

Polygons, separation, convexity

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LAST TIME: POINTS, LINES, PLANES

(L1) THROUGH ANY 2 POINTS THERE IS A UNIQUE LINE

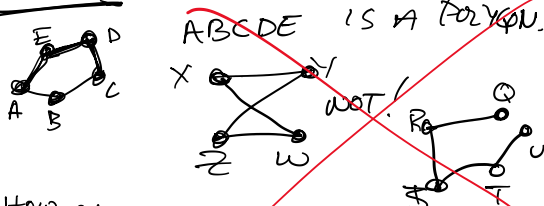
(L2) PARALLEL POSTULATE
GIVEN A LINE l AND POINT P NOT ON l , THERE IS AT MOST ONE LINE m WITH $m \parallel l$ DEFINE RAY: \overrightarrow{AB} = RAY FROM A IN DIRECTION OF B

MAKE \overrightarrow{AB} INTO A # LINE WITH $\#(A)=0$ AND $\#(B)=1$.
 THEN $\overrightarrow{AB} = \{C \mid A < C < B \text{ OR } C > B \text{ AND } A \text{ AND } B \}$
 BOTH OK
 $= \{C \mid C > A\}$ ← BETTER

DEF: SEGMENT \overline{AB}
 AS $\overrightarrow{AB} \cap \overrightarrow{BA} = \overline{AB}$
 OR $\{C \mid \#C \text{ IS BETWEEN } \#A \text{ \& \#B, INCLUSIVELY}\}$

DEF C IS BETWEEN A & B ON \overline{AB} IS $C \in \overline{AB}$, BUT $C \neq A$
 WRITE $A * C * B$
 $A * C * B \iff B * C * A$

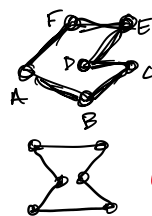
POLYGONS



HOW CAN WE DEFINE POLYGON CAREFULLY?

EXAMPLE

SIX POINTS



HEXAGON-

A B C D E F

BOTH

GOOD

DISTINCT

① NEED SIX POINTS

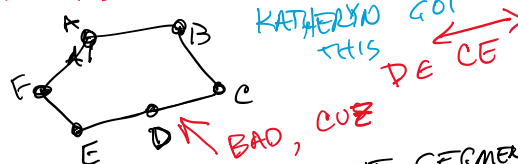
A, B, C, D, E, F.

② THESE SIX SEGMENTS

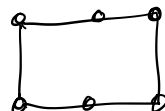
 $\overline{AB}, \overline{BC}, \overline{CD}, \overline{DE}, \overline{EF}, \overline{FA}$

③ SEGMENTS ONLY INTERSECT AT SHARED ENDPOINTS.

IS THIS ENOUGH? NOPE



④ NO TWO CONSECUTIVE SEGMENTS ARE ON SAME LINE.
 IS OK - \overline{AB} AND \overline{DE} ARE ON \overline{AB} (S.D.R.)



NOT A HEXAGON

 $\{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$ ARE VERTICES (EACH IS VERTEX) $\overline{AB}, \overline{CD}$, ETC ARE EDGES

EASY TO GENERALIZE TO GET

TRIANGLE (3)

QUADRILATERAL (4)

PENTAGON (5)

HEXAGON (6)

n-GON (n SIDES)

TO DESCRIBE A 247-GON

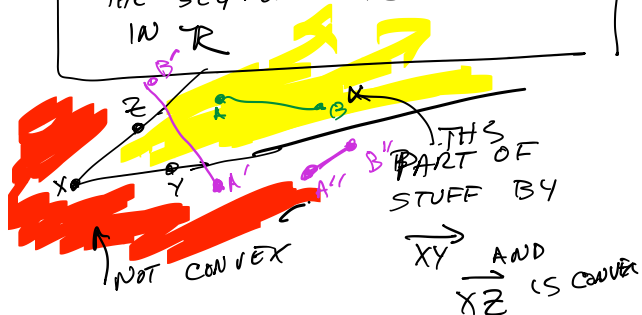
 $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_{247}$

YOU CAN FIGURE OUT THE DEF.

STILL LEFT OUT IDEAS
INTERIOR OF TRIANGLE OR...



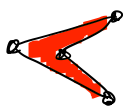
DEF A SUBSET R OF THE PLANE IS CONVEX IF GIVEN ANY TWO POINTS $A, B \in R$ THE SEGMENT \overline{AB} IS ENTIRELY IN R



THE PLANE IS CONVEX
LINES ARE CONVEX (EASY)
RAY IS CONVEX

TRIANGLE? YES.

QUADRILATERAL? NO



LEMMA GIVEN S CONVEX
 R CONVEX
THEN $S \cap R$ IS CONVEX.

PF? SPACE S, R ARE CONVEX
BUT $S \cap R$ NOT.

SO $\exists X, Y \in S \cap R$
WITH \overline{XY} NOT IN

BUT $\overline{XY} \subseteq S$
AND $\overline{XY} \subseteq R \Rightarrow$

IS $R \cup S$ CONVEX

IF $R \cap S$ ARE? NOPE



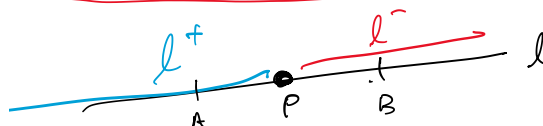
(L3) LINE SEPARATION.

A POINT P ON A LINE l
SEPARATES l INTO TWO
NON-EMPTY SUBSETS l^+ & l^-
(HALF LINES OF l WRT. P)

l^+ & l^- SATISFY

(i) $l^+ \cup \{P\} \cup l^- = l$ AND
ARE PAIRWISE DISJOINT

(ii) IF A & B ARE IN DIFFERENT
HALF-LINES, THEN \overline{AB} CONTAINS
 P



DEF IF $P \notin \overline{AB}$, THEN A & B ARE
ON SAME SIDE
OF P

IF $P \in \overline{AB}$ THE
AXIOM
PLACES
OUT A & B ARE ON OPPOSITE
SIDES OF P

(THIS IS ALREADY THERE FROM
BETWEENNESS, BUT LETS US
LEAVE OUT \neq LINE

THESE HALF-LINES WITH P
FORM RAYS

PLANE SEPARATION:

NEED AN AXIOM
TO ENSURE
LINE SEPARATES
PLANE.



(L4) ANY LINE l SEPARATES
THE PLANE INTO TWO NON-EMPTY
SETS H^+ & H^-
CALLED HALF-PLANES OF l
THESE SATISFY

H^+, H^-, l ARE DISJOINT
 $H^+ \cup l \cup H^-$ IS THE PLANE

EACH IS CONVEX



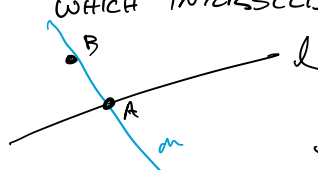
IF A & B ARE IN DIFFERENT
HALF PLANES, THEN
 \overline{AB} INTERSECTS l

$A \& B$ ARE IN SAME HALF PLANE
 $\Leftrightarrow \overrightarrow{AB} \cap l = \emptyset$

$H^+ \cup l$ IS CALLED A
CLOSED HALF PLANE

LEMMA WITH A TEDIOUS PROOF

LET l BE A LINE $B \in H^+$ OF l
 SUPPOSE m IS A LINE CONTAINING B
 WHICH INTERSECTS l AT A



THEN THE
 HALF-LINE OF
 A ON m IS
 $H^+ \cap l$ AND
 \overrightarrow{AB} IS THE PART
 OF m IN THE CLOSED
 HALF PLANE OF l CONTAINING B .

DEF SAME SIDE OF
 l IN OBVIOUS WAY

LEMMA LET $l \& m$ BE TWO DISTINCT
 LINES P_1, P_2, P_3 SATISFYING
 $P_1 * P_2 * P_3$.

TAKE 3 MUTUALLY \parallel LINES
 PASS THRU EACH OF P_1, P_2, P_3
 INTERSECTING m AT Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 .

THEN $Q_1 * Q_2 * Q_3$