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# Certain Continuous Groups of Projective Transformations Treated Analytically

It is the purpose of this paper to determine analytically certain continuous groups of plane collineations which have already been determined geometrically by Prof. H. B. Newson in an article printed in the American Journal of Mathematics, Vol. XXIV, No. 2.

The same author has shown elsewhere\* that a plane collineation of the most general form leaving invariant a triangle can be written in the form:

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & A \\ A' & B' & 1 & KA' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KA'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & B \\ A' & B' & 1 & KB' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KB'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}$$

where (AB), (A'B') and (A''B'') are the Cartesian

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coordinates of the vertices of the invariant triangle and  $K$  and  $K'$  are the two independent cross-ratios along two of the sides of the invariant triangle. It will be noticed that every collineation of this type contains eight variable parameters of two distinct types, namely, the six coordinates of the three invariant points and the two characteristic cross-ratios.

The whole group of plane collineations, therefore, consists of  $\infty^8$  different collineations and may be designated  $G_8$ .

In this paper is sought the determination of the most general sub-groups of  $G_8$ .

It is evident that there are  $\infty^6$  plane collineations which leave a single point invariant, since the fixing of a point in the plane

requires the changing of two parameters into constants. In order to test whether these  $\infty^6$  collineations form a group

let

$$T_1: \quad x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & A \\ A' & B' & 1 & KA' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KA'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & B \\ A' & B' & 1 & KB' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KB'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}$$

be a plane collineation of the most general type leaving a triangle invariant and transforming the point  $(x, y)$  into the point  $(x_1, y_1)$ , and let

$$T_2: \quad x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & A \\ A' & B' & 1 & KA' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KA'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & B \\ A' & B' & 1 & KB' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KB'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ A & B & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}$$

be a second plane collineation transforming the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  into  $(x_2, y_2)$

and leaving invariant a different triangle except for the point (A B) which is to be left invariant by both  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

The work may be simplified somewhat without affecting its generality by supposing that the point (A B) has been selected as origin in each collineation. Substituting, then,

(00) for (A B) gives:

$$T_1: x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & B' & 1 & KA' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KA'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}, \quad y_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & B' & 1 & KB' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & KB'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}, \quad [1]$$

and an exactly similar expression for  $T_2$  except that all of the letters in the determinants are subscripted one. Let this form of  $T_2$  be numbered [2]. Hereafter in referring to  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  the

forms [1] and [2] will be meant.

In order to get from these two transformations their resultant, which transforms  $(x_1 y_1)$  directly into  $(x_2 y_2)$ , it is necessary to eliminate  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  from [1] and [2].

Expanding  $T_1$ :

$$[3] \begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{x(KA'B'' - K'A''B') + y(K' - K)A'A''}{x[B''(K-1) - B'(K'-1)] + y[A'(K'-1) - A''(K-1)] + A'B'' - A''B'} \\ y_1 = \frac{x(K' - K)B'B'' + y(K'A'B'' - KA''B')}{x[B''(K-1) - B'(K'-1)] + y[A'(K'-1) - A''(K-1)] + A'B'' - A''B'} \end{cases}$$

Expanding  $T_2$ :

$$[4] \begin{cases} x_2 = \frac{x_1(K_1A_1B_1'' - K_1'A_1''B_1') + y_1(K_1' - K_1)A_1'A_1''}{x_1[B_1''(K_1-1) - B_1'(K_1'-1)] + y_1[A_1'(K_1'-1) - A_1''(K_1-1)] + A_1'B_1'' - A_1''B_1'} \\ y_2 = \frac{x_1(K_1' - K_1)B_1'B_1'' + y_1(K_1'A_1B_1'' - K_1A_1''B_1')}{x_1[B_1''(K_1-1) - B_1'(K_1'-1)] + y_1[A_1'(K_1'-1) - A_1''(K_1-1)] + A_1'B_1'' - A_1''B_1'} \end{cases}$$

Let  $KA'B'' - K'A''B' = \alpha$ ,  $K' - K = \alpha'$ ,  
 $K'A'B'' - KA''B' = \Delta$ ,  $B''(K-1) - B'(K'-1) = \lambda$ ,  
 $A'(K'-1) - A''(K-1) = \lambda'$ ,  $A'B'' - A''B' = \gamma$ ,

and the same expressions in letters subscripted one equal the same Greek letters subscripted one.

[3] and [4] then become:

$$T_1: \left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{\alpha x + \alpha' A' A'' y}{\lambda x + \lambda' y + \gamma} \\ y_1 &= \frac{\alpha' \beta' \beta'' x + \Delta y}{\lambda x + \lambda' y + \gamma} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots [5]$$

$$T_2: \left. \begin{aligned} x_2 &= \frac{\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_1' A_1' A_1'' y_1}{\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_1' y_1 + \gamma} \\ y_2 &= \frac{\alpha_1' \beta_1' \beta_1'' x_1 + \Delta_1 y_1}{\lambda_1 x_1 + \lambda_1' y_1 + \gamma} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots [6]$$

Eliminating  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  from [5] and [6] and collecting for  $x$  and  $y$  gives the resultant:

$$T_3: \left. \begin{aligned} x_2 &= \frac{(\alpha \alpha_1 + \alpha' \alpha_1' A_1' A_1'' \beta' \beta'') x + (\alpha' \alpha_1' A_1' A_1'' + \Delta \alpha_1) y}{(\alpha \lambda_1 + \alpha' \lambda_1' \beta' \beta'' + \lambda \gamma_1) x + (\alpha' \lambda_1' A_1' A_1'' + \lambda_1' \Delta + \lambda' \gamma_1) y + \gamma \gamma_1} \\ y_2 &= \frac{(\alpha \alpha_1' \beta_1' \beta_1'' + \alpha' \Delta_1 \beta' \beta'') x + (\alpha' \alpha_1' A_1' A_1'' \beta_1' \beta_1'' + \Delta \Delta_1) y}{(\alpha \lambda_1 + \alpha' \lambda_1' \beta' \beta'' + \lambda \gamma_1) x + (\alpha' \lambda_1' A_1' A_1'' + \lambda_1' \Delta + \lambda' \gamma_1) y + \gamma \gamma_1} \end{aligned} \right\} [7]$$

Writing a collineation ( $T_3'$ ) of the form of [1] which would transform  $(x, y)$  directly into  $(x_2, y_2)$  gives:

$$T_3': \quad x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_2' & \beta_2' & 1 & K_2 A_2' \\ A_2'' & \beta_2'' & 1 & K_2' A_2'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_2' & \beta_2' & 1 & K_2 \\ A_2'' & \beta_2'' & 1 & K_2' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_2' & \beta_2' & 1 & K_2 \beta_2' \\ A_2'' & \beta_2'' & 1 & K_2' \beta_2'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_2' & \beta_2' & 1 & K_2 \\ A_2'' & \beta_2'' & 1 & K_2' \end{vmatrix}} \quad [8]$$



Expanding  $T_3'$  gives:

$$T_3': \quad \left. \begin{aligned} x_2 &= \frac{\alpha_2 x + \alpha_2' A_2' A_2'' y}{\lambda_2 x + \lambda_2' y + \gamma_2} \\ y_2 &= \frac{\alpha_2' \beta_2' \beta_2'' x + \Delta_2 y}{\lambda_2 x + \lambda_2' y + \gamma_2} \end{aligned} \right\} \dots \dots \dots [9]$$

in which  $\alpha_2 = \kappa_2 A_2' \beta_2'' - \kappa_2' A_2'' \beta_2'$ ,  $\alpha_2' = \kappa_2' - \kappa_2$ ,  
 $\lambda_2 = \beta_2' (\kappa_2 - 1) - \beta_2'' (\kappa_2' - 1)$ ,  $\lambda_2' = A_2' (\kappa_2' - 1) - A_2'' (\kappa_2 - 1)$ ,  
 $\gamma_2 = A_2' \beta_2'' - A_2'' \beta_2'$ , and  $\Delta_2 = \kappa_2' A_2' \beta_2'' - \kappa_2 A_2'' \beta_2'$

If the collineations  $T_3$  and  $T_3'$  are to be identical the corresponding coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$  must be equal. Dividing out the  $\gamma$ 's and equating resulting ratios gives:

$$\frac{\alpha_2}{\gamma_2} = \frac{\alpha \alpha_1 + \alpha' \alpha_1' A_1' A_1'' \beta_1' \beta_1''}{\gamma \gamma_1} \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_2' A_2' A_2''}{\gamma_2} = \frac{\alpha' \alpha_1' A_1' A_1'' + \alpha_1' \Delta_1 A_1' A_1''}{\gamma \gamma_1} \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{\alpha_2' \beta_2' \beta_2''}{\gamma_2} = \frac{\alpha \alpha_1' \beta_1' \beta_1'' + \alpha' \Delta_1 \beta_1' \beta_1''}{\gamma \gamma_1} \dots \dots (3)$$

$$\frac{\Delta_2}{\gamma_2} = \frac{\alpha' \alpha_1' A_1' A_1'' \beta_1' \beta_1'' + \Delta_1 \Delta_1}{\gamma \gamma_1} \dots \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{\lambda_2}{\gamma_2} = \frac{\alpha \lambda_1 + \alpha' \lambda_1' \beta_1' \beta_1'' + \lambda_1 \gamma_1}{\gamma \gamma_1} \dots \dots (5)$$

$$\frac{\lambda_2'}{\gamma_2} = \frac{\alpha' \lambda_1' A_1' A_1'' + \lambda_1' \Delta_1 + \lambda_1' \gamma_1}{\gamma \gamma_1} \dots \dots (6)$$

[10]

Substituting in these equations [10] the values of the Greek letters in terms of the original parameters gives:

$$\frac{\kappa_2 A_2' B_2'' - \kappa_2' A_2'' B_2'}{A_2' B_2'' - A_2'' B_2'} = \frac{(\kappa A' B'' - \kappa' A'' B')(\kappa_1 A_1' B_1'' - \kappa_1' A_1'' B_1') + A_1' A_1'' B_1' B_1'' (\kappa' - \kappa)(\kappa_1' - \kappa_1)}{(A' B'' - A'' B')(A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{(\kappa_2' - \kappa_2) A_2' A_2''}{A_2' B_2'' - A_2'' B_2'} = \frac{A_1' A_1'' (\kappa' - \kappa)(\kappa_1 A_1' B_1'' - \kappa_1' A_1'' B_1') + A_1' A_1'' (\kappa_1' - \kappa_1)(\kappa' A' B'' - \kappa A'' B')}{(A' B'' - A'' B')(A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{(\kappa_2' - \kappa_2) B_2' B_2''}{A_2' B_2'' - A_2'' B_2'} = \frac{B_1' B_1'' (\kappa_1' - \kappa_1)(\kappa A' B'' - \kappa' A'' B') + B_1' B_1'' (\kappa' - \kappa)(\kappa_1' A_1' B_1'' - \kappa_1' A_1'' B_1')}{(A' B'' - A'' B')(A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\kappa_2' A_2' B_2'' - \kappa_2 A_2'' B_2'}{A_2' B_2'' - A_2'' B_2'} = \frac{A_1' A_1'' B_1' B_1'' (\kappa' - \kappa)(\kappa_1' - \kappa_1) + (\kappa' A' B'' - \kappa A'' B')(\kappa_1' A_1' B_1'' - \kappa_1' A_1'' B_1')}{(A' B'' - A'' B')(A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{B_2'(K_2 - 1) - B_2'(K_2' - 1)}{A_2' B_2'' - A_2'' B_2'} = \frac{(\kappa A' B'' - \kappa' A'' B') [B_1'' (\kappa_1 - 1) - B_1' (\kappa_1' - 1)] + B_1' B_1'' (\kappa' - \kappa) [A_1' (\kappa_1' - 1) - A_1'' (\kappa_1 - 1)] + [B_1'' (\kappa - 1) - B_1' (\kappa' - 1)] (A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')}{(A' B'' - A'' B')(A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{A_2' (K_2' - 1) - A_2'' (K_2 - 1)}{A_2' B_2'' - A_2'' B_2'} = \frac{A_1' A_1'' (\kappa' - \kappa) [B_1'' (\kappa_1 - 1) - B_1' (\kappa_1' - 1)] + (\kappa' A' B'' - \kappa A'' B') [A_1' (\kappa_1' - 1) - A_1'' (\kappa_1 - 1)] + [A_1' (\kappa' - 1) - A_1'' (\kappa - 1)] (A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')}{(A' B'' - A'' B')(A_1' B_1'' - A_1'' B_1')} \quad (6)$$

These six equations fully determine the six parameters of  $T_3'$  in terms

of the parameters of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Therefore the  $\infty^6$  collineations which all leave the same point in the plane invariant possess the group property that the resultant of any two of them is a third collineation of the same kind.

In order to show conclusively that these  $\infty^6$  collineations form a group it is necessary further to show that the inverse of each collineation is another of the same kind. This will be true if  $T_1$ , which may represent any one of the  $\infty^6$  collineations leaving the point  $A$ , coordinates  $(0,0)$ , invariant and transforming an arbitrary point  $(x,y)$  into another arbitrary point  $(x_1, y_1)$ , can be solved for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  and a collineation of the same kind obtained.

which transforms  $(x, y)$  back into  $(x', y')$ .

Taking the equations of  $T_1$  in the form [5], page 6, clearing and collecting for  $x$  and  $y$  gives:

$$(\lambda x_1 - \alpha) x + (\lambda' x_1 - \alpha' A' A'') y + \gamma x_1 = 0$$

$$(\lambda y_1 - \alpha' B' B'') x + (\lambda' y_1 - \Delta) y + \gamma y_1 = 0$$

Solving these two equations for  $x$  and  $y$  gives:

$$T_1: \quad x = \frac{-\Delta \gamma x_1 + \alpha' \gamma A' A'' y_1}{(\lambda \Delta - \alpha' \lambda' B' B'') x_1 + (\alpha \lambda' - \lambda \alpha' A' A'') y_1 + (\alpha^2 A' A'' B' B'' - \alpha \Delta)}$$

$$y = \frac{\alpha' \gamma B' B'' x_1 - \alpha \gamma y_1}{(\lambda \Delta - \alpha' \lambda' B' B'') x_1 + (\alpha \lambda' - \lambda \alpha' A' A'') y_1 + (\alpha^2 A' A'' B' B'' - \alpha \Delta)}$$

These equations are of the same analytical form as the direct collineation [5]. The inverse of  $T_1$ , therefore exists and is a collineation of the same kind. If it were deemed necessary it is clearly possible to set up a collineation  $T_1''$

of the form of  $T_1$  which would transform  $(x, y_1)$  into  $(x, y)$  and make it identical with  $T_1'$  by dividing out the absolute terms and equating the resulting ratios. Six equations of condition would be obtained which would fully determine the six parameters of  $T_1''$  in terms of  $T_1$ .

We have shown, then, that the  $\infty^6$  plane collineations each leaving a triangle invariant and all leaving the same point (A) invariant form a group. This group is, of course, a subgroup of  $G_8$ . It is a six-parameter group, and, following Prof. Newson's notation, we shall designate it  $G_6(A)$ . There are  $\infty^2$  such sub-groups  $G_6(A)$  in  $G_8$ , one for each point in the plane.

Let us next seek to determine whether there is a five-parametered subgroup of  $G_8$ . In order to fix a lineal element in the plane three parameters must be changed into



constants. There are, therefore,  $\infty^5$  plane collineations leaving the same lineal element invariant. In order to determine whether these  $\infty^5$  collineations form a group we proceed exactly as in determining the six-parametered group. If the common point be taken as origin and the common line as the  $x$ -axis, the equations of two collineations each leaving a triangle invariant and both leaving the same lineal element invariant, may be obtained by substituting in  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  (equations [1] and [2])  $B' = B'' = 0$ .

This gives for  $T_1$ :

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & KA' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K'A'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K'B'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad [12]$$

and exactly similar equations for  $T_2$  [13] except that the letters inside the determinants are subscripted one. As before we shall obtain the resultant of these two transformations by expanding them and eliminating  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ .

Expanding  $T_1$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{\kappa A' B'' x + A' A'' (\kappa - \kappa') y}{B'' (\kappa - 1) x + [A' (\kappa' - 1) - A'' (\kappa - 1)] y + A' B''} \\ y_1 &= \frac{\kappa' A' B'' y}{B'' (\kappa - 1) x + [A' (\kappa' - 1) - A'' (\kappa - 1)] y + A' B''} \end{aligned} \right\} [12_a]$$

Expanding  $T_2$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_2 &= \frac{\kappa_1 A'_1 B''_1 x_1 + A'_1 A''_1 (\kappa_1 - \kappa'_1) y_1}{B''_1 (\kappa_1 - 1) x_1 + [A'_1 (\kappa'_1 - 1) - A''_1 (\kappa_1 - 1)] y_1 + A'_1 B''_1} \\ y_2 &= \frac{\kappa'_1 A'_1 B''_1 y_1}{B''_1 (\kappa_1 - 1) x_1 + [A'_1 (\kappa'_1 - 1) - A''_1 (\kappa_1 - 1)] y_1 + A'_1 B''_1} \end{aligned} \right\} [13_a]$$

Eliminating  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  from these two collineations gives the resultant:

$$T_3: x_2 = \frac{K K_1 A' A'' B'' B'' x + [K_1 A' B'' A' A'' (K' - K) + K' A' B'' A' A'' (K_1 - K)]}{[K A' B'' B'' (K_1 - 1) + A' B'' B'' (K - 1)] x + [A' A'' B'' (K' - K) (K_1 - 1)}$$

$$+ \{A' (K_1 - 1) - A'' (K_1 - 1)\} K' A' B'' + A' B'' \{A' (K' - 1) - A'' (K - 1)\} + A' A'' B'' B''$$

$$y_2 = \frac{K' K_1 A' A'' B'' B'' y}{[K A' B'' B'' (K_1 - 1) + A' B'' B'' (K - 1)] x + [A' A'' B'' (K' - K) (K_1 - 1)}$$

$$+ \{A' (K_1 - 1) - A'' (K_1 - 1)\} K' A' B'' + A' B'' \{A' (K' - 1) - A'' (K - 1)\} + A' A'' B'' B''$$
[14]

Writing a collineation ( $T_3'$ ) of the form of [12] which would transform  $(x, y)$  directly into  $(x_2, y_2)$  we have:

$$T_3': x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_2' & 0 & 1 & K_2 A_2' \\ A_2'' & B_2'' & 1 & K_2' A_2'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_2' & 0 & 1 & K_2 \\ A_2'' & B_2'' & 1 & K_2' \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_2' & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_2'' & B_2'' & 1 & K_2' B_2'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_2' & 0 & 1 & K_2 \\ A_2'' & B_2'' & 1 & K_2' \end{vmatrix}}$$
[15]

Expanding  $T_3'$  gives:

$$T_3': x_2 = \frac{K_2 A_2' B_2'' x + A_2' A_2'' (K_2' - K_2) y}{B_2'' (K_2 - 1) x + [A_2' (K_2' - 1) - A_2'' (K_2 - 1)] y + A_2' B_2''}$$

$$y_2 = \frac{K_2' A_2' B_2'' y}{B_2'' (K_2 - 1) x + [A_2' (K_2' - 1) - A_2'' (K_2 - 1)] y + A_2' B_2''}$$
[16]

If the collineations  $T_3$  [14] and  $T_3'$  [16] are to be identical the corresponding coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$  must be equal.

Dividing the numerator and denominator of the right hand member of each equation in [14] and [16] by the absolute term of the denominator and equating the resulting ratios gives:

$$\kappa_2 = \kappa \kappa_1 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{A_2''(\kappa_2' - \kappa_2)}{\beta_2''} = \frac{\kappa_1 A''(\kappa_1' - \kappa)}{\beta''} + \frac{\kappa_1' A_1''(\kappa_1' - \kappa_1)}{\beta_1''} \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\kappa_2' = \kappa_1' \kappa_1' \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$\frac{\kappa_2 - 1}{A_2'} = \frac{\kappa(\kappa_1 - 1)}{A_1'} + \frac{\kappa - 1}{A'} \dots \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{\kappa_2' - 1}{\beta_2''} - \frac{A_2''(\kappa_2 - 1)}{A_2' \beta_2''} = \frac{(\kappa_1 - 1)(\kappa_1' - \kappa) A''}{A_1' \beta''} + \frac{\kappa_1'(\kappa_1' - 1)}{\beta_1''} - \frac{\kappa_1'(\kappa_1 - 1) A_1''}{A_1' \beta_1''} + \frac{(\kappa_1' - 1)}{\beta_1''} - \frac{A_1''(\kappa_1 - 1)}{A_1' \beta_1''} \dots (5)$$

[17]

As was to be expected this gives five equations of condition which fully determine the five parameters of  $T_3''$  [15] in terms of  $T_1$  [12]. The resultant, therefore of two plane collineations each leaving a triangle invariant and both leaving the same lineal element invariant is another collineation of the same kind. I'm attempting to determine

whether the resultant of any two of the  $\infty^5$  collineations leaving the same lineal element invariant is another collineation of the same kind, the work has been done independently of the work of determining the groups  $G_6(A)$  in order that the one work may check the other. If the work has been done in each case correctly the substitution of the condition  $B' = B'_1 = B'_2 = 0$  in equations [11], page 8, (the six equations of condition which determined the six parameters of the resultant in  $G_6(A)$ ), should reduce these to five equations of conditions, and, moreover, the same five equations of condition that we have in [17] on the preceding page. Upon making the substitution we find this to be the case. Of equations [11] no. (3) becomes  $0=0$  and drops out leaving (1), (2), (4), (5) and (6) identical respectively with (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of [17]



In order to show that the  $\infty^5$  col-  
 lineations having a lineal element in  
 common possess the second group  
 property, namely, that the inverse  
 collineation to each one exists and is  
 another collineation of the same  
 kind, let us take the equations of  $T_1$  in  
 the expanded form [12a], page 13, and attempt  
 to solve them for  $x$  and  $y$ . Clearing,  
 transposing and collecting for  $x$  and  $y$ , we  
 have:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & [\beta''(k-1)x_1 - kA'B'']x + [\{A'(k'-1) - A''(k-1)\}x_1 - A'A''(k'-k)]y + A'B''x_1 = 0 \\ & \beta''(k-1)y_1x + [\{A'(k'-1) - A''(k-1)\}y_1 - k'A'B'']y + A'B''y_1 = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} [18]$$

Solving these two equations for  $x$  and  $y$   
 gives:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \frac{k'A'B''x_1 - (k'-k)A'A''y_1}{k'\beta''(1-k)x_1 + [A''(k-1)(k'-k) - k\{A'(k'-1) - A''(k-1)\}]y_1 - kA'A'B''} \\ y &= \frac{kA'B''y_1}{k'\beta''(1-k)x_1 + [A''(k-1)(k'-k) - k\{A'(k'-1) - A''(k-1)\}]y_1 - kA'A'B''} \end{aligned} \right\} [19]$$

These equations give us the inverse

collineation since they are of the same analytical form as the direct collineation [12a]. The inverse of  $T_i'$ , [12a] therefore exists and is a collineation of the same kind. To verify the correctness of the solution of equations [18] for equations [19] it is only necessary to substitute in the equations obtained for the inverse of  $T_i'$  [1] on page 10 the original expressions for the Greek letters and the condition  $\beta' = \beta'_i = 0$  and reduce. Performing the substitution and reduction readily shows them to be identical with [19].

We have shown, then, that the  $\infty^5$  collineations each leaving a triangle invariant and all leaving the same lineal element invariant form a group. It is a five-parametered sub-group of  $G_8$  and will be referred to as  $G_5(Al)$ . Since there are  $\infty^3$  lineal elements in the plane, it

follows that there are  $\infty^3$  sub-groups  $G_5(A, l)$  in  $G_8$ .

We shall next investigate whether there are four-parametered sub-groups in  $G_8$ . Four parameters become constants in the fixing of two points. We, therefore, let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two plane collineations each leaving a triangle invariant and both leaving the same two points invariant - say the points  $(A, B)$  and  $(A', B')$ .

If the points  $A$  and  $B$ , [coordinates  $(A, B)$  and  $(A', B')$ ] are common the line joining them will be common to  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . Let  $A$  be taken for origin as in the work for  $G_6(A)$  and  $G_5(A, l)$  and let the line  $AB$  be chosen for the  $x$ -axis. We then have for  $T_1$ :

$$X_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & KA' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K'A'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K'B'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}, [20]$$

and for  $T_2$ :

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K_1 A' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K_1' A'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K_1 \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K_1' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K_1 A' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K_1' A'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K_1 \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K_1' \end{vmatrix}}. \quad [21]$$

We proceed as before to obtain the resultant of  $T_1$  [20] and  $T_2$  [21].

Expanding [20] and [21] gives:

$$T_1: \begin{cases} x_1 = \frac{K A' B'' x + A' A'' (K' - K) y}{B'' (K - 1) x + [A' (K' - 1) - A'' (K - 1)] y + A' B''} \\ y_1 = \frac{K' A' B'' y}{B'' (K - 1) x + [A' (K' - 1) - A'' (K - 1)] y + A' B''} \end{cases} \quad [22]$$

$$T_2: \begin{cases} x_2 = \frac{K_1 A' B'' x_1 + A' A'' (K_1' - K_1) y_1}{B'' (K_1 - 1) x_1 + [A' (K_1' - 1) - A'' (K_1 - 1)] y_1 + A' B''} \\ y_2 = \frac{K_1' A' B'' y_1}{B'' (K_1 - 1) x_1 + [A' (K_1' - 1) - A'' (K_1 - 1)] y_1 + A' B''} \end{cases} \quad [23].$$

Eliminating  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  from [22] and [23] gives the resultant:

$$T_3: \begin{cases} x_2 = \frac{K K_1 A' B'' B'' x + [K_1 A' A'' B'' (K' - K) + K' A' A'' B'' (K_1' - K_1)] y}{[K B'' B'' (K_1 - 1) + B'' B'' (K - 1)] x + [A' B'' (K' - K) (K_1 - 1) + K' B'' \{A' (K' - 1) - A'' (K - 1)\} + B'' \{A' (K_1' - 1) - A'' (K_1 - 1)\}] y + A' B'' B''} \\ y_2 = \frac{K' K_1' A' B'' B'' y}{[\text{same denominator as for } x_2]} \end{cases} \quad [24]$$

Writing a collineation ( $T_3'$ ) of the form of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  which would leave the same two points  $A$  and  $B$  invariant and transform the point  $(x_1 y_1)$  directly into  $(x_2 y_2)$  and expanding  $T_3'$  gives:

$$T_3': \begin{cases} x_2 = \frac{K_2 A' B_2'' x + A' A_2'' (K_2' - K_2) y}{B_2'' (K_2 - 1) x + [A' (K_2' - 1) - A_2'' (K_2 - 1)] y + A' B_2''} \\ y_2 = \frac{K_2' A' B_2'' y}{B_2'' (K_2 - 1) x + [A' (K_2' - 1) - A_2'' (K_2 - 1)] y + A' B_2''} \end{cases} \quad [25]$$

If  $T_3$  [24] and  $T_3'$  [25] are to be identical the corresponding coefficients of  $x$  and  $y$  must be equal. Dividing out the absolute terms and equating resulting ratios we have:

$$K_2 = K K_1 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{A_2''}{B_2''} (K_2' - K_2) = \frac{K_1 A''}{B''} (K' - K) + \frac{K' A_1''}{B_1''} (K_1' - K_1) \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$K_2' = K' K_1' \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$\frac{K_2' - 1}{B_2''} - \frac{A_2'' (K_2 - 1)}{A' B_2''} = \frac{A'' (K' - K) (K_1 - 1)}{A' B''} + \frac{K' (K_1' - 1)}{B_1''} + \frac{K_1' - 1}{B''} - \frac{K' (A_1'') (K_1 - 1)}{A' B_1''} - \frac{A'' (K - 1)}{A' B''} \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

} [26]

It will be noticed that the equation obtained by equating the coefficients of  $x$  in the denominator and the equation obtained by equating the coefficients



of  $y$  in the numerator of the right member of the equation for  $y_2$  both reduce to the same equation (3) above.

This gives four independent equations of condition which completely determine the four parameters of  $T_3'$  [25] in terms of the original collineations  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .

The  $\infty^4$  collineations each leaving a triangle invariant and all leaving the same two points invariant, therefore, possess the fundamental group property that the resultant of any two of them is another of the same kind.

We may check the correctness of the work in obtaining equations [26] by substituting in equations [17] page 15, the condition  $A_2' = A_1' = A'$ . We find upon making the substitution, that equation (4) of [17] becomes identical with (3) and equations [17] reduce to equations [26].

In order to show that the  $\infty^4$  collineations under discussion possess the other necessary group property

we would take equations of  $T_i$  in the [22], page 20, and solve for  $x$  and  $y$  in terms of  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ . But we find that this work has already been done on page 17, since equations [22] and [12a] are exactly the same.

The  $\infty^4$  plane collineations each of which leaves invariant a triangle and all of which leave the same two points invariant, possess the group properties and therefore form a sub-group of  $G_8$ . Since there are  $\infty^4$  pairs of points in the plane it follows that there are  $\infty^4$  such sub-groups in  $G_8$ . We shall refer to this four-parametered sub-group as  $G_4(AB)$ .

A set of  $\infty^4$  plane collineations may also be obtained in a different way. To fix a straight line and a point not on the line in the plane would require the change of four parameters into constants. Hence

there are  $\infty^4$  plane collineations each leaving a triangle invariant and all leaving the same straight line invariant and the same point not on the common line. Let the common invariant point be chosen for origin and ~~the~~ a line through the origin parallel to the common invariant line be chosen for the x-axis. Then any two plane collineations ( $T_1$  and  $T_2$ ) which would each leave a triangle invariant and both leave the same line and the same point not on the common line invariant would take the forms:

$$T_1: \quad x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & B' & 1 & KA' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K'A'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & B' & 1 & KB' \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K'B'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A' & B' & 1 & K \\ A'' & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad [27]$$

$$T_2: x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_1' & B_1' & 1 & K_1 A_1' \\ A_1'' & B_1' & 1 & K_1' A_1'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_1' & B_1' & 1 & K_1 \\ A_1'' & B_1' & 1 & K_1' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_1' & B_1' & 1 & K_1 B_1' \\ A_1'' & B_1' & 1 & K_1' B_1' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_1' & B_1' & 1 & K_1 \\ A_1'' & B_1' & 1 & K_1' \end{vmatrix}} \quad [28]$$

It will be noticed that the only variations of these equations [27] and [28] from [1] and [2] of page 4 is that  $B_1' = B_2'' = B_1' = B_1''$  also a transformation of the same form which would transform  $(x, y)$  directly into  $(x_2, y_2)$  would have  $B_2' = B_2'' = B_1'$ . If the resultant of  $T_1$  [27] and  $T_2$  [28] is another of the same kind the substitution of the above conditions in equations [11] page 8, should reduce the six to only four independent equations. Making the substitutions and reducing we find the first four of [11] reduce to the following forms [29] given on the following page and that equation (5) of [11] reduces to (4) of [29] and equation (6) of [11] reduces to (3) of [29]. Equations [11], therefore, reduce to the following four independent equations:

$$\frac{K_2 A_2' - K_2' A_2''}{A_2' - A_2''} = \frac{(K A' - K' A'')(K_1 A_1' - K_1' A_1'') + A_1' A_1'' (K_1' - K_1) (K' - K)}{(A' - A'')(A_1' - A_1'')} \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{A_2' A_2'' (K_2' - K_2)}{A_2' - A_2''} = \frac{A' A'' (K' - K) (K_1 A_1' - K_1' A_1'') + A_1' A_1'' (K_1' - K_1) (K A' - K A'')}{(A' - A'')(A_1' - A_1'')} \dots (2)$$

$$\frac{K_2' - K_2}{A_2' - A_2''} = \frac{(K_1' - K_1) (K A' - K' A'') + (K' - K) (K_1 A_1' - K_1' A_1'')}{(A' - A'')(A_1' - A_1'')} \dots (3)$$

$$\frac{K_2' A_2' - K_2 A_2''}{A_2' - A_2''} = \frac{A' A'' (K' - K) (K_1' - K_1) + (K A' - K A'') (K_1 A_1' - K_1' A_1'')}{(A' - A'')(A_1' - A_1'')} \dots (4)$$

Hence the  $\infty^4$  plane collineations under discussion possess the fundamental group property that the resultant of any two of them is another of the same kind. In order to show that the inverse to each transformation exists let the condition  $\beta' = \beta'' = \beta_1' = \beta_1''$  be substituted in the equation  $T_1'$  - the inverse of [1] - as given on page 10. Inspection shows that such substitution cannot alter its analytical form. Therefore the inverse to  $T_1$  [27] exists and is another collineation of the same kind. We have shown, then, that the  $\infty^4$  col-

lineations under discussion possess the group properties and therefore form a sub-group of  $G_8$ . It is a four-parametered group and we shall refer to it as  $G_4(A, l'')$ . Since there are  $2^4$  combinations of point and line in the plane where the point is not on the line, it follows that there are  $2^4$  sub-groups  $G_4(A, l'')$  in  $G_8$ .

Let us next seek to determine whether there is a three-parametered sub-group of  $G_8$ . Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be two plane collineations having two points  $[(A, B) = (A', B')]$  and  $[(A''B'') = (A', B')]$  in common and the line through  $(A, B)$  and  $(A''B'')$  also common. We may choose this last line

for the  $y$ -axis and then  $A'' = A_1'' = A_2'' = 0$ .

$T_1$  then takes the form:

$$T_1: X_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & KA' \\ 0 & B'' & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K \\ 0 & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}}, \quad Y_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & B'' & 1 & K'B'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x & y & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A' & 0 & 1 & K \\ 0 & B'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad [30]$$



and  $\pi_2$  becomes;

$$T_2: \quad x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_1' & 0 & 1 & KA_1' \\ 0 & \beta_1'' & 1 & D \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_1' & 0 & 1 & K \\ 0 & \beta_1'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad y_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ A_1' & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_1'' & 1 & K'\beta_1'' \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ A_1' & 0 & 1 & K \\ 0 & \beta_1'' & 1 & K' \end{vmatrix}} \quad [31]$$

If the  $\infty^5$  collineations of the form of  $T_1$  [30] and  $T_2$  [31] possess the group property that the resultant of any two of them is another of the same kind the substitution of the condition  $A_1'' = A_2'' = A_3'' = 0$  should reduce equations [26] to only three independent equations. Making the substitution and reducing gives:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} K_2 &= K K_1 \dots \dots \dots (1) \\ K_2' &= K' K_1' \dots \dots \dots (2) \\ \frac{K_2' - 1}{\beta_2''} &= \frac{K'(K_1' - 1)}{\beta_1''} + \frac{K' - 1}{\beta_1''} \dots \dots (3) \end{aligned} \right\} [32]$$

In the reduction equation (2) of [26] reduces to  $0=0$  and drops out leaving only three independent equations. The  $\infty^5$  collineations under discussion, therefore, possess the fundamental group property.



If we expand  $T_1$  [30] and solve for  $x$  and  $y$  we obtain for its inverse:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x &= \frac{K'A'B''x_1}{K'B''(1-K)x_1 - KA'(K'-1)y_1 - KK'A'B''} \\ y &= \frac{KA'B''y_1}{K'B''(1-K)x_1 - KA'(K'-1)y_1 - KK'A'B''} \end{aligned} \right\} [33]$$

which is of the same analytic form as [30] is when expanded. The  $\infty^5$  collineations under discussion, therefore form a group. It is a three-parametered sub-group of  $G_8$  and is designated  $G_3(ABL')$ . Since  $\infty^5$  combinations can be made of two points and a line through one of them and not the other it follows that there are  $\infty^5$  sub-groups  $G_3(ABL')$  in  $G_8$ .

If we let the collineations  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  have three points in common invariant we may test by substituting  $B'' = B_1'' = B_2''$  in [32]. The equations reduce to only two independent equations;  $K_2 = KK_1$  and  $K_2' = K'K_1'$ . Substitution of the same condition in [33]<sub>2</sub> shows that the inverse exists. The  $\infty^6$  of such collineations therefore form a sub-group of  $G_8$ . Since  $\infty^6$  combinations can be made of 3 points and 3 lines it

follows that there are  $\mathcal{L}^6$  such subgroups in  $G_8$ . Such a sub-group may be designated  $G_6(ABC)$ .

From the relative positions of points in the invariant figure common to any two collineations of a system we have determined six sub-groups of  $G_8$ , namely  $G_6(A)$ ,  $G_5(Al)$ ,  $G_4(AB)$ ,  $G_4(A, l'')$ ,  $G_3(ABl')$  and  $G_2(ABC)$ .

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