

Examples of Projective Planes

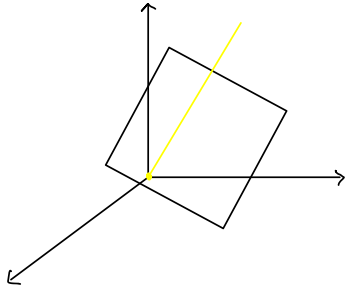
1. one way to get what amounts to the real projective plane.

The "points" are the lines through the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 .

The "lines" are the planes through the origin in \mathbb{R}^3 .

Incidence is inclusion:

→ if the line ("point") is in the plane ("line") then they are incident.



We can turn this into linear algebra:

Represent the "points" by the direction vectors of the lines $\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Represent the "lines" by the normal vectors of the planes $\begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

The plane ("line") represented by $\begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{bmatrix}$ is incident with the line ("point") represented

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} \text{ if } \begin{bmatrix} d \\ e \\ f \end{bmatrix} \overset{\text{dot product}}{\cdot} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

We claim this gives a projective plane. We need to show that it satisfies the axioms.

Axiom I: Any two points are connected by a unique line.

Given two different points, $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$. We need a normal vector for the

plane, i.e. a vector which has a dot product of 0 with both of these.

[i.e. perpendicular to both].

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \text{ works!}$$

Axiom II: Any two different lines intersect at a unique point.

Suppose we have the lines represented by $\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix}$. We need a line,

i.e. a vector which has a dot product of 0 with both of these.

[i.e. perpendicular to both].

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \text{ works!}$$

Axiom III: There exist four points such that no three are on the same line.

That is, there are 4 non-zero vectors $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$, and \vec{d} such that there is no vector $\vec{n} \neq \vec{0}$ such that $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{a} = 0 = \vec{n} \cdot \vec{b}$
 $= \vec{n} \cdot \vec{c}$
 $= \vec{n} \cdot \vec{d}$

Can we find such vectors?

Sure, let $\vec{a} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\vec{c} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, and $\vec{d} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Note: We can execute this algebraic definition for basically any field, and some things that aren't fields.

\mathbb{Z}_3 (integers mod 3)

\mathbb{Q}

\mathbb{C}

\mathbb{H} - quaternions (not quite a field as $a \cdot b \neq b \cdot a$ some of the time)

$\hookrightarrow = \{a + bi + cj + dk \mid a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}\}$

where $ij = k, jk = i, ki = j, ji = -k, kj = -i, ik = -j$, & $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$

2°. We'll construct the "cartesian" affine plane for \mathbb{Z}_3 (integers mod 3) and then extend it to a projective plane.

$\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$

+	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

•	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

We'll start with \mathbb{Z}_3^2

