

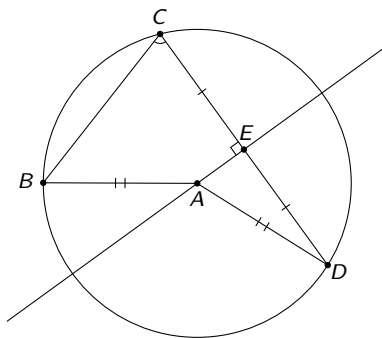
An equivalence proof between rank theory and incidence projective geometry

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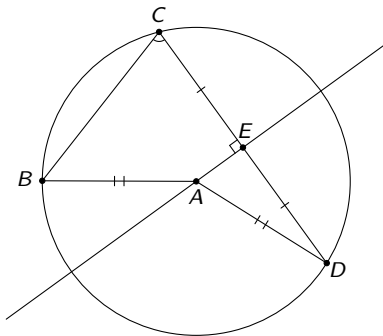
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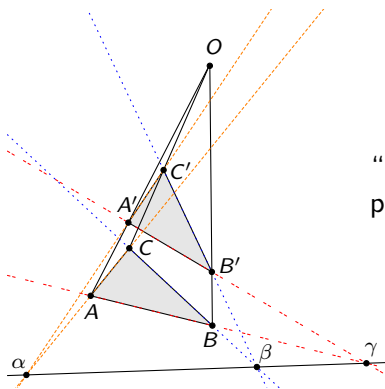
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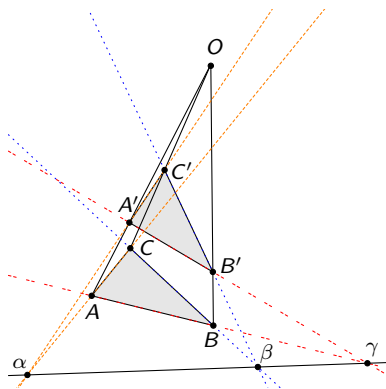
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- Prove theorems of projective geometry

Desargues Theorem



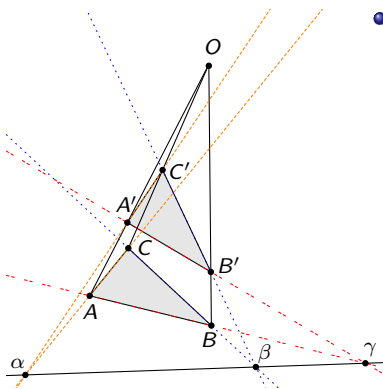
“If two triangles are perspective from a point, they are perspective from a line”

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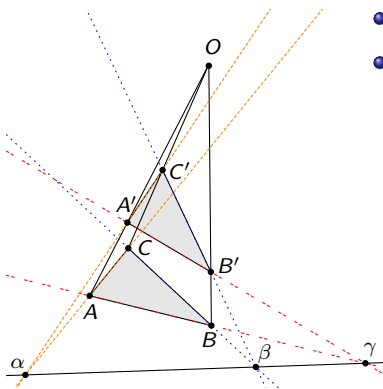
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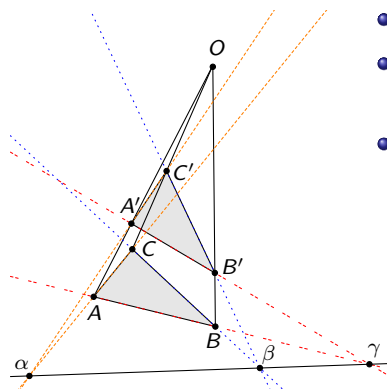


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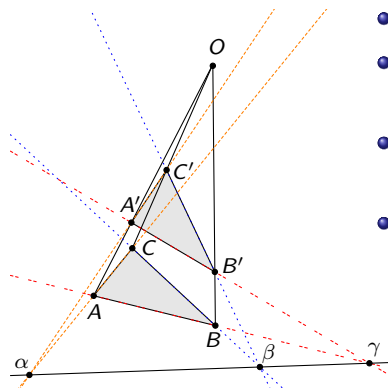


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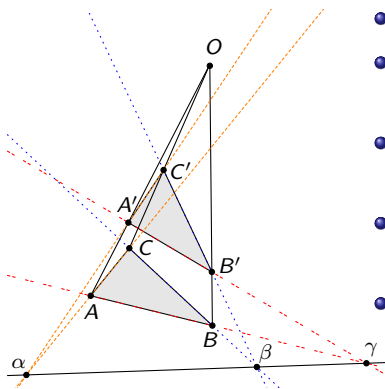
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$$rk\{A,B\} = 1$$

$$A = B$$

$$rk\{A,B\} = 2$$

$$A \neq B$$

$$rk\{A,B,C\} = 2$$

A,B,C are collinear

with at least two of them distinct

$$rk\{A,B,C\} \leq 2$$

A,B,C are collinear

$$rk\{A,B,C\} = 3$$

A,B,C are not collinear

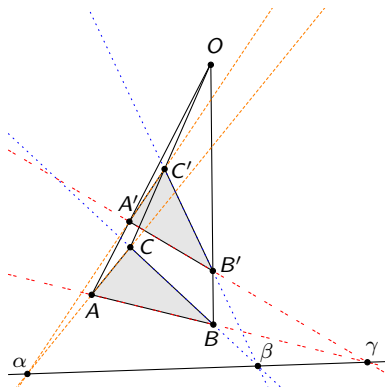
$$rk\{A,B,C,D\} = 3$$

A,B,C,D are coplanar, not all collinear

$$rk\{A,B,C,D\} = 4$$

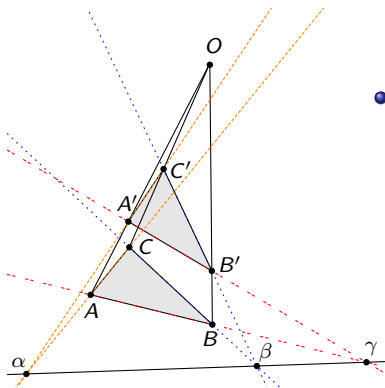
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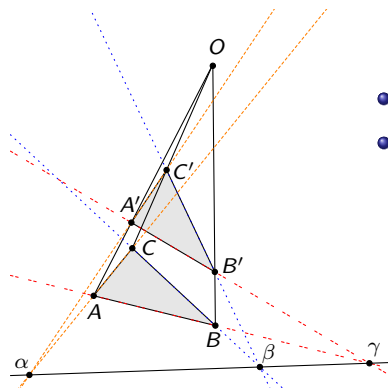


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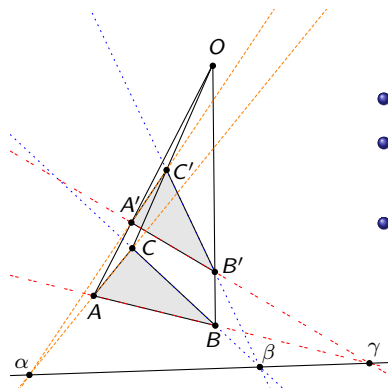


Desargues Theorem in RK



- **Ten points:** $O A B C A' B' C' \alpha \beta \gamma$
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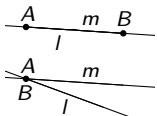
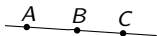
Goals

- **Prove the equivalence between the two approaches**
- **Develop a bilateral process of translation**
- Automation of proofs
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Axioms of projective geometry in 2D

5 axioms

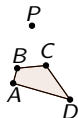
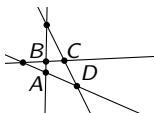
- Line-Existence** : $\forall A B : \text{Point}, \exists l : \text{Line},$
 $A \in l \wedge B \in l$
- Point-Existence** : $\forall l m : \text{Line}, \exists A : \text{Point},$
 $A \in l \wedge A \in m$
- Three-Points** : $\forall l : \text{Line}, \exists A B C : \text{Point},$
 $A \neq B \wedge B \neq C \wedge A \neq C \wedge$
 $A \in l \wedge B \in l \wedge C \in l$
- Uniqueness** : $\forall A B : \text{Point}, \forall l m : \text{Line},$
 $A \in l \wedge B \in l \wedge A \in m \wedge B \in m \Rightarrow A = B \vee l = m$
- Lower-Dimension-2** : $\exists l m : \text{Line}, l \neq m$



Axioms of projective geometry in 3D

5 axioms

- Line-Existence** : $\forall A B : \text{Point}, \exists l : \text{Line},$
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- Pasch** : $\forall A B C D : \text{Point}, \forall l_{AB} l_{CD} l_{AC} l_{BD} : \text{Line},$
 $A \neq B \wedge A \neq C \wedge A \neq D \wedge B \neq C \wedge B \neq D \wedge C \neq D,$
 $A \in l_{AB} \wedge B \in l_{AB} \wedge C \in l_{CD} \wedge D \in l_{CD} \wedge$
 $A \in l_{AC} \wedge C \in l_{AC} \wedge B \in l_{BD} \wedge D \in l_{BD} \wedge$
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 $p \notin l \vee p \notin m$



Matroid theory

Origin

The rank function is one of the fundamental concepts of matroid theory

Multiple applications

Some application fields: graph theory, greedy algorithm, geometric configuration, linear algebra, combinatorial optimization

Several axiomatizations

Axiomatization around the concepts: independent sets, bases, circuits, rank function, closure operation, flat ...

Rank

Rank

The integer function rk on a set E is the rank function associated to a matroid iff:

- **R1** : $\forall X \subseteq E, 0 \leq rk(X) \leq |X|$
(non negative and subcardinal)
- **R2** : $\forall X Y \subseteq E, X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow rk(X) \leq rk(Y)$
(non decreasing)
- **R3** : $\forall X Y \subseteq E, rk(X \cup Y) + rk(X \cap Y) \leq rk(X) + rk(Y)$
(submodular)

Axioms of ranks in 3D

8 axioms

- **R1 + R2 + R3**
- **Rk-singleton** : $\forall P, rk\{P\} \geq 1$
- **Rk-couple** : $\forall P Q, P \neq Q \Rightarrow rk\{P,Q\} \geq 2$
- **Rk-Pasch** : $\forall A B C D,$
 $rk\{A,B,C,D\} \leq 3 \Rightarrow \exists J, rk\{A,B,J\} = rk\{C,D,J\} = 2$
- **Rk-Three-Points** : $\forall A B,$
 $\exists C, rk\{A,B,C\} = rk\{B,C\} = rk\{A,C\} = 2$
- **Rk-Lower-Dimension** : $\exists A B C D, rk\{A,B,C,D\} \geq 4$

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Dimension and direction

- 1 Axiomatization of PG in 2D \iff Axiomatization of RK in 2D
- 2 Axiomatization of PG in 3D \iff Axiomatization of RK in 3D
- 3 Axiomatization of PG in 2D \implies Axiomatization of RK in 2D
- 4 Axiomatization of PG in 3D \implies Axiomatization of RK in 3D

Theoretical details

Decidability issue

Decidability of incidence

- Decidability of points equality
- Decidability of lines equality

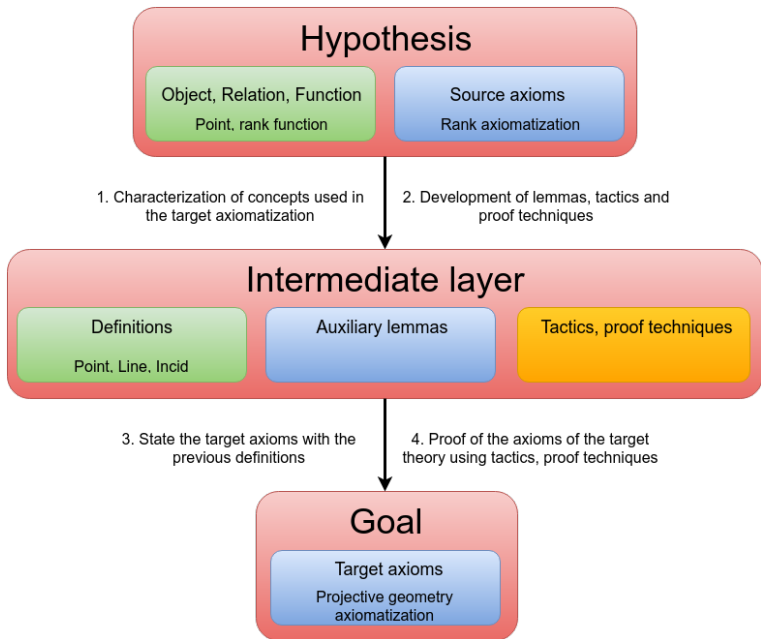
$\text{Incid } a \ m \ \vee \ \neg \text{Incid } a \ m$

- $a = b \ \vee \ a \neq b$
- $l = m \ \vee \ l \neq m$

Equality issue

- Parametric equality for points
- Classical equality for lines

- $a[==]b$
- $l = m$



Overview

Some data

- 21 definitions
- 350 lemmas
- 150 tactics
- 15000 lines of Coq

	RK to PG		PG to RK	
	2D	3D	2D	3D
Lines of Coq specs	250	350	650	1050
Lines of Coq proofs	300	800	2600	11000

Conclusion

Results

- Equivalence between two axiomatizations in both 2D & 3D
- Implementation of automation process

Current & future work

- Bilateral translation
- Automation proofs with ranks
- Other cryptomorphic axiomatizations on matroids

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One axiomatization of matroids

- A set is either independent or dependent.
- The empty set is independent.
- Subsets of an independent set are independent.
- If the sets U and V are independent, and if V has one more element than U , then it is possible to complete U with an element $v \in V - U$ such that $U \cup \{v\}$ is independent.

From RK to PG

Characterization

Definition of Point & Line

Definition `Point` := Point.

Inductive `LineInd` : Type :=
| `Cline` : forall (A B : Point)(H : ~A[==]B), `LineInd`

Definition of Incid

Definition `Incid` (P : point)(I : Line) :=
rk ((fstP I)(sndP I) P) = 2.

From RK to PG

Proof techniques

- **Rank equality:** $rk(a) = rk(b) \implies rk(a) \geq rk(b) \wedge rk(a) \leq rk(b)$
- **Submodularity:** $rk(X \cup Y) + rk(X \cap Y) \leq rk(X) + rk(Y)$

Proof principle

- 1 State axiom of projective geometry as a lemma
- 2 Substitute assertions with previous definitions
- 3 Use proof techniques and rank axioms to achieve the proof

From PG to RK

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Définition

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Definition rk (m : set point) : nat :=  
match m with  
| empty ⇒ 0  
| add x empty ⇒ 1  
| m ⇒ if contains_three_non_collinear_points m then 3  
      else if contains_two_distinct_points m then 2  
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end.
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From PG to RK

Structural induction issue

(R2): $\forall X \subseteq Y, rk(X) \leq rk(Y)$

- $0 \leq 0 \Rightarrow \emptyset \subset \emptyset$
- $1 \leq 3 \Rightarrow \text{Point} \subset \text{Plane}$
- $3 \leq 2 \Rightarrow \text{Plane} \not\subset \text{Line}$

Axiom of submodularity

(R3): $rk(X \cup Y) + rk(X \cap Y) \leq rk(X) + rk(Y)$

Lemma matroid3_rk2_rk2_interrk2_to_unionrk2 :

forall l m,

rk l = 2 \rightarrow

rk m = 2 \rightarrow

rk (l \cap m) = 2 \rightarrow

rk (l \cup m) = 2.