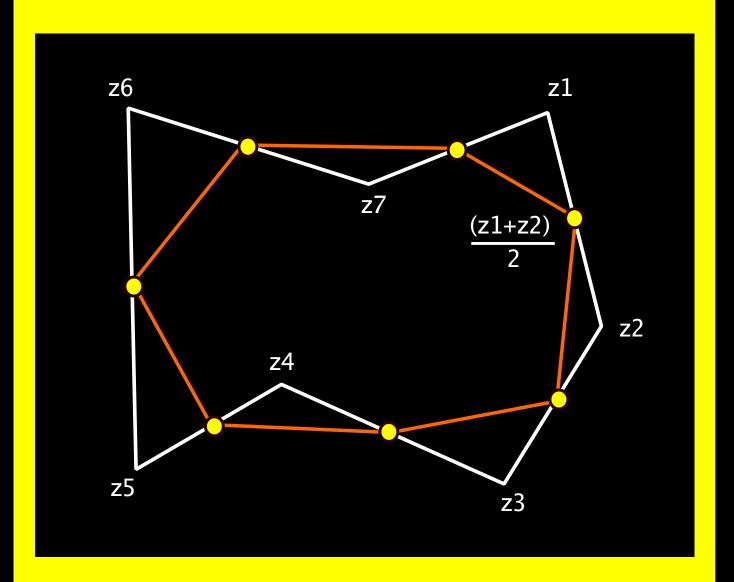
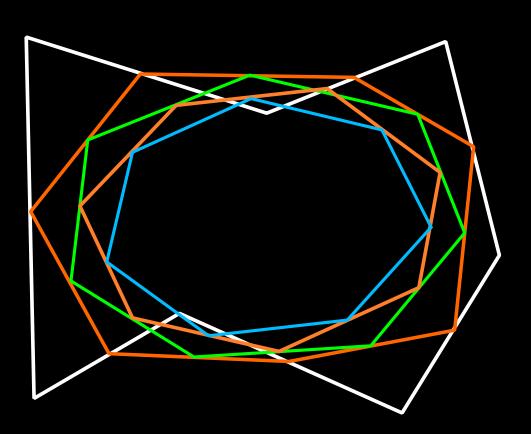


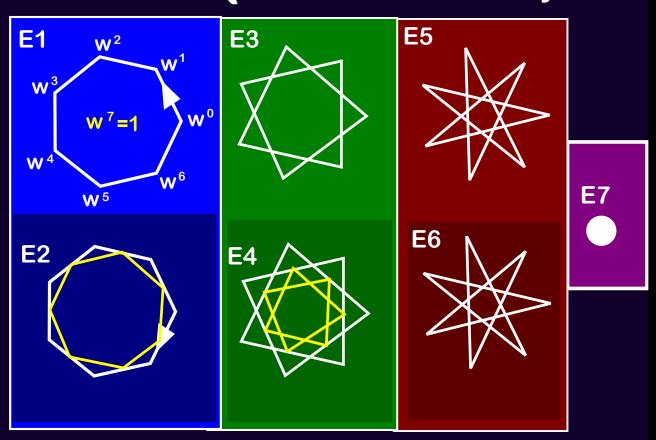
# the midpoint map





# Use algebra

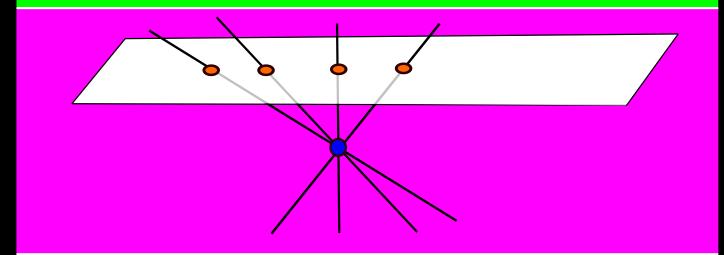
$$T(z1,...,z7) = \left(\frac{z1+z2}{2},...,\frac{z7+z1}{2}\right)$$



T(a1 E1 + ... a7 E7) = a1 L1 E1 + ... + a7 L7 E7

#### Primer on Projective Geometry:

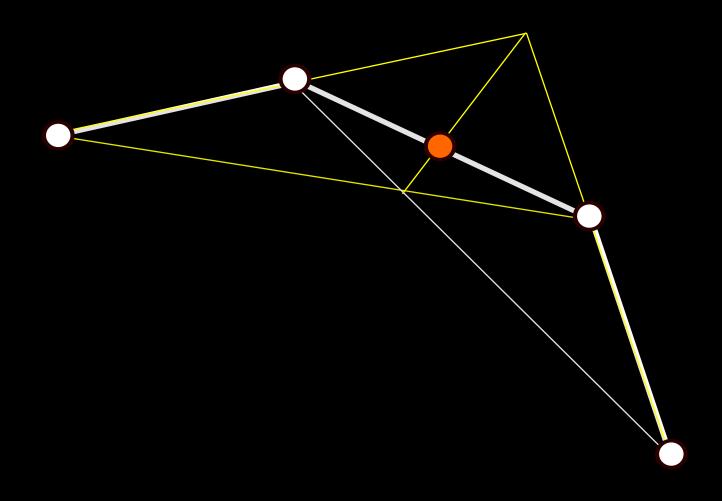
$$RP^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$
 space of lines in  $R^3$  through the origin.



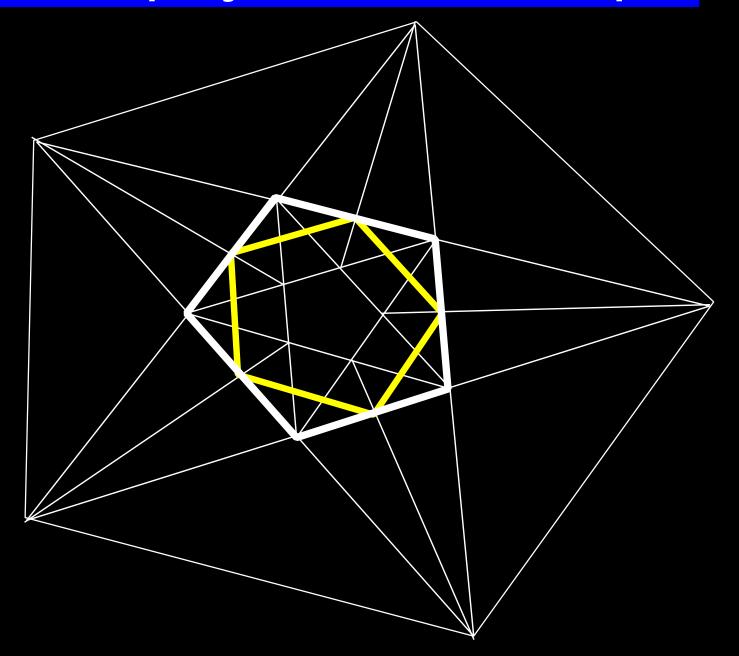
 $\circ$   $R^2 \subset RP^2$  affine patch

Invertible linear transformations act on RP2 so as to map LINES to LINES

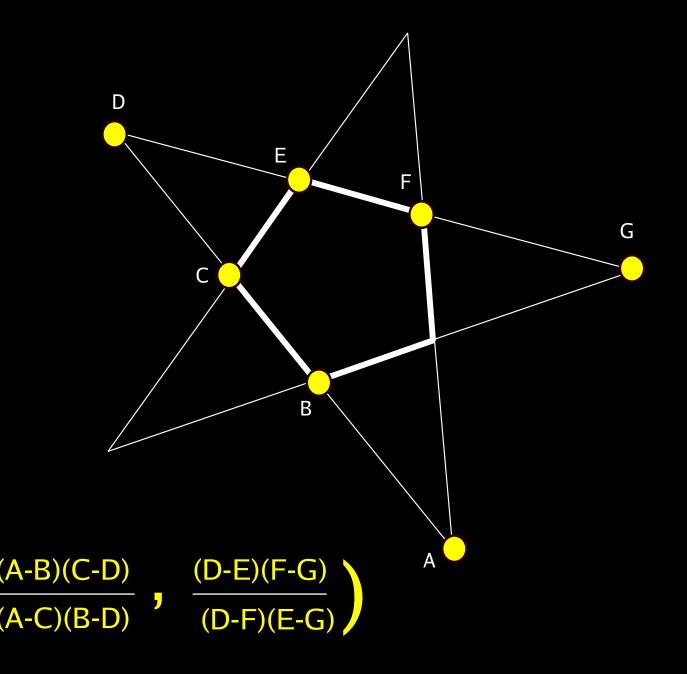
#### A projectively natural "midpoint".



## The projective heat map:

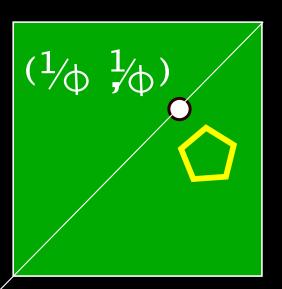


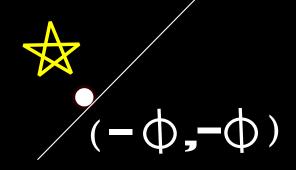
### Coordinates on $P_5$ : first pass



### Theorem:

On C5 the map has the regular pentagon as a global attractor.





### Proof:

The map increases the product invariant F.

# Tweak the coords:

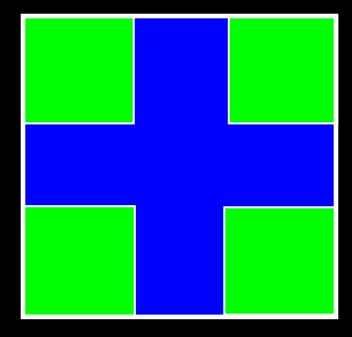
Replace (x,y) by (B(x),B(y)) so that

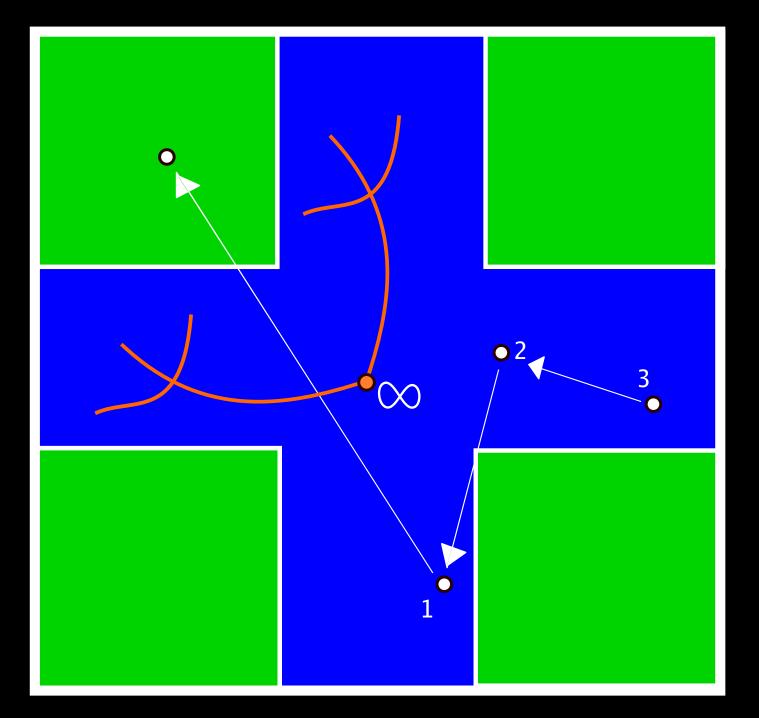
$$= (0,0)$$

$$B(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$$



=(infinity,infinity)





#### Theorem 1:

Almost every point of P5 is mapped into C5 after finitely many steps. Hence almost every point of P5 becomes asymptotically regular up to projective transformations.

#### Theorem 2:

WYSIWYG, except possibly for a countable union of algebraic curves.

