



Definition

An *affine set* is a subset of n -dimensional space which contains the lines through each of its points.

Examples

The empty set is trivially an affine set. The entire set of points in n -dimensional space is an affine set. Any singleton is an affine set.

Notation

As usual, let $L(x, y)$ denote the line between $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^n$. The set A is affine if $L(a, b) \subset A$ for all $a, b \in A$.

Other terminology

Some authors call affine sets *affine varieties*, *linear varieties* or *flat*.

Proposition 1. *The intersection of a family of affine sets is affine.*

