

## A Generalized Andre Plane of order $3^4$

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**Summary:** A translation plane of order  $3^4$  is constructed. It is shown that the plane is a generalized Andre plane and computed the translation complement of the plane .It is found to be of order 6400.

### 1. Introduction

Rao and Davis have given [14 ] the construction of translation planes through t-spread sets. It may be recalled that Bruck and Bose have contributed to the theory of t-spread sets over finite fields for the construction of non Desarguesian translation planes through their papers [ 1] , [2 ] . In this paper we have constructed a translation plane  $\pi$  of order  $3^4$  using 3- spread sets . This plane is shown to be a generalized Andre plane applying the technique given by D.A.Foulser [6 ]. By making use of the properties of the collineation groups of the plane  $\pi$  the translation complement of the plane  $\pi$  is computed and found to be of order 6400.

### 2. Description of the plane $\pi$ and identifying the plane as a generalized Andre system

It is well known that a translation plane  $\pi$  of finite order can be coordinatized by a V-W system. Conversely given a V-W system  $(Q,+,\cdot)$  a translation plane  $\pi(Q)$  can be associated with  $Q$  [8,pp 362]. A V-W system can be constructed from a t-spread set.[1,pp95]. Thus the construction of translation plane of order  $q^{t+1}$  reduces to the construction of t-spread set. [3,,pp220]

**t-spread set** : Let  $t$  be a positive integer . A set  $\mathcal{E}$  of  $(t+1)$  by  $(t+1)$  matrices over  $F$  is a t-spread set over  $F$  if it satisfies

- a)  $|\mathcal{E}| = q^{t+1}$  ,  $\mathcal{E}$  contains the zero and identity matrices.
- b) For all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{E}$  ,  $X \neq Y \Rightarrow \det(X-Y) \neq 0$ .

Here  $\det A$  denotes the determinant of the matrix  $A$ .

Through out this paper  $F$ ,  $(abcd,efgh,klmn,pqrs)$  and  $i,p$  denote the Galois Field  $GF(3)$  ,the 4x4 matrix

$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ e & f & g & h \\ k & l & m & n \\ p & q & r & s \end{pmatrix}$  and ideal point respectively.

For  $M,N \in GL(4,3)$ ,  $T(M, N) = \{A \in GL(4,3) \mid A^{-1}MA=N\}$  ,  $Z(M) = T(M,M)$ .

Let  $G$  denote the translation complement of the translation plane  $\pi$ ;  $G_0(G_{81})$  denotes the collineation subgroup of  $G$  fixing the  $i,p$  0 (81);  $G_{0,81}$  denotes the (autotopism) collineation subgroup of  $G$  fixing the  $i,p$

$0,81$  and  $G_{0,81,1}$  denotes the subgroup of  $G$  ( conjugation collineation group) fixing the i.ps  $0,81,1$ ;In general  $G_{i,j,k,l,m}$  denotes the collineation subgroup of  $G$  fixing the i.ps  $i, j,k ,l ,m$ .

The translation plane  $\pi$  under study is constructed through a 3- spread set  $\mathcal{E}$  over  $F$ .The spread set  $\mathcal{E}$  is given by

$$\mathcal{E} = \{0\} \cup A_0 \mathcal{G} \cup A_1 \mathcal{G} \cup A_2 \mathcal{G} \cup A_3 \mathcal{G}.$$

where  $\mathcal{G} = \langle X, Y \mid X, Y \in GL(4,3), X^5 = I, Y^2 = -I, Y^{-1}XY = X^{-1} \rangle$  is a meta cyclic group of order 20 in  $GL(4,3)$  where  $X = (2120,0212,2221,1022)$ ,  $Y = (1100,1200,2012,1222)$

and

$$A_0 = (1000,0100,0010,0001)$$

$$A_1 = (0001,0011,0121,1001)$$

$$A_2 = (0010,0001,1100,0110)$$

$$A_3 = (0100,1100,1101,1112)$$

**Table 1**

I	$M_i$	C.P of $M_i$	I	$M_i$	C.P of $M_i$
0	(0000,0000,0000,0000)		41	(0010,0001,1100,0110)	[0121]
1	(1000,0100,0010,0001)	[2021]	42	(1112,2011,1001,1200)	[2211]
2	(1210,0121,1112,2011)	[2121]	43	(0102,2210,0221,1122)	[0121]
3	(2201,1020,0102,2210)	[1111]	44	(1110,0111,1111,1211)	[2101]
4	(1010,0101,1110,0111)	[2121]	45	(2110,0211,1121,1212)	[1101]
5	(2022,2102,2110,0211)	[1111]	46	(0020,0002,2200,0220)	[0111]
6	(2000,0200,0020,0002)	[1011]	47	(2221,1022,2002,2100)	[1221]
7	(2120,0212,2221,1022)	[1111]	48	(0201,1120,0112,2211)	[0111]
8	(1102,2010,0201,1120)	[2121]	49	(2220,0222,2222,2122)	[1101]
9	(2020,0202,2220,0222)	[1111]	50	(1220,0122,2212,2121)	[2101]
10	(1011,1201,1220,0122)	[2121]	51	(2012,1222,2000,0212)	[0001]
11	(1100,1200,2012,1222)	[0201]	52	(1221,1002,2120,2010)	[0001]
12	(1001,1122,1221,1002)	[0201]	53	(2021,2202,1102,0202)	[0001]
13	(0221,1211,2021,2202)	[0201]	54	(0022,0021,2020,1201)	[0001]
14	(1111,1212,0022,0021)	[0201]	55	(0210,1202,1011,0100)	[0001]
15	(1121,0220,0210,1202)	[0201]	56	(1021,2111,1000,0121)	[0001]
16	(2200,2100,1021,2111)	[0201]	57	(2112,2001,1210,1020)	[0001]
17	(2002,2211,2112,2001)	[0201]	58	(1012,1101,2201,0101)	[0001]
18	(0112,2122,1012,1101)	[0201]	59	(0011,0012,1010,2102)	[0001]
19	(2222,2121,0011,0012)	[0201]	60	(0120,2101,2022,0200)	[0001]
20	(2212,0110,0120,2101)	[0201]	61	(0100,1100,1101,1112)	[0001]
21	(0001,0011,0121,1001)	[0001]	62	(0121,1001,0012,0102)	[0001]
22	(2011,0120,1020,0221)	[0001]	63	(1020,0221,2101,1110)	[0001]
23	(2210,2012,0101,1111)	[0001]	64	(0101,1111,1222,2110)	[0001]
24	(0111,1221,2102,1121)	[0001]	65	(2102,1121,1002,0020)	[0001]
25	(0211,2021,0200,2200)	[0001]	66	(0200,2200,2202,2221)	[0001]
26	(0002,0022,0212,2002)	[0001]	67	(0212,2002,0021,0201)	[0001]
27	(1022,0210,2010,0112)	[0001]	68	(2010,0112,1202,2220)	[0001]
28	(1120,1021,0202,2222)	[0001]	69	(0202,2222,2111,1220)	[0001]
29	(0222,2112,1201,2212)	[0001]	70	(1201,2212,2001,0010)	[0001]

30	(0122,1012,0100,1100)	[0001]	71	(1200,2000,0222,0120)	[0001]
31	(1222,0201,0110,2022)	[0001]	72	(1122,2120,0122,2012)	[0001]
32	(1002,2220,1200,2000)	[0001]	73	(1211,1102,0001,1221)	[0001]
33	(2202,1220,1122,2120)	[0001]	74	(1212,2020,2011,2021)	[0001]
34	(0021,0010,1211,1102)	[0001]	75	(0220,1011,2210,0022)	[0001]
35	(1202,1112,1212,2020)	[0001]	76	(2100,1000,0111,0210)	[0001]
36	(2111,0102,0220,1011)	[0001]	77	(2211,1210,0211,1021)	[0001]
37	(2001,1110,2100,1000)	[0001]	78	(2122,2201,0002,2112)	[0001]
38	(1101,2110,2211,1210)	[0001]	79	(2121,1010,1022,1012)	[0001]
39	(0012,0020,2122,2201)	[0001]	80	(0110,2022,1120,0011)	[0001]
40	(2101,2221,2121,1010)	[0001]	81	-----	

The translation plane  $\pi$  under study is constructed through the 3-spread set  $\mathcal{E}$  over  $F$  by considering 4-dimensional subspaces  $V_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 81$  of  $V(8,3)$ , the 8-dimensional vector space over  $F$  as follows:

Let  $V_i = \{(x, y) / y = x M_i, x \in F^4\}$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 80$ ,  $V_{81} = \{(0, y) / y \in F^4\}$ . The incidence structure whose points are vectors of  $V = F^8$  and whose lines are  $V_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 81$  and their cosets in the additive group of  $V$  with inclusion as incidence relation is the translation plane  $\pi$  associated with the 3-spread set  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Left and Middle nuclei of the t-spread set : If  $\mathcal{E}$  is a t-spread set then

$$M_\lambda = \{ M \in \mathcal{E} \mid \mathcal{E} M = \mathcal{E} \}$$

$$M_\mu = \{ M \in \mathcal{E} \mid M \mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E} \}$$

Left nucleus  $M_\lambda$  and middle nucleus  $M_\mu$  are multiplicative groups of  $GL(t+1, q)$  and if  $M \in \mathcal{E}$  and  $M^2 \notin \mathcal{E}$

Then  $M \notin M_\lambda \cup M_\mu$ . It can be observed that the left and middle nuclei of the above 3-spread set  $\mathcal{E}$  are as given below

$$\text{Left Nucleus : } M_\lambda = \mathcal{E} \cup A_1 \mathcal{E} = \langle M_3, M_{21} \mid M_3^5 = I, M_{21}^8 = I, M_{21}^{-1} M_3 M_{21} = M_3^3 \rangle$$

Left nucleus is a meta cyclic group of order 40.

$$\text{Middle nucleus } M_\mu : M_\mu = \mathcal{E} \cup A_3 \mathcal{E} = \langle M_3, M_{61} \mid M_3^5 = I, M_{61}^8 = I, M_{61}^{-1} M_3 M_{61} = M_3^3 \rangle$$

Middle nucleus is also a meta cyclic group of order 40.

### V-W system associated with the spread set $\mathcal{E}$

Let  $(Q, +, \cdot)$  be a system constructed from the 3-spread set  $\mathcal{E}$  where  $Q = F^4$ , the operation ‘+’ is the ordinary vector sum. Let  $e = (1000)$ . For each  $y \in Q$  there is a unique matrix  $M \in \mathcal{E}$  (denoted by  $M(y)$ ) such that

$y = e M$ . For  $x, y \in Q$ ,  $y \neq 0$  define  $y.x = x M(y)$  and  $0.x = 0$ . The system  $(Q, +, \cdot)$  is a left V-W system coordinatizing the translation plane  $\pi$ . Let  $N_\lambda, N_\mu$  be the left and middle nuclei of the V-W system  $(Q, +, \cdot)$

So  $N_\lambda = \langle (1210), (0001) \rangle$  and  $N_\mu = \langle (1210), (0100) \rangle$ .  $N_\lambda \cap N_\mu$  contains a unique cyclic subgroup generated by  $g$  of order 10 where  $g = (1210)$ .

### V-W system is a $\lambda$ -system:

The quadruples of  $Q$  are indexed as follows  $Q = \{x_i \mid x_i = e M_i, M_i \in \mathcal{E}, 0 \leq i \leq 80\}$ .  $x_2 = (1210) = g$

We observe the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_{10j+1} \cdot g &= g^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+1})}} \cdot X_{10j+1} \Leftrightarrow g M(X_{10j+1}) = X_{10j+1} M(g^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+1})}}) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow g A_{j_1} M_{11}^k M_2^{i-1} = e A_{j_1} M_{11}^k M_2^{i-1} M_2^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+1})}} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow g A_{j_1} M_{11}^k = e A_{j_1} M_{11}^k M_2^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+1})}} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow g = e (A_{j_1} (M_{11}^k M_2^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+1})}} M_{11}^{-k}) A_{j_1}^{-1}) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \lambda(X_{10j+1}) = 0 \text{ where } \begin{array}{l} j=0,4 \\ \phantom{j=0,4} = 2 \phantom{j=0,4} \phantom{j=0,4} \\ \phantom{j=0,4} = 1 \phantom{j=0,4} \phantom{j=0,4} \\ \phantom{j=0,4} = 3 \phantom{j=0,4} \phantom{j=0,4} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} j=1,5 \\ j=2,6 \\ j=3,7 \end{array} \quad \text{I}
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 \leq j \leq 7, 1 \leq i \leq 10$  define  $\lambda(X_{10j+i}) = \lambda(X_{10j+1})$  II

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now we see } X_{10j+i} \cdot g &= g^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+i})}} \cdot X_{10j+i} \Leftrightarrow g M(X_{10j+i}) = X_{10j+i} M(g^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+i})}}) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow g A_{j_1} M_{11}^k M_2^{i-1} = e A_{j_1} M_{11}^k M_2^{i-1} M_2^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+i})}} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow g A_{j_1} M_{11}^k = e A_{j_1} M_{11}^k M_2^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+i})}} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow X_{10j+i} \cdot g = g^{3^{\lambda(X_{10j+i})}} \cdot X_{10j+i}
 \end{aligned}$$

From the above it is clear that the mapping  $\lambda : Q^* \rightarrow Z_4$  (integers modulo 4) defined in I and II satisfy the property  $x \cdot g = g^{3^{\lambda(x)}} \cdot x$  for all  $x \in Q^*$ . [By theorem in 13 pp 541] V-W system is a  $\lambda$ - system.

### 3. Collineations of the translation plane $\pi$

Any non-singular linear transformation on  $V=F^8$  induces a collineation of  $\pi$  fixing the point corresponding to the zero vector if and only if the linear transformation permutes the subspaces  $V_i, 0 \leq i \leq 81$  among themselves. Equivalently, a non-singular linear transformation  $T = \begin{bmatrix} B & C \\ D & E \end{bmatrix}$ , where B,C,D and E are  $4 \times 4$  matrices over F, induces a collineation of  $\pi$  fixing the point corresponding to the zero vector if and only if the following conditions (a) and (b) are satisfied. [17, Theorem 1]

(a) If D is non-singular, then  $D^{-1}E \in \mathcal{E}$ . If D is singular then D is the zero matrix and E is non-singular.

(b) For  $M \in \mathcal{E}$  if  $(B+MD)$  is non-singular, then  $(B+MD)^{-1}(C+ME) \in \mathcal{E}$  if  $(B+MD)$  is singular then  $(B+MD)$  is the zero matrix and  $(C+ME)$  is non-singular.

The group of all collineations leaving the point corresponding to the zero vector of  $\pi$  invariant is called the translation complement of  $\pi$ . Through out this paper, by a collineation we mean a collineation from the translation complement of  $\pi$ .

### 3.1 Collineations corresponding to the Left and middle nuclei

The mappings  $\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & M_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & M_{11} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & M_{21} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} M_2^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$

$\gamma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} M_{61}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$  are all collineations of  $\pi$  and the actions of the collineations  $\alpha, \beta$  on the set of i.ps. of  $\pi$  are furnished below:

$$\alpha : (0)(81)(1,2,\dots,10)(11, 12,\dots,20)(21,22,\dots,30)(31,32,\dots,40)$$

$$(41, 42,\dots,50)(51,52,\dots,60)(61,62,\dots,70)(71,72,\dots,80)$$

$$\beta : (0)(81)(1,11,6,16)(2,20,7,15)(3,19,8,14)(4,18,9,13)(5,17,10,12)$$

$$(21,31,26,36)(22,40,27,35)(23,39,28,34)(24,38,29,33)(25,37,30,32)$$

$$(41,51,46,56)(42,60,47,55)(43,59,48,54)(44,58,49,53)(45,57,50,52)$$

$$(61,71,66,76)(62,80,67,75)(63,79,68,74)(64,78,69,73)(65,77,70,72)$$

$$\text{Also } \lambda^{-1}\alpha\lambda = \alpha^3, \quad \lambda^{-1}\beta\lambda = \beta\alpha^8, \quad \gamma_i^{-1}\alpha\gamma_i = \alpha, \quad \gamma_i^{-1}\beta\gamma_i = \beta, \quad i = 1,2.$$

The actions of the collineations  $\lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$  on the set of i.ps of  $\pi$  are computed and furnished below.

$$\lambda : (0)(81)(1,21,12,32,6,26,17,37)(2,24,11,39,7,29,16,34) (3,27,20,36,8,22,15,31)$$

$$(4,30,19,33,9,25,14,38) (5,23,18,40,10,28,13,35)(22,60,40,47,27,55,35,42)$$

$$(23,51,31,48,28,56,36,43)(41,62,52,71,46,67,57,76) (42,65,51,78,47,70,56,73)$$

$$(43,68,60,75,48,63,55,80) (44,61,59,72,49,66,54,77)(45,64,58,79,50,69,53,74)$$

$$\gamma_1 : (0)(81)(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10)(11,20,19,18,17,16,15,14,13,12)$$

$$(21,24,27,30,23,26,29,22,25,28) (31,38,35,32,39,36,33,40,37,34)$$

$$(41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50)(51,60,59,58,57,56,55,54,53,52)$$

$$(61,64,67,70,63,66,69,62,65,68)(71,78,75,72,79,76,73,80,77,74)$$

$$\gamma_2 : (0)(81)(1,61,11,71,6,66,16,76)(2,62,12,72,7,67,17,77) (3,63,13,73,8,68,18,78)$$

$$(4,64,14,74,9,69,19,79) (5,65,15,75,10,70,20,80)(21,59,39,46,26,54,34,41)$$

$$(25,53,33,50, 30,58,38,45)$$

Let  $\gamma_3 = \gamma_2^2$ . Now  $\gamma_3 = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11}^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$  is a collineation of  $\pi$  and its action on the set of i.ps of  $\pi$  follows from the action of  $\gamma_2$  and is given below:

$\gamma_3$  : (0)(81) (1,11,6,16)(2,12,7,17)(3,13,8,18)(4,14,9,20)(5,15,10,20) (21,32,26,37) (22,33,27,38)  
 (23,34,28,39) (24,35,29,40) (25,36,30,31)(41,59,46,54) (42,60,47,55) (43,51,48,56) (44,52,49,57)  
 (45,53,50,58) (61,80,66,75) (62,71,67,76) (63,72,68,77) (64,73,69,78) (65,74,70,79)

**Homology groups;** [ 9,pp 385]: From the left nucleus of the plane and the collineations  $\alpha, \lambda$  it is clear that  $\langle \alpha, \lambda \rangle$  is the  $((\infty), [0,0])$ - homology group  $H_1$  of  $\pi$ . From the middle nucleus and the collineations  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  of  $\pi$

$\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle$  is the  $((0), [0])$ -homology group  $H_2$  of  $\pi$ . Both homology groups are meta cyclic groups of order 40. The collineation group  $\langle H_1, H_2 \rangle = \langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle$  divides the set of i.ps of  $\pi$  into three orbits  $\mathcal{O}_i, i = 1, 2, 3$  of lengths 1, 1, 80 where  $\mathcal{O}_1 = \{0\}, \mathcal{O}_2 = \{81\}, \mathcal{O}_3 = \{i \mid 1 \leq i \leq 80\}$ .

### 3.2 Conjugacy collineations of the plane

A mapping  $\delta = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $A \in GL(4,3)$  induces a conjugation collineation of  $\pi$  if  $A^{-1} \mathcal{E} A = \mathcal{E}$ . The

set of all conjugation collineations of  $\pi$  forms a group called the conjugation collineation group, and this group fixes the ideal points corresponding to  $V(0), V(\infty)$ , and  $V(I)$ . Conjugacy collineations of the plane keeps the left and middle nuclei of  $\mathcal{E}$  invariant. From Table 1 the matrices  $M_i, i = 3, 5, 7, 9$  are the only matrices with C.P [1111] and the matrices  $M_i, i = 41, 43$  are the only matrices with C.P [0121]. So every collineation either fixes the i.p 41 or flips the i.ps 41, 43 while keeping the set of i.ps  $S = \{3, 5, 7, 9\}$  invariant. In order to keep the set of i.ps of  $S$  invariant under  $\delta$  the matrix  $A$  of  $\delta$  belong to the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= Z(M_3) \cap Z(M_{41}) & K_4 &= Z(M_3) \cap T(M_{41}, M_{43}) \\ K_2 &= T(M_3, M_9) \cap Z(M_{41}) & K_5 &= T(M_3, M_9) \cap T(M_{41}, M_{43}) \\ K_3 &= T(M_3, M_7) \cap Z(M_{41}) & K_6 &= T(M_3, M_7) \cap T(M_{41}, M_{43}) \end{aligned}$$

The sets  $K_2, K_3, K_4, K_6$  are empty.  $K_1 = Z(M_3), K_5 = T(M_3, M_9)$ . No conjugacy collineation maps the i.p 3 onto the i.p 7 and every conjugation collineation either fixes the i.ps 3 and 41 or flips the i.ps 3, 9 and 41, 43.

Also since  $M_\lambda \cap M_\mu = \mathcal{E}$  each matrix of  $\mathcal{E}$  induces a conjugacy collineation. Let  $\delta_1 = \gamma_1^{-1} \alpha, \delta_2 = \gamma_3^{-1} \beta$ . The mappings  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are collineations of  $\pi$  since they are product of collineations.  $\langle \delta_1, \delta_2 \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $G_{0,81,1}$  and is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{E}$

The actions of the conjugation collineations  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  on the set of i.ps. of  $\pi$  can be computed from the actions of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma_1, \gamma_3$  and are furnished below:

$\delta_1$ : (0)(81)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)(11,13,15,17,19)(12,14,16,18,20) (21,29,27,25,23)  
 (22,30,28,26,24) (31,35,39,33,37)(32,36,40,34,38)(41)(42)(43)(44) (45)(46)(47)(48)(49)(50)  
 (51,53,55,57,59)(52,54,56,58,60) (61,69,67,65,63) (62,70,68,66,64) (71,75,79,73,77)

(72,76,80,74,78)

$\delta_2$ : (0)(81)(1)(2,10)(3,9)(4,8)(5,7)(6)(11)(12,20)(13,19)(14,18)(15,17)(16)  
 (21,23)(22)(24,30)(25,29)(26,28)(27)(31,39)(32,38)(33,37)(34,36)(35)(40)  
 (41,43)(42)(44,50)(45,49)(46,48)(47)(51,59)(52,58)(53,57)(54,56)(55)(60)  
 (61)(62,70)(63,69)(64,68)(65,67)(66)(71)(72,80)(73,79)(74,78)(75,77)(76)

From the actions of the collineations  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  on the set of i.ps. of  $\pi$  it is clear that the collineation group  $\langle \delta_1, \delta_2 \rangle$  is transitive on the set of i.ps.  $\{3,9\}, \{11,13,15,17,19\}$  and  $\{12,14,16,18,20\}$  separately.

If  $\delta_3 = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix}$  is a mapping fixing the i.ps. 3 and 11 then the matrix A of  $\delta_3$  belongs  $Z(M_3) \cap Z(M_{11})$ , where

$$Z(M_3) \cap Z(M_{11}) = \left\{ A(a, d) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 2d & 2d & d \\ d & a+d & 2d & 2d \\ 2d & 0 & a+d & 2d \\ 2d & d & 0 & a+d \end{pmatrix} \mid (a, d) \neq (0,0), a, d \in F \right\}$$

If  $A=A(1,1)^2 = (0112,2211,1021,1202)$  then  $A^{-1}M_{21}A=M_{26}$ ,  $A^{-1}M_{41}A=M_{41}$ ,  $A^{-1}M_{61}A=M_{66}$

If A of  $\delta$  is such that  $A^{-1} \mathcal{C} A = \mathcal{C}$  then  $\delta$  induces a collineation of  $\pi$  fixing the i.ps 0,81,1 if and only if  $A^{-1}M_{20i+1}A$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  belong to distinct left cosets of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Hence  $A=A(1,1)^2$  induces a conjugation collineation.

Also all even powers of  $A(1,1)$  induce conjugation collineations and the odd powers of  $A(1,1)$  do not induce conjugation collineations. So  $G_{0,81,1,3,11} = \langle \delta_3 \rangle$  where  $\delta_3 = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A=A(1,1)^2$ .  $\delta_3$  is of order 4.

The action of the collineation  $\delta_3$  on the set of i.ps. of  $\pi$  is computed and furnished below:

$\delta_3$ : (0)(81)(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)(11)(12)(13)(14)(15)(16)(17)(18)(19)(20)(21,26)  
 (22,27)(23,28)(24,29)(25,30)(31,36)(32,37)(33,38)(34,39)(35,40)(41)(42)(43)(44)(45)(46)  
 (47)(48)(49)(50)(51)(52)(53)(54)(55)(56)(57)(58)(59)(60)(61,66)(62,67)(63,68)(64,69)(71,76)  
 (73,78)(74,79)(75,80).

If  $\delta_4 = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$  is a mapping fixing the i.p. 3 and mapping the i.p. 11 onto the i.p.12 then the matrix A of  $\delta_4$  belongs to

$$Z(M_3) \cap T(M_{11}, M_{12}) = \left\{ A(c, d) = \begin{pmatrix} 2c+2d & 2c & c & d \\ d & 2c & 2c & c \\ c & c+d & 2c & 2c \\ 2c & 0 & c+d & 2c \end{pmatrix} \mid c, d \in F, (c, d) \neq (0,0) \right\}$$

It may be seen that no matrix of this set keeps  $\mathcal{E}$  invariant under conjugation. From this no matrix of this set yields a conjugation collineation and thus no conjugation collineation of  $\pi$  which fixes the i.p 3 maps the i.p 11 onto the i.p 12.

$$G_{0,81,1,3} = G_{0,81,1,3,11} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{i=1}^5 G_{0,81,1,3,11} \delta_1^i \right\} = \langle \delta_1, \delta_3 \rangle$$

$$|G_{0,81,1,3}| = 5 \quad |G_{0,81,1,3,11}| = 5 \times 4 = 20$$

If  $\delta_5 = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$  is a mapping flipping the i.ps 3,9 and mapping the i.p 11 onto the i.p 12 then the matrix A of  $\delta_5$

belongs to  $T(M_3, M_9) \cap T(M_{11}, M_{12})$ . Analysing as in the earlier case no matrix of this set yields a conjugation collineation. From this we conclude that no conjugation collineation which flips the i.ps 3 and 9 maps the i.p 11 onto the i.p 12. Hence the collineation group  $G_{0,81,1}$  is transitive on the set of i.ps {3,9} and {11,13,15,17,19} separately. Now

$$G_{0,81,1} = G_{0,81,1,3} \cup G_{0,81,1,3} \delta_2 = \langle \delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3 \rangle$$

Since  $G_{0,81,1}$  is transitive on {3,9}

$$|G_{0,81,1}| = 2 \quad |G_{0,81,1,3}| = 2 \times 20 = 40$$

In the above discussion we have seen that the collineation group  $G_{0,81,1,3,11}$  flips the i.ps 21 and 26. If

$\delta_6 = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$  is a mapping that fixes the i.ps 0,81,1,3,11 and 21 then the matrix A of  $\delta_6$  belongs to

$Z(M_3) \cap Z(M_{11}) \cap Z(M_{21})$ . By a straight forward computation we see that  $A = \pm I$ . The mapping  $\delta_6$  induces a scalar collineation which fixes all the i.ps .and

$$G_{0,81,1,3,11,21} = \langle \delta_6 \rangle \cong F^*$$

Thus  $G_{0,81,1,3,11,21}$  is the  $((0,0), [\infty])$ - homology group  $H_3$  of  $\pi$  and hence gives the kernel of  $\pi$ . Thus the kernel K of  $Q$  is isomorphic to  $F$ . Hence the kernel of  $\pi$  is trivial.

The collineation group  $\langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle$  fixes the i.ps 0 and 81 and is transitive on  $\mathcal{P}_3$ .

$$G_{0,81} = \left\{ \bigcup_{i=1}^{20} G_{0,81,1} \xi_i \right\} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{i=1}^{20} G_{0,81,1} \lambda \xi_i \right\} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{i=1}^{20} G_{0,81,1} \lambda \gamma_2^{-1} \xi_i \right\} \cup \left\{ \bigcup_{i=1}^{20} G_{0,81,1} \gamma_2 \xi_i \right\} \text{ where } \xi_i \text{ is a}$$

collineation from the collineation group  $\langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$  mapping the i.p 1 onto the i.p  $i, 1 \leq i \leq 20$  while fixing the i.ps 0 and 81.

$$G_{0,81} = \langle \delta_1, \delta_2, \alpha, \beta, \lambda, \gamma_2 \rangle = \langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_2 \mid \gamma_1 \rangle \text{ since } \beta = \lambda^2 \alpha^{-1} \text{ and } \langle \delta_1, \delta_2 \rangle \subset \langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle$$

$$|G_{0,81}| = 80 \quad |G_{0,81,1}| = 80 \times 40 = 3200$$

### 3.3 Translation complement of $\pi$

Let  $\theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ A & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $A = (1000,0001,0011,0121)$ . It may be seen that  $\theta : M \rightarrow A^{-1}M^{-1}A$ ,  $M \in \mathcal{E}$  and

$V_0 \theta = V_{81}$ ,  $V_{81} \theta = V_0$ . Further

$$\theta : M_2 \rightarrow M_2^7, M_{11} \rightarrow M_{17}, A_1 = M_{21} \rightarrow M_{29}, \quad A_2 = M_{41} \rightarrow M_{50}, \quad A_3 = M_{61} \rightarrow M_{37}$$

For  $0 \leq j \leq 7, 1 \leq i \leq 10$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta : M_{10j+i} &\rightarrow A^{-1}M_2^{1-i}M_{11}^{-k}A_{j_1}^{-1}A \text{ where } j_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{j}{2} \right\rfloor, k = j - 2j_1 \\ &= (A^{-1}M_2^{1-i}A)(A^{-1}M_{11}^{-k}A)(A^{-1}A_{j_1}^{-1}A) \\ &= M_2^{7(i-1)}M_{17}^k(A^{-1}A_{j_1}^{-1}A) \end{aligned}$$

For various values of  $j$ ;  $j_1$  takes the values 0,1,2,3. When  $j = 0$  or 1 then  $j_1 = 0$  and

$$\theta : M_{10j+i} \rightarrow M_2^{7(i-1)}M_{17}^k \in \mathcal{E}. \text{ When } j = 2 \text{ or } 3 \text{ then } j_1 = 1 \text{ and } \theta : M_{10j+i} \rightarrow M_2^{7(i-1)}M_{17}^kM_{79} \in \mathcal{E}$$

since  $\langle M_2, M_{11} \rangle \subset M_\mu$ . When  $j = 4$  or 5,  $\theta : M_{10j+i} \rightarrow M_2^{7(i-1)}M_{17}^kM_{50} \in \mathcal{E}$  since  $\mathcal{E} \subset M_\mu$ .

Also when  $j = 6$  or 7,  $\theta$  sends  $M_{10j+i}$  onto  $M_2^{7(i-1)}M_{17}^kM_{37} \in \mathcal{E}$  as  $M_2, M_{11} \in M_\mu$ . This shows that  $\theta$  permutes the non zero matrices of  $\mathcal{E}$  among themselves. From this it follows that  $\theta$  is a collineation of  $\pi$  flipping the i.ps 0,81 and fixing the i.p. 1.

It may be seen that  $V_0 \theta = V_{81}$ ,  $V_{81} \theta = V_0$ ,  $V_1 \theta = V_1$ ,  $V_{21} \theta = V_{79}$ ,  $V_{41} \theta = V_{50}$ ,  $V_{61} \theta = V_{37}$  and

$\theta^{-1}\alpha\theta = \gamma_1^7$ ,  $\theta^{-1}\beta\theta = \gamma_2^{-1}\gamma_1^{-1}$ . From these relations we get the following:

$$\begin{array}{ll} V_{1+i}\theta = V_{1+k_1} & \text{where } k_1 \equiv 7i \pmod{10} \\ V_{11+i}\theta = V_{11+k_2} & \text{where } k_2 \equiv 3i + 6 \pmod{10} \\ V_{21+i}\theta = V_{71+k_3} & \text{where } k_3 \equiv 9i + 8 \pmod{10} \\ V_{31+i}\theta = V_{61+k_4} & \text{where } k_4 \equiv i + 5 \pmod{10} \\ V_{41+i}\theta = V_{41+k_5} & \text{where } k_5 \equiv 7i + 9 \pmod{10} \\ V_{51+i}\theta = V_{51+k_6} & \text{where } k_6 \equiv 3i + 3 \pmod{10} \\ V_{61+i}\theta = V_{31+k_7} & \text{where } k_7 \equiv 9i + 6 \pmod{10} \\ V_{71+i}\theta = V_{21+k_4} & \end{array}$$

The action of the collineation  $\theta$  on the set of i.ps. of  $\pi$  is now given by

$\theta : (0,81)(1)(2,8,10,4)(3,5,9,7)(11,17,15,19)(12,20,14,16)(13)(18)(21,79,24,76) (22,78,23,77)$   
 $(25,75,30,80)(26,74,29,71)(27,73,28,72)(31,66,32,67)(35,68,40,65)(34,69,39,64)$   
 $(35,70,38,63)(36,61,37,62)(41,50,43,44)(42,47)(45,48,49,46) (51,54,53,60)(52,57)(55,56,59,58)$

It may be noted that the collineation group  $\langle G_{0,81}, \theta \rangle$  divides the set of i.ps. into two orbits  $\mathcal{O}_1 = \{0,81\}$  and

$\mathcal{O}_2 = \{i \mid 1 \leq i \leq 80\}$ . Further  $G_{0,81} \theta$  gives the set of all collineations of  $\pi$  that flips the i.ps. 0 and 81.

### 3.4 Non existence of certain collineations

**Lemma 1.** (a) No collineation of  $\pi$  maps the i.p. 1 onto the i.p. 81(0) and the i.p.81(0) onto the i.p. 0(81).

(b) No collineation of  $\pi$  maps the i.p. k onto the i.p. 81(0) and the i.p.81(0) onto the i.p. 0(81).

(c) Every collineation that fixes the i.p. 0(81) also fixes the i.p.81(0) i.e.,  $G_0 = G_{81} = G_{0,81}$ .

**Proof.** If  $\pi$  has a collineation which maps the i.p.1 onto the i.p. 81 and the i.p.81 onto the i.p. 0 then by a Lemma [16,chapter 3]  $M+M_1 \in \mathcal{E}$  for all  $M \in \mathcal{E}$ . This condition does not hold since

$M_{21} + M_1 = (1001,0111,0101,1002) \notin \mathcal{E}$ . This shows that no collineation of  $\pi$  maps the i.p. 1 onto the i.p. 81 and the i.p.81 onto the i.p. 0.

If  $\mu$  is a collineation with the following action

$$\mu: (1,0.81, \dots, \dots, \dots)$$

Then  $\theta^{-1} \mu \theta$  maps the i.p. 1 onto the i.p.81 and the i.p. 81 onto the i.p. 0 – a contradiction to the above. This proves the first part of the lemma.

Let  $\mu_1 (\mu_2)$  be a collineation mapping the i.p. k onto the i.p.81(0) and the i.p. 81(0) onto the i.p.0(81). Since  $G_{0,81}$  fixes the i.ps. 0 and 81 and is transitive on the remaining i.ps., there exists a collineation  $\tau \in G_{0,81}$  which maps the i.p. 1 onto the i.p. k. Then  $\tau \mu_1 \tau^{-1} (\tau \mu_2 \tau^{-1})$  maps the i.p. 1 onto the i.p. 81(0) and the i.p. 81(0) onto the i.p. 0(81) – a contradiction to the first part of the lemma. We have already seen that  $\pi$  is a  $\lambda$  – plane and Q is a  $\lambda$  – system with proper kern. By a result of Foulser [6,pp.390] No collineation of  $\pi$  fixes the i.p. 0 (81) and moves the i.p.81(0) i.e., every collineation of  $\pi$  that fixes the i.p.0 also fixes the i.p.81.

Therefore  $G_0 = G_{81} = G_{0,81}$ . This proves the last part of the lemma.

**Lemma 2** Every Collineation of  $\pi$  either fixes both the i.ps. 0 and 81 or flips them.

**Proof.** In view of the above lemma no collineation of  $\pi$  maps the i.p. k onto the i.p. 0(81) via the i.p.81(0),  $k \neq 0$  ( $k \neq 81$ ), every collineation of  $\pi$  that fixes the i.p.81 also fixes the i.p.0 and vice versa.

Assume that  $\xi$  is a collineation of  $\pi$  mapping the i.ps. 0 and 81 onto any two i.ps. other than 0 and 81. Using the transitivity of  $G_{0,81}$  on the set of i.ps. other than the i.ps.0 and 81 we can take without loss of generality that  $\xi$  maps the i.p. 0 onto the i.p. 1. This plane  $\pi$  has a collineation  $\theta$  which fixes the i.p. 1 and moves the remaining i.ps. except 6,13,18.

Now in view of lemma [16,chapter 3] no collineation of  $\pi$  moves the i.p. 0 onto the i.p. 1 and the i.p.81 onto the i.p. k, where  $k \notin \{6,13,18\}$ . But  $\pi$  has a collineation  $\delta_2$  which fixes the i.p. 1 moves both the i.ps. 13 and 18 and again by the same lemma [16,chapter 3] we get that no collineation of  $\pi$  maps the i.p.0 onto

the i.p. 1 and the i.p.81 onto either the i.p. 13 or the i.p.18. Thus the collineation  $\xi$  must map the i.p.81 onto the i.p. 6 while mapping the i.p.0 onto the i.p. 1. By a result of Maduram [12,pp 487]. the spread sets  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{1,6,k}$  must be conjugate where  $k \neq 1,6$  and

$$\mathcal{E}_{1,6,k} = [ N_i = \{ (M_i - M_6)^{-1} - (M_1 - M_6)^{-1} \} - \{ (M_k - M_6)^{-1} - (M_1 - M_6)^{-1} \} | M_i \in \mathcal{E} ]$$

i.e.,  $\mathcal{E}_{1,6,k}$  is a 3-spread set of  $\pi$  with  $V_1, V_6$  and  $V_k$  as the fundamental subspaces ( $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x}$ ). It may be observed that every matrix of  $\mathcal{E}$  is of det 1 and the spread set  $\mathcal{E}_{1,6}$  contains matrices of determinants 1 and 2. The matrices  $N_0, N_1 \in \mathcal{E}_{1,6,0}$  are of det 1 and  $N_4$  is of det 2 (table .2). It now follows that the spread sets  $\mathcal{E}_{1,6,k}$  for any  $k \neq 1,6$  contains matrices of det 1 and det 2. Thus the spread sets  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{1,6,k}$  are not conjugate for any  $k$  – a contradiction. From this it follows that no collineation of  $\pi$  maps the i.p. 0 onto the i.p. 1 and the i.p.81 onto the i.p. 6. Thus no collineation of  $\pi$  moves both the i.ps. 0 and 81 outside the orbit  $\{0, 81\}$ . Therefore every collineation of  $\pi$  either fixes both the i.ps. 0 and 81 or flips them.

Table 2

i	$M_i - M_6$	$(M_i - M_6)^{-1}$	$X_i = (M_i - M_6)^{-1} - (M_1 - M_6)^{-1}$	$N_i = X_i X_i^{-1}$	Det $N_i$
0	(1000,0100,0010,0001)	(1000,0100,0010,0001)	(2000,0200,0020,0002)	(1000,0100,0010,0001)	1
1	(2000,0200,0020,0002)	(2000,0200,0020,0002)	0	0	0
2	(2210,0221,1122,2012)	(2211,1021,1202,2020)	(0211,1121,1212,2021)	(0122,2212,2121,1012)	1
3	(0201,1120,0112,2211)	(2012,2101,1010,0101)	(0012,2201,1020,0102)	(0021,1102,2010,0201)	2
4	(2010,0201,1120,0112)	(2101,1010,0101,1110)	(0101,1110,0111,1111)	(0202,2220,0222,2222)	2
5	(0022,2202,2120,0212)	(2110,0211,1121,1212)	(0110,0011,1101,1210)	(0220,0022,2202,2120)	1
6	(0000,0000,0000,0000)	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	--

**Theorem:** The translation complement  $G$  of the translation plane  $\pi$  is given by  $G = \langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \theta \rangle$ . It is of order 6400 and divides the set of i.ps. into two orbits of lengths 2 and 80 where the small orbit consists of the i.ps. 0 and 81.

**Proof:** The collineation group  $\langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \theta \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $\xi$  is any collineation of  $\pi$  then by the above lemma 2,  $\xi$  either belongs to  $G_{0,81}$  or  $G_{0,81}\theta$ .

Thus  $\xi \in \langle G_{0,81}, \theta \rangle = \langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \theta \rangle$ . Thus  $G = \langle \alpha, \lambda, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, \theta \rangle$  and  $G$  divides the set of i.ps. of  $\pi$  into two orbits of lengths 2 and 80, where the smaller orbit consists of the i.ps.0 and 81. Since  $G$  flips 0 and 81

$$|G| = 2 |G_0| = 2 |G_{0,81}| = 2 \times 3200 = 6400.$$

Hence the theorem.

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