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In the course of an investigation of six-dimensional complex linear groups, it was discovered that a central extension of  $Z_6$  by  $PSU_4(3)$  has a representation of degree six. In fact, this representation has as its image the unimodular subgroup  $X(G)$  of index 2 of the following 6-dimensional matrix group:  $\langle$ all 6 by 6 permutation matrices; all unimodular diagonal matrices of order 3;  $I_6 - Q/3$  where  $Q$  has all its entries equal to one $\rangle$ . This matrix group leaves the following lattice invariant:  $\{(a_1, \dots, a_6) \mid a_i \in Z(\omega) \text{ where throughout this paper } \omega \text{ is a primitive third root of unity; } a_i - a_j \in \sqrt{-3} Z(\omega) \text{ for all } i, j; \sum_{i=1}^6 a_i \in 3Z(\omega)\}$ . The generators of the matrix group are similar to the following generators for an 8-dimensional complex linear group with Jordan-Holder constituents  $Z_2$ , the non-trivial simple constituent of  $0_8(2)$ ,  $Z_2$ :  $\langle$ all 8 by 8 permutation matrices, all unimodular diagonal matrices of order 2,  $I_8 - P/4$  where  $P$  has all entries equal to 1 $\rangle$ .

The projective representation of  $PSU_4(3)$  can be used to construct a 12-dimensional representation  $Y(H)$ , a central extension of  $Z_6$  by the Suzuki group, which leads to the known 24-dimensional projective representation of the Conway group. In fact,  $H$  has a subgroup  $K$  isomorphic to a central extension of  $(Z_6 \times Z_3)$  by  $PSU_4(3)$ . Also,  $Y|H$  has two six-dimensional constituents coming from the above matrix group where the constituents are related by an outer automorphism of  $PSU_4(3)$  which does not lift to the central extension of  $Z_6$  by  $PSU_4(3)$  with the six-dimensional representation. We obtain two commuting automorphisms,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively, of  $G$  from  $I_6 - Q/3$  and complex conjugation. For  $PSU_4(3)$ , the outer automorphism group is dihedral of order eight with its center corresponding to complex conjugation of  $X(G)$ . The entire automorphism group lifts to  $K$ . We may take the center of  $K$  to be  $\langle a, b, c \rangle$  with  $a$  and  $b$  of order 3 and  $c$  of order 2, with  $G \cong K/b$ , and with  $\alpha(a) = a, \alpha(b) = b^{-1}, \beta(a) = a^{-1}, \beta(b) = b^{-1}$ . We can also find an automorphism  $\gamma$  of  $K$  with  $\gamma(a) = b$  and  $\gamma(b) = a$ . We give the character table of  $K$  giving only one representative of each family of algebraically conjugate characters and classes. Irrational characters and classes are underlined. Only one class in each coset of  $Z(K)$  is represented by the character tables. The characters in the table  $\widetilde{U_4(3)}$  give the characters with  $Z(K)$  in the kernel. The succeeding five character tables in order give the following linear characters, respectively, on  $Z(K)$ :  $\theta(a) = \theta(b) = 1, \theta(c) = -1$ ;  $\theta(a) = \omega, \theta(b) = \theta(c) = 1$ ;  $\theta(a) = \omega^{-1}, \theta(b) = 1, \theta(c) = -1$ ;  $\theta(a) =$

$\theta(b) = \omega$ ,  $\theta(c) = 1$ ;  $\theta(a) = \theta(b) = \omega$ ,  $\theta(c) = -1$ . The characters with other actions are obtained by applying elements of the outer automorphism group. The automorphism  $\alpha$  transposes  $\pi_7$  with  $\pi_7^{-1}$ ; and  $N_1$  with  $N_1^{-1}$  in the character tables. The automorphism  $\beta$  transposes  $N_1$  with  $N_1^{-1}$ ; and  $N_2$  with  $N_2^{-1}$ . The automorphism  $\gamma$  transposes  $T_1$  with  $T_2$ ;  $JT_1$  with  $JT_2$ ;  $N_1$  with  $N_2$ ;  $N_1^{-1}$  with  $N_2^{-1}$ ; and possibly  $\pi_7$  with  $\pi_7^{-1}$ . As  $SU_4(3)/\Omega(ZSU_4(3))$  has the centralizer of some central involution isomorphic to the centralizer of some central involution  $J$  in  $G$ , presumably  $SU_4(3)/\Omega_1(ZSU_4(3)) \cong G/O_3(Z(G))$ .

The first four character tables give the characters of the central extension of  $\langle d \rangle = Z_6$  by  $LF(3, 4)$  with a six dimensional, complex representation. Respectively, they give the following linear characters on  $\langle a \rangle$ :  $\theta(a) = 1$ ,  $\theta(a) = \omega$ ,  $\theta(a) = -1$ ,  $\theta(a) = -\omega$ . The characters with  $\theta(a) = \omega^{-1}$  or  $\theta(a) = -\omega^{-1}$  come from complex conjugation of the second and fourth table respectively.

We let  $\widetilde{U_4(3)} = PSU_4(3)$  and let  $S_p$  be a  $p$ -Sylow subgroup of whatever group is in question. The term "Blichfeldt" refers to the theorem in [1] that no primitive complex linear group contains an element with some eigenvalue within 60 degrees of all the other eigenvalues of the element. Where clear, we use  $\chi_n$  to refer to the previously discussed character of  $G$  of degree  $n$ . Finally,  $a(X, Y, Z)$  is the coefficient of the conjugacy class containing  $Z$  in the product of the classes containing  $X$  and  $Y$ .

This paper fills a gap in [9] concerning groups  $G$  with a faithful unimodular representation  $X$  with character  $\chi$  of degree six and  $\bar{G}$  simple of order  $2^7 3^6 5$  where  $Z = Z(G)$  and  $\bar{G} = G/Z$ . We also know by [9, § 8], that  $C(S_5) = S_5 Z$ ,  $C(S_7) = S_7 Z$ ,  $4/t_5 = [N(S_5): C(S_5)] = 4$ , and  $6/t_7 = [N(S_7): C(S_7)] = 3$ . Also, the principal 7-block  $B_0(7)$  has degree equation  $1 + 729 = 640 + 90$ . Finally, by [9, § 8],  $\chi(G) \subseteq Q(\omega)$ ,  $3 \parallel |Z|$ , and we may take  $X(S_3)$  to be

$$\left\langle \text{diag}(1, 1, \omega, 1, 1, \omega^{-1}), \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_3, I_3 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle.$$

I learned from the referee that this representation was discovered earlier by Mitchell, [10]. Mitchell also showed that this linear group and the first orthogonal group on six indices with modulus three have isomorphic nonsolvable Jordan-Holder constituents. Hammill, [6] and Todd, [12] also worked on this linear group with the latter constructing the character table of  $\widetilde{U_4(3)}$ .

2. The character table. By the above,  $|Z| = 6$  since  $\chi_{20}$ , the character of the skew-symmetric tensors of  $X \otimes X \otimes X$ , does not have a constituent of degree 90 or 640. There is a character  $\chi_{640}$ , completing the 2-block of  $\chi_{640}$  in  $G/Z_3$ . Since  $\chi_{640'}$  is the 7-exceptional character in the block  $B_1(7)$  with characters whose kernel is  $Z_3$ , and  $G/Z_3$  does not have a character of degree 6,  $\chi_{20}$  is irreducible. Degrees divisible exactly by 2 or 4 and  $\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{7}$  and  $\equiv 0$  or  $\pm 1 \pmod{5}$  are 6, 36, 90, 20, and 540. The possibilities are  $660 - 36 = 624$ ,  $660 + 90 = 750$ ,  $660 + 20 = 680$ , and  $660 - 540 = 120$ . The degree equation is  $20 + 640 = 120 + 540$ . By [5], 3-7 block separation in  $G/Z_3$ , these characters are in the same 3-block of  $G/Z_3$ . Let  $T \in Z(S_3)$ ,  $\chi(T) = -3$ . Then  $(\text{mod } 3) |G| \chi_{540}(T)/(540) |C(T)| \equiv |G| \chi_{27}(T)/(20) |C(T)| \equiv (-7) |G|/(20) |C(T)| =$  some 3-unit, so  $\chi_{540}(T)$  is divisible exactly by 27 and  $|C(T)|/|Z| > 3^6$ .

A 7-block whose characters have kernel  $Z_2$  contains  $\chi_{15}$  from the skew-symmetric tensors (irreducible since  $G/Z_2$  has no representation of degree 6) and  $\chi_{729'}$ , completing a 3-block of defect 1. There is another degree divisible exactly by 3 which must be 384, 24, 15, 60, 120, 480, or 960. The degree 24 is impossible since

$$\chi_{24}(\pi_7) \overline{\chi_{24}(\pi_7)} = 2,$$

but  $\chi_{24} \bar{\chi}_{24}$  cannot fit  $\chi_0 + \chi_{729}$  in  $B_0(7)$  inside. The possibilities are  $729 + 15 - 384 = 360$ ,  $744 + 15 = 759$ ,  $744 + 60 = 804$ ,  $744 + 120 = 864$ ,  $744 + 480 = 1224$ , and  $744 + 960 = 1704$ . Since  $G/Z_2$  has no representation of degree 6,  $\chi_{21}$  corresponding to the symmetric tensors of  $X \otimes X$ , is irreducible. In the case of 864 there is a 5-block with degree equation  $864 + 864 + 729 = 21 + \dots$  and the fifth degree is too large. Therefore, the 7-block has degree equation  $15 + 729 = 384 + 360$ . Suppose that  $G$  has an element  $J$  with  $X(J)$  having eigenvalues  $i, i, i, -i, -i, -i$ . Then  $\chi_{15}(J) = (0^2 - (-6))/2 = 3$ . Also  $\chi_{384}$  has 2-defect 0 and  $\chi_{384}(J) = 0$ . Since  $t_7 = 2$ ,  $a_{J, J, \pi_7} = 0$  in  $G/Z$  and  $G/Z_2$ , so

$$3^2/15 + \chi_{729'}(J)^2/729 - \chi_{360}(J)^2/360 = 0$$

and  $3 + \chi_{729'}(J) = \chi_{360}(J)$ . Then  $9 | \chi_{729'}(J)$ ,  $3 | \chi_{360}(J)$ ,  $27 | \chi_{729'}(J)$ , and  $4 | \chi_{360}(J)$ ; so  $\chi_{729'}(J) \equiv -27 \pmod{108}$ . Then  $\chi_{729'}(J) = -27$ , otherwise  $|\chi_{729'}(J)| > 80$  and the sum is negative. Then in  $B_0(7)$ ,

$$\chi_0(J) = 1, \chi_{729}(J) = -27, \chi_{640}(J) = 0, \chi_{90}(J) = 1 - 27 = -26,$$

and  $1^2/1 + 27^2/729 - 26^2/90 \neq 0$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $J$  cannot exist. We have a character  $\chi_{384'}$  faithful on  $Z$  completing a 2-block containing  $\chi_{384}$ . Then a 5-block faithful on  $Z$  contains characters of degree 6 and 384. Now  $1 = (\chi_{15}, \chi_6 \chi_6) = (\bar{\chi}_6 \chi_{15}, \chi_6)$  so  $\bar{\chi}_6 \chi_{15}$  contains  $\chi_6$  as a constituent. Also  $\bar{\chi}_6 \chi_{15} - \chi_6$  has an irreducible constituent of degree  $\equiv -1 \pmod{5}$  and divisible by 6: 84 or 24. By the previous

$\chi_{24}\bar{\chi}_{24}(\pi_7)$  argument, 24 is impossible and the 5-block contains the degree 6, 384, and 84. We have another degree divisible exactly by 2: 6, 486, 126, or 1134. The possibilities are

$$384 + 84 - 6 - 6 = 456, 486 - 462 = 24$$

already shown to be an impossible degree,

$$462 - 126 = 336, \text{ and } 462 + 1134 = 1596.$$

The degree equation is  $6 + 126 + 336 = 84 + 384$ . As with 84,  $\bar{\chi}_6\chi_{21} - \chi_6$  is a character. Since  $(\bar{\chi}_6\chi_{21}, \chi_6) = 1$ ,  $\bar{\chi}_6\chi_{21} - \chi_6$  has no constituent of degree 6. Therefore, from the 5-block, all its constituents have degrees divisible by 30, and must be 120, 90, or 60. The degree 90 would imply the impossible degree 30. If 60, then a 7-block has degree equation  $6 + 384 = 60 + 330$ , impossible. Therefore, it is irreducible, and the 7-block is  $6 + 384 = 120 + 270$ . If  $J$  gives an involution in  $G/Z$ , then possibly replacing  $J$  by  $-J$ ,  $X(J)$  has eigenvalues 1, 1, 1, 1,  $-1$ ,  $-1$  as  $\chi(G) \subseteq Q(\omega)$  and eigenvalues  $i, i, i, -i, -i, -i$  are impossible. In  $\bar{G} = G/Z, \langle \pi_5 \rangle$  is self-centralizing and  $a_{J, J, \pi_5} = 0$  or 5. Now  $|C_G(J)| = |C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{J})| |Z|$  and  $a_{J, J, \pi_5} = 0$  or 5 in  $G/Z, G/Z_2, G/Z_3$ , and  $G$ . Then looking successively at  $G, G/Z_2, G/Z_3$ , and  $G$  we see that  $\sum \chi_i(J)^2 \chi_i(\pi_5) / \chi_i(1)$  over each 5-block is 0 or 5  $|C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{J})|^2 / |\bar{G}|$ . By 2-block orthogonality on  $(I, J)$ ,  $\chi_{384'}(J) = 0$ . Also  $\chi_6(J) = 2$ ,  $\chi_{84}(J) = 2(4 - 6)/2 - 2 = -4$ . Then  $\chi_{126}(J) + \chi_{336}(J) = -4 - 2 = -6$ . Let  $a = \chi_{336}(J)$ . We may find some  $J$  in  $Z(S_2)$  with  $2^7 | \sum = 4/6 + a^2/336 + (6 + a)^2/126 - 16/84$ . Then  $4|a$  and we may let  $a = 4b$ . Multiply the sum by 63:

$$2^7 | 42 + 3b^2 + 8b^2 + 24b + 18 - 12 = 11b^2 + 24b + 48.$$

Then  $4|b$  and if  $c = b/4$ , then  $8|11c^2 + 6c + 3$ . Then  $c$  is odd. Since  $|6 + 16c| < 126$ , we have  $c = \pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5$ , or  $\pm 7$ . Also  $11c^2 \equiv 11 \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ , so  $6c \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$  and  $c \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . The possibilities are  $11 - 6 + 3 = 8, 99 + 18 + 3 = 120$  impossible by the factor 5 since  $5 \nmid |C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{J})|$ ,  $275 - 30 + 3 = 248$  divisible by 31 and impossible,  $539 + 42 + 3 = 584$  divisible by 73. Therefore,

$$c = -1, 5 | C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{J})|^2 / |\bar{G}| = (8)(4)(4)/63,$$

and  $|C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{J})| = 2^9$ . Then  $J$  inverts a 5-element and there is only one such class of such  $J \pmod{Z}$ . If another involution  $J_1$  does not invert a 5-element, then  $2^7 | 0 = \sum \chi_i(J_1)^2 \chi_i(\pi_5) / \chi_i(1)$ , and the above leads to a contradiction. Therefore,  $G/Z$  has a unique class of involutions. Suppose that there is an element  $F$  with  $X(F)$  having eigenvalues 1, 1, 1, 1,  $i, -i$ . Then

$$\chi_{15}(F) = (4^2 - 2)/2 = 7, \chi_{21}(F) = (4^2 + 2)/2 = 9, \chi_{84}(F) = 28 - 4 = 24,$$

and  $\chi_{120}(F) = 36 - 4 = 32$ . However,  $32^2 + 24^2 > 2^9 = |C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{F}^2)| \geq |C_{\bar{G}}(\bar{F})|$ , a contradiction.

**3. The centralizer of an involution.** Let  $J$  be an involution with  $X(J) = I_4 \oplus -I_2$ . Then  $X|C(J) = U \oplus V$  and  $\chi|C(J) = \theta + \phi$  where  $\theta$  corresponds to  $U$  and  $\theta(J) = 4$ . If  $\alpha$  is a field automorphism fixing  $\omega$ , then  $\theta^\alpha + \phi^\alpha = \theta + \phi$ ,  $\theta^\alpha = \theta$ , and  $\phi^\alpha = \phi$  since  $\theta^\alpha$  and  $\theta$  are the sums of irreducible characters of  $\chi|C(J)$  with  $J$  in the kernel. Therefore,  $\theta(C(J))$  and  $\phi(C(J))$  are contained in  $Q(\omega)$ . Let  $K$  be the subgroup of  $C(J)$  of elements  $k$  such that  $(\det V(k))^{2^m} = 1$  for some  $m$ . Then  $|K| = 2^9 |Z|/3 = 2^8 \cdot 9$ . Suppose  $x \in \ker U$ . Then  $x$  is a 2-element, otherwise, some power  $y$  of  $v$  has order 3 with  $\theta(y) = 4$ ,  $\phi(y) = -1$ , and  $Jy$  contradicts Blichfeldt. If  $x$  has order 4, then  $X(x)$  has eigenvalues  $1, 1, 1, 1, i, -i$ ; already shown impossible. Therefore,  $\ker U = \langle J \rangle$  and  $|U(K)| = 2^9$ .

Suppose  $U$  has 2-dimensional spaces  $S$  and  $T$  as spaces of imprimitivity or invariant spaces. Then  $H$  of index 1 or 2 in  $U(K)$  has  $\theta|H = \mu + \nu$  corresponding to the 2-dimensional spaces  $S$  and  $T$ . Let  $L$  be a 2-Sylow subgroup of  $U(K)$ . Unless  $[U(K):H] = 2$  and  $\mu|L \cap H$  and  $\nu|L \cap H$  are irreducible,  $H$  has an abelian subgroup  $A$  of order  $2^5$ , impossible (if  $A$  has an element of order 8, the linear characters of  $\theta|A$  are algebraic conjugates and faithful, so  $|A| = 8$ . Therefore, irrational characters of  $\theta|A$  occur in pairs and have image of order 4. Rational characters have image of order 2. Therefore,  $|A| \leq 16$ ). Therefore,  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are irreducible and a 2-element  $x \in C(J)$  transposes  $S$  and  $T$ . If  $\mu \not\subseteq Q(\omega)$ , then  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are algebraic conjugates,  $\mu$  is faithful on  $H$ , and  $H \cap L$  has an abelian subgroup of index 2 and order at least  $2^5$ , impossible. Therefore,  $\mu, \nu \subseteq Q(\omega)$  and  $\mu|L \cap H, \nu|L \cap H$  are rational. Then

$$|\mu(L \cap H)|, |\nu(L \cap H)| \leq [2/(2-1)] + [2/2] + \dots = 3.$$

Since  $|L \cap H| = 2^6$ ,  $L \cap H = \ker \nu \times \ker \mu$ . In 2 by 2 matrix blocks let  $U(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & W \\ Y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $U(x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} WY & 0 \\ 0 & YW \end{pmatrix}$  is contained in a conjugate in  $H$  of  $\ker \nu \times \ker \mu = L \cap H$ , a 2-Sylow subgroup of  $H$ . Therefore,  $\begin{pmatrix} WY & 0 \\ 0 & I_2 \end{pmatrix} = U(y)$  is contained in  $H$ . Now  $U(y^{-1}x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y^{-1} \\ Y & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Changing coordinates by conjugation with  $\begin{pmatrix} I_1 & 0 \\ 0 & Y \end{pmatrix}$  and replacing  $x$  by  $y^{-1}x$ , we may take  $U(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_2 \\ I_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Since  $\mu|L \cap H$  is irreducible and  $L \cap H = \ker \nu \times \ker \mu$ , there is a 2-element  $y$  with  $U(y) = -I_2 \oplus I_2$ . Then  $U((xy)^2) = -I_4$ , so  $V((xy)^2) \neq -I_2$ . However,  $\phi$  is rational and  $1 = \det U(xy) = \det V(xy)$ . Therefore,  $\phi(xy) \pm 2$ . If  $\ker \nu$  has an element  $T$  of order 3, then  $\mu(T) = -1$ ,  $\nu(T) = 2$ , and  $X(J(xy)^{-1}TxyT^{-1})$  has eigenvalues  $\omega, \bar{\omega}, \omega, \bar{\omega}, -1, -1$ ; contrary to

Blichfeldt. Therefore, the representation corresponding to  $\mu$  has image of order 72. Then  $\mu \subseteq Q(\omega)$  implies that there is a 3-element  $g$  with  $\mu(g) = 2\omega$ . Then  $\nu(g) = 1 + \omega$ , otherwise,  $\nu(g) = 2\bar{\omega}$  and  $X(J(xy)^{-1}gxyg^{-1})$  contradicts Blichfeldt. Now  $\phi(g) = \omega + \bar{\omega}$ , otherwise,  $\phi(g) = 2$  and  $X(J(xy)^{-1}gxyg)$  has eigenvalues  $\omega, \bar{\omega}, \omega, \bar{\omega}, -1, -1$  and contradicts Blichfeldt. There exists a 2-element  $z$  with  $\mu(z) = i + (-i)$ ,  $\mu(z^2) = -2$ , and  $\nu(z) = 2$ . Then  $\phi(z) = i + (-i)$  and  $\phi(z^2) = -2$ , otherwise,  $X(z)$  or  $X(zJ)$  has eigenvalues  $i, -i, 1, 1, 1, 1$ . Then  $\theta(z^{-1}g^{-1}zg) = 4$  implies that  $z^{-1}g^{-1}zg \in \langle J \rangle$ . As  $Jz^{-1}g^{-1}z$  has order 6, it cannot equal  $g^{-1}$ , and  $z^{-1}g^{-1}zg$  is the identity in  $G$ . Then  $V(z)$  with eigenvalues  $i, -i$  commutes with  $V(g)$  with eigenvalues  $\omega, \bar{\omega}$  contrary to  $\phi \subseteq Q(\omega)$ .

Now suppose that  $U$  is monomial, but not imprimitive on 2-dimensional subspaces. Then there exists a 3-element  $g$  corresponding to a permutation of order 3. As before,  $U(K)$  has no abelian subgroup of order 32, so the image of  $U(K)$  under  $\rho$ , the natural permutation representation on four letters has order eight and must be  $S_4$ . Then  $U(K)$  has an element  $T$  of order 3 in  $\text{Ker } \rho$  and conjugates of some commutator of  $T$  with a transposition show that  $U(K)$  contains all diagonal matrices of order 3 and determinant 1. Then  $27 \mid |U(K)|$ , a contradiction.

Now by Blichfeldt's classification of groups of degree 4,  $U(K)$  modulo  $Z(U(K))$  has a subgroup  $N$  of the tensor product of 2-dimensional representations  $W$  of  $M = GL(2, 3)$ . Also,  $N$  has index 2 or 1 in  $U(K)$ . Now  $Z(U(K)) \subseteq \langle -I_4 \rangle$  since  $\det U(k)$  for  $k \in K$  is a  $2^m$ -th root of 1 and  $\theta \subseteq Q(\omega)$ . Let  $U|N = A \otimes B$ . Now  $W(M) \otimes I_2$  does not appear as a subgroup modulo scalars of  $U(K)$  since eigenvalues  $\gamma, \gamma, \gamma^{-1}, \gamma^{-1}$  with  $\gamma^2 = i$  or  $i, i, 1, 1$  contradict 2-rationality of  $\theta$ . Therefore, the image under  $A$  of  $\text{Ker } B$  in  $M/Z(M)$  has order at most 12. The image of  $N$  under  $B$  in  $M/Z(M)$  has order at most 24. This gives  $|N| \leq |Z(N)|(12)(24) \leq 2^6 9$ . We must have equality. Then an element  $x$  takes  $A \otimes B$  to  $B \otimes A$ . Therefore,  $N \supset W(SL(2, 3)) \otimes I_2$ ,  $I_2 \otimes W(SL(2, 3))$  after elements of  $W(SL(2, 3))$  are changed by scalar multiplication. Also, the quaternions  $Q = SL(2, 3)'$  can have  $W(Q)$  taken as the matrices in [1, § 57]. Since  $\det U$  is a  $2^m$ -th root of 1 we may also use the matrix in § 57 for a 3-element  $S$  in  $W(SL(2, 3))$ . Let  $g$  be a 3-element with  $U(g) = S \otimes I_2$ . Then  $V(g)$  has eigenvalues  $\omega, \bar{\omega}$ ; otherwise  $\phi(g) = 2$  and  $gJ$  has eigenvalues  $\omega, \bar{\omega}, \omega, \bar{\omega}, -1, -1$ ; contrary to Blichfeldt. If  $h$  is a 3-element with  $U(h) = I_2 \otimes S$ , then, similarly,  $\phi(h) = -1$ . Also  $U(g)$  and  $U(h)$  commute,  $V(g)$  and  $V(h)$  commute modulo  $\langle J \rangle$ , and  $V(g)$  and  $V(h)$  commute. Both may be taken as diagonal. There exists  $E \in W(M)$  with  $E^{-1}SE = S^{-1}$ . Let  $V(g) = \omega \oplus \bar{\omega}$ . If necessary, we may replace  $h$  with  $h^{-1}$  and change coordinates of  $U$  by conjugation with  $I_2 \otimes E$  to take  $V(h) = \omega \oplus \bar{\omega}$ . If  $x \in C(J)$  with  $U(x) \in W(Q) \otimes I_2$  and  $U(x)$  of order 4, then  $U(x)$  has

eigenvalues  $i, i, -i, -i$  and  $V(x)$  cannot have eigenvalues  $i, -i$ . Possibly replacing  $x$  by  $Jx$ , we may take  $\phi(x) = 2$ . Because of equality in  $|N| \leq 2^6 9$ ,  $U(K)$  contains a tensor product of elements in

$$W(GL(2, 3)) - W(SL(2, 3)) .$$

By [1, § 57], we may take this element  $U(y)$  as  $\alpha((\gamma \oplus \gamma^{-1}) \otimes (\gamma \oplus \gamma^{-1}))$  where  $\gamma^2 = i$ . Then  $U(y)$  has eigenvalues  $\alpha i, \alpha, \alpha, -\alpha i$ . By 2-rationality,  $\alpha = \pm 1$  and  $U(y)$  is determined. The action of  $U(y)$  on the group of order 3:  $W(SL(2, 3)) \otimes W(SL(2, 3)) / \langle W(Q) \otimes W(Q), S \otimes S^{-1} \rangle$  is non-trivial. Therefore,

$$V(y)^{-1} V(g) V(y) = V(y)^{-1} V(h) V(y) = V(g)^{-1}$$

(since  $-V(g)^{-1}$  is not a 3-element). Since  $1 = \det U(y) = \det V(y)$ , we may choose coordinates so that  $V(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . The element  $x$  flipping  $W(SL(2, 3)) \otimes I_2$  to  $I_2 \otimes W(SL(2, 3))$  is determined modulo  $W(M) \otimes W(M) / \langle U(y), W(SL(2, 3)) \otimes W(SL(2, 3)) \rangle$  and modulo scalars to be  $1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus 1$ . We may take  $x$  as  $\alpha(1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus 1)$  or  $\alpha(1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus i)$ . As  $\theta$  is rational on 2-elements,  $2\alpha$  or  $\alpha(1 + i)$  is rational. Therefore,  $\alpha = \pm 1$ , and we are in the first case, so  $U(x)$  is determined. Then  $-1 = \det U(x) = \det V(x)$  and  $V(x)$  has eigenvalues  $1, -1$ . Since the action of  $U(x)$  on  $W(SL(2, 3)) \otimes W(SL(2, 3)) / \langle W(Q) \otimes W(Q), S \otimes S^{-1} \rangle$  is trivial,  $V(x)$  and  $V(g)$  commute. Possibly replacing  $x$  by  $xJ$  we may take  $V(x) = 1 \oplus -1$ . Therefore,  $C(J)$  and  $X(C(J))$  are completely determined. In fact  $C(J)/Z$  is isomorphic to  $\widetilde{C(I_2 \oplus -I_2)}$  in  $\widetilde{U_4(3)}$ :  $(W(SL(2, 3)) \otimes I_2) \oplus \dots \rightarrow SL(2, 3) \oplus I_2; (I_2 \otimes W(SL(2, 3))) \oplus \dots \rightarrow I_2 \oplus SL(2, 3); \left( \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$  here both elements have the same action on the central product of  $SL(2, 3)$  with itself, the square of the left element is  $\left( \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus -I_2 \approx \left( \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus I_2$ . The square of the right element is  $-i \left( \begin{pmatrix} -i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \oplus \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} \right); 1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus -1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_2 \\ I_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . Here both elements have order 2. Both elements have identical action on the central product of  $SL(2, 3)$  with itself. The commutator of  $X(x)$  with  $X(y)$  is  $I_4 \oplus -I_2$ . The corresponding commutator in  $\widetilde{U_4(3)}$  is  $i \oplus i \oplus -i \oplus -i$ . This shows that  $C(J)/Z$  is isomorphic to the centralizer of an involution in  $PSU_4(3)$ . By Phan's characterization of  $PSU_4(3)$ ,  $PSU_4(3) \cong G/Z$ .

#### 4. The normalizer of $Z(S_3)$ . Earlier, for

$$T = \text{diag}(\omega, \omega, \omega, \bar{\omega}, \bar{\omega}, \bar{\omega}),$$



we showed that  $|C(T)/Z| > 3^6$  and  $T$  is centralized by an involution in  $\bar{G} = G/Z$ . We may take  $T$  in  $C(J)$  and  $\bar{J}$  in the center of a Sylow-2-subgroup of  $C(T)/Z$ . As  $\chi(T) = -3$ ,  $U(T) = S^{\pm 1} \otimes I_2$  or  $I_2 \otimes S^{\pm 1}$ , say the former. Then

$$U(C(TJ)) = \langle U(T), U(Z), I_2 \otimes SL(2, 3) \rangle, |C(T)| = 3^6 8 |Z|,$$

and  $T$  is conjugate to  $T^{-1}$ . As the constituents of  $X|C(T)$  are not algebraically conjugate,  $X(C(T)) = \langle -I_6 \rangle \times H$  where  $H$  = the subgroup of  $X(C(T))$  whose action on the homogeneous  $\omega$ -space of  $X(T)$  has determinant = to a third root of 1. A Sylow-2-subgroup of  $H$  is  $Q$ , the quaternions. Let  $-1$  have order 2 in  $Z(G)$ . Now  $\langle \pm J \rangle = Z(Q)$  is represented faithfully in the  $\omega$  or the  $\bar{\omega}$  space of  $H$ , say the  $\omega$  space with  $\zeta$  = the corresponding constituent of  $X|H$ . If  $\zeta$  is monomial, then  $\pm J$ , being a square in  $H$ , is diagonal and conjugating

with  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & b \\ c & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_3$  (the first component is taken to correspond to  $\zeta$ ),

we have  $C(T)/Z$  contains an elementary abelian subgroup of order 4, a contradiction. Therefore, the representation corresponding to  $\zeta$  is the Hessian group in [1, § 79], except that  $\omega \oplus 1 \oplus 1$  has been changed by a scalar. As an element inverting  $T$  flips the constituents of  $X|C(T)$ , taking  $H \supset S_3$  with  $X(S_3)$  in the normal form given at the start of this chapter,  $X(C(T)) \subset \{M_1 \oplus M_2 | M_i \text{ appears in the Hessian group in [1], except that } \text{diag}(1, 1, \omega) \text{ replaces } \omega^{-1/3} \text{diag}(1, 1, \omega)\}$ . As the normal subgroup  $K$  of order 27 of the Hessian group appears independently in each component, we may examine the components of  $X(H)$  modulo

$K$ . Let  $i$  be the image of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \bar{\omega} \\ 1 & \bar{\omega} & \omega \end{pmatrix} / (\omega - \bar{\omega})$  in this homomorphism.

Since  $Q$  is represented faithfully in the top component and some element in  $X(C(T))$  flips the components,  $Q$  is represented faithfully in the bottom component. By changing coordinates by conjugating with a power of  $\text{diag}(1, 1, 1, \omega, 1, 1, \dots)$ , we may assume that  $X(C(T))$  contains  $i \oplus \pm \bar{i}$  ( $i$  stands for a coset of 3 by 3 matrices and  $\bar{i}$  is obtained by complex conjugation of the entries) where

$$j = (\text{diag } 1, 1, \bar{\omega})i(\text{diag } (1, 1, \omega)), -1 = i^2,$$

and  $k = ij$ . If  $X(C(T))$  contains  $i \oplus -\bar{i}$ , then, conjugating with  $T_1 = \text{diag}(1, 1, \omega, 1, 1, \bar{\omega}) \in S_3$ , we have  $j \oplus -\bar{j}$  and  $k \oplus -\bar{k} \in X(C(T))$  and

$$(i \oplus -\bar{i})(j \oplus -\bar{j})(k \oplus -\bar{k}) = -1 \oplus 1 \in X(C(T)),$$

contrary to  $8 ||H|$ . Since  $\text{diag}(1, 1, \omega)$ ,  $i$ , and  $K$  generate the Hessian group,  $H = \langle K \oplus I_3, I_3 \oplus K, M \oplus \bar{M} \text{ where } M \text{ is any matrix in the Hessian group changed as shown by scalars} \rangle$ .

$X(N(\langle T \rangle))$  is obtained from  $X(C(T))$  by addition of a 2-element

$X(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & E \\ F & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $E$  and  $F$  are 3 by 3 matrices normalizing the Hessian group, and, hence, in the Hessian group modulo scalar multiplication. By multiplication with an element in  $C(T)$  we may take  $E$  as scalar and, changing coordinates by conjugation with a direct sum of 3 by 3 scalar matrices, we may take  $E = I_3$ . Again, we are only interested in  $F$  modulo  $K$ . If  $F$  is scalar, then by determinant,  $F = -I_3$  and  $X(x^2) = -I_6$ , impossible. The other possibilities are  $F =$  some scalar times  $-1, \pm i, \pm j$ , or  $\pm k$  in the notation of the previous paragraph. If not  $-1$ , then replace  $x$  by  $T_1^a x T_1^a$  to take  $F =$  some scalar times  $\pm i$ . The scalar is  $-I_3$  by determinant  $= 1$ . Then

$$(-I_6)X(x^2) = \begin{pmatrix} \pm i & 0 \\ 0 & \pm i \end{pmatrix}.$$

Possibly replacing this by its third power, we have  $\begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , contrary to  $8 \parallel |H|$ . Therefore,  $F =$  some scalar times  $-1$  and the scalar is  $-1$  by determinant  $= 1$ . This completely determines  $X(N(\langle T \rangle))$ .

5. The correlation between  $X(C(J))$  and  $X(N(\langle T \rangle))$  for  $T \in C(J)$ . Take  $X(T) = (S \otimes I_2) \oplus \omega \oplus \omega^{-1}$  in our normal form for  $X(C(J))$ . Let  $GL(2, 3)$  and  $SL(2, 3)$  be the 2-dimensional matrix groups in [1, § 57] and  $\phi$  be an isomorphism from  $SL(2, 3)$  to  $SL(2, 3)/0_2(SL(2, 3)) \cong Z_3$  with  $\phi(S) = 1$  and  $0_2(SL(2, 3))$  isomorphic to the quaternions. Then  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle)) = \langle X(JT) = (S \otimes I_2) \oplus -\omega \oplus -\omega^{-1}; (I_2 \otimes u) \oplus (\omega \oplus \omega^{-1})^{\phi(u)}$  for  $u \in SL(2, 3)$ ;  $Y = \left( y \otimes \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \right) \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  for some

$$y \in \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma^{-1} \end{pmatrix} 0_2(SL(2, 3))$$

with  $y^{-1}Sy = S^{-1}; -\omega I_6$ . We get a subgroup of order at least  $2^7 3^6$  of  $X(G)$  generated by our normal form for  $N(\langle T \rangle)$  and the image under conjugation by a matrix  $R$  of our normal form for  $X(C(J))$  where  $R$  conjugates  $X(JT)$  and  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$ , in our normal form for  $X(C(J))$ , to  $X(JT)$  and  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$ , respectively, in our normal form for  $X(N(\langle T \rangle))$ . Therefore,  $R$  is determined modulo multiplication on the left by a matrix  $P$  fixing  $X(JT)$  and  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$  in the normal form for  $X(C(J))$ . As we are only interested in the image of  $X(C(J))$  under conjugation by  $R$ . We are only interested in  $P$  modulo multiplication on the left by a matrix fixing  $X(JT)$ ,  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$ , and  $X(C(J))$ . As  $0_2(0_2(X(N(\langle JT \rangle)))) = \langle (I_2 \otimes u) \oplus I_2 \text{ such that } u \in 0_2(SL(2, 3)) \rangle$ , by [7, Satz 3] and [1],  $P = (A \otimes B) \oplus C$  where  $B \in GL(2, 3)$ ,  $A \in C_{GL(2, C)}(S)$ , and  $C \in GL(2, C)$  where  $C$  is the complex number field. If  $B \notin SL(2, 3)$ ,

then  $P$  conjugates  $(S \otimes S^{-1}) \oplus I_2$  to  $(S \otimes Sv) \oplus I_2$  for some

$$v \in 0_2(SL(2, 3)) ,$$

a contradiction, since the former, but not the latter is in  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$ . Therefore, multiplying  $P$  by an element in  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$ , we may take  $B = I_2$ . Also,

$$\begin{aligned} (A^{-1}yA)^{-1}S(A^{-1}yA) &= (A^{-1}yA)^{-1}(A^{-1}SA)(A^{-1}yA) \\ &= A^{-1}y^{-1}SyA = A^{-1}S^{-1}A = S^{-1} . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $A^{-1}yA \in N_{GL(2,3)}(\langle S \rangle) = C_{GL(2,3)}(\langle S \rangle)$  where

$$N_{GL(2,3)}(\langle S \rangle) = \langle y, S, ZGL(2, 3) \rangle .$$

Multiplying  $P$  on the left by a power of  $X(T)$ , we may take  $A^{-1}yA$  in  $\langle y, ZGL(2, 3) \rangle$  of order 4 and  $A^{-1}yA \in yZGL(2, 3) = y\langle -I_2 \rangle$ . Let  $Q \in GL(6, C)$  be the matrix which acts as  $I_3$  on the space where  $X(T)$  acts as  $\omega I_3$ , and acts as  $-I_3$  on the space where  $X(T)$  acts as  $\omega^{-1}I_3$ . Then for  $W \in N_{GL(6,C)}(X(\langle T \rangle))$ ,  $W^{-1}(X(T))W = X(T)^a$  and  $Q^{-1}W^{-1}QW = (-1)^{[(a-1)/2]}I_6$  with  $a$  equal to either 1 or  $-1$ . Therefore,  $Q$  normalizes  $X(N(\langle T \rangle))$  and  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$ . Also,  $Q \in C(J), C(T)$ , and

$$C((I_2 \otimes 0_2(SL(2, 3))) \oplus I_2) ,$$

and  $Q^{-1}Y^{-1}QY = -I_6$ . If we are allowed the possibility of replacing  $P$  by  $QP$ , then we may take  $A^{-1}yA = y$ . Then, as  $\langle y, S \rangle$  is an irreducible two dimensional group on which  $A$  acts trivially,  $A$  and  $A \otimes I_2$  are scalar. As the homomorphism  $C(J) \rightarrow U(C(J))$  has kernel  $J$ , and  $A \otimes I_2$  centralizes  $U(N(\langle JT \rangle))$ ,  $C$  centralizes  $V(N(\langle JT \rangle))/\langle -I_2 \rangle$ . Then  $C$  centralizes  $V(T) = w \oplus w^{-1}$ , and  $C$  is diagonal. Let

$$F = 1 \oplus \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus -1 .$$

Then  $V(F)$  is centralized by  $C$ . As  $V(C(J)) = \langle V(N(\langle JT \rangle)), V(F) \rangle$ ,  $C$  centralizes  $V(C(J))/\langle -I_2 \rangle$ , and  $P$  normalizes  $X(C(J))$ .

Therefore,  $X(JT)$  and  $X(N(\langle JT \rangle))$  determine  $X(C(J))$  except possibly for conjugation of  $X(C(J))$  by a matrix  $U$  which is  $\pm I_3$  on the homogeneous spaces of  $X(T)$ . Now  $\langle C(J), N(\langle T \rangle) \rangle$  has index in  $G$  dividing 35. As  $B_0(7)$  has only  $\bar{\chi}_0$  with degree  $< 35$ ,

$$G = \langle C(J), N(\langle T \rangle) \rangle .$$

We put  $X(N(\langle T \rangle))$  in our normal form. Then  $X(JT)$  and  $X(\langle NJT \rangle)$  determine  $X(C(J))$  within conjugation by  $U$ . However,

$$\begin{aligned} U^{-1}\langle X(C(J)), X(N(\langle T \rangle)) \rangle U &= \langle U^{-1}X(C(J))U, U^{-1}X(N(\langle T \rangle))U \rangle \\ &= \langle U^{-1}X(C(J))U, X(N(\langle T \rangle)) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

so the similarity class of the representation is not affected by replacing  $X(C(J))$  by  $U^{-1}X(C(J))U$ . Therefore, there, is at most one unimodular, 6-dimensional, complex, linear group projectively representing a simple group of order  $2^7 3^6 35$ .

6. Existence of  $X(G)$ . We shall show that  $G_1 = \langle x, D, P \rangle$ , where  $x = V \oplus \bar{V}$  and  $V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \omega & \bar{\omega} \\ 1 & \bar{\omega} & \omega \end{pmatrix} / (\omega - \bar{\omega})$ ,  $D = \langle \text{all diagonal matrices of order 3 and determinant } 1 \rangle$ , and  $P = \langle \text{all permutation matrices} \rangle$  has a central extension of  $Z_6$  by  $U_4(3)$  as a subgroup of index 2. First we show it is finite. In fact,  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \oplus I_4$  has a total of 126 conjugates,  $C_1 \cup C_2$ , where  $C_1$  consists of 45 monomial matrices and  $C_2$  of 81 conjugates of  $z = I_6 - Q/3$  where  $Q = (q_{i,j})$  and  $q_{i,j} = 1$ .  $\langle C_1 \rangle$  has no invariant subspaces, so only scalars commute with all conjugates. If  $S_i$  are sets of matrices, define  $S_1^{-1}S_2S_1 = \{y | y = s_1^{-1}s_2s_1 \text{ for } s_i \in S_i\}$ . Then  $C_2 = D^{-1}zD$ . Let  $M = DP = PD$ . Now  $M^{-1}C_1M = C_1$  and  $M^{-1}C_2M = M^{-1}(D^{-1}zD)M = M^{-1}zM = D^{-1}(P^{-1}zP)D = D^{-1}zD = C_2$ . It only remains show that  $x^{-1}(C_1 \cup C_2)x = C_1 \cup C_2$ . Let  $\{U_i\}$  be the top 3 by 3 blocks of the 9 elements of  $C_1$  whose bottom 3 by 3 block is  $I_3$ . Then  $\{U_i\} = -I_3$  {2-elements in the normal subgroup of order 54 of the Hessian group, [1, § 79]}. As the top left 3 by 3 block of  $x$  is contained in the Hessian group, conjugation by  $x$  permutes these 9 elements. We may reverse the roles of the top left and the bottom right to show that  $x$  permutes 9 more elements of  $C_1$ . As  $x^{-1}zx$  is a permutation matrix transposing 1 and 4,  $x^{-1}zx$  has eigenvalues  $-1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1$ . Suppose that  $d = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_6) \in D$  with  $d_1d_2d_3 = 1$ . Then in each row and column of  $d^{-1}xd$ , and nonzero entries are distinct and have sum 0, or are identical. Then  $u_d = (d^{-1}xd)^{-1}z(d^{-1}xd) = I_6 - C_d$  where nonzero entries of  $C_d$  are sixth roots of 1. As  $z$  and  $u_d$  are unitary,  $u_d$  has entries 1 or 0 on the diagonal and third roots of 1 off the diagonal and is monomial. Then  $u_d \in C_1$  since  $u_d$  has eigenvalues  $-1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1$ . Therefore,  $x^{-1}dxd^{-1}x \in dC_1d^{-1} = C_1$  where  $d$  runs through 27 cosets of  $\langle wI_6 \rangle$ . This gives the other  $27 = 45 - 9 - 9$  elements in  $C_1$  and  $x^{-1}C_1 \cup C_2x \supset C_1$ ;  $C_1 \cup C_2 \supset xC_1x^{-1} = x^{-1}(x^2C_1x^2)x = x^{-1}C_1x$  as  $-I_6x^2 \in P$ . It only remains to show that  $x^{-1}dxd^{-1}x \in C_2$  where  $d_1d_2d_3 = \omega$  or  $\bar{\omega}$ , say  $\bar{\omega}$  without loss of generality. We may find  $e$  in  $\langle D, \text{diag}(\omega, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) \rangle$  with  $(\omega - \bar{\omega})d^{-1}xde = (a_{i,j})$ ;  $\{a_{1,j}, a_{2,j}, a_{3,j}\} = \{1, \bar{\omega}, \bar{\omega}\}$  counting multiplicity for  $j = 1, 2, 3$ ; and  $\{a_{4,j}, a_{5,j}, a_{6,j}\} = \{-1, -\omega, -\omega\}$  for  $j = 4, 5, 6$ . As  $d^{-1}xde$  is unitary, the  $\pm 1$ 's appear in different rows. Then the product of the nonzero entries in the first and the fourth rows is still  $-1$ , and  $e \in D$ . Now  $(\omega - \bar{\omega})d^{-1}xdeQ$  and  $(\omega - \bar{\omega})Qd^{-1}xde$  have all their entries equal to  $\bar{\omega} + \bar{\omega} + 1 = -\omega - \omega - 1$ . Then  $zd^{-1}xde = d^{-1}xdez$ ,  $d^{-1}x^{-1}dxd^{-1}xd = exe^{-1}$ , and  $x^{-1}dxd^{-1}x = deze^{-1}d^{-1} \in DzD^{-1} = C_2$ .

$G_1$  is primitive since  $D$  contains any proper normal reducible subgroup of  $M$  and  $x$  does not preserve the monomial form of  $M$ . Furthermore,  $G_1$  may be made unimodular by replacing odd permutation matrices by their products with  $iI_6$ . As  $3^7 \nmid |G_1|$ , by [9]'s classification of groups of degree 6,  $G_1$  contains a central extension of  $Z_6$  by  $U_4(3)$  as normal subgroup,  $G$ . However,  $G_1$  contains an element with eigenvalues  $-1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1$  and  $G$  contains no element with eigenvalues  $-i, i, i, i, i, i$ . By [8],  $7^2 \nmid |G_1/Z|$ . By [4],  $3F, S_7$  is self-centralizing in  $G_1/Z$ , otherwise  $G_1$  has a normal  $p$ -subgroup not contained in  $Z$  for some prime  $p$ , a contradiction. Since  $[N_G(S_7); C_G(S_7)] = 3$  and  $[N_{G_1}(S_7); C_{G_1}(S_7)] \leq 6$ ,  $[G_1: G] \leq 2$  and  $[G_1: G] = 2$ . For any unimodular finite linear group normalizing  $X(G)$ , applying this argument to  $G_2$  in place of  $G_1$  shows that  $[G_2: X(G)] = 2$ , so  $G_1$  is maximal among finite unimodular 6-dimensional complex linear groups normalizing  $X(G)$ .

7.  $LF(3, 4)$ . From [9] we may have a six-dimensional group  $X(G)$  with  $G/Z(G)$  simple of order  $2^6 3^2 35$ ,  $\chi(G) \subseteq Q(w)$ , and  $B_6(5)$  with degree equation:  $1 + 63 = 64$ . As  $S_5$  is self-centralizing in  $\bar{G} = G/Z$  and  $B_6(5)$  does not contain the degree 6,  $|Z| \neq 1$ . If  $|Z| = 2$ , then  $B_1(5)$  contains the degrees 6 and 64 from a 2-block of defect 1, impossible as  $64 - 6 = 58$  cannot be a degree. If  $|Z| = 3$ , then  $B_1(5)$  contains the degrees 6 and 63 from a 3-block of defect 1, impossible as  $63 + 6 = 69$ . Therefore,  $|Z| = 6$ . Let  $J$  be any involution in  $\bar{G}$ . Then  $0$  or  $5 = a_{J, J, \tau_5} = |\bar{G}|(1 + \chi_{63}(J)^2/63 - \chi_{64}(J)^2/64)/|C_{\bar{G}}(J)|^2$ . Now,  $\chi_{64}$  has 2-defect 0, so  $\chi_{64}(J) = 0$  and  $\chi_{63}(J) = 1 - \chi_{64}(J) = 1$ . Then  $5 |C_{\bar{G}}(J)|^2 = 2^6 3^2 35(1 + 1/63) = 2^{12} 5$  and  $|C_{\bar{G}}(J)| = 2^6$ . Therefore,  $C(J)$  has a normal 2-Sylow-subgroup, and by [11],  $\bar{G} \approx LF(3, 4)$ . As  $U_4(3)$  has a subgroup isomorphic to  $LF(3, 4)$  and  $LF(3, 4)$  has no projective representation of degree  $\leq 5$ , by § 6,  $G$  exists with a representation of degree 6. By private communication with N. Burgoyne,  $G$  is unique, and the subgroup of the outer automorphism group with trivial action on  $Z$  has order 2. A group  $G_1 \triangleright G$  with  $[G_1: G] = 2$  comes from the product of a field and a graph automorphism.

## APPENDIX.

$G = \text{Some Central Extension of } Z_6 \text{ by } LF(3, 4).$								
	$\theta = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$			$G/Z$		$\phi = (1 + \sqrt{-7})/2$		
Element	$I$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_7$	$T$	$J$	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$
Order	1	5	7	3	2	4	4	4
$C(g)$	$g$	5	7	9	64	16	16	16
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	<u>63</u>	$\theta$	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1
	64	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	20	0	-1	2	4	0	0	0
	<u>45</u>	0	$-\phi$	0	-3	1	1	1
	35	0	0	-1	3	3	-1	-1
	35	0	0	-1	3	-1	3	-1
	35	0	0	-1	3	-1	-1	3

  

$G/Z_2$								
	21	1	0	0	5	1	1	1
	<u>63</u>	$\theta$	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1
	84	-1	0	0	4	0	0	0
	15	0	1	0	-1	3	-1	-1
	15	0	1	0	-1	-1	3	-1
	15	0	1	0	-1	-1	-1	3
	<u>45</u>	0	$-\phi$	0	-3	1	1	1

  

$G/Z_3$								
	$I$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_7$	$T$	$J$	$F_1$	$F_2$	$F_3$
	36	1	1	0	-4	0	0	0
	64	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	<u>28</u>	$\theta$	0	1	4	0	0	0
	90	0	-1	0	-2	-2	0	0
	<u>10</u>	0	$-\phi$	1	-2	2	0	0
	70	0	0	-2	2	2	0	0

  

$G$								
	36	1	1	0	-4	0	0	0
	<u>42</u>	$-\theta$	0	0	-2	2	0	0
	90	0	-1	0	-2	-2	0	0
	<u>60</u>	0	$\phi$	0	4	0	0	0
	6	1	-1	0	2	2	0	0

$\widetilde{U_4(3)}, G/Z, \omega^3=1, v=\omega-\bar{\omega}.$																	
Element	$I$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_7$	$J$	$T$	$F$	$T_1$	$JT$	$FT$	$JT_1$	$JT_2$	$\underline{N}_1$	$\underline{N}_2$	$T_2$	$E$	$F_1$	$T_3$
Order $C(g)$	1	5	7	2	3	4	3	6	12	6	6	9	9	3	8	4	3
	$g$	5	7	$2^7_9$	$2^3_6$	96	$2^3_5$	72	12	36	36	27	27	$2^{23}_3$	8	16	81
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	90	0	-1	10	9	-2	9	1	1	1	1	0	0	9	0	2	0
	640	0	$(-1+\sqrt{-7})/2$	0	-8	0	-8	0	0	0	0	1	1	-8	0	0	1
	729	-1	1	9	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1	0
	35	0	0	3	8	3	8	0	0	0	3	-1	2	-1	-1	-1	-1
	189	-1	0	-3	27	5	0	3	-1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
	896	1	0	0	32	0	-4	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-4	0	0	-4
	21	1	0	5	-6	1	3	2	-2	-1	-1	0	0	3	-1	1	3
	<u>280</u>	0	0	-8	10	0	10	-2	0	-2	1	1	$2\bar{\omega}-\omega$	1	1	0	1
	35	0	0	3	8	3	-1	0	0	3	0	2	-1	8	-1	-1	-1
	140	0	0	12	5	4	-4	-3	1	0	0	-1	-1	-4	0	0	5
	<u>280</u>	0	0	-8	10	0	1	-2	0	1	-2	-2	$2\bar{\omega}-\omega$	1	10	0	1
	560	0	0	-16	-34	0	2	2	0	2	2	2	-1	-1	2	0	2
	315	0	0	11	-9	-1	-9	-1	-1	-1	2	0	0	18	1	-1	0
	315	0	0	11	-9	-1	18	-1	-1	2	-1	0	0	-9	1	-1	0
	420	0	0	4	-39	4	6	1	1	-2	-2	0	0	6	0	0	-3
	210	0	0	2	21	-2	3	5	1	-1	-1	0	0	3	0	-2	3

$G/Z_8, \omega^3 = 1, i^2 = -1.$														
$I$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_7$	$J$	$T$	$F$	$T_1$	$JT$	$FT$	$JT_1$	$JT_2$	$N_1$	$N_2$	$T_2$	$T_3$
20	0	-1	-4	-7	4	2	-1	1	2	2	-1	-1	2	2
640	0	$(-1 + \sqrt{-7})/2$	0	-8	0	-8	0	0	0	0	1	1	-8	1
120	0	1	8	12	0	-6	-4	0	2	2	0	0	-6	3
540	0	1	-12	-27	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
896	1	0	0	32	0	-4	0	0	0	0	-1	-1	-4	-4
56	1	0	8	2	0	11	2	0	-1	2	-1	2	2	2
70	0	0	2	-11	2	7	-1	-1	-1	2	1	$1 + 3\omega$	-2	-2
56	1	0	8	2	0	2	2	0	2	-1	2	-1	11	2
504	-1	0	8	18	0	-9	2	0	-1	2	0	0	18	0
504	-1	0	8	18	0	18	2	0	2	-1	0	0	-9	0
70	0	0	2	-11	2	-2	-1	-1	2	-1	$1 + 3\omega$	1	7	-2
70	0	0	2	16	2	7	-4	2	-1	-1	1	1	7	-2
210	0	0	-10	21	2	3	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	0	3	3
630	0	0	-14	-18	-6	9	-2	0	1	1	0	0	9	0
560	0	0	16	-34	0	2	-2	0	-2	-2	-1	-1	2	2



$$G/Z_2, \omega^3 = 1, v = \omega - \bar{\omega} = \sqrt{-3}.$$

$I$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_7$	$J$	$T$	$F$	$T_1$	$JT$	$FT$	$JT_1$	$JT_2$	$N_2$	$E$	$F_1$
15	0	1	-1	6	3	3	2	0	-1	2	$-\bar{v}$	1	-1
21	1	0	5	3	1	6	-1	1	2	2	$\bar{\omega}v$	-1	1
729	-1	1	9	0	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	1
105	0	0	-7	15	5	3	-1	-1	-1	2	$-\bar{\omega}v$	-1	1
105	0	0	9	15	1	3	3	1	3	0	$-\bar{\omega}v$	1	1
384	-1	-1	0	24	0	12	0	0	0	0	$-v$	0	0
360	0	$(-1 + \sqrt{-7})/2$	8	-18	0	-9	2	0	-1	2	0	0	0
756	1	0	-12	27	-4	0	3	-1	0	0	0	0	0
336	1	0	16	-6	0	6	-2	0	-2	-2	$\omega v$	0	0
210	0	0	2	3	-2	15	-1	1	-1	2	$v$	0	-2
105	0	0	9	-12	1	12	0	-2	0	0	$-\omega v$	1	1
420	0	0	4	33	4	-6	1	1	-2	-2	$-\omega v$	0	0
945	0	0	-15	-27	1	0	-3	1	0	0	0	1	1
315	0	0	-5	-36	3	9	4	0	1	-2	0	-1	-1
630	0	0	6	9	2	-9	-3	-1	3	0	0	0	-2

$G, v = \omega - \bar{\omega} = \sqrt{-3}.$												
$I$	$\pi_5$	$\pi_7$	$J$	$T$	$F$	$T_1$	$JT$	$FT$	$JT_1$	$JT_2$	$N_2$	$E$
6	1	-1	2	-3	2	3	-1	-1	-1	2	$-\omega v$	0
84	-1	0	-4	-15	4	6	-1	1	2	2	$v$	0
126	1	0	10	18	2	9	-2	2	1	-2	0	0
384	-1	-1	0	24	0	12	0	0	0	0	$-v$	0
336	1	0	-16	-6	0	6	2	0	2	2	$\omega v$	0
120	0	1	8	-6	0	15	2	0	-1	2	$\bar{\omega} v$	0
270	0	$(1 + \sqrt{-7})/2$	-6	27	2	0	-3	-1	0	0	0	0
420	0	0	12	-21	-4	12	-3	-1	0	0	$-\omega v$	0
210	0	0	6	-24	6	-3	0	0	-3	0	$\omega v$	0
840	0	0	-8	-42	0	-3	-2	0	1	-2	$\bar{\omega} v$	0
630	0	0	18	9	2	-9	3	-1	3	0	0	0
840	0	0	-8	12	0	6	4	0	-2	-2	$v$	0
630	0	0	2	9	-2	-9	-1	1	-1	2	0	$2i$

An Extension of $Z_8$ by $\widetilde{U_4(3)}$ (faithful characters).											
$I$	$\pi_3$	$\pi_7$	$J$	$T$	$F$	$JT$	$FT$	$JT_1$	$JT_2$	$E$	$F_1$
36	1	1	4	9	4	1	1	-2	-2	0	0
720	0	-1	16	18	0	-2	0	-2	-2	0	0
729	-1	1	9	0	-3	0	0	0	0	-1	1
45	0	$(-1 + \sqrt{-7})/2$	-3	-9	1	3	1	0	0	-1	1
189	-1	0	-3	27	5	3	-1	0	0	1	1
126	1	0	14	-9	2	-1	-1	2	2	0	2
756	1	0	-12	27	-4	3	-1	0	0	0	0
315	0	0	-5	18	3	-2	0	4	-2	-1	-1
315	0	0	-5	18	3	-2	0	-2	4	-1	-1
630	0	0	6	-45	2	3	-1	0	0	0	-2
315	0	0	11	18	-1	2	2	2	2	1	-1
945	0	0	-15	-27	1	-3	1	0	0	1	1

  

An Extension of $Z_6$ by $\widetilde{U_4(3)}$ (faithful characters).											
$I$	$\pi_3$	$\pi_7$	$J$	$T$	$F$	$JT$	$FT$	$JT_1$	$JT_2$	$E$	
90	0	-1	-2	-18	6	-2	0	-2	-2	0	
126	1	0	10	-9	2	1	-1	-2	4	0	
126	1	0	10	-9	2	1	-1	4	-2	0	
540	0	1	-12	-27	4	3	1	0	0	0	
630	0	0	18	36	2	0	2	0	0	0	
1260	0	0	4	-9	-4	1	-1	-2	-2	0	
504	-1	0	8	-36	0	-4	0	2	2	0	
720	0	-1	-16	18	0	2	0	2	2	0	
270	0	$(1 + \sqrt{-7})/2$	-6	27	2	-3	-1	0	0	0	
126	1	0	-6	-9	-2	-3	1	0	0	2i	

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