

Proofs and surfaces

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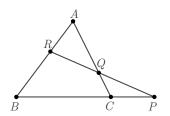
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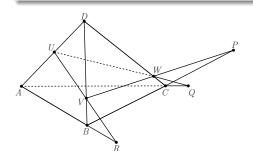
$$P, Q, R$$
 are colinear iff $(B, C; P) \cdot (C, A; Q) \cdot (A, B; R) = -1$.



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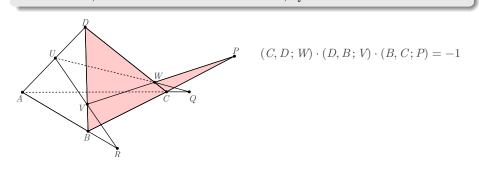
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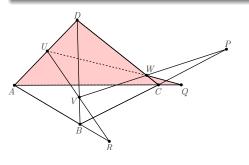
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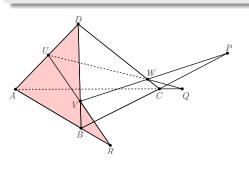
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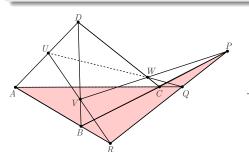


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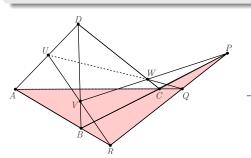


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Cyclic sequent:

 $\vdash ABCPQR, ABDVUR, ACDWUQ, BCDWVP$

Whenever 3 out of 4 sextuples is a Menelaus configuration, then so is the fourth.

Homology meets Menelaus



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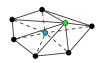
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\mathcal{M} -complexes:

finite, homogeneous 2-dimensional, regular, linked, orientable Δ -complexes











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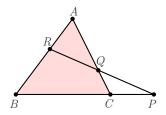
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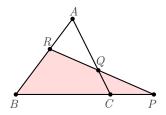


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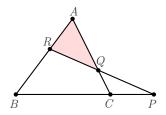


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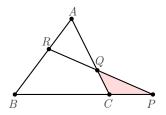


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- o Atomic formulae: $F^6(W) = W^6 \{X_1 \dots X_6 \in W | X_i \neq X_j \text{ for } i \neq j\}$
- \circ Sequents: finite multisets of formulae; denoted by $\vdash \Gamma$
- \circ For an \mathcal{M} -complex L such that $L_0 \cup L_1 \subseteq W$, let $\nu \colon L_2 \to F^6(W)$ be defined as $\nu x = d_1 d_2 x \ d_0 d_2 x \ d_0 d_0 x \ d_1 x \ d_2 x$.

$$\overline{\vdash \{\nu x \mid x \in L_2\}}$$

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Define
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 by $h(a) = h(y_1)^{\alpha_1} \cdot \ldots \cdot h(y_m)^{\alpha_m}$, for

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Therefore, assuming that $\partial x_i = P - Q + R$, we have

$$h(\partial x_i) = (C, B; P) \cdot (C, A; Q)^{-1} \cdot (B, A; R)$$

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$$\partial x_i = \sum_{i \neq j} \varepsilon_j \partial x_j,$$

where $|\{j \mid j \neq i\}|$ is odd, and where $h(\varepsilon_j \partial x_j) = -1$. Therefore, $h(\partial x_i) = -1$.

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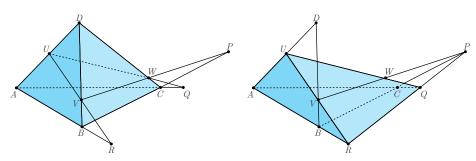
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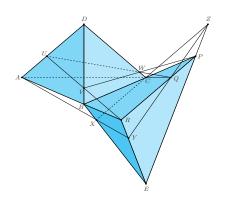
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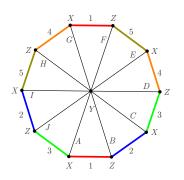
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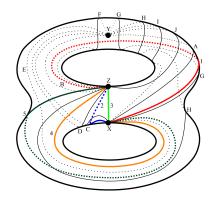
Let AU, BV and CW be concurrent lines in \mathbb{R}^2 , and let X and E be such that B, X and E are colinear. For $\{P\} = BC \cap VW$, $\{Q\} = AC \cap UW$, $\{R\} = AB \cap UV$, $\{Y\} = AX \cap RE$, $\{Z\} = XC \cap EP$, the points Q, Y and Z are colinear.



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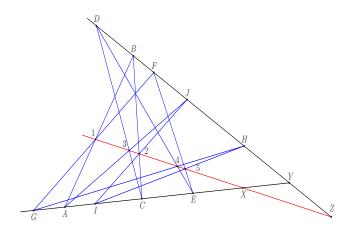
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