

# On the $(2, 1)$ -extendability of ternary linear codes

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## Overview

♣ The  $(2, 1)$ -extendability of  $[n, k, d]_3$  codes with  $\gcd(3, d) = 1$  is investigated geometrically for  $3 \leq k \leq 5$ .

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## 0. Introduction

$\mathcal{C}$ :  $[n, k, d]_3$  code,  $k \geq 3$ ,  $\gcd(d, 3) = 1$ .

The diversity  $(\Phi_0, \Phi_1)$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  is given as

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{3|i, i \neq 0} A_i, \quad \Phi_1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq 0, d \pmod{3}} A_i.$$

$\mathcal{D}_k$  = the set of all possible diversities of  
[ $n, k, d$ ]<sub>3</sub> codes.

$$\mathcal{D}_k^* = \{(\theta_{k-2}, 0), (\theta_{k-3}, 2 \cdot 3^{k-2}),$$
$$(\theta_{k-2}, 2 \cdot 3^{k-2}), (\theta_{k-2} + 3^{k-2}, 3^{k-2})\},$$

where  $\theta_j = (3^{j+1} - 1)/2$ .

$$\mathcal{D}_k^+ = \mathcal{D}_k \setminus \mathcal{D}_k^*.$$

**Theorem 1** (Maruta, 2005).

$\mathcal{C}$  is extendable if  $(\Phi_0, \Phi_1) \in \mathcal{D}_k^*$ .

**Problem.**

Is  $\mathcal{C}$   $(2, 1)$ -extendable when  $\mathcal{C}$  is not extendable?

We consider this problem for  $3 \leq k \leq 5$ .

(See Proceedings for  $k = 6$ )

## Diversities of non-extendable ternary codes

$k$	<i>diversity</i>
3	(4, 3)
4	(13, 9), (10, 15), (16, 12)
5	(40, 27), (31, 45), (40, 36), (40, 45), (49, 36)
6	(121, 81), (94, 135), (121, 108), (112, 126), (130, 117), (121, 135), (148, 108)

How about (2, 1)-extendability of such codes?

# 1. Geometric approach

$\mathcal{C}$ :  $[n, k, d]_3$  code,  $k \geq 3$

$G = [g_1, \dots, g_k]^T$ : a generator matrix of  $\mathcal{C}$

$\Sigma := \text{PG}(k-1, 3)$ : the projective space of dimension  $k-1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_3$

For  $P = \text{P}(p_1, \dots, p_k) \in \Sigma$  we define the weight of  $P$  with respect to  $\mathcal{C}$ , denoted by  $w_{\mathcal{C}}(P)$ , as

$$w_{\mathcal{C}}(P) = \text{wt}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k p_i g_i\right).$$



Let

$$F_d = \{P \in \Sigma \mid w_C(P) = d\},$$

$$F_0 = \{P \in \Sigma \mid w_C(P) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\},$$

$$F_1 = \{P \in \Sigma \mid w_C(P) \not\equiv 0, d \pmod{3}\},$$

$$F_2 = \{P \in \Sigma \mid w_C(P) \equiv d \pmod{3}\} (\supset F_d),$$

$$F = F_0 \cup F_1, \quad F_e = F_2 \setminus F_d.$$

Then  $(\Phi_0, \Phi_1) = (|F_0|, |F_1|)$ .

## 2. (2,1)-extendability of ternary linear codes

**Lemma 2.**  $\mathcal{C}$  is (2, 1)-extendable

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists (k-3)\text{-flat } \subset F \cup F_e$$

$$\Leftarrow \exists (k-3)\text{-flat } \subset F = F_0 \cup F_1.$$

Every non-extendable  $[n, 3, d]_3$  code  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $\gcd(3, d) = 1$  has diversity (4, 3).

$\mathcal{C}$  is (2, 1)-extendable since  $F \neq \emptyset$ .

$\Pi_t$  : a  $t$ -flat in  $\Sigma$ .

The *diversity of*  $\Pi_t$  is  $(\varphi_0^{(t)}, \varphi_1^{(t)})$

where  $\varphi_s^{(t)} = |\Pi_t \cap F_s|$ ,  $s = 0, 1$ .

$\Pi_t$  is called a  $(\varphi_0^{(t)}, \varphi_1^{(t)})_t$  flat.

$(i, j)_1$  flats,  $(i, j)_2$  flats,  $(i, j)_3$  flats are called  $(i, j)$ -lines,  $(i, j)$ -planes,  $(i, j)$ -solids, respectively.

$c_{i,j}^{(t)}$ : the number of  $(i, j)_{t-1}$  flats in  $\Pi_t$ .

The list of  $c_{i,j}^{(t)}$ 's is called its *spectrum*.

**Table 1.**

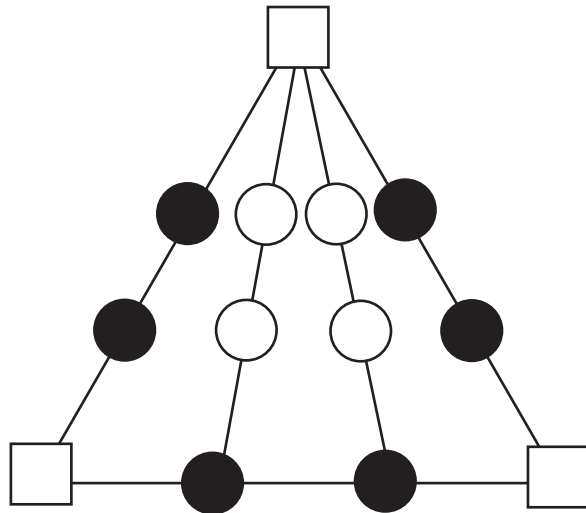
$\varphi_0^{(2)}$	$\varphi_1^{(2)}$	$c_{1,0}^{(2)}$	$c_{0,2}^{(2)}$	$c_{2,1}^{(2)}$	$c_{1,3}^{(2)}$	$c_{4,0}^{(2)}$
4	0	12	0	0	0	1
1	6	2	9	0	2	0
4	3	4	3	6	0	0
4	6	0	3	6	4	0
7	3	1	0	9	1	2
4	9	0	0	0	12	1
13	0	0	0	0	0	13

$\exists(i, j)$ -line  $\Rightarrow \exists(3i + 1, 3j)$ -plane.

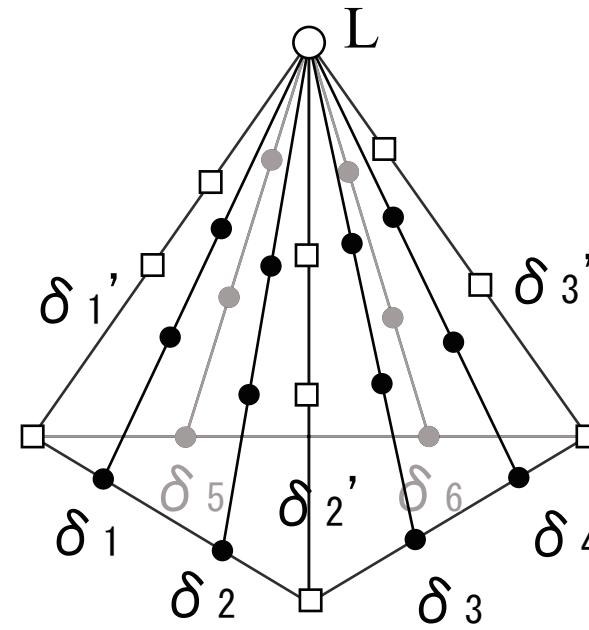
(4, 3) and (4, 6) are **new**.



(4, 3)-plane



(13, 9)-solid



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**Theorem 3.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $[n, k, d]_3$  code with  $k = 3$  or  $4$ ,  $\gcd(3, d) = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $(2, 1)$ -extendable.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $[n, 5, d]_3$  code with diversity  $(\Phi_0, \Phi_1) \neq (40, 36)$ ,  $\gcd(3, d) = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $(2, 1)$ -extendable.





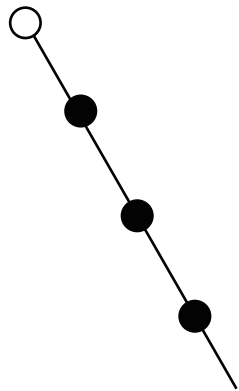
**Theorem 5.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $[n, 5, d]_3$  code with diversity  $(40, 36)$ ,  $\gcd(3, d) = 1$ .

Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $(2, 1)$ -extendable iff either

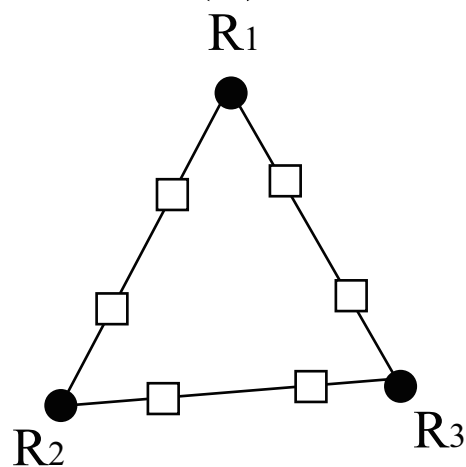
(a)  $\exists l: (1, 0)$ -line,  $l \subset F_0 \cup F_e$ , or

(b)  $\exists R_1, R_2, R_3 \in F_e$  s.t.  $\langle R_i, R_j \rangle: (0, 2)$ -line.

(a)



(b)

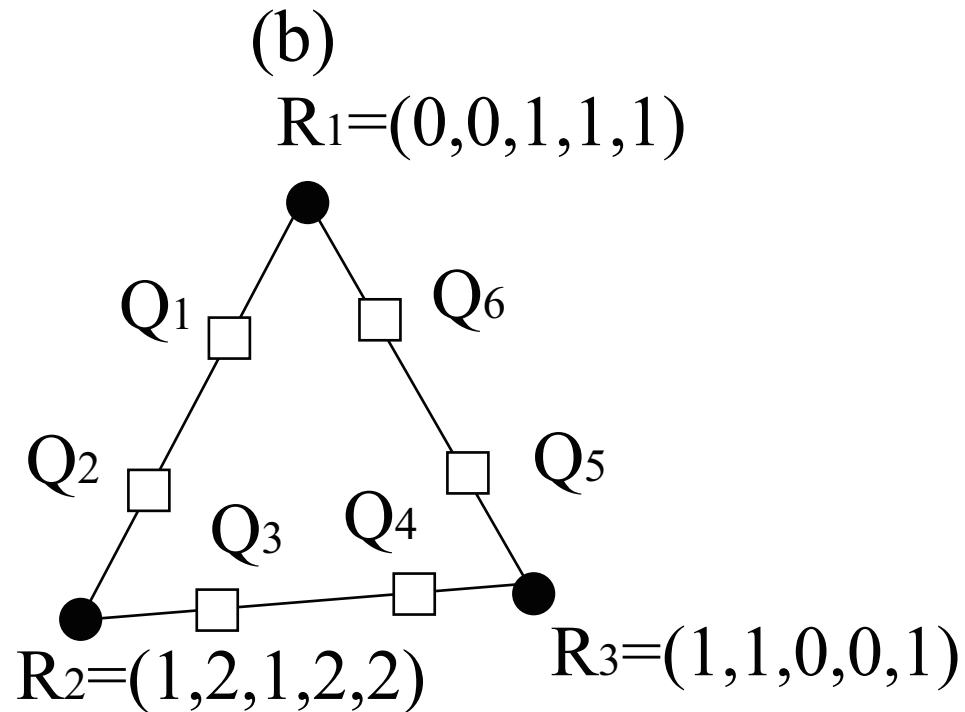


**Example.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $[15, 5, 8]_3$  code with a generator matrix

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

whose weight distribution is

$$0^1 8^{60} 9^{40} 10^{62} 11^{20} 12^{40} 13^{10} 14^{10} \text{ (diversity (40,36))}.$$



$$w_{\mathcal{C}}(R_1) = 11, \quad w_{\mathcal{C}}(R_2) = 14, \quad w_{\mathcal{C}}(R_3) = 11.$$

$$w_{\mathcal{C}}(R_i) \equiv 2 \equiv d = 8 \pmod{3}.$$

$$w_{\mathcal{C}}(Q_1) = 10, \quad w_{\mathcal{C}}(Q_2) = 10 \dots \quad w_{\mathcal{C}}(Q_j) \equiv 1 \pmod{3}.$$

Since  $V(x_0 + 2x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3) \cap V(x_0 + x_2 + 2x_4) = \langle R_1, R_2, R_3 \rangle$ , by adding the columns  $(1, 2, 2, 1, 0)^\top$  and  $(1, 0, 1, 0, 2)^\top$  to  $G$ , we get a  $(2,1)$ -extension of  $\mathcal{C}$  whose weight distribution is

$$0^1 9^{38} 10^{56} 11^{46} 12^{34} 13^{30} 14^{26} 15^8 16^4.$$

## **Remark.**

We have no example of an  $[n, 5, d]_3$  code with diversity  $(40, 36)$ ,  $\gcd(3, d) = 1$ , which is not  $(2,1)$ -extendable.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $[n, 5, d]_3$  code with diversity  $(40, 36)$ ,  $\gcd(3, d) = 1$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $(2, 1)$ -extendable if  $A_d \leq 50$ .

To prove this, we need:

- (1) In  $(40, 36)_4$  flat, any  $(10, 15)$ -solid has the unique focal point from  $F_1$  and any  $(16, 12)$ -solid has the unique focal point from  $F_2$ .
- (2) Every 20-cap in  $PG(4, 3)$  is either a  $\Gamma$ -cap or  $\Delta$ -cap.

### 3. Focal points and focal hyperplanes

For  $i = 1, 2$ , a point  $P \in F_i$  is called a *focal point* of a hyperplane  $H$  (or  $P$  is *focal to*  $H$ ) if the following three conditions hold:

- (a)  $\langle P, Q \rangle$  is a  $(0, 2)$ -line for  $Q \in F_i \cap H$ ,
- (b)  $\langle P, Q \rangle$  is a  $(2, 1)$ -line for  $Q \in F_{3-i} \cap H$ ,
- (c)  $\langle P, Q \rangle$  is a  $(1, 6 - 3i)$ -line for  $Q \in F_0 \cap H$ .

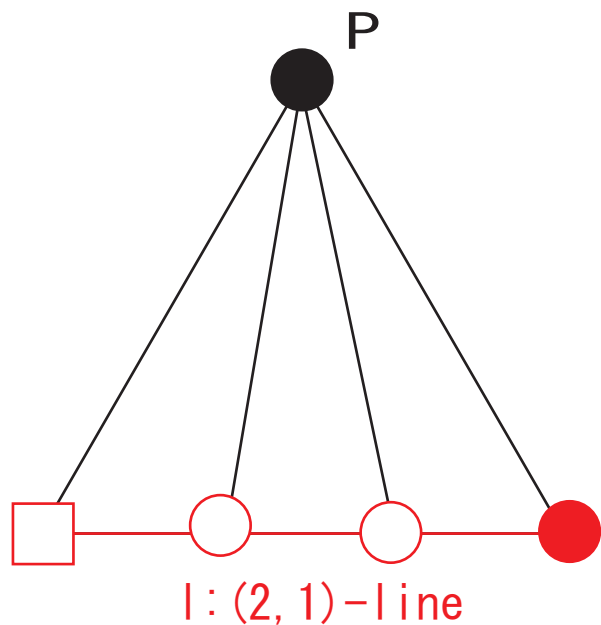
Such a hyperplane  $H$  is called a *focal hyperplane* of  $P$  (or  $H$  is *focal to*  $P$ ).

## Theorem 7

Let  $\Pi_t$  be a  $t$ -flat with new diversity. Then, for  $i = 1, 2$ , any point of  $\Pi_t \cap F_i$  has a focal  $(a, b)$ -hyperplane in  $\Pi_t$  for some new  $(a, b)$ .

### Note.

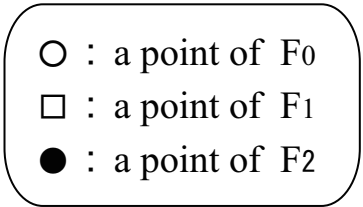
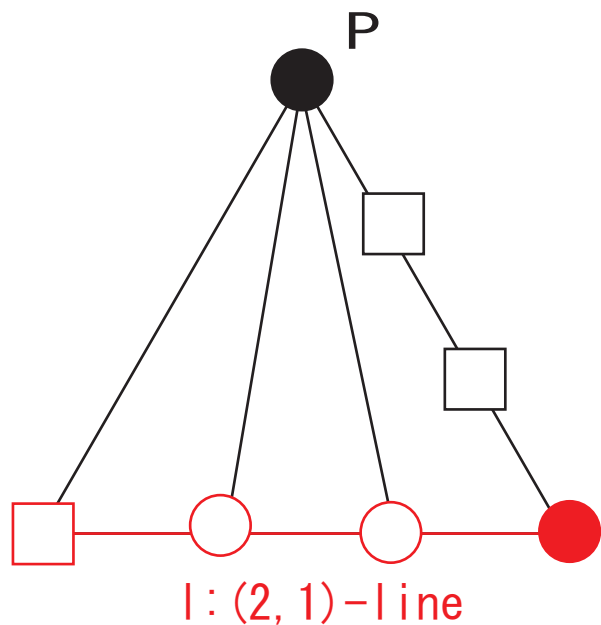
Let  $(2,1)$  and  $(0,2)$  be *new* in the types of lines for convenience.



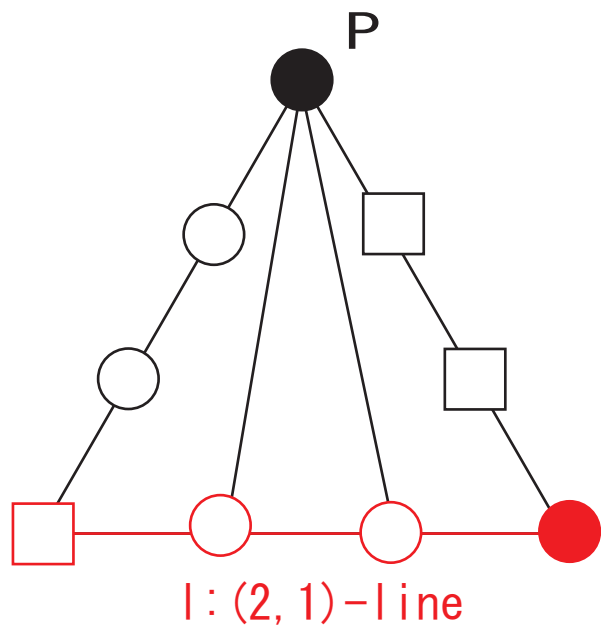
$\circ$  : a point of  $F_0$   
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 $\bullet$  : a point of  $F_2$

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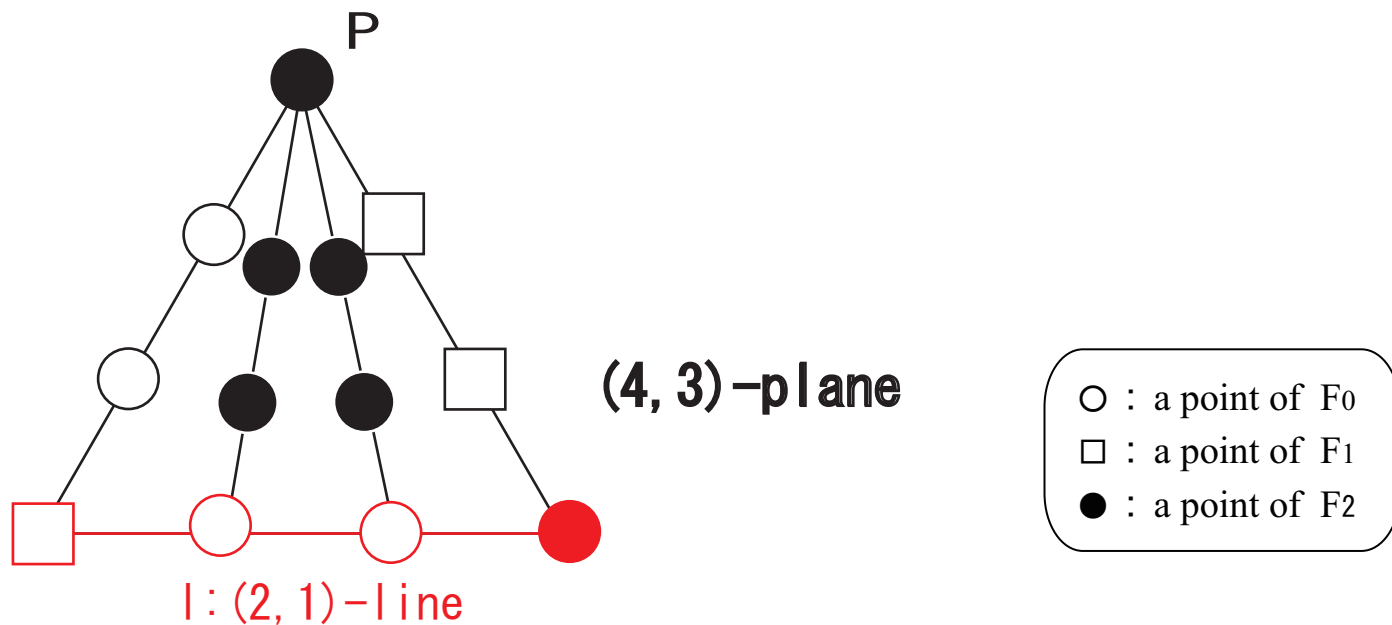


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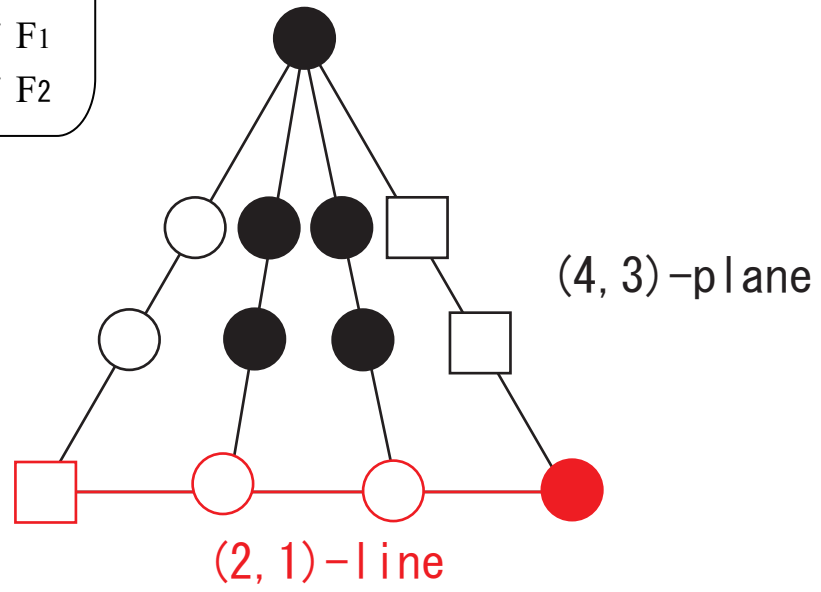
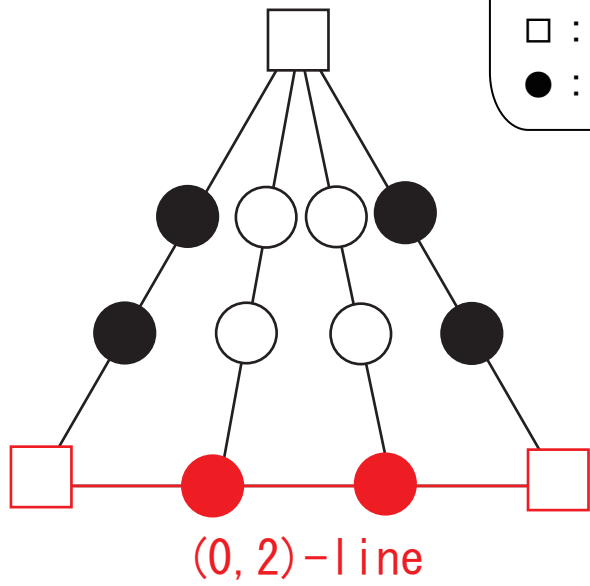
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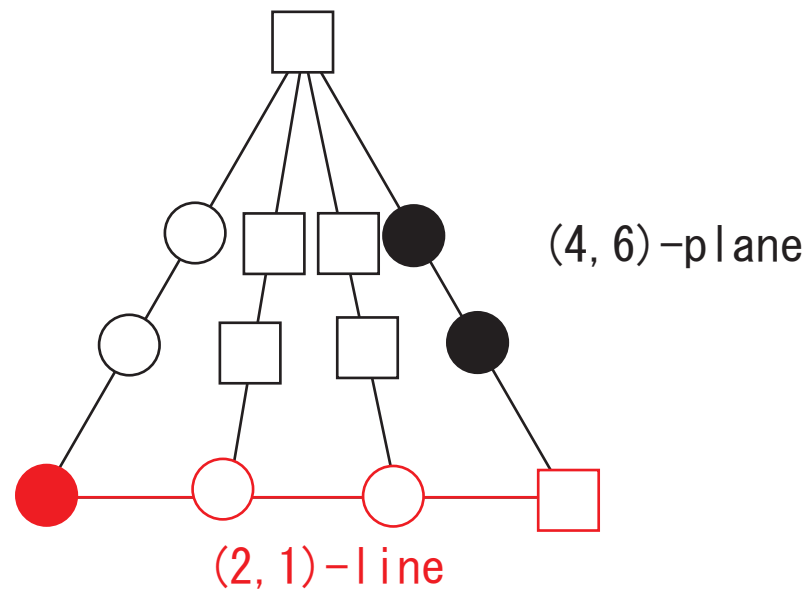
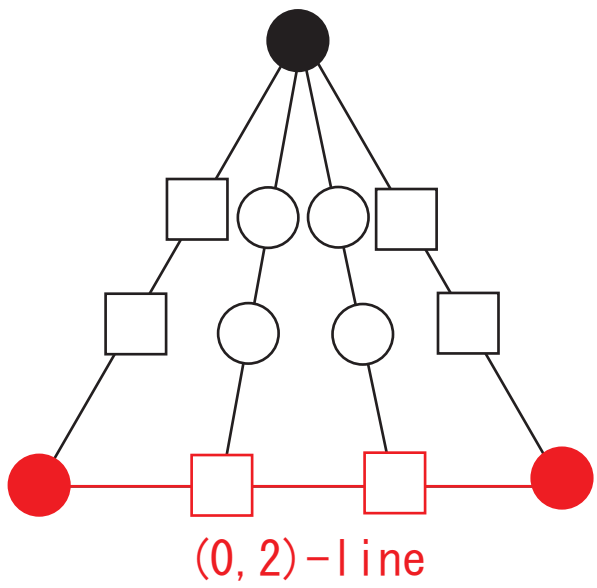
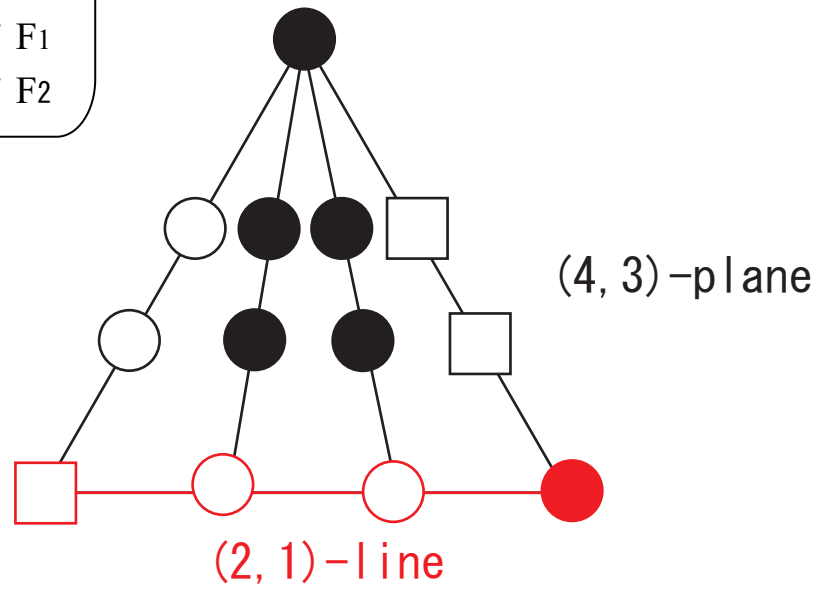
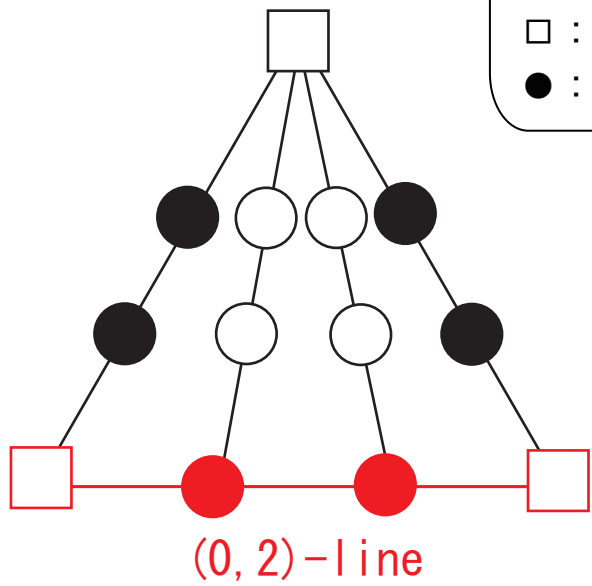
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**Lemma 8.** Let  $\delta$  be a  $(4, 3)$ -plane. Then, every point of  $\delta \cap F_1$  and of  $\delta \cap F_2$  has a focal  $(0, 2)$ -line and a focal  $(2, 1)$ -line, respectively, and vice versa.

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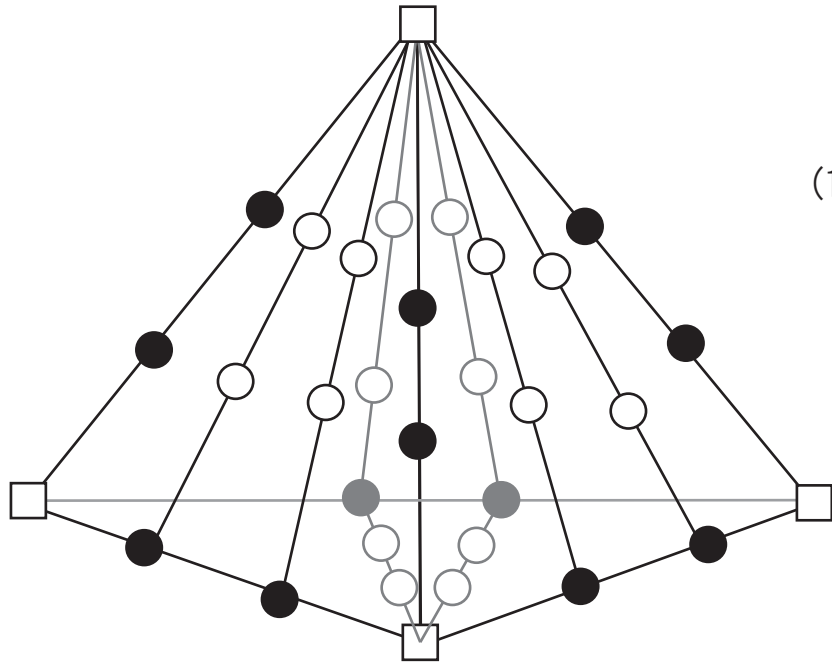
○ : a point of F0  
 □ : a point of F1  
 ● : a point of F2



**Lemma 9.** Let  $\delta$  be a  $(4, 6)$ -plane. Then, every point of  $\delta \cap F_1$  and of  $\delta \cap F_2$  has a focal  $(2, 1)$ -line and a focal  $(0, 2)$ -line, respectively, and vice versa.

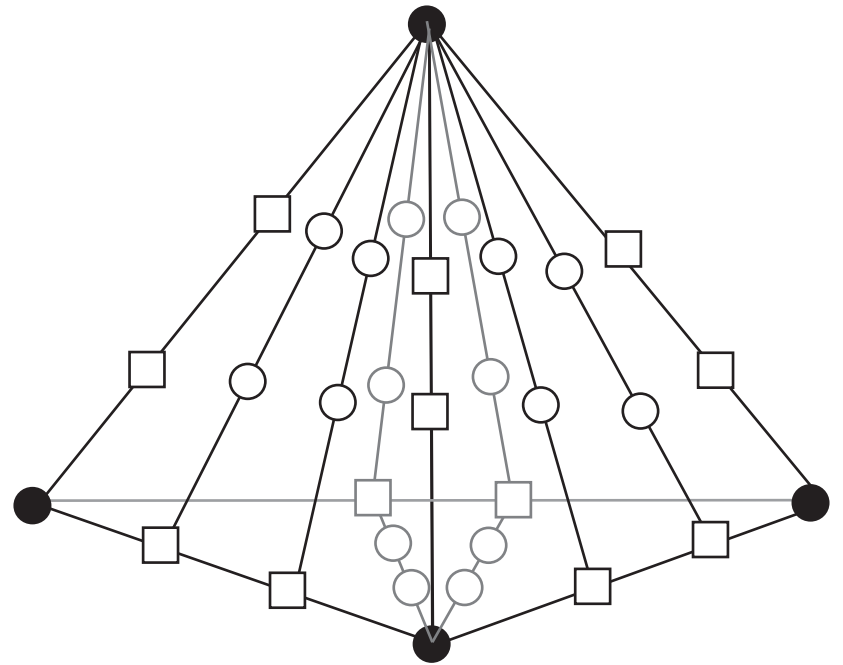
**Lemma 10.** Let  $\delta$  be a  $(16, 12)$ -solid. Then, every point of  $\delta \cap F_1$  and of  $\delta \cap F_2$  has a focal  $(4, 3)$ -plane and a focal  $(4, 6)$ -plane, respectively, and vice versa.





(4, 3)-plane

(16, 12)-solid



(4, 6)-plane

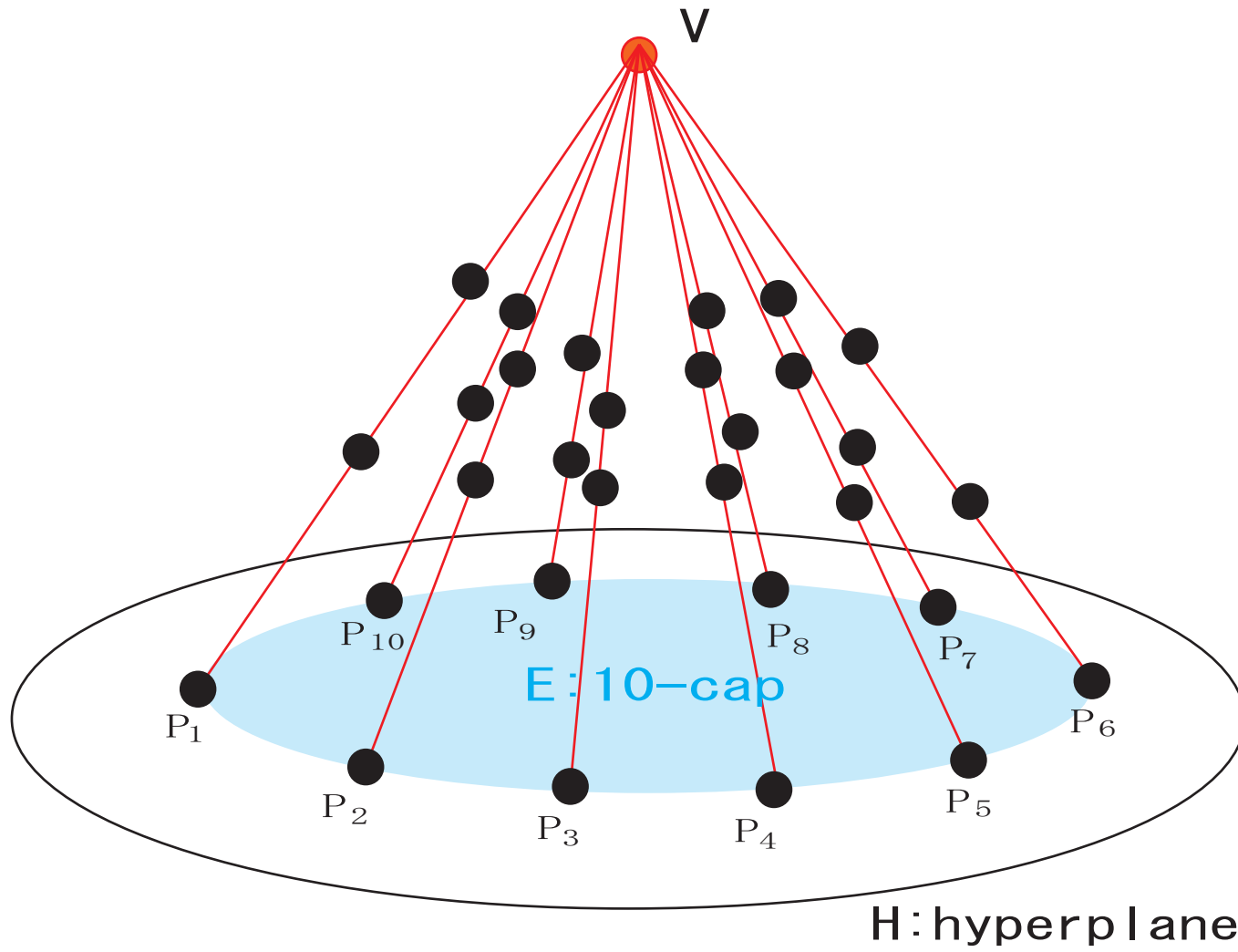
**Lemma 11.** Let  $\Pi$  be a  $(40, 36)_4$  flat. Then, every point of  $\Pi \cap F_1$  and of  $\Pi \cap F_2$  has a focal  $(10, 15)$ -solid and a focal  $(16, 12)$ -solid, respectively, and vice versa.

## 4. Proof of Theorem 6.

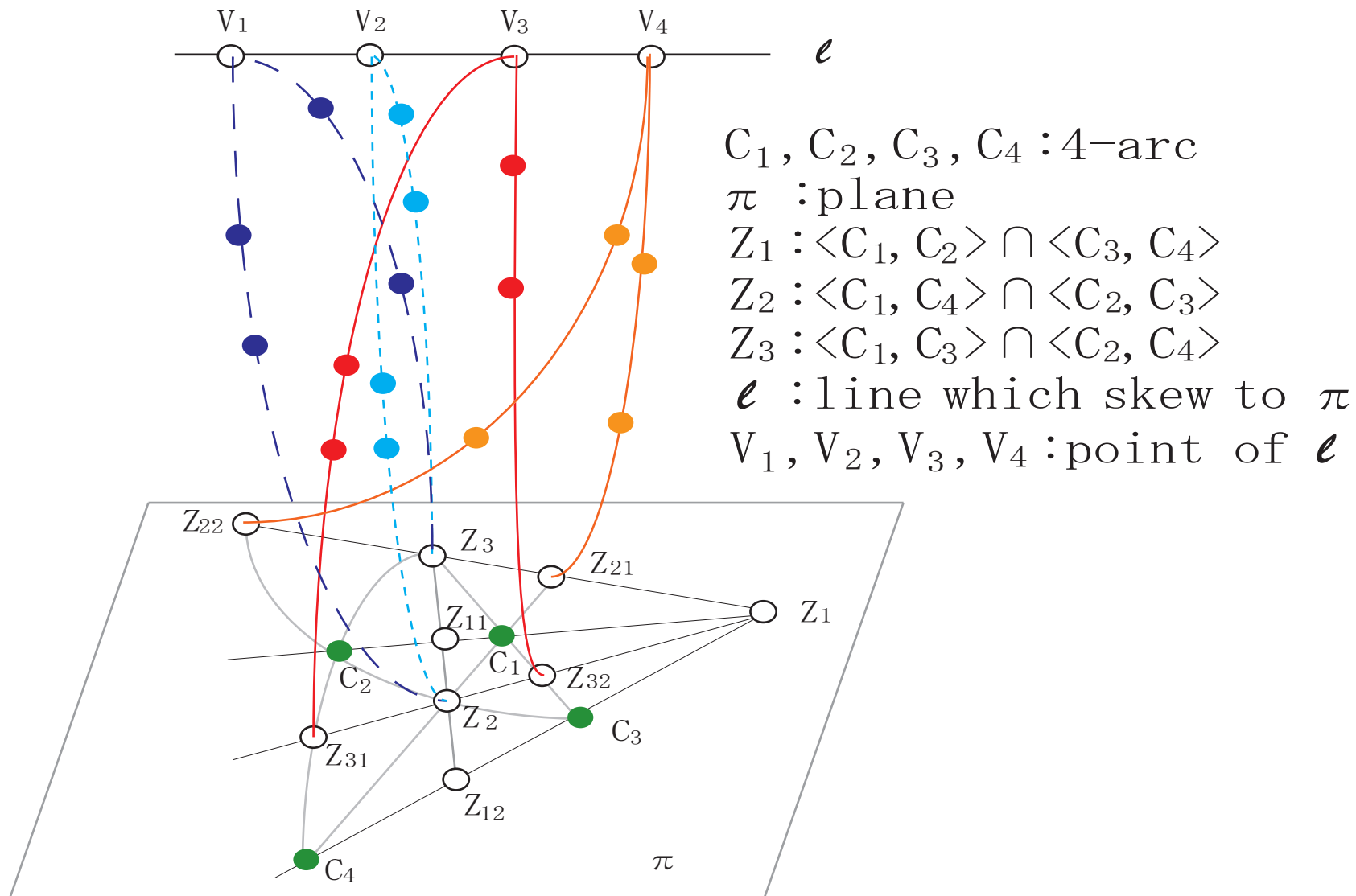
Assume  $\mathcal{C}$  is not  $(2, 1)$ -extendable. Then no three points of  $F_e$  are collinear by Theorem 5.

$F_e$  forms a *cap* and we have  $|F_e| \leq 20$  since the largest size of a cap in  $PG(4, 3)$  is 20.

Every 20-cap in  $PG(4, 3)$  is either a  $\Gamma$ -*cap* or a  $\Delta$ -*cap* (Pellegrino, 1974).



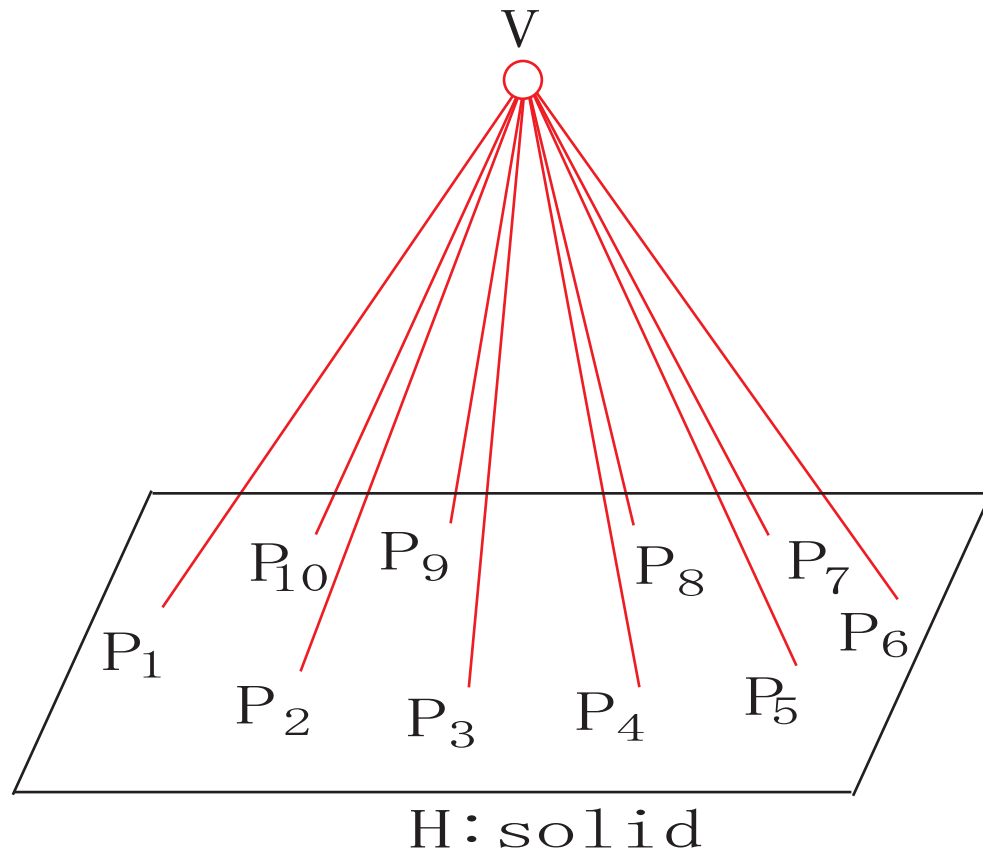
$$\Gamma\text{-cap} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{10} \{ \text{two of } \in VP_i \}.$$



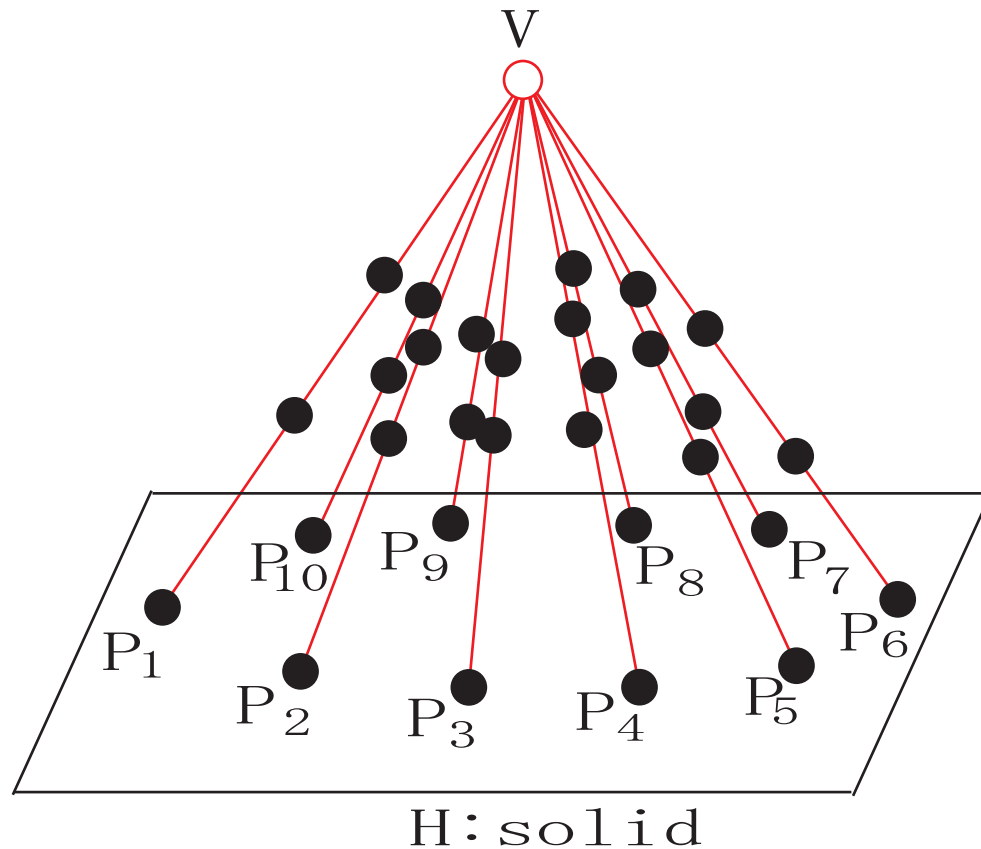
$$\Delta\text{-cap} = \{\bullet\} \cup \{\bullet\} \cup \{\bullet\} \cup \{\bullet\} \cup \{\bullet\}$$

We only consider the case when  $F_e$  is a 20-cap of type  $\Gamma$ . (See Proceedings for the case when  $F_e$  is a 20-cap of type  $\Delta$ .)

Case 1:  $V \in F_0$



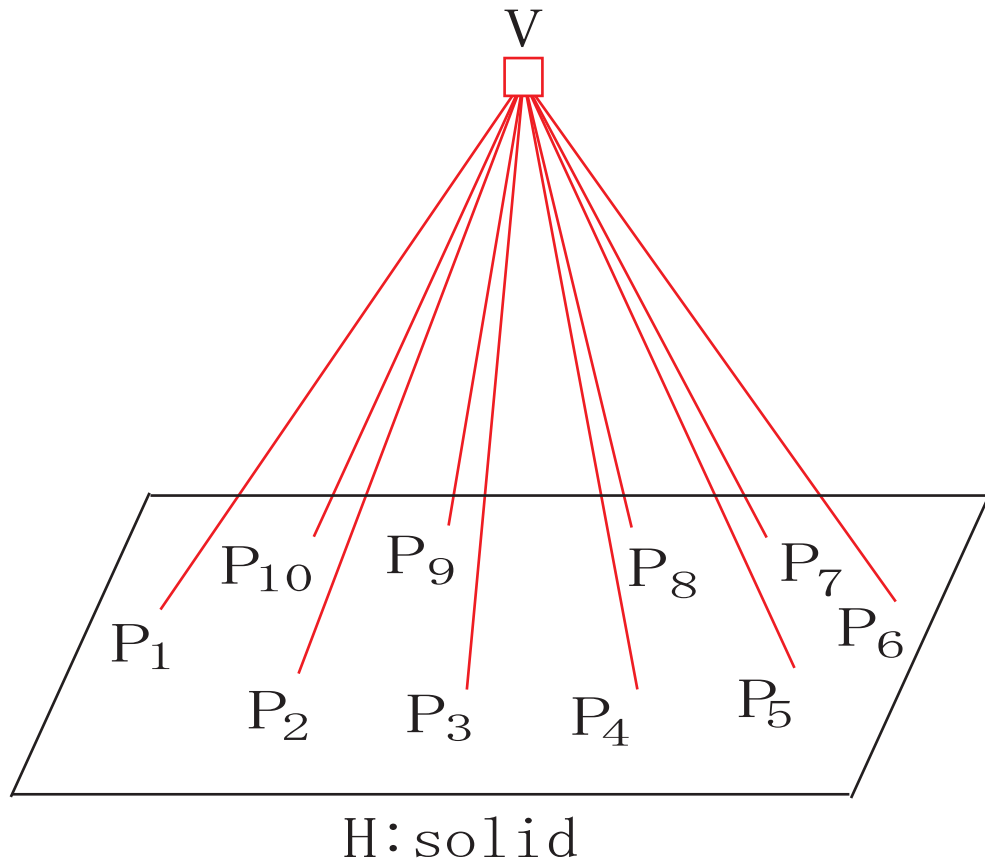
Case 1:  $V \in F_0 \Rightarrow VP_i = (1, 0)$ -line



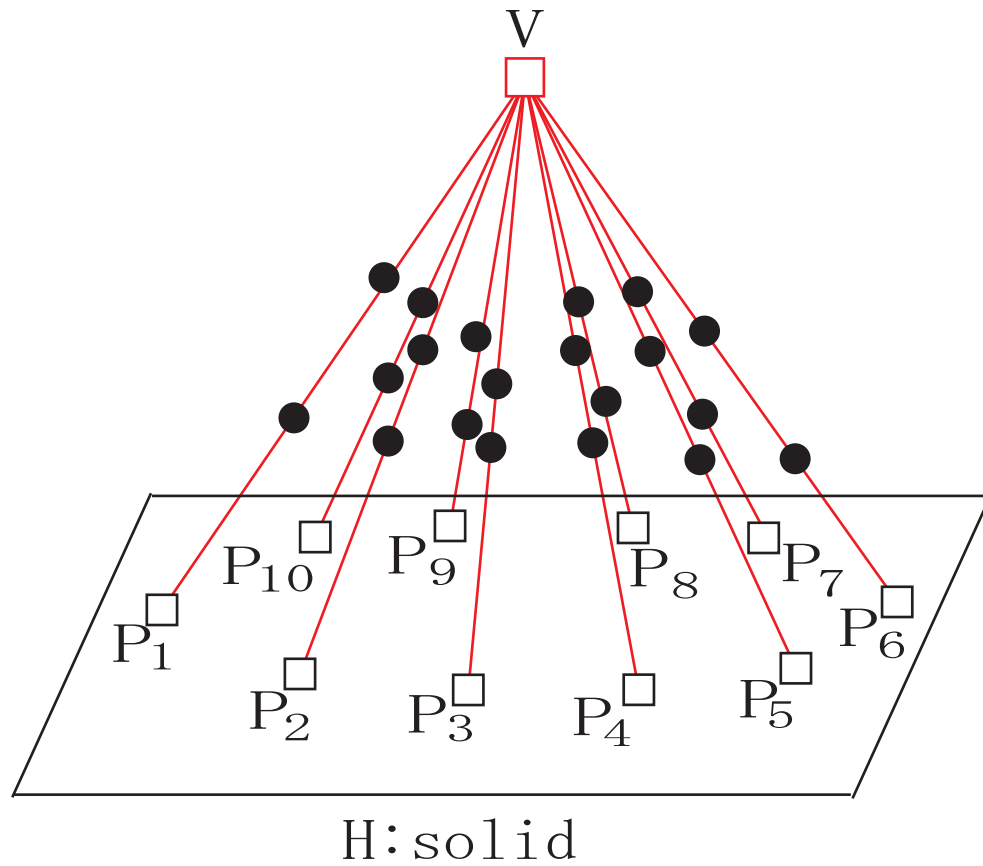
Actually, there are exactly six  $(1, 0)$ -lines through  $V$  in the  $(40, 36)_4$  flat  $\Sigma$ , **a contradiction**.

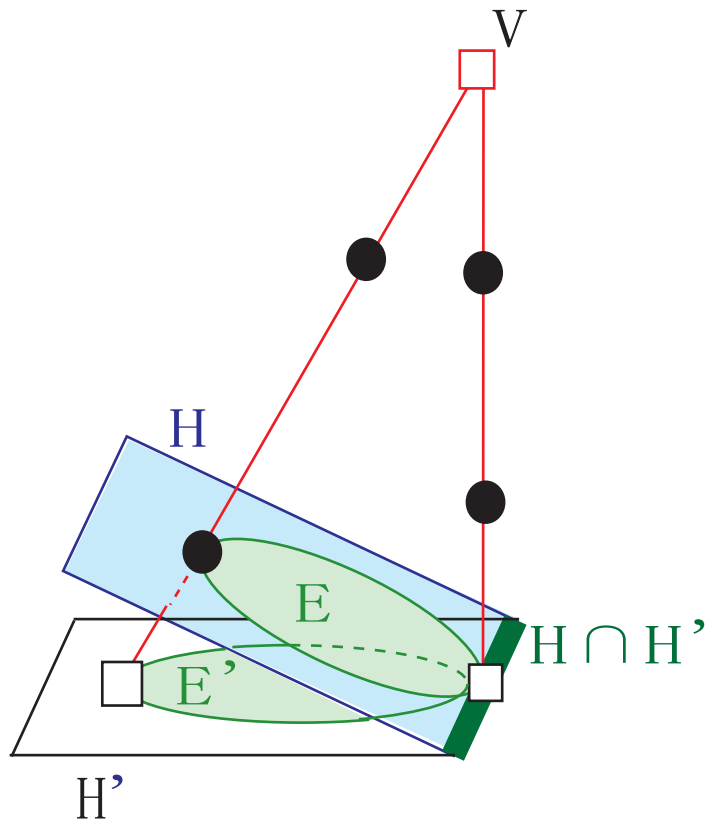


Case 2:  $V \in F_1$



Case 2:  $V \in F_1 \Rightarrow VP_i = (0, 2)$ -line



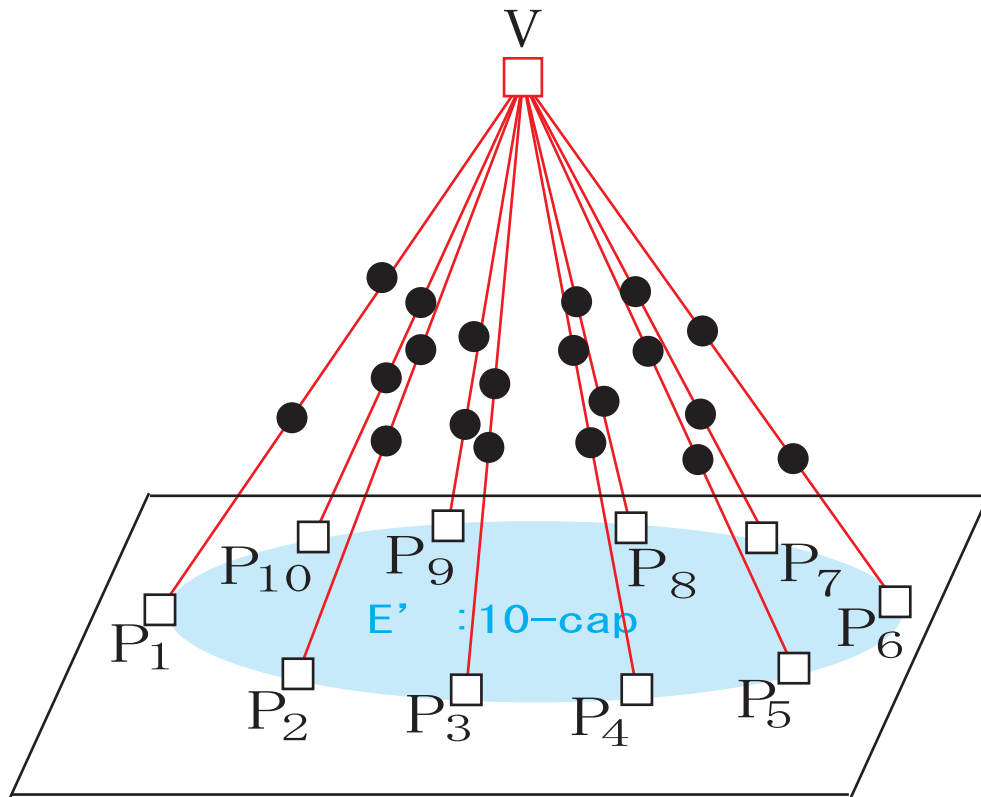


$H'$ : the focal  $(10, 15)$ -solid of  $V$

$E'$ : the projection of  $E$  from  $V$  onto  $H'$  if

$H \neq H'$ .

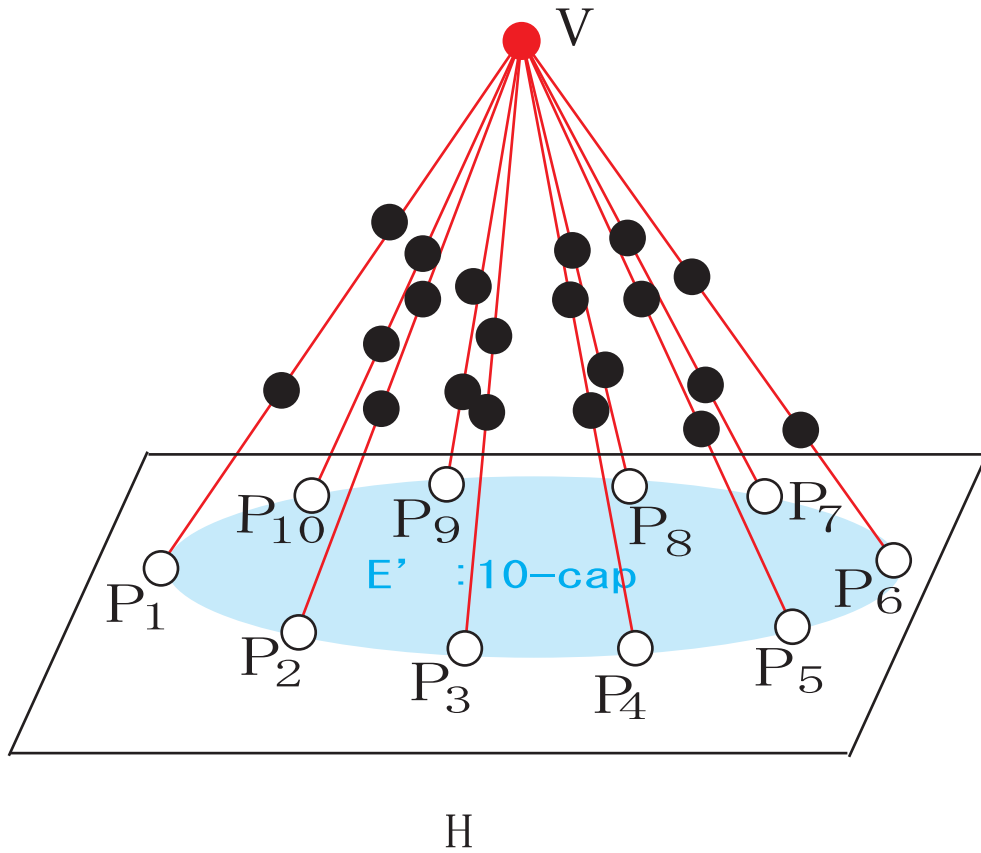
$V$  is point of  $F_1 \Rightarrow VP_i = (0, 2)$ -line



$H' : (10, 15)$ -solid

In  $H'$ , at most  $c_{1,6}^{(3)} + c_{4,6}^{(3)} = 25$  planes meet  $E'$  in four points, **a contradiction.**

Case 3:  $V \in F_2 \Rightarrow VP_i = (1, 0)$ -line



Thank you for your attention!