

Incidence Projective Space (a reduction theorem in a plane) ¹

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Summary. The article begins with basic facts concerning arbitrary projective spaces. Further we are concerned with Fano projective spaces (we prove it has a rank of at least four). Finally we confine ourselves to Desarguesian planes; we define the notion of perspectivity and we prove the reduction theorem for projectivities with concurrent axes.

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The articles [6], [8], [5], [7], [9], [10], [4], [3], [1], and [2] provide the terminology and notation for this paper. We adopt the following convention: I_1 will be a projective space defined in terms of incidence, $a, b, c, d, p, q, o, r, s$ will be elements of the points of I_1 , and A, B, C, P, Q will be elements of the lines of I_1 . We now state a number of propositions:

- (1) There exists a such that $a \nmid A$.
- (2) There exists A such that $a \nmid A$.
- (3) If $A \neq B$, then there exist a, b such that $a \mid A$ and $a \nmid B$ and $b \mid B$ and $b \nmid A$.
- (4) If $a \neq b$, then there exist A, B such that $a \mid A$ and $a \nmid B$ and $b \mid B$ and $b \nmid A$.
- (5) There exist A, B, C such that $a \mid A$ and $a \mid B$ and $a \mid C$ and $A \neq B$ and $B \neq C$ and $C \neq A$.
- (6) There exists a such that $a \nmid A$ and $a \nmid B$.
- (7) There exists a such that $a \mid A$.
- (8) If $a \mid A$ and $b \mid A$, then there exists c such that $c \mid A$ and $c \neq a$ and $c \neq b$.

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- (9) There exists A such that $a \nmid A$ and $b \nmid A$.
- (10) If $A \neq B$ and $o \mid A$ and $o \mid B$ and $p \mid A$ and $p \neq o$ and $q \mid B$, then $p \neq q$.
- (11) If $o \neq a$ and $o \neq b$ and $A \neq B$ and $o \mid A$ and $o \mid B$ and $a \mid A$ and $a \mid C$ and $b \mid B$ and $b \mid C$, then $A \neq C$.
- (12) Suppose $o \mid A$ and $o \mid B$ and $A \neq B$ and $a \mid A$ and $o \neq a$ and $b \mid B$ and $c \mid B$ and $b \neq c$ and $a \mid P$ and $b \mid P$ and $a \mid Q$ and $c \mid Q$. Then $P \neq Q$.
- (13) If $a, b, c \mid A$, then $a, c, b \mid A$ and $b, a, c \mid A$ and $b, c, a \mid A$ and $c, a, b \mid A$ and $c, b, a \mid A$.
- (14) Let I_1 be a Desarguesian projective space defined in terms of incidence. Let $o, b_1, a_1, b_2, a_2, b_3, a_3, r, s, t$ be elements of the points of I_1 . Let $C_1, C_2, C_3, A_1, A_2, A_3, B_1, B_2, B_3$ be elements of the lines of I_1 . Suppose that
- (i) $o, b_1, a_1 \mid C_1$,
 - (ii) $o, a_2, b_2 \mid C_2$,
 - (iii) $o, a_3, b_3 \mid C_3$,
 - (iv) $a_3, a_2, t \mid A_1$,
 - (v) $a_3, r, a_1 \mid A_2$,
 - (vi) $a_2, s, a_1 \mid A_3$,
 - (vii) $t, b_2, b_3 \mid B_1$,
 - (viii) $b_1, r, b_3 \mid B_2$,
 - (ix) $b_1, s, b_2 \mid B_3$,
 - (x) C_1, C_2, C_3 are mutually different,
 - (xi) $o \neq a_3$,
 - (xii) $o \neq b_1$,
 - (xiii) $o \neq b_2$,
 - (xiv) $a_2 \neq b_2$.

Then there exists an element O of the lines of I_1 such that $r, s, t \mid O$.

- (15) Suppose there exist A, a, b, c, d such that $a \mid A$ and $b \mid A$ and $c \mid A$ and $d \mid A$ and a, b, c, d are mutually different. Then for every B there exist p, q, r, s such that $p \mid B$ and $q \mid B$ and $r \mid B$ and $s \mid B$ and p, q, r, s are mutually different.

We follow a convention: I_1 will be a Fanoian projective space defined in terms of incidence, a, b, c, d, p, q, r, s will be elements of the points of I_1 , and A, B, C, D, L, Q, R, S will be elements of the lines of I_1 . The following propositions are true:

- (16) There exist $p, q, r, s, a, b, c, A, B, C, Q, L, R, S, D$ such that $q \nmid L$ and $r \nmid L$ and $p \nmid Q$ and $s \nmid Q$ and $p \nmid R$ and $r \nmid R$ and $q \nmid S$ and $s \nmid S$ and $a, p, s \mid L$ and $a, q, r \mid Q$ and $b, q, s \mid R$ and $b, p, r \mid S$ and $c, p, q \mid A$ and $c, r, s \mid B$ and $a, b \mid C$ and $c \nmid C$.
- (17) There exist a, A, B, C, D such that $a \mid A$ and $a \mid B$ and $a \mid C$ and $a \mid D$ and A, B, C, D are mutually different.
- (18) There exist a, b, c, d, A such that $a \mid A$ and $b \mid A$ and $c \mid A$ and $d \mid A$ and a, b, c, d are mutually different.

- (19) There exist p, q, r, s such that $p \mid B$ and $q \mid B$ and $r \mid B$ and $s \mid B$ and p, q, r, s are mutually different.

We follow a convention: I_1 will denote a Desarguesian 2-dimensional projective space defined in terms of incidence, c, p, q, x, y will denote elements of the points of I_1 , and K, L, R, X will denote elements of the lines of I_1 . Let us consider I_1, K, L, p . Let us assume that $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$. The functor $\pi_p(K \rightarrow L)$ yields a partial function from the points of I_1 to the points of I_1 and is defined as follows:

- (Def.1) $\text{dom } \pi_p(K \rightarrow L) \subseteq$ the points of I_1 and for every x holds $x \in \text{dom } \pi_p(K \rightarrow L)$ if and only if $x \mid K$ and for all x, y such that $x \mid K$ and $y \mid L$ holds $\pi_p(K \rightarrow L)(x) = y$ if and only if there exists X such that $p \mid X$ and $x \mid X$ and $y \mid X$.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (20) Suppose $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$. Then
- (i) $\text{dom } \pi_p(K \rightarrow L) \subseteq$ the points of I_1 ,
 - (ii) for every x holds $x \in \text{dom } \pi_p(K \rightarrow L)$ if and only if $x \mid K$,
 - (iii) for all x, y such that $x \mid K$ and $y \mid L$ holds $\pi_p(K \rightarrow L)(x) = y$ if and only if there exists X such that $p \mid X$ and $x \mid X$ and $y \mid X$.
- (21) If $p \nmid K$, then for every x such that $x \mid K$ holds $\pi_p(K \rightarrow K)(x) = x$.
- (22) If $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$ and $x \mid K$, then $\pi_p(K \rightarrow L)(x)$ is an element of the points of I_1 .
- (23) If $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$ and $x \mid K$ and $y = \pi_p(K \rightarrow L)(x)$, then $y \mid L$.
- (24) If $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$ and $y \in \text{rng } \pi_p(K \rightarrow L)$, then $y \mid L$.
- (25) Suppose $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$ and $q \nmid L$ and $q \nmid R$. Then $\text{dom}(\pi_q(L \rightarrow R) \cdot \pi_p(K \rightarrow L)) = \text{dom } \pi_p(K \rightarrow L)$ and $\text{rng}(\pi_q(L \rightarrow R) \cdot \pi_p(K \rightarrow L)) = \text{rng } \pi_q(L \rightarrow R)$.
- (26) Let a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2 be elements of the points of I_1 . Then if $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$ and $a_1 \mid K$ and $b_1 \mid K$ and $\pi_p(K \rightarrow L)(a_1) = a_2$ and $\pi_p(K \rightarrow L)(b_1) = b_2$ and $a_2 = b_2$, then $a_1 = b_1$.
- (27) If $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$ and $x \mid K$ and $x \mid L$, then $\pi_p(K \rightarrow L)(x) = x$.

We now state the proposition

- (28) Suppose $p \nmid K$ and $p \nmid L$ and $q \nmid L$ and $q \nmid R$ and $c \mid K$ and $c \mid L$ and $c \mid R$ and $K \neq R$. Then there exists an element o of the points of I_1 such that $o \nmid K$ and $o \nmid R$ and $\pi_q(L \rightarrow R) \cdot \pi_p(K \rightarrow L) = \pi_o(K \rightarrow R)$.

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