## 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

- Objects : Point, Line

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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_3I

```
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 (11 12 :Line) (P:Point) :=
incid_lp P l1 && incid_lp P 12.
```


## 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 ( $\mathrm{dim}<=3$ ).


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

- Pasch's axiom



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

```
Axiom al_exists : forall A B : Point, { l : Line| incid_lp A l && incid_lp B l}.
Axiom uniqueness : forall (A B :Point)(l1 12:Line),
incid_lp A l1 -> incid_lp B l1 -> incid_lp A 12 -> incid_lp B l2 -> A = B \/ l1 = 12.
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 l && incid_lp B l && incid_lp C l)}}}.
Axiom a3_2 : exists 11:Line, exists 12:Line,
forall p:Point, (incid_lp p 11 && incid_lp p l2).
Axiom a3_3 : forall l1 12 13:Line, dist_31 11 12 13 ->
exists 14 :Line, exists J1:Point, exists J2:Point, exists J3:Point,
Intersect_In l1 14 J1 && Intersect_In l2 l4 J2 && Intersect_In l3 14 J3.
```


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

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Axiom al_exists : forall A B : Point, { l : Line| incid_lp A l && incid_lp B l}.
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 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 l && incid_lp B l && incid_lp C l)}}}.
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 l1 14 J1 && Intersect_In 12 14 J2 && Intersect_In l3 14 J3.
```


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## Examples : pg(3,q)

|  | \# points | \# lines | \# points per line |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $p g(3,2)$ | 15 | 35 | 3 |
| $p g(3,3)$ | 40 | 130 | 4 |
| $p g(3,4)$ | 85 | 357 | 5 |
| $p g(3, q)$ | $\left(q^{2}+1\right)(q+1)$ | $\left(q^{2}+q+1\right)\left(q^{2}+1\right)$ | $q+1$ |

- By duality: \# planes = \# points.
- Describing the incidence relation of $\mathrm{pg}(3, \mathrm{q})$ : for each line, we provide the $q+1$ points which belong to it.
- e.g. $\mathrm{pg}(3,3)^{1}$

1. Alan R. Prince. Projective planes of order 12 and $P G(3,3)$. Discretellla3E Cirs thematics, 208-209 :477-483, 1999.

## $\mathrm{pg}(3,3)$ - description of the incidence relation

| L1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 13 | L14 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 14 | L27 | 1 | 7 | 12 | 33 | L40 | 1 | 8 | 24 | 26 | L53 | 1 | 10 | 37 | 38 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| L2 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 17 | L15 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 15 | L28 | 2 | 19 | 26 | 4 | L41 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 32 | L54 | 2 | 33 | 29 | 13 |
| L3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 39 | L16 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 20 | L29 | 3 | 38 | 32 | 24 | L42 | 3 | 10 | 26 | 28 | L55 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 16 |
| L4 | 0 | 5 | 26 | 34 | L17 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 18 | L30 | 5 | 30 | 28 | 12 | L43 | 5 | 33 | 32 | 36 | L56 | 5 | 24 | 19 | 13 |
| L5 | 0 | 6 | 32 | 11 | L18 | 6 | 27 | 35 | 1 | L31 | 6 | 16 | 36 | 26 | L44 | 6 | 4 | 28 | 21 | L57 | 6 | 12 | 38 | 17 |
| L6 | 0 | 27 | 28 | 31 | L19 | 27 | 9 | 25 | 2 | L32 | 27 | 13 | 21 | 32 | L45 | 27 | 24 | 36 | 23 | L58 | 27 | 26 | 30 | 39 |
| L7 | 0 | 9 | 36 | 37 | L20 | 9 | 35 | 14 | 3 | L33 | 9 | 17 | 23 | 28 | L46 | 9 | 12 | 21 | 8 | L59 | 9 | 32 | 16 | 34 |
| L8 | 0 | 35 | 21 | 29 | L21 | 35 | 25 | 15 | 5 | L34 | 35 | 39 | 8 | 36 | $L 47$ | 35 | 26 | 23 | 22 | L60 | 35 | 28 | 13 | 11 |
| L9 | 0 | 25 | 23 | 7 | L22 | 25 | 14 | 20 | 6 | L35 | 25 | 34 | 22 | 21 | L48 | 25 | 32 | 8 | 10 | L61 | 25 | 36 | 17 | 31 |
| L10 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 19 | L23 | 14 | 15 | 20 | 6 | L36 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 23 | L49 | 14 | 28 | 22 | 33 | L62 | 14 | 21 | 39 | 37 |
| L11 | 0 | 15 | 22 | 38 | L24 | 15 | 20 | 1 | 9 | L37 | 15 | 31 | 33 | 8 | L50 | 15 | 36 | 10 | 4 | L63 | 15 | 23 | 34 | 29 |
| L12 | 0 | 20 | 10 | 30 | L25 | 20 | 18 | 2 | 35 | L38 | 20 | 37 | 4 | 22 | L51 | 20 | 21 | 33 | 24 | L64 | 20 | 8 | 1 | 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 |
| L66 | 1 | 11 | 21 | 31 | L79 | 1 | 16 | 23 | 39 | L92 | 1 | 17 | 19 | 34 | L105 | 1 | 22 | 30 | 36 | L118 | 1 | 28 | 29 | 32 |
| L67 | 2 | 31 | 23 | 37 | L80 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 34 | L93 | 2 | 39 | 38 | 11 | L106 | 2 | 10 | 16 | 21 | L119 | 2 | 36 | 7 | 28 |
| L68 | 3 | 37 | 8 | 29 | L81 | 3 | 17 | 22 | 11 | L94 | 3 | 34 | 30 | 31 | L107 | 3 | 33 | 13 | 23 | L120 | 3 | 21 | 19 | 36 |
| L69 | 5 | 29 | 22 | 7 | L82 | 5 | 39 | 10 | 31 | L95 | 5 | 11 | 16 | 37 | L108 | 5 | 4 | 17 | 8 | L121 | 5 | 23 | 38 | 21 |
| L70 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 19 | L83 | 6 | 34 | 33 | 37 | $L 96$ | 6 | 31 | 13 | 29 | L109 | 6 | 24 | 39 | 22 | L122 | 6 | 8 | 30 | 23 |
| L71 | 27 | 19 | 33 | 38 | L84 | 27 | 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 | L87 | 25 | 29 | 26 | 38 | L100 | 25 | 19 | 11 | 30 | L113 | 25 | 28 | 37 | 24 | L126 | 25 | 4 | 39 | 33 |
| L75 | 14 | 13 | 26 | 17 | L88 | 14 | 7 | 32 | 30 | L101 | 14 | 38 | 31 | 16 | L114 | 14 | 36 | 29 | 12 | L127 | 14 | 24 | 34 | 4 |
| L76 | 15 | 17 | 32 | 39 | L89 | 15 | 19 | 28 | 16 | L102 | 15 | 30 | 37 | 13 | L115 | 15 | 21 | 7 | 26 | L128 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 24 |
| L77 | 20 | 39 | 28 | 34 | L90 | 20 | 38 | 36 | 13 | L103 | 20 | 16 | 29 | 17 | L116 | 20 | 23 | 19 | 32 | L129 | 20 | 26 | 31 | 12 |
| 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 |

## $\mathrm{pg}(3,3)$ - 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.


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| L66 | 1 | 11 | 21 | 31 |  | 1 | 16 | 23 | 39 | L92 |  | 17 | 19 | 34 | 5 | 1 | 22 | 30 | 36 | 18 | 1 | 28 | 29 | 32 |
| L67 | 2 | 31 | 23 | 37 | 80 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 34 | L93 | 2 | 39 | 38 | 11 | L106 | 2 | 10 | 16 | 21 | L119 | 2 | 36 | 7 | 28 |
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| $L 77$ | 20 | 39 | 28 | 34 | L90 | 20 | 38 | 36 | 13 | L103 | 20 | 16 | 29 | 17 | $L 116$ | 20 | 23 | 19 | 32 | L129 | 20 | 26 | 31 | 12 |
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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.

```
Inductive Point := P0 | P1 | P2 | ... | P40.
```

- 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 (11:Line) (12:Line) (13:Line) :=...
computes a line which intersects the 3 lines I1, I2 and I3.

- Factorizing proofs as lemmas.

$$
\forall T Z x, \text { incid_lp } T x \rightarrow \text { incid_lp } Z x \rightarrow T<>Z \rightarrow x=(\text { l_from_points } T Z)
$$

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

```
par :abstract (time (case v2; intros hp1p2; first [exact (degen_bool _ hp1p2) | (case
v3; intros hp1p3 hdist x; solve [ (exact (degen_bool _ hp1p3)) | (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 $\mathrm{pg}(3,3)$ : 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 lAB lCD lAC lBD :Line,
leP A B -> leP C D ->
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.
```


## 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 :

```
... (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 $\mathrm{pg}(3,2)$
- 2 h to verify the axioms of projective geom. for $\mathrm{pg}(3,3)$
- 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 $P G(3,4)$. 2017


## Questions?

- Thank you for your attention!

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