

# From Tarski to Hilbert

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# Motivations I

- Can we trust automatic provers ?

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The choice of a coordinate system hides an assumption about the points !

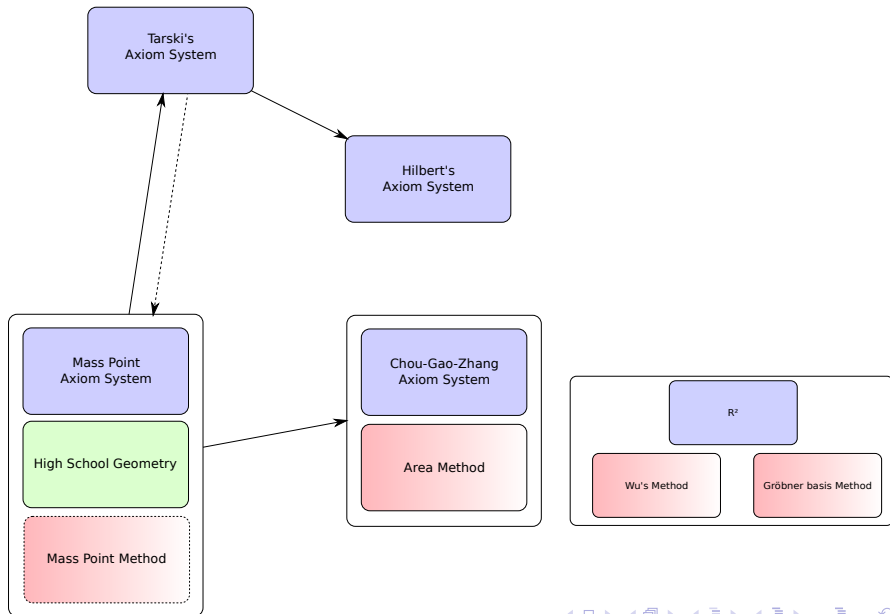
## In Coq

- Projective Geometry [MNS09]
- High-school Geometry [Gui04, PBN11]
- Hilbert's Geometry [DDS00]
- Tarski's Geometry [Nar07]
- The area method [JNQ09]
- Wu's method [GNS11]
- Geometric Algebras [FT10]
- ...

## In Isabelle

- Hilbert's Geometry [MF03, SF11]
- ...

# Formalization of Geometry in Coq



## Why Tarski's geometry ?

- Axioms are *simple*: we do not need definitions to state the axioms.
- Dimension of the space can be changed easily.
- Many proofs do not use Euclidean axiom/dimension axioms.
- Most axioms have been shown to be independent from the others [Gup65].

## Why Hilbert's geometry ?

- For education we need the concept of lines, half-lines, angle,...
- Hilbert's axioms are higher level.
- A good test for our formalization.
- An open question in [MF03].



## Tarski's axiom system

- One type : points
- Two predicates:
  - 1 congruence  $AB \equiv CD$
  - 2 betweenness  $\beta A B C$  (non strict)
- 11 axioms

## Our setting

- We use Szmielew version's [SST83].
- We focus on 2D results.
- We do not use the continuity axioms.

- Tarski's geometry is defined in a first order setting.
- We use the calculus of constructions + classical logic.
- The meta-theoretical results of Tarski may not apply to our formalization.

# Tarski's axiom system

Identity	$\beta A B A \Rightarrow (A = B)$
Pseudo-Transitivity	$AB \equiv CD \wedge AB \equiv EF \Rightarrow CD \equiv EF$
Symmetry	$AB \equiv BA$
Identity	$AB \equiv CC \Rightarrow A = B$
Pasch	$\beta A P C \wedge \beta B Q C \Rightarrow \exists X, \beta P X B \wedge \beta Q X A$
Euclid	$\exists XY, \beta A D T \wedge \beta B D C \wedge A \neq D \Rightarrow$ $\beta A B X \wedge \beta A C Y \wedge \beta X T Y$ $AB \equiv A'B' \wedge BC \equiv B'C' \wedge$
5 segments	$AD \equiv A'D' \wedge BD \equiv B'D' \wedge$ $\beta A B C \wedge \beta A' B' C' \wedge A \neq B \Rightarrow CD \equiv C'D'$
Construction	$\exists E, \beta A B E \wedge BE \equiv CD$
Lower Dimension	$\exists ABC, \neg \beta A B C \wedge \neg \beta B C A \wedge \neg \beta C A B$
Upper Dimension	$AP \equiv AQ \wedge BP \equiv BQ \wedge CP \equiv CQ \wedge P \neq Q$ $\Rightarrow \beta A B C \vee \beta B C A \vee \beta C A B$
Continuity	$\forall XY, (\exists A, (\forall xy, x \in X \wedge y \in Y \Rightarrow \beta A x y)) \Rightarrow$ $\exists B, (\forall xy, x \in X \Rightarrow y \in Y \Rightarrow \beta x B y).$

- We use Coq type classes of Sozeau and Oury [SO08].
- Type classes are first class citizens.

# Tarski's axiom system in Coq

```
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;
  euclid : forall A B C D T : Tpoint,
    Bet A D T -> Bet B D C -> A<>D ->
    exists x, exists y, Bet A B x /\ Bet A C y /\ Bet x T y;
  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 A B);
  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)
}
```

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# Hilbert's axiom system

Hilbert axiom system is based on two abstract types: points and lines

```
Point : Type
```

```
Line  : Type
```

We assume that the type `Line` is equipped with an equivalence relation `EqL` which denotes equality between lines:

```
EqL    : Line -> Line -> Prop
```

```
EqL_Equiv : Equivalence EqL
```

We do not use Leibniz equality (the built-in equality of Coq), because when we will define the notion of line inside Tarski's system, the equality will be a defined notion.

## Axiom (I 1)

*For every two distinct points  $A, B$  there exist a line  $l$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are incident to  $l$ .*

```
line_existence : forall A B, A <> B ->  
  exists l, Incid A l /\ Incid B l;
```

## Axiom (I 2)

*For every two distinct points  $A, B$  there exist at most one line  $l$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are incident to  $l$ .*

```
line_unicity : forall A B l m, A <> B ->  
  Incid A l -> Incid B l -> Incid A m -> Incid B m -> EqL l m;
```



## Axiom (I 3)

*There exist at least two points on a line. There exist at least three points that do not lie on a line.*

`two_points_on_line : forall l, exists A, exists B,  
                          Incid B l /\ Incid A l /\ A <> B`

`ColH 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`

# Order Axioms I

BetH : Point  $\rightarrow$  Point  $\rightarrow$  Point  $\rightarrow$  Prop

## Axiom (II 1)

*If a point B lies between a point A and a point C then the point A,B,C are three distinct points through of a line, and B also lies between C and A.*

between\_col : forall A B C:Point, BetH A B C  $\rightarrow$  ColH A B C

between\_comm: forall A B C:Point, BetH A B C  $\rightarrow$  BetH C B A

## Axiom (II 2)

*For two distinct points A and B, there always exists at least one point C on line AB such that B lies between A and C.*

between\_out : forall A B : Point,  
A <> B  $\rightarrow$  exists C : Point, BetH A B C

## Axiom (II 3)

*Of any three distinct points situated on a straight line, there is always one and only one which lies between the other two.*

between\_only\_one : forall A B C : Point,  
    BetH A B C -> ~ BetH B C A /\ ~ BetH B A C

between\_one : forall A B C, A<>B -> A<>C -> B<>C ->  
    ColH A B C -> BetH A B C \/ BetH B C A \/ BetH B A C

## Axiom (II 4 - Pasch)

*Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be three points that do not lie in a line and let  $a$  be a line (in the plane  $ABC$ ) which does not meet any of the points  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$ . If the line  $a$  passes through a point of the segment  $AB$ , it also passes through a point of the segment  $AC$  or through a point of the segment  $BC$ .*

To give a formal definition for this axiom we need an extra definition:

$$\text{cut } l \ A \ B := \sim \text{Incid } A \ l \ \wedge \ \sim \text{Incid } B \ l \ \wedge \\ \text{exists } I, \ \text{Incid } I \ l \ \wedge \ \text{BetH } A \ I \ B$$
$$\text{pasch} : \text{forall } A \ B \ C \ l, \ \sim \text{ColH } A \ B \ C \ \rightarrow \ \sim \text{Incid } C \ l \ \rightarrow \\ \text{cut } l \ A \ B \ \rightarrow \ \text{cut } l \ A \ C \ \vee \ \text{cut } l \ B \ C$$

```
Para 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 ->
                    Para l m2 -> Incid P m2 ->
                    EqL m1 m2;
```

# Congruence Axioms I

## Axiom (IV 1)

*If  $A, B$  are two points on a straight line  $a$ , and if  $A'$  is a point upon the same or another straight line  $a'$ , then, upon a given side of  $A'$  on the straight line  $a'$ , we can always find one and only one point  $B'$  so that the segment  $AB$  is congruent to the segment  $A'B'$ . We indicate this relation by writing  $AB \equiv A'B'$ .*

```
cong_existence : forall A B l M, A <> B -> Incid M l ->
  exists A', exists B', Incid A' l /\ Incid B' l /\
    BethH 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 ->
  BethH A' M B' -> CongH M A' A B -> CongH M B' A B ->
  Incid A'' l -> Incid B'' l ->
  BethH A'' M B'' -> CongH M A'' A B -> CongH M B'' A B ->
  (A' = A'' /\ B' = B'') \\/ (A' = B'' /\ B'' = A'')
```

## Axiom (IV 2)

*If a segment  $AB$  is congruent to the segment  $A'B'$  and also to the segment  $A''B''$ , then the segment  $A'B'$  is congruent to the segment  $A''B''$ .*

`cong_pseudo_transitivity : forall A B A' B' A'' B'',  
 CongH A B A' B' -> CongH A B A'' B'' -> CongH A' B' A'' B''`

# Congruence Axioms III

## Axiom (IV 3)

*Let  $AB$  and  $BC$  be two segments of a straight line  $a$  which have no points in common aside from the point  $B$ , and, furthermore, let  $A'B'$  and  $B'C'$  be two segments of the same or of another straight line  $a'$  having, likewise, no point other than  $B'$  in common. Then, if  $AB \equiv A'B'$  and  $BC \equiv B'C'$ , we have  $AC \equiv A'C'$ .*

Definition disjoint  $A B C D :=$

$\sim$  exists  $P$ ,  $\text{Between}_H A P B \wedge \neg \text{Between}_H C P D$ .

addition: forall  $A B C A' B' C'$ ,

$\text{ColH } A B C \rightarrow \text{ColH } A' B' C' \rightarrow$

$\text{disjoint } A B B C \rightarrow \text{disjoint } A' B' B' C' \rightarrow$

$\text{CongH } A B A' B' \rightarrow \text{CongH } B C B' C' \rightarrow \text{CongH } A C A' C'$



# Congruence Axioms III

## Axiom (IV-4)

*Given an angle  $\alpha$ , an half-line  $h$  emanating from a point  $O$  and given a point  $P$ , not on the line generated by  $h$ , there is a unique half-line  $h'$  emanating from  $O$ , such as the angle  $\alpha'$  defined by  $(h, O, h')$  is congruent with  $\alpha$  and such every point inside  $\alpha'$  and  $P$  are on the same side relatively to the line generated by  $h$ .*

## Axiom (IV 5)

*If the following congruences hold  $AB \equiv A'B'$ ,  $AC \equiv A'C'$ ,  $\angle BAC \equiv \angle B'A'C'$  then  $\angle ABC \equiv \angle A'B'C'$*

```

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 : P2 h1 <> P1 h,
      CongaH a (angle (P2 h) (P1 h) (P2 h1))
(conj (sym_not_equal (Cond h)) CondAux)) /\
  (forall M, ~ Incid M (line_of_hline h) /\
InAngleH (angle (P2 h) (P1 h) (P2 h1))
  (conj (sym_not_equal (Cond h)) CondAux)) M ->
same_side P M (line_of_hline h));

```

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# Hilbert follows from Tarski

We need to define the concept of line:

```
Record Couple {A:Type} : Type :=  
  build_couple {P1: A ; P2 : A ; Cond: P1 <> P2}.
```

```
Definition Line := @Couple Tpoint.
```

```
Definition Eq : relation Line :=  
  fun l m => forall X, Incident X l <-> Incident X m.
```

```
DefinitionBetween_HABC := BetABC/\A<>B/\B<>C/\A<>C.
```

# Main result

```
Section Hilbert_to_Tarski.
```

```
Context '{T:Tarski}.
```

```
Instance Hilbert_follow_from_Tarski : Hilbert.
```

```
Proof.
```

```
... (* omitted here *)
```

```
Qed.
```

```
End Hilbert_to_Tarski.
```

# Overview

Chapter 2: betweenness properties

Chapter 3: congruence properties

Chapter 4: properties of betweenness and congruence

Chapter 5: order relation over pair of points

Chapter 6: the ternary relation out

Chapter 7: property of the midpoint

Chapter 8: orthogonality lemmas

Chapter 9: position of two points relatively to a line

Chapter 10: orthogonal symmetry

Chapter 11: properties about angles

Chapter 12: parallelism

- Many degenerated cases are overlooked in the original proofs.
- We had to introduce many lemmas.  
For example, the fact that **given a line  $l$ , two points not on  $l$ , are either on the same side of  $l$  or on both sides** is used implicitly, but there is no explicit proof of this fact.

- We use just a few tactics implemented using Ltac (the tactic language of Coq)
- Proof are *ugly*, but can be understood by replaying them (cf Bill Richter's messages on mailing lists).
- Work in progress by Predrag Janicic et al. about using a prover based on coherent logic to automate some proofs.
- Automation could/should be improved (cf Michael Beeson's invited talk).
- Automatic proof simplification would be also interesting.



- Statements: 60pages,
- Statements + proofs script: 657 pages.
- De Bruijn factor: 5

Chapter	lemmas	lines of spec	lines of proof	lines per lemma
Betweenness properties	16	69	111	6.93
Congruence properties	16	54	116	7,25
Properties of betweenness and congruence	19	151	183	9.63
Order relation over pair of points	17	88	340	20
The ternary relation out	22	103	426	19,36
Property of the midpoint	21	101	758	36,09
Orthogonality lemmas	77	191	2412	141,88 (560)
Position of two points relatively to a line	37	145	2333	63,05
Orthogonal symmetry	44	173	2712	61,63
Properties about angles	187	433	10612	56,74
Parallelism	68	163	3560	52,35
<b>Total</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>23563</b>	<b>45</b>

- Clear foundations for geometry.
- Hilbert's axioms can be proved using Tarski's axioms (without continuity and in a higher order logic).




## Define analytic geometry inside Tarski's





- Prove Pappus and Desargues.
- Define coordinates, and prove field properties.
- Show characterization of geometry predicates using coordinates.
- Connect with algebraic methods in geometry.

## Prove Tarski's axioms within some/the models

- Danijela Petrovic and Filip Maric's work.

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