 + a_{21}^2 = a_{12}^2 + g^2$  by (31), g = e. The two columns are (e, e - m, f), (e - m, e, f), where by (32),  $f^2 = 2e(m - e)$ . The third column is determined by cofactors as in (4), and we find (42), where  $m = t_0^2 + 2t_1^2$ ,  $e = t_0^2$ ,  $f = 2t_0t_1$ :

(42) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} e & e-m & f \\ e-m & e & f \\ f & f & m-2e \end{pmatrix} / m, \qquad m^2 = (2e-m)^2 + 2f^2.$$

If  $v = k(v_2, v_3, v_1)$ ,  $k^3 = 1$ ; if  $v = k(-v_2, v_3, v_1)$ ,  $k^3 = -1$ . In either case each  $v_{\alpha}$  is prime to m,  $\sum v_{\alpha}^2 = v_1^2(1 + k^2 + k^4)$ ,  $1 + k^2 \pm k = 0$ ,  $v_1 + v_2 \pm v_3 = 0$ . Thus in the last eight cases (21),  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains an  $(a_{\alpha\beta})$  with  $a_{\alpha1} + a_{\alpha2} + a_{\alpha3} = 0$ . By the parities,  $a_{\alpha1} + a_{\alpha2} + a_{\alpha3} = \pm m$ , whence as  $\sum a_{\alpha\beta}^2 = m^2$ ,  $a_{\alpha1}a_{\alpha2} + a_{\alpha2}a_{\alpha3} + a_{\alpha3}a_{\alpha1} = 0$ . If (e, f, g) and (q, r, s) are two rows, an easy elimination from

ef + fg + ge = 0 = eq + fr + gs and qe + rf + sg = qr + rs + sq yields q/e = r/f = s/g; which leads to (43) with  $m = t_0^2 + 3t_1^2$ ,  $e = t_0^2 - t_1^2$ , etc.:

(43) 
$$\begin{pmatrix} e & f & g \\ g & e & f \\ f & g & e \end{pmatrix} / m$$
,  $e + f + g = m$ ,  $e^2 + f^2 + g^2 = m^2$ .

The case m=3 belongs to both the types (42) and (43):

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} / 3.$$

Theorem 14. The automorph sets characterized by (41)–(43) are the only ones in which a set  $\mathfrak{A}$  contains less than the maximum number, 24, of sets  $\mathfrak{L}$ ; they are also the only ones corresponding to sets  $\mathfrak{L}$  in which (cf. (20))

(45) two equalities occur among 
$$t_0^2$$
,  $t_1^2$ ,  $t_2^2$ ,  $t_3^2$ , 0;

also the only ones in which two rows of  $(a_{\alpha\beta})$  form, apart from shuffling of the  $x_{\alpha}$ , the same solution of (5).

To prove the last part observe that distinct rows of  $(a_{\alpha\beta})$  cannot have the same divisor. Hence if two rows become identical after shuffling, their divisors are 1, and as is evident from (24), (40') holds non-trivially.

The number of sets & contained in an A is easily verified to be

(46) 
$$4 \text{ for } (44), \quad 6 \text{ for } (41); \quad \text{if } m > 3, 12 \text{ for } (42), 8 \text{ for } (43).$$

The same proportions hold for sets O in an E, and sets M in a C.

11. Let m be prime to the square part of n,  $x_0$  a solution of (40). The form  $\varphi = [m, 2x_0, l]$  of determinant -n, is primitive. A certain completeness is obtained in treating simultaneously automorphs of denominator m appertaining to  $x_0$  or  $-x_0$ . As in §6Q every [x] of norm n is carried by  $\varphi$  into a certain [y], and by  $\varphi' = [m, -2x_0, l]$  into a certain [z]. Here  $x_0 + x = ut$ ,  $y = (tx\overline{t})/m = tu - x_0$ ;  $-x_0 + x = vw$ ,  $z = wv + x_0$ ; Nt = Nw = m. Similarly, [y] and [z] are each carried by  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  into [x] and one other set [x] not necessarily new. This chain of transformations eventually closes, and if it does not exhaust the pure quaternions of norm n, we can start a new chain with any x not already included.

If x' is obtained from x by interchanges and sign-changes of the  $x_{\alpha}$ , then according as the number of these changes is even or odd, x' is carried into the similarly formed [y'] and [z'] by  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$ , or  $\varphi'$  and  $\varphi$ ; (cf. (16Q)). Thus an entire set  $\Re = \Re(x)$  is carried by odd automorphs in two sets  $\Re_1$  and  $\Re_2$  appertaining to  $x_0$  and  $-x_0$ , into two entire sets  $\Re_1 = \Re(y)$  and  $\Re_2 = \Re(z)$ . Here  $\Re_1 = \Re(y)$ 

 $\mathfrak{A}_2$  if (32) holds. Evidently if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is of weight 2, either  $\mathfrak{A}_1 \neq \mathfrak{K}_2$ , or  $\mathfrak{K}_1 = \mathfrak{K}_2$  and is also of weight 2.

Sets  $\Re$  of weights  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  are carried into themselves. For example, Ax is integral for x = (g, g, 0) only if integral for (1, 1, 0).

If  $x_1 = 0$ , then  $x = i_1xi_1$ ;  $-x_0 + x = i_1(x_0 + x)i_1 = (i_1u)(ti_1)$ ,  $(ti_1)(i_1u) + x_0 = -(tu - x_0) = -y$ ;  $\Re_1 = \Re_2$ . If also  $m \mid x_0$ , t and  $ti_1$  are in the same  $\Omega$ ,  $\Re(t)$  is of type (41) and carries x into  $(0, y_2, y_3)$  of the same type.

If  $x_2 = x_3$ , then  $t' = t_0 - i_1t_1 - i_2t_3 - i_3t_2$  is a right divisor of  $-x_0 + x$ ,  $\mathfrak{A}(t')$  differs from  $\mathfrak{A}(t)$  mainly in having the last two columns interchanged, and again  $\mathfrak{A}_1 = \mathfrak{A}_2$ . If also  $m \mid x_0$ , t and t' are left-associates,  $\mathfrak{A}(t)$  is of type (42) and carries x into a vector  $(y_1, y_2, \pm y_2)$  of the same type.

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