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Let XYZ denote the triangle of reference in \mathbb{RP}^2 , with $X = [1, 0, 0]$, $Y = [0, 1, 0]$, $Z = [0, 0, 1]$. Let P be the Point $[1, 1, 1]$.

- (i) Find the Points of intersection

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A of XP and YZ

B of YP and XZ

C of ZP and XY .

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- (ii) Find the Points of intersection

D of BC and YZ

E of AC and XZ

F of AB and XY .

- (iii) Show that D, E, F are collinear.

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Let XYZ be the triangle of reference in \mathbb{RP}^2 and let $P = [\alpha, \beta, \gamma]$ be a general Point not lying on any side of the triangle. The Lines XP and YZ intersect in the Point A , YP and XZ intersect in B and ZP and XY intersect in C .

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- (a) Find the equation of the Line XP and the co-ordinates of the Point A . Hence, or otherwise, write down the equations of the Lines YP and ZP and the coordinates of the Points B and C .

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- (b) Find the Points of intersection :

F of BC and YZ ,

G of AC and XZ ,

H of AB and XY .

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- (c) Find the equation of the Line FGH . (You may assume that F, G, H are collinear.)

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- (d) If in a particular case, the equation of the Line FGH is $x + y + z = 0$, what is the Point P ?

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This question concerns the standard conic in the projective plane, with equation $y^2 = xz$.

- (i) Verify that the equation of the tangent to the conic

$$y^2 = xz$$

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at the Point $P = [1, \alpha, \alpha^2]$ is

$$2y\alpha = \alpha^2x + z.$$

- (ii) Write down the equation of the Line ℓ joining the Point $Y = [0, 1, 0]$ to the Point $P = [1, \alpha, \alpha^2]$.

- (iii) Find the other point Q of intersection of the Line ℓ and the conic.

- (iv) Write down the equation of the tangent to the conic at Q .

- (v) Deduce that the tangents to the conic at P and Q meet on the Line $y = 0$.

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In the projective plane, XYZ is the triangle of reference (with $X = [1, 0, 0]$, $Y = [0, 1, 0]$ and $Z = [0, 0, 1]$) and C is the standard conic with equation $y^2 = xz$. Let P be the Point $[1, \alpha, \alpha^2]$, where $\alpha \neq 0$.

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- (i) Find the equation of the Line joining the Point P to the Point $[1, \beta, \beta^2]$ where $\beta \neq \alpha$.

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- (ii) Find the equation of the Line ℓ which is the tangent to C at P .

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- (iii) Find the Point Q where the Line ℓ meets the Line XY and the Point R where ℓ meets the Line YZ .

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- (iv) Prove that the three Lines XR, ZQ and YP all meet at a single Point.

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