

In this thesis we consider the action of the exceptional simple Lie group F_4 on the so called (real) Moufang plane $\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^2$. The goal of this thesis is to present a proof of the transitivity of this action, which is as complete as possible. We first define related concepts such as Clifford algebras, the groups $\text{Pin}(r, s)$ and $\text{Spin}(r, s)$ and the algebra of octonions \mathbb{O} , and we prove their basic properties. The group F_4 is defined as the automorphism group of the algebra $\mathcal{J}_3(\mathbb{O})$ of hermitian octonionic matrices of order three. The Moufang plane is defined as a suitable subset of $\mathcal{J}_3(\mathbb{O})$. In the group F_4 we find isomorphic copies of the groups $\text{Spin}(0, 8)$ and $\text{Spin}(0, 9)$. By applying certain auxiliary results from the previous chapters we obtain the desired proof of the transitivity of the action of F_4 on $\mathbb{O}\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^2$.