# **Projective Coordinates and Pairing**

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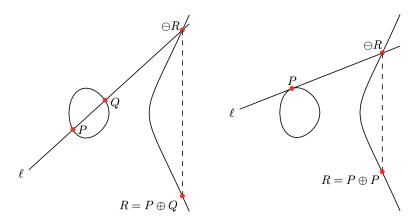


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# Equivalence Classes Partition Example

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and, again,  $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{Z}$  with a "modulo n" equivalence relation  $\mathcal{R}_n$ . Define the equivalence class of x by  $[x]_n = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} : x \equiv y \pmod n\}$ . Then,

$$\mathbb{Z}/\mathcal{R}_n = \{[0]_n, [1]_n, [2]_n, \dots, [n-2]_n, [n-1]_n\}$$

Elliptic Curve in Projective Coordinates

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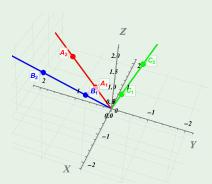
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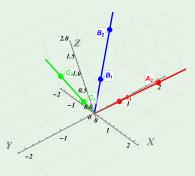
Consider the projective space  $\mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then, two points  $(x_1,y_1,z_1),(x_2,y_2,z_2)\in\mathbb{R}^3$  are equivalent if there exists  $\lambda\in\mathbb{R}\setminus\{0\}$  such that  $(x_1,y_1,z_1)=(\lambda x_2,\lambda y_2,\lambda z_2)$ . For example,  $(1,2,3)\sim(2,4,6)$  since  $(1,2,3)=(0.5\times 2,0.5\times 4,0.5\times 6)$ , so  $\lambda=0.5$ .

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Now, how to geometrically interpret  $\mathbb{P}^2(\mathbb{R})$ ? Consider the Figure below.





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# Going back to Affine Space: Illustration

### Example

Again, consider three lines from the previous example. Now, we additionally draw a plane  $\pi:z=1$  in our 3-dimensional space (see Illustration below).

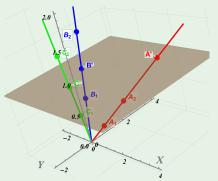


Illustration: Geometric interpretation of converting projective form to the affine form.

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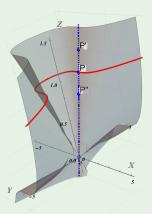
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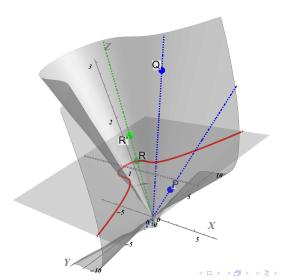
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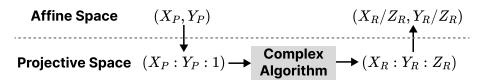


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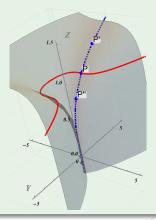
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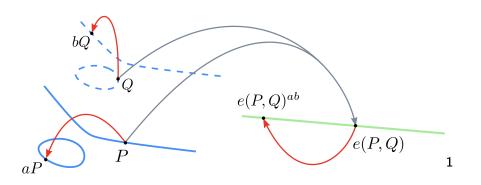


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Thanks for your attention!