

ON AUTOMORPHISMS OF LIE ALGEBRAS OF CLASSICAL TYPE. III

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In this paper, the techniques developed in [9; 10] are applied to a study of concrete realizations of the exceptional Lie algebras of classical types F_4 and E_6 (see [8]) as Lie algebras of linear transformations of a split exceptional Jordan algebra \mathfrak{J} . Except for fields of characteristic 2 and 3, the interpretations of these Lie algebras given for characteristic zero by Chevalley and Schafer [3] are shown to carry over to arbitrary base fields. When several more low characteristics are exempted from consideration (on the basis of a failure of applicability of certain results on exponentials in [10]), the structure of the automorphism groups of these algebras is here determined in terms of certain linear groups acting in \mathfrak{J} . Some of the latter groups have also been studied recently by Jacobson [6; 7], who has proved the simplicity of a group here shown to be isomorphic to the group of invariant automorphisms of the Lie algebra in question (F_4 or E_6). The present paper also demonstrates the simplicity of these groups, by showing that they can be identified with groups whose simplicity has been proved by Chevalley [2].

1. **Derivations of the split exceptional Jordan algebra.** Let \mathfrak{C} be the split Cayley algebra over a field \mathfrak{F} of characteristic $\neq 2$, regarded as all matrices of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & a \\ b & \beta \end{pmatrix},$$

where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathfrak{F}$ and $a, b \in \mathfrak{B}_3(\mathfrak{F})$, the space of triples of elements of \mathfrak{F} , with

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & a \\ b & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & c \\ d & \delta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha\gamma + a \cdot d & \alpha c + \delta a - (b \wedge d) \\ \gamma b + \beta d + (a \wedge c) & \beta\delta + b \cdot c \end{pmatrix},$$

where $x \cdot y$ and $x \wedge y$ are the usual scalar and vector products in $\mathfrak{B}_3(\mathfrak{F})$, and with the involution $x \rightarrow \bar{x}$ defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & a \\ b & \beta \end{pmatrix}^- = \begin{pmatrix} \beta & -a \\ -b & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

[10]. Then \mathfrak{C} is an alternative algebra over \mathfrak{F} , and the symmetric bilinear form (x, y) defined by $(x, y)1 = (x\bar{y} + y\bar{x})/2 = (\bar{x}y + \bar{y}x)/2$ is nondegenerate on

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\mathfrak{E} . If we let $e_1 = (1, 0, 0)$, $e_2 = (0, 1, 0)$, $e_3 = (0, 0, 1)$ be the usual basis for $\mathfrak{B}_3(\mathfrak{F})$ and set

$$\begin{aligned} u_i &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ e_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & u_{4+i} &= -2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e_i \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & 1 \leq i \leq 3, \\ u_4 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & u_8 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

then u_1, \dots, u_8 is a basis for \mathfrak{E} , and the matrix for (x, y) relative to this basis is

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & I_4 \\ \hline I_4 & 0 \end{array} \right).$$

Thus the form (x, y) is of maximal Witt index, namely 4. The multiplication table for the basis u_1, \dots, u_8 in \mathfrak{E} is as follows, where first factors stand to the left of rows, second factors at the head of columns:

	u_1	u_2	u_3	u_4	u_5	u_6	u_7	u_8
u_1	0	$\frac{1}{2}u_7$	$-\frac{1}{2}u_6$	u_1	$-u_8$	0	0	0
u_2	$-\frac{1}{2}u_7$	0	$\frac{1}{2}u_5$	u_2	0	$-u_8$	0	0
u_3	$\frac{1}{2}u_6$	$-\frac{1}{2}u_5$	0	u_3	0	0	$-u_8$	0
u_4	0	0	0	u_4	u_5	u_6	u_7	0
u_5	$-2u_4$	0	0	0	0	$4u_3$	$-4u_2$	$2u_5$
u_6	0	$-2u_4$	0	0	$-4u_3$	0	$4u_1$	$2u_6$
u_7	0	0	$-2u_4$	0	$4u_2$	$-4u_1$	0	$2u_7$
u_8	$2u_1$	$2u_2$	$2u_3$	0	0	0	0	$2u_8$

We shall refer to the *principle of triality*: If T is a linear transformation of \mathfrak{E} which is skew with respect to (x, y) , then there are uniquely determined skew transformations T^ϕ , T^ψ such that for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{E}$,

$$(1) \quad (xy)T^\psi = (xT)y + x(yT^\phi).$$

(See, for example, [3; 4; 7], or Chapter IV of [1].)

If E_{ij} are the usual (8 by 8) matrix units relative to the basis u_1, \dots, u_8 of \mathfrak{E} , then $H_i = E_{ii} - E_{i+4, i+4}$ is skew, $1 \leq i \leq 4$. In the Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{H} of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{D}_4 , of all skew transformations of \mathfrak{E} , spanned by these H_i , we find that ϕ and ψ map \mathfrak{H} into itself, their matrices relative to the basis H_1, \dots, H_4 of \mathfrak{H} being:

$$(2) \quad \phi: \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\psi: \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

That these satisfy the fundamental relation (1) is verified by checking $(u_j u_k) H_i^\psi = (u_j H_i) u_k + u_j (u_k H_i^\psi)$ for all u_j, u_k, H_i .

Now let \mathfrak{J} be the 27-dimensional space over \mathfrak{F} of all 3 by 3 matrices of the form

$$a = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ \bar{a}_{12} & \alpha_{22} & a_{23} \\ \bar{a}_{13} & \bar{a}_{23} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix},$$

$\alpha_{ii} \in \mathfrak{F}$, $a_{ij} \in \mathfrak{C}$. With the composition $a \cdot b = ab + ba$, \mathfrak{J} is a Jordan algebra, which we shall call *the split exceptional Jordan algebra* [7]. Here if $a = (a_{ij})$ and $b = (b_{ij})$ are matrices with entries in \mathfrak{C} , the product $ab = (c_{ij})$ is defined as usual by $c_{ij} = \sum_k a_{ik} b_{kj}$, the multiplication of entries being that in \mathfrak{C} .

Let \mathfrak{L} be the Lie algebra of all derivations of \mathfrak{J} , i.e., all linear transformations D of \mathfrak{J} over \mathfrak{F} such that $(a \cdot b)D = (aD) \cdot b + a \cdot (bD)$ for all $a, b \in \mathfrak{J}$. Then, as usual, $ID = 0$, where I denotes the identity matrix. Next let $x = \text{diag}\{1, 1, -1\} \in \mathfrak{J}$, and let

$$xD = a = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ \bar{a}_{12} & \alpha_{22} & a_{23} \\ \bar{a}_{13} & \bar{a}_{23} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$

For economy of space, write $a = \text{diag}\{\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}\} + a_{12}(1, 2) + a_{13}(1, 3) + a_{23}(2, 3)$. From $x \cdot x = I + I$, we have $0 = 2(ID) = 2x \cdot a = 4 \text{diag}\{\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}\} + 4a_{12}(1, 2)$, or $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33} = 0$, $a_{12} = 0$, and $xD = a_{13}(1, 3) + a_{23}(2, 3)$. Similarly, if $y = \text{diag}\{1, -1, 1\} \in \mathfrak{J}$, $yD = b_{12}(1, 2) + b_{23}(2, 3)$, and $x \cdot y = 2x + 2y - 2I$ yields $(x \cdot y)D = (xD) \cdot y + x \cdot (yD) = 2xD + 2yD$, or $2b_{12}(1, 2) + 2a_{13}(1, 3) = 2b_{12}(1, 2) + 2a_{13}(1, 3) + 2(a_{23} + b_{23})(2, 3)$, so that $b_{23} = -a_{23}$. Writing a_{12} in place of b_{12} , we see from $\text{diag}\{\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}\} = (\alpha_{22} + \alpha_{33})I/2 + (\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{22})y/2 + (\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{33})x/2$ that

$$(3) \quad \text{diag}\{\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}\}D \\ = \frac{1}{2} [(\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{22})a_{12}(1, 2) + (\alpha_{11} - \alpha_{33})a_{13}(1, 3) + (\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{33})a_{23}(2, 3)],$$

where a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23} are determined as above by xD and yD .

Next let $a \in \mathfrak{E}$, and let $a(1, 2)D = \text{diag}\{\beta_{11}, \beta_{22}, \beta_{33}\} + b_{12}(1, 2) + b_{13}(1, 3) + b_{23}(2, 3)$. Since $a(1, 2) \cdot a(1, 2) = (a, a)(I+x)$, we find by computing $(a(1, 2) \cdot a(1, 2))D$ as $2a(1, 2) \cdot (a(1, 2))D$ and as $(a, a)(I+x)D = (a, a)xD$ by (3), that

$$(4) \quad \beta_{11} + \beta_{22} = 0; \quad (a, a)a_{13} = 2ab_{23}; \quad (a, a)a_{23} = 2\bar{a}b_{23}; \quad (a, b_{12}) = 0.$$

From $a(1, 2) \cdot y = 0$ we obtain $a(1, 2)D \cdot y + a(1, 2) \cdot (yD) = 0$, so that one finds

$$(5) \quad \beta_{11} = -(a, a_{12}); \quad \beta_{33} = 0; \quad b_{13} = \frac{1}{2} aa_{23}.$$

From $a(1, 2) \cdot x = 2a(1, 2)$, we find as above that $b_{23} = \bar{a}a_{13}/2$. If we set $2b_{12} = aT$, $T \in \mathfrak{E}(\mathfrak{E})$, the algebra of all linear transformations of \mathfrak{E} , we see from the condition $(a, b_{12}) = 0$ of (4) that $(a, aT) = 0$ for all $a \in \mathfrak{E}$, hence that T is skew: $T \in \mathfrak{D}_4$. Thus we have

$$(6) \quad a(1, 2)D \\ = \frac{1}{2} [(a, a_{12}) \text{diag}\{-1, 1, 0\} + (aT)(1, 2) + (aa_{23})(1, 3) + (\bar{a}a_{13})(2, 3)],$$

where $T \in \mathfrak{D}_4$, and where a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23} are as in (3). Similarly, we have

$$(7) \quad a(1, 3)D \\ = \frac{1}{2} [(a, a_{13}) \text{diag}\{-1, 0, 1\} - (a\bar{a}_{23})(1, 2) + (aU)(1, 3) + (\bar{a}_{12}a)(2, 3)], \\ a(2, 3)D \\ (8) \quad = \frac{1}{2} [(a, a_{23}) \text{diag}\{0, -1, 1\} - (a_{13}\bar{a})(1, 2) - (a_{12}a)(1, 3) + (aV)(2, 3)]$$

where $U, V \in \mathfrak{D}_4$. In particular we note that D maps \mathfrak{F} into the subspace \mathfrak{F}' of matrices of trace zero.

Now from $a(1, 2) \cdot b(2, 3) = (ab)(1, 3)$ we obtain $a(1, 2)D \cdot b(2, 3) + a(1, 2) \cdot b(2, 3)D = (ab)(1, 3)D$. Computing and comparing entries in the $(1, 3)$ -positions yields $(ab)U = (aT)b + a(bV)$ for all $a, b \in \mathfrak{E}$. That is, $V = T^\phi, U = T^\psi$, where ϕ and ψ are the automorphisms of \mathfrak{D}_4 given in the principle of triality. Thus D is completely determined by the parameters $a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23} \in \mathfrak{E}$, and by $T \in \mathfrak{D}_4$. Hence the dimension of \mathfrak{L} does not exceed $3 \cdot 8 + 28 = 52$.

The mapping $D \rightarrow (a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23}, T)$ is linear from \mathfrak{L} into $\mathfrak{E} \oplus \mathfrak{E} \oplus \mathfrak{E} \oplus \mathfrak{D}_4$, and

is one-one. As in §6 of [10], to show it is onto we need only show that if for $a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23} \in \mathfrak{E}$, $T \in \mathfrak{D}_4$, we define a linear transformation D of \mathfrak{F} by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\text{diag}\{\beta_{11}, \beta_{22}, \beta_{33}\} + b_{12}(1, 2) + b_{13}(1, 3) + b_{23}(2, 3))D \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} [\text{diag}\{-2(b_{12}, a_{12}) - 2(b_{13}, a_{13}), 2(b_{12}, a_{12}) - 2(b_{23}, a_{23}), 2(b_{13}, a_{13}) \\
 (9) \quad & + 2(b_{23}, a_{23})\} + ((\beta_{11} - \beta_{22})a_{12} - b_{13}\bar{a}_{23} - a_{13}\bar{b}_{23} + b_{12}T)(1, 2) \\
 & + ((\beta_{11} - \beta_{33})a_{13} + b_{12}a_{23} - a_{12}\bar{b}_{23} + b_{13}T^\psi)(1, 3) \\
 & + ((\beta_{22} - \beta_{33})a_{23} + \bar{b}_{12}a_{13} + \bar{a}_{12}\bar{b}_{13} + b_{23}T^\psi)(2, 3)],
 \end{aligned}$$

then D is a derivation of \mathfrak{F} . This follows by a rather lengthy calculation which becomes straightforward when the identities in \mathfrak{E} noted below are used:

\mathfrak{E} is an alternative algebra, i.e., $a(ab) = a^2b$, $(ab)b = ab^2$ for all $a, b \in \mathfrak{E}$. If we define $A(a, b, c) = (ab)c - a(bc)$, it follows by polarization of the above that $A(a, b, c) = -A(b, a, c) = -A(a, c, b)$, so that $A(a, b, c)$ is an alternating function of its arguments. For the scalar product in \mathfrak{E} it follows that $(a, bc) = (a\bar{c}, b) = (ba, c)$, and that $2(a, b)c - b(\bar{a}c) - a(\bar{b}c) = (ab)c - a(\bar{b}c) + (b\bar{a})c - b(\bar{a}c) = A(a, \bar{b}, c) + A(b, \bar{a}, c) = A(a, \bar{b}, c) - A(\bar{a}, b, c) = A(a, (\bar{b}+b), c) - A(a, b, c) - A((\bar{a}+a), b, c) + A(a, b, c) = 0$, since $\bar{b}+b$ and $\bar{a}+a$ are in $\mathfrak{F} \cdot 1$. By a similar argument one obtains the second of the two equations

$$(10) \quad 2(a, b)c = a(\bar{b}c) + b(\bar{a}c), \quad 2(a, b)c = (ca)\bar{b} + (cb)\bar{a}.$$

The two identities that require further discussion are

$$(11) \quad (ab)T = a(bT^\psi)^- + (aT^\psi)\bar{b}, \quad (ba)T^\psi = (bT)^-a + \bar{b}(aT^\psi)$$

for all $a, b \in \mathfrak{E}$, and for all $T \in \mathfrak{D}_4$. These are linear in b . First let $b = \lambda 1$, $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$; then they become $\lambda aT = \lambda a(1T^\psi)^- + \lambda(aT^\psi)1$ and $\lambda aT^\psi = \lambda(1T)^-a + \lambda 1(aT^\psi)$. From the fact that T and T^ψ are skew, we have $(1, 1T) = 0 = (1, 1T^\psi)$, or $1(1T)^- + (1T)1 = 0 = 1(1T^\psi)^- + (1T^\psi)1$, i.e., $(1T)^- = -1T$, $(1T^\psi)^- = -1T^\psi$. Thus the desired identities become $\lambda aT = -\lambda a(1T^\psi) + \lambda aT^\psi$ and $\lambda aT^\psi = -\lambda(1T)a + \lambda aT^\psi$. These now follow from $aT^\psi = (a1)T^\psi = (aT)1 + a(1T^\psi) = aT + a(1T^\psi)$ and $aT^\psi = (1a)T^\psi = (1T)a + 1(aT^\psi) = (1T)a + aT^\psi$, respectively.

Next let $b \in \mathfrak{E}'$, the space of elements of trace zero in \mathfrak{E} ; since the form (x, y) is nondegenerate on \mathfrak{E} and since \mathfrak{E}' is the orthogonal complement of the nonisotropic subspace $\mathfrak{F} \cdot 1$ with respect to this form, we may assume that b runs through a basis for \mathfrak{E}' consisting of elements b with $(b, b) \neq 0$. It remains only to prove (11) when b is of this form. Then we have $(b, b)1 = b\bar{b} = \bar{b}b = \beta 1 \neq 0$, $\beta \in \mathfrak{F}$, and $0 = \bar{b} + b = (1, b)$, $b^2 = -b\bar{b} = -\beta 1$. Thus we must verify

$$(12) \quad -(ab)T = a(bT^\psi)^- - (aT^\psi)\bar{b}, \quad -(ba)T^\psi = (bT)^-a - \bar{b}(aT^\psi)$$

for such b . We know that $-\beta aT^\psi = (ab^2)T^\psi = ((ab)b)T^\psi = ((ab)T)\bar{b} + (ab)(bT^\psi)$, and that $-\beta aT^\psi = (b(ba))T^\psi = (bT)(ba) + b((ba)T^\psi)$. Multiplying the former

of these equations on the right by b and the second on the left by b gives

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} -\beta(ab)T + ((ab)(bT^*))b &= -\beta(aT^*)b, \\ b((bT)(ba)) - \beta(ba)T^* &= -\beta b(aT^*). \end{aligned}$$

Now $(ab)(bT^*) = A(a, b, bT^*) + a(b(bT^*)) = -A(a, bT^*, b) - a(b(bT^*)) = A(a, (bT^*)^-, b) - a(2(b, bT^*) - (bT^*)^-b)$, and $(bT)(ba) = -A(bT, b, a) + ((bT)b)a = -A(b, (bT)^-, a) - (2(bT, b) - b(bT)^-a)$. Since T and T^* are skew, $(b, bT) = 0 = (b, bT^*)$, and we have $(ab)(bT^*) = (a(bT^*)^-)b - a((bT^*)^-b) + a((bT^*)^-b) = (a(bT^*)^-)b$, $(bT)(ba) = -(b(bT)^-)a + b((bT)^-a) + (b(bT)^-)a = b((bT)^-a)$; substituting in (13) gives $-\beta(ab)T + ((a(bT^*)^-)b)b = -\beta(aT^*)b$ and $b(b((bT)^-a)) - \beta(ba)T^* = -\beta b(aT^*)$. From the alternative identities, $-\beta(ab)T - \beta a(bT^*)^- = -\beta(aT^*)b$ and $-\beta(bT)^-a - \beta(ba)T^* = -\beta b(aT^*)$. The identities (12) are now immediate.

Thus we can identify \mathfrak{L} with $\mathfrak{C} \oplus \mathfrak{C} \oplus \mathfrak{C} \oplus \mathfrak{D}_4$ as above. Let $D = (a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23}, T)$, $E = (b_{12}, b_{13}, b_{23}, U)$ be derivations of \mathfrak{F} , in this identification. Computing the effect of $[DE]$ on x, y , and $a(1, 2)$ as above yields for $[DE] = (c_{12}, c_{13}, c_{23}, V)$,

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} c_{12} &= \frac{1}{2} (a_{12}U - b_{12}T - a_{13}\bar{b}_{23} + b_{13}\bar{a}_{23}), \\ c_{13} &= \frac{1}{2} (a_{13}U^* - b_{13}T^* - b_{12}a_{23} + a_{12}b_{23}), \\ c_{23} &= \frac{1}{2} (a_{23}U^* - b_{23}T^* + \bar{b}_{12}a_{13} - \bar{a}_{12}b_{13}), \\ aV &= \frac{1}{2} (4(a, b_{12})a_{12} - 4(a, a_{12})b_{12} - (aa_{23})\bar{b}_{23} + (ab_{23})\bar{a}_{23} \\ &\quad - b_{13}(\bar{a}_{13}a) + a_{13}(\bar{b}_{13}a) + a[TU]), \quad a \in \mathfrak{C}. \end{aligned}$$

The subspace \mathfrak{F} of \mathfrak{L} spanned by the derivations $2(0, 0, 0, H_i) = h_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, is thus a commutative subalgebra of \mathfrak{L} . From our computation of H_i^* , H_i^\dagger , it follows that \mathfrak{F} is also spanned by the elements $2(0, 0, 0, H_i^*)$ and is spanned by the $2(0, 0, 0, H_i^\dagger)$. Moreover we have

$$[(u_j, 0, 0, 0), h_i] = (u_j H_i, 0, 0, 0) = \begin{cases} \delta_{ij}(u_j, 0, 0, 0), & 1 \leq j \leq 4, \\ -\delta_{i, j-4}(u_j, 0, 0, 0), & 5 \leq j \leq 8. \end{cases}$$

If we define $\beta_j \in \mathfrak{F}^*$, $1 \leq j \leq 4$, by $\beta_j(h_i) = \delta_{ij}$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, then for each $h \in \mathfrak{F}$ we have

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} [(u_j, 0, 0, 0), h] &= \beta_j(h)(u_j, 0, 0, 0), & 1 \leq j \leq 4, \\ [(u_{j+4}, 0, 0, 0), h] &= -\beta_j(h)(u_{j+4}, 0, 0, 0), & 1 \leq j \leq 4. \end{aligned}$$

We also have $[(0, u_j, 0, 0), h_i] = (0, u_j H_i^\psi, 0, 0)$, $[(0, 0, u_j, 0), h_i] = (0, 0, u_j H_i^\phi, 0)$, $1 \leq j \leq 8$, so that if we define $\beta_5, \dots, \beta_{12} \in \mathfrak{G}^*$ by $\beta_{j+4}(h_i) = (-1/2) + \delta_{ij}$, $1 \leq j \leq 4$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$; $\beta_{j+8}(h_i) = (-1/2) + \delta_{ij}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$, $\beta_{j+8}(h_4) = 1/2$, $1 \leq j \leq 3$, $\beta_{12}(h_i) = -1/2$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, then it follows by (2) that for all $h \in \mathfrak{G}$,

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} [(0, u_j, 0, 0), h] &= \beta_{j+4}(h)(0, u_j, 0, 0), \\ [(0, u_{j+4}, 0, 0), h] &= -\beta_{j+4}(h)(0, u_{j+4}, 0, 0), \quad 1 \leq j \leq 4; \end{aligned}$$

$$(17) \quad \begin{aligned} [(0, 0, u_j, 0), h] &= \beta_{j+8}(h)(0, 0, u_j, 0), \\ [(0, 0, u_{j+4}, 0), h] &= -\beta_{j+8}(h)(0, 0, u_{j+4}, 0), \quad 1 \leq j \leq 4. \end{aligned}$$

From observation of the formula for V in (14), we find $\beta_{13}, \dots, \beta_{24}$ in \mathfrak{G}^* and 24 nonzero elements $T \in \mathfrak{D}_4$ such that for all $h \in \mathfrak{G}$,

$$(18) \quad [(0, 0, 0, T), h] = \beta(h)(0, 0, 0, T),$$

where, for the various values of T , β runs through $\pm\beta_{13}, \dots, \pm\beta_{24}$. If $13 \leq j \leq 18$, we have $\beta_j(h_i) = \delta_{mi} - \delta_{ni}$, $1 \leq m < n \leq 4$; for $19 \leq j \leq 24$, $\beta_j(h_i) = -\delta_{mi} - \delta_{ni}$, $1 \leq m < n \leq 4$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$. Here T runs through the transformations $E_{ij} - E_{j+4, i+4}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$; $E_{i, j+4} - E_{j, i+4}$; $E_{i+4, j} - E_{j+4, i}$, $1 \leq i < j \leq 4$, where the E_{mn} are 8 by 8 matrix units relative to the basis u_1, \dots, u_8 of \mathfrak{C} . For example, with $T = E_{16} - E_{25}$, $(0, 0, 0, T)$ belongs to the function β with $\beta(h_i) = -\delta_{1i} - \delta_{2i}$, and $(0, 0, 0, E_{52} - E_{61})$ to the function $-\beta$.

We assume now that the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} is neither 2 nor 3. The $\pm\beta_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 24$, are 48 distinct nonzero linear functions on \mathfrak{G} such that for each β , there is a nonzero $e_\beta \in \mathfrak{L}$ such that $[e_\beta h] = \beta(h)e_\beta$ for all $h \in \mathfrak{G}$. If we set $\mathfrak{L}_\beta = \mathfrak{F}e_\beta$ for each such β , then the \mathfrak{L}_β are independent, and the \mathfrak{L}_β , together with \mathfrak{G} , are also independent. Thus $\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{G} + \sum_\beta \mathfrak{L}_\beta$, a vector space direct sum. It follows as in §6 of [10] that \mathfrak{G} is an abelian Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{L} , with respect to which the $\pm\beta_i$ are roots. The roots β span \mathfrak{G}^* , since β_1, \dots, β_4 already do so. Now it follows as in §6 of [10] that the center of \mathfrak{L} is zero. Evidently $\mathfrak{L}_\beta \subseteq [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}]$ for each root β ; also $\mathfrak{G} \subseteq [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}]$, since \mathfrak{G} is spanned by the $[e_{-\beta}e_\beta]$ for β among $\beta_{13}, \dots, \beta_{24}$. Thus \mathfrak{L} is seen to satisfy the postulates of [8], except possibly for (iv) and (v). For β among $\pm\beta_{13}, \dots, \pm\beta_{18}$, the fact that $[\mathfrak{L}_{-\beta}\mathfrak{L}_\beta] \neq 0$ follows from (14), (18), and $[E_{ij} - E_{j+4, i+4}, E_{ji} - E_{i+4, j+4}] = E_{ii} - E_{jj} + E_{j+4, j+4} - E_{i+4, i+4}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$; for β among $\pm\beta_{19}, \dots, \pm\beta_{24}$, it follows from (14), (18), and $[E_{i, j+4} - E_{j, i+4}, E_{j+4, i} - E_{i+4, j}] = E_{ii} + E_{jj} - E_{i+4, i+4} - E_{j+4, j+4}$, $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$, $i \neq j$.

For β among $\pm\beta_1, \dots, \pm\beta_4$, it follows from (14) that

$$[(u_i, 0, 0, 0), (u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0)] = (0, 0, 0, V), \quad 1 \leq i \leq 4,$$

where $aV = 2(a, u_{i+4})u_i - 2(a, u_i)u_{i+4}$; thus $u_i V = 2u_i \neq 0$, and $[\mathfrak{L}_{-\beta}\mathfrak{L}_\beta] \neq 0$. For β among $\pm\beta_5, \dots, \pm\beta_8$, we have for $1 \leq i \leq 4$, $[(0, u_i, 0, 0), (0, u_{i+4}, 0, 0)] = (0, 0, 0, V)$, where $aV = (u_i(\bar{u}_{i+4}a)/2 - u_{i+4}(\bar{u}_i a))$. If $1 \leq i \leq 3$, it follows

from the table on page 287 and the fact that $\bar{u}_i = -u_i$, $\bar{u}_{i+4} = -u_{i+4}$, that $u_8 V = -u_1 u_{i+4} = u_8$, so $V \neq 0$. If $i=4$, then $\bar{u}_4 = u_8/2$, $\bar{u}_8 = 2u_4$, and $u_1 V = -u_8 u_1/2 = -u_1$, so $V \neq 0$. Thus $[\mathfrak{L}_{-\beta} \mathfrak{L}_\beta] \neq 0$ for these values of β . A similar argument applies for β among $\pm\beta_9, \dots, \pm\beta_{12}$. Hence all $[\mathfrak{L}_{-\beta} \mathfrak{L}_\beta]$ are one-dimensional, and (iv) of [8] is satisfied.

Now the roots α_1 , defined as the root to which $(0, 0, 0, E_{32} - E_{67})$ belongs; α_2 , the root to which $(0, 0, 0, E_{16} - E_{25})$ belongs; $\alpha_3 = \beta_1$; $\alpha_4 = -\beta_5$ form a basis for \mathfrak{G}^* , and the totality of roots are: $\pm\alpha_i$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$; $\pm(\alpha_i + \alpha_{i+1})$, $1 \leq i \leq 3$; $\pm(\alpha_i + \alpha_{i+1} + \alpha_{i+2})$, $i=1, 2$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3)$; $\pm(\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 2\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4)$; $\pm(\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4)$; $\pm(2\alpha_1 + 3\alpha_2 + 4\alpha_3 + 2\alpha_4)$. Since the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} is not 2 or 3, it follows by inspection of this list that not all $\alpha + k\beta$ can be roots (or zero) for any nonzero root β , and also that $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$ form a fundamental system of roots relative to \mathfrak{G} in the sense of [8]. This system is of type F_4 , as is seen from the above. Thus all axioms (i)-(v) of [8] are satisfied, and by Theorem 8 of [8], \mathfrak{L} is (normal) simple and is a representative of the isomorphism class F_4 of [8]. In combination with Theorem 9 of [8], this reasoning gives the following theorem:

THEOREM 1. *The Lie algebra \mathfrak{L} of derivations of the split exceptional Jordan algebra \mathfrak{J} is a simple Lie algebra of classical type F_4 over the field \mathfrak{F} of characteristic $\neq 2, 3$. Every Lie algebra of classical type over \mathfrak{F} with a fundamental system of roots of type F_4 is isomorphic to \mathfrak{L} .*

2. The enveloping algebra of \mathfrak{L} in \mathfrak{J}' . If we let u_1, \dots, u_8 be our basis for \mathfrak{C} , then every element of \mathfrak{D}_4 , acting in \mathfrak{C} , has as matrix relative to this basis a matrix of the form

$$X = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} (\xi) & (\eta) \\ \hline (\zeta) & -(\xi)' \end{array} \right),$$

where (ξ) , (η) , (ζ) are 4 by 4 matrices with $(\eta)' = -(\eta)$, $(\zeta)' = -(\zeta)$. One verifies directly that the images of this element under the triality automorphisms ϕ, ψ are

$$X^\phi = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} (\alpha) & (\beta) \\ \hline (\gamma) & -(\alpha)' \end{array} \right),$$

$$X^\psi = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} (\mu) & (\nu) \\ \hline (\rho) & -(\mu)' \end{array} \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\alpha) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\xi_{11}-\xi_{22}-\xi_{33}+\xi_{44}) & \xi_{12} & \xi_{13} & -2\eta_{14} \\ \xi_{21} & \frac{1}{2}(-\xi_{11}+\xi_{22}-\xi_{33}+\xi_{44}) & \xi_{23} & -2\eta_{24} \\ \xi_{31} & \xi_{32} & \frac{1}{2}(-\xi_{11}-\xi_{22}+\xi_{33}+\xi_{44}) & -2\eta_{34} \\ \frac{1}{2}\zeta_{14} & \frac{1}{2}\zeta_{24} & \frac{1}{2}\zeta_{34} & -\frac{1}{2}(\xi_{11}+\xi_{22}+\xi_{33}+\xi_{44}) \end{bmatrix}, \\
 (\beta) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{2}\xi_{43} & \frac{1}{2}\xi_{42} & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{23} \\ \frac{1}{2}\xi_{43} & 0 & -\frac{1}{2}\xi_{41} & \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{13} \\ -\frac{1}{2}\xi_{42} & \frac{1}{2}\xi_{41} & 0 & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{12} \\ \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{23} & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{13} & \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & (\gamma) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2\xi_{34} & -2\xi_{24} & -4\eta_{23} \\ -2\xi_{34} & 0 & 2\xi_{14} & 4\eta_{13} \\ 2\xi_{24} & -2\xi_{14} & 0 & -4\eta_{12} \\ 4\eta_{23} & -4\eta_{13} & 4\eta_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 (19) \quad (\mu) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(\xi_{11}-\xi_{22}-\xi_{33}-\xi_{44}) & \xi_{12} & \xi_{13} & \xi_{14} \\ \xi_{21} & \frac{1}{2}(-\xi_{11}+\xi_{22}-\xi_{33}-\xi_{44}) & \xi_{23} & \xi_{24} \\ \xi_{31} & \xi_{32} & \frac{1}{2}(-\xi_{11}-\xi_{22}+\xi_{33}-\xi_{44}) & \xi_{34} \\ \xi_{41} & \xi_{42} & \xi_{43} & \frac{1}{2}(-\xi_{11}-\xi_{22}-\xi_{33}+\xi_{44}) \end{bmatrix}, \\
 (\nu) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{34} & \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{24} & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{23} \\ \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{34} & 0 & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{14} & \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{13} \\ -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{24} & \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{14} & 0 & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{12} \\ \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{23} & -\frac{1}{4}\zeta_{13} & \frac{1}{4}\zeta_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & (\rho) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4\eta_{34} & 4\eta_{24} & -4\eta_{23} \\ 4\eta_{34} & 0 & -4\eta_{14} & 4\eta_{13} \\ -4\eta_{24} & 4\eta_{14} & 0 & -4\eta_{12} \\ 4\eta_{23} & -4\eta_{13} & 4\eta_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the uniqueness of X^ϕ and X^ψ , these assertions are readily checked by seeing that for each pair of basis elements u_i, u_j , $(u_i u_j)X^\psi = (u_i X)u_j + u_i(u_j X^\phi)$.

Let $w_1 = \text{diag}\{1, -1, 0\}$, $w_2 = \text{diag}\{0, 1, -1\}$. Then w_1, w_2 and the $a(j, k)$, $1 \leq j < k \leq 3$, $a \in \mathfrak{C}$, span the space \mathfrak{F}' . Since \mathfrak{L} maps \mathfrak{F}' into \mathfrak{F}' and I into 0, we may identify \mathfrak{L} with its restriction to \mathfrak{F}' . In this sense, we have

LEMMA 1. $\mathfrak{L}^4 = \mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{F}')$, the full algebra of linear transformations of \mathfrak{F}' .

To prove the lemma, we first observe the effect on a general element of \mathfrak{F}' of our basis for \mathfrak{L} . Thus if $a = \alpha_1 w_1 + \alpha_2 w_2 + a_{12}(1, 2) + a_{13}(1, 3) + a_{23}(2, 3)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(u_i, 0, 0, 0) &= -(a_{12}, u_i)w_1 + \frac{1}{2}(2\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)u_i(1, 2) - \frac{1}{2}(u_i a_{22})(1, 3) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{u}_i a_{13})(2, 3); \\
 a(0, u_i, 0, 0) &= -(a_{13}, u_i)(w_1 + w_2) - \frac{1}{2}(u_i \bar{a}_{22})(1, 2) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)u_i(1, 3) \\
 (20) \quad &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{a}_{12}u_i)(2, 3); \\
 a(0, 0, u_i, 0) &= -(a_{23}, u_i)w_2 - \frac{1}{2}(a_{13}\bar{u}_i)(1, 2) + \frac{1}{2}(a_{12}u_i)(1, 3) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2}(2\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)u_i(2, 3); \quad 1 \leq i \leq 8,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$a(0, 0, 0, T) = \frac{1}{2}(a_{12}T)(1, 2) + \frac{1}{2}(a_{13}T^\psi)(1, 3) + \frac{1}{2}(a_{23}T^\psi)(2, 3), \quad T \in \mathfrak{D}_4.$$

From the first three of (20), we see that $a(u_i, 0, 0, 0)^2 = -(a_{12}, u_i)u_i(1, 2)$, $a(0, u_i, 0, 0)^2 = -(a_{13}, u_i)u_i(1, 3)$, $a(0, 0, u_i, 0)^2 = -(a_{23}, u_i)u_i(2, 3)$, $1 \leq i \leq 8$. Thus if we denote by $E(v, w)$ the matrix unit sending the basis vector v into the vector w of the same fixed basis, and all other basis vectors into 0, it follows that \mathfrak{R}^2 contains

$$\begin{aligned}
 (21) \quad &E(u_i(j, k), u_{i+4}(j, k)); \quad E(u_{i+4}(j, k), u_i(j, k)), \\
 &1 \leq j < k \leq 3, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now $a(u_i, 0, 0, 0)^2(u_j, 0, 0, 0) = (a_{12}, u_i)(u_i, u_j)w_1$, which yields for $j=4$ or $j=i-4$ the result that \mathfrak{R}^3 contains each $E(u_i(1, 2), w_1)$, $1 \leq i \leq 8$. This and the analogue for $(0, u_i, 0, 0)^2(0, u_j, 0, 0)$ and for $(0, 0, u_i, 0)^2(0, 0, u_j, 0)$ show that \mathfrak{R}^3 contains all

$$\begin{aligned}
 (22) \quad &E(u_i(1, 2), w_1), \quad E(u_i(1, 3), w_1) + E(u_i(1, 3), w_2), \quad E(u_i(2, 3), w_2), \\
 &1 \leq i \leq 8.
 \end{aligned}$$

For $1 \leq i \leq 4$, we denote by $C(i)$ the set of all $j \neq i$, $1 \leq j \leq 4$, and the integer $i+4$, and by $D(i)$ the complement of $C(i)$ in $1, 2, \dots, 8$. For $5 \leq i \leq 8$, we set $C(i) = D(i-4)$, $D(i) = C(i-4)$. Let $C'(i) = \{C(i), 8\} - \{4\}$, $1 \leq i \leq 3$, $C'(4) = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, and let $D'(i)$ be the complement of $C'(i)$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$; for $5 \leq i \leq 8$, set $C'(i) = D'(i-4)$, $D'(i) = C'(i-4)$. Then left multiplication by u_i , $i \neq 4, 8$, maps the subspace of \mathfrak{C} spanned by the u_j , $j \in C(i)$, onto the subspace spanned by the u_j , $j \in D(i)$, and the latter subspace onto 0. Let multiplication by

u_i , $i=4, 8$, map the subspace spanned by the u_j , $j \in C(i)$, onto 0, and the subspace spanned by the u_j , $j \in D(i)$, onto itself; moreover vectors of this basis are sent onto scalar multiples of vectors of this basis for every i , $1 \leq i \leq 8$. Similarly, right multiplication by u_i , $i \neq 4, 8$, sends the span of the u_j , $j \in C'(i)$, onto the span of the u_j , $j \in D'(i)$, and the latter onto zero; for $i=4, 8$, the span of the u_j , $j \in C'(i)$, is mapped onto itself and the remaining u_j go into zero.

Now computing $(u_i, 0, 0, 0)^2(0, u_j, 0, 0)$, we see that a goes into $-(a_{12}, u_i)(\bar{u}_i u_j)(2, 3)/2$. Since the first factor $(u_i, 0, 0, 0)^2$ is essentially a matrix unit $E(u_{i \pm 4}(1, 2), u_i(1, 2))$, we see that for $i \neq 4, 8$, where $\bar{u}_i = -u_i$, our transformation is 0 if $j \in D(i)$, and for $j \in C(i)$ yields in \mathfrak{X}^3 the matrix units $E(u_{i \pm 4}(1, 2), u_k(2, 3))$, $k \in D(i)$, i.e., the $E(u_i(1, 2), u_k(2, 3))$, $k \in C(i)$. For $i=4, 8$, $\bar{u}_i = \lambda u_{i \pm 4}$, $0 \neq \lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, yielding in \mathfrak{X}^3 all $E(u_{i \pm 4}(1, 2), u_k(2, 3))$, $k \in D(i \pm 4)$; thus \mathfrak{X}^3 contains all

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(2, 3)), & \quad j \in C(i), & 1 \leq i \leq 8, i \neq 4, 8; \\ E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(2, 3)), & \quad j \in D(i), & i = 4, 8. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly from $(u_i, 0, 0, 0)^2(0, 0, u_j, 0) \in \mathfrak{X}^3$, we have in \mathfrak{X}^3

$$(24) \quad E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(1, 3)), \quad j \in C(i), \quad 1 \leq i \leq 8.$$

From $(0, u_i, 0, 0)^2(u_j, 0, 0, 0)$, $(0, u_i, 0, 0)^2(0, 0, u_j, 0)$, $(0, 0, u_i, 0)^2(u_j, 0, 0, 0)$, $(0, 0, u_i, 0)^2(0, u_j, 0, 0)$, we have in \mathfrak{X}^3 :

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} E(u_i(1, 3), u_j(2, 3)), & \quad j \in C'(i), & i \neq 4, 8; \\ E(u_i(1, 3), u_j(2, 3)), & \quad j \in D'(i), & i = 4, 8; \\ E(u_i(1, 3), u_j(1, 2)), & \quad j \in C(i), & 1 \leq i \leq 8; \\ E(u_i(2, 3), u_j(1, 3)), & \quad j \in C'(i), & i \neq 4, 8; \\ E(u_i(2, 3), u_j(1, 3)), & \quad j \in D'(i), & i = 4, 8; \\ E(u_i(2, 3), u_j(1, 2)), & \quad j \in C'(i), & 1 \leq i \leq 8. \end{aligned}$$

From following $(u_i, 0, 0, 0)^2$, $(0, u_i, 0, 0)^2$, $(0, 0, u_i, 0)^2$ by suitable $(0, 0, 0, T)$, where T is selected from the basis for \mathfrak{D}_4 used in §1, we find that \mathfrak{X}^3 also contains all

$$(26) \quad \bar{E}(u_i(j, k), u_m(j, k)), \quad m \neq i, 1 \leq i, m \leq 8, 1 \leq j < k \leq 3.$$

Furthermore, from $(u_{i \pm 4}, 0, 0, 0)(u_i, 0, 0, 0)^2$, $(0, u_{i \pm 4}, 0, 0)(0, u_i, 0, 0)^2$, $(0, 0, u_{i \pm 4}, 0)(0, 0, u_i, 0)^2$, we find in \mathfrak{X}^3 the following:

$$(27) \quad \begin{aligned} 2E(w_1, u_i(1, 2)) - E(w_2, u_i(1, 2)), & \quad E(w_1, u_i(1, 3)) + E(w_2, u_i(1, 3)), \\ E(w_1, u_i(2, 3)) - 2E(w_2, u_i(2, 3)), & \quad 1 \leq i \leq 8. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show that $E(v, w) \in \mathfrak{X}^4$ for all basis vectors v, w for \mathfrak{X}' . Since $E(u_i(j, k), u_{i \pm 4}(j, k)) \in \mathfrak{X}^2$ by (21), it follows that $E(u_i(j, k), u_i(j, k)) \in \mathfrak{X}^4$;

combined with (26) and the fact that $\mathfrak{L} = [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}] \subseteq \mathfrak{L}^2$, this yields $E(u_i(j, k), u_m(j, k)) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$ for all $i, m, 1 \leq i, m \leq 8$, and for $1 \leq j < k \leq 3$. Following the elements (23), (24), (25) by suitable $(0, 0, 0, T)$, $T \in \mathfrak{D}_4$, yields in \mathfrak{L}^4 all $E(u_i(j, k), u_m(j', k'))$, $1 \leq i, m \leq 8, 1 \leq j < k \leq 3, 1 \leq j' < k' \leq 3$. Next, following an $E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(1, 3)) \in \mathfrak{L}^3$ by $(0, u_{j \pm 4}, 0, 0)$ gives $E(u_i(1, 2), w_1) + E(u_i(1, 2), w_2) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$. Since $E(u_i(1, 2), w_1) \in \mathfrak{L}^3 \subseteq \mathfrak{L}^4$ by (22), we have $E(u_i(1, 2), w_2) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$. Similarly, all $E(u_i(1, 3), w_1)$ and all $E(u_i(1, 3), w_2)$ are in \mathfrak{L}^4 , as well as all $E(u_i(2, 3), w_1)$; all $E(u_i(2, 3), w_2)$ are in $\mathfrak{L}^3 \subseteq \mathfrak{L}^4$.

It remains to show that $E(w_m, v) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$, $m = 1, 2$, for all basis vectors v . by using the fact that for each k , there are an i and a j such that $u_k(2, 3) = \lambda u_i(1, 2)(0, u_j, 0, 0)$, $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, we can follow $2E(w_1, u_i(1, 2)) - E(w_2, u_i(1, 2)) \in \mathfrak{L}^3$ by $\lambda^{-1}(0, u_j, 0, 0)$ to obtain $2E(w_1, u_k(2, 3)) - E(w_2, u_k(2, 3)) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$ for all k . Combined with (27), this yields $E(w_n, u_i(2, 3)) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$, $n = 1, 2, 1 \leq i \leq 8$. Similarly we see that all $E(w_n, u_i(j, k)) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$. Following the first element in (27) by $(u_{i \pm 4}, 0, 0, 0)$, the second by $(0, u_{i \pm 4}, 0, 0)$, the third by $(0, 0, u_{i \pm 4}, 0)$ yields, respectively, $2E(w_1, w_1) - E(w_2, w_1)$, $E(w_1, w_2) + E(w_2, w_2) + E(w_1, w_1) + E(w_2, w_1)$, $E(w_1, w_2) - 2E(w_2, w_2) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$. Finally, computing $(u_1, 0, 0, 0) \cdot (0, u_2, 0, 0)(0, 0, u_3, 0) \in \mathfrak{L}^3 \subseteq \mathfrak{L}^4$ yields in \mathfrak{L}^4 a linear combination of matrix units other than $E(w_i, w_j)$ together with a term in $2E(w_1, w_2) - E(w_2, w_2)$; together with the above, this shows all $E(w_i, w_j) \in \mathfrak{L}^4$, $i, j = 1, 2$, and completes the proof of the lemma.

Now we know that if $D \in \mathfrak{L}_\alpha$ for some $\alpha \neq 0$, then $(\text{ad } D)^3 = 0$; combining this fact with the result $\mathfrak{L}^4 = \mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{F}')$ of Lemma 1 and with Lemma 1 of [10], we know that since D is nilpotent (see [10]), $D^9 = D^{4(s-1)+1} = 0$ on \mathfrak{F}' . Since $ID = 0$, we have $D^9 = 0$ for all elements D of all root-spaces \mathfrak{L}_α , $\alpha \neq 0$, relative to standard Cartan subalgebras of \mathfrak{L} . We shall need the results of §1 of [10] which are valid when $D^{2^{-1}(p+1)} = 0$, where p is the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} (if $p \neq 0$). Thus we assume in the sequel that the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} is either zero or a prime $p > 13$.

3. Automorphisms of the derivation algebra. Now the mappings $\exp(D)$ of \mathfrak{F} , for D as in the last paragraph, are automorphisms of \mathfrak{F} , and for $X \in \mathfrak{L}$, $X \exp(\text{ad}(D)) = (\exp D)^{-1} X (\exp D) = A^{-1} X A$, A an automorphism of \mathfrak{F} [10]. The group $\mathcal{G}(\mathfrak{L})$ of invariant automorphisms [9; 10] is generated by such mappings $X \rightarrow A^{-1} X A$, where A is an automorphism of \mathfrak{F} . Conversely, if A is an automorphism of \mathfrak{F} , the mapping $X \rightarrow A^{-1} X A$ is an automorphism of \mathfrak{L} . If A is an automorphism of \mathfrak{F} then $IA = I$, and $\mathfrak{F}A = \mathfrak{F}'A$, since $\mathfrak{F}\mathfrak{L} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}'$ and $\mathfrak{F}' = \mathfrak{F}'\mathfrak{L}^4$; but $\mathfrak{F}A = \mathfrak{F}(A\mathfrak{L}A^{-1})A = \mathfrak{F}A\mathfrak{L}$; since $\mathfrak{F}A\mathfrak{L} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}'$, we have $\mathfrak{F}'A \subseteq \mathfrak{F}'$, so that $\mathfrak{F}'A = \mathfrak{F}'$. Thus if $X = A^{-1} X A$ for $A \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$, the group of automorphisms of \mathfrak{F} , and for all $X \in \mathfrak{L}$, we see from Lemma 1 that $A|_{\mathfrak{F}'}$ is scalar, so that $IA = I$, $xA = \lambda x$ for all $x \in \mathfrak{F}'$. Thus $(w_1 \cdot w_2)A = w_1 A \cdot w_2 A = \lambda^2 w_1 \cdot w_2$. But $w_1 \cdot w_2 = 2(w_1 - w_2 - I)/3$, so $(w_1 \cdot w_2)A = 2(\lambda w_1 - \lambda w_2 - I)/3 = 2\lambda^2(w_1 - w_2 - I)/3$; hence $\lambda^2 = \lambda$ and $\lambda^2 = 1$; thus $\lambda = 1$, and $A = I$.

Hence the mapping sending $A \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ onto the automorphism $I_A: X$

$\rightarrow A^{-1}XA$ of \mathfrak{L} is one-one and an isomorphism of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ into $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$. In the algebraically closed case, every automorphism of \mathfrak{L} is an invariant automorphism [9], hence of the form $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$, $A \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$, and the mapping $A \rightarrow I_A$ is an isomorphism of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ onto $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$. As in the case of G_2 in [10] we can show that this result remains valid even if \mathfrak{F} is not algebraically closed. Namely:

If \mathfrak{K} is the algebraic closure of \mathfrak{F} , then $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{K}}$ is the split exceptional Jordan algebra over \mathfrak{K} , and $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{K}}$ is the derivation algebra of $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{K}}$. If σ is an automorphism of \mathfrak{L} , σ has a unique extension to an automorphism of $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{K}}$; hence we have, for this extension σ , $X^{\sigma} = A^{-1}XA$ for some $A \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{K}})$, all $X \in \mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{K}}$. In particular, this relation holds for all $X \in \mathfrak{L}$. Thus there is a nonsingular linear transformation B of \mathfrak{F} such that $X^{\sigma} = B^{-1}XB$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{L}$ [11]. Now B maps \mathfrak{F}' into \mathfrak{F}' , since $\mathfrak{F}'\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{F}' = \mathfrak{F}'\mathfrak{L}$ implies $\mathfrak{F}'B = \mathfrak{F}'\mathfrak{L}B = \mathfrak{F}'B(B^{-1}\mathfrak{L}B) = \mathfrak{F}'B\mathfrak{L} \subseteq \mathfrak{F}'\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{F}'$. Since $\mathfrak{L}^4 = \mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{F}')$, $(\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{K}})^4 = \mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{F}'_{\mathfrak{K}})$; now $A^{-1}B_{\mathfrak{K}}$ maps $\mathfrak{F}'_{\mathfrak{K}}$ into $\mathfrak{F}'_{\mathfrak{K}}$ and commutes elementwise with $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{K}}$, so that $A^{-1}B_{\mathfrak{K}} = \lambda I$ on $\mathfrak{F}'_{\mathfrak{K}}$, $\lambda \in \mathfrak{K}$, or $B_{\mathfrak{K}} = \lambda A$, $0 \neq \lambda \in \mathfrak{K}$. But $u_1(1, 3)B/2 = (u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_2(2, 3))B = \lambda(u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_2(2, 3))A = \lambda(u_1(1, 2)A) \cdot (u_2(2, 3)A) = \lambda^{-1}(u_1(1, 2)B) \cdot (u_2(2, 3)B)$, so that $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, $A|_{\mathfrak{F}'} \in \mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{F}')$, and $A = C_{\mathfrak{K}}$, $C \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. Thus we have $X^{\sigma} = C^{-1}XC$, $C \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. As above $C^{-1}XC = X$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{L}$ only if $C = I$. Thus the mapping $A \rightarrow I_A$ is again an isomorphism of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ onto $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$.

THEOREM 2. *Except when \mathfrak{F} is of prime characteristic between 2 and 13, the mapping $A \rightarrow I_A$ which assigns to the automorphism A of the split exceptional Jordan algebra \mathfrak{F} over \mathfrak{F} the automorphism $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$ of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{L} of derivations of \mathfrak{F} is an isomorphism of the full automorphism group $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ of \mathfrak{F} onto the full automorphism group of \mathfrak{L} .*

4. Invariant automorphisms and the group of Chevalley. The group G' of Chevalley formed over \mathfrak{F} from a complex Lie algebra of type F_4 may be regarded as acting in \mathfrak{L} via the mappings $\exp(\lambda \operatorname{ad}(X))$, where X runs through a complete set of root-vectors relative to a fixed standard Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{H} of \mathfrak{L} , the fundamental system of roots relative to \mathfrak{H} being of type F_4 (see [2; 10]). By Theorem 9 of [8], there is an automorphism σ of \mathfrak{L} mapping the Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{H}_1 of \mathfrak{L} spanned by the h_i , $1 \leq i \leq 4$, onto \mathfrak{H} , and the root-vectors relative to \mathfrak{H}_1 , as listed above, onto those relative to \mathfrak{H} . We have $X^{\sigma} = A^{-1}XA$, $A \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. Now $(\operatorname{ad}(X^{\sigma}))^3 = 0$ and $(X^{\sigma})^9 = 0$ by §2, where X runs through the root-vectors relative to \mathfrak{H}_1 , so that $Y \exp(\lambda \operatorname{ad}(X^{\sigma})) = (\exp(\lambda X^{\sigma}))^{-1} Y (\exp(\lambda X^{\sigma}))$ for all $Y \in \mathfrak{L}$, and G' is the isomorphic image under $B \rightarrow I_B$ of the subgroup \mathfrak{G} of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ generated by all $\exp(\lambda X^{\sigma})$. The group $A \mathfrak{G} A^{-1}$ is the subgroup of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ generated by all $\exp(\lambda X)$, where X runs through the root-vectors relative to \mathfrak{H}_1 . We show $A \mathfrak{G} A^{-1} = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. Then it follows that $\mathfrak{G} = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$, and that $G' = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L}) \cong \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. Since the group $\mathfrak{J}(\mathfrak{L})$ of invariant automorphisms of \mathfrak{L} contains G' , it follows that $G' = \mathfrak{J}(\mathfrak{L}) = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L}) \cong \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. (The fact that $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ is simple, proved by Jacobson [7], coupled with the fact that $\mathfrak{J}(\mathfrak{L})$ is a normal subgroup of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$, shows that $\mathfrak{J}(\mathfrak{L}) = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L}) \simeq \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$, but our result is somewhat sharper and, combined with Chevalley's

proof of the simplicity of G' , gives another proof of the simplicity of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$.

We first investigate the effects of all $\exp(\lambda e_\beta)$, where e_β runs through $2(u_i, 0, 0, 0)$, $2(0, u_i, 0, 0)$, $2(0, 0, u_i, 0)$, and $2(0, 0, 0, T)$, belonging to the roots $\pm\beta_1, \dots, \pm\beta_{24}$ relative to \mathfrak{F}_1 : With $b = \text{diag}\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3\} + b_{12}(1, 2) + b_{13}(1, 3) + b_{23}(2, 3)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 b \exp(2\lambda(u_i, 0, 0, 0)) &= b + \lambda[\text{diag}\{-2(b_{12}, u_i), 2(b_{12}, u_i), 0\} \\
 &\quad + (\beta_1 - \beta_2)u_i(1, 2) - (u_i b_{23})(1, 3) + (\bar{u}_i b_{13})(2, 3)] \\
 &\quad - 2\lambda^2(b_{12}, u_i)u_i(1, 2); \\
 b \exp(2\lambda(0, u_i, 0, 0)) &= b + \lambda[\text{diag}\{-2(b_{13}, u_i), 0, 2(b_{13}, u_i)\} \\
 &\quad - (u_i b_{23})(1, 2) + (\beta_1 - \beta_3)u_i(1, 3) + (\bar{b}_{12}u_i)(2, 3)] \\
 (28) \quad &\quad - 2\lambda^2(b_{13}, u_i)u_i(1, 3); \\
 b \exp(2\lambda(0, 0, u_i, 0)) &= b + \lambda[\text{diag}\{0, -2(b_{23}, u_i), 2(b_{23}, u_i)\} \\
 &\quad - (b_{13}\bar{u}_i)(1, 2) + (b_{12}u_i)(1, 3) + (\beta_2 - \beta_3)u_i(2, 3)] \\
 &\quad - 2\lambda^2(b_{23}, u_i)u_i(2, 3); \\
 b \exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T)) &= b + \lambda[(b_{12}T)(1, 2) + (b_{13}T^\psi)(1, 3) + (b_{23}T^\phi)(2, 3)].
 \end{aligned}$$

Now let $B \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. We show that by a succession of right multiplications of B by transformations (28), B can be converted into the identity. Since the transformations (28) generate $A\mathfrak{G}A^{-1}$, it will follow that $B \in A\mathfrak{G}A^{-1}$, so that $A\mathfrak{G}A^{-1} = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$, as asserted.

Now B sends $u_1(1, 2)$ into $u_1(1, 2)B = c = \text{diag}\{\gamma_{11}, \gamma_{22}, \gamma_{33}\} + c_{12}(1, 2) + c_{13}(1, 3) + c_{23}(2, 3)$. We first show that when c_{12} is written in terms of the basis $\{u_i\}$ of \mathfrak{G} , we may assume that the coefficient α_1 of u_1 is 1. Suppose first that $\alpha_1 \neq 0$. Then choose λ so that, if α_2 is the coefficient of u_2 in c_{12} , $\lambda\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \neq 0$, and follow B by $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, E_{12} - E_{66}))$; the new automorphism sends $u_1(1, 2)$ into an element of \mathfrak{F} having in the $(1, 2)$ -position $\alpha_1 u_1 + (\alpha_2 + \lambda\alpha_1)u_2 + \dots$, $\alpha_2 + \lambda\alpha_1 \neq 0$, and is in $A\mathfrak{G}A^{-1}$ if and only if B is; thus we may assume $\alpha_2 \neq 0$ in B . But then if we follow B by $\exp(2(1 - \alpha_1)\alpha_2^{-1}(0, 0, 0, E_{21} - E_{66}))$ we obtain in the $(1, 2)$ -position $(\alpha_1 + (1 - \alpha_1)\alpha_2^{-1}\alpha_2)u_1 + \dots = u_1 + \dots$, i.e., $\alpha_1 = 1$ as desired. Thus we may assume c_{12} has the desired form unless $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$. If α_i , the coefficient of u_i in c_{12} , is nonzero for i among 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, a similar procedure can be used to make $\alpha_1 = 1$. If all these are zero, and if $\alpha_5 \neq 0$, a combination of two of the types $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$ can be used to make $\alpha_1 = 1$. Thus we need only treat the case where $c_{12} = 0$. If $c_{13} \neq 0$ then for some i , $c_{13}\bar{u}_i \neq 0$, so that following B by $\exp(2(0, 0, u_i, 0))$ makes $c_{12} \neq 0$, and we can proceed as before to make $\alpha_1 = 1$. Similarly, for $c_{23} \neq 0$ we use a suitable $\exp(2(0, u_i, 0, 0))$. Thus we may assume $c_{12} = c_{13} = c_{23} = 0$. Now, not both of $\gamma_{11} - \gamma_{22}$, $\gamma_{11} - \gamma_{33}$ are zero, since this implies $\gamma_{11} = \gamma_{22} = \gamma_{33}$, and $u_1(1, 2)B$ has trace $3\gamma_{11} \neq 0$ unless $u_1(1, 2)B = 0$. But $u_1(1, 2)B \in \mathfrak{F}'$, so that $u_1(1, 2)B = 0$, a contradiction to the assumption that B was an automorphism. Thus if

$\gamma_{11} - \gamma_{22} \neq 0$, we follow B by $\exp(2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))$ for any i to obtain $c_{12} \neq 0$; if $\gamma_{11} - \gamma_{22} = 0$ then $\gamma_{11} - \gamma_{33} \neq 0$, and following B by $\exp(2(0, u_i, 0, 0))$ makes $c_{13} \neq 0$. In either case the reduction to $\alpha_1 = 1$ can now be made as before. Thus we may assume $\alpha_1 = 1$ in B .

Next we show that we may assume $u_1(1, 2)B = u_1(1, 2)$. First of all, follow B by $\exp(2\lambda_i(0, u_i, 0, 0))$, $i \in C(1)$, adding to c_{12} the element $-\lambda_i u_i \bar{c}_{23}$, in which the coefficient of u_1 is zero. Thus $\alpha_1 = 1$ stays fixed, and suitable choice of the λ_i makes the coefficient of u_j in c_{23} into 0 for all $j \in D(1)$: $c_{23} \rightarrow c_{23} + \lambda_i \bar{c}_{12} u_i$. Similarly, follow the new B by $\exp(2\lambda_i(0, 0, u_i, 0))$, $i \in C(1)$; then the form of c_{23} obtained above is unchanged, as is the property $\alpha_1 = 1$, and with suitable choice of the λ_i , the coefficient of u_j in c_{13} is made into zero for each $j \in D(1)$. Thus we may assume c_{13} and c_{23} have these forms, and that $\alpha_1 = 1$. Now operate with $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, $T = E_{12} - E_{65}$, $E_{13} - E_{75}$, $E_{14} - E_{85}$; the first two of these T 's are fixed under ϕ and ψ , and $(E_{14} - E_{85})^\psi = E_{14} - E_{85}$, $(E_{14} - E_{85})^\phi = 2(E_{63} - E_{72})$. The properties above are unchanged, and the coefficients of u_2, u_3, u_4 in c_{12} are replaced by 0.

Now apply $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, $T = E_{16} - E_{25}$, $E_{17} - E_{35}$, $E_{18} - E_{45}$; by checking T^ϕ and T^ψ from (19), we see that all our earlier properties of B are unchanged, and one obtains $c_{12} = u_1 + \alpha_5 u_5$, $c_{13} = \sum_{i \in C(1)} \beta_i u_i$, $c_{23} = \sum_{i \in C(1)} \gamma_i u_i$. We may thus assume that B has this form. Now apply $\exp(2\lambda(u_5, 0, 0, 0))$, leaving the above properties fixed, and altering the diagonal by the subtraction of a nonzero multiple of w_1 , if $\lambda \neq 0$. Since $u_1(1, 2) \in \mathfrak{Y}'$, we have $\text{diag}\{\gamma_{11}, \gamma_{22}, \gamma_{33}\} = \delta_1 w_1 + \delta_2 w_2$, and suitable choice of λ makes $\delta_1 = 0$. Thus we may assume $c = u_1(1, 2)B = \delta_2 w_2 + (u_1 + \alpha_5 u_5)(1, 2) + \sum_{i \in C(1)} \beta_i u_i(1, 3) + \sum_{i \in C(1)} \gamma_i u_i(2, 3)$. From $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_1(1, 2) = 0$ we have $c \cdot c = 0$; now $c \cdot c$ has in its $(1, 2)$ -position $2\delta_2(u_1 + \alpha_5 u_5) + 2c_{13}\bar{c}_{23}$, and the coefficient of u_1 in $c_{13}\bar{c}_{23}$ is 0; thus $\delta_2 = 0$. Then the entry in the $(1, 3)$ -position in $c \cdot c$ is $0 = 2c_{12}c_{23}$, or $0 = u_1 c_{23} + \alpha_5 u_5 c_{23} = \gamma_2 u_7/2 + \gamma_4 u_1 - \gamma_3 u_6/2 - \gamma_5 u_8 + \sum_{i \in C(1)} \kappa_i u_i$, from which $\gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = \gamma_4 = \gamma_5 = 0$ and $c_{23} = 0$. Likewise, from the fact that the element in the $(2, 3)$ -position in $c \cdot c$ is zero it follows that $c_{13} = 0$, and $c = (u_1 + \alpha_5 u_5)(1, 2)$, $0 = c \cdot c = 4 \text{diag}\{\alpha_5, \alpha_5, 0\}$, and $\alpha_5 = 0$, $u_1(1, 2)B = c = u_1(1, 2)$. We assume this in the sequel.

Next let $u_1(1, 3)B = c$ as above; from $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_1(1, 3) = 0$, we have $0 = (u_1(1, 2)B) \cdot c = u_1(1, 2) \cdot c$. It follows that $\alpha_5 = 0 = \delta_2$, $c_{13} = \sum_{i \in D(1)} \beta_i u_i$, $c_{23} = \sum_{i \in D(1)} \gamma_i u_i$, where the notation is as above. Now we show that we may assume $\beta_1 = 1$. If β_6, β_7 , or β_8 is nonzero, follow B by $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, for $T = E_{34} - E_{87}$, $E_{24} - E_{86}$, $E_{27} - E_{36}$, respectively, with suitable λ , to make $\beta_1 = 1$, leaving $u_1(1, 2)$ fixed. Thus our result is achieved unless $\beta_6 = \beta_7 = \beta_8 = 0$. If this is the case, and if $\beta_1 \neq 0$, follow B by $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, E_{74} - E_{83}))$ to make $\beta_6 \neq 0$, still leaving $u_1(1, 2)$ fixed; then proceed as above. Thus we may assume either $\beta_1 = 1$ or $c_{13} = 0$. In the latter case, if $\gamma_i \neq 0$, $i \neq 8$, follow B by an $\exp(2(u_j, 0, 0, 0))$, $j \in D(1)$, $j \neq 1$. Then $u_1(1, 2)$ is fixed, but the new c_{13} is $-\sum_{i \in D(1)} \gamma_i u_i u_i \neq 0$ for suitable j . Hence we may assume that either $\beta_1 = 1$ or that $c_{13} = 0$, $c_{23} = \gamma_8 u_8$. If $\delta_1 \neq 0$, apply $\exp(2(0, u_1, 0, 0))$, leaving $u_1(1, 2)$

fixed and making $c_{13} \neq 0$. Consequently we may assume either $\beta_1 = 1$ or $c = c_{12}(1, 2) + \gamma_8 u_8(2, 3)$, and $\alpha_5 = 0$ by earlier observations. If $\alpha_i \neq 0$, $i \in D(1)$, $i \neq 1$, follow B by suitable $\exp(2(0, 0, u_j, 0))$, $j \in D(1)$, $j \neq 8$, leaving $u_1(1, 2)$ fixed and making $c_{13} \neq 0$, so we may assume $c_{12} = \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i u_i$. If $\gamma_8 \neq 0$, apply $\exp(2(u_6, 0, 0, 0))$, leaving $u_1(1, 2)$ fixed and making $c_{13} \neq 0$. Thus either $\beta_1 = 1$ or $c = \sum_{i=1}^4 \alpha_i u_i(1, 2)$ may be assumed. In the second case, if $\alpha_i \neq 0$, $i \neq 1$, follow by $\exp(2(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0))$, leaving $u_1(1, 2)$ fixed and making $\delta_1 \neq 0$. Thus we may assume $\beta_1 = 1$ unless $u_1(1, 3)B = \alpha_1 u_1(1, 2) = \alpha_1 u_1(1, 2)B$; the latter is impossible since B is an automorphism, and we may therefore assume

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_1 = 1, \quad c = \delta_1 w_1 + \sum_{i \neq 5} \alpha_i u_i(1, 2) + u_1(1, 3) + \sum_{i \in D(1), i \neq 1} \beta_i u_i(1, 3) \\ + \sum_{i \in D(1)} \gamma_i u_i(2, 3). \end{aligned}$$

Now we show that we may assume $u_1(1, 3)B = u_1(1, 3)$. First operate with $\exp(2\lambda_i(u_i, 0, 0, 0))$, $i = 2, 3, 4$; these leave $u_1(1, 2)$ fixed, the coefficient 1 of u_1 in c_{13} is left fixed, and for $j \in D(1)$, $j \neq 1$, and $i = 2, 3, 4$, $\bar{u}_i u_j = 0$, $-u_8$, or $2u_8$. Also $\bar{u}_i u_1$ is a nonzero scalar multiple of u_7 , u_6 , u_1 , respectively. Hence with suitable λ_i we make c_{23} into $\gamma_8 u_8$. Next operate with $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, u_8, 0))$; $u_1(1, 2)$ is fixed, the coefficient of u_1 in c_{13} remains 1, and c_{23} retains its form. The coefficient α_1 of u_1 in c_{12} is replaced by $\alpha_1 - 2\lambda$, so becomes zero for $\lambda = 2^{-1}\alpha_1$. We may therefore assume that $\alpha_1 = 0$. Now apply $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$ for $T = E_{74} - E_{83}$, $E_{64} - E_{82}$, $E_{63} - E_{72}$. Again $u_1(1, 2)$ is fixed, as is the coefficient 1 of u_1 in c_{13} , the coefficient 0 of u_1 in c_{12} , and, from the values of T^ϕ , $c_{23} = \gamma_8 u_8$ is unchanged. The values of T^ψ show that for suitable λ we can make $\beta_6 = \beta_7 = \beta_8 = 0$ and thus assume $c = \delta_1 w_1 + \sum_{i \neq 1, 5} \alpha_i u_i(1, 2) + u_1(1, 3) + \gamma_8 u_8(2, 3)$. The entry in the $(1, 2)$ -position of $c \cdot c$ is $4\gamma_8 u_1 u_4 = 4\gamma_8 u_1$. But $c \cdot c = 0$, since $u_1(1, 3) \cdot u_1(1, 3) = 0$; hence $\gamma_8 = 0$. Then the entry in the $(1, 3)$ -position of $c \cdot c$ is $2\delta_1 u_1$, so $\delta_1 = 0$. The entry in the $(2, 3)$ -position of $c \cdot c$ is now $2\bar{c}_{12} u_1 = \alpha_2 u_7 - \alpha_3 u_6 + 4\alpha_4 u_1$, so $\alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = 0$, and $c = (\alpha_5 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7 + \alpha_8 u_8)(1, 2) + u_1(1, 3) = u_1(1, 3)B$. Next we observe that $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_4(2, 3) = u_1(1, 3)$, so that $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_4(2, 3)B = u_1(1, 3)B = c$. However, the entry in the $(1, 2)$ -position of $u_1(1, 2) \cdot d$ for any $d \in J$ is a scalar multiple of u_1 . Hence $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0$, and $u_1(1, 3)B = u_1(1, 3)$. Thus we may assume both $u_1(1, 2)$ and $u_1(1, 3)$ fixed under B .

Now if $c = u_4(2, 3)B$ as above, we have $u_1(1, 2) \cdot c = u_1(1, 3)$, from the last paragraph, and $u_1(1, 3) \cdot c = 0$ by $u_1(1, 3) \cdot u_4(2, 3) = 0$. It follows that $\alpha_5 = 0 = \delta_2 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = \gamma_2 = \gamma_3 = \gamma_5 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4 = \alpha_8 = \delta_1 - \delta_2 = \gamma_4 - 1$. Thus $c = \sum_{i \in D(1)} \alpha_i u_i(1, 2) + \sum_{i \in D(1)} \beta_i u_i(1, 3) + \sum_{i \in D(1), i \neq 8} \gamma_i u_i(2, 3) + u_4(2, 3)$. Now apply $\exp(2\beta_1(u_1, 0, 0, 0))$, leaving $u_1(1, 2)$ and $u_1(1, 3)$ fixed, and replacing β_1 by 0. Thus we may assume $\beta_1 = 0$. Next apply $\exp(2\alpha_i(0, u_i, 0, 0))$, $i = 6, 7, 8$, leaving $u_1(1, 2)$, $u_1(1, 3)$, c_{13} unchanged, and replacing α_i by 0, $i = 6, 7, 8$. Thus we assume $c = \alpha_1 u_1(1, 2) + \sum_{i \in D(1), i \neq 1} \beta_i u_i(1, 3) + u_4(2, 3)$

+ $\sum_{i \in D(1), i \neq 8} \gamma_i u_i(2, 3)$. Next operate with $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, $T = E_{54} - E_{81}$, $E_{53} - E_{71}$, $E_{52} - E_{61}$; $u_1(1, 2)$ and c_{12} are unchanged, and the values of T^ψ show that $u_1(1, 3)$ and c_{13} are unchanged. Those of T^ϕ show that suitable values of λ make all γ_i , $i = 1, 6, 7$, into 0. Thus we may assume $c = \alpha_1 u_1(1, 2) + \sum_{i \in D(1), i \neq 1} \beta_i u_i(1, 3) + u_4(2, 3)$. From $c \cdot c = 0$ we now have $c_{13} u_4 = 0 = c_{13} u_8 = 2c_{13}$, so $c_{13} = 0$; also $\alpha_1 u_1 u_4 = 0 = \alpha_1 u_1$; hence $\alpha_1 = 0$, and $c = u_4(2, 3)$. Thus the following may be assumed fixed under B : $u_1(1, 2)$, $u_1(1, 3)$, $u_4(2, 3)$.

As above, we now have $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_1(2, 3)B = 0 = u_1(1, 3) \cdot u_1(2, 3)B = u_4(2, 3) \cdot u_1(2, 3)B$. It follows that if $u_1(2, 3)B = c$ as above, then

$$c = (\alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7 + \alpha_8 u_8)(1, 2) + \beta_1 u_1(1, 3) + (\gamma_1 u_1 + \gamma_6 u_6 + \gamma_7 u_7)(2, 3).$$

From $u_1(2, 3)B = -u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_4(1, 3)B$, we have $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = \alpha_8 = 0$. Moreover, not all of $\gamma_1, \gamma_6, \gamma_7$ can be zero, since $u_1(2, 3)B \neq \beta_1 u_1(1, 3)B = \beta_1 u_1(1, 3)$. Now consider $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, where T is chosen from among $E_{42} - E_{68}$, $E_{43} - E_{78}$, $E_{34} - E_{87}$, $E_{24} - E_{86}$. Then $T^\psi = T$ and T^ϕ is among $(E_{17} - E_{35})/2$, $-(E_{16} - E_{25})/2$, $2(E_{52} - E_{61})$, $-2(E_{53} - E_{71})$, respectively. Thus $u_1(1, 2)$, $u_1(1, 3)$, $u_4(2, 3)$ are fixed, and by suitable choice of λ we may use one of the first two types to make either $\gamma_6 \neq 0$ or $\gamma_7 \neq 0$. Then suitable choice of λ and one of the last two types makes $\gamma_1 = 1$. The first two types may then be used to make $\gamma_6 = \gamma_7 = 0$, with $\gamma_1 = 1$. We may therefore assume $u_1(2, 3)B = \beta_1 u_1(1, 3) + u_1(2, 3)$. Finally, an application of an appropriate $\exp(2\lambda(u_8, 0, 0, 0))$ makes β_1 into 0 and leaves all other properties of B fixed. We may therefore assume $u_1(j, k)$, $1 \leq j < k \leq 3$, and $u_4(2, 3)$ fixed under B .

From $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_4(1, 3)B = -u_1(2, 3)$, $u_1(2, 3) \cdot u_4(1, 3)B = 0 = u_1(2, 3) \cdot u_4(1, 3)B = u_4(2, 3) \cdot u_4(1, 3)B$, it follows as above that $u_4(1, 3)B = (\alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7)(1, 2) + (\beta_1 u_1 + u_4)(1, 3) + (\gamma_1 u_1 + \gamma_6 u_6 + \gamma_7 u_7)(2, 3)$. Now operate with $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, u_i, 0))$, $i = 6, 7$. The $u_1(j, k)$ and $u_4(2, 3)$ are fixed and for suitable values of λ the coefficients α_6, α_7 are replaced by 0. Thus we may assume $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$. Next operate with $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, $T = E_{41} - E_{58}$; $T^\psi = T$ and $T^\phi = -(E_{27} - E_{36})/2$, so that all $u_1(j, k)$ and $u_4(2, 3)$ are fixed, and $u_4(1, 3)B$ is changed only by the replacement of β_1 by $\beta_1 + \lambda$. With $\lambda = -\beta_1$, we make β_1 into 0, and may assume $u_4(1, 3)B = u_4(1, 3) + (\gamma_1 u_1 + \gamma_6 u_6 + \gamma_7 u_7)(2, 3)$. Since this element must have square zero, $\gamma_6 = \gamma_7 = 0$; from $u_4(1, 3)B = u_4(1, 2)B \cdot u_4(2, 3)$, it follows that $\gamma_1 = 0$, and $u_4(1, 3)$ may also be assumed fixed under B .

Next consider $u_4(1, 2)B$. From $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_4(1, 2)B = 0 = u_4(1, 2)B \cdot u_1(2, 3) = u_4(1, 2)B \cdot u_4(1, 3)$, and from $u_4(1, 2)B \cdot u_1(1, 3) = u_1(2, 3)$, $u_4(1, 2)B \cdot u_4(2, 3) = u_4(1, 3)$, we see as before that $u_4(1, 2)B = (u_4 + \alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7)(1, 2) + \beta_1 u_1(1, 3) + \gamma_1 u_1(2, 3)$, and from $u_4(1, 2)B \cdot u_4(1, 2)B = 0$, that $\beta_1 = 0$. Now $\exp(2\lambda(0, u_1, 0, 0))$ leaves fixed all $u_1(j, k)$, as well as $u_4(1, 3)$ and $u_4(2, 3)$; in $u_4(1, 2)B$ it replaces γ_1 by $\gamma_1 + \lambda$, so that $\lambda = -\gamma_1$ makes γ_1 into 0, and enables us to assume $u_4(1, 2)B = (u_4 + \alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7)(1, 2)$. Now apply $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, $T = E_{28} - E_{46}$, $E_{38} - E_{47}$; then all our fixed elements remain fixed, the form of

$u_4(1, 2)B$ is unchanged, and we can make $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$ by suitable choices of λ . Thus we may assume all $u_1(j, k)$ and all $u_4(j, k)$ fixed under B .

From $u_1(1, 2) \cdot u_8(1, 2) = 0 = u_8(1, 2) \cdot u_1(1, 3) = u_8(1, 2) \cdot u_1(2, 3) - 2u_1(1, 3)$, we have $u_8(1, 2)B = (\alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7 + u_8)(1, 2) + \beta_1 u_1(1, 3) + (\gamma_1 u_1 + \gamma_6 u_6 + \gamma_7 u_7)(2, 3)$. Now apply $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, $T = E_{34} - E_{87}$, $E_{24} - E_{86}$; all $u_1(j, k)$ and $u_4(j, k)$ remain fixed, and suitable choices of λ make α_6 and α_7 into 0. Next, applying $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, u_1, 0))$ does not change any $u_1(j, k)$, $u_4(j, k)$, α_6 or α_7 , and for $\lambda = -\beta_1/2$ replaces β_1 by 0. We may thus assume $u_8(1, 2)B = u_8(1, 2) + (\gamma_1 u_1 + \gamma_6 u_6 + \gamma_7 u_7)(2, 3)$. The fact that $u_8(1, 2)$ has square zero now implies $\gamma_1 = 0$, and $u_4(2, 3) = u_8(1, 2) \cdot u_4(1, 3)$ yields $\gamma_6 = \gamma_7 = 0$. Hence we may assume $u_8(1, 2)B = u_8(1, 2)$, giving another basis element fixed under B . From $u_4(1, 2) \cdot u_8(1, 2) = 2(w_1 + 2w_2 + 2I)/3$, we see that $w_1 + 2w_2 + 2I$ is fixed under B , hence that $w_1 + 2w_2$ is fixed under B .

Now we find as above that $u_8(2, 3)B = (\alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7)(1, 2) + (\beta_6 u_6 + \beta_7 u_7)(1, 3) + (\gamma_1 u_1 + u_8)(2, 3)$. Applying $\exp(2\lambda(u_i, 0, 0, 0))$, $i = 6, 7$, leaves $u_1(j, k)$, $u_4(j, k)$ and $u_8(1, 2)$ fixed and for suitable values of λ gives $\beta_6 = \beta_7 = 0$. Thus we may assume $\beta_6 = \beta_7 = 0$. Applying $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$ for $T = E_{27} - E_{36}$ leaves these coefficients unchanged, as well as $u_1(j, k)$, $u_4(j, k)$ and $u_8(1, 2)$, and for suitable λ makes γ_1 into 0. Thus we may assume $u_8(2, 3)B = (\alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7)(1, 2) + u_8(2, 3)$. From the fact that $u_8(2, 3)$ has square 0, $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$, and $u_8(2, 3)$ may also be assumed fixed. Then $u_4(2, 3) \cdot u_8(2, 3)$ is fixed, so $2w_1 + w_2$ is fixed as above. It follows that w_1 and w_2 are both fixed. From $u_8(1, 2) \cdot u_8(2, 3) = 2u_8(1, 3)$ it follows that $u_8(1, 3)$ is fixed. Thus w_1 , w_2 , and $u_i(j, k)$, $i = 1, 4, 8$, may be assumed fixed under B .

Now as before we find that $u_5(1, 2)B = (\alpha_1 u_1 + u_5 + \alpha_6 u_6 + \alpha_7 u_7)(1, 2)$, and from $u_5(1, 2) \cdot u_5(1, 2) = 0$, that $\alpha_1 = 0$. Now apply $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$ for $T = E_{21} - E_{56}$, $E_{31} - E_{57}$ to make $\alpha_6 = \alpha_7 = 0$, while leaving fixed all $u_i(j, k)$, $i = 1, 4, 8$. Thus we may assume $u_5(1, 2)$ fixed under B . Since $2u_5(1, 3) = u_5(1, 2) \cdot u_8(2, 3) - 2u_5(2, 3) = u_5(1, 2) \cdot u_8(1, 3)$, all $u_5(j, k)$ are fixed, and all of w_1 , w_2 , $u_i(j, k)$, $i = 1, 4, 5, 8$ may be assumed fixed.

As before, we now have $u_2(1, 2)B = (\alpha_2 u_2 + \alpha_3 u_3)(1, 2)$. Now apply $\exp(2\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$ for $T = E_{23} - E_{76}$, $E_{32} - E_{67}$ to obtain first $\alpha_3 \neq 0$, then $\alpha_2 = 1$, then $\alpha_3 = 0$, as in similar situations previously. All elements formerly fixed remain fixed, and $u_2(1, 2)$ is now fixed. Thus we may assume $u_2(1, 2)B = u_2(1, 2)$. From $u_2(1, 2) \cdot u_4(2, 3) = u_2(1, 3)$, $u_2(1, 2) \cdot u_4(1, 3) = -u_2(2, 3)$, $u_2(1, 2) \cdot u_1(2, 3) = -u_7(1, 3)/2$, $u_2(1, 2) \cdot u_1(1, 3) = u_7(2, 3)/2$, $u_2(1, 3) \cdot u_1(2, 3) = u_7(1, 2)/2$, we see that all $u_2(j, k)$, $u_7(j, k)$ are fixed, therefore that all $u_i(j, k)$, $i \neq 3, 6$, may be assumed fixed.

It now follows as above that $u_3(1, 2)B = (\alpha_2 u_2 + u_3)(1, 2)$. Then we apply $\exp(-2\alpha_2(0, 0, 0, E_{32} - E_{67}))$, without changing any of our fixed vectors, to obtain $\alpha_2 = 0$, i.e., $u_3(1, 2)B = u_3(1, 2)$. As in the case of $u_2(1, 2)$ it follows that all $u_3(j, k)$, $u_6(j, k)$ may be assumed fixed. Thus B has been reduced to the identity, we have shown that $A \mathcal{G}A^{-1} = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$, and therefore $G' = \mathcal{I}(\mathfrak{R}) = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{R}) \cong \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. In summary, we have the

THEOREM 3. *If \mathfrak{L} is the Lie algebra of derivations of the split exceptional Jordan algebra \mathfrak{J} over a field of characteristic different from 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, then every automorphism of \mathfrak{L} is an invariant automorphism; in fact, the automorphism group $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$ is generated by all $\exp(\lambda \operatorname{ad}(X))$, where X runs through a set of root-vectors relative to a fixed standard Cartan subalgebra. The identification of the simple group G' of Chevalley, formed over the field \mathfrak{F} from a complex Lie algebra of type F_4 , with such a subgroup of $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$ shows that $G' = \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L}) = \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L}) \cong \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{J})$, the group of automorphisms of \mathfrak{J} .*

5. Norm-skew transformations of \mathfrak{J} . Let \mathfrak{J} be the split exceptional Jordan algebra over the field \mathfrak{F} of characteristic $\neq 2, 3$. If $a = \operatorname{diag}\{\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{22}, \alpha_{33}\} + a_{12}(1, 2) + a_{13}(1, 3) + a_{23}(2, 3) \in \mathfrak{J}$, set $\operatorname{Tr}(a) = \alpha_{11} + \alpha_{22} + \alpha_{33}$. Then one readily verifies that $(a, b) = \operatorname{Tr}(a \cdot b)$ is a symmetric bilinear form on \mathfrak{J} , and is *associative (invariant)* in the sense that $(a \cdot c, b) = (a, c \cdot b)$ for all $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{J}$. The form is nondegenerate; for if $b = \operatorname{diag}\{\beta_{11}, \beta_{22}, \beta_{33}\} + b_{12}(1, 2) + b_{13}(1, 3) + b_{23}(2, 3)$, then

$$(a, b) = 2(\alpha_{11}\beta_{11} + \alpha_{22}\beta_{22} + \alpha_{33}\beta_{33}) + 4[(a_{12}, b_{12}) + (a_{13}, b_{13}) + (a_{23}, b_{23})].$$

Thus if $(a, b) = 0$ for all b , we must have $\alpha_{11}\beta_{11} + \alpha_{22}\beta_{22} + \alpha_{33}\beta_{33} = 0$ for all $\beta_{11}, \beta_{22}, \beta_{33} \in \mathfrak{F}$, hence $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33} = 0$; also $(a_{ij}, b_{ij}) = 0$ for all $b_{ij} \in \mathfrak{F}$, hence all $a_{ij} = 0$ by the nondegeneracy of the form on \mathfrak{F} , and $a = 0$.

We have seen in §1 that $\operatorname{Tr}(aD) = 0$ for all $a \in \mathfrak{J}$ and all derivations D of \mathfrak{J} . Thus

$$(29) \quad 0 = \operatorname{Tr}((a \cdot b)D) = \operatorname{Tr}((a \cdot bD) + (aD \cdot b)) = (a, bD) + (aD, b)$$

for all $a, b \in \mathfrak{J}$, and every derivation of \mathfrak{J} is skew with respect to (a, b) . From the associativity of (a, b) , it follows that the trilinear form $\tau(a, b, c) = (a \cdot b, c)$ is a symmetric function of its variables; for $\tau(a, b, c) = \tau(b, a, c)$ by commutativity in \mathfrak{J} , and $\tau(a, b, c) = \tau(c, b, a)$ by associativity and the symmetry of (a, b) . The result follows. Following Freudenthal [4], we define a modified trilinear form by

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} (a, b, c) &= \tau(a, b, c) - \operatorname{Tr}(a)(b, c) - \operatorname{Tr}(b)(a, c) - \operatorname{Tr}(c)(a, b) \\ &\quad + 2\operatorname{Tr}(a)\operatorname{Tr}(b)\operatorname{Tr}(c). \end{aligned}$$

This form is evidently symmetric. If $a \in \mathfrak{J}$ and if D is a derivation of \mathfrak{J} , then $(a, a, aD) = \tau(a, a, aD) - \operatorname{Tr}(a)((aD, a) + (a, aD)) - \operatorname{Tr}(aD)(a, a) + 2\operatorname{Tr}(aD)\operatorname{Tr}(a)^2 = \tau(a, a, aD)$ by (29) and the fact that $\operatorname{Tr}(aD) = 0$. Now $\tau(a, a, aD) = \operatorname{Tr}(a \cdot (a \cdot aD)) = \operatorname{Tr}(a \cdot (a \cdot a)D) - \operatorname{Tr}(a \cdot (aD \cdot a)) = \operatorname{Tr}((a \cdot (a \cdot a))D) - \operatorname{Tr}(aD \cdot (a \cdot a)) - \operatorname{Tr}(a \cdot (aD \cdot a)) = \operatorname{Tr}((a \cdot (a \cdot a))D) - \tau(aD, a, a) - \tau(a, aD, a)$, or by the symmetry of τ , $3\tau(a, a, aD) = \operatorname{Tr}((a \cdot (a \cdot a))D) = 0$ by §1, and thus $(a, a, aD) = 0$. Polarization yields

$$(31) \quad (aD, b, c) + (a, bD, c) + (a, b, cD) = 0$$

for all $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{J}$ and all derivations D of \mathfrak{J} .

Conversely, if D is any linear transformation of \mathfrak{F} which is skew with respect to both the bilinear and trilinear forms, then D is a derivation of \mathfrak{F} . For, first of all, $\text{Tr}(aD)=0$ for all $a \in \mathfrak{F}$; this follows since $(I, ID)=0 = \text{Tr}(I \cdot ID) = 2 \text{Tr}(ID)$ gives $\text{Tr}(ID)=0$, and then $(a, I, ID) + (a, ID, I) + (aD, I, I) = 0$ yields $0 = 2 \text{Tr}(a \cdot (I \cdot ID)) + \text{Tr}(aD \cdot (I \cdot I)) - 2 \text{Tr}(a) \text{Tr}(I \cdot ID) - \text{Tr}(aD) \text{Tr}(I \cdot I) - 2 \text{Tr}(ID) \text{Tr}(a \cdot I) - 2 \text{Tr}(I) \text{Tr}(a \cdot ID) - 2 \text{Tr}(I) \text{Tr}(I \cdot aD) + 4 \text{Tr}(a) \text{Tr}(ID) \text{Tr}(I) + 2 \text{Tr}(aD) \text{Tr}(I)^2 = -2(a, ID) + 4 \text{Tr}(aD) = -2(a, ID) - 4 \text{Tr}(aD) + 8 \text{Tr}(aD) = -2(a, ID) - 2 \text{Tr}(aD \cdot I) + 8 \text{Tr}(aD) = -2((a, ID) + (aD, I)) + 8 \text{Tr}(aD) = 8 \text{Tr}(aD)$. Thus $\text{Tr}(aD)=0$. Then for a, b, c arbitrary in \mathfrak{F} , we have $((a \cdot b)D - a \cdot bD - aD \cdot b, c) = -(a \cdot b, cD) - (a \cdot bD, c) - (aD \cdot b, c) = -\tau(a, b, cD) - \tau(a, bD, c) - \tau(aD, b, c) = -(a, b, cD) + \text{Tr}(a)(b, cD) + \text{Tr}(b)(a, cD) - (a, bD, c) + \text{Tr}(a)(bD, c) + \text{Tr}(c)(a, bD) - (aD, b, c) + \text{Tr}(b)(aD, c) + \text{Tr}(c)(aD, b)$, the remaining terms vanishing because $\text{Tr}(aD) = \text{Tr}(bD) = \text{Tr}(cD) = 0$. By (31), this is $\text{Tr}(a)((b, cD) + (bD, c)) + \text{Tr}(b)((a, cD) + (aD, c)) + \text{Tr}(c)((a, bD) + (aD, b))$; by the skewness of D with respect to (x, y) , this quantity vanishes. From the nondegeneracy of (x, y) , it follows that $(a \cdot b)D - a \cdot bD - aD \cdot b = 0$, thus that D is a derivation of \mathfrak{F} .

Next let $d \in \mathfrak{F}$, $\text{Tr}(d)=0$, and consider $(a, a, a \cdot d)$. A lengthy but straightward computation in \mathfrak{E} shows this to be zero. Then for all $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{F}$, $(a \cdot d, b, c) + (a, b \cdot d, c) + (a, b, c \cdot d) = 0$, and the right multiplication R_d satisfies (31). In place of (29), we have

$$(32) \quad (aR_d, b) = (a \cdot d, b) = (a, d \cdot b) = (a, b \cdot d) = (a, bR_d),$$

or R_d is *symmetric* with respect to the bilinear form.

Now let \mathfrak{L} be the space of linear transformations of \mathfrak{F} satisfying (31). Then \mathfrak{L} is a Lie algebra, and if the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} is a prime $p(>3)$, then $T^p \in \mathfrak{L}$ for all $T \in \mathfrak{L}$ [10], and so \mathfrak{L} is a restricted Lie algebra under p th iterates in this case.

If R and S are symmetric linear transformations of \mathfrak{F} with respect to (x, y) , then $[RS]$ is skew. In particular if $a, b \in \mathfrak{F}'$, then $[R_a R_b]$ is skew with respect to both the bilinear and trilinear forms, hence is a derivation of \mathfrak{F} by the above. Moreover, if $a \in \mathfrak{F}$ and if D is a derivation of \mathfrak{F} , we have $aD \in \mathfrak{F}'$, and $[R_a D] = R_{aD}$. Since (x, y) is nondegenerate on \mathfrak{F} , the only transformation which is both skew and symmetric with respect to this form is 0. If \mathfrak{D} denotes the derivation algebra of \mathfrak{F} , we thus have $\mathfrak{D} \cap \mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{F}} = (0)$, where the meaning of $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{F}}$ is clear. Therefore $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{F}} + \mathfrak{D} = \mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{F}} \oplus \mathfrak{D}$, and is a Lie-subalgebra of \mathfrak{L} by the remarks above. We prove that $\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{F}} \oplus \mathfrak{D}$ (observation of some of our later remarks will show that \mathfrak{L} is generated by $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{F}}$). \mathfrak{L} will be called the Lie algebra of *norm-skew* transformations of \mathfrak{F} .

If $T \in \mathfrak{L}$, then $(I, I, IT) = 0 = \text{Tr}((I \cdot I) \cdot IT) - 2 \text{Tr}(I) \text{Tr}(I \cdot IT) - \text{Tr}(IT) \text{Tr}(I \cdot I) + 2 \text{Tr}(IT) \text{Tr}(I)^2 = 4 \text{Tr}(IT)$. Thus $IT \in \mathfrak{F}'$. Now consider $D = T - R_{IT}/2 \in \mathfrak{L}$. We show $D \in \mathfrak{D}$. If $a \in \mathfrak{F}$, we have $(aD, a, I) + (a, aD, I)$

$+(a, a, ID)=0$, or $2(a, aD, I)+(a, a, IT)-(a, a, I \cdot IT)/2=0=2(a, aD, I)$, or $(a, aD, I)=0$. But $(a, aD, I)=-(a, aD)+2 \operatorname{Tr}(aD)\operatorname{Tr}(a)$. Thus $(a, aD)=2 \operatorname{Tr}(aD)\operatorname{Tr}(a)$. From $ID=0$, we have further that $0=(aD, I, I)+(a, ID, I)+(a, I, ID)=(aD, I, I)=4 \operatorname{Tr}(aD)$, so that $\operatorname{Tr}(aD)=0$, and $(a, aD)=0$ by the above. Thus D is skew with respect to (x, y) , so is a derivation of \mathfrak{F} . We thus have

$$(33) \quad T = D + R_{(I/2)T} \in \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{F},$$

and $\mathfrak{L}=\mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{K}\mathfrak{F}$, as asserted. It follows that \mathfrak{L} has dimension 78 (since $I \in \mathfrak{F}$, $R_a=R_b$ implies $a=b$). We now show that \mathfrak{L} is the simple Lie algebra of classical type E_6 over \mathfrak{F} .

In notations already established in §1, the linear span of the derivations $(0, 0, 0, H_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, is a Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{D} . In \mathfrak{L} , let \mathfrak{H} be the subspace spanned by these four derivations and by the multiplications $h_5=R_{w_1}$, $h_6=R_{w_2}$. We show that \mathfrak{H} is an abelian Cartan subalgebra relative to which (i)–(v) of [8] are satisfied, and we shall display a fundamental system of roots relative to \mathfrak{H} which is of type E_6 . The simplicity of \mathfrak{L} will then follow immediately.

From §1, we see that each w_j , $j=1, 2$, is annihilated by each of the derivations $h_i=2(0, 0, 0, H_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, hence that $[h_j h_i]=0$, $j=5, 6$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, by $[R_a D]=R_{aD}$. Now we know that $[h_5 h_6]$ is a derivation $D=(b_{12}, b_{13}, b_{23}, T)$, where $w_1 D=b_{12}(1, 2)+b_{13}(1, 3)/2-b_{23}(2, 3)/2$, $c(1, 2)D=\operatorname{diag}\{\gamma_{11}, \gamma_{22}, \gamma_{33}\}+(cT)(1, 2)/2+c_{13}(1, 3)+c_{23}(2, 3)$, for some γ_{ii} , c_{jk} . One readily calculates that $w_1[h_5 h_6]=0=c(1, 2)[h_5 h_6]$, so that $b_{12}=b_{13}=b_{23}=0$ and $T=0$; i.e., $D=0$, and \mathfrak{H} is a 6-dimensional commutative subalgebra. We also note:

$$(34) \quad \begin{aligned} c(1, 2)h_5 &= 0; \quad c(1, 2)h_6 = c(1, 2); \quad w_1 h_5 = \operatorname{diag}\{2, 2, 0\}; \\ w_2 h_5 &= \operatorname{diag}\{0, -2, 0\} = w_1 h_6; \quad w_2 h_6 = \operatorname{diag}\{0, 2, 2\}; \\ c(1, 3)h_5 &= c(1, 3) = -c(1, 3)h_6; \quad c(2, 3)h_5 = -c(2, 3); \quad c(2, 3)h_6 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if D is of the form $(0, 0, 0, T)$, we have $[h_i D]=0$, $i=5, 6$. Then, as T runs through the 24 transformations of \mathfrak{C} : $E_{ij}-E_{j+4, i+4}$, $i \neq j$; $E_{i+4, j}-E_{j+4, i}$, $i < j$; $E_{i, j+4}-E_{j, i+4}$, $i < j$; $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$, as in §1, we have linear functions $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{12}$ on \mathfrak{H} with $\gamma_i(h_5)=0=\gamma_i(h_6)$, $1 \leq i \leq 12$, and where $\gamma_i(h_j)$ has one of the forms $\delta_{mj}-\delta_{nj}$, $-\delta_{mj}-\delta_{nj}$ for fixed m, n , $1 \leq m < n \leq 4$, and all j , $1 \leq j \leq 4$, such that $[(0, 0, 0, T), h]=\pm \gamma(h)(0, 0, 0, T)$ for all T above, where γ runs through $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{12}$, and where each $(0, 0, 0, T)$ corresponds to a different function from $\pm \gamma_1, \dots, \pm \gamma_{12}$.

For $a \in \mathfrak{C}$, we let $a(1)=R_{a(1,2)}$, $a(2)=R_{a(1,3)}$, $a(3)=R_{a(2,3)} \in \mathfrak{L}$. Then we have

$$(35) \quad \begin{aligned} [u_i(1) \pm 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0), h_i] &= u_i(1) \pm 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0), \\ [u_{i+4}(1) \pm 2(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0), h_i] &= -(u_{i+4}(1) \pm 2(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0)), \\ [u_i(1) \pm 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0), h_j] &= 0 = [u_{i+4}(1) \pm 2(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0), h_j], \end{aligned}$$

$1 \leq i, j \leq 4, i \neq j$. These follow readily from §1 and $[R_a D] = R_a D$.

We also have in general $[b(1) \pm 2(b, 0, 0, 0), h_5] = [R_{b(1,2)} h_5] \mp 2R_{w_1(b,0,0,0)}$. Now $w_1[b(1), h_5] = -\text{diag}\{2, 2, 0\}b(1) = -4b(1, 2) = -2w_1(2(b, 0, 0, 0))$, while for $c \in C$, $(c(1, 2)[b(1), h_5])_{12} = 0$ is readily checked. Thus the derivation $[b(1), h_5]$ is $-4(b, 0, 0, 0)$. Also, $w_1(b, 0, 0, 0) = b(1, 2)$, so $R_{w_1(b,0,0,0)} = b(1)$, yielding, together with analogous computations for h_6 ,

$$(36) \quad \begin{aligned} [b(1) \pm 2(b, 0, 0, 0), h_5] &= \mp 2(b(1) \pm 2(b, 0, 0, 0)), \\ [b(1) \pm 2(b, 0, 0, 0), h_6] &= \pm (b(1) \pm 2(b, 0, 0, 0)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus as b runs through the basis u_1, \dots, u_8 of \mathfrak{C} , we have 16 distinct linear functions γ on H with $[b(1) \pm 2(b, 0, 0, 0), h] = \gamma(h)(b(1) \pm 2(b, 0, 0, 0))$ for all $h \in \mathfrak{H}$. These consist of eight functions $\gamma_{13}, \dots, \gamma_{20}$ and their negatives, with $\gamma_j(h_5) = -2, \gamma_j(h_6) = 1, 13 \leq j \leq 16$, and with $\gamma_j(h_5) = 2, \gamma_j(h_6) = -1, 17 \leq j \leq 20$. For $13 \leq j \leq 16$, we have $\gamma_j(h_i) = \delta_{j-12, i}, 1 \leq i \leq 4$, and for $17 \leq j \leq 20, \gamma_j(h_i) = \delta_{j-16, i}, 1 \leq i \leq 4$. For $1 \leq i \leq 4, u_i(1) + 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0)$ belongs to $\gamma_{i+12}, u_{i+4}(1) - 2(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0)$ to $-\gamma_{i+12}, u_i(1) - 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0)$ to $\gamma_{i+16}, u_{i+4}(1) + 2(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0)$ to $-\gamma_{i+16}$.

Similarly, we have eight linear functions $\gamma_{21}, \dots, \gamma_{28}$ on \mathfrak{H} , with $\gamma_j(h_i) = -1/2 + \delta_{j-20, i}, 21 \leq j \leq 24, 1 \leq i \leq 4, \gamma_j(h_5) = -1 = \gamma_j(h_6), 21 \leq j \leq 24$, and with $\gamma_j(h_5) = 1 = \gamma_j(h_6), 25 \leq j \leq 28, \gamma_j(h_i) = -1/2 + \delta_{j-24, i}, 25 \leq j \leq 28, 1 \leq i \leq 4$. For $1 \leq i \leq 4, u_i(2) + 2(0, u_i, 0, 0)$ belongs to $\gamma_{i+20}, u_{i+4}(2) - 2(0, u_{i+4}, 0, 0)$ to $-\gamma_{i+20}, u_i(2) - 2(0, u_i, 0, 0)$ to $\gamma_{i+24}, u_{i+4}(2) + 2(0, u_{i+4}, 0, 0)$ to $-\gamma_{i+24}$. Finally, there are eight linear functions $\gamma_{29}, \dots, \gamma_{36}$ on \mathfrak{H} , with $\gamma_j(h_5) = 1, \gamma_j(h_6) = -2, 29 \leq j \leq 32, \gamma_j(h_i) = -1/2 + \delta_{j-28, i} + \delta_{4, i}, 29 \leq j \leq 31, 1 \leq i \leq 4, \gamma_{32}(h_i) = -1/2, 1 \leq i \leq 4$, and with $\gamma_j(h_5) = -1, \gamma_j(h_6) = 2, 33 \leq j \leq 36, \gamma_j(h_i) = \gamma_{j-4}(h_i), 33 \leq j \leq 36, 1 \leq i \leq 4$. For $1 \leq i \leq 4, u_i(3) + 2(0, 0, u_i, 0)$ belongs to $\gamma_{i+28}, u_{i+4}(3) - 2(0, 0, u_{i+4}, 0)$ to $-\gamma_{i+28}, u_i(3) - 2(0, 0, u_i, 0)$ to $\gamma_{i+32}, u_{i+4}(3) + 2(0, 0, u_{i+4}, 0)$ to $-\gamma_{i+32}$. (These formulas are derived from (14), (34), and the formulas (2) for H_i^ϕ and $H_i^\psi, 1 \leq i \leq 4$.)

It follows as in §1 that \mathfrak{H} is an abelian Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{L} relative to which \mathfrak{L} is the direct sum of \mathfrak{H} and the 72 one-dimensional root-spaces \mathfrak{L}_α , where α runs through $\pm\gamma_1, \dots, \pm\gamma_{36}$. Since the roots α span \mathfrak{H}^* , one sees as before that the center of \mathfrak{L} is zero. To see that $[\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}] = \mathfrak{L}$ it will be enough to show that $\mathfrak{H} \subseteq [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}]$. This will follow when we show that each $[\mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha}\mathfrak{L}_\alpha] \neq 0$, hence is one-dimensional, for here the proof will show that $[\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}]$ contains all $h_i, 1 \leq i \leq 6$.

Now $[u_i(1), u_{i+4}(1)], 1 \leq i \leq 4$, is a derivation sending w_1 into 0 by (34), and $a(1, 2)$ into $4(a, u_i)u_{i+4}(1, 2) - 4(a, u_{i+4})u_i(1, 2)$. Thus $[u_i(1), u_{i+4}(1)] = (0, 0, 0, T)$, where $aT = 8(a, u_i)u_{i+4} - 8(a, u_{i+4})u_i$. But this means that $T = -8H_i$, since $u_j T = 0 = -8u_j H_i, j \neq i, i+4, u_i T = -8(u_i, u_{i+4})u_i = -8u_i = -8u_i H_i$, and $u_{i+4} T = 8(u_{i+4}, u_i)u_{i+4} = 8u_{i+4} = -8u_{i+4} H_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4$. We also have $[u_i(1), (u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0)] = R_{u_i(1,2)}(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0) = (\text{diag}\{-2, 2, 0\})/2 = -h_5$,

$[u_{i+4}(1), (u_i, 0, 0, 0)] = -h_5$, and $[(u_i, 0, 0, 0), (u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0)] = (0, 0, 0, U)$, where $aU = 2(a, u_{i+4})u_i - 2(a, u_i)u_{i+4} = 2aH_i$, or $U = 2H_i$. Thus

$$(37) \quad [u_i(1) \pm 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0), u_{i+4}(1) \mp 2(u_{i+4}, 0, 0, 0)] = \pm 4h_5 - 8h_i,$$

$1 \leq i \leq 4$. By our results of §1 on \mathfrak{D} , namely that $h_i \in [\mathfrak{D}\mathfrak{D}]$, $1 \leq i \leq 4$, it follows that $h_5 \in [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}]$, and with the results of that section and (37), that $[\mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha}\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}]$ is one-dimensional if α is among $\pm\gamma_1, \dots, \pm\gamma_{20}$. Similarly, we have $[u_i(2) \pm 2(0, u_i, 0, 0), u_{i+4}(2) \mp 2(0, u_{i+4}, 0, 0)] = D_i \mp 2R_{u_i(1,3)(0, u_{i+4}, 0, 0)} \mp 2R_{u_{i+4}(3)(0, u_i, 0, 0)}$, where $D_i \in \mathfrak{D}$ and $1 \leq i \leq 4$; also

$$\begin{aligned} & [u_i(3) \pm 2(0, 0, u_i, 0), u_{i+4}(3) \mp 2(0, 0, u_{i+4}, 0)] \\ &= E_i \mp 2R_{u_i(2,3)(0, u_{i+4}, 0)} \mp 2R_{u_{i+4}(2,3)(0, 0, u_i, 0)}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 4, \text{ where } E_i \in \mathfrak{D}. \end{aligned}$$

From (9), we find that

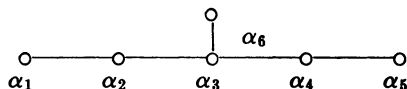
$$\begin{aligned} u_i(1, 3)(0, u_{i+4}, 0, 0) &= u_{i+4}(1, 3)(0, u_i, 0, 0) = -(w_1 + w_2), u_i(2, 3)(0, 0, u_{i+4}, 0) \\ &= u_{i+4}(2, 3)(0, 0, u_i, 0) = -w_2, \end{aligned}$$

hence that

$$\begin{aligned} [u_i(2) \pm 2(0, u_i, 0, 0), u_{i+4}(2) \mp 2(0, u_{i+4}, 0, 0)] &= D_i \pm 4(h_5 + h_6) \neq 0, \\ &1 \leq i \leq 4, \\ [u_i(3) \pm 2(0, 0, u_i, 0), u_{i+4}(3) \mp 2(0, 0, u_{i+4}, 0)] &= E_i \pm 4h_6 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof that every $[\mathfrak{L}_{-\alpha}\mathfrak{L}_{\alpha}]$ is one-dimensional; we also see that $h_6 \in [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}]$, hence that $\mathfrak{S} \subseteq [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}]$ and $[\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}] = \mathfrak{L}$. If the characteristic p of \mathfrak{S} is not 5, and if α, β are roots relative to the Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{S} with $\beta \neq 0$, then not all $\alpha + m\beta$ (m an integer) are roots, by the fact that there are only five possible distinct values for each $\gamma(h_i)$, where γ runs through all roots (readily seen from the list of roots above). If $p = 5$, the same conclusion can be reached by checking cases. Thus \mathfrak{L} and \mathfrak{S} satisfy the conditions (i)–(v) of [8] for a Lie algebra of classical type.

We now show that \mathfrak{L} is simple of type E_6 . Namely, let $\alpha_1 = -\gamma_{17}$, the root to which $u_5(1) + 2(u_5, 0, 0, 0)$ belongs; let α_2 be the root to which $(0, 0, 0, E_{21} - E_{56})$ belongs, α_3 the root to which $(0, 0, 0, E_{32} - E_{67})$ belongs, α_4 the root to which $(0, 0, 0, E_{74} - E_{83})$ belongs, $\alpha_5 = \gamma_{32}$, the root to which $u_4(3) + 2(0, 0, u_4, 0)$ belongs, α_6 the root to which $(0, 0, 0, E_{43} - E_{78})$ belongs. These form a basis for \mathfrak{S}^* , and no $\alpha_i - \alpha_j$ is a root for $i \neq j$. They are a system of roots with diagram E_6 :



Since the diagram is connected, \mathfrak{L} is simple [8, Theorem 8]; since the system is of type E_6 , it is *fundamental* in the sense of §10 of [8] (see Case 4 of the

proof of Theorem 7 there), and \mathfrak{L} is the (normal) simple Lie algebra of type E_6 over \mathfrak{F} in the classification of [8]. With Theorem 9 of that paper, we have the

THEOREM 4. *If the base field \mathfrak{F} is of characteristic different from 2 and 3, the Lie algebra \mathfrak{L} of norm-skew transformations of the split exceptional Jordan algebra \mathfrak{J} over \mathfrak{F} is a normal simple Lie algebra of classical type E_6 . Thus any simple Lie algebra of classical type E_6 over \mathfrak{F} is isomorphic to \mathfrak{L} .*

6. The enveloping algebra of the norm-skew algebra. To apply the device of Lemma 1 of [10] to conclude the feasibility of working with exponentials for all but a few low characteristics, we next prove the following analogue of the Lemma 1 of §2:

LEMMA 2. $\mathfrak{L}^4 = \mathfrak{E}(\mathfrak{J})$, the algebra of all linear transformations of \mathfrak{J} .

Proof. We take for \mathfrak{J} the basis $I, w_1, w_2, u_i(j, k), 1 \leq i \leq 8, 1 \leq j < k \leq 3$, and proceed to show that \mathfrak{L}^4 contains all the matrix-unit transformations relative to this basis. As in §2, $\mathfrak{L}^j \subseteq \mathfrak{L}^{j+1}$ for all $j \geq 1$, since $\mathfrak{L} = [\mathfrak{L}\mathfrak{L}] \subseteq \mathfrak{L}^2$. With $A = (0, 0, 0, T)$ a root-vector belonging to one of $\pm\gamma_1, \dots, \pm\gamma_{12}$, and with B also of this form, we see that \mathfrak{L}^2 contains AB , and among the products AB are the matrix units $E(u_i(j, k), u_{i+4}(j, k))$ and $E(u_{i+4}(j, k), u_i(j, k))$, $1 \leq i \leq 4, 1 \leq j < k \leq 3$. For $(0, 0, 0, T)(0, 0, 0, U)$ sends $\text{diag}\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\} + a_{12}(1, 2) + a_{13}(1, 3) + a_{23}(2, 3)$ into $(a_{12}TU)(1, 2) + (a_{13}T^*U^*)(1, 3) + (a_{23}T^*U^*)(2, 3)$. The result now follows by an easy computation. Still letting $A = (0, 0, 0, T)$ as before, and letting B run through the remaining 48 root-vectors, we find among the products AB scalar multiples of the following matrix units: $E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(1, 3)), j \in C(i), 1 \leq i \leq 8; E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(2, 3)), j \in C(i), i \neq 4, 8; E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(2, 3)), j \in D(i), i = 4, 8; E(u_i(1, 3), u_j(1, 2)), j \in C(i), 1 \leq i \leq 8; E(u_i(1, 3), u_j(2, 3)), j \in C'(i), i \neq 4, 8; E(u_i(1, 3), u_j(2, 3)), j \in D'(i), i = 4, 8; E(u_i(2, 3), u_j(1, 2)), j \in C'(i), 1 \leq i \leq 8; E(u_i(2, 3), u_j(1, 3)), j \in C'(i), i \neq 4, 8; E(u_i(2, 3), u_j(1, 3)), j \in D'(i), i = 4, 8$.

Following these matrix-unit transformations by elements of the form $A = (0, 0, 0, T)$, we see that \mathfrak{L}^3 contains all $E(u_i(j, k), u_{i'}(j', k'))$, except possibly for the matrix units $E(u_i(j, k), u_i(j, k))$. Now for $1 \leq i \leq 4$, we have $E(u_i(1, 2), u_{i+4}(1, 2)) \in \mathfrak{L}^2$, and $E(u_i(1, 2), u_{i+4}(1, 2))(u_i(1) + 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))$ is a nonzero scalar multiple of $-E(u_i(1, 2), w_1) + E(u_i(1, 2), w_2) + E(u_i(1, 2), I)$; hence the latter is in \mathfrak{L}^3 , as is $E(u_i(1, 2), u_{i+4}(1, 2))(u_i(1) - 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))$, a nonzero scalar multiple of $2E(u_i(1, 2), w_1) + E(u_i(1, 2), w_2) + E(u_i(1, 2), I)$. It follows that $E(u_i(1, 2), w_1) \in \mathfrak{L}^3, E(u_i(1, 2), w_2) + E(u_i(1, 2), I) \in \mathfrak{L}^3, 1 \leq i \leq 4$. A symmetric argument shows that this result holds for $1 \leq i \leq 8$, and one likewise proves that with $j \in C(i), 1 \leq j \leq 4$,

$$E(u_i(1, 2), u_j(1, 3))(u_{j+4}(2) + 2(0, u_{j+4}, 0, 0)) \in \mathfrak{L}^3,$$

yields $E(u_i(1, 2), w_1) + 2E(u_i(1, 2), w_2) - E(u_i(1, 2), I) \in \mathfrak{L}^3$. With the above,

we have $E(u_i(1, 2), w_2)$ and $E(u_i(1, 2), I) \in \mathfrak{L}^3$, $1 \leq i \leq 8$. Similarly, all $E(u_i(j, k), w_1)$, $E(u_i(j, k), w_2)$, $E(u_i(j, k), I)$ are in \mathfrak{L}^3 . Using products of the form $(u_i(1) \pm 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))E(u_i(1, 2), u_{i'}(j, k))$, where the second factor is one of our matrix units in \mathfrak{L}^2 , and similar products

$$(u_i(2) \pm 2(0, u_i, 0, 0))E(u_i(1, 3), u_{i'}(j, k)),$$

$$(u_i(3) \pm 2(0, 0, u_i, 0))E(u_i(2, 3), u_{i'}(j, k)),$$

we find that \mathfrak{L}^3 contains all the matrix units $E(w_1, u_i(j, k))$, $E(w_2, u_i(j, k))$, $E(I, u_i(j, k))$. From the fact that $E(u_i(j, k), u_{i+4}(j, k))$ and $E(u_{i+4}(j, k), u_i(j, k))$ are in \mathfrak{L}^2 for $1 \leq i \leq 4$, we see that \mathfrak{L}^4 contains $E(u_i(j, k), u_i(j, k))$, $1 \leq i \leq 8$, $1 \leq j < k \leq 3$.

Now it has been shown that for $w = w_1, w_2, I$, we have $E(w, u_i(j, k)) \in \mathfrak{L}^3$. Thus $E(w, u_1(1, 2))(u_1(1) \pm 2(u_1, 0, 0, 0))$ and $E(w, u_1(1, 3))(u_1(2) \pm 2(0, u_1, 0, 0))$ are in \mathfrak{L}^4 ; it follows that \mathfrak{L}^4 contains $-E(w, w_1) + E(w, w_2) + E(w, I)$, $-2E(w, w_1) - E(w, w_2) - E(w, I)$, $-E(w, w_1) - 2E(w, w_2) + E(w, I)$, and therefore that all three of $E(w, w_1)$, $E(w, w_2)$, $E(w, I)$ are in \mathfrak{L}^4 . Thus all matrix units are in \mathfrak{L}^4 , and $\mathfrak{L}^4 = \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{F})$, as asserted.

It follows that the only linear transformations of \mathfrak{F} which commute with all elements of \mathfrak{L} are the scalars. For each of the 72 root-vectors $E_\alpha \in \mathfrak{L}$ as above we have $E_\alpha^2 = 0$, hence $\exp(\lambda E_\alpha) = I + \lambda E_\alpha$. More generally, if E_α is a root-vector relative to any standard Cartan subalgebra of \mathfrak{L} , we have $(\text{ad}(E_\alpha))^3 = 0$, and E_α is nilpotent. From this and the fact that $\mathfrak{L}^4 = \mathfrak{G}(\mathfrak{F})$ it follows by Lemma 1 of [10] that $E_\alpha^9 = 0$. Since we wish to use the result (7) of [10] for trilinear forms, we are led to assume that the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} is different from 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23. In the sequel we assume this restriction on the characteristic.

7. Automorphisms of the norm-skew algebra. From §1 of [10], it now follows that the group of invariant automorphisms $\mathcal{A}(\mathfrak{L})$ of \mathfrak{L} is a (normal) subgroup of the group of all mappings $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$, where A is a nonsingular linear transformation of \mathfrak{F} such that $(xA, yA, zA) = (x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{F}$. In fact, if A is any linear transformation of \mathfrak{F} such that $(xA, yA, zA) = (x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{F}$, then A is nonsingular; for if $xA = 0$, then $0 = (xA, IA, IA) = (x, I, I) = 4 \text{Tr}(x)$, or $x \in \mathfrak{F}'$. If $y \in \mathfrak{F}'$, then $0 = (xA, yA, IA) = (x, y, I) = -\text{Tr}(x \cdot y) = -(x, y)$. Thus $x \in \mathfrak{F}'$ and $(x, y) = 0$ for all $y \in \mathfrak{F}'$. But we have seen that (a, b) is nondegenerate on \mathfrak{F} , and therefore also on the orthogonal complement \mathfrak{F}' of the nonisotropic subspace $\mathfrak{F}I$. Hence $x = 0$, and A is nonsingular.

Moreover, by §6, if $X = A^{-1}XA$ for all $X \in \mathfrak{L}$, then $A = \lambda I$, $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, and if for this A , $(xA, yA, zA) = (x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{F}$, then $\lambda^3 = 1 \in \mathfrak{F}$. Since the group \mathcal{G} of all linear transformations A of \mathfrak{F} such that $(xA, yA, zA) = (x, y, z)$ for all x, y, z contains the $\exp(E_\alpha) = I + E_\alpha$, where E_α runs through the root-vectors relative to \mathfrak{F} in \mathfrak{L} , and since every transformation of \mathfrak{F}

which commutes with all these commutes with all E_α , hence with all of $\mathfrak{E}(\mathfrak{J})$ by §6 and the fact that these E_α generate \mathfrak{L} , we see that the center \mathfrak{Z} of \mathfrak{G} consists of the mappings λI , $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, $\lambda^3 = 1$. Thus the group of invariant automorphisms of \mathfrak{L} may be regarded as a (normal) subgroup of the group $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$.

If T is a linear transformation of \mathfrak{J} , we denote by T^* its adjoint with respect to the trace form $(x, y) = \text{Tr}(x \cdot y)$: $(xT, y) = (x, yT^*)$ for all $x, y \in \mathfrak{J}$. Then $D^* = -D$ for all $D \in \mathfrak{D}$ by (29) and $R_a^* = R_a$ for all $a \in \mathfrak{J}$ by the associativity of the form. Since $\mathfrak{L} = \mathfrak{D} \oplus \mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{J}}$, the mapping $T \rightarrow -T^*$ maps \mathfrak{L} onto itself, is the identity on \mathfrak{D} , and is the negative of the identity on $\mathfrak{R}_{\mathfrak{J}}$. Moreover it is evidently an automorphism of \mathfrak{L} . Next we show that this automorphism is not of the form $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$, where A is nonsingular in $\mathfrak{E}(\mathfrak{J})$. For then we should have $DA = AD$ for all $D \in \mathfrak{D}$, $R_a A = -A R_a$ for all $a \in \mathfrak{J}'$. Therefore if $a \in \mathfrak{J}'$, $2aA = (I \cdot a)A = (IR_a)A = -(IA)R_a = -(IA) \cdot a = -aR_{IA}$. Thus $aA = -aR_{IA}/2$ whenever $a \in \mathfrak{J}'$. It is also clear that $IA = IR_{IA}/2$. If we set $b = IA/2$, we have $(\lambda I + a)A = \lambda IR_b - aR_b$, where $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, $a \in \mathfrak{J}'$. If $D \in \mathfrak{D}$, then $[AD] = 0$, so that $0 = (\lambda I + a)[AD] = \lambda I[AD] + a[AD]$. With $a = 0$, we see from $ID = 0$ that $\lambda IAD = 0 = 2\lambda bD$ for all $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, hence that $bD = 0$ for all $D \in \mathfrak{D}$. If $b = \beta I + b'$, $\beta \in \mathfrak{F}$, $b' \in \mathfrak{J}'$, then $b'D = 0$ for all $D \in \mathfrak{D}$. But we have seen in §2 that $\mathfrak{D}^4 = \mathfrak{E}(\mathfrak{J}')$, so that $b' = 0$, $b = \beta I$, $(\lambda I + a)A = 2\beta \lambda I - 2\beta a$. Next, taking $\lambda = 0$, $a = w_1 \in \mathfrak{J}'$, we have $(w_1 \cdot w_1)A = w_1 R_{w_1} A = -w_1 A R_{w_1} = 2\beta w_1 R_{w_1} = 2\beta(w_1 \cdot w_1)$. However, $w_1 \cdot w_1 = 2(2I + w_1 + 2w_2)/3$, so that $(w_1 \cdot w_1)A = 4\beta(2I - w_1 - 2w_2)/3 \neq 2\beta(w_1 \cdot w_1)$ unless $\beta = 0$. This implies $A = 0$, contrary to the assumption that A is nonsingular. Hence the automorphism $X \rightarrow -X^*$ is not of the form $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$.

In case \mathfrak{F} is algebraically closed, we have seen in [9] that the index of the group $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$ in the full automorphism group $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$ is either 1 or 2. Since the automorphism $X \rightarrow -X^*$ is not in $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$ by the above, this index is 2. Since $X \rightarrow -X^*$ is not in the group of automorphisms $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$, $A \in \mathfrak{G}$, and since this group contains $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$, we see that it must coincide with $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$. Thus every automorphism of \mathfrak{L} is either of the form $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$, where $A \in \mathfrak{G}$, or of the form $X \rightarrow -A^{-1}X^*A$, where $A \in \mathfrak{G}$. The group $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$ is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$, and consists of all automorphisms of \mathfrak{L} of the former of these types.

If \mathfrak{F} is not algebraically closed, let \mathfrak{K} be its algebraic closure, and consider $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{K}}$, which as in previous cases is the Lie algebra of type E_6 formed from the split exceptional Jordan algebra $\mathfrak{J}_{\mathfrak{K}}$ by the above process. Every automorphism σ of \mathfrak{L} extends to a unique automorphism of $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{K}}$, which is either of the form $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$ or of the form $X \rightarrow -A^{-1}X^*A$, where A preserves the norm form in $\mathfrak{J}_{\mathfrak{K}}$ and where X^* is the adjoint of X with respect to the trace form in $\mathfrak{J}_{\mathfrak{K}}$. Since the trace and norm forms in $\mathfrak{J}_{\mathfrak{K}}$ extend those in \mathfrak{J} , we see that every automorphism σ of \mathfrak{L} is either of the form $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$ or of the form $X \rightarrow -A^{-1}X^*A$, where A is a linear transformation of $\mathfrak{J}_{\mathfrak{K}}$ such that $(xA, yA, zA) = (x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{J}$. As in §3, it follows that either $X^\sigma = B^{-1}XB$ for all

$X \in L$ or $X^* = -B^{-1}X^*B$, where B is a nonsingular linear transformation of \mathfrak{J} . As before, we have $B_{\mathfrak{R}}A^{-1} = \lambda I$, $\lambda \in \mathfrak{R}$, $B_{\mathfrak{R}} = \lambda A$, so that for $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{J}$, $(xB, yB, zB) = (xB_{\mathfrak{R}}, yB_{\mathfrak{R}}, zB_{\mathfrak{R}}) = \lambda^3(xA, yA, zA) = \lambda^3(x, y, z)$. Since B is nonsingular, some $(xB, yB, zB) \neq 0$, and $\lambda^3 \in \mathfrak{F}$. Thus there is a nonzero $\beta \in \mathfrak{F}$ such that $(xB, yB, zB) = \beta(x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{J}$. If we let \mathfrak{B} be the group of all linear transformations of \mathfrak{J} with this property, we see that every automorphism of \mathfrak{L} is either of the form $X \rightarrow B^{-1}XB$, $B \in \mathfrak{B}$, or of the form $X \rightarrow -B^{-1}X^*B$, $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ (but not both, by the second previous paragraph). The center of \mathfrak{B} commutes with all elements of \mathfrak{G} , hence consists of all nonzero scalars λI , $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, and the automorphism group $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{L})$ is the semi-direct product of $\mathfrak{B}/\mathfrak{F}^*I$ by the cyclic group of order 2 generated by $X \rightarrow -X^*$. To summarize:

THEOREM 5. *If the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} is zero or a prime greater than 23, and if \mathfrak{L} is the Lie algebra of all norm-skew transformations of the split exceptional Jordan algebra \mathfrak{J} over \mathfrak{F} , then every automorphism of \mathfrak{L} is of one and only one of the forms $X \rightarrow B^{-1}XB$, $X \rightarrow -B^{-1}X^*B$, where X^* is the adjoint of X with respect to the bilinear form $(x, y) = \text{Tr}(x \cdot y)$ in \mathfrak{J} , and where $B \in \mathfrak{B}$, the group of all linear transformations of \mathfrak{J} such that for some $\beta \neq 0$ in \mathfrak{F} , $(xB, yB, zB) = \beta(x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{J}$. If \mathfrak{F} is algebraically closed, B may be taken from the subgroup \mathfrak{G} of \mathfrak{B} consisting of those $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ for which $\beta = 1$, and the transformations $X \rightarrow B^{-1}XB$, $B \in \mathfrak{G}$, constitute the group of invariant automorphisms of \mathfrak{L} . The automorphism group of \mathfrak{L} is thus the semi-direct product of the group $\mathfrak{B}/\mathfrak{F}^*I$ and a cyclic group of order 2; if \mathfrak{F} is algebraically closed, we can replace $\mathfrak{B}/\mathfrak{F}^*I$ by the isomorphic group $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$, where $\mathfrak{Z} = \{\lambda I \mid \lambda^3 = 1\}$.*

8. Generation of the group \mathfrak{G} of norm-preserving transformations. Finally we show that $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L}) \cong \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$ in all cases by showing that $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$ is the subgroup G' of $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$ studied by Chevalley [2], that is, the subgroup generated by all $\exp(\text{ad}(E_{\alpha}))$, where E_{α} runs through all root-vectors belonging to nonzero roots in one standard Cartan decomposition of \mathfrak{L} . The simplicity of $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$ (and of $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$) will then follow by Chevalley's results. (In unpublished work, Jacobson has proved the simplicity of $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$ by more direct methods.) The construction of Chevalley starts with a simple complex Lie algebra of type E_6 and obtains a standard Cartan decomposition of type E_6 of a Lie algebra of classical type over the field \mathfrak{F} . Then this algebra is isomorphic to our algebra \mathfrak{L} , and under the isomorphism the generators of the group G' acting in Chevalley's algebra correspond to mappings $\exp(\text{ad}(E_{\alpha}))$ in \mathfrak{L} , where E_{α} runs through the root-vectors relative to a standard Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{S}_0 of \mathfrak{L} , a fundamental system of roots of \mathfrak{L} relative to \mathfrak{S}_0 being of type E_6 . It follows by Theorem 9 of [8] that there is an automorphism σ of \mathfrak{L} mapping the Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{S} used in our decomposition of §5 onto the new subalgebra \mathfrak{S}_0 . Since \mathfrak{S} is mapped into \mathfrak{S}_0 by

$$X \rightarrow -X^* \quad (-h_i^* = h_i, 1 \leq i \leq 4; -h_j^* = -h_j, j = 5, 6),$$

we may assume that σ is of the form $X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$, $A \in \mathfrak{B}$. The system of root-vectors $\{E'_\alpha\}$ relative to \mathfrak{G}_0 thus consists of all scalar multiples of the elements $A^{-1}E_\alpha A$, where E_α runs through the 72 root-vectors relative to \mathfrak{G} as listed in §5. Now $\exp(\text{ad}(A^{-1}E_\alpha A))$ sends $X \in \mathfrak{L}$ into

$$A^{-1}(\exp(E_\alpha))^{-1}AXA^{-1}(\exp(E_\alpha))A,$$

i.e., conjugates X by an element of $A^{-1}GA$, where G is the subgroup of \mathfrak{G} generated by all $\exp(\lambda E_\alpha)$, $\lambda \in \mathfrak{F}$, E_α a root-vector relative to \mathfrak{G} . We show $G = \mathfrak{G}$; then, since \mathfrak{G} is an invariant subgroup of \mathfrak{B} , it will follow that $A^{-1}GA = \mathfrak{G}$, thus that $G' \cong \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z} \cong \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$.

We have seen that G contains the $\exp(\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, where $(0, 0, 0, T) \in \mathfrak{D}$ belongs to each of the roots $\pm\gamma_1, \dots, \pm\gamma_{12}$ relative to \mathfrak{G} . Now we compute the effect on the general element

$$a = \text{diag}\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3\} + a_{12}(1, 2) + a_{13}(1, 3) + a_{23}(2, 3)$$

of \mathfrak{J} of the exponentials of the remaining root-vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} a \exp(\lambda(u_i(1) + 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))) &= a + \lambda[4(u_i, a_{12}) \text{diag}\{0, 1, 0\} \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_1 u_i(1, 2) + 2(\bar{u}_i a_{13})(2, 3)]; \\ a \exp(\lambda(u_i(1) - 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))) &= a + \lambda[4(u_i, a_{12}) \text{diag}\{1, 0, 0\} \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_2 u_i(1, 2) + 2(u_i a_{23})(1, 3)]; \\ a \exp(\lambda(u_i(2) + 2(0, u_i, 0, 0))) &= a + \lambda[4(u_i, a_{13}) \text{diag}\{0, 0, 1\} \\ &\quad + 2\alpha_1 u_i(1, 3) + 2(\bar{a}_{12} u_i)(2, 3)]; \\ a \exp(\lambda(u_i(2) - 2(0, u_i, 0, 0))) &= a + \lambda[4(u_i, a_{13}) \text{diag}\{1, 0, 0\} \\ &\quad + 2(u_i \bar{a}_{23})(1, 2) + 2\alpha_3 u_i(1, 3)]; \\ a \exp(\lambda(u_i(3) + 2(0, 0, u_i, 0))) &= a + \lambda[4(u_i, a_{23}) \text{diag}\{0, 0, 1\} \\ &\quad + 2(a_{12} u_i)(1, 3) + 2\alpha_2 u_i(2, 3)]; \\ a \exp(\lambda(u_i(3) - 2(0, 0, u_i, 0))) &= a + \lambda[4(u_i, a_{23}) \text{diag}\{0, 1, 0\} \\ &\quad + 2(a_{13} \bar{u}_i)(1, 2) + 2\alpha_3 u_i(2, 3)]. \end{aligned}$$

NOTE. If we denote by $T_{ij}(u)$, $u \in \mathfrak{C}$, $i \neq j$, that 3 by 3 \mathfrak{C} -matrix with 1 in all diagonal positions and with u in the (i, j) -position and zero elsewhere, then for $a \in \mathfrak{J}$, the element $(T_{ij}(u)a)T_{ji}(\bar{u}) = T_{ij}(u)(aT_{ji}(\bar{u}))$, defined by ordinary matrix multiplication, is again in \mathfrak{J} . The mappings $a \rightarrow (T_{ij}(u)a)T_{ji}(\bar{u})$ of \mathfrak{J} , as u runs through all scalar multiples of basis elements u_1, \dots, u_8 for \mathfrak{C} , are just the mappings listed above. In their more general form, they have been utilized by Jacobson in unpublished work on the norm-preserving groups.

By a simple calculation,

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp(\lambda(u_i(1) + 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))) \exp(-\lambda(u_i(1) - 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \exp(4\lambda(u_i, 0, 0, 0)); \\ & \exp(\lambda(u_i(2) + 2(0, u_i, 0, 0))) \exp(-\lambda(u_i(2) - 2(0, u_i, 0, 0))) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \exp(4\lambda(0, u_i, 0, 0)); \\ & \exp(\lambda(u_i(3) + 2(0, 0, u_i, 0))) \exp(-\lambda(u_i(3) - 2(0, 0, u_i, 0))) \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad = \exp(4\lambda(0, 0, u_i, 0)). \end{aligned}$$

Since the transformations $\exp(\mu(u_i, 0, 0, 0))$, $\exp(\mu(0, u_i, 0, 0))$, $\exp(\mu(0, 0, u_i, 0))$, together with the $\exp(\lambda(0, 0, 0, T))$, where $(0, 0, 0, T)$ is a root-vector, generate the full group $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ by §4, we have $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F}) \subseteq G$.

As has been observed by Jacobson in a more general setting [6], an element T of the norm-preserving group \mathfrak{G} is in $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$ if and only if $IT=I$. Since $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F}) \subseteq G \subseteq \mathfrak{G}$ by the above, this may be verified for our special case by assuming $T \in \mathfrak{G}$, $IT=I$, and by showing that it follows that $T \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})$. From $(I, I, a) = (IT, IT, aT) = (I, I, aT)$ we find that $\text{Tr}(aT) = \text{Tr}(a)$ for all $a \in \mathfrak{F}$. Together with $(I, a, b) = (IT, aT, bT) = (I, aT, bT)$, this yields $(aT, bT) = (a, b)$ for all $a, b \in \mathfrak{F}$, hence that $\tau(aT, bT, cT) = \tau(a, b, c)$ for all $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{F}$, by the fact that $\tau(a, b, c) = (a, b, c) + \text{Tr}(a)(b, c) + \text{Tr}(b)(a, c) + \text{Tr}(c)(a, b) - 2 \text{Tr}(a)\text{Tr}(b)\text{Tr}(c)$. Thus $((aT \cdot bT), cT) = \tau(aT, bT, cT) = \tau(a, b, c) = (a \cdot b, c) = ((a \cdot b)T, cT)$ for all $a, b, c \in \mathfrak{F}$. Since cT runs through \mathfrak{F} , we have $(a \cdot b)T = aT \cdot bT$ for all a, b , by the nondegeneracy of (x, y) . Thus T is an automorphism.

It therefore follows that to show $G = \mathfrak{G}$, it suffices to show that if $T \in \mathfrak{G}$, then a sequence of multiplications by elements of G can transform T into an element U of \mathfrak{G} with $IU=I$. Then $U \in \mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F}) \subseteq G$, and so $T \in G$. Now $(I, I, I) = 12 \in \mathfrak{F}$, so that $(IT, IT, IT) = 12$. If $b = IT$, we wish to show there is a $V \in G$ such that $bV = I$; we prove that this is the case for all $b \in \mathfrak{F}$ with $(b, b, b) = 12$. Thus let $b = \text{diag}\{\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3\} + b_{12}(1, 2) + b_{13}(1, 3) + b_{23}(2, 3) \in J$, $(b, b, b) = 12$.

First we note that $\beta_1 = 0$, $b_{12} = b_{13} = 0$, is impossible, since these conditions imply $(b, b, b) = 0$. Now if $b_{12} = b_{13} = 0$, then $\beta_1 \neq 0$, and we may operate on b with $\exp(u_1(1) + 2(u_1, 0, 0, 0))$ to obtain an element c of norm 12 with $c_{12} \neq 0$. Thus we may assume that either $b_{12} \neq 0$ or $b_{13} \neq 0$. If $b_{12} \neq 0$ then for some i , $(b_{12}, u_i) \neq 0$, and we may operate on b with $\exp(\lambda(u_i(1) - 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0)))$, where λ is so chosen that $\beta_1 + 4\lambda(b_{12}, u_i) = 1$, to make β_1 into 1. If $b_{13} \neq 0$, a similar procedure may be applied with an $\exp(\lambda(u_i(2) - 2(0, u_i, 0, 0)))$. Thus we may assume $\beta_1 = 1$. Now if $b_{12} = \sum \alpha_i u_i$, $b_{13} = \sum \gamma_i u_i$, we operate on b successively with the generators $\exp(-\alpha_i(u_i(1) + 2(u_i, 0, 0, 0))/2)$, $1 \leq i \leq 8$, so that b_{12} is replaced by 0, and the condition $\beta_1 = 1$ is unaffected. Now the properties $b_{12} = 0$, $\beta_1 = 1$ are unchanged when we operate successively with the generators $\exp(-\gamma_i(u_i(2) + 2(0, u_i, 0, 0))/2)$, $1 \leq i \leq 8$, and the result now has

$\beta_1=1, b_{12}=0=b_{13}$. Thus we may assume b has this form: $b=\text{diag}\{1, \beta_2, \beta_3\} + b_{23}(2, 3)$.

Now if $\beta_2=0$ and $b_{23}=0$, then $(b, b, b)=0$, which is impossible. If $b_{23}\neq 0$, we choose u_i so that $(u_i, b_{23})\neq 0$, then choose λ so that $\beta_2+4\lambda(u_i, b_{23})=1$. Then operating on b with $\exp(\lambda(u_i(3)-2(0, 0, u_i, 0)))$ leaves $\beta_1=1, b_{12}=0=b_{13}$, and replaces β_2 by 1. If $b_{23}=0$ then $\beta_2\neq 0$, and operating on b with $\exp(u_1(3)+2(0, 0, u_1, 0))$ leaves $\beta_1=1, b_{12}=0=b_{13}$, and replaces b_{23} by $2\beta_2 u_1\neq 0$. Then we can replace β_2 by 1 as above, so may assume $b=\text{diag}\{1, 1, \beta_3\} + b_{23}(2, 3)$. If $b_{23}=\sum \delta_i u_i$, successive application of the

$$\exp(-\delta_i(u_i(3)+2(0, 0, u_i, 0))/2), \quad 1 \leq i \leq 8,$$

leaves unchanged $\beta_1=1, \beta_2=1, b_{12}=0, b_{13}=0$, and replaces b_{23} by 0. We have therefore transformed b by generators of G into $\text{diag}\{1, 1, \beta_3\}$, and may assume $b=\text{diag}\{1, 1, \beta_3\}$, $(b, b, b)=12$. But $(b, b, b)=4(2+\beta_3^2)-6(2+\beta_3)(2+\beta_3^2)+2(2+\beta_3)^3=12\beta_3$. Hence $\beta_3=1$, and b has been transformed into the identity as required. We have thus completed the proof of the following result.

THEOREM 6. *If the base field \mathfrak{F} is not of characteristic 2 or 3, the transformations $I+\lambda E_\alpha$, where E_α runs through a set of root-vectors relative to the Cartan subalgebra \mathfrak{H} of §5 of the Lie algebra \mathfrak{L} of norm-skew transformations of the split exceptional Jordan algebra \mathfrak{J} generate the group \mathfrak{G} of norm-preserving transformations of \mathfrak{J} . If the characteristic of \mathfrak{F} is not a prime between 2 and 23, this result establishes that the group G' of Chevalley formed over \mathfrak{F} from a simple complex Lie algebra of type E_6 may be identified with the group $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$ of invariant automorphisms of \mathfrak{L} , and is also isomorphic to $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$, where \mathfrak{Z} is the center of \mathfrak{G} ; the isomorphism is induced by the homomorphism $A \rightarrow I_A: X \rightarrow A^{-1}XA$ of \mathfrak{G} onto $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{L})$.*

Finally, we note that the mapping $B \rightarrow \beta(B)$ of \mathfrak{B} into the group \mathfrak{F}^* defined by $\beta(B)(x, y, z) = (xB, yB, zB)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{J}$ is a homomorphism with kernel \mathfrak{G} . In fact, \mathfrak{B} is mapped onto \mathfrak{F}^* ; for if $x = \text{diag}\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\} + x_{12}(1, 2) + x_{13}(1, 3) + x_{23}(2, 3) \in \mathfrak{J}$, then $(x, x, x) = 12((x_{12}x_{23}, x_{13}) - \xi_1(x_{23}, x_{23}) - \xi_2(x_{13}, x_{13}) - \xi_3(x_{12}, x_{12}) + \xi_1\xi_2\xi_3)$, so that if $0 \neq \beta \in \mathfrak{F}$ and $x_{12} = \sum \alpha_i u_i, x_{13} = \sum \beta_i u_i, x_{23} = \sum \gamma_i u_i$, the transformation B of \mathfrak{J} defined as follows has $(xB, xB, xB) = \beta(x, x, x)$ for all $x \in \mathfrak{J}$:

$$xB = \text{diag}\{\beta\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3\} + y_{12}(1, 2) + y_{13}(1, 3) + y_{23}(2, 3),$$

where

$$y_{12} = \beta \sum_{i \in C(4)} \alpha_i u_i + \sum_{i \in D(4)} \alpha_i u_i,$$

$$y_{13} = \sum_{i \in C'(4)} \beta_i u_i + \beta \sum_{i \in D'(4)} \beta_i u_i,$$

$$y_{23} = \sum_{i \neq 4, 8} \gamma_i u_i + \beta^{-1} \gamma_4 u_4 + \beta \gamma_8 u_8.$$

By polarization $(xB, yB, zB) = \beta(x, y, z)$ for all $x, y, z \in \mathfrak{F}$, so that $B \in \mathfrak{B}$ and $\beta(B) = \beta$. Thus we conclude $\mathfrak{B}/\mathfrak{G} \cong \mathfrak{F}^*$. If we denote by \mathfrak{F}^{*3} the group of third powers of elements of \mathfrak{F}^* , then following $B \rightarrow \beta(B)$ by the canonical homomorphism of \mathfrak{F}^* onto $\mathfrak{F}^*/\mathfrak{F}^{*3}$ gives a homomorphism of \mathfrak{B} onto $\mathfrak{F}^*/\mathfrak{F}^{*3}$. The kernel evidently contains the kernel \mathfrak{F}^*I of the homomorphism $B \rightarrow I_B$ of \mathfrak{B} onto the group $I_{\mathfrak{B}}$ of automorphisms of \mathfrak{F} of the form $X \rightarrow B^{-1}XB$, $B \in \mathfrak{B}$. Hence a homomorphism $I_B \rightarrow \beta(B)\mathfrak{F}^{*3}$ of $I_{\mathfrak{B}}$ onto $\mathfrak{F}^*/\mathfrak{F}^{*3}$ is induced. If $\beta(B) = \lambda^3 \in \mathfrak{F}^{*3}$, then $I_B = I_{(\lambda^{-1}B)}$, and $\lambda^{-1}B \in \mathfrak{G}$; thus the kernel of $I_B \rightarrow \beta(B)\mathfrak{F}^{*3}$ is contained in the group $I_{\mathfrak{G}} = \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{F})$ of invariant automorphisms. The reverse inclusion is trivial, so we see that $I_B/I_{\mathfrak{G}} = I_{\mathfrak{B}}/\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{F})$ is isomorphic to $\mathfrak{F}^*/\mathfrak{F}^{*3}$. Thus the full automorphism group has the normal series $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F}) \supset I_{\mathfrak{B}} \supset \mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{F}) \supset (I)$, with $\mathfrak{A}(\mathfrak{F})/I_{\mathfrak{B}} \cong Z_2$, $I_{\mathfrak{B}}/\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{F}) \cong \mathfrak{F}^*/\mathfrak{F}^{*3}$, and $\mathfrak{g}(\mathfrak{F}) \cong \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{Z}$, a simple group.

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