

# Polygons and polyhedra over finite field.

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# Regular stars of order $n$ (Wildberger N. J.)

## Definition:

*A regular star of order  $n$  is a list of  $n$  distinct mutually non-parallel lines  $[l_0, l_1, \dots, l_{n-1}]$  such that  $l_{k+1} = \Sigma_{l_k}(l_{k-1})$  for all  $k$ , with the convention that  $l_k \equiv l_{k+n}$  for all  $k$ , and the convention that*

$$\begin{aligned} [l_0, l_1, \dots, l_{n-2}, l_{n-1}] &\equiv [l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{n-1}, l_0] \\ [l_0, l_1, \dots, l_{n-2}, l_{n-1}] &\equiv [l_{n-1}, l_{n-2}, \dots, l_1, l_0] \end{aligned}$$

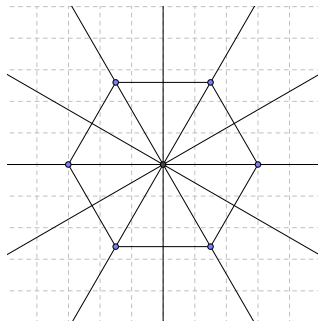
# Regular $n$ -gons

Suppose that  $[l_0, l_1, \dots, l_{n-1}]$  is a regular star of order  $n$  with common intersection  $O$ . Choose a point  $A_0$  on  $l_0$  distinct from  $O$ . Define the sequence

$$A_0, A_2 = \sigma_{l_1}(A_0), A_4 = \sigma_{l_3}(A_2), A_6 = \sigma_{l_5}(A_4), \dots$$

and so on, so that  $A_{2k}$  lies on  $l_{2k}$  by induction.

Connect the points by the lines sequentially.



# Regular polygons over finite field $F_p$

## Definition:

If list of lines  $[l_0, l_1, \dots, l_{n-1}]$  is a regular star of order  $n$  with the common intersection  $O$  of the lines, one obtains by this construction a set of  $n$  points(vertices) with the convention that the squared distances between its (adjacent) vertices are all equal modulo  $p$ , and lines which pass through these points (sides) is called a regular polygon over finite field  $F_p$ .

The following results are obtained by Norman Wildberger:

**Theorem 2.1 (Order three star)**

A regular star of order three exists precisely when the number 3 is a non-zero square.

**Theorem 2.2 (Order five star)**

A regular star of order five exists precisely when there is a non-zero number  $r$  satisfying the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} i) & \ r^2 = 5, \\ ii) & \ 2(5 - r) \end{aligned}$$

is the square.

**Theorem 2.3 (Order seven star)**

A regular star of order five exists precisely when there is a non-zero number  $r$  for which

$$7 - 56s + 112s^2 - 64s^3 = 0$$

and such that  $s(1 - s)$  is square

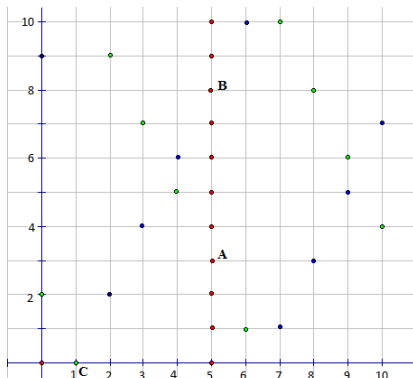
# Regular triangle over finite field $F_p$

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In the field  $F_{11}$ :

$$A(5; 3), B(5; 8), C(1; 0)$$



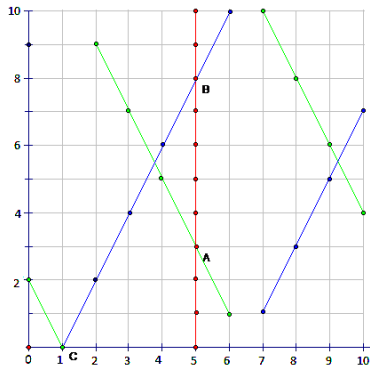
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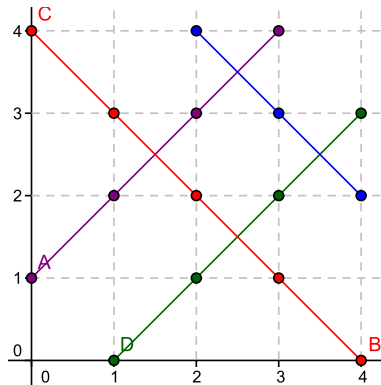
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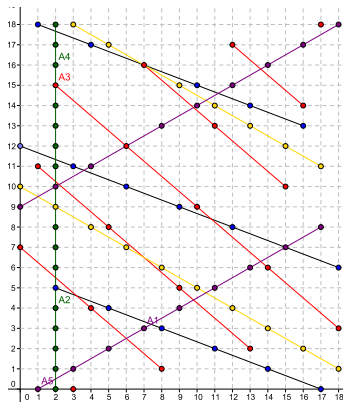


# Square over $F_5$

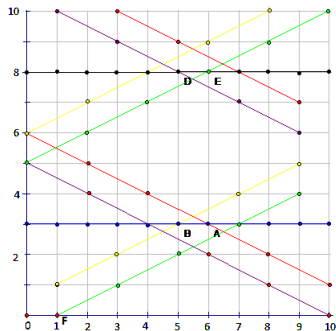




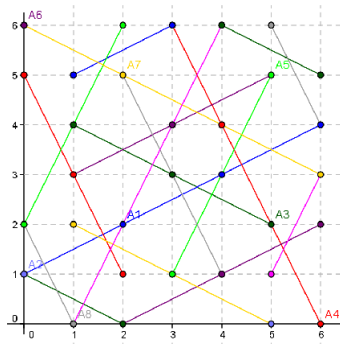
# Regular pentagon over $F_{19}$



# Regular hexagon over $F_{11}$ and regular octagon over $F_7$



a)



b)

Irregular triangle with the coordinates

$$A_1(6; 2), A_2(1; 0), A_3(6, 11)$$

$$|A_1A_2|^2 = 29, |A_2A_3|^2 = 146, |A_3A_1|^2 = 81$$

In the field  $F_{13}$ :

$$|A_1A_2|^2 \equiv |A_2A_3|^2 \equiv |A_3A_1|^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$\Delta A_1A_2A_3$  is regular triangle over finite field  $F_{13}$

## *REGULAR HEXAHEDRON OVER FINITE FIELD $F_p$*

### Definition:

A regular hexahedron in  $F_p^3$  is a set of points and lines which form the 6 squares over  $F_p$ , any two of which intersects along a common side and two common vertices or disjoint. Every vertex of the such squares is a vertex of the other two.

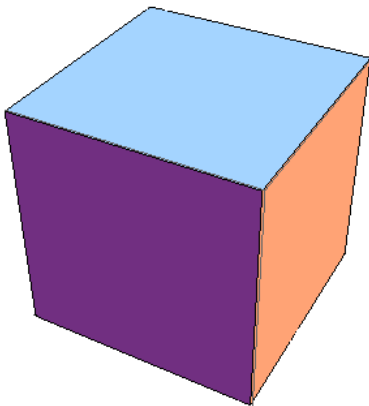
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A regular hexahedron exists over any field  $F_p$



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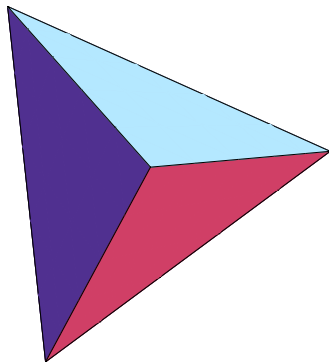
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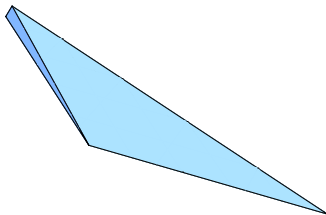
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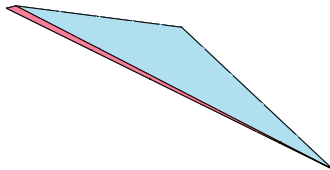
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## *REGULAR OCTAHEDRON OVER FINITE FIELD $F_p$*

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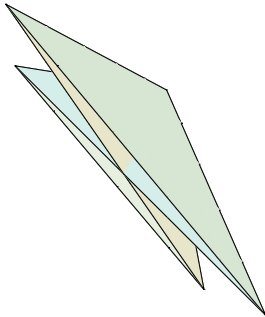
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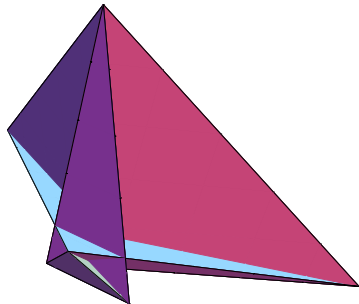
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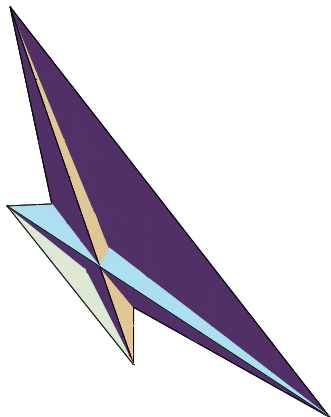
# Regular tetrahedron in $F_7^3$



# Regular tetrahedron in $F_{17}^3$



# Regular tetrahedron in $F_{41}^3$





## *REGULAR DODECAHEDRON OVER FINITE FIELD $F_p$*

### Definition:

A regular dodecahedron in  $F_p^3$  is a set of points and lines which form the 12 regular pentagons over  $F_p$ , any two of which intersects along a common side and two common vertices or disjoint. Every vertex of the such pentagons is a vertex of the other two.

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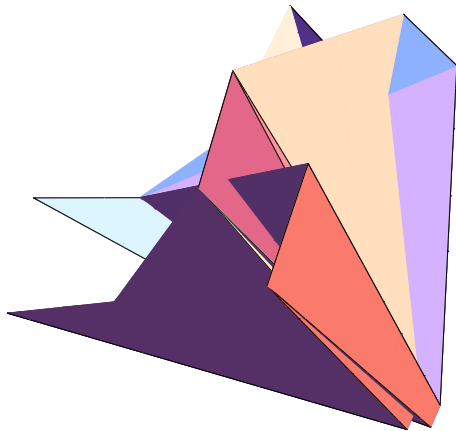
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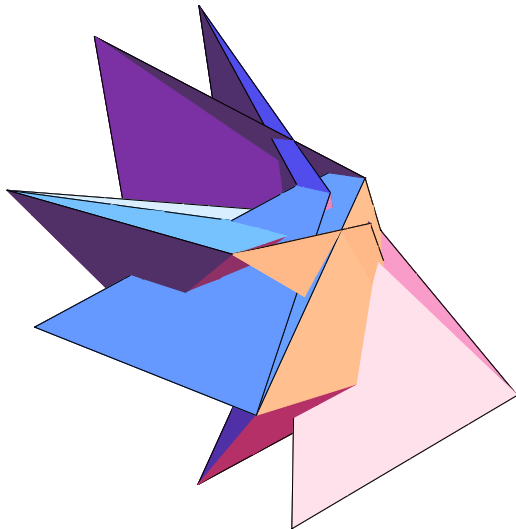
### Theorem 4:

A regular dodecahedron exists over the finite field  $F_p$  for  $p \equiv \{0, 1, 4\} \pmod{5}$

# Regular dodecahedron in $F_{19}^3$



# Regular dodecahedron in $F_{59}^3$



## *REGULAR ICOSAHEDRON OVER FINITE FIELD $F_p$*

### Definition:

A regular icosahedron in  $F_p^3$  is a set of points and lines which form the 20 regular triangles over  $F_p$ , any two of which intersects along a common side and two common vertices or has a one common vertex or disjoint. Every vertex of the such triangles is a vertex of the other four.

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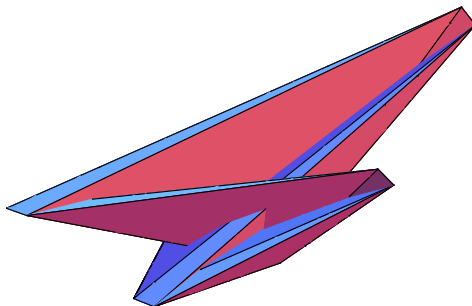
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### Theorem 5:

A regular icosahedron exists over the finite field  $F_p$  for  $p \equiv \{0, 1, 4\} \pmod{5}$

# Regular icosahedron in $F_{29}^3$



# Regular icosahedron in $F_{71}^3$

