# Building some Finite Models of Projective Space Geometry in Coq



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## Projective Space Geometry

- Incidence Geometry
  - points, lines and an incidence relation
- Projective Incidence Geometry
  - in 2D : 2 lines always intersect
  - in 3D : Pasch's axiom
- Simple description : only 6 axioms
- Finite Models in Coq
  - focusing on 3D models : pg(3,2), ...
  - taking Coq to its limits (w.r.t. specification and w.r.t. proof)



#### **Objects and Operations**

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#### Objects : Point, Line

Parameter Point, Line : Type.

#### Incidence relation : incid\_lp

Parameter incid\_lp : Point -> Line -> bool.

#### Boolean equalities on points and lines : eqP, eqL

Parameter eqP : Point -> Point -> bool.
Parameter eqL : Line -> Line -> bool.

#### All distinct for points and lines : dist\_3p, dist\_4p, dist\_3l

Definition dist\_3p (A B C :Point) : bool := (negb (eqP A B)) && (negb (eqP A C)) && (negb (eqP B C)).

Definition dist\_4p (A B C D:Point) : bool := ... Definition dist\_3l (A B C :Line) : bool := ...

#### Intersection of 2 lines : Intersect\_In

Definition Intersect\_In (l1 l2 :Line) (P:Point) := incid\_lp P l1 && incid\_lp P l2.

# Axioms for Projective Space Geometry : from a geometry point of view

- a1 : throught 2 points, there is one line.
- uniqueness : Given 2 points and 2 lines, if the 2 points are both on both lines, either the points are equal, or the lines.
- a2 : Pasch's axiom (if 2 lines intersect...).
- a3\_1 : Each line has at least 3 points.
- a3\_2 : There exists 2 lines which do not intersect (dim>2).
- a3\_3 : Given 3 distinct lines, there exists a fourth one which intersects with all three (dim<=3).</li>



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Axiom uniqueness : forall (A B :Point) (l1 l2:Line),
incid_lp A l1 -> incid_lp B l1 -> incid_lp A l2 -> incid_lp B l2 -> A = B \/ l1 = l2.
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Axiom a2 : forall A B C D:Point, forall lAB lCD lAC lBD :Line, dist\_4p A B C D ->
incid\_lp A lAB && incid\_lp B lAB -> incid\_lp C lCD && incid\_lp D lCD ->
incid\_lp A lAC && incid\_lp C lAC -> incid\_lp B lBD && incid\_lp D lBD ->
(exists I:Point, incid\_lp I lAB && incid\_lp I lCD) ->
exists J:Point, incid\_lp J lAC && incid\_lp J lBD.

Axiom a3\_1 : forall l:Line, {A:Point & {B:Point & (C:Point | (dist\_3p A B C) && (incid\_lp A 1 && incid\_lp B 1 && incid\_lp C 1)}}.

Axiom a3\_2 : exists l1:Line, exists l2:Line, forall p:Point, (incid\_lp p l1 && incid\_lp p l2).

Axiom a3\_3 : forall 11 12 13:Line, dist\_31 11 12 13 -> exists 14 :Line, exists J1:Point, exists J2:Point, exists J3:Point, Intersect In 11 4 J1 & Intersect In 12 14 J2 & Intersect In 13 14 J3.

#### Axioms for Projective Space Geometry : from a logic point of view

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Axiom uniqueness : forall (A B :Point) (11 12:Line), incid\_lp A l1 -> incid\_lp B l1 -> incid\_lp A l2 -> incid\_lp B l2 -> A = B \/ l1 = l2.

Axiom a2 : forall A B C D:Point, forall IAB ICD IAC IBD :Line, dist\_4p A B C D -> incid\_lp A IAB && incid\_lp B IAB -> incid\_lp C ICD && incid\_lp D ICD -> incid\_lp A IAC && incid\_lp C IAC -> incid\_lp B IBD && incid\_lp D IBD -> (exists I:Point, incid\_lp I IAB && incid\_lp I ICD) -> exists J:Point, incid\_lp J IAC && incid\_lp J IBD.

Axiom a3\_1 : forall l:Line,
{A:Point & {B:Point & {C:Point |
 (dist\_3p A B C) && (incid\_lp A 1 && incid\_lp B 1 && incid\_lp C 1)}}.

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## Examples : pg(3,q)

	# points	# lines	# points per line
<i>pg</i> (3,2)	15	35	3
<i>pg</i> (3,3)	40	130	4
<i>pg</i> (3,4)	85	357	5
<i>pg</i> (3, <i>q</i> )	$(q^2+1)(q+1)$	$(q^2+q+1)(q^2+1)$	<i>q</i> + 1

- By duality : # planes = # points.
- Describing the incidence relation of pg(3, q) : for each line, we provide the q+1 points which belong to it.
- e.g. pg(3,3)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Alan R. Prince. Projective planes of order 12 and PG(3,3). Discrete Mass of thematics, 208-209 :477-483, 1999.

#### pg(3,3) - description of the incidence relation

L1L14L2712 33 L40 24 26 L53 37 38 L224 17 L15 L28L41 2 22 12 32 L54 L3 12 39 L16 L29 32 24 26 28 L55 L42 L4 L17 L30 32 36 L56 L43 L31 L57 L5L18L44 L6L19 L32 L45 36 23 L58 L7L20 L33 L46 L59 16 34 0 35 L21 L8L34L47 L60 0 25 L22 L48 L9 L35 L61 L10L23 L36 L49 L62 L11L24L37L50L63 L12L25 L38 L51 33 24 L64 L13 0 18 33 16 L26 18 L39 18 29 24 10 L52 18 23 4 12 L65 22 31 19 L79 1 17 L118 L66 L92 19 34 L105 2 13 L67 L80L93 L106 L119 3 17 3 33 L68L81L94 30 31 L107 13 23 L12019 36 L69L825 39 L95 L108L121L70 L83 6 34 L96 L109 L122L71L84L97 L110 L123L72L85 L98 L111 L124 L73 35 24 16 L86 L99 L112 35 L125 L74 25 *L*87 L113 L126 L100 L75 14 L88L114 14 29 12 L127 L101 L76 15 32 39 L102 L115 15 L128 L89 L129 L77 20 L90 L103 L116 26 🚛 L78 18 L91 L104 18 L117 18 38 28 L130 

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# pg(3,3) - comments on the description

- The formal proof for the axioms fails. Why ?
- Checking the formal statement is correct.
- Checking the proof method works properly (yes, it works for pg(3,2)).
- Checking the description is correct. The incidence relation is incorrect.
- Fixing the incidence relation : using the number of points per line property, to locate the errors.



### pg(3,3) - description of the incidence relation

L1L142 5 14 L27 7 12 33 L40 8 24 26 L53 1 10 37 38 0 4 13 L2L15 3 15 L2812 32 L54 2 33 29 13 0 2 24 17 2 6 2 19 26 4 L41 2 22 L3 3 12 39 L16 3 5 27 20 L29 3 38 32 3 10 26 28 L55 0 24 L42 3 4 2/016 L45 26 34 L17 5 6 9 18 L30 5 30 28 12 L43 5 33 32 36 L56 24 19 13 0 5 L56 32 11 L186 27 35 L31 16 36 26 L44 28 21 L57 12 0 1 6 6 4 6 38 17 0 27 28 31 L32 21 32 L5827 30 39 L6L19 27 9 25 27 13 L45 27 24 36 23 26 L736 37 L209 35 3 L33 9 17 23 28 9 12 21 L59 32 0 9 14 L46 8 9 16 34 L80 35 21 29 L21 35 25 **327**4 35 39 36 L47 35 26 23 22 L60 35 28 13 11 15 👩 8 L9 0 25 23 7 L22 25 14 20 0 1.35 25 34 22 21 L48 25 32 8 10 L61 25 36 17 31 L100 14 8 19 L23 14 15 20 6 L36 14 11 10 23 L49 14 28 22 33 L62 14 21 39 37 L110 15 22 38 L24 15 20 L3715 31 33 8 L5015 36 10 - 4 L63 15 23 34 29 L120 20 10 30 L2520 18 2 35 L3820 37 4 22 L5120 21 33 24 L64 20 8 7 L13 0 18 33 16 L26 18 1 3 25 L39 18 29 24 10 L52 18 23 4 12 L65 18 22 31 19 21 31 L79 16 23 39 L92 1 17 19 L105 22 30 36 L118 L66 1 11 34 1 28 29 32 L67 2 31 23 37 L8013 8 34 L93 2 39 38 11 L106 2 10 16 21 L119 2 7 2 36 28 3 37 8 L81 3 17 22 3 34 30 3 33 L120 21 19 36 L68 29 11 L94 31 L107 13 23 3 5 29 22 L82 5 39 10 31 16 17 L121 23 38 21 L697 L95 5 11 37 L108 5 4 8 5 L706 7 10 19 L83 6 34 33 37 L96 6 31 13 29 L109 6 24 39 22 L122 8 30 23 L71 27 19 33 38 L8427 11 4 29 L97 27 37 17 7 L110 27 12 34 10 L123 27 22 16 8 L72 9 38 4 30 L85 9 31 24 7 L98 9 29 39 19 L111 9 26 11 33 L124 9 10 13 22 L73 35 30 24 16 L86 35 37 12 19 L99 35 7 34 38 L112 35 32 31 4 L125 35 33 17 10 L74 25 16 12 13 *L*87 25 29 26 38 L100 25 19 11 30 L113 25 28 37 24 L126 25 4 39 33 L75 14 13 26 17 L8814 7 32 30 L101 14 38 31 16 L114 14 36 29 12 L127 14 24 34 L76 15 17 32 39 L89 15 19 28 L102 30 37 L115 15 21 26 L128 15 16 15 13 7 12 11 24 L77 20 39 28 34 L90 20 38 36 L103 20 16 29 L116 20 23 19 32 L129 20 26 31 12 13 17 L78 18 34 36 11 L91 18 30 21 17 L104 18 13 7 39 L117 18 8 38 28 L130 18 32 37 26 JBE

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# Coq specifications

- Point and Line as simple inductive types.
  - Case analysis is easy.
  - Finding a witness can be challenging.
     = trying each possible value and running the tactics.
  - Writing the specification is a bit boring.

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Inductive Point := P0 | P1 | P2 | ... | P40.
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- Solutions
  - Using finite types (ssreflect/mathcomp)
  - Using plain inductive data-types and an external program to generate the specification



### Our choice : an external program

- We choose to have an external program generating the specification (actually outputs a gallina specification)
- Indeed, we need a specification generation process anyway (for witnesses).
- Our implementation
  - plain data-types combined with boolean reflection
  - generating data-types such as Line (130 constructors)
  - incidence relation as a boolean predicate
  - equality (decidable)
  - order relation (decidable and total)
  - The witness for existential quantification are computed beforehand.



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## **Proof Optimizations**

Witness finding reduced to function computation

Definition f\_a3\_3 (l1:Line) (l2:Line) (l3:Line) := ...

computes a line which intersects the 3 lines I1, I2 and I3.

Factorizing proofs as lemmas.

 $\forall T \ Z \ x$ , incid\_lp  $T \ x \rightarrow$  incid\_lp  $Z \ x \rightarrow T <> Z \rightarrow x = (l_from_points \ T \ Z)$ 

#### Proof-engineering : sequences of tactics, abstract, par

par :abstract (time (case v2; intros hplp2; first [exact (degen\_bool \_ hplp2) | (case v3; intros hplp3 hdist x; solve [ (exact (degen\_bool \_ hplp3)) | (exact (degen\_bool \_ hdist)) | exists\_lppp (fst x) (fst (fst (snd x))) (snd (fst (snd x))) (snd (snd x)) ])]).

no try, each goal is solved the first time it is encountered.



### **Symmetries**

Using appropriate symmetries to reduce the number of cases to check.

Axiom a2 : forall A B C D:Point, forall lAB lCD lAC lBD :Line, dist\_4p A B C D -> incid\_lp A lAB && incid\_lp B lAB -> incid\_lp C lCD && incid\_lp D lCD -> incid\_lp A lAC && incid\_lp C lAC -> incid\_lp B lBD && incid\_lp D lBD -> (exists I:Point, incid\_lp I lAB && incid\_lp I lCD) -> exists J:Point, incid\_lp J lAC && incid\_lp J lBD.

for pg(3,3) : at least 40\*40\*40\*40 = 2560000 cases to go

Adding an order relation on points and lines.

Axiom a2 : forall A B C D:Point, forall 1AB 1CD 1AC 1BD :Line,

#### leP A B -> leP C D ->

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dist_4p A B C D ->
incid_1p A lAB && incid_1p B lAB -> incid_1p C lCD && incid_1p D lCD ->
incid_1p A lAC && incid_1p C lAC -> incid_1p B lBD && incid_1p D lBD ->
(exists I:Point, incid_1p I lAB && incid_1p I lCD) ->
exists J:Point, incid_1p J lAC && incid_1p J lBD.
```



# Without loss of generality

- Implementing a without loss of generality principle
  - · Re-ordering points in a specific order
  - Re-using the previous statement (in a tactic)
  - it requires adapting the statement as follows :

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... (exists I:Point, incid_lp I lAB && incid_lp I lCD) ->
(exists J:Point, (incid_lp J lAC && incid_lp J lBD)) /\
(exists K:Point, (incid_lp K lAD && incid_lp K lBC)).
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## **Results and Future Work**

- Results
  - Using Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-4460 CPU @ 3.20GHz, 32 GB
  - 24 min to verify the axioms of projective geom. for pg(3,2)
  - 2 h to verify the axioms of projective geom. for pg(3,3)
  - some experiments with Z3 and lean
- Related and future work
  - Ranks (of sets of points) are an interesting alternative approach (PhD work of David Braun)
  - Next step : spreads and packings in pg(3,2)
  - Example of state-of-the-art results : Svetlana Topalova and Stela Zhelezova. *On transitive parallelisms of PG(3,4)*. 2017



## **Questions**?

• Thank you for your attention !



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