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**Geometria.** — *Morphisms of affine Hjelmslev planes.* Nota di JOSEPH W. LORIMER e NORMAN D. LANE, presentata (\*) dal Socio B. SEGRE.

RIASSUNTO. — Si stabiliscono varie proprietà dei morfismi fra piani affini di Hjelmslev e caratterizzazioni degli isomorfismi fra quelli.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

If  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{L}$  are sets and  $I \subseteq \mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{L}$  ( $\parallel \subseteq \mathbf{L} \times \mathbf{L}$  is an equivalence relation), then  $\mathcal{S} = \langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{L}, I \rangle$  ( $\langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{L}, I, \parallel \rangle$ ) is an incidence structure (with parallelism). If  $\mathcal{S}_1$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2$  are two incidence structures (with parallelism), then a morphism from  $\mathcal{S}_1$  to  $\mathcal{S}_2$  is a pair  $(\Phi, \Psi)$ , where  $\Phi$  maps  $\mathbf{P}_1$  to  $\mathbf{P}_2$ ,  $\Psi$  maps  $\mathbf{L}_1$  to  $\mathbf{L}_2$ , and incidence (and parallelism) is preserved.

Various authors have considered the conditions under which these morphisms are isomorphisms in special classes of incidence structures; cfr. André [1], Satz 3.1; Artmann [2], 1.1; Cronheim [5], p. 2; Dembowski [6]; and Corbas [4].

In this paper, we examine the above problem for affine Hjelmslev planes.

1.1. NOTATION. Let  $\langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{L}, I, \parallel \rangle$  be an incidence structure with parallelism. The elements of  $\mathbf{P}$  [ $\mathbf{L}$ ] are *points* [*lines*] and are denoted by  $P, Q, \dots$  [ $l, m, \dots$ ]. We write  $l \parallel m$  for  $(l, m) \in \parallel$  and  $PIl$  for  $(P, l) \in I$ .  $P, QIl$  shall mean  $PIl$  and  $QIl$ . We put  $g \wedge h = \{P \in \mathbf{P} \mid PIl, h\}$ . If  $A \subseteq \mathbf{P}$ ,  $|A|$  is the cardinality of the set  $A$ . Define  $(P, Q) \in \sim_{\mathbf{P}}$  if there exist  $l, m \in \mathbf{L}$ ,  $l \neq m$ , such that  $P, QIl, m$ . We usually write  $P \sim Q$  for  $(P, Q) \in \sim_{\mathbf{P}}$ . Define  $(l, m) \in \sim_{\mathbf{L}}$  (or  $l \sim m$ ) if for every  $PIl$  there exists  $QIm$  such that  $P \sim Q$  and for every  $QIm$  there exists  $PIl$  such that  $Q \sim P$ . If  $P \sim Q$  [ $l \sim m$ ] we call  $P$  and  $Q$  [ $l$  and  $m$ ] *neighbours*. If  $P$  and  $Q$  [ $l$  and  $m$ ] are not neighbours, we write  $P \not\sim Q$  [ $l \not\sim m$ ].

An *affine Hjelmslev plane*  $\mathcal{H} = \langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{L}, I, \parallel \rangle$ , is an incidence structure with parallelism, which satisfies the following system of axioms.

- (A 1) For any two points  $P$  and  $Q$  there exists  $l \in \mathbf{L}$  such that  $P, QIl$ . We write  $l = PQ$  if  $P \not\sim Q$ ;
- (A 2) There exist  $P_1, P_2, P_3 \in \mathbf{P}$  such that  $P_i P_j \sim P_i P_k$ ;  $i \neq j \neq k \neq i$ ;  $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3$ ;
- (A 3)  $\sim_{\mathbf{P}}$  is transitive on  $\mathbf{P}$ ;
- (A 4) If  $PIg, h$ , then  $g \sim h$  iff  $|g \wedge h| = 1$ ;
- (A 5) If  $g \sim h$ ;  $P, RIg$ ;  $Q, RIh$ ; and  $P \sim Q$ , then  $R \sim P, Q$ ;

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- (A 6) If  $g \sim h$ ;  $j \sim g$ ;  $PIg, j$ ; and  $QIh, j$ ; then  $P \sim Q$ ;
- (A 7) If  $g \parallel h$ ;  $PIj, g$ ; and  $g \sim j$ ; then  $j \sim h$  and there exists  $Q$  such that  $QIh, j$ ;
- (A 8) For every  $P \in \mathbf{P}$  and every  $l \in \mathbf{L}$ , there exists a unique line  $L(P, l)$  such that  $PI L(P, l)$  and  $l \parallel L(P, l)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H} = \langle \mathbf{P}, \mathbf{L}, I, \parallel \rangle$  be an affine Hjelmslev plane, henceforth called an A. H. plane. If  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi'$  are pencils of parallel lines, we define  $\Pi \sim \Pi'$  if each line of  $\Pi$  is a neighbour of some line of  $\Pi'$ . This is an equivalence relation. Let  $\Pi_l$  be the pencil of lines parallel to  $l$ . Then  $\Pi_l \sim \Pi_m$  if and only if  $|l \wedge m| = 1$ ; cfr. [9], Satz 2.9.

With each A. H. plane  $\mathcal{H}$  there is associated an ordinary affine plane  $\bar{\mathcal{H}} = \langle \bar{\mathbf{P}}, \bar{\mathbf{L}}, \bar{I} \rangle$ . Here,  $\bar{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{L}}$  are the quotient spaces of  $\sim_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\sim_{\mathbf{L}}$ , respectively, and  $\bar{P}\bar{I}\bar{l}$  if there exists  $S I l$  such that  $S \sim P$ . Let  $\chi_{\mathbf{P}}$  and  $\chi_{\mathbf{L}}$  be the quotient maps of  $\sim_{\mathbf{L}}$  and  $\sim_{\mathbf{P}}$ , respectively: cfr. [9], Satz 2.6.

If  $l \in \mathbf{L}$ , there exist  $P, Q I l$  such that  $P \sim Q$ , and if  $P \in \mathbf{P}$ , there exist  $l, m \in \mathbf{L}$  such that  $PI l, m$  and  $l \sim m$ ; cfr. [9], Satz 2.3 and 2.4.

1.2. MORPHISMS (cfr. [7], 1.2, 1.3). Let  $\mathcal{H}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2$  be A. H. planes.

(a)  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  is a *morphism* from  $\mathcal{H}_1$  to  $\mathcal{H}_2$  if the following conditions hold.

- (i)  $\Phi : \mathbf{P}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}_2$  and  $\Psi : \mathbf{L}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{L}_2$  are maps;
- (ii)  $\Phi(P_1) I_2 \Psi(l_1)$  whenever  $P_1 I_1 l_1$ ;
- (iii)  $\Psi(l_1) \parallel_2 \Psi(m_1)$  whenever  $l_1 \parallel_1 m_1$ .

In general, we shall write  $I, \parallel$ , and  $L$  for  $I_i, \parallel_i$  and  $L_i$ , respectively, for  $i = 1, 2$ , unless ambiguity arises.

If  $f$  satisfies only (i) and (ii) we shall call  $f$  an *incidence morphism*, or an *I-morphism*.  $f$  is a *neighbour-preserving* I-morphism if  $P \sim Q$  implies  $\Phi P \sim \Phi Q$  and  $l \sim m$  implies  $\Psi l \sim \Psi m$ ; cfr. [8], p. 136.

(b)  $f = (\Phi, \Psi)$  is an *epimorphism* if  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are both surjective.

(c)  $f = (\Phi, \Psi)$  is a *monomorphism* if  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are both injective.

(d)  $f = (\Phi, \Psi)$  is an *I-isomorphism* if  $f$  is an I-morphism such that  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are bijective and  $P_1 I_1 l_1 \iff \Phi(P_1) I_2 \Psi(l_1)$ . If, in addition,  $l_1 \parallel_1 m_1 \iff \Psi l_1 \parallel_2 \Psi m_1$  then  $f$  is an *isomorphism*. If  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{H}_2$ , then  $f$  is an *automorphism*.

*Remark.* For ordinary affine planes, the concepts of an I-isomorphism and an isomorphism are identical; cfr. 2.3. However, P. Bacon has constructed an I-isomorphism between two A. H. planes which is not an isomorphism; cfr. [3], Corollaries 3.11 and 3.12.

## 2. MORPHISMS OF ORDINARY AFFINE PLANES

We shall first consider the special case where  $\mathcal{H}_1 = \mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{H}_2 = \mathcal{A}_2$  are ordinary affine planes, and  $f = (\Phi, \Psi)$  is an  $\mathcal{I}$ -morphism. In this case, the analysis of morphisms is made easier due to fact that parallelism is defined in terms of incidence. Let I.P. denote the property  $l \parallel m$  if and only if  $\Phi(l) \parallel \Psi(m)$ . By using the methods of V. Corbas in [4], one can easily verify the following statements.

- 2.1. LEMMA. (1) *If  $\Psi$  is injective, then  $l \parallel m$  whenever  $\Psi(l) \parallel \Psi(m)$ ;*  
 (2) *If  $f$  is a morphism and  $\Psi$  is surjective, then  $\Phi$  is surjective;*  
 (3) *If  $\Phi$  is surjective and  $f$  has I.P., then  $f$  is a morphism;*  
 (4)  *$f$  has I.P. if and only if  $f$  is an  $\mathcal{I}$ -monomorphism;*  
 (5) *If  $\Phi$  surjective, then  $\Psi$  is surjective.*

2.2. The main result of Corbas in [4] is the following assertion.  
*If  $f$  is an  $\mathcal{I}$ -epimorphism, then  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are both injective.*

2.3. From 2.1 and 2.2, we readily obtain the following characterizations of an isomorphism.

THEOREM. *Let  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{A}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_2$  be an  $\mathcal{I}$ -morphism. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$f$  is an isomorphism;*  
 (2)  *$f$  is an  $\mathcal{I}$ -isomorphism;*  
 (3)  *$f$  is an  $\mathcal{I}$ -epimorphism;*  
 (4)  *$\Phi$  is surjective;*  
 (5)  *$\Psi$  is surjective and  $f$  is a morphism.*

## 3. MORPHISMS OF A. H. PLANES

3.1. The objective of our paper is the proof of the following result.

THEOREM. *Let  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  be a morphism. The the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$f$  is an isomorphism;*  
 (2)  *$\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are bijective;*  
 (3)  *$\Phi$  is surjective and  $\Psi$  is injective;*  
 (4)  *$\Phi$  is surjective,  $l \parallel m$  whenever  $\Psi(l) \parallel \Psi(m)$ , and  $f$  is neighbour-preserving.*

For the proof of our theorem, we first establish some preliminary lemmas.

3.2. LEMMA. *Let  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  be an  $\mathcal{I}$ -morphism. If  $\Phi$  is surjective then  $\Psi$  is surjective.*

*Proof.* Let  $l_2$  in  $\mathcal{H}_2$ . Choose  $P_2$  and  $Q_2$  on  $l_2$  such that  $P_2 \sim Q_2$ . Then there exist distinct points  $P_1$  and  $Q_1$  in  $\mathcal{H}_1$  such that  $\Phi(P_1) = P_2$  and  $\Phi(Q_1) = Q_2$ . Select any line  $l_1$  through  $P_1$  and  $Q_1$ . Since  $P_1, Q_1 \perp l_1$ , we have  $P_2, Q_2 \perp \Psi(l_1)$ . Hence  $\Psi(l_1) = l_2$ .

3.3. LEMMA. *Let  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  be a morphism. The the following statements are valid:*

- (1) *If  $\Psi$  is injective, then  $P \sim Q$  implies  $\Phi(P) \sim \Phi(Q)$ ;*
- (2)  *$\Psi(L(P, l)) = L(\Phi(P), \Psi(l))$ ;*
- (3) *If  $P \sim Q$  and  $\Phi(P) \sim \Phi(Q)$ , then  $\Psi(PQ) = \Phi(P)\Phi(Q)$ ;*
- (4) *If  $\Pi_i \sim \Pi_m$  and  $\Pi_{\Psi(l)} \sim \Pi_{\Psi(m)}$ , then  $\Phi(l \wedge m) = \Psi(l) \wedge \Psi(m)$ .*

3.4. LEMMA. *Let  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  be a morphism such that  $\Phi$  is surjective and  $\Psi$  is injective. Then*

- (1)  *$\{Q \mid Q \perp \Psi(l)\} = \{\Phi(P) \mid P \perp l\}$ ;*
- (2) *If  $l \sim m$ , then  $\Psi(l) \sim \Psi(m)$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Since  $f$  is a morphism,  $\{\Phi(P) \mid P \perp l\} \subseteq \{Q \mid Q \perp \Psi(l)\}$ . Now take  $Q \perp \Psi(l)$ . Then there exists  $P$  such that  $\Phi(P) = Q$ . Now  $\Psi(l) = L(\Phi(P), \Psi(l)) = \Psi(L(P, l))$ , by Lemma 3.3. Since  $\Psi$  is injective,  $l = L(P, l)$  and so  $P \perp l$ .

(2) Let  $l \sim m$ . Choose  $R \perp \Psi(l)$ . By (1),  $R = \Phi(P)$  for some point  $P \perp l$ . Then there exists  $Q \perp m$  such that  $P \sim Q$ . By Lemma 3.2,  $\Phi(P) \sim \Phi(Q)$ . Hence  $\Psi(l) \sim \Psi(m)$ .

Similarly, every point of  $\Psi(m)$  is a neighbour of some point of  $\Psi(l)$ .

3.5. LEMMA. *Let  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  be a morphism. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1)  *$P \perp l$  if and only if  $\Phi(P) \perp \Psi(l)$ ;*
- (2)  *$f$  is a monomorphism;*
- (3)  *$\Psi$  is injective.*

*Proof.* To show that (1) implies (2), we shall first prove that  $\Phi$  is injective. Suppose that  $P \neq Q$ . Then we may choose  $l$  such that  $P \perp l$  but  $Q \not\perp l$ . By (1),  $\Phi(P) \perp \Psi(l)$  but  $\Phi(Q) \not\perp \Psi(l)$ . Hence  $\Phi(P) \neq \Phi(Q)$ . Similarly, we can verify that  $\Psi$  is injective.

It is obvious that (2) implies (3). Finally, we shall show that (3) implies (1). Let  $\Psi$  be injective. Suppose that  $\Phi(P) \perp \Psi(l)$ . Then  $\Phi(l) = L(\Phi(P), \Psi(l)) = \Psi(L(P, l))$ , by Lemma 3.3. Since  $\Psi$  is injective,  $l = L(P, l)$  and so  $P \perp l$ .

3.6. LEMMA. *Let  $f = (\Phi, \Psi) : \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  be a morphism such that  $\Psi$  is injective. Then  $l \parallel m$  whenever  $\Psi(l) \parallel \Psi(m)$ .*

*Proof.* Assume that  $\Psi(l) \parallel \Psi(m)$ . If  $l \not\parallel m$ , then there exists  $P \perp l$  such that  $P \not\perp m$ . Put  $j = L(P, m)$ ; thus  $j \parallel m$ . Then  $\Psi(j) \parallel \Psi(m)$  and so  $\Psi(j) \parallel \Psi(l)$ . But  $P \perp j, l$  implies  $\Phi(P) \perp \Psi(j), \Psi(l)$ , and so  $\Psi(j) = \Psi(l)$ . Since  $\Psi$  is injective,  $j = l$  and so  $l \parallel m$ .

3.7. *Remark.* In 1.2, we require an isomorphism to have the properties

$$P \perp l \iff \Phi(P) \perp \Psi(l) \text{ and } l \parallel m \iff \Psi(l) \parallel \Psi(m).$$

Lemmas 3.5 and 3.6 show that this definition is redundant with respect to both incidence and parallelism.

3.8. Let  $\text{Aut } \mathcal{H}$  and  $\text{Aut } \bar{\mathcal{H}}$  denote the groups of automorphisms of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}$ ; cfr. 1.1.

We call an automorphism  $f = (\Phi, \Psi)$  of  $\text{Aut } \mathcal{H}$  a *neighbouring automorphism* if  $\Phi(P) \sim P$  and  $\Psi(l) \sim l$  for each  $P$  and  $l$ . The set of neighbouring automorphisms shall be denoted by  $N \text{Aut } \mathcal{H}$ .

In view of Lemma 3.4, if  $f \in \text{Aut } \mathcal{H}$ , we may put  $f = (f, f)$ . We shall establish a relationship between  $\text{Aut } \mathcal{H}$  and  $\text{Aut } \bar{\mathcal{H}}$ .

3.9. **THEOREM.** *The map  $h: \text{Aut } \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \text{Aut } \bar{\mathcal{H}} (f \rightarrow \bar{f})$ , where  $\bar{f}(\bar{P}) = \overline{f(P)}$  and  $\bar{f}(l) = \overline{f(l)}$  for any  $P \in \mathbf{P}$  and any  $l \in \mathbf{L}$ , is a group homomorphism and  $\chi \circ f = \bar{f} \circ \chi$ . Moreover,  $N \text{Aut } \mathcal{H}$  is the kernel of  $h$  and*

$$\text{Aut } \mathcal{H} / N \text{Aut } \mathcal{H} \cong h[\text{Aut } \mathcal{H}].$$

*Proof.* We first show that  $\bar{f}$  is well-defined on  $\mathbf{P}$ . Let  $\bar{P} = \bar{Q}$ . Then  $P \sim Q$ , and so  $f(P) \sim f(Q)$ , by Lemma 3.3. Hence  $\bar{f}(\bar{Q}) = \overline{f(Q)} = \overline{f(P)} = \bar{f}(\bar{P})$ . Similarly, Lemma 3.4 shows that  $\bar{f}$  is well-defined on  $\mathbf{L}$ . Now we show that  $\bar{f} \in \text{Aut } \bar{\mathcal{H}}$ . Let  $\bar{P} \perp \bar{l}$ . Then there exists  $S \perp l$  such that  $S \sim P$ . Hence  $f(S) \perp f(l)$  and  $f(S) \sim f(P)$  and so  $\overline{f(S)} \perp \overline{f(l)}$ . By definition,  $\bar{f}$  is surjective. Then by 2.3,  $\bar{f} \in \text{Aut } \bar{\mathcal{H}}$ . Next.

$$(\chi \circ f)(P) = \chi(f(P)) = \overline{f(P)} = \bar{f}(\bar{P}) = (\bar{f} \circ \chi)(P)$$

and

$$\overline{(f \circ g)(P)} = \overline{(f \circ g)(P)} = \bar{f}(g(P)) = (\bar{f} \circ \bar{g})(\bar{P}).$$

Hence  $h$  is a homomorphism. Finally,  $f \in \text{Ker } h$  if and only if  $\overline{f(P)} = \bar{P}$  and  $\overline{f(l)} = l$  if and only if  $f(P) \sim P$  and  $f(l) \sim l$ .

3.10. **LEMMA.** *If  $f: \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  is a neighbour-preserving I-epimorphism, then  $\bar{f}: \bar{\mathcal{H}}_1 \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{H}}_2$ , well-defined as in 3.9 by  $\bar{\Phi}(\bar{P}_1) = \overline{\Phi(P_1)}$  and  $\bar{\Psi}(\bar{l}_1) = \overline{\Psi(l_1)}$ , is also an I-epimorphism. Hence by 2.3,  $\bar{f}$  is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{P}_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{H}}_2$ ; thus  $P_2 \in \mathcal{H}_2$ . Since  $\Phi$  is surjective, there exists  $P_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$  such that  $\Phi(P_1) = P_2$ . Then  $\bar{\Phi}(\bar{P}_1) = \overline{\Phi(P_1)} = \bar{P}_2$ . Similarly,  $\bar{\Psi}$  is surjective. Finally, let  $\bar{P}_1 \perp \bar{l}_1$ ; thus there exists  $S_1 \in \mathcal{H}_1$  such that  $S_1 \perp l_1$  and  $S_1 \sim P_1$ . Then  $\Phi(S_1) \perp \Psi(l_1)$  and so  $\overline{\Phi(S_1)} \perp \overline{\Psi(l_1)}$ ; i.e.,  $\bar{\Phi}(\bar{S}_1) \perp \bar{\Psi}(\bar{l}_1)$ . Since  $\bar{P}_1 = \bar{S}_1$ , we have  $\bar{\Phi}(\bar{P}_1) \perp \bar{\Psi}(\bar{l}_1)$ .

3.11. **LEMMA.** *If  $f: \mathcal{H}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_2$  is a neighbour-preserving I-epimorphism, then*

$$(1) P \sim Q \iff \Phi(P) \sim \Phi(Q);$$

$$(2) l \sim m \iff \Psi(l) \sim \Psi(m).$$

*Proof.* (1) By 3.10,  $\bar{f}$  is an isomorphism, and so

$$P \sim Q \iff \bar{P} \neq \bar{Q} \iff \bar{\Phi}(P) \neq \bar{\Phi}(Q) \iff \Phi(P) \neq \Phi(Q) \iff \Phi(P) \sim \Phi(Q).$$

We can verify (2) in a similar fashion.

3.12. *Proof of Theorem 3.1.* Clearly, (1) implies (3). To show that (3) implies (2), we need only to verify that  $\Psi$  is surjective, since  $\Phi$  is injective by Lemma 3.5. Choose  $l_2 \in L_2$ . By 1.1, we can choose  $P_2, Q_2 \in l_2$  such that  $P_2 \sim Q_2$ . Then there exist  $P_1$  and  $Q_1$  such that  $\Phi(P_1) = P_2$  and  $\Phi(Q_1) = Q_2$ . By Lemma 3.3,  $P_1 \sim Q_1$ . By Lemma 3.3, again  $\Psi(P_1, Q_1) = \Phi(P_1) \Phi(Q_1) = P_2 Q_2 = l_2$ . Next, (2) implies (4), by 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6. Finally we show that (4) implies (1). By 3.2,  $f$  is an epimorphism. Let  $P, Q \in \mathcal{H}_1, P \neq Q$ . If  $P \sim Q$ , then  $\Phi P \sim \Phi Q$ , by 3.11, and so  $\Phi P \neq \Phi Q$ . Suppose now that  $P \neq Q$  but  $P \sim Q$ . Choose a line  $l$  through  $P$  such that  $l$  is not a neighbour of any line through  $P$  and  $Q$ ; cfr. 1.1. Thus  $Q \notin l$ . Select a point  $R \in l$  such that  $R \sim P$ . Then  $R \sim Q$ , by (A3), and by 3.11,  $\Phi R \sim \Phi P, \Phi Q$ . As  $RP \neq RQ$ , we have  $RP \neq RQ$ . Hence  $\Psi(RP) \neq \Psi(RQ)$ , and by 3.3,  $\Phi R \Phi P \neq \Phi R \Phi Q$ . Hence  $\Phi P \neq \Phi Q$ . Thus  $\Phi$  is injective.

Next we wish to show that  $\Psi$  is injective. Let  $l, m \in \mathcal{H}_1, l \neq m$ . If  $l \neq m$ , then  $\Psi l \neq \Psi m$ , and  $\Psi l \neq \Psi m$ . Next, suppose  $l \neq m$  and  $l \parallel m$ . Choose  $P \in l$  and  $j \sim l$  such that  $P \in j$ . By (A7),  $j \sim m$ , and there is a point  $Q \in m, j$ ; and  $Q \neq P$ . Since  $\Phi$  is injective  $\Phi P \neq \Phi Q$ . By 3.11,  $\Psi j \sim \Psi l, \Psi m$ . Since  $\Phi P \in \Psi l, \Psi j$ ; and  $\Phi Q \in \Psi m, \Psi j$ , we obtain  $\Psi l \neq \Psi m$ , otherwise  $\Psi l$  would be a neighbour of  $\Psi j$ .

Assertion (1) of Theorem 3.1 now follows from 3.5.

*Remark.* The Authors have show that an automorphism of a Desarguesian A.H. plane  $\mathcal{H}$  with a coordinate ring  $H$  can be represented by a non-singular semi-linear transformation of the left module structure on  $H \times H$ . This result can also be derived by embedding  $\mathcal{H}$  in the projective Hjelmslev space over the free module  $H \times H \times H$ : cfr. ([8], 2 and 8).

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