

Toward a Certified Encyclopedia of Geometry

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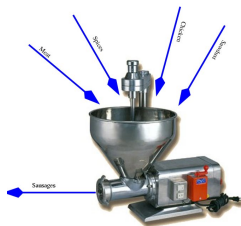
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In practice:

Examples

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- Isabelle
- PVS
- HOL-Light
- ...

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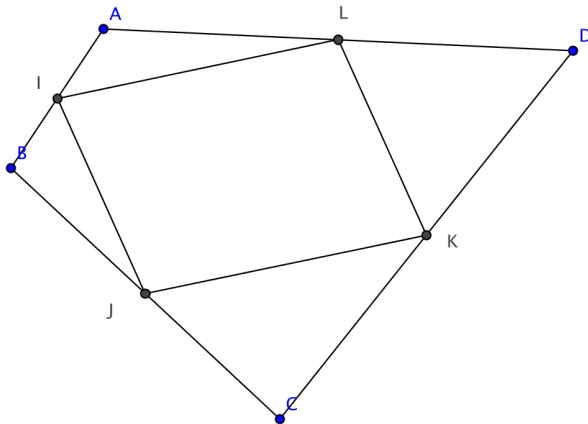
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Coq is not

- an automated theorem prover nor
- a tool which help you find proofs.

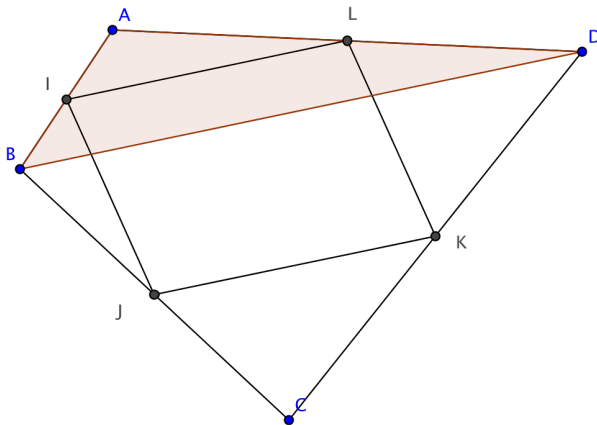
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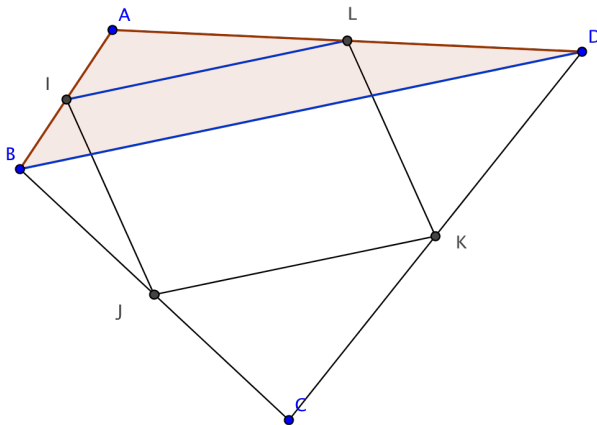
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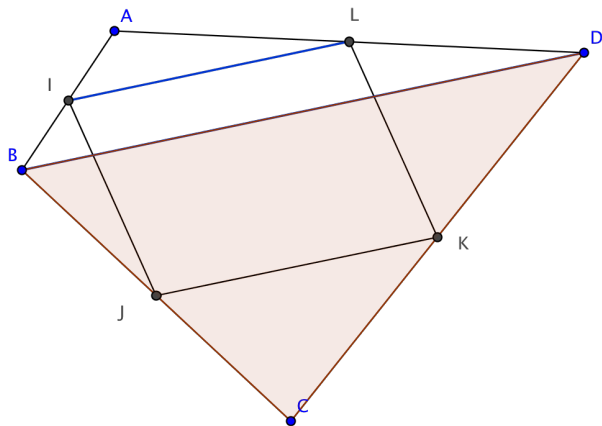
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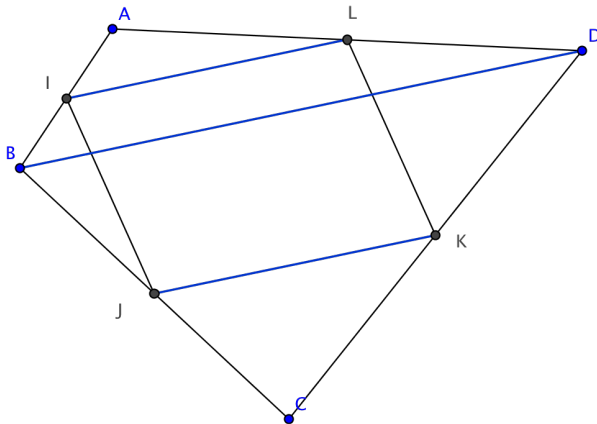
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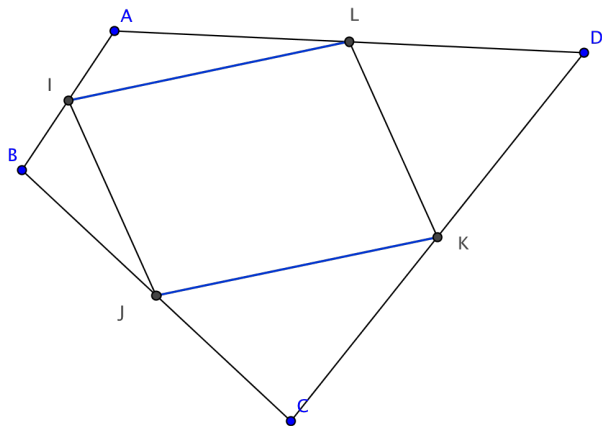
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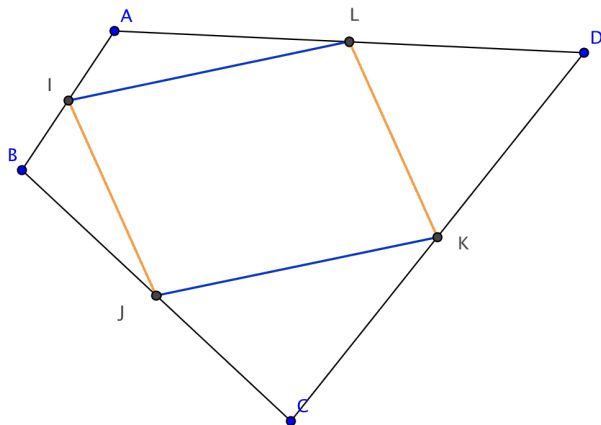
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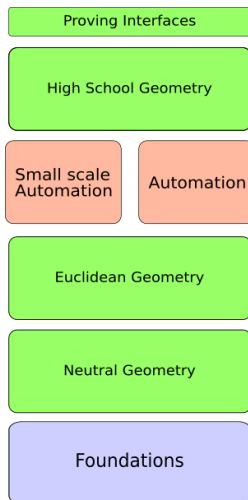
... incorrect proofs !

In 1763, in his dissertation Klügel provides a survey of about 30 attempts to “prove” Euclid’s parallel postulate” [Klu63].

Examples:

- Ptolemy assumes implicitly Playfair axioms (unicity of parallel).
- Proclus assumes implicitly “If a line intersects one of two parallel lines, both of which are coplanar with the original line, then it must intersect the other also.”
- Legendre published several incorrect proofs of Euclid 5 in his best-seller “Éléments de géométrie” .

Our project



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Synthetic geometry approach is appealing because it allows to have results in neutral geometry.

But still we want to obtain the connection with analytic geometry for the efficient automated deductions methods.

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- Work for any dimension without modifying the language.

Congruence axioms

Congruence Pseudo-Transitivity

$$AB \equiv CD \wedge AB \equiv EF \Rightarrow CD \equiv EF$$

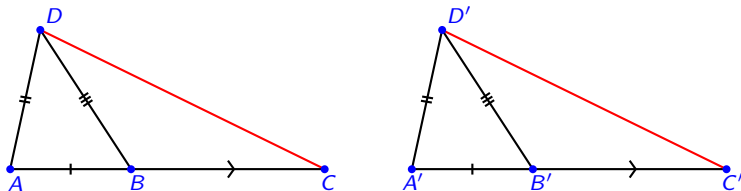
Congruence Symmetry $AB \equiv BA$

Congruence Identity $AB \equiv CC \Rightarrow A = B$

Betweenness axiom

Between identity $\beta \ A \ B \ A \Rightarrow A = B$

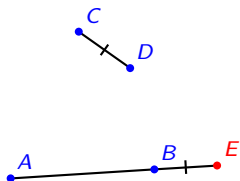
Five segments axiom



$$\begin{aligned} AB \equiv A'B' \wedge BC \equiv B'C' \wedge \\ AD \equiv A'D' \wedge BD \equiv B'D' \wedge \\ \beta ABC \wedge \beta A'B'C' \wedge A \neq B \Rightarrow CD \equiv C'D' \end{aligned}$$

Some kind of SAS axiom without using angle congruence.

Segment construction axiom



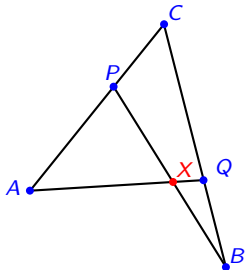
$$\exists E, \beta \ A B E \wedge BE \equiv CD$$

Pasch's axiom

Allows to formalize some gaps in
Euclid's Elements.

We have the inner form :

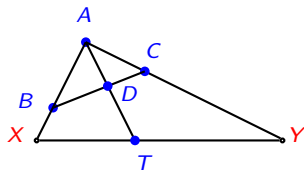
$$\beta A P C \wedge \beta B Q C \Rightarrow \exists X, \beta P X B \wedge \beta Q X A$$



Moritz Pasch
(1843-1930)

Parallel postulate

$$\exists XY, \beta ADT \wedge \beta BDC \wedge A \neq D \Rightarrow \\ \beta ABX \wedge \beta ACY \wedge \beta XTY$$



- This statement is equivalent to Euclid 5th postulate.
- Comes from an incorrect proof of Euclid 5th by Legendre.



Adrien-Marie Legendre
(1752-1833) (watercolor
caricature by Julien
Léopold Boilly)

Some Other Parallel Postulates

with Pierre Boutry

Theorem parallel_postulates:

decidability_of_intersection ->

((triangle_circumscription <-> tarski_parallel_postulate) /\

(playfair <-> tarski_parallel_postulate) /\

(par_perp_perp_property <-> tarski_parallel_postulate) /\

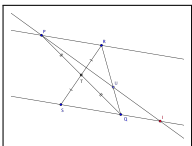
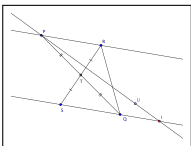
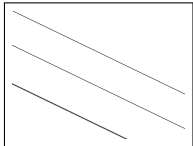
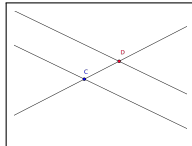
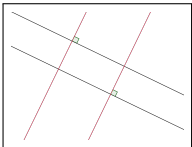
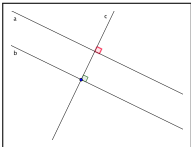
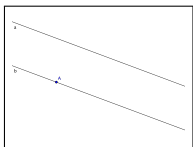
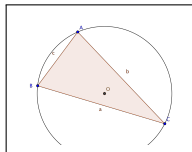
(par_perp_2_par_property <-> tarski_parallel_postulate) /\

(proclus <-> tarski_parallel_postulate) /\

(transitivity_of_par <-> tarski_parallel_postulate) /\

(strong_parallel_postulate <-> tarski_parallel_postulate) /\

(euclid_5 <-> tarski_parallel_postulate)).



Tarski vs Hilbert

```
Class Tarski := {
  Tpoint : Type;
  Bet : Tpoint -> Tpoint -> Tpoint -> Prop;
  Cong : Tpoint -> Tpoint -> Tpoint -> Tpoint -> Prop;
  between_identity : forall A B, Bet A B A -> A=B;
  cong_pseudo_reflexivity : forall A B : Tpoint, Cong A B B A;
  cong_identity : forall A B C : Tpoint, Cong A B C C -> A = B;
  cong_inner_transitivity : forall A B C D E F : Tpoint,
    Cong A B C D -> Cong A B E F -> Cong C D E F;
  inner_pasch : forall A B C P Q : Tpoint,
    Bet A P C -> Bet B Q C -> exists x, Bet P x B /\ Bet Q x A;
  five_segments : forall A A' B B' C C' D D' : Tpoint,
    Cong A B A' B' -> Cong B C B' C' -> Cong A D A' D' -> Cong B D B' D' ->
    Bet A B C -> Bet A' B' C' -> A <> B -> Cong C D C' D';
  segment_construction : forall A B C D : Tpoint,
    exists E : Tpoint, Bet A B E /\ Cong B E C D;
  lower_dim : exists A, exists B, exists C, ~ (Bet A B C \/ Bet B C A \/ Bet C
  upper_dim : forall A B C P Q : Tpoint,
    P <> Q -> Cong A P A Q -> Cong B P B Q -> Cong C P C Q ->
    (Bet A B C \/ Bet B C A \/ Bet C A B)
  euclid : forall A B C, ~ (Bet A B C \/ Bet B C A \/ Bet C A B) ->
    exists CC, Cong A CC B CC /\ Cong A CC C CC
}.
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Tarski vs Hilbert I

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Class Hilbert := {
  Point : Type;
  Line  : Type;
  EqL   : Line -> Line -> Prop;
  EqL_Equiv : Equivalence EqL;
  Incid : Point -> Line -> Prop;

  (** Group I Incidence *)
  line_existence : forall A B, A<>B -> exists l, Incid A l /\ Incid B l;
  line_unicity   : forall A B l m, A <> B -> Incid A l -> Incid B l -> Incid A m ->
  two_points_on_line : forall l, exists A, exists B, Incid B l /\ Incid A l /\ A <> B ->
  ColH := fun A B C => exists l, Incid A l /\ Incid B l /\ Incid C l;
  plan : exists A, exists B, exists C, ~ ColH A B C;

  (** Group II Order *)
  Beth : Point -> Point -> Point -> Prop;
  between_col : forall A B C : Point, Beth A B C -> ColH A B C;
  between_comm : forall A B C : Point, Beth A B C -> Beth C B A;
  between_out : forall A B : Point, A <> B -> exists C : Point, Beth A B C;
  between_only_one : forall A B C : Point, Beth A B C -> ~ Beth B C A /\ ~ Beth C A B;
  between_one : forall A B C, A<>B -> A<>C -> B<>C -> ColH A B C -> Beth A B C;
  cut := fun l A B => ~ Incid A l /\ ~ Incid B l /\ exists I, Incid I l /\ Beth A B I
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Tarski vs Hilbert II

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pasch : forall A B C l, ~ ColH A B C -> ~ Incid C l -> cut l A B -> cut l A C
(** Group III Parallels *)
Para := fun l m => ~ exists X, Incid X l /\ Incid X m;
euclid_existence : forall l P, ~ Incid P l -> exists m, Para l m;
euclid_unicity : forall l P m1 m2, ~ Incid P l -> Para l m1 -> Incid P m1-> P

(** Group IV Congruence *)
CongH : Point -> Point -> Point -> Point -> Prop;
cong_pseudo_transitivity : forall A B C D E F, CongH A B C D -> CongH A B E F
cong_refl : forall A B, CongH A B A B;
cong_existence : forall A B l M, A <> B -> Incid M l -> exists A', exists B',
  Incid A' l /\ Incid B' l /\ Beth A' M B' /\ CongH M A' A B /\ CongH M B' A B
cong_unicity : forall A B l M A' B' A'' B'', A <> B -> Incid M l ->
  Incid A' l -> Incid B' l ->
  Incid A'' l -> Incid B'' l ->
  Beth A' M B' -> CongH M A' A B ->
  CongH M B' A B -> Beth A'' M B'' ->
  CongH M A'' A B ->
  CongH M B'' A B ->
  (A' = A'' /\ B' = B'') \/ (A' = B'' /\ B' = A'');
disjoint := fun A B C D => ~ exists P, Beth A P B /\ Beth C P D;
addition: forall A B C A' B' C', ColH A B C -> ColH A' B' C' ->
  disjoint A B B C -> disjoint A' B' B' C' ->
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Tarski vs Hilbert III

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CongH A B A' B' -> CongH B C B' C' -> CongH A  
Angle := @Triple Point;  
angle := build_triple Point;  
CongaH : Angle -> Angle -> Prop;  
cong_5 : forall A B C A' B' C', forall H1 : (B<>A /\ C<>A), forall H2: B' <> A  
  forall H3 : (A<>B /\ C<>B), forall H4: A' <> B' /\ C' <> B',  
  CongH A B A' B' -> CongH A C A' C' -> CongaH (angle B A C H1) (angle B' A' C'  
    CongaH (angle A B C H3) (angle A' B' C' H4);  
  
same_side := fun A B l => exists P, cut l A P /\ cut l B P;  
outh := fun P A B => BethH P A B \/ BethH P B A \/ (P <> A /\ A = B);  
  
InAngleH := fun a P =>  
(exists M, BethH (V1 a) M (V2 a) /\ ((outh (V a) M P) \/ M = (V a))) \/  
  outh (V a) (V1 a) P \/ outh (V a) (V2 a) P;  
  
Hline := @Couple Point;  
line_of_hline : Hline -> Line;  
hline_construction := fun a (h: Hline) P (hc:Hline) H =>  
(P1 h) = (P1 hc) /\  
CongaH a (angle (P2 h) (P1 h) (P2 hc) (conj (sym_not_equal (Cond h)) H)) /\  
(forall M, InAngleH (angle (P2 h) (P1 h) (P2 hc) (conj (sym_not_equal (Cond h)) H)) /\  
  same_side P M (line_of_hline h));
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Tarski vs Hilbert IV

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aux : forall (h h1 : Hline), P1 h = P1 h1 -> P2 h1 <> P1 h;  
hcong_4_existence: forall a h P,  
~Incid P (line_of_hline h) -> ~ BetH (V1 a)(V a)(V2 a) ->  
exists h1, (P1 h) = (P1 h1) /\ (forall CondAux : P1 h = P1 h1,  
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hEq : relation Hline := fun h1 h2 => (P1 h1) = (P1 h2) /\  
((P2 h1) = (P2 h2) \/ BetH (P1 h1) (P2 h2) (P2 h1) \/  
BetH (P1 h1) (P2 h1) (P2 h2))
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hcong_4_unicity :  
forall a h P h1 h2 HH1 HH2,  
~Incid P (line_of_hline h) -> ~ BetH (V1 a)(V a)(V2 a) ->  
hline_construction a h P h1 HH1 -> hline_construction a h P h2 HH2 ->  
hEq h1 h2
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Results

- Formalization of the first 14 chapters of SST, this includes:
 - A big library in neutral dimensionless geometry: projection, axial symmetry, angles, midpoint . . .
 - Geometric proof of Pappus and Desargues by Gabriel Braun
 - Construction of the field of coordinates by Gabriel Braun
- Integration of automated deduction methods
- Connection with other axiom systems
- Some “high-level” theorems: quadrilaterals, midpoints, Varignon, Euler line, well known triangle centers, . . .

Automation

Big scale automation

Tools to prove a theorem completely:

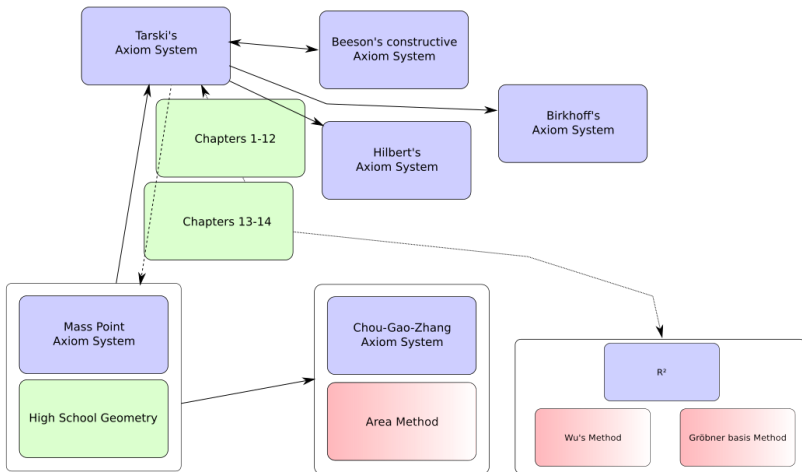
- Simple version of Wu's method (with Jean-David Genevaux) [GNS11].
- Area Method of Chou, Gao and Zhang [Nar04, JNQ12].

Small scale automation [BNSB14] (with Boutry and Schreck)

Tools to simplify interactive proofs:

- Tactics to deal with ndgs: $A \neq B$, $\neg Col(A, B, C)$
- Tactics to deal with permutations: $AB \parallel CD \equiv DC \parallel BA$
- Tactics to deal with pseudo transitivity of Col , etc.

Overview of the formalization in Coq



Statistics

Definitions	356
Lemmas (manual)	2300
Proofs	104 kloc

We need proof search !

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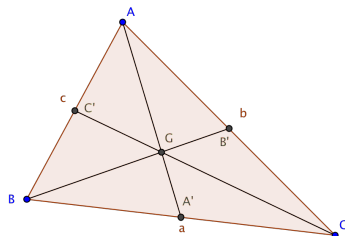
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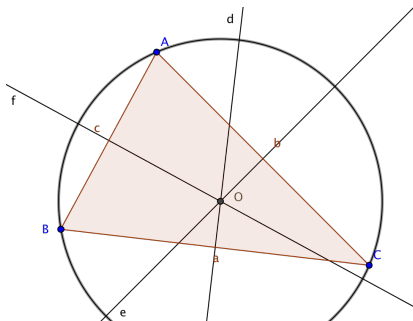
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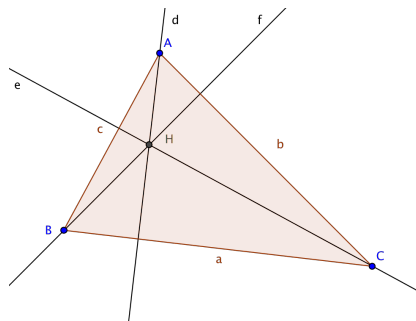
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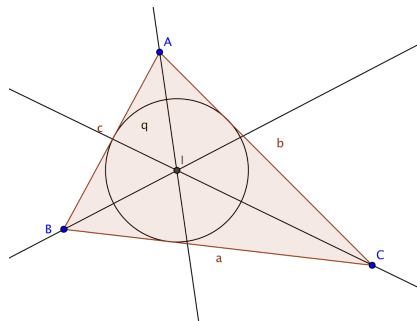
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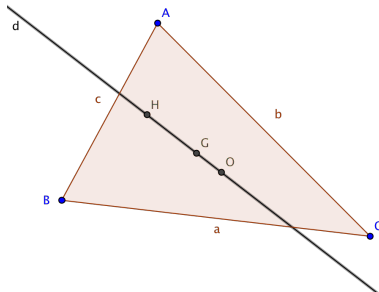
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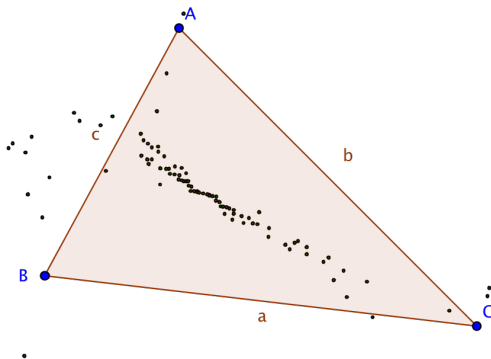
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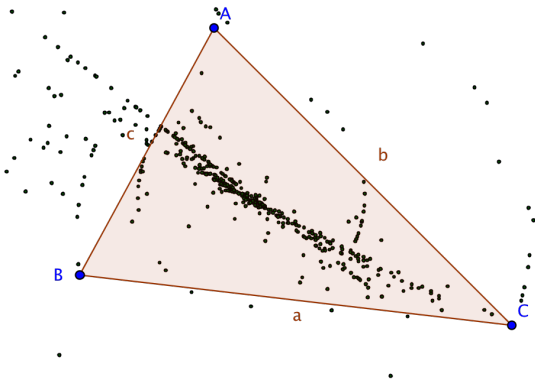
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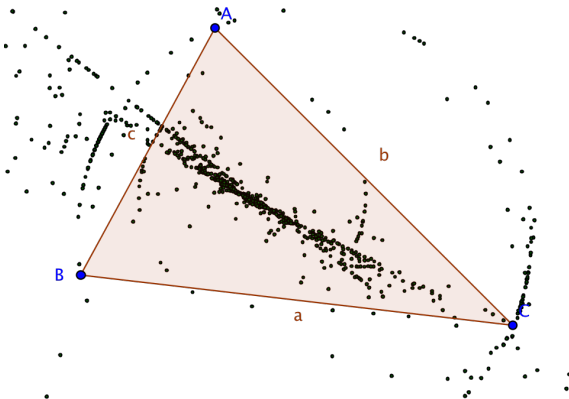
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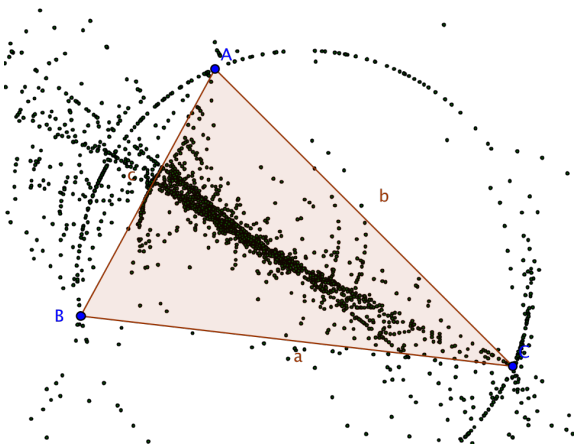
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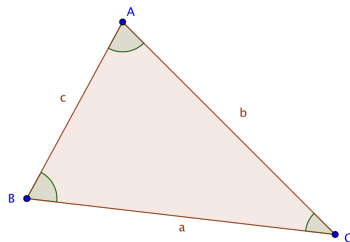
physical properties $X(5626)$ = Center of eletrostatic potential

coordinates $X(1092)$ = trilinear cube of $X(3)$

Coordinates of the points

Can be expressed using homogeneous coordinates as:

- Polynomials in a, b, c
- Radical expressions in a, b, c
- Trigonometric expressions involving A, B, C



The kind of problems

Given a set P of points:

- 1 Find all triples $(A, B, C) \in P^3$ such that $Col(A, B, C)$.
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Statistics for 6000 points

Type of property	CAS	Coq
Col	68820	67454
Isotomic conjugate	616	604
Complement	932	906
Cyclocevian Conjugate	17	16
Isogonal Conjugate	1954	1905
Hirst inverse	20769	9130
Ceva conjugate	12131	7592
...		
<i>Total</i>	<i>271568</i>	<i>193042 (71 %)</i>

Computation time

About 50 core/day(s) of computation.

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Draft available here:

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Warning!

The results displayed below are very preliminary. There are still issues:

- The list of properties is not complete. If it does not appear in the list, it does not mean that it does not hold.
- The definitions of some geometric transformations may be wrong.
- All Coq proofs assume that all denominators are non zero. That is why you have an Admitted at the end of each proof.

Please come back later.

Legend

- **Unverified** The property is a conjecture, the property is checked only in some particular triangles
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- **Checked using Coq** We have a script for Coq to check that the property holds for any triangle (or for a large class of triangles)

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Point	is complement of	Status
X(1)	X(8)	Not verified
X(2)	X(2)	Not verified
X(3)	X(4)	Not verified
X(4)	X(20)	Not verified
X(5)	X(3)	Not verified
X(6)	X(69)	Not verified
X(7)	X(144)	Not verified
X(8)	X(145)	Not verified
X(9)	X(7)	Not verified
X(10)	X(1)	Not verified
X(11)	X(103)	Not verified
X(12)	X(2975)	Not verified
X(13)	X(2975)	Not verified

Conclusion

- We have a large library of formal geometry.
- Still needs to be completed to integrate all different parts.

Perspective

- How to certify more properties ?
- How to search in this database ? using sketches ?
- How to find new properties ?

Thank you.

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