

Exercise Sheet 9

Exercise 1: Projective transformations in \mathbb{RP}^1 . (6 pts)

Let $Q := \{[0, 1], [1, 0], [1, 2], [2, 1]\} \subset \mathbb{RP}^1$. Consider the projective transformations $\tau : \mathbb{RP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^1$ such that $\tau(Q) \subseteq Q$.

- (a) How many such transformations τ exist?
- (b) Find explicit formulas for these transformations τ .
- (c) Can a projective transformation $\mathbb{RP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^1$ which is not the identity have three fixed points?
- (d) How many fixed points can a projective transformation $\mathbb{RP}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{RP}^1$ have? Give an example for each possible case.

Exercise 4: Skew lines in \mathbb{RP}^3 . (3 pts)

- (a) Prove that, in general, two lines in \mathbb{RP}^3 do not intersect. Such lines are called *skew* lines.
- (b) Given three lines which are pairwise skew, prove that there are infinitely many lines which intersect all three lines.

Exercise 3: Projective transformations in \mathbb{RP}^2 . (3 pts)

Given the four points $A_1 = (1, 0, 1)$, $A_2 = (0, 1, 1)$, $A_3 = (0, 0, 1)$, $A_4 = (1, 1, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and four more points $B_1 = (1, 0, 0)$, $B_2 = (0, 1, 0)$, $B_3 = A_3$, $B_4 = A_4 \in \mathbb{R}^3$. Let \hat{f} be the projective transformation such that $\hat{f}([A_i]) = [B_i]$, $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Find the element of $PGL(3, \mathbb{R})$ corresponding to \hat{f} .

Exercise 4: Desargues' theorem in 3D. (4 pts)

Let P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 and Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4 be distinct points in \mathbb{RP}^3 so that neither P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4 nor Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4 are contained in a plane. Suppose that the four lines $P_i Q_i$ intersect in a common point. Given a pair of corresponding faces, the planes they lie in intersect in a line. Show that all four such lines lie in some common plane.

Additional Christmas Exercise! (1 extra pt)

Simplify the equation such that the text makes sense.

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