

Projective Plane Worksheet

Dual Planes

Suppose \mathbf{P} is a projective plane.

We build a new interpretation \mathbf{P}' of the undefined terms (point, line and incident) by swapping every occurrence of 'point' with 'line' and every occurrence of 'line' with 'point'. We retain the meaning of incidence.

Thus, the lines of \mathbf{P}' are the points of \mathbf{P} and the points of \mathbf{P}' are the lines of \mathbf{P} .

Proposition 1 *The interpretation \mathbf{P}' is also a projective plane.*

We prove this by translating what we wish to know about \mathbf{P}' into statements we know to be true in \mathbf{P} .

\mathbf{P}		\mathbf{P}'
Holds in \mathbf{P}	Translates	Want to Hold in \mathbf{P}'
	to	
	\Rightarrow	IA.1(1): \forall distinct pts $l, m \exists$ line P incident with both l, m
	\Rightarrow	IA.1(2): \forall distinct pts $l, m \exists$ only one P incident with both l, m
	\Rightarrow	IA.2: \forall line $P \exists$ two distinct pts l, m both incident with P
	\Rightarrow	IA.3: \exists three distinct pts with no line incident with all three
	\Rightarrow	Prop.2.1: \forall distinct non-parallel lines P, Q, \exists only one pt l inc with both
I.A. 3	\Rightarrow	Prop.2.2: \exists three distinct lines with no point incident with all three
	\Rightarrow	Prop. 2.3: \forall lines $P \exists$ at least one point l not incident with it.
	\Rightarrow	Prop.2.4: \forall point $l \exists$ at least one line P not incident with it.
	\Rightarrow	Prop.2.5: \forall point $l \exists$ at least two lines incident with l
	\Rightarrow	Elliptic Parallel Prop.: \forall distinct lines $P, Q \exists$ point l incident with both.
	\Rightarrow	Strong IA.2: \forall line $P \exists$ at least three distinct pts l, m, n incident with P