Projective geometry 88-524-01 sample problems June 18, 2012

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1. carry out the construction of a line d such that a,b,c,d is harmonic, for given a,b,c.

2. assume H(A,B,C,D). Find seven other orders of the points A,B,C,D for which the harmonic relation holds.

recall ABCD=CDAB=BADC=DCBA=x R(BACD)=1/x, R(ACBD)=1-x, R(ADBC)=(x-1)/x.

3. Prove that if C is the midpoint of AB then the fourth harmonic point D, so that H(ABCD), is an ideal point.

4. Assume a line c bisects an angle determined by a and b. Let d is the fourth harmonic line so that H(abcd). Find the angle between c and d.

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5. Assume that H(ABCD). Let T be a projectivity such that T(ABC)=ABD. Prove that T(D)=C.

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6. The affine (x,y) plane is completed to a projective plane using homogeneous coordinates where  $x = x_1/x_3$  and  $y = x_2/x_3$ . Find coordinates of the ideal point or points of each of the following lines:

- (a)  $2x_1 3x_2 + 4x_3 = 0;$
- (b)  $7x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 0;$
- (c)  $x_1 = 0;$
- (d)  $x_2 = 0;$
- (e)  $x_3 = 0.$

7. Find the equation in homogeneous coordinates of each of the following lines:

- (a) the x-axis;
- (b) the ideal line;
- (c) the line through [3,7,1] and [2,3,1];
- (d) the line through [3,7,1] and [2,3,0].