

# Bislim Point and Line Transitive Geometries of Gonality 3: Construction and Classification

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## Abstract

We consider point-line geometries having three points on every line, having three lines through every point (*bislim geometries*), and containing triangles. We give some (new) constructions and we prove that every point and line but not flag transitive such geometry

$(x_1, x_2)/c$	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(0, 2)	(1, 0)	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	(2, 0)	(2, 1)	(2, 2)	total
0	-	4	6	4	16	24	6	24	36	120
1	4	16	24	16	56	72	24	72	76	360
2	6	20	24	20	52	44	24	44	20	254
3	4	8	4	8	8	0	4	0	0	36
4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Table 1: Counting of configurations in case of zero lines of three

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\Gamma(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{I})$  be a connected point and line transitive bislim geometry of gonality 3. We suppose that  $\Gamma$  has a point and line transitive collineation group  $G$  which is not flag transitive. Let  $x$  be any point of  $\Gamma$  and  $L$  any line incident with  $x$ . Let  $x_1, x_2$  be the two other points incident with  $L$ , and let  $L_1, L_2$  be the two other lines incident with  $x$ . The points on  $L_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , different from  $x$  will be denoted by  $y_i$  and  $z_i$ . The *(local) configuration* or *local structure of a point  $x$*  is the subgeometry  $\Gamma_x$  of  $\Gamma$  with point set  $x \cup \Gamma_2(x)$  and line set the lines of  $\Gamma$  incident with 2 or 3 of these points. Remark that this subgeometry is not necessarily bislim. Denote the lines of  $\Gamma_x$  not through  $x$  by  $\Gamma_x^l$ .

We start our research by searching for all possible non-isomorphic configurations. Therefore we first count the number of configurations with zero, one, two, three and four lines having three points of  $\Gamma_2(x)$ .

For the first case, consider the point  $x_1$ . There are either no lines (1 possibility), either one (4 possibilities) or either two lines (6 possibilities) in  $x_1$ . Idem for the point  $x_2$ . Remark that the lines we are talking about here are that lines belonging to the configuration. Now there are either zero ( $(11 \times 11) - 1 = 120$  possibilities), either one (360 possibilities), either two (254 possibilities), either three (36 possibilities) or either four (1 possibility) lines on the point set  $\{y_1, z_1, y_2, z_2\}$ . For a counting method see table 1 where  $(x_1, x_2) = (a, b)$  means that there are  $a$  lines in  $x_1$  and  $b$  lines in  $x_2$  and  $c$  stands for the number of lines between the points  $y_1, z_1, y_2$  and  $z_2$ . For the total of 771 configurations we determine the non-isomorphic ones. The results are shown in table 2 and 3 and in the appendix.

Next we consider the case where there is one line containing three points of  $\Gamma_2(x)$ . There are eight possibilities for this line. In table 4 we count the number of configurations for which  $x_1y_1y_2$  is a line. Totally there are  $115 \times 8 = 920$  different configurations with one line of three points on  $\Gamma_2(x)$ . Since we are looking for non-isomorphic configurations we focus on the 115 configurations for which  $x_1y_1y_2$  is the line of three and look there for the non-isomorphic configurations. The results can be found in table 5 and table 6 and in the appendix.

The third case is the case where there are two lines containing three points of  $\Gamma_2(x)$ . There are 16 possibilities for those two lines. We count the number of configurations for

# lines	# confs	# non-isom. confs	fig. appendix
1	12	1	1
2	66	4	2 – 5
3	196	8	6 – 13
4	297	12	14 – 25
5	180	7	26 – 32
6	20	3	33 – 35

Table 2: Non-isomorphic configurations in case of zero lines of three

which  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_2z_1z_2$  are lines and the number of configurations for which  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_1z_1z_2$  are lines (see table 7 and table 8). In total there are  $(4 \times 18) + (12 \times 20) = 312$  different configurations with two lines of three points on  $\Gamma_2(x)$ . Since we are looking for non-isomorphic configurations we focus on the 18 configurations for which  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_2z_1z_2$  are the lines of three and on the 20 configurations for which  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_1z_1z_2$  are the lines of three. The non-isomorphic configurations amongst these can be found in table 9, table 10 and table 11 and in the appendix.

Next we consider the case where there are three lines containing three points of  $\Gamma_2(x)$ . There are  $(8 \times 3 \times 2)/6 = 8$  different ways for choosing those three lines which are all isomorphic to each other. It is easily seen that this case gives rise to two non-isomorphic configurations (see table 12, table 13 and table 14 and appendix). (In total there are  $(4 \times 8) = 32$  different configurations with three lines of three points on  $\Gamma_2(x)$ .)

Finally, there is only one configuration for which there are four lines containing three points of  $\Gamma_2(x)$ , giving the Fano geometry.

conf. appendix	# confs isomorphic to this conf.
1	12
2	12
3	24
4	6
5	24
	66
6	12
7	48
8	48
9	24
10	8
11	24
12	24
13	8
	196
14	3
15	48
16	6
17	12
18	24
19	12
20	24
21	24
22	48
23	24
24	24
25	48
	297
26	24
27	24
28	24
29	24
30	24
31	48
32	12
	180
33	12
34	4
35	4
	20

Table 3: Number of configurations isomorphic to a given configuration

$(x_1, x_2)/c$	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(0, 2)	(1, 0)	(1, 1)	(1, 2)	total
0	1	4	6	2	8	12	33
1	3	10	12	6	16	14	61
2	3	6	3	4	4	0	20
3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

Table 4: Counting of configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$  only line of three

# lines	# confs	# non-isom. confs	fig. appendix
0	1	1	36
1	9	2	37 – 38
2	33	7	39 – 45
3	51	11	46 – 56
4	21	4	57 – 60

Table 5: Non-isomorphic configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$  only line of three

conf. appendix	# confs isomorphic to this conf.
36	1
37	6
38	3
	9
39	6
40	3
41	6
42	3
43	3
44	6
45	6
	33
46	3
47	6
48	6
49	6
50	6
51	6
52	6
53	6
54	2
55	3
56	1
	51
57	6
58	6
59	6
60	3
	21

Table 6: Number of configurations isomorphic to a given configuration

$(x_1, x_2)/c$	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(1, 0)	(1, 1)	total
0	1	2	2	4	9
1	2	2	2	2	8
2	1	0	0	0	1

Table 7: Counting of configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_2z_1z_2$  lines of three

$(x_1, x_2)/c$	(0, 0)	(0, 1)	(0, 2)	total
0	1	4	6	11
1	2	4	2	8
2	1	0	0	1

Table 8: Counting of configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_1z_1z_2$  lines of three

# lines	# confs	# non-isom. confs	fig. appendix
0	1	1	61
1	6	1	63
2	9	2	66 – 67
3	2	1	73

Table 9: Non-isomorphic configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_2z_1z_2$  lines of three

# lines	# confs	# non-isom. confs	fig. appendix
0	1	1	62
1	6	2	64 – 65
2	11	5	68 – 72
3	2	1	74

Table 10: Non-isomorphic configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$  and  $x_1z_1z_2$  lines of three

conf. appendix	# confs isomorphic to this conf.
61	1
62	1
63	6
64	4
65	2
	6
66	3
67	6
	9
68	2
69	2
70	2
71	4
72	1
	11
73	2
74	2

Table 11: Number of configurations isomorphic to a given configuration

$(x_1, x_2)/c$	$(0, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	total
0	1	2	3
1	1	0	1

Table 12: Counting of configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$ ,  $x_1z_1z_2$  and  $x_2y_1z_2$  lines of three

# lines	# confs	# non-isom. confs	fig. appendix
0	1	1	75
1	3	1	76

Table 13: Non-isomorphic configurations in case of  $x_1y_1y_2$ ,  $x_1z_1z_2$  and  $x_2y_1z_2$  lines of three

conf. appendix	# confs isomorphic to this conf.
75	1
76	3

Table 14: Number of configurations isomorphic to a given configuration

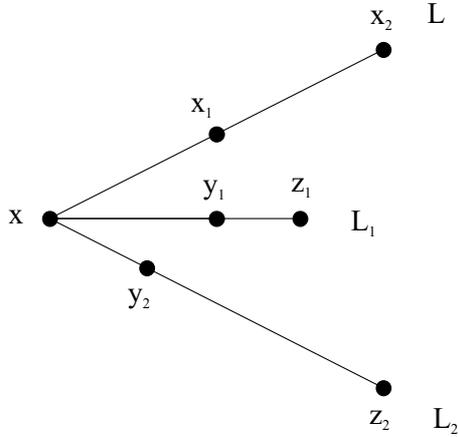


Figure 1: Nomination of points and lines

## 2 ‘Wrong’ configurations

In this section we give an overview of all configurations which do not give rise to a bislim geometry with a point and line but not flag transitive collineation group. The configurations mentioned are found in the appendix. To make the following description easier we make some agreement about the assignment of names to the points and lines in the configurations 1 up till 76 as represented in the appendix. The top, middle and bottom line through  $x$  is called  $L$ ,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  respectively. Going from left to right the points on  $L$ ,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are called  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ ,  $y_1$  and  $z_1$ ,  $y_2$  and  $z_2$  respectively (see figure 1).

Configurations 1 up to 35 do not contain a line sharing one point with each line through a point  $x$  of the geometry. In other words  $\Gamma_x^l$  has no lines with three points. Hence, because of point transitivity of the geometry there can be no geometry  $\Gamma$  with local structure 2, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32 or 33.

Configuration 3 has two lines  $x_1y_1$  and  $x_1z_2$  in  $\Gamma_x^l$ . Because of line transitivity and no flag transitivity there is a collineation  $\phi$  mapping  $L$  onto  $L_2$  and hence taking  $x$  onto  $y_2$ . Then  $\phi$  maps  $x_1$  onto  $z_2$  giving rise to a contradiction in the point  $z_2$ .

The set  $\Gamma_x^l$  of configuration 4 contains two lines  $x_1y_1$  and  $x_2z_1$ . Point transitivity includes that  $x_2a$  is a line, with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_1y_1$ . This gives a contradiction in the point  $x_2$ .

The lines of configuration 8 not through  $x$  are given by  $x_1y_1$ ,  $x_2y_2$  and  $x_2z_1$ . The collineation mapping the line  $L$  onto  $L_2$  takes  $x$  onto  $y_2$ ,  $x_1$  onto  $x$  and  $x_2$  onto  $z_2$  giving a contradiction in  $z_2$ .

Configuration 10 has three lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $x_1y_2$  and  $y_1y_2$  in  $\Gamma_x^l$ . Mapping  $x$  onto  $x_2$  gives that  $x_2a$ ,  $x_2b$  and  $ab$  are lines, with  $a$  and  $b$  the third points on  $x_1y_1$  and  $x_1y_2$ . This gives rise

to a contradiction in the point  $x_1$ .

For configuration 11  $\Gamma_x^l$  consists of the three lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $x_1z_2$  and  $z_1z_2$ . There can be no collineation mapping  $L$  onto  $L_1$  which is in contradiction with the line transitivity.

The set  $\Gamma_x^l$  of configuration 12 contains the three lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $x_1y_2$  and  $z_1z_2$ . There can be no collineation mapping the line  $L$  onto  $L_2$ , hence configuration 12 can not occur.

For configuration 19  $x_1y_1$ ,  $x_1y_2$ ,  $x_2z_1$  and  $x_2z_2$  are the only lines in  $\Gamma_x^l$ . Since there can be no collineation mapping the line  $L$  onto  $L_2$  configuration 19 can not occur.

Configuration 20 has four lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $y_1y_2$ ,  $y_2x_2$  and  $x_2z_1$  in  $\Gamma_x^l$ . The collineation mapping  $L_2$  onto  $L$  takes  $x$  onto  $x_2$ ,  $z_2$  onto  $x_1$  and  $y_2$  onto  $x$ , inducing that  $z_1a$  and  $y_2b$  are lines, with  $a$  the third point on  $x_2y_2$  and  $b$  the third point on  $x_2z_1$ . Since there are now four lines through  $y_2$  it follows that  $y_1y_2b$  is a line. Looking at the local structure in the point  $y_1$  it is easily seen that  $x_1b$  is a line leading to a wrong local structure in  $x_2$ .

The lines of configuration 21 not through  $x$  are given by  $x_1y_1$ ,  $y_1y_2$ ,  $x_2z_1$  and  $x_2z_2$ . Looking at the local structure in  $x_1$  it is easily seen that  $y_1a$  is a line, with  $a$  a point on the third line through  $x_1$ . This includes that  $y_1y_2a$  is a line, leading to a wrong local structure in  $y_1$ .

The set  $\Gamma_x^l$  of configuration 23 contains the four lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $x_1y_2$ ,  $y_1y_2$  and  $x_2z_1$ . Looking at the local structure in  $x_2$  it is easily seen that either  $x_1y_1a$  or either  $x_1y_2a$  is a line with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_2z_1$ . In the first case  $x_1y_2b$  and  $ab$  are lines with  $b$  a point on the third line through  $x_2$ , leading to a wrong local structure in  $x_1$ . Similarly, in the second case  $x_1y_1b$  and  $ab$  are lines leading to a wrong local structure in  $x_1$ .

Configuration 29 has five lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $y_1y_2$ ,  $x_1y_2$ ,  $x_2z_1$  and  $x_2z_2$  in  $\Gamma_x^l$ . Looking again at the local structure in  $x_2$  it is easily seen that either  $x_1y_1a$  or either  $x_1y_2a$  is a line with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_2z_2$ . In the first case  $x_1y_2b$  and  $ab$  are lines with  $b$  the third point on  $x_2z_1$ , leading to a wrong local structure in  $x_1$ . Similarly, in the second case  $x_1y_1b$  and  $ab$  are lines leading to a wrong local structure in  $x_1$ .

The set  $\Gamma_x^l$  of configuration 30 consists of the five lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $y_1y_2$ ,  $y_2x_2$ ,  $x_2z_1$  and  $z_1z_2$ . Considering the point  $x_1$  we see that  $y_1y_2a$ ,  $x_2z_1a$ ,  $x_2y_2b$  and  $bc$  are lines with  $a$  and  $c$  the points on the third line through  $x_1$  and  $b$  the third point on  $x_1y_1$ . Looking at the local structure in  $a$  it follows that  $z_1z_2c$  is a line. In the point  $z_1$  it is impossible to obtain local structure 30.

The six lines of configuration 34 not through  $x$  are given by  $x_1y_1$ ,  $y_1y_2$ ,  $x_1y_2$ ,  $x_2z_1$ ,  $z_1z_2$  and  $x_2z_2$ . Looking at the point  $x_2$  we get that either  $x_1y_1b$ ,  $x_1y_2a$  and  $ab$  or either  $x_1y_1a$ ,  $x_1y_2b$  and  $ab$  are lines with  $a$  the third point on  $x_2z_1$  and  $b$  the third point on  $x_2z_2$ . In the first case we get a contradiction considering  $y_2$ . In the second case the local structure in  $y_1$  gives rise to the lines  $abc$  and  $z_1z_2c$  with  $c$  the third point on the line  $y_1y_2$ . We obtain the **Desargues geometry**.

Configuration 35 has six lines  $x_1y_1$ ,  $y_1y_2$ ,  $y_2x_2$ ,  $x_2z_1$ ,  $z_1z_2$  and  $z_2x_1$  in  $\Gamma_x^l$ . Looking at the local structure in the point  $x_1$  it is easily seen that  $y_1y_2a$ ,  $x_2z_1a$ ,  $x_2y_2b$  and  $z_1z_2b$  are lines with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_1z_2$  and  $b$  the third point on  $x_1y_1$ . We obtain the **Pappus geometry**.

Considering the local structure in the point  $x_1$  it is easily seen that we get a contradiction for configurations 36, 38, 39, 42 and 44.

For configurations 37, 41, 43 and 60 a contradiction arises in the point  $y_2$ .

Since we get a contradiction looking at the point  $y_1$  in configurations 40, 45, 47, 55, 56 and 59, those configurations can not occur.

Since there is no collineation mapping the line  $L$  onto the line  $L_2$ , configurations 46, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53 and 54 can not occur.

The lines not through  $x$  of configuration 57 are  $x_1y_1, x_1z_1y_2, y_1x_2, x_2y_2$  and  $z_1z_2$ . Considering the point  $x_1$  it is easily seen that  $z_1z_2a$  is a line with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_1y_1$ . This gives two lines intersecting the three lines in  $z_1$ , a contradiction.

For configuration 58  $\Gamma_x^l$  consists of the lines  $x_1y_1y_2, x_1z_1, z_1x_2, x_2z_2$  and  $z_2y_1$ . Considering the point  $x_1$  it follows that  $y_2a$  and  $x_2z_2a$  are lines with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_1z_1$ . Looking now at the point  $x_2$  we see that  $y_1z_2b$  and  $aby_2$  are lines with  $b$  the third point on  $x_2z_1$ . We obtain a **bislim geometry on 9 points and 9 lines**.

Since there is no collineation mapping the line  $L$  onto the line  $L_2$ , configuration 72 can not occur.

Considering the local structure in the point  $x_1$  it is easily seen that we get a contradiction for configurations 61, 63, 66, 68, 69, 70 and 74.

Since we get a contradiction looking at the point  $y_1$  in configurations 62 and 67, those configurations can not occur.

For configurations 64, 65 and 71 a contradiction arises in the point  $y_2$ .

The lines not through  $x$  for configuration 73 are given by  $x_1y_1y_2, x_2z_1z_2, x_1z_1, y_1z_2$  and  $y_2x_2$ . Considering the point  $x_1$  it follows that  $x_2y_2a$  and  $y_1z_2a$  are lines with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_1z_1$ . We get the **Möbius-Kantor geometry**.

Considering the point  $x_1$  in the configurations 75 and 76 we easily see that both configurations can not give rise to a bislim point and line transitive geometry.

Configuration 77 is the **Fano geometry**.

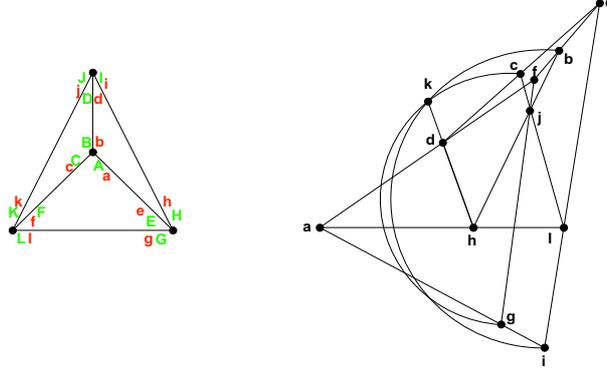


Figure 2: Graph of girth 3

### 3 Configuration 1

There is only one line in  $\Gamma_x^l$ , the line  $x_1y_1$ . It is easy to see that every point of the geometry  $\Gamma$  belongs to a unique triangle. For the point  $x$  this triangle is given by  $(x, x_1, y_1)$ . This is also the unique triangle in the points  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ . We consider a graph  $\mathcal{G}_\Delta$  with vertex set the set of triangles of  $\Gamma$ . A vertex  $v = (p_1, p_2, p_3)$  is adjacent to a vertex  $w = (q_1, q_2, q_3)$  if  $|\{p_1, p_2, p_3, q_1, q_2, q_3\}| = 6$  and there exist  $i, j$  and  $k$  in  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  such that  $p_i I q_j q_k$  or  $q_i I p_j p_k$ . Because of point and line transitivity of the geometry  $\Gamma$ , the graph  $\mathcal{G}_\Delta$  is either 3- or either 6-regular. It is easy to see that a geometry with local structure 1 and having 9 or 12 points does not exist.

In the case of a 3-regular graph, point transitivity induces that the graph is edge-transitive (even transitive on the ordered edges).

Given a 3-regular graph  $\mathcal{G}(V, E)$  admitting an automorphism group acting transitively on the set of ordered edges  $(v, w) \in V \times V$  with  $\{v, w\} \in E$ . We define a geometry  $\Gamma$  in the following way. To every ordered edge  $(v, w)$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  we attach a point and a line: the first half of the edge  $(v, w)$  is a line, the second half a point. We note them by  $(v, w)^1$  and  $(v, w)^2$ . Given that  $v$  is a vertex of the graph adjacent to the vertices  $w_1, w_2$  and  $w_3$ . Then, the line  $(v, w_i)^1$  with  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  is incident with the points  $(v, w_j)^2$  and  $(v, w_k)^2$  where  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and with the point  $(w_i, v)^2$ . Analogously, the point  $(v, w_i)^2$  with  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  is incident with the lines  $(v, w_j)^1$  and  $(v, w_k)^1$  where  $\{i, j, k\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and with the line  $(w_i, v)^1$ . It is easily seen that the geometry  $\Gamma$  is bislim, without digons but containing triangles. Indeed,  $((v, w_1)^2, (v, w_2)^2, (v, w_3)^2)$  is a triangle of  $\Gamma$  with sides  $(v, w_1)^1, (v, w_2)^1$  and  $(v, w_3)^1$ . The geometry arising in that way from the 3-valent graph acting transitively on the ordered edges and of girth 3 has a wrong local structure, hence the girth of the 3-valent graphs is bigger than 3 (see fig. 2). It is easily seen that the geometries constructed from the graphs in the above mentioned way have local structure

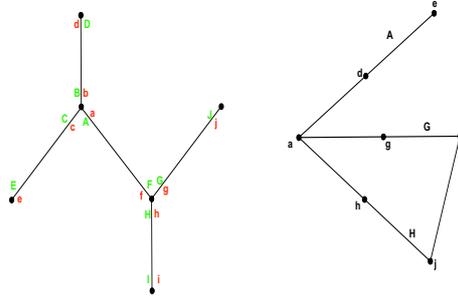


Figure 3: 3-regular graph of girth  $> 3$

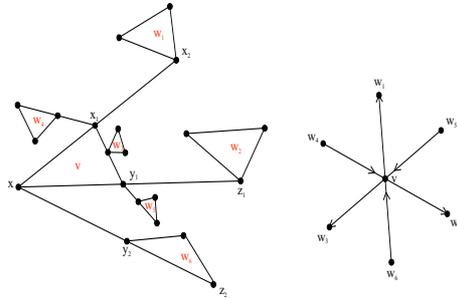


Figure 4: 6-regular graph

1 (see fig. 3). Transitivity on the ordered edges of the graph induces point and line transitivity of the geometry but no flag transitivity. This follows out of the construction method.

In the case of a 6-regular graph, it is clear that the graph  $\mathcal{G}_\Delta$  is edge-transitive but not transitive on the ordered edges. Based on  $\mathcal{G}_\Delta$  we define a new graph  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}_\Delta$  with the same vertex and edge set as  $\mathcal{G}_\Delta$  but the edges are given a direction: there is a directed edge  $(v, w)$  if a point of the triangle  $w$  is on a side of the triangle  $v$ . It is then easy to see that  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}_\Delta$  is a 6-regular directed graph with 3 incoming edges and 3 outgoing edges in each vertex and admitting an automorphism group acting transitively on the set of directed edges. A vertex  $v$  hence has 2 orbits under the action of the stabilizer of that vertex. Suppose that  $v$  is a vertex of the graph and that  $(v, w_1), (v, w_2), (v, w_3), (w_4, v), (w_5, v)$  and  $(w_6, v)$  are ordered or directed edges of the graph (see fig. 4). Because of point transitivity of the geometry there is a collineation  $g$  mapping  $x$  onto  $x_1$ . The point  $x_1$  is then taken onto  $x$  (type 1) or onto  $y_1$  (type 2). In the first case triangles  $v, w_1$  and  $w_5$  are fixed, while triangle  $w_2$  and  $w_3$  are mapped onto each other. The same holds for triangles  $w_4$  and  $w_6$ . For the second case we have that  $w_1$  is mapped onto  $w_3$  onto  $w_2$  onto  $w_1$  and that  $w_5$  is taken onto  $w_6$  onto  $w_4$  onto  $w_5$ . The triangle  $v$  is fixed. Remark that if  $G$  contains

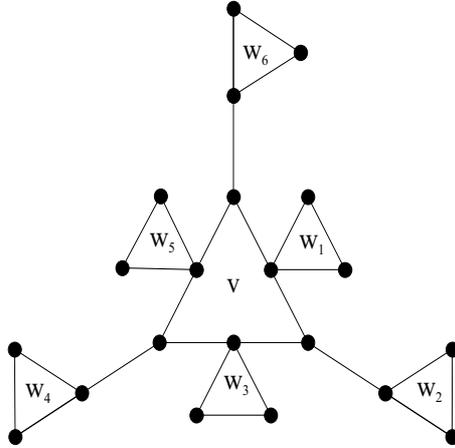


Figure 5:

a collineation of type 1 then also one of type 2. Indeed, there exists a collineation  $h$  in  $G$  mapping  $y_1$  onto  $x$ . The point  $x$  is then taken onto  $x_1$  or  $y_1$ . In the first case  $h$  is a collineation of type 2, in the second case  $gh$  is of type 2. If  $G$  contains a collineation of type 1 and hence also one of type 2 then the action of the stabilizer of the vertex  $v$  is the group  $\mathcal{S}_3$  having two orbits on the set  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}$  and acting either trivial, either cyclically or either dihedrally onto both orbits. If  $G$  contains a collineation of type 2 but none of type 1, then the action of the stabilizer of the vertex  $v$  is the group  $C_3$  having two orbits on the set  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}$  and acting trivial or cyclically onto both orbits. Because of point-transitivity we have the same situation in each vertex of the graph: either the stabilizer of any vertex acts as  $\mathcal{S}_3$  onto its neighbors or either as  $C_3$ . In the first case we look whether or not a directed 3-cycle can occur in the graph associated with the geometry. Considering fig. 5 we see that we can distinguish two possibilities:  $(v, w_1, w_2, v)$  is a 3-cycle or  $(v, w_1, w_4, v)$  is a 3-cycle. First we consider the first possibility mentioned above: four different cases can occur (see fig. 6). It is clear that case (a) can not occur since the corresponding geometry has a wrong local structure. Since  $G$  contains a collineation mapping  $x$  and  $x_1$  onto each other (type 1 see above) and hence fixing  $w_2$  and  $w_5$  and taking  $w_4$  and  $w_6$ , resp.  $w_1$  and  $w_3$  onto each other, also case (b) and (d) can not occur. As mentioned before, there is also a collineation taking  $x$  onto  $x_1$  onto  $y_1$  onto  $x$  and hence taking  $w_4$  onto  $w_6$  onto  $w_2$  onto  $w_4$  and  $w_5$  onto  $w_1$  onto  $w_3$  onto  $w_5$ . Applying those two collineations to  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  leads in case (c) to two lines sharing two points. Also for the second possibility we have four different cases to consider, for which it is easy to see that none of them leads to a contradiction using the same arguments as above (see fig. 7). But because of point transitivity, we have the same situation (either (a), either (b), either (c) or either (d)) in every triangle of the geometry. Based on this observation (and using the results of the previous case), the cases (a), (b) and (c) can

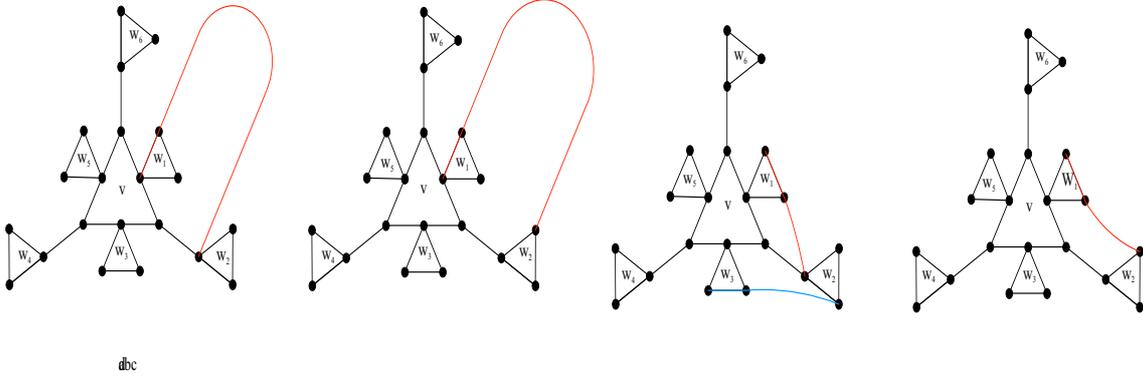


Figure 6: Case where  $(v, w_1, w_2, v)$  is a 3-cycle

not occur. We can conclude that if the geometry  $\Gamma$  gives rise to a directed 3-cycle in the associated graph then there are exactly three directed 3-cycles in every vertex of the graph.

Also in the second case where the action of  $G_v$  is given by  $C_3$  we look whether or not a directed 3-cycle can occur in the graph associated with the geometry. Considering fig. 5 we see that we can distinguish two possibilities:  $(v, w_1, w_2, v)$  is a 3-cycle or  $(v, w_1, w_4, v)$  is a 3-cycle. First we consider the first possibility mentioned above: four different cases can occur (see fig. 8). It is clear that case (a) can not occur since the corresponding geometry has a wrong local structure. As mentioned before, there is a collineation taking  $x$  onto  $x_1$  onto  $y_1$  onto  $x$  and hence taking  $w_4$  onto  $w_6$  onto  $w_2$  onto  $w_4$  and  $w_5$  onto  $w_1$  onto  $w_3$  onto  $w_5$ . Applying this collineation (and its inverse) leads to additional (blue) lines. To make the following description easier, we will call the seven possible types of 3-cycles type (1) up to type (7) as in fig. 9. First we focus on case (b). There are exactly three type (1) 3-cycles in  $v$ . Point transitivity includes that there are three type (1) 3-cycles in every triangle of the geometry. Triangle  $w_1$  is adjacent to triangle  $v$  and  $w_2$ . The connection between triangle  $v$  and  $w_2$  leads to a 3-cycle of type (2). Because of point transitivity and using the above mentioned collineations of  $G_v$  there are three 3-cycles of that type in triangle  $v$  (green lines). Now  $w_1$  is adjacent to  $v$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_6$  and there is a type (5) connection between  $v$  and  $w_6$ . This leads to the three purple lines in fig. 10. This situation leads to nine directed 3-cycles in every vertex of the graph associated with the geometry. For case (c) there are exactly three type (2) 3-cycles in  $v$ . Point transitivity includes that there are three type (2) 3-cycles in every triangle of the geometry. Triangle  $w_1$  is adjacent to triangle  $v$  and  $w_2$ . The connection between triangle  $v$  and  $w_2$  leads to a 3-cycle of type (5). Because of point transitivity and using the above mentioned collineations of  $G_v$  there are three 3-cycles of that type in triangle  $v$  (green lines). Now  $w_1$  is adjacent to  $v$ ,  $w_2$  and  $w_4$  and there is a type (1) connection between  $v$  and  $w_4$ . This leads to the three purple lines in fig. 10. This situation leads to nine directed

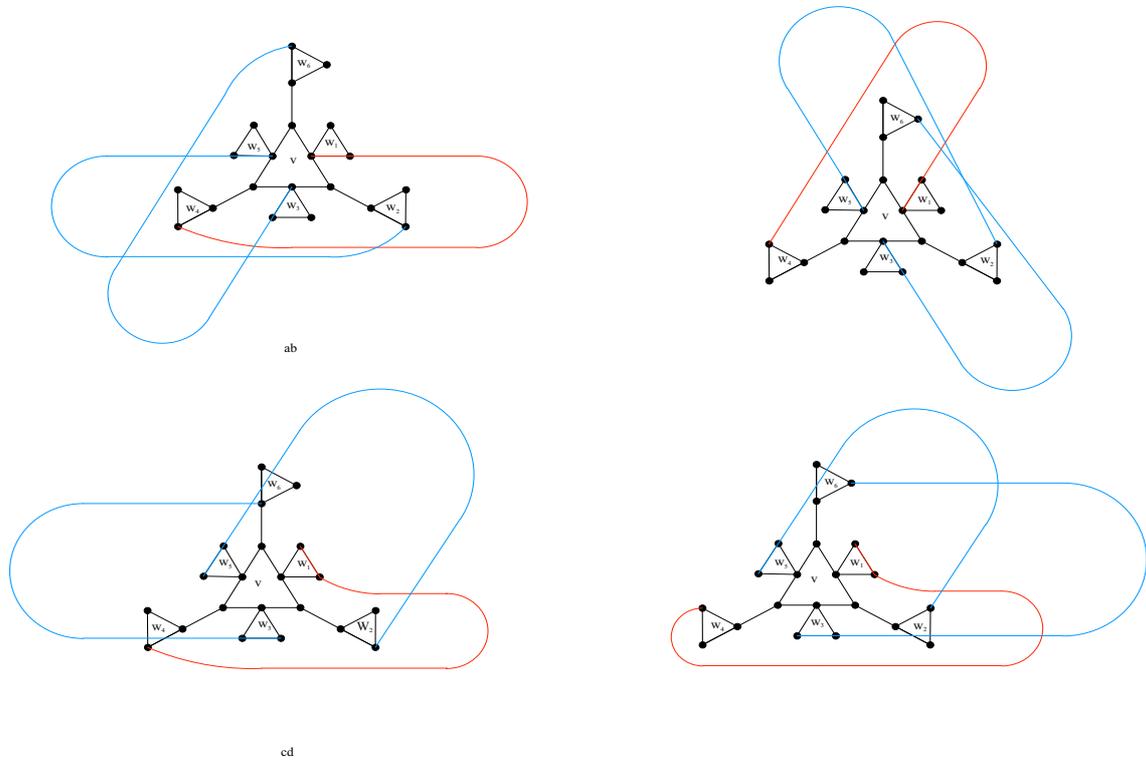


Figure 7: Case where  $(v, w_1, w_4, v)$  is a 3-cycle

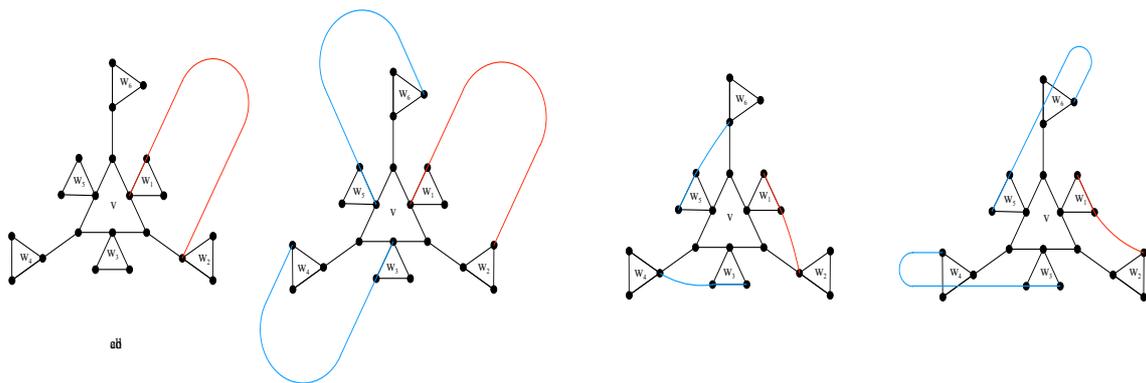


Figure 8: Case where  $(v, w_1, w_2, v)$  is a 3-cycle

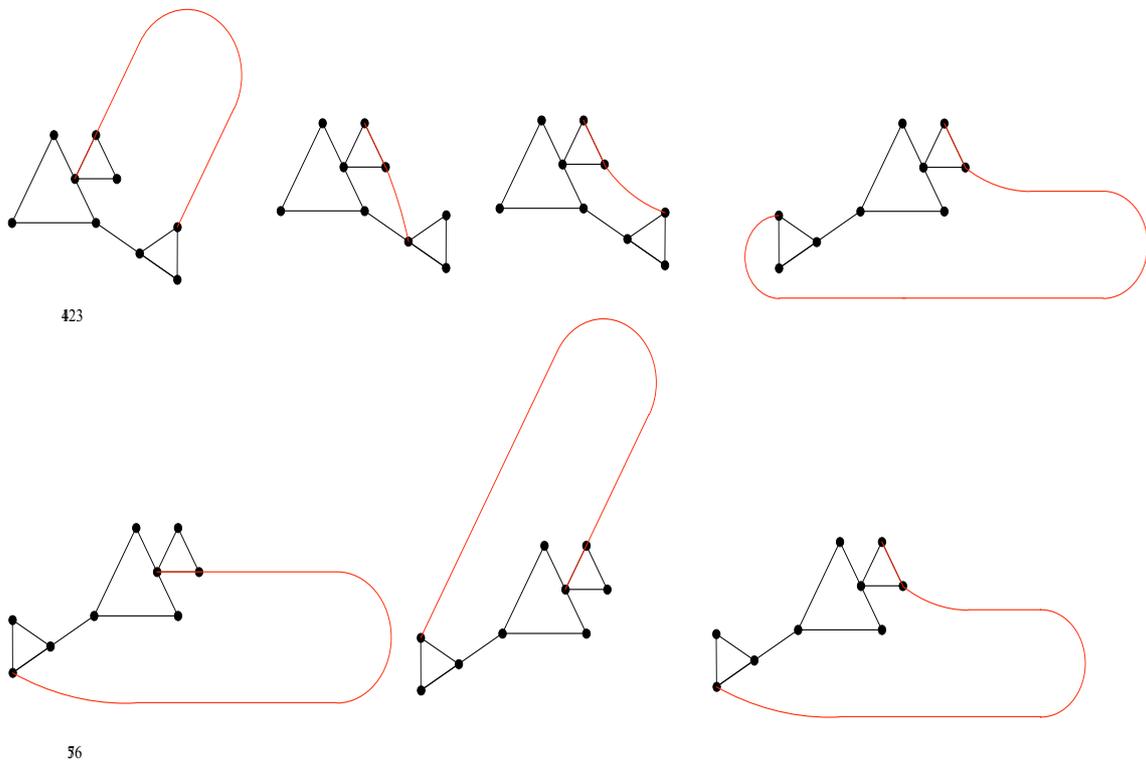


Figure 9: Types of 3-cycles

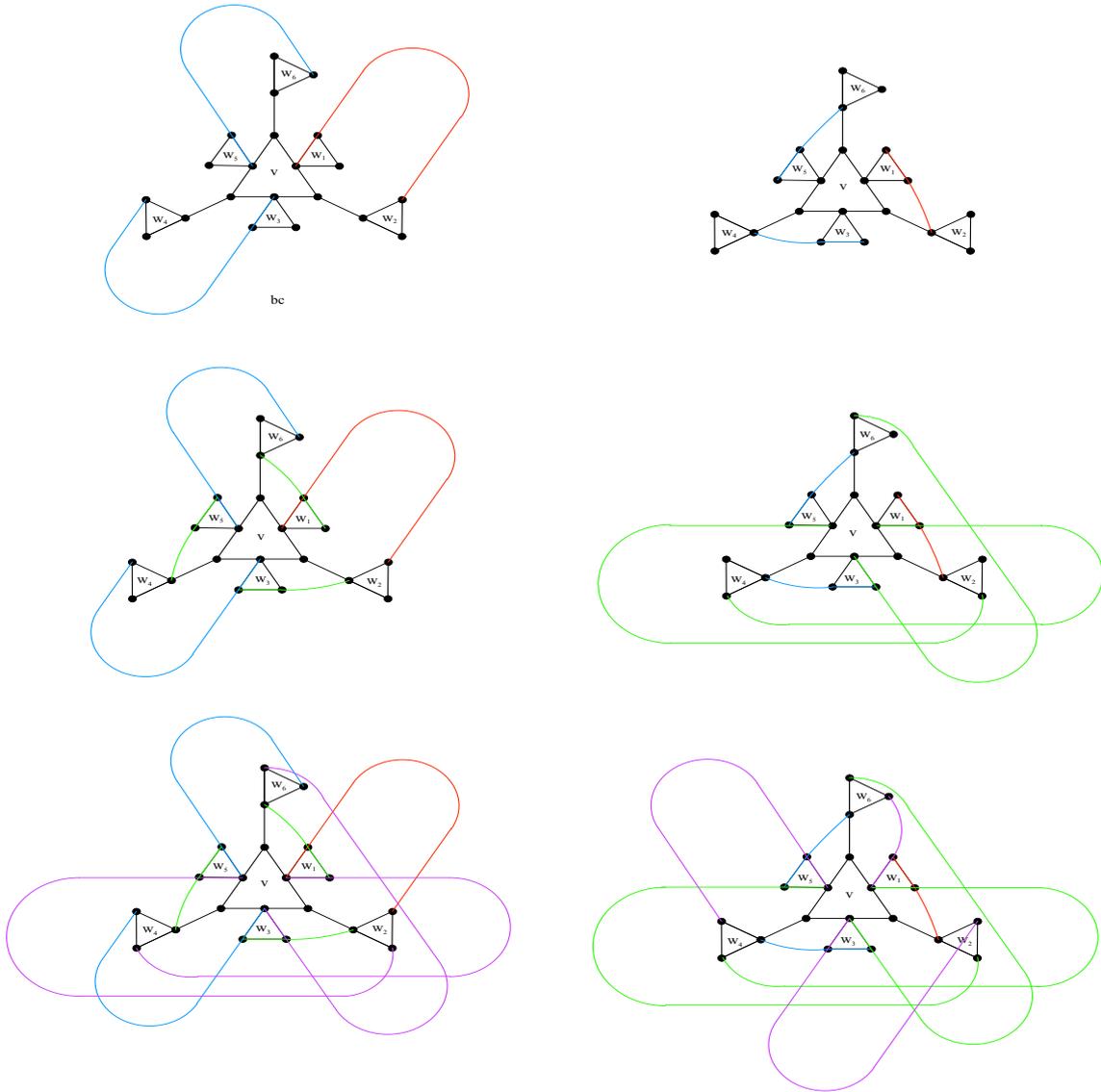


Figure 10: Cases (b) and (c)

3-cycles in every vertex of the graph associated with the geometry. It is easy to see that case (b) and (c) are isomorphic. For case (d) there are exactly three type (3) 3-cycles in  $v$ . Point transitivity includes that there are three type (3) 3-cycles in every triangle of the geometry. Triangle  $w_1$  is adjacent to triangle  $v$  and  $w_2$ . The connection between triangle  $v$  and  $w_2$  leads to a 3-cycle of type (7). Because of point transitivity and using the above mentioned collineations of  $G_v$  there are three 3-cycles of that type in triangle  $v$ , which is impossible. Also for the second possibility we have four different cases to consider (see fig. 7). First we focus on case (a). There are exactly three type (5) 3-cycles in  $v$ . Point transitivity includes that there are three type (5) 3-cycles in every triangle of the geometry. Triangle  $w_1$  is adjacent to triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$ . The connection between triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$  leads to a 3-cycle of type (1). Because of point transitivity and using the above mentioned collineations of  $G_v$  there are three 3-cycles of that type in triangle  $v$  (green lines). Now  $w_1$  is adjacent to  $v$ ,  $w_4$  and  $w_6$  and there is a type (2) connection between  $v$  and  $w_6$ . This leads to the three purple lines in fig. 11. This situation leads to nine directed 3-cycles in every vertex of the graph associated with the geometry and is again isomorphic to the two previous cases mentioned above. For case (b) there are exactly three type (6) 3-cycles in  $v$ . Point transitivity includes that there are three type (6) 3-cycles in every triangle of the geometry. Triangle  $w_1$  is adjacent to triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$ . The connection between triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$  leads to a 3-cycle of type (3). Because of point transitivity and using the above mentioned collineations of  $G_v$  there are three 3-cycles of that type in triangle  $v$  which is impossible. For case (c) there are exactly three type (7) 3-cycles in  $v$ . Point transitivity includes that there are three type (7) 3-cycles in every triangle of the geometry. Triangle  $w_1$  is adjacent to triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$ . The connection between triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$  leads to a 3-cycle of type (6). Because of point transitivity and using the above mentioned collineations of  $G_v$  there are three 3-cycles of that type in triangle  $v$  which is impossible. For case (d) there are exactly three type (4) 3-cycles in  $v$ . Point transitivity includes that there are three type (4) 3-cycles in every triangle of the geometry. Triangle  $w_1$  is adjacent to triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$ . The connection between triangle  $v$  and  $w_4$  leads to a 3-cycle of type (4). This situation leads to exactly three directed 3-cycles in every vertex of the graph associated with the geometry. We can conclude that if the geometry  $\Gamma$  gives rise to a directed 3-cycle in the associated graph then there are exactly three or nine directed 3-cycles in every vertex of the graph.

Given a 6-regular graph  $\mathcal{G}$  admitting an automorphism group  $G$  which is vertex and edge transitive. We suppose that the action of the stabilizer  $G_v$  of a vertex  $v$  onto its neighbors has two orbits of length 3 and is given by either the symmetric group  $\mathcal{S}_3$  or either the cyclic group  $C_3$ . We also assume that an element  $g \in G_v$  acts either trivial, either cyclical or either dihedral on both orbits.

First, we look at the case where the action of the stabilizer of a vertex  $v$  onto its neighbors is given by the symmetric group  $\mathcal{S}_3$ . An element of order 2 in  $\mathcal{S}_3$  (there are 3 such elements) fixes one vertex in each orbit. Those two vertices are called opposite. The

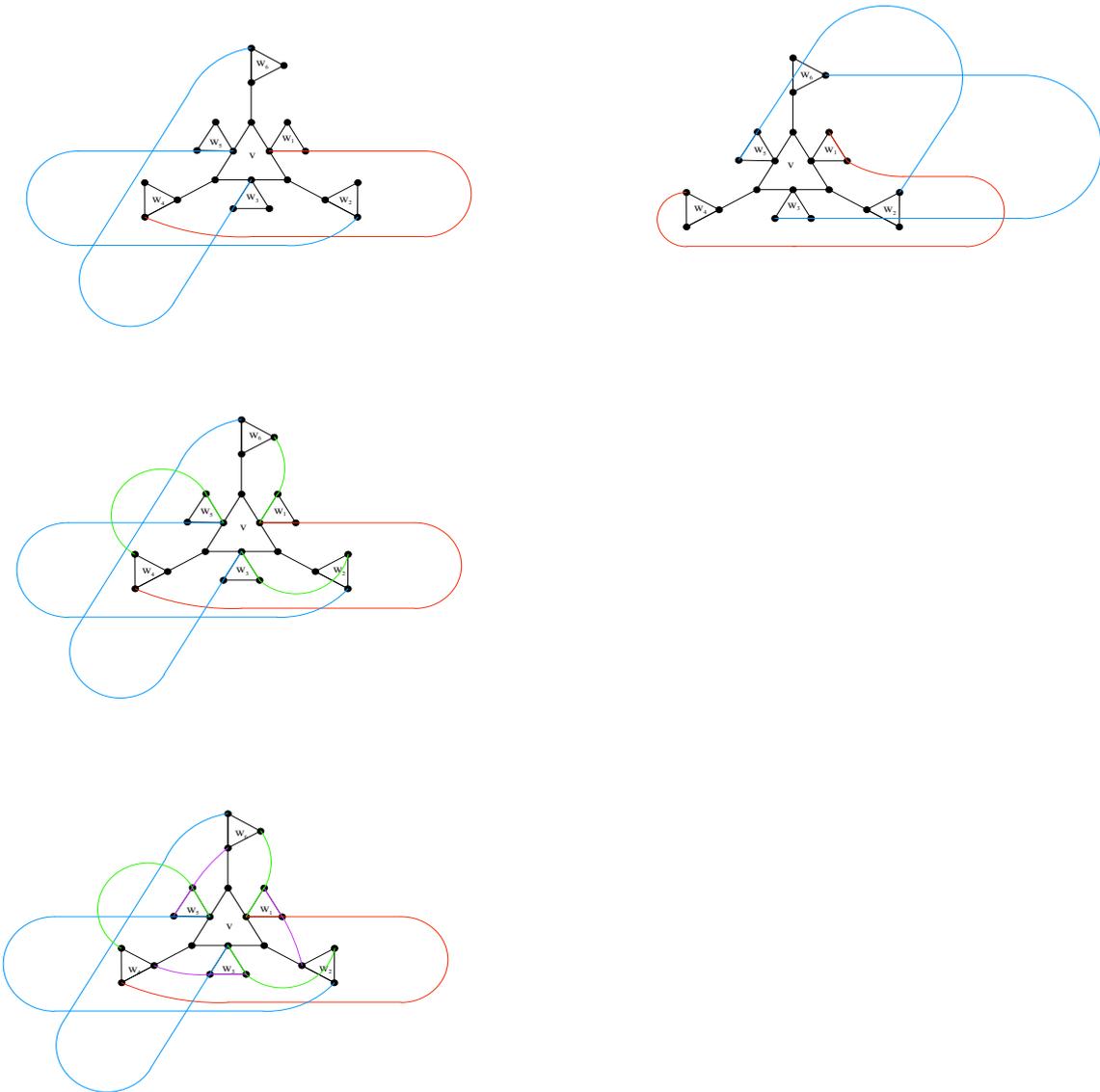


Figure 11: Case where  $(v, w_1, w_4, v)$  is a 3-cycle

opposite relation is clearly symmetric. Let  $N = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}$  be the set of neighbors of  $v$ . Say that the two orbits are given by  $\{w_1, w_3, w_5\}$  and  $\{w_2, w_4, w_6\}$ . Is this opposite relation well defined? Or equivalent, are opposite vertices mapped onto opposite vertices under an automorphism in  $G$ ? First remark that  $G_{vg} = (G_v)^g \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g^{-1}G_v g$  with  $g \in G$  and  $v$  a vertex of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Indeed, if  $h \in G_{vg}$  then  $v^{gh} = v^g$  and hence  $ghg^{-1} = k \in G_v$ . Or  $h = g^{-1}kg$  belongs to  $(G_v)^g$ . If  $h \in (G_v)^g$  then there exists a  $k \in G_v$  such that  $h = g^{-1}kg$ . It follows that  $v^{gg^{-1}kg} = v^{gh} = v^{kg} = v^g$  or  $h \in G_{vg}$ . Different elements of  $G_v$  give rise to different elements of  $G_{vg}$ . Now suppose that  $v$  is mapped onto  $v^g$  under a collineation  $g$  in  $G$ . Let  $w_1$  be opposite  $w_2$ . Then we prove that  $w_1^g$  is opposite  $w_2^g$ . The fact that  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are opposite means that the action of  $h \in G_v$  onto orbit  $\{w_1, w_3, w_5\}$  is given by  $(w_3, w_5)$ , the action onto orbit  $\{w_2, w_4, w_6\}$  by  $(w_4, w_6)$ . The orbit of  $w_1^g$  is given by the set  $\{w_1^{gh} | h \in G_{vg}\}$  or equivalently  $\{w_1^{kg} | k \in G_v\}$ . Hence, the orbit of  $w_1^g$  is the set  $\{w_1^g, w_3^g, w_5^g\}$  and the orbit of  $w_2^g$  the set  $\{w_2^g, w_4^g, w_6^g\}$ . The action of  $g^{-1}hg$  onto orbit  $\{w_1^g, w_3^g, w_5^g\}$  is given by  $(w_3^g, w_5^g)$ , the action onto orbit  $\{w_2^g, w_4^g, w_6^g\}$  by  $(w_4^g, w_6^g)$  proving that  $w_1^g$  and  $w_2^g$  are opposite. Based on this opposite relation we make the undirected graph  $\mathcal{G}$  directed. We choose  $(v, w_1), (v, w_3), (v, w_5), (w_2, v), (w_4, v)$  and  $(w_6, v)$  as directed edges of the graph  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$ . The direction of the other edges of  $\mathcal{G}$  is determined by the vertex transitivity of  $G$ . Consider an arbitrary other vertex  $w$  of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Because of vertex transitivity, there is an automorphism mapping  $v$  onto  $w = v^g$ . The neighbors of  $v^g$  are then  $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}^g$ . We then define the following directed edges:  $(v^g, w_1^g), (v^g, w_3^g), (v^g, w_5^g), (w_2^g, v^g), (w_4^g, v^g)$  and  $(w_6^g, v^g)$ . As mentioned before, the two orbits in  $v^g$  are given by the sets  $\{w_1^g, w_3^g, w_5^g\}$  and  $\{w_2^g, w_4^g, w_6^g\}$ . Suppose that there also exists an automorphism  $h \in G$  different from  $g$  for which  $v^h = w$ . The orbits arising from the stabilizer  $G_{vh}$  are  $\{w_1^h, w_3^h, w_5^h\}$  and  $\{w_2^h, w_4^h, w_6^h\}$  and are the same as those arising from  $G_{vg}$ . Suppose that  $\{w_1^g, w_3^g, w_5^g\} = \{w_2^h, w_4^h, w_6^h\}$ . Then for example  $w_1^g = w_2^h$  or  $w_1^{gh^{-1}} = w_2$  with  $gh^{-1} \in G_v$ . But then  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  belong to the same orbit which is impossible. Consequently, both  $g$  and  $h$  give rise to a same direction of the edges in  $v^g$ . It is easily seen that  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  is transitive on the directed edges.

Now we define a geometry  $\Gamma$  based on this new directed graph. To every directed edge  $(v, w)$  of  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  we attach a point and a line: the first half of the edge  $(v, w)$  is a line, the second half a point. We note them by  $(v, w)^1$  and  $(v, w)^2$ . Given that  $v$  is a vertex of the graph adjacent to the vertices  $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5$  and  $w_6$  and with orbits as mentioned above. Then, the line  $(v, w_i)^1$  with  $i \in \{1, 3, 5\}$  is incident with the points  $(w_j, v)^2$  and  $(w_k, v)^2$  where  $\{j, k\} \subset \{2, 4, 6\}$  and  $w_j$  and  $w_k$  not opposite  $w_i$  and with the point  $(v, w_i)^2$ . Analogously, the point  $(w_i, v)^2$  with  $i \in \{2, 4, 6\}$  is incident with the lines  $(v, w_j)^1$  and  $(v, w_k)^1$  where  $\{j, k\} \subset \{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $w_j$  and  $w_k$  not opposite  $w_i$  and with the line  $(w_i, v)^1$ . It is easily seen that the geometry  $\Gamma$  is bislim, without digons but containing triangles. Indeed,  $((w_2, v)^2, (w_4, v)^2, (w_6, v)^2)$  is a triangle of  $\Gamma$  with sides  $(v, w_1)^1, (v, w_3)^1$  and  $(v, w_5)^1$ .

Suppose that  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  contains a directed 3-cycle  $(v, w_5, w_4, v)$  (see fig. 12). Since the vertices

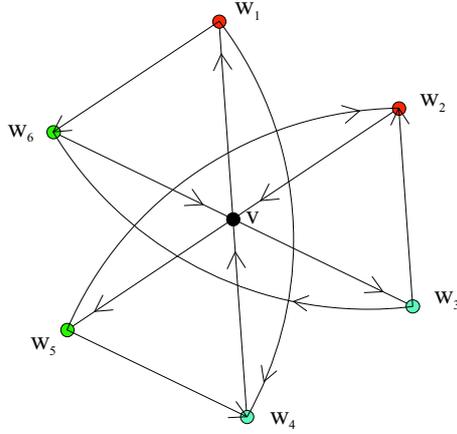


Figure 12: 6-regular graph with directed 3-cycle

$w_1$  and  $w_2$ , resp.  $w_3$  and  $w_4$ , resp.  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite the automorphism  $(w_3 w_5)$  and  $(w_4 w_6)$ , resp.  $(w_1 w_5)$  and  $(w_2 w_6)$ , resp.  $(w_1 w_3)$  and  $(w_2 w_4)$  belongs to  $G_v$ . It follows that  $(w_5, w_2)$ ,  $(w_1, w_4)$ ,  $(w_3, w_2)$ ,  $(w_1, w_6)$  and  $(w_3, w_6)$  are directed edges of  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$ . The second automorphism mentioned above,  $(w_1 w_5)$  and  $(w_2 w_6)$ , corresponds to an automorphism fixing  $v$  and  $w_4$ , hence belonging to  $G_{w_4}$ . Since  $w_1$  and  $w_5$  are mapped onto each other and  $v$  is fixed it follows that  $v$  and  $w_5$  or  $w_1$  can not be opposite in the vertex  $w_4$ . Also  $v$  and  $w_4$  or  $w_2$  can not be opposite in the vertex  $w_5$ , neither  $v$  and  $w_4$  or  $w_6$  in  $w_1$ . Constructing a geometry in the above mentioned way leads to a geometry with the wrong local structure (see fig. 13). Hence, we have to assume that  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  has no directed 3-cykels containing non-opposite vertices. Suppose that  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  contains a directed 3-cycle  $(v, w_1, w_2, v)$  having two opposite vertices (see fig. 14). Since the vertices  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ , resp.  $w_3$  and  $w_4$ , resp.  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite the automorphism  $(w_3 w_5)$  and  $(w_4 w_6)$ , resp.  $(w_1 w_5)$  and  $(w_2 w_6)$ , resp.  $(w_1 w_3)$  and  $(w_2 w_4)$  belongs to  $G_v$ . It follows that  $(w_5, w_6)$  and  $(w_3, w_4)$  are directed edges of  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$ . Due to the previous observation it follows that  $v$  and  $w_3$  are opposite in  $w_4$ ,  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_3$ ,  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_2$ ,  $v$  and  $w_2$  are opposite in  $w_1$ ,  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_6$  and  $v$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $w_5$ . Constructing a geometry in the above mentioned way leads in this special case to a geometry with the right local structure (see fig. 15). From now on we assume that  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  has either no directed 3-cycles or either three directed 3-cycles in every vertex. In the second case it follows that these cycles are of type  $(v, w, u, v)$  with  $w$  and  $u$  opposite vertices in  $v$ . In both cases it is easily seen that the geometry constructed from the graph in the above mentioned way has local structure 1. Transitivity on the ordered edges of the graph induces point and line transitivity of the geometry but no flag transitivity. This follows out of the construction method.

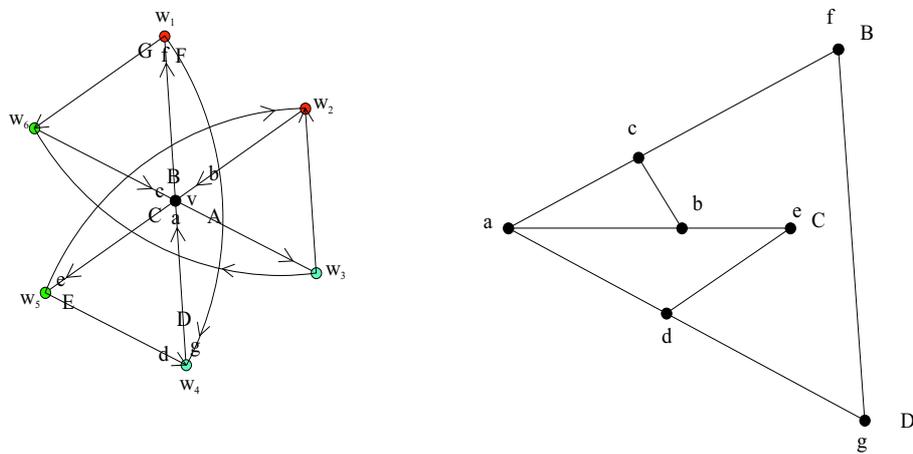


Figure 13: geometry associated with 6-regular graph with directed 3-cycle

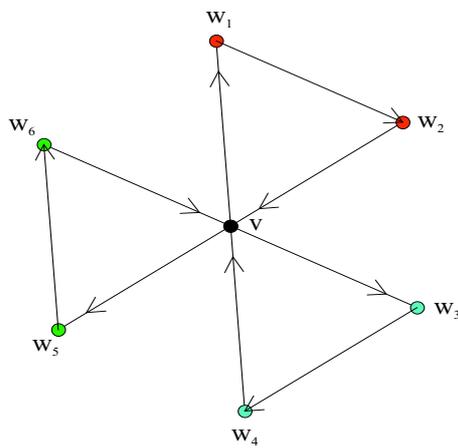


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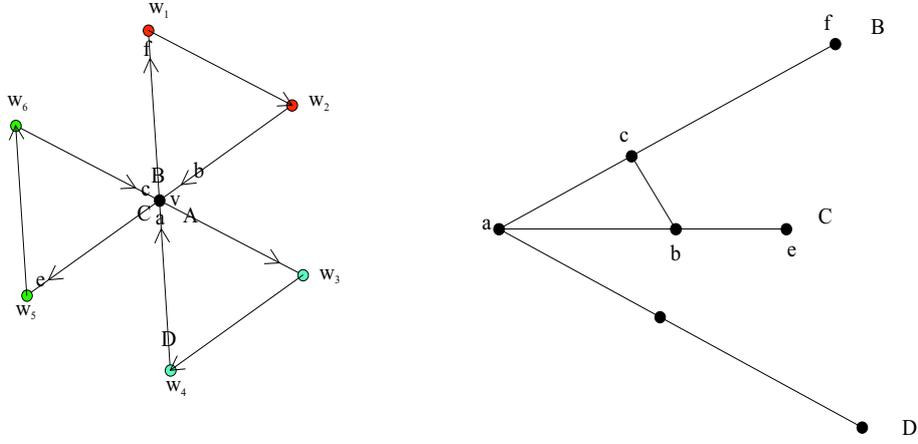


Figure 15: geometry associated with 6-regular graph with directed 3-cycle

Secondly, we look at the case where the action of the stabilizer of a vertex  $v$  onto its neighbors is given by the cyclic group  $\mathcal{C}_3$ . Let  $N = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5, w_6\}$  be the set of neighbors of  $v$ . Say that the two orbits are given by  $\{w_1, w_3, w_5\}$  and  $\{w_2, w_4, w_6\}$  and that the action of  $G_v$  onto  $N$  is either the identity, either  $(w_1 w_3 w_5)$  and  $(w_2 w_4 w_6)$  or either  $(w_1 w_5 w_3)$  and  $(w_2 w_6 w_4)$ . We choose the vertices  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  to be opposite. The above mentioned automorphisms then define  $w_3$  and  $w_4$ , resp.  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  to be opposite. The opposite vertices in another vertex  $w$  are then determined by vertex-transitivity. Suppose that  $g$  and  $h$  are both automorphisms of  $G$  mapping  $v$  onto  $w$ . Remind that  $G_{vg} = (G_v)^g \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g^{-1}G_v g$  with  $g \in G$  and  $v$  a vertex of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Different elements of  $G_v$  give rise to different elements of  $G_{vg}$ . We have to prove that  $g$  and  $h$  define the same opposite relation onto the neighbors of  $w$ . The two orbits in  $w$  are given by  $\{w_1^g, w_3^g, w_5^g\}$  and  $\{w_2^g, w_4^g, w_6^g\}$ . By definition  $w_1^g$  is opposite  $w_2^g$ , resp.  $w_3^g$  is opposite  $w_4^g$ , resp.  $w_5^g$  is opposite  $w_6^g$ . It is easy to see that  $\{w_1^g, w_3^g, w_5^g\} = \{w_1^h, w_3^h, w_5^h\}$  and  $\{w_2^g, w_4^g, w_6^g\} = \{w_2^h, w_4^h, w_6^h\}$ . Suppose that  $w_1^g = w_1^h$ . Then  $gh^{-1}$  is the identity on the neighbors of  $v$ . It follows that in this case  $g$  and  $h$  define the same opposite relation onto the neighbors of  $w$ . Suppose that  $w_1^g = w_3^h$ . Then the action of  $gh^{-1}$  onto the neighbors of  $v$  is given by  $(w_1 w_3 w_5)$  and  $(w_2 w_4 w_6)$ . It follows that  $w_2^g = w_4^h$  and hence also in this case  $g$  and  $h$  define the same opposite relation in  $w$ . Suppose that  $w_1^g = w_5^h$ . Then the action of  $gh^{-1}$  onto the neighbors of  $v$  is given by  $(w_1 w_5 w_3)$  and  $(w_2 w_6 w_4)$ . It follows that  $w_2^g = w_6^h$  and hence also in this case  $g$  and  $h$  define the same opposite relation in  $w$ . Determining the opposite relation in one vertex of the graph, determines the opposite relation in all vertices of the graph by vertex transitivity. Opposite vertices are hence mapped onto opposite vertices, by definition. Based on this opposite relation we make the undirected graph  $\mathcal{G}$  directed. We choose  $(v, w_1), (v, w_3), (v, w_5), (w_2, v), (w_4, v)$  and  $(w_6, v)$  as directed edges of the graph  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$ .

The direction of the other edges of  $\mathcal{G}$  is determined by the vertex transitivity of  $G$ . The argumentation mentioned above proves that different automorphisms  $g$  and  $h$  mapping  $v$  onto  $w$  give the same directions of the edges in  $w$ . It is easily seen that  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  is transitive on the directed edges. Consider a directed edge  $(v, w_1)$ . An automorphism fixing this edge, belongs to  $G_v$  and acts trivial onto the neighbors of  $v$ . It is easy to see that every such isomorphism is equal to the identity and hence  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  is sharply transitive on the directed edges.

Now we define a geometry  $\Gamma$  based on this new directed graph. To every directed edge  $(v, w)$  of  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  we attach a point and a line: the first half of the edge  $(v, w)$  is a line, the second half a point. We note them by  $(v, w)^1$  and  $(v, w)^2$ . Given that  $v$  is a vertex of the graph adjacent to the vertices  $w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5$  and  $w_6$  and with orbits as mentioned above. Then, the line  $(v, w_i)^1$  with  $i \in \{1, 3, 5\}$  is incident with the points  $(w_j, v)^2$  and  $(w_k, v)^2$  where  $\{j, k\} \subset \{2, 4, 6\}$  and  $w_j$  and  $w_k$  not opposite  $w_i$  and with the point  $(v, w_i)^2$ . Analogously, the point  $(w_i, v)^2$  with  $i \in \{2, 4, 6\}$  is incident with the lines  $(v, w_j)^1$  and  $(v, w_k)^1$  where  $\{j, k\} \subset \{1, 3, 5\}$  and  $w_j$  and  $w_k$  not opposite  $w_i$  and with the line  $(w_i, v)^1$ . It is easily seen that the geometry  $\Gamma$  is bislim, without digons but containing triangles. Indeed,  $((w_2, v)^2, (w_4, v)^2, (w_6, v)^2)$  is a triangle of  $\Gamma$  with sides  $(v, w_1)^1, (v, w_3)^1$  and  $(v, w_5)^1$ .

The graph  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  has either zero, either three, either six or either nine 3-cycles in every vertex. We look at the different cases separately (see fig. 16). If there are zero 3-cycles in every vertex then the geometry constructed out of the graph has local structure 1. Case (b) where there are three 3-cycles between opposite vertices  $v$ , also gives rise to a geometry with the right local structure. Since in case (c) there are three 3-cycles only between non-opposite vertices in  $v$  it follows by transitivity that  $v$  and  $w_4$  are not opposite in  $w_5$  and  $v$  and  $w_5$  are not opposite in  $w_4$ . Case (d) is completely similar. From now on we assume that  $\overrightarrow{\mathcal{G}}$  has no three 3-cycles between non-opposite vertices. In case (e) transitivity induces that either  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_5$  or either  $v$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $w_5$ . If  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_5$  then there is a unique automorphism mapping  $(w_5, w_6)$  onto  $(v, w_1)$ . Then  $v$  is taken onto  $w_4$  or  $w_6$ . In the first case there are more than six 3-cycles, hence the image of  $v$  is given by  $w_6$ . Hence  $w_4$  is mapped onto  $w_5$ . Since  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $v$ , it follows that  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_6$  and hence  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_4$ . But then  $w_6$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_5$ , a contradiction. Consequently  $v$  and  $w_4$  are non-opposite in  $w_5$ , inducing that  $v$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $w_5$ . If  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_4$  then there is a unique automorphism mapping  $(w_3, w_4)$  onto  $(w_2, v)$ . Then  $v$  is taken onto  $w_3$  or  $w_5$ . In the second case there are more than six 3-cycles, hence the image of  $v$  is given by  $w_3$ . Hence  $w_5$  is mapped onto  $w_4$ . Since  $w_3$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $v$ , it follows that  $w_2$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_3$  and hence  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_5$ , a contradiction. We conclude that  $v$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $w_5$  and that  $v$  and  $w_3$  are opposite in  $w_4$ . Hence,  $v$  and  $w_4$  are non-opposite in  $w_5$  and  $v$  and  $w_5$  are non-opposite in  $w_4$ . The geometry constructed from this graph has the wrong local structure. Case (f) is

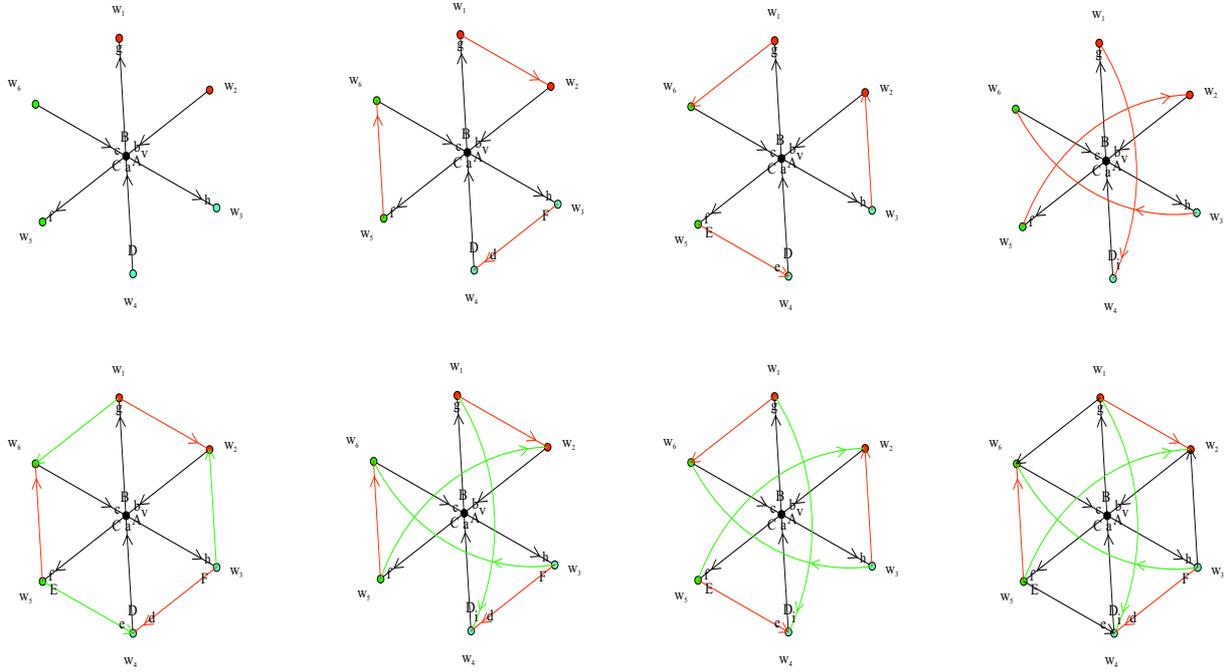


Figure 16:

analogously. Transitivity induces that either  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_4$  or either  $v$  and  $w_3$  are opposite in  $w_4$ . If  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_4$  then there is a unique automorphism mapping  $(w_3, w_4)$  onto  $(w_2, v)$ . Then  $v$  is taken onto  $w_5$ . Hence  $w_1$  is mapped onto  $w_6$ . Since  $w_3$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $v$ , it follows that  $w_2$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_5$  and hence  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_1$ . But then  $w_5$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_6$ , inducing that  $w_3$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_4$ , a contradiction. Consequently  $v$  and  $w_1$  are non-opposite in  $w_4$ , inducing that  $v$  and  $w_3$  are opposite in  $w_4$ . If  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_1$  then there is a unique automorphism mapping  $(w_1, w_2)$  onto  $(v, w_1)$ . Then  $v$  is taken onto  $w_4$ . Hence  $w_4$  is mapped onto  $w_3$ . Since  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are opposite in  $v$ , it follows that  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_4$ , a contradiction. We conclude that  $v$  and  $w_3$  are opposite in  $w_4$  and that  $v$  and  $w_2$  are opposite in  $w_1$ . Hence,  $v$  and  $w_1$  are non-opposite in  $w_4$  and  $v$  and  $w_4$  are non-opposite in  $w_1$ . The geometry constructed from this graph has the wrong local structure. In case (g) transitivity induces that  $v$  and  $w_4$  are not opposite in  $w_5$ ,  $v$  and  $w_5$  are not opposite in  $w_4$ ,  $v$  and  $w_1$  are not opposite in  $w_4$  and  $v$  and  $w_4$  are not opposite in  $w_1$ . The geometry constructed from this graph has the wrong local structure. We assume from now on that  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  does not contain six directed 3-cycles. In the last case (h), either the vertices  $v$  and  $w_2$ , either  $v$  and  $w_4$ , either  $v$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $w_5$ . This includes that  $v$  and  $w_4$ , resp.  $v$  and  $w_6$ , resp.  $v$  and  $w_2$  are opposite in  $w_1$ . In  $w_4$  either  $v$  and  $w_1$ , either  $v$  and  $w_3$ , either  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite vertices. Only the cases where  $v$  and  $w_2$  are

opposite in  $w_5$  and  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_4$  (and hence  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_6$ ) or where  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_5$  and  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_4$  (and hence  $v$  and  $w_3$  are opposite in  $w_6$ ) lead to geometries with the right local structure. We take a closer look at the situation where  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_5$ . There is a unique automorphism mapping  $(w_5, w_6)$  onto  $(v, w_1)$ . The vertex  $v$  is then either taken onto  $w_4$  or either onto  $w_6$ . In the first case the image of  $w_4$  is given by  $w_3$ . Since  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $v$  it follows that  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_4$ . In the second case the image of  $w_4$  is given by  $w_5$ . Since  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $v$  it follows that  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_6$  and hence  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_4$ . But then  $w_6$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_5$ , a contradiction. Next we take a closer look at the situation where  $v$  and  $w_2$  are opposite in  $w_5$ . There is a unique automorphism mapping  $(w_5, w_6)$  onto  $(v, w_1)$ . The vertex  $v$  is then either taken onto  $w_4$  or either onto  $w_6$ . In the first case the image of  $w_2$  is given by  $w_3$ . Since  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $v$  it follows that  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_4$  and hence  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_2$ . It follows that  $w_4$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_3$  and hence  $w_6$  and  $v$  are opposite in  $w_5$ , a contradiction. In the second case the image of  $w_4$  is given by  $w_5$ . Since  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $v$  it follows that  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_6$  and hence  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_4$ . Finally, let us look at the case where  $v$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $w_5$ . The automorphism mapping  $(w_5, w_6)$  onto  $(v, w_5)$  takes  $v$  onto  $w_6$ . Since  $w_5$  and  $w_6$  are opposite in  $v$  it follows that  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_6$ . It is then easy to see that for every vertex  $a$  of the graph there are three 3-cycles  $(a, b, c)$  with the property, say property  $(\square)$ , that  $b$  and  $c$  are opposite in  $a$ ,  $a$  and  $c$  are opposite in  $b$  and  $a$  and  $b$  are opposite in  $c$ . And hence six directed 3-cycles  $(a, d, e)$  with the property that  $d$  and  $e$  are not opposite in  $a$ ,  $a$  and  $e$  are not opposite in  $d$  and  $a$  and  $d$  are not opposite in  $e$ . This is the only situation where nine 3-cycles in  $v$  give rise to a geometry with the wrong local structure.

We have to assume that  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  contains no nine 3-cycles  $(a, b, c)$  in a vertex  $a$  for which three of them have property  $(\square)$ . We conclude that we assume from now on that  $\vec{\mathcal{G}}$  either contains no directed 3-cycles, either three directed 3-cycles with property  $(\square)$  or either nine directed 3-cycles in every vertex with the restriction that there are not three directed 3-cycles with property  $(\square)$ .

Sharp transitivity on the ordered edges of the graph induces sharp point and sharp line transitivity of the geometry but no flag transitivity. This follows out of the construction method.

We conclude by a final remark. If the geometry  $\Gamma$  contains a 3-cycle then there are either only three type 4 connections between a triangle and its neighbor triangles or either three type 1, three type 2 and three type 5 connections. Geometries of the former type having the same number of triangles (or points) are isomorphic (as mentioned above). The geometry defines an opposite relation in the graph in the following way: the triangle  $u$  in the third point of a side  $S$  of triangle  $v$  is opposite to the triangle  $w$  on the third line through the point of triangle  $v$  not on side  $S$ . We say that  $u$  and  $w$  have property

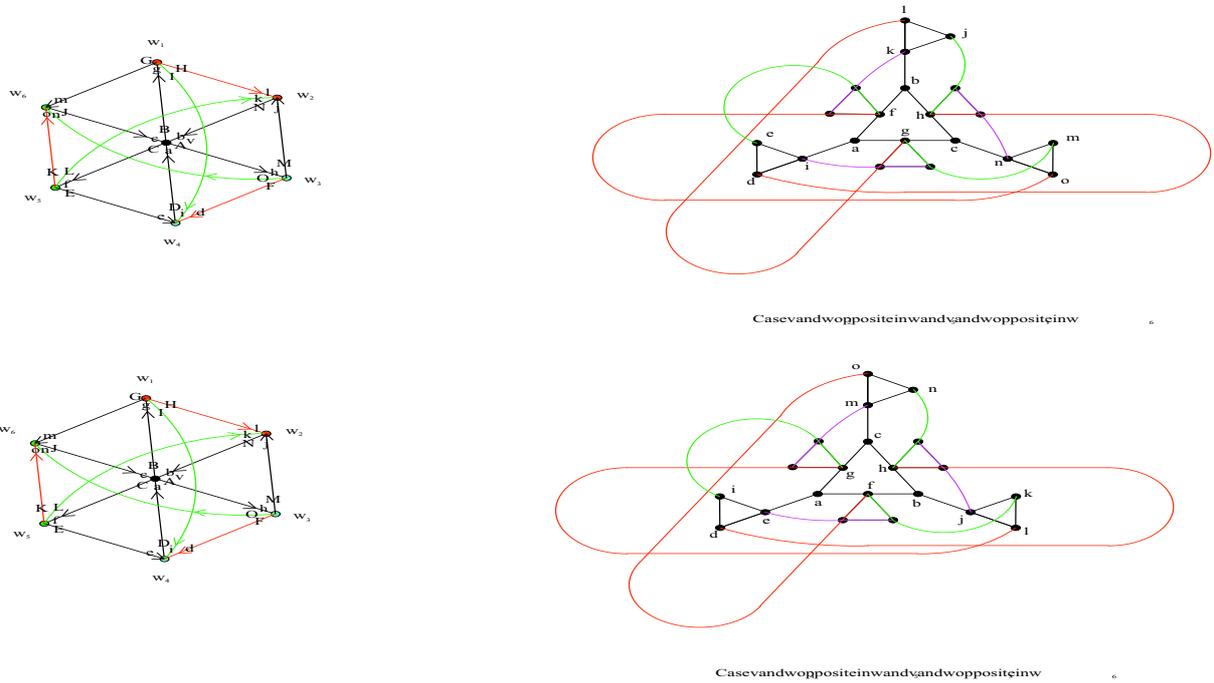


Figure 17:

( $\Delta$ ) in  $v$ . Looking at fig. 5 triangle  $w_1$  is opposite to triangle  $w_4$ . Given a graph of the above mentioned type. Say that  $u$  and  $w$  are opposite vertices in  $v$ . It is then easy to see that the triangles corresponding to  $u$  and  $w$  have property ( $\Delta$ ) in  $v$ . If the graph contains nine directed 3-cycles, we assume that there are not any 3-cycles with property ( $\square$ ) (see above). We proved that then  $v$  and  $w_2$  are opposite in  $w_5$  and  $v$  and  $w_5$  are opposite in  $w_4$  (and hence  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_6$ ) or  $v$  and  $w_4$  are opposite in  $w_5$  and  $v$  and  $w_1$  are opposite in  $w_4$  (and hence  $v$  and  $w_3$  are opposite in  $w_6$ ). It is easy to see that both situations give rise to a geometry with three type 1, three type 2 and three type 5 connections with its neighbors. So if the graphs corresponding to each situation have the same number of vertices they define isomorphic geometries and are hence isomorphic (see fig. 17).

The graph  $\mathcal{G}_\Delta$  associated with the geometry  $\Gamma$  is either 6-regular or either 3-regular. In the case of a 6-regular graph, the stabilizer of a triangle  $G_\Delta$ , with  $G$  the lifting of the collineation group of  $\Gamma$ , acts either as  $\mathcal{S}_3$  or either as  $\mathcal{C}_3$  on the six neighbors of the triangle  $\Delta$ . We consider this last situation.

It is easily seen that in this case the collineation group  $G$  of  $\Gamma$  acts sharply point (and hence sharply line) transitive. Hence we can identify  $G$  with the points of  $\Gamma$ . We consider  $.g$  as the action of  $G$  onto itself where  $.$  is the operation on  $G$  and  $g$  is an element of  $G$ . Let  $e, a$  and  $b$  be different elements of  $G$  on one line. Then  $a^{-1}, e$  and  $ba^{-1}$  are also on one line. The third line through  $e$  is then given by the points  $b^{-1}, ab^{-1}$  and  $e$ . The conditions arising from requiring that those lines contain seven different points are given by:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
a \neq a^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{a^2 \neq e} & \\
a \neq ba^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{a^2 \neq b} & \\
b \neq a^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{ab \neq e} & \\
b \neq ba^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & a^{-1} \neq e & \Leftrightarrow e \neq a \\
a \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & ab \neq e & \\
a \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & b \neq e & \\
b \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{b^2 \neq e} & \\
b \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{b^2 \neq a} & \\
a^{-1} \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq b & \\
a^{-1} \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & b \neq a^2 & \\
ba^{-1} \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & b \neq b^{-1}a & \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq a \\
ba^{-1} \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{ba^{-1}b \neq a} & 
\end{array}$$

Without loss of generality we assume that  $e$  and  $a$  belong to the same triangle. Then  $a$  and  $a^2$  form another side of the same triangle. The point  $a^2$  is hence collinear to  $e$  and the collineation  $.a$  takes  $a^2$  onto  $a^3$  and it follows that  $\mathbf{a^3 = e}$ .

The collineation  $.a$  takes the point  $e$  onto  $a$ . The points  $a, a^2$  and  $ba$  are then on one line. Just as the points  $a, b^{-1}a$  and  $ab^{-1}a$ . The seven points on the lines through  $a$  are all different. Requiring the right local structure, results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
ba \neq ba^2 & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq e & \\
ba \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{b^2 \neq a^2} & \\
ba \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{a \neq bab} & \\
b^{-1}a \neq ba^2 & \Leftrightarrow & b^{-1} \neq ba & \Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^2 \\
b^{-1}a \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq e & \\
b^{-1}a \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & b^{-1}ab \neq a & \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{ab \neq ba} \\
ab^{-1}a \neq ba^2 & \Leftrightarrow & ab^{-1} \neq ba & \Leftrightarrow a \neq bab \\
ab^{-1}a \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & ab^{-1} \neq b^{-1}a^2 & \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{ba^2 \neq ab} \\
ab^{-1}a \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq e & 
\end{array}$$

The two other lines in the point  $b$  are given by  $a^2b$ ,  $b$ ,  $ba^2b$  and  $b$ ,  $ab$ ,  $b^2$ . To have the right local structure we need the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
a^2b \neq a^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\
a^2b \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq ba^2b^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a \neq bab^{-1} \Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba \\
a^2b \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^{-2} \Leftrightarrow a \neq b^2 \\
a^2b \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow ab \neq b^{-1} \Leftrightarrow ab^2 \neq e \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq a^2 \\
ba^2b \neq a^2 &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^{-1}a^2b^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a \neq bab \\
ba^2b \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\
ba^2b \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^{-3} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{b}^3 \\
ba^2b \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{ba^2b^2} \neq \mathbf{a} \\
ab \neq a^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq a \\
ab \neq ba^2 & \\
ab \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow ab^2 \neq e \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq a^2 \\
ab \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq e \\
b^2 \neq a^2 & \\
b^2 \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq a^2 \\
b^2 \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{b^3} \neq \mathbf{e} \\
b^2 \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq a
\end{aligned}$$

The line containing the points  $ba^2$ ,  $a^2ba^2$  and  $ba^2ba^2$  and the line through the points  $aba^2$ ,  $ba^2$  and  $b^2a^2$  are the two other lines in the point  $ba^2$ . Since the collineation  $ba^2 \in G$  maps the three lines through  $e$  onto the three lines in  $ba^2$ , the seven points on the three lines through  $ba^2$  are mutually different. To obtain the right local structure we have to require that the four points  $a^2ba^2$ ,  $ba^2ba^2$ ,  $aba^2$  and  $b^2a^2$  are different from the points  $b^{-1}$  and  $ab^{-1}$ . This results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
a^2ba^2 \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a^2b \neq b^{-1}a \Leftrightarrow a \neq ba^2b \\
a^2ba^2 \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a \neq a^2ba^2b \Leftrightarrow e \neq aba^2b \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a^2} \neq \mathbf{ba^2b} \\
ba^2ba^2 \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow b^2a^2ba^2 \neq e \Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^{-1}ab^{-2} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{b^2a^2b} \Leftrightarrow a \neq ba^2b^2 \\
ba^2ba^2 \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a^2ba^2} \neq \mathbf{b^{-1}ab^{-1}} \\
aba^2 \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow baba^2 \neq e \Leftrightarrow a \neq bab \\
aba^2 \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow ba^2 \neq b^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^{-2} \Leftrightarrow a \neq b^2 \\
b^2a^2 \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^{-3} \Leftrightarrow a \neq b^3 \\
b^2a^2 \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq b^{-2}ab^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a \neq ba^2b^2
\end{aligned}$$

The third line through  $a^2$  contains the points  $b^{-1}a^2$  and  $ab^{-1}a^2$ . Those two points need to be different from the points  $b^{-1}$  and  $ab^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
b^{-1}a^2 \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq e \\
b^{-1}a^2 \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba^2 \\
ab^{-1}a^2 \neq b^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow aba^2 \neq b \Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba \\
ab^{-1}a^2 \neq ab^{-1} &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq e
\end{aligned}$$

We have found the following conditions on the group elements  $e$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  to obtain the right local structure in the point  $e$ : element  $a$  has order 3 and  $b$  has order bigger than 3 and

$$\begin{aligned}
& a^2 \neq b \\
& ab \neq e \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad b \neq a^2 \\
& \mathbf{b^2 \neq a} \\
& ba^{-1}b \neq a \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{a \neq ba^2b} \\
& \mathbf{b^2 \neq a^2} \\
& \mathbf{a \neq bab} \\
& \mathbf{ab \neq ba} \\
& \mathbf{ba^2 \neq ab} \\
& \mathbf{a \neq b^3} \\
& \mathbf{a \neq ba^2b^2} \\
& \mathbf{a^2 \neq ba^2b} \\
& a \neq b^2a^2b \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad a^2 \neq b^{-2}ab^{-1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad a \neq ba^2b^2 \\
& \mathbf{a^2ba^2 \neq b^{-1}ab^{-1}}
\end{aligned}$$

Remark that  $a^2 \neq b$  follows from  $b^3 \neq e$ . Indeed suppose that  $a^2 = b$  then  $a^6 = e = b^3$ . Because of transitivity of the group it follows that we have the right local structure in each point.

## 4 Configuration 5

### 4.1 Description of the geometries

There are two lines in  $\Gamma_x^l$ , the line  $x_1y_1$  and the line  $x_2y_2$ . It is easy to see that every point of the geometry  $\Gamma$  belongs to two triangles with one line (through the point) in common. For the point  $x$  these triangles are given by  $(x, x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x, x_2, y_2)$  sharing the line  $L = xx_1x_2$ . The lines  $x_1y_1$  and  $x_2y_2$  can not intersect. In  $x_1$  the line common to the two triangles in  $x_1$  is either the line  $L$  or either the line  $x_1y_1$ . Suppose first that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  belong to the same triangle. Then there exists a collineation  $g$  taking  $x_1$  onto  $x$  and hence fixing the line  $L$ . Because of the fact that  $G$  is not flag transitive, it follows that  $x$  is mapped onto  $x_1$ . There also exists a collineation  $h$  taking  $x_2$  onto  $x$  and hence mapping  $x$  onto  $x_2$ . But then  $gh$  takes  $x$  onto  $x_1$  onto  $x_2$  onto  $x$ , a contradiction. Consequently the line common to the two triangles in  $x_1$  is the line  $x_1y_1$ . The line common to the two triangles in  $y_1$  is either  $L_1 = xx_1y_1$  or either  $x_1y_1$ . Suppose that  $a$  and  $y_1$  belong to the same triangle with  $a$  the third point on the line  $x_1y_1$ . But then the collineation taking  $x_1$  onto  $x$ , maps the line  $x_1y_1$  onto  $L$  and then  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  belong to the same triangle, which is impossible.

### 4.2 Collineation group

We consider a collineation  $g$  fixing the point  $x$ . It follows that the line  $L$  is fixed. The point  $x_1$  is then either fixed or either taken onto the point  $x_2$ . In the first case  $g$  is the identity. In the second case the collineation  $g$  is fully determined and is an involution. Hence, a collineation group for a geometry with local structure 5 is either sharply transitive or has either order of the stabilizer of a point equal to two.

There is some collineation taking  $x$  onto  $x_1$ . The line  $L$  is then mapped onto the line  $x_1y_1a$ , including that  $x_1$  is either taken onto  $y_1$  or either onto  $a$ . In the case of a sharply transitive collineation group only one collineation mapping  $x$  onto  $x_1$  belongs to  $G$ . In the case of a non sharply transitive collineation group both collineations taking  $x$  onto  $x_1$  belong to  $G$ .

Suppose that  $G$  is sharply transitive and the collineation  $g_1$  mapping  $x$  onto  $x_1$ , maps  $x_1$  onto  $y_1$  and hence  $y_1$  onto  $x$ . Then the collineation  $h_1$  mapping  $x$  onto  $x_2$  either takes  $x_2$  onto  $y_2$  or either onto  $b$ , with  $b$  the third point on the line  $x_2y_2$ . Suppose that  $x_2$  is taken onto  $b$  then  $y_1$  is taken onto  $x$  which is in contradiction with the sharp transitivity of the group. It follows that  $h_1$  takes  $x_2$  onto  $y_2$ .

Suppose that  $G$  is sharply transitive and the collineation  $g_1$  mapping  $x$  onto  $x_1$ , maps  $x_1$  onto  $a$  and hence  $y_2$  onto  $x$ . Suppose that  $h_1$  maps  $x_2$  onto  $y_2$  then  $y_2$  is taken onto  $x$ ,

which is in contradiction with sharp point transitivity of  $G$ . It follows that  $h_1$  maps  $x_2$  onto  $b$ . Considering the image of  $x$ , it follows that  $g_1 h_1 g_1$  is the identity. Since  $x_2^{g_1 h_1 g_1} = x_1$  this case leads to a contradiction.

### 4.3 Sharply point transitive collineation group

We can identify  $G$  with the points of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . We consider  $.g$  as the action of  $G$  onto itself where  $.$  is the operation on  $G$  and  $g$  is an element of  $G$ . Let  $e$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  be different elements of  $G$  on one line. Then  $a^{-1}$ ,  $e$  and  $ba^{-1}$  are also on one line. The third line through  $e$  is then given by the points  $b^{-1}$ ,  $ab^{-1}$  and  $e$ . The conditions arising from requiring that those lines contain seven different points are given by:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
a \neq a^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{a}^2 \neq \mathbf{e} & \\
a \neq ba^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{a}^2 \neq \mathbf{b} & \\
b \neq a^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{ab} \neq \mathbf{e} & \\
b \neq ba^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & a^{-1} \neq e & \Leftrightarrow e \neq a \\
a \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & ab \neq e & \\
a \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & b \neq e & \\
b \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{b}^2 \neq \mathbf{e} & \\
b \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{b}^2 \neq \mathbf{a} & \\
a^{-1} \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq b & \\
a^{-1} \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & b \neq a^2 & \\
ba^{-1} \neq b^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & b \neq b^{-1}a & \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq a \\
ba^{-1} \neq ab^{-1} & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{ba}^{-1}\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{a} & 
\end{array}$$

Without loss of generality we assume that  $e$  and  $a$  belong to a triangle and  $e$  and  $b$  belong to a triangle. There is a unique collineation,  $.a$  taking  $e$  onto  $a$ . The line containing the points  $e$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  is then taken onto the line through the points  $a$ ,  $a^2$  and  $ba$ . The collineation  $.a$  fixes the triangle through  $e$  and  $a$ . The point  $a$  is taken onto  $a^2$  which is then collinear to  $e$  and  $\mathbf{a}^3 = \mathbf{e}$ . The collineation  $.b$  then fixes the triangle through  $e$  and  $b$ . Hence,  $b^2$  is collinear to  $e$  and  $\mathbf{b}^3 = \mathbf{e}$ .

The collineation  $.a$  takes the point  $e$  onto  $a$ . The points  $a$ ,  $a^2$  and  $ba$  are then on one line. Just as the points  $a$ ,  $b^2a$  and  $ab^2a$ . The seven points on the lines through  $a$  are all

different. Requiring the right local structure, results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
ba \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow a \neq e \\
ba \neq b^2 &\Leftrightarrow a \neq b \\
ba \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{bab} \\
b^2a \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow ba \neq a^2 \Leftrightarrow a \neq b \\
b^2a \neq b^2 &\Leftrightarrow a \neq e \\
b^2a \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow b^2ab \neq a \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{ab} \neq \mathbf{ba} \\
ab^2a \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow ab^2 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow a \neq bab \\
ab^2a \neq b^2 &\Leftrightarrow ab^2 \neq b^2a^2 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{ba}^2 \neq \mathbf{ab} \\
ab^2a \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow a \neq e
\end{aligned}$$

The two other lines in the point  $b$  are given by  $a^2b$ ,  $b$ ,  $ba^2b$  and  $b$ ,  $ab$ ,  $b^2$ . To have the right local structure we need the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned}
a^2b \neq a^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\
a^2b \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq ba^2b^2 \Leftrightarrow a \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba \\
a^2b \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow ab \neq b^2 \Leftrightarrow a \neq b \\
ba^2b \neq a^2 &\Leftrightarrow a \neq b^2ab^2 \Leftrightarrow bab \neq a \\
ba^2b \neq ba^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\
ba^2b \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow ba^2b^2 \neq a \Leftrightarrow ba^2 \neq ab \\
ab \neq a^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq a \\
ab \neq ba^2 & \\
ab \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow b \neq e
\end{aligned}$$

The third line through  $a^2$  contains the points  $b^2a^2$  and  $ab^2a^2$ . Those two points need to be different from the points  $b^2$  and  $ab^2$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
b^2a^2 \neq b^2 &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq e \\
b^2a^2 \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba^2 \\
ab^2a^2 \neq b^2 &\Leftrightarrow aba^2 \neq b \Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba \\
ab^2a^2 \neq ab^2 &\Leftrightarrow a^2 \neq e
\end{aligned}$$

The line containing the points  $ba^2$ ,  $a^2ba^2$  and  $ba^2ba^2$  and the line through the points  $aba^2$ ,  $ba^2$  and  $b^2a^2$  are the two other lines in the point  $ba^2$ . Since the collineation  $ba^2 \in G$  maps the three lines through  $e$  onto the three lines in  $ba^2$ , the seven points on the three lines through  $ba^2$  are mutually different. To obtain the right local structure we have to require that the four points  $a^2ba^2$ ,  $ba^2ba^2$ ,  $aba^2$  and  $b^2a^2$  are different from the points  $b^2$  and  $ab^2$ .

This results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{array}{llll}
a^2ba^2 \neq b^2 & \Leftrightarrow & a^2b \neq b^2a & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq ba^2b \\
a^2ba^2 \neq ab^2 & \Leftrightarrow & ba^2 \neq a^2b^2 & \Leftrightarrow & ab^2 \neq ba & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq bab \\
ba^2ba^2 \neq b^2 & \Leftrightarrow & b^2a^2ba^2 \neq e & \Leftrightarrow & a^2 \neq b^2ab & \Leftrightarrow & ba^2 \neq ab \\
ba^2ba^2 \neq ab^2 & \Leftrightarrow & a^2ba^2 \neq b^2ab^2 & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{ab^2a \neq ba^2b} \\
aba^2 \neq b^2 & \Leftrightarrow & baba^2 \neq e & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq bab \\
aba^2 \neq ab^2 & \Leftrightarrow & a^2 \neq b \\
b^2a^2 \neq b^2 & \Leftrightarrow & a^2 \neq e \\
b^2a^2 \neq ab^2 & \Leftrightarrow & a^2 \neq bab^2 & \Leftrightarrow & a \neq ba^2b^2 & \Leftrightarrow & ab \neq ba^2
\end{array}$$

We have found the following conditions on the group elements  $e$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  to obtain the right local structure in the point  $e$ : elements  $a$  and  $b$  have order 3 and

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\mathbf{a^2 \neq b} \\
ab \neq e & \Leftrightarrow & b \neq a^2 \\
b^2 \neq a \\
ba^{-1}b \neq a & \Leftrightarrow & \mathbf{a \neq ba^2b} \\
\mathbf{a \neq bab} \\
\mathbf{ab \neq ba} \\
\mathbf{ba^2 \neq ab} \\
\mathbf{ab^2a \neq ba^2b}
\end{array}$$

Because of transitivity of the group it follows that we have the right local structure in each point.

#### 4.4 Non sharply point transitive collineation group

Then the order of the stabilizer in  $G$  of a point is equal to two. Consider a subgroup  $\{e, a\}$  of  $G$  with  $a$  an involution. Then we can identify the right cosets of  $\{e, a\}$  in  $G$  with the points of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . We consider  $\cdot g$  as the action of  $G$  onto its quotient group where  $\cdot$  is the operation on  $G$  and  $g$  is an element of  $G$ . Let  $\{e, a\}$ ,  $\{b, ab\}$  and  $\{c, ac\}$  be different elements of  $G/\{e, a\}$  on one line. Therefore  $e$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  should be mutually different and  $\mathbf{c \neq ab}$ . It follows that  $\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\}$ ,  $\{e, a\}$  and  $\{cb^{-1}, acb^{-1}\}$  are also on one line. The third line through  $\{e, a\}$  is then given by the points  $\{c^{-1}, ac^{-1}\}$ ,  $\{bc^{-1}, abc^{-1}\}$  and  $\{e, a\}$ . The conditions arising from requiring that those lines contain seven different points are given by:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
\{b, ab\} \neq \{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{b^2 \neq e} \\ \mathbf{b^2 \neq a} \end{array} \right. \\
\{b, ab\} \neq \{cb^{-1}, acb^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{b^2 \neq c} \\ \mathbf{b^2 \neq ac} \end{array} \right. \\
\{b, ab\} \neq \{c^{-1}, ac^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{bc \neq e} \\ \mathbf{bc \neq a} \end{array} \right. \\
\{b, ab\} \neq \{bc^{-1}, abc^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c \neq e} \\ \mathbf{bc \neq ab} \end{array} \right. \\
\{c, ac\} \neq \{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{bc \neq e} \\ \mathbf{cb \neq a} \end{array} \right. \\
\{c, ac\} \neq \{cb^{-1}, acb^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{b \neq e} \\ \mathbf{cb \neq ac} \end{array} \right. \\
\{c, ac\} \neq \{c^{-1}, ac^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c^2 \neq e} \\ \mathbf{c^2 \neq a} \end{array} \right. \\
\{c, ac\} \neq \{bc^{-1}, abc^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c^2 \neq b} \\ \mathbf{c^2 \neq ab} \end{array} \right. \\
\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\} \neq \{c^{-1}, ac^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{b \neq c} \\ \mathbf{b \neq ca} \end{array} \right. \\
\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\} \neq \{bc^{-1}, abc^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c \neq b^2} \\ \mathbf{bab \neq c} \end{array} \right. \\
\{cb^{-1}, acb^{-1}\} \neq \{c^{-1}, ac^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{c^2 \neq b} \\ \mathbf{b \neq cac} \end{array} \right. \\
\{cb^{-1}, acb^{-1}\} \neq \{bc^{-1}, abc^{-1}\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{cb^{-1} \neq bc^{-1}} \\ \mathbf{cb^{-1} \neq abc^{-1}} \end{array} \right.
\end{array}$$

Without loss of generality we assume that  $\{e, a\}$  and  $\{b, ab\}$  belong to a triangle and also  $\{e, a\}$  and  $\{c, ac\}$  belong to a triangle. Since the involution  $.a$  takes  $\{b, ab\}$  and  $\{c, ac\}$  onto each other, it follows that  $\{ba, aba\} = \{c, ac\}$ . Since  $ba$  can not be equal to  $c$  we have that  $ba = ac$ . Also, since  $\{ca, aca\} = \{b, ab\}$  we have that  $ca = ab$ . This is equivalent to  $\mathbf{c = aba}$ . The two collineations mapping the point  $\{e, a\}$  onto the point  $\{b, ab\}$  are  $.b$  and  $.ab$ . The inverse images of  $\{e, a\}$  under these two collineations give the third points of both triangles in  $\{e, a\}$ :  $\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\}$  and  $\{b^{-1}a, ab^{-1}a\}$ . We distinguish two possibilities: either  $\{e, a\}$ ,  $\{b, ab\}$  and  $\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\}$  belong to a triangle or either  $\{e, a\}$ ,  $\{b, ab\}$  and  $\{b^{-1}a, ab^{-1}a\}$  belong to a triangle.

1.  $\{e, a\}$ ,  $\{b, ab\}$  and  $\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\}$  belong to a triangle.

The second triangle in  $\{e, a\}$  is then given by the points  $\{e, a\}$ ,  $\{aba, ba\}$  and  $\{b^{-1}a, ab^{-1}a\}$ . The collineation  $.b$  takes  $\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\}$  onto  $\{e, a\}$  onto  $\{b, ab\}$  onto  $\{b^2, ab^2\}$ , which is equal to  $\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\}$ . It follows that  $b^2$  is either  $b^{-1}$  or either  $ab^{-1}$ .

In the second case  $b^3$  is equal to  $a$  which is impossible since  $b^3$  is not an involution. Hence  $\mathbf{b}^3 = \mathbf{e}$ . It is easily seen that also  $c^3 = (aba)^3 = e$ .

The collineation  $.b$  takes the point  $\{e, a\}$  onto  $\{b, ab\}$ . The points  $\{b, ab\}$ ,  $\{b^2, ab^2\}$  and  $\{abab, bab\}$  are then on one line. Just as the points  $\{b, ab\}$ ,  $\{ab^2ab, b^2ab\}$  and  $\{bab^2ab, abab^2ab\}$ . The seven points on the lines through  $\{b, ab\}$  are all different. Requiring the right local structure, results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\{abab, bab\} \neq \{abab^2, bab^2\} \\
\{abab, bab\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} \\
\{abab, bab\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \\
\{ab^2ab, b^2ab\} \neq \{abab^2, bab^2\} \\
\{ab^2ab, b^2ab\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} \\
\{ab^2ab, b^2ab\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \\
\{bab^2ab, abab^2ab\} \neq \{abab^2, bab^2\} \\
\{bab^2ab, abab^2ab\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} \\
\{bab^2ab, abab^2ab\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\}
\end{array}
\Leftrightarrow
\begin{array}{l}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
bab \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab \\
bab \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow e \neq b \\
bab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{b^2ab^2} \neq \mathbf{aba} \\
bab \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{aba} \neq \mathbf{b}
\end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
bab \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow e \neq ba \\
bab \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{babab} \neq \mathbf{aba} \\
b^2ab \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^2 \neq aba \\
b^2ab \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow b \neq aba
\end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
b^2ab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow bab \neq aba \\
b^2ab \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\
b^2ab \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b^2ab^2 \\
b^2ab \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{b^2abab} \neq \mathbf{aba}
\end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
bab^2ab \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow bab^2ab^2 \neq aba \Leftrightarrow aba \neq babab \\
bab^2ab \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow b \neq a \\
bab^2ab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2abab^2 \neq aba \Leftrightarrow aba \neq babab \\
bab^2ab \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab
\end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
bab^2ab \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\
bab^2ab \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{bab^2abab} \neq \mathbf{aba}
\end{array} \right.
\end{array}$$

The two other lines in the point  $\{aba, ba\}$  are given by  $\{ba, aba\}$ ,  $\{b^2a, ab^2a\}$ ,  $\{ababa, baba\}$  and  $\{ba, aba\}$ ,  $\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\}$ ,  $\{bab^2aba, abab^2aba\}$ . To have the right

local structure we need the following conditions:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
\{ababa, baba\} \neq \{b^2, ab^2\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} baba \neq b^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b \\ baba \neq ab^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b^2ab^2 \end{array} \right. \\
\{ababa, baba\} \neq \{abab^2, bab^2\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} baba \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow babab \neq aba \\ baba \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow a \neq b \end{array} \right. \\
\{ababa, baba\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} baba \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow e \neq b \\ baba \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab \end{array} \right. \\
\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} \neq \{b^2, ab^2\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2aba \neq b^2 \Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\ b^2aba \neq ab^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow bab \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} \neq \{abab^2, bab^2\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2aba \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow b^2abab \neq aba \\ b^2aba \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b^2ab^2 \end{array} \right. \\
\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2aba \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow ba \neq ab \\ b^2aba \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2a \neq abab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^2 \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\{bab^2aba, abab^2aba\} \neq \{b^2, ab^2\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} bab^2aba \neq b^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab \\ bab^2aba \neq ab^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2ab^2 \Leftrightarrow babab \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\{bab^2aba, abab^2aba\} \neq \{abab^2, bab^2\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} bab^2aba \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow bab^2abab \neq aba \\ bab^2aba \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow b \neq e \end{array} \right. \\
\{bab^2aba, abab^2aba\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} bab^2aba \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow b \neq a \\ bab^2aba \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2a \neq abab \Leftrightarrow aba \neq babab \end{array} \right.
\end{array}$$

The third line through  $\{b^2, ab^2\}$  contains the points  $\{ab^2ab^2, b^2ab^2\}$  and  $\{bab^2ab^2, abab^2ab^2\}$ . Those two points need to be different from the points  $\{ab^2a, b^2a\}$  and  $\{bab^2a, abab^2a\}$ :

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
\{ab^2ab^2, b^2ab^2\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2ab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab \neq aba \\ b^2ab^2 \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq e \end{array} \right. \\
\{ab^2ab^2, b^2ab^2\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2ab^2 \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab \neq aba \\ b^2ab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow babab \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\{bab^2ab^2, abab^2ab^2\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} bab^2ab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b^2abab \\ bab^2ab^2 \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow ab^2ab^2 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^2 \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\{bab^2ab^2, abab^2ab^2\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} & \Leftrightarrow & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} bab^2ab^2 \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq e \\ bab^2ab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2abab \end{array} \right.
\end{array}$$

The line containing the points  $\{abab^2, bab^2\}$ ,  $\{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\}$  and  $\{ababab^2, babab^2\}$  and the line through  $\{bab^2, abab^2\}$ ,  $\{ab^2abab^2, b^2abab^2\}$  and  $\{bab^2abab^2, abab^2abab^2\}$  are the two other lines in the point  $\{abab^2, bab^2\}$ . Since the collineation  $bab^2 \in G$  maps the three lines through  $\{e, a\}$  onto the three lines in  $\{abab^2, bab^2\}$ , the seven points on the three lines through  $\{abab^2, bab^2\}$  are mutually different. To obtain the right local structure we have to require that the four points  $\{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\}$ ,  $\{ababab^2, babab^2\}$ ,  $\{ab^2abab^2, b^2abab^2\}$  and  $\{bab^2abab^2, abab^2abab^2\}$  are different from

the points  $\{ab^2a, b^2a\}$  and  $\{bab^2a, abab^2a\}$ . This results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} \\
\{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \\
\{ababab^2, babab^2\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} \\
\{ababab^2, babab^2\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \\
\{ab^2abab^2, b^2abab^2\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} \\
\{ab^2abab^2, b^2abab^2\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \\
\{bab^2abab^2, abab^2abab^2\} \neq \{ab^2a, b^2a\} \\
\{bab^2abab^2, abab^2abab^2\} \neq \{bab^2a, abab^2a\}
\end{array}
\Leftrightarrow
\begin{array}{l}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2ab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab \neq aba \\ b^2ab^2 \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq e \end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2ab^2 \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab \neq aba \\ b^2ab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow babab \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} babab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab \neq ab^2aba \Leftrightarrow babab \neq aba \\ babab^2 \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow abab^2 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab \end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} babab^2 \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow ab^2 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq aba \\ babab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2abab^2 \end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2abab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2ab \\ b^2abab^2 \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq e \end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} b^2abab^2 \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow babab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2ab^2 \neq aba \Leftrightarrow aba \neq babab \\ b^2abab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2abab \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} bab^2abab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2abab^2 \neq aba \\ bab^2abab^2 \neq b^2a \Leftrightarrow ab^2abab^2 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2ab^2 \Leftrightarrow babab \neq aba \end{array} \right. \\
\left\{ \begin{array}{l} bab^2abab^2 \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq e \\ bab^2abab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab^2abab^2ab \neq aba \end{array} \right.
\end{array}$$

We have found the following conditions on the group elements  $e$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  to obtain the right local structure in the point  $e$ : element  $a$  has order 2, element  $b$  has order 3, element  $ab$  has order bigger than 3 and

$$\begin{array}{l}
aba \neq bab \\
aba \neq bab^2ab \\
aba \neq babab \\
aba \neq b^2abab \\
aba \neq bab^2abab \\
aba \neq bab^2abab^2ab
\end{array}$$

Remark that  $b^2 \neq a$  follows from  $a^2 = e$  and  $b^3 = e$ . Indeed suppose that  $b^2 = a$  then  $b = b^4 = a^2 = e$ . Also,  $aba \neq b$  since  $aba = b$  gives  $ab = ba = ac$  from which  $b = c$ , a contradiction. We have that

$$aba \neq bab^2abab \Leftrightarrow b^2abab^2ab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow abab^2ab^2a \neq bab^2 \Leftrightarrow ab^2ab^2a \neq b^2abab^2 \Leftrightarrow ab^2a \neq bab^2abab^2 \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2abab^2$$

Because of transitivity of the group it follows that we have the right local structure in each point.

2.  $\{e, a\}$ ,  $\{b, ab\}$  and  $\{b^{-1}a, ab^{-1}a\}$  belong to a triangle.

The second triangle in  $\{e, a\}$  is then given by the points  $\{e, a\}$ ,  $\{aba, ba\}$  and  $\{b^{-1}, ab^{-1}\}$ . The collineation  $.ab$  takes  $\{b^{-1}a, ab^{-1}a\}$  onto  $\{e, a\}$  onto  $\{ab, b\}$  onto  $\{abab, bab\}$ , which is equal to  $\{b^{-1}a, ab^{-1}a\}$ . It follows that  $bab$  is either  $b^{-1}a$  or either  $ab^{-1}a$ . In the first case  $babab$  is equal to  $e$  or  $(ab)^3 = a$  which is impossible since  $.(ab)^3$  is not an involution. Hence  $(ab)^3 = e$ . It is easily seen that also  $(ac)^3 = (ba)^3 = e$ . The lines through  $\{e, a\}$  are then given by:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\{e, a\} \{b, ab\} \{aba, ba\} \\
\{e, a\} \{ababa, baba\} \{ab^2aba, b^2aba\}
\end{array}$$

$$\{e, a\} \{bab, abab\} \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\}$$

The collineation  $.b$  takes the point  $\{e, a\}$  onto  $\{b, ab\}$ . The points  $\{b, ab\}$ ,  $\{b^2, ab^2\}$  and  $\{abab, bab\}$  are then on one line. Just as the points  $\{b, ab\}$ ,  $\{bab^2, abab^2\}$  and  $\{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\}$ . The seven points on the lines through  $\{b, ab\}$  are all different. Requiring the right local structure, results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \{b^2, ab^2\} \neq \{ababa, baba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2 \neq ababa \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq b^{-1} \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq e \\ b^2 \neq baba \Leftrightarrow b^3 a \neq e \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq a \end{cases} \\ \{b^2, ab^2\} \neq \{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2 \neq ab^2aba \Leftrightarrow b^3aba \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq aba \\ b^2 \neq b^2aba \Leftrightarrow e \neq aba \Leftrightarrow b \neq e \end{cases} \\ \{b^2, ab^2\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2 \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow a \neq b \\ b^2 \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow b \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow bab \neq b^3a \Leftrightarrow e \neq b^4a \Leftrightarrow b^4 \neq a \end{cases} \\ \{bab^2, abab^2\} \neq \{ababa, baba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2 \neq ababa \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq b^{-1} \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^2 \neq e \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq ab^{-2} \Leftrightarrow b^4 \neq a \\ bab^2 \neq baba \Leftrightarrow b \neq a \end{cases} \\ \{bab^2, abab^2\} \neq \{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2 \neq ab^2aba \Leftrightarrow bab^3 \neq aba \\ bab^2 \neq b^2aba \Leftrightarrow ab^2 \neq baba \Leftrightarrow ab^3a \neq e \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq e \end{cases} \\ \{bab^2, abab^2\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2 \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b \neq aba \Leftrightarrow b^2ab \neq e \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq b^{-1}a \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq a \\ bab^2 \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow bab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow ababa \neq b^2 \Leftrightarrow e \neq b^3 \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\} \neq \{ababa, baba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2 \neq ababa \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^3 \neq e \\ b^2ab^2 \neq baba \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq aba \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\} \neq \{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2 \neq ab^2aba \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^3a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^3 \neq aba \\ b^2ab^2 \neq b^2aba \Leftrightarrow b \neq a \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2, ab^2ab^2\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2 \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow b \neq e \\ b^2ab^2 \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^2aba \neq ab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^2ab \neq aba \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The two other lines in the point  $\{aba, ba\}$  are given by  $\{ba, aba\}$ ,  $\{b^2a, ab^2a\}$ ,  $\{ababa, baba\}$  and  $\{ba, aba\}$ ,  $\{bab^2a, abab^2a\}$ ,  $\{b^2ab^2a, ab^2ab^2a\}$ . To have the right local structure we need the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \{b^2a, ab^2a\} \neq \{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2a \neq ab^2aba \Leftrightarrow b^2aba \neq ab \Leftrightarrow b \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^4 \neq a \\ b^2a \neq b^2aba \Leftrightarrow e \neq ba \Leftrightarrow a \neq b \end{cases} \\ \{b^2a, ab^2a\} \neq \{bab, abab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2a \neq bab \Leftrightarrow ba \neq ab \Leftrightarrow b \neq aba \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq a \\ b^2a \neq abab \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq e \end{cases} \\ \{b^2a, ab^2a\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2a \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow e \neq b \\ b^2a \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow b^3ab \neq ab^2 \Leftrightarrow b^3a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq aba \end{cases} \\ \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \neq \{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2a \neq ab^2aba \Leftrightarrow bab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow baba \neq ab^2 \Leftrightarrow e \neq ab^3a \Leftrightarrow e \neq b^3 \\ bab^2a \neq b^2aba \Leftrightarrow ab \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b \neq aba \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq a \end{cases} \\ \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \neq \{bab, abab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2a \neq bab \Leftrightarrow ba \neq e \\ bab^2a \neq abab \Leftrightarrow bab^3 \neq e \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq ab^{-1} \Leftrightarrow b^4 \neq a \end{cases} \\ \{bab^2a, abab^2a\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2a \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow ab^2a \neq bab \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq e \\ bab^2a \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow bab^3a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow bab^3 \neq aba \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2a, ab^2ab^2a\} \neq \{ab^2aba, b^2aba\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2a \neq ab^2aba \Leftrightarrow b^2ab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b \neq ab^3a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b^3 \\ b^2ab^2a \neq b^2aba \Leftrightarrow ba \neq a \Leftrightarrow b \neq e \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2a, ab^2ab^2a\} \neq \{bab, abab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2a \neq bab \Leftrightarrow bab^2a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq aba \\ b^2ab^2a \neq abab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^3 \neq e \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2a, ab^2ab^2a\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2a \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow ba \neq e \\ b^2ab^2a \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^3a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^3 \neq aba \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The third line through  $\{ababa, baba\}$  contains the points  $\{bab^2aba, abab^2aba\}$  and  $\{b^2ab^2aba, ab^2ab^2aba\}$ . Those two points need to be different from the points  $\{bab, abab\}$  and  $\{b^2ab, ab^2ab\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \{bab^2aba, abab^2aba\} \neq \{bab, abab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow baba \neq e \Leftrightarrow e \neq ba \\ bab^2aba \neq abab \Leftrightarrow bab \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow baba \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow e \neq abab^3a \Leftrightarrow a \neq b^4 \end{cases} \\ \{bab^2aba, abab^2aba\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} bab^2aba \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow ab^2aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow ab \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^2 \\ bab^2aba \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow bab \neq ab^2ab^2a \Leftrightarrow e \neq ab^2ab^3a \Leftrightarrow e \neq b^2ab^3 \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2aba, ab^2ab^2aba\} \neq \{bab, abab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow bab^2aba \neq ab \Leftrightarrow bab \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow e \neq ab^3a \Leftrightarrow e \neq b^3 \\ b^2ab^2aba \neq abab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2aba \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow b \neq abab^3a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq bab^3 \end{cases} \\ \{b^2ab^2aba, ab^2ab^2aba\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} &\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} b^2ab^2aba \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow baba \neq e \Leftrightarrow e \neq ba \\ b^2ab^2aba \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab \neq ab^2ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b \neq ab^2ab^3a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b^2ab^3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The line containing the points  $\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\}$ ,  $\{b^3aba, ab^3aba\}$  and  $\{abab^2aba, bab^2aba\}$  and the line through  $\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\}$ ,  $\{bab^3aba, abab^3aba\}$  and  $\{b^2ab^3aba, ab^2ab^3aba\}$  are the two other lines in the point  $\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\}$ . Since the collineation  $b^2aba \in G$  maps the three lines through  $\{e, a\}$  onto the three lines in  $\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\}$ , the seven points on the three lines through  $\{ab^2aba, b^2aba\}$  are mutually different. To obtain the right local structure we have to require that the four points  $\{b^3aba, ab^3aba\}$ ,  $\{abab^2aba, bab^2aba\}$ ,  $\{bab^3aba, abab^3aba\}$  and  $\{b^2ab^3aba, ab^2ab^3aba\}$  are different from the points  $\{bab, abab\}$  and  $\{b^2ab, ab^2ab\}$ . This results in the following conditions:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\{b^3aba, ab^3aba\} \neq \{bab, abab\} \\
\{b^3aba, ab^3aba\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} \\
\{abab^2aba, bab^2aba\} \neq \{bab, abab\} \\
\{abab^2aba, bab^2aba\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} \\
\{bab^3aba, abab^3aba\} \neq \{bab, abab\} \\
\{bab^3aba, abab^3aba\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\} \\
\{b^2ab^3aba, ab^2ab^3aba\} \neq \{bab, abab\} \\
\{b^2ab^3aba, ab^2ab^3aba\} \neq \{b^2ab, ab^2ab\}
\end{array}
\Leftrightarrow
\begin{array}{l}
\left\{ \begin{array}{l}
b^3aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow b^2aba \neq ab \Leftrightarrow b \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^4 \neq a \\
b^3aba \neq abab \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow ab^3 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq aba \\
b^3aba \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow baba \neq ab \Leftrightarrow e \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b^2 \neq e \\
b^3aba \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow b^3ab^2a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{b^3ab^2 \neq aba} \\
bab^2aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow baba \neq e \Leftrightarrow e \neq ba \\
bab^2aba \neq abab \Leftrightarrow bab \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow baba \neq abab^2 \Leftrightarrow e \neq abab^3a \Leftrightarrow a \neq b^4 \\
bab^2aba \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow ab^2aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow ab \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow ab^3 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq aba \\
bab^2aba \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow bab^2ab^2a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{bab^2ab^2 \neq aba} \\
bab^3aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow baba \neq e \\
bab^3aba \neq abab \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow b \neq ab^2ab^2a \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{aba \neq b^2ab^2} \\
bab^3aba \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow ab^3aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow ab^2 \neq bab^2a \Leftrightarrow ab^3 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b^3 \neq aba \\
bab^3aba \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq ab^2ab^2a \Leftrightarrow b \neq ab^3ab^2a \Leftrightarrow aba \neq b^3ab^2 \\
b^2ab^3aba \neq bab \Leftrightarrow bab^3aba \neq ab \Leftrightarrow bab^2 \neq ab^2a \Leftrightarrow abab^2ab^2 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow bab^2ab^2 \neq aba \\
b^2ab^3aba \neq abab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^2 \neq abab^2a \Leftrightarrow ab^3ab^2 \neq ba \Leftrightarrow b^3ab^2 \neq aba \\
b^2ab^3aba \neq b^2ab \Leftrightarrow baba \neq e \Leftrightarrow e \neq ba \\
b^2ab^3aba \neq ab^2ab \Leftrightarrow b^2ab^3ab^2a \neq ab \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{b^2ab^3ab^2 \neq aba}
\end{array} \right.
\end{array}$$

Remark the following equivalences:

$$\begin{array}{l}
b^2 \neq a \\
b^2 \neq aba \\
baba \neq a \\
baba \neq ab \\
abab \neq a \\
abab \neq ba \\
(aba)^2 \neq e \\
(aba)^2 \neq a \\
(aba)^2 \neq b \\
(aba)^2 \neq ab \\
bab \neq aba \\
b \neq ababa \\
abab^{-1} \neq bab^{-1}a \\
abab^{-1} \neq abab^{-1}a \\
b^3 \neq aba \\
bab^3 \neq aba \\
b^2ab^3 \neq e \\
bab^2 \neq aba \\
b^2ab^3 \neq aba \\
b^2ab^2ab \neq aba \\
b^3ab^2 \neq aba \\
bab^2ab^2 \neq aba \\
aba \neq b^2ab^2 \\
b^2ab^3ab^2 \neq aba
\end{array}
\Leftrightarrow
\begin{array}{l}
b \neq ab^{-1} \\
b^3ab \neq e \\
e \neq aba \\
e \neq ab^2a \\
e \neq b \\
e \neq b^2 \\
ab^2a \neq e \\
ab^2a \neq a \\
ab^2a \neq b \\
ab^2a \neq ab \\
e \neq ab^2a \\
b^2 \neq e \\
ab^2aba \neq b^2ab \\
ab^2aba \neq ab^2ab \\
bab^4 \neq e \\
b^2ab^4a \neq e \\
bab^3 \neq b^{-1} \\
b \neq ab^2a \\
bab^3ab^3 \neq e \\
b^3ab^2ab^2a \neq e \\
b^3ab^3ab \neq e \\
b^2ab^2ab^3a \neq e \\
e \neq b^2ab^3ab \\
b^3ab^3ab^3a \neq e
\end{array}
\Leftrightarrow
\begin{array}{l}
b \neq baba \\
b^4 \neq a \\
e \neq b \\
e \neq b^2 \\
b^2 \neq e \\
b^2 \neq a \\
b^3a \neq bab \\
ba \neq e \\
b^2 \neq e \\
ab \neq b^2ab^2a \\
a \neq e \\
b^2ab^4 \neq a \\
bab^4 \neq e \\
bab \neq b^3a \\
b^3ab^3 \neq baba \\
b^3ab^3 \neq abab \\
b^2ab^2ab^3 \neq a \\
a \neq b^3ab^3 \\
b^3ab^3ab^3 \neq a
\end{array}
\Leftrightarrow
\begin{array}{l}
e \neq aba \\
e \neq b \\
b^4a \neq e \\
b \neq a \\
bab \neq b^3ab^2a \\
e \neq b^3ab^3a \\
e \neq b^4a \\
b^3ab^4a \neq e \\
ab^4ab^3 \neq e \\
b^2ab^2 \neq ab^{-3}a \\
ab^4a \neq b^{-3} \\
b^3ab^4 \neq a
\end{array}
\Leftrightarrow
\begin{array}{l}
e \neq b \\
b^4 \neq a \\
b^3ab^4 \neq a \\
b^3ab^3 \neq a
\end{array}$$

We have found the following conditions on the group elements  $e$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  to obtain the right local structure in the point  $e$ : element  $a$  has order 2, element  $b$  has order

bigger than 3, element  $ab$  has order 3 and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a} &\neq \mathbf{b}^4 \\ \mathbf{a} &\neq \mathbf{b}^5 \\ \mathbf{a} &\neq \mathbf{b}^3\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^3 \\ \mathbf{a} &\neq \mathbf{b}^2\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^4 \\ \mathbf{a} &\neq \mathbf{b}^3\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^4 \\ \mathbf{a} &\neq \mathbf{b}^3\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^3\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Remark that if  $a = b^3ab^2ab^2$ , then  $b^3ab^2 = ab^{-2}a = babaabab = bab^2ab$  or  $b^2ab = ab^2a$ . It follows that  $b = ab^{-2}ab^2a = bab^2ab^3a$ , consequently  $b^2ab^3 = e$  or  $a = b^5$  which is a contradiction. Also, suppose that  $a = b^3$  then  $b^3ab^3 = a^3 = a$  which is in contradiction with the above conditions. Because of transitivity of the group it follows that we have the right local structure in each point.

## 5 Configuration 13

### 5.1 A construction of an infinite class $\mathcal{S}_{(r,s)}$

All members of the infinite class we will describe are quotients of the honeycomb geometry. We give an explicit construction based on the incidence graph. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the incidence graph of the infinite example, which is the (bipartite) graph obtained from the tiling of the real Euclidean plane into regular hexagons. The (incidence graph of the) members of the infinite class will be described as quotients of this graph.

The parameters  $r$  and  $s$  in  $\mathcal{S}_{(r,s)}$  are integers with  $r \geq 0$ .

We define a coordinate system for the real Euclidean plane as follows. We choose an arbitrary vertex of  $\mathcal{G}$  as the origin  $(0,0)$ . The unit vectors  $\vec{e}_1$  and  $\vec{e}_2$  are chosen in such a way that they form an angle of sixty degrees and the end points are vertices of  $\mathcal{G}$  at graph-theoretical distance 2 from  $(0,0)$  contained in a common hexagon through the origin.

The points of  $\mathcal{S}_{(r,s)}$  are the ordered pairs  $(i, j)$ , with  $i, j$  integers and with identification of all pairs  $(i, j) + k(r, s) = (i + kr, j + ks)$  with  $k$  an integer. The lines of the geometry are the 3-sets  $\{(i, j), (i + 1, j), (i + 1, j - 1)\}$  consisting of the three points incident with the line, and where for each point the above identification rule holds. The above line can be identified with the vertex with coordinates  $(i + 2/3, j - 1/3)$ .

Let  $m$  be the Euclidean distance between the origin and the vertex with coordinates  $(r, s)$ . Consider the strip  $S$  of all vertices of the graph between the  $X$ -axis and a line  $y = s$  parallel to the  $X$ -axis through the vertex  $(r, s)$ . The  $X$ -axis itself is contained in the strip, the line  $y = s$  not. Every point can be represented by a pair  $(i, j)$  with coordinates  $i, j$  in the strip  $S$ . Now, if there were two representatives for a point in  $S$ , then one would be on a line through the other parallel to  $(0,0)(r, s)$  at distance  $m$  from each other. Since this is impossible, every point of the geometry has a unique representation  $(i, j)$  in the strip  $S$  which is therefore called a *fundamental strip*.

### 5.2 A construction of an infinite class $\mathcal{R}_{(r,s)}$

All members of the infinite class we will describe are quotients of the honeycomb geometry. We give an explicit construction based on the incidence graph. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the incidence graph of the infinite example, which is the (bipartite) graph obtained from the tiling of the real Euclidean plane into regular hexagons. The (incidence graph of the) members of the infinite class will be described as quotients of this graph.

The parameters  $r$  and  $s$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{(r,s)}$  are non negative integers with  $r \geq s$  and  $r + s \geq 3$ .

We define a coordinate system for the real Euclidean plane as follows. We choose an arbitrary vertex of  $\mathcal{G}$  as the origin  $(0, 0)$ . The unit vectors  $\vec{e}_1$  and  $\vec{e}_2$  are chosen in such a way that they form an angle of sixty degrees and the end points are vertices of  $\mathcal{G}$  at graph-theoretical distance 2 from  $(0, 0)$  contained in a common hexagon through the origin.

The points of  $\mathcal{R}_{(r,s)}$  are the ordered pairs  $(i, j)$ , with  $i, j$  integers and with identification of all pairs  $(i, j) + k(r, s) + l(r, -r - s) = (i + kr + lr, j + ks - lr - ls)$  with  $k, l$  integers. The lines of the geometry are the 3-sets  $\{(i, j), (i + 1, j), (i + 1, j - 1)\}$  consisting of the three points incident with the line, and where for each point the above identification rule holds. The above line can be identified with the vertex with coordinates  $(i + 2/3, j - 1/3)$ .

Let  $m$  be the Euclidean distance between the origin and the vertex with coordinates  $(r, s)$ . By applying the cosine rule in the triangle  $(0, 0)(r, 0)(r, s)$  we find that  $m^2 = r^2 + rs + s^2$ . It is easy to see that the quadrangle formed by the vertices  $(0, 0)(r, s)(2r, -r)(r, -r - s)$  is a rhombus with length of the sides equal to  $m$ . Every point can be represented by a pair  $(i, j)$  with coordinates  $i, j$  in the rhombus without the line segments  $[(r, s)(2r, -r)]$  and  $[(2r, -r)(r, -r - s)]$ . We will note this domain as  $\mathcal{D}$ . Now, if there were two representatives for a point in  $\mathcal{D}$ , then one would be on a line through the other parallel to  $(0, 0)(r, s)$  or to  $(0, 0)(r, -r - s)$  at distance  $m$  from each other. Since this is impossible, every point of the geometry has a unique representation  $(i, j)$  in the domain  $\mathcal{D}$  which is therefore called a *fundamental domain*.

In order to count the number of points in the geometry, we have to count the number of vertices corresponding to points in the fundamental domain  $\mathcal{D}$ . The area of  $\mathcal{D}$  is equal to  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}r^2 + \sqrt{3}rs$ . The area of one hexagon is equal to  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ . The number of hexagons in  $\mathcal{D}$  is  $r^2 + 2rs$ . We can assume that every hexagon contributes one vertex representing a point of the geometry and one vertex representing a line. Hence, the geometry  $\mathcal{R}_{(r,s)}$  contains  $r^2 + 2rs$  points and also  $r^2 + 2rs$  lines.

Remark that for  $s = 0$  we obtain the square geometries and for  $r = s$  we obtain the triple square geometries.

### 5.3 Classification of collineation groups acting point and line transitive, but not flag transitive on the honeycomb geometry

A group of collineations of the honeycomb geometry acting point and line transitive but not flag transitive is equivalent to a group of automorphisms of its incidence graph fixing the two partition sets, acting transitive on the vertices in each partition set and for which the stabilizer of any vertex is not transitive onto its neighbors.

We distinguish the case of a sharp point (and hence sharp line) transitive group and the case of a non sharp point (and hence non sharp line) transitive group.

The only isometries for the Euclidean plane are translations, rotations, reflections and glide reflections (where we suppose that the translation vector is in the direction of the reflection axis and is different from the zero vector).

Suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  are two vertices belonging to the same partition set of the incidence graph of the honeycomb geometry and belonging to a same hexagon. Let  $c$  be the vertex incident with both  $a$  and  $b$  and  $d$  the vertex at graph-theoretical distance 2 from both  $a$  and  $b$  and the third point  $f$  of the hexagon through  $a$  and  $b$  different from  $b$ .

- Sharp point transitive collineation group  $G$

We consider the following cases:

- A unique rotation  $r$  maps  $a$  onto  $b$ . Remark that its center is the center of a hexagon. Suppose that  $r \in G$ . From now on we denote by  $r^+$ , resp.  $r^-$  the rotation over  $+120$ , resp.  $-120$  degrees.
  - \* The rotation  $r'$  taking  $a$  onto  $d$  belongs to  $G$ . Remark that the center of this rotation is the center of the hexagon containing  $a$  and  $d$ . It is easily seen that  $G = \langle r, r' \rangle$  is a group satisfying our conditions.
  - \* The translation with vector  $\vec{ad}$  belongs to  $G$ . Since composition of the rotation  $r$  and this translation gives a rotation with center a vertex of a hexagon, we get a contradiction.
  - \* There are exactly two glide reflections taking  $a$  onto  $d$  one with axis parallel to edge  $\{a, e\}$  and one with axis parallel to edge  $\{d, e\}$  where  $e$  is the vertex adjacent to  $a$  and  $d$ . Suppose that a glide reflection  $st$  taking  $a$  onto  $d$  belongs to  $G$ . If the glide reflection has axis parallel to edge  $\{d, e\}$  then  $r^-(st) = r^-(ts)$  is a reflection which is in contradiction with sharp point transitivity. If its axis is parallel to edge  $\{a, e\}$  then  $r^-(st)$  is a glide reflection  $s't'$ . Considering  $st$  followed by  $s't'$  gives a rotation with center the center of the hexagon through  $a$  and  $d$ . Hence the group  $G$  can not be sharp point transitive.
- A unique translation  $t$  maps  $a$  onto  $b$ . Suppose that  $t \in G$ .
  - \* The translation  $t'$  taking  $a$  onto  $f$  belongs to  $G$ . It is easily seen that  $G = \langle t, t' \rangle$  is a group satisfying our conditions.
  - \* The rotation with center the center of the hexagon through  $a$  and  $b$  belongs to  $G$ . But this is in contradiction with sharp point transitivity.
  - \* There are exactly two glide reflections taking  $a$  onto  $f$  one with axis parallel to edge  $\{a, g\}$  and one with axis parallel to edge  $\{f, g\}$  where  $g$  is the vertex

adjacent to  $a$  and  $f$ . Suppose that a glide reflection  $st'$  taking  $a$  onto  $f$  belongs to  $G$ . If the glide reflection has axis parallel to edge  $\{f, g\}$  then  $(st')(st')$  is a translation  $2t'$  with vector parallel to the axis of  $s$  and with size twice the size of the translation vector of  $t'$ . But then also  $2t' - t$  is a translation taking  $a$  onto  $f$  which is in contradiction with sharp point transitivity. If its axis is parallel to edge  $\{a, g\}$  then it is easily seen that  $G = \langle t, st' \rangle$  satisfies our conditions.

- There are two glide reflections  $st$  taking  $a$  onto  $b$ , one with axis of  $s$  parallel to edge  $\{a, c\}$  and one with axis of  $s$  parallel to the edge  $\{b, c\}$ . We consider the case where  $G$  contains one glide reflection mapping  $a$  onto  $b$ .
  - \* The glide reflection  $st$  with axis parallel to edge  $\{b, c\}$  belongs to  $G$ .
    - The translation  $t'$  taking  $a$  onto  $f$  belongs to  $G$ . From the previous it is easily seen that we come to a contradiction.
    - The rotation with center the center of the hexagon through  $a$  and  $b$  belongs to  $G$ . But this is in contradiction with sharp point transitivity.
    - There are exactly two glide reflections taking  $a$  onto  $f$  one with axis parallel to edge  $\{a, g\}$  and one with axis parallel to edge  $\{f, g\}$  where  $g$  is the vertex adjacent to  $a$  and  $f$ . Suppose that a glide reflection  $s't'$  taking  $a$  onto  $f$  belongs to  $G$ . If the glide reflection has axis parallel to edge  $\{f, g\}$  then  $G = \langle st, s't' \rangle$  is a group satisfying our needs. It is easily seen that this group is the same as  $\langle t'', st \rangle$  where  $\vec{t}'' = \overrightarrow{(s't')(st)} - \overrightarrow{(st)(st)}$  which we already obtained in a previous case. If its axis is parallel to edge  $\{a, g\}$  then the translation  $(st)(st)$  and the glide reflection  $(st)(s't')(st)(s't')(s't')$  both take vertex  $a$  onto the same vertex, which gives a contradiction.
  - \* The glide reflection  $st$  with axis parallel to edge  $\{a, c\}$  belongs to  $G$ .
    - The translation  $t'$  taking  $a$  onto  $f$  belongs to  $G$ . From the previous it is easily seen that the group  $G = \langle t', st \rangle$  is a group satisfying our needs.
    - The rotation with center the center of the hexagon through  $a$  and  $b$  belongs to  $G$ . But this is in contradiction with sharp point transitivity.
    - There are exactly two glide reflections taking  $a$  onto  $f$  one with axis parallel to edge  $\{a, g\}$  and one with axis parallel to edge  $\{f, g\}$  where  $g$  is the vertex adjacent to  $a$  and  $f$ . Suppose that a glide reflection  $s't'$  taking  $a$  onto  $f$  belongs to  $G$ . If the glide reflection has axis parallel to edge  $\{f, g\}$  then the translation  $(s't')(s't')$  and the glide reflection  $(s't')(st)(s't')(st)(st)$  both take vertex  $a$  onto the same vertex, which gives a contradiction. If its axis is parallel to edge  $\{a, g\}$  then  $(st)(s't')$  is a rotation with center the vertex  $g$ . Because  $G$  is not flag transitive,

this is impossible.

- Non sharp point transitive collineation group  $G$

Then  $G$  certainly contains reflections. Moreover, every vertex is on exactly one reflection axis. Consequently the order of the stabilizer of a point (or a line) is equal to 2 and there are exactly two collineations taking a point (or a line) onto another point (or another line). We consider two possibilities:

- All reflections have parallel axes, say parallel to edge  $\{b, c\}$ . Let  $s$  be the reflection with axis through vertex  $a$ . It follows that the translation  $t$  with vector  $\overrightarrow{c\bar{g}}$  belongs to  $G$ . We consider the following possibilities for mapping  $a$  onto  $b$ :
  - \* A translation  $t'$  takes  $a$  onto  $b$ . It is easily seen that  $G = \langle s, t, t' \rangle$  is a group which satisfies the conditions.
  - \* A rotation  $r$  with center the center of the hexagon through  $a$  and  $b$  maps  $a$  onto  $b$ . Since  $sr^+$  gives a second reflection through vertex  $b$  this case cannot occur.
  - \* There are two glide reflections  $s''t''$  taking  $a$  onto  $b$ , one with axis of reflection parallel to edge  $\{a, c\}$  and one with axis parallel to the edge  $\{b, c\}$ . The second case gives rise to the same group  $G = \langle s, t, t' \rangle$  as in a previous subcase. In the first case the translation  $(s''t'')(s''t'')$  with vector two times the translation vector of  $t''$  belongs to  $G$ . It follows that the translation  $t'$  belongs to  $G$  (indeed  $2\overrightarrow{t''} - \overrightarrow{t} \in G$ ). But then  $st'$  belongs to  $G$  and there are three different collineations mapping the point  $a$  onto the point  $b$ . This gives a contradiction.
- Let  $s$  be the reflection with axis through  $a$ . We suppose that this axis is parallel to the edge  $\{b, c\}$ . It is easily seen that if the axis of the reflection in  $b$  is parallel to the axis of  $s$  then we get back to the previous case where all reflections are parallel. Hence the direction of the axis of the reflection  $s'$  in  $b$  is determined by the vector  $\overrightarrow{bg}$ . We consider the following possibilities for mapping  $a$  onto  $d$ :
  - \* The rotation  $r'$  with center the center of the hexagon through  $a$  and  $d$  belongs to  $G$ . Since also  $r \in G$  it follows that all rotations with center the center of a hexagon belong to  $G$ . It is easy to see that the group  $G = \langle s, s', r' \rangle$  satisfies the conditions.
  - \* A translation  $t$  takes  $a$  onto  $d$ . Then  $tss'$  is a rotation with center the vertex  $b$ . Hence this case leads to a contradiction.
  - \* There are two glide reflections  $s''t''$  taking  $a$  onto  $d$ , one with axis of reflection parallel to edge  $\{a, e\}$  and one with axis parallel to the edge  $\{e, d\}$ . The first case gives rise to the same group  $G = \langle s, s', r' \rangle$  as in a previous

subcase. In the second case the rotation  $ss''t''$  with center  $e$  belongs to  $G$ . This gives a contradiction.

## 5.4 Proof

- $\mathcal{V}_x$  is a singleton
- $\mathcal{V}_x$  is not a singleton

We choose a coordinate system for the real Euclidean plane. Let  $\tilde{x}$  be a reference vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$ . Then this vertex is chosen as the origin. The unit vector on the  $X$ -axis is chosen to be the vector  $\overrightarrow{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}_1}$  with  $\tilde{x}_1$  a vertex corresponding to the point  $x_1$  at graph-theoretical distance 2 from  $\tilde{x}$ . We may assume that  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  are collinear in  $\Gamma$ . Then the unit vector on the  $Y$ -axis is chosen to be the vector  $\overrightarrow{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}_1}$  with  $\tilde{y}_1$  a vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_{y_1}$  at graph-theoretical distance 2 from both  $\tilde{x}$  and  $\tilde{x}_1$ .

1.  $G = \langle r_1, r_2 \rangle$

The group  $G$  contains all rotations over  $+120$  and  $-120$  degrees with center the center of a hexagon. It is easily seen that this group also contains some translations since the combination of two different rotations over opposite degrees gives a translation.

Let  $\tilde{x}$  be a reference vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and  $\tilde{x}'$  be another vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at minimal Euclidean distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . Either some rotation  $r$  or either some translation  $t$  of  $G$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ .

- Some rotation  $r$  maps  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ . It follows that  $\tilde{x}^{r'} = \tilde{x}''$  which is also in  $\mathcal{V}_x$ . The rotation  $r_1$  taking  $\tilde{x}$  on  $\tilde{y}_1$  and  $\tilde{x}_1$  takes  $\tilde{x}'$ , resp.  $\tilde{x}''$  onto  $\tilde{y}_1'$  and  $\tilde{x}_1'$ , resp.  $\tilde{y}_1''$  and  $\tilde{x}_1''$ . Since these four vertices are at graph-theoretical distance 2 from a vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and since the minimal Euclidean distance between vertices representing the same point is equal to  $m$  it follows easily that we have four new vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  such that these vertices together with  $\tilde{x}'$  and  $\tilde{x}''$  form a regular hexagon with center  $\tilde{x}$ . From now on we will suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  is lying between the positive  $X$ - and the positive  $Y$ -axis. The coordinates of  $\tilde{x}'$  are given by the tuple  $(r, s)$  with  $r, s \geq 0$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $r \geq s$  (interchanging  $X$ - and  $Y$ -axis if necessary). Applying successively rotations of 60 degrees, a tedious calculation shows that the coordinates of the six vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  on the regular hexagon around  $\tilde{x}$  are  $(r, s)$ ,  $(-s, r + s)$ ,  $(-r - s, r) = -(r, s) + (-s, r + s)$ ,  $(-r, -s)$ ,  $(s, -r - s) = -(-s, r + s)$  and  $(r, s) - (-s, r + s) = (r + s, -r)$ . Remark that the first two vectors generate the others by taking sums. In fact, by the minimality of  $m$ , all elements of  $\mathcal{V}_x$  are generated by  $(r, s)$  and  $(-s, r + s)$  by taking sums. Hence a generic

element of  $\mathcal{V}_x$  has coordinates  $k(r, s) + l(-s, r + s) = (kr - ls, ks + lr + ls)$  with  $k$  and  $l$  integers.

Consider an arbitrary vertex  $\tilde{z}$  in  $V(\mathcal{I}(\Gamma))$  corresponding to a point  $z$  of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . Either a rotation or a translation takes vertex  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{z}$  and is the lifting of a collineation mapping the point  $x$  onto the point  $z$ . Hence we see that the vertices of  $\mathcal{V}_z$  are parameterized by  $(i, j) + k(r, s) + l(-s, r + s) = (i + kr - ls, j + ks + lr + ls)$  with  $k$  and  $l$  integers, and with  $(i, j)$  the coordinates of  $\tilde{z}$ .

A line of the geometry can be described by a 3-set of coordinates of the three points incident with that line: a possible representation is given by  $\{(i, j), (i + 1, j), (i + 1, j - 1)\}$ .

We thus recognize the geometry  $\mathcal{G}_{(r,s)}$ . Remark that since  $\tilde{x}$  can not be on the bisector of the positive  $X$ - and positive  $Y$ -axis, the triple square geometries don't arise from this case.

- Some translation  $t$  of  $G$  maps  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ . Using this translation and the rotation taking  $\tilde{y}_1$  onto  $\tilde{x}$  it follows that we have six vertices on a regular hexagon around  $\tilde{x}$ , all at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . A same reasoning as above gives us again the geometry  $\mathcal{G}_{(r,s)}$ .

2.  $G = \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$

Let  $\tilde{x}$  be a reference vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and  $\tilde{x}'$  be another vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at minimal Euclidean distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . We distinguish two possible cases: there are exactly two vertices  $\tilde{x}'$  and  $\tilde{x}''$  in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  or there are more than two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . The coordinates of  $\tilde{x}'$  are given by the tuple  $(r, s)$ .

In the first case we may assume that  $r \geq 0$ . It is easily seen that a generic element of  $\mathcal{V}_x$  has coordinates  $k(r, s)$  with  $k$  an integer. Consider an arbitrary vertex  $\tilde{z}$  in  $V(\mathcal{I}(\Gamma))$  corresponding to a point  $z$  of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . The translation with vector  $\overrightarrow{\tilde{x}\tilde{z}}$  is the lifting of a collineation in the collineation group  $G$  mapping the point  $x$  onto the point  $z$ . Hence we see that the vertices of  $\mathcal{V}_z$  are parameterized by  $(i, j) + k(r, s) = (i + kr, j + ks)$  with  $k$  an integer and with  $(i, j)$  the coordinates of  $\tilde{z}$ . A line of the geometry can be described by a 3-set of coordinates of the three points incident with that line: a possible representation is given by  $\{(i, j), (i + 1, j), (i + 1, j - 1)\}$ . We thus recognize the geometry  $\mathcal{S}_{(r,s)}$ .

In the second case it follows that a third vertex  $\tilde{x}'''$  in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  is also at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}'$  or  $\tilde{x}''$ . It is then easy to see that there are six vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  lying on a regular hexagon. Analogously to a previous case we deduce that we get the geometry  $\mathcal{G}_{(r,s)}$ .

3.  $G = \langle t', st \rangle$

Let  $\tilde{x}$  be a reference vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and  $\tilde{x}'$  be another vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at minimal

Euclidean distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . Either some glide reflection or either some translation of  $G$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ .

Suppose first that  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the region strictly between the  $X$ -axis and the line  $s = -r$  containing the line  $2s = -r$  but that  $\tilde{x}'$  is not on the line  $2s = -r$ . Remark that  $\tilde{x}_1'^{st^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$  gives a vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  which is the image of  $\tilde{x}'$  under reflection through the line  $2s = -r$ . The triangle  $(\tilde{x}\tilde{x}'\tilde{x}'')$  is an isosceles triangle with  $\widehat{\tilde{x}'\tilde{x}\tilde{x}''}$  less than sixty degrees. It follows easily that the length of  $[\tilde{x}'\tilde{x}'']$  is less than  $m$  which gives a contradiction.

Secondly, suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  is strictly between the  $Y$ -axis and the line  $s = -2r$  forming an angle of 30 degrees. Then  $\tilde{x}_1'^{st^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and  $\widehat{\tilde{x}'\tilde{x}\tilde{x}''}$  is strictly between 120 and 180 degrees. If some translation  $t''$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  then  $\tilde{x}^{-t''} = \tilde{x}'''$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$ . But then  $\widehat{\tilde{x}''\tilde{x}\tilde{x}'''}$  is strictly between zero and 60 degrees inducing that the length of  $[\tilde{x}''\tilde{x}''']$  is less than  $m$ , which is a contradiction. If some glide reflection  $s''t''$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  then  $\tilde{x}^{s''t''^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and is the image of  $\tilde{x}'$  under reflection through the  $Y$ -axis. Since  $\widehat{\tilde{x}'\tilde{x}\tilde{x}''}$  is less than 60 degrees it follows that the length of  $[\tilde{x}'\tilde{x}'']$  is less than  $m$ , a contradiction.

Next, suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the region strictly between the  $Y$ -axis and the line  $r = s$  forming an angle of 30 degrees. Based on the previous observation it follows that we again come to a contradiction.

There remain four possible regions for  $\tilde{x}'$ : strictly between the line  $s = -2r$  and  $s = -r$  making an angle of 30 degrees or strictly between the  $X$ -axis and the line  $r = s$  also making an angle of 30 degrees. Call region 1, the region between the positive  $X$ -axis and the line  $r = s$ . The other regions are then called region 2 up till region 4 in anti-clockwise order starting from region 1. It is easily seen that there are exactly four vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex  $\tilde{x}$  each of them lying in a different region. Also, without loss of generality, we can say that  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to region 1 and hence its coordinates  $(r, s)$  are non negative integers with  $r \geq s$ .

In the case of a translation  $t''$  mapping  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  the vertex  $\tilde{x}'' \in \mathcal{V}_x$  in region 4 is taken onto  $\tilde{x}'''$  in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  which is at distance bigger than  $m$  from the reference vertex. It is easily seen that the coordinates of the three vertices  $\tilde{x}'$ ,  $\tilde{x}''$  and  $\tilde{x}'''$  are given by  $(r, s)$ ,  $(r, -r - s)$  and  $(2r, -r)$  respectively. A generic element of  $\mathcal{V}_x$  has coordinates  $k(r, s) + l(r, -r - s) = (kr + lr, ks - lr - ls)$  with  $k$  and  $l$  integers.

Consider an arbitrary vertex  $\tilde{z}$  in  $V(\mathcal{I}(\Gamma))$  corresponding to a point  $z$  of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . Either the translation with vector  $\overrightarrow{\tilde{x}\tilde{z}}$  or either a glide reflection with axis parallel to the axis of  $s$  taking  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{z}$  is the lifting of a collineation in the collineation group  $G$  mapping the point  $x$  onto the point  $z$ . In both cases we see that the vertices of  $\mathcal{V}_z$  are parameterized by  $(i, j) + k(r, s) + l(r, -r - s) =$

$(i+kr+lr, j+ks-lr-ls)$  with  $k$  and  $l$  integers, and with  $(i, j)$  the coordinates of  $\tilde{x}$ .

A line of the geometry can be described by a 3-set of coordinates of the three points incident with that line: a possible representation is given by  $\{(i, j), (i+1, j), (i+1, j-1)\}$ .

We thus recognize the geometry  $\mathcal{R}_{(r,s)}$ .

In the case of a glide reflection  $s''t''$  taking  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ . Let  $\tilde{x}''$  be the vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  lying in region 4. A same reasoning as above, with domain  $\mathcal{D}$  the rhombus  $\tilde{x}\tilde{x}'\tilde{x}''t''\tilde{x}''$  gives us again the geometry  $\mathcal{R}_{(r,s)}$ .

Finally we have a look at the cases where  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the  $X$ -axis, the line  $r = s$ , the  $Y$ -axis, the line  $s = -2r$ , the line  $s = -r$  or the line  $2s = -r$ .

First suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the  $X$ -axis. It follows easily that in the case of a translation  $\tilde{x}^{t''} = \tilde{x}'$ , there are six vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex and that we become the square geometries. If a glide reflection  $s''t''$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  then there are certainly four vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex:  $\tilde{x}^{s''t''^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$ ,  $\tilde{x}_1^{t''s''^{-1}} = \tilde{x}'''$  and  $\tilde{x}_1''^{st''^{-1}}$ . The automorphism taking  $\tilde{x}'$  onto  $\tilde{x}'''$  is a translation with length of the translation vector equal to  $m$ . It follows that there are two more vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ , lying on the  $Y$ -axis. We again recognize the square geometries.

Next suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the line  $r = s$ . In the case of a translation taking  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  we get six vertices of  $\mathcal{V}_x$  on a regular hexagon around  $\tilde{x}$ , at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . We hence recognize the triple square geometries. If a glide reflection  $s''t''$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  then there are certainly four vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex:  $\tilde{x}^{s''t''^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$ ,  $\tilde{x}_1^{t''s''^{-1}} = \tilde{x}'''$  and  $\tilde{x}_1''^{st''^{-1}}$ . The automorphism taking  $\tilde{x}'$  onto  $\tilde{x}'''$  is a translation with length of the translation vector equal to  $m$ . It follows that there are two more vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ , lying on the line  $2s = -r$ . We again recognize the triple square geometries.

If  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the  $Y$ -axis then some translation  $t''$  maps  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ . If there are only two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  then we recognize the strip geometries. If there are more than two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex then there is a vertex  $\tilde{x}'' \in \mathcal{V}_x$  lying on the line  $2s = -r$  or on the line  $s = -r$  or on the  $X$ -axis for which  $d(\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}'') = m$ . Suppose that  $\tilde{x}''$  belongs to the line  $2s = -r$ . The length of the translation vector mapping  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}''$  is equal to  $m$  and it is easily seen that  $m$  is equal to  $n$  times the length of the translation vector  $2t$ , with  $n$  a positive integer. Since the length of  $2t$  is equal to  $\sqrt{3}$  and since  $m$  is a positive integer in the case that  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the  $Y$ -axis, it follows that this case can not occur. If  $\tilde{x}''$  is on the line  $s = -r$  then it follows easily that we obtain the square geometries. Analogously for  $\tilde{x}''$  lying on the  $X$ -axis.

Next we look at the possibility where  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the line  $s = -2r$ . In the case of a translation  $t''$  mapping  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  it is easily seen that we obtain the triple square geometries. If a glide reflection  $s''t''$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  then  $\tilde{x}'$ ,  $\tilde{x}^{s''t''^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$ ,  $\tilde{x}^{ts''t''}$ ,  $\tilde{x}^{ts''t''^{-1}}$ ,  $\tilde{x}_1^{''st^{-1}}$  and  $\tilde{x}_1'^{st^{-1}}$  are six vertices of  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . We again recognize the triple square geometries.

If  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the line  $s = -r$ , then the case of a translation mapping  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  gives rise to the square geometries. If a glide reflection  $s''t''$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  then  $\tilde{x}_1'^{st^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and lies on the  $X$ -axis at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . From the previous it follows that we obtain the square geometries.

Finally we consider the case where  $\tilde{x}'$  is lying on the line  $2s = -r$ . Then some translation  $t''$  maps  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ . If there are only two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  then we recognize the strip geometries. If there are more than two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex then there is a vertex  $\tilde{x}'' \in \mathcal{V}_x$  lying on the line  $s = -2r$  or on the line  $s = r$  or on the  $Y$ -axis for which  $d(\tilde{x}, \tilde{x}'') = m$ . Suppose that  $\tilde{x}''$  belongs to the  $Y$ -axis. The length of the translation vector mapping  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}''$  is equal to  $m$  and it is easily seen that  $m$  is a positive integer. But since  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the line  $2s = -r$  it also follows that  $m$  is equal to  $n$  times the length of the translation vector  $2t$ , with  $n$  a positive integer. Since the length of  $2t$  is equal to  $\sqrt{3}$  it follows that this case can not occur. If  $\tilde{x}''$  is on the line  $s = r$  then it follows easily that we obtain the triple square geometries. Analogously for  $\tilde{x}''$  lying on the line  $s = -2r$ .

#### 4. $G = \langle s, t, t' \rangle$

Let  $\tilde{x}$  be a reference vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and  $\tilde{x}'$  be another vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at minimal Euclidean distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . We suppose that  $s$  has axis  $r = s$ ,  $\vec{t} = \vec{\tilde{x}\tilde{y}_1}$  and  $\vec{t}' = \vec{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}_1}$ . It is easily seen that  $\tilde{x}'$  can not be strictly between the  $X$ -axis and the line  $r = s$  (angle of 30 degrees) and not strictly between the line  $r = s$  and the  $Y$ -axis (angle of 30 degrees). Suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  is strictly between the lines  $s = -2r$  and  $2s = -r$  (angle of 60 degrees) but not on the line  $s = -r$ . Then a translation  $t''$  takes  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$ . But then it follows that  $\tilde{x}^{t''^{-1}}$  and  $\tilde{x}^{t''s}$  are in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  and that  $d(\tilde{x}^{t''^{-1}}, \tilde{x}^{t''s})$  is less than  $m$ , a contradiction.

If  $\tilde{x}'$  belongs to the region strictly between the  $Y$ -axis and the line  $s = -2r$  (angle of 30 degrees) or the region strictly between the  $X$ -axis and the line  $2s = -r$  (angle of 30 degrees) then it is easily seen that there is a vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex with coordinates  $(r, s)$  for which  $r < 0$ ,  $s > 0$  and  $s > -2r$ . The vertex  $\tilde{x}'' = \tilde{x}^{ts} \in \mathcal{V}_x$  has then coordinates  $(s, r)$  and is also at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . The vertex  $\tilde{x}''' = \tilde{x}^{t''t''}$  with  $t''$  a translation with vector  $\vec{\tilde{x}\tilde{x}'}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and has coordinates  $(r + s, r + s)$ . Let us consider a rotation over +60 degrees of the coordinate system. The new coordinates for  $\tilde{x}'$ ,  $\tilde{x}''$  and  $\tilde{x}'''$  are respectively  $(r + s, -r)$ ,  $(r + s, -s)$  and  $(2s + 2r, -s - r)$ . The new coordinates of  $\tilde{x}'$  are positive integers with  $X$ -coordinate bigger than

the  $Y$ -coordinate. A generic element of  $\mathcal{V}_x$  has coordinates  $k(r+s, -r) + l(r+s, -s) = (kr + ks + lr + ls, -kr - ls)$  with  $k$  and  $l$  integers. Consider an arbitrary vertex  $\tilde{z}$  in  $V(\mathcal{I}(\Gamma))$  corresponding to a point  $z$  of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . A translation with vector  $\tilde{x}\tilde{z}$  is the lifting of a collineation in the collineation group  $G$  mapping the point  $x$  onto the point  $z$ . The vertices of  $\mathcal{V}_z$  are parameterized by  $(i, j) + k(r+s, -r) + l(r+s, -s) = (i + kr + ks + lr + ls, j - kr - ls)$  with  $k$  and  $l$  integers, and with  $(i, j)$  the coordinates of  $\tilde{z}$ . We thus recognize the geometry  $\mathcal{R}_{(r+s, -r)}$  with  $(r+s)^2 + 2(r+s)(-r) = s^2 - r^2$  points and lines.

Suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the  $X$ -axis or on the  $Y$ -axis. It is then easy to see that we obtain the square geometries.

If  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the line  $r = s$  then we get the stripe geometries in the case that there are exactly two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex. Suppose that there are more than two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . Then we easily recognize the triple square geometries.

In the case that  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the line  $s = -2r$  or on the line  $2s = -r$  we obtain the triple square geometries.

Finally we consider the case where  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the line  $s = -r$ . If there are only two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  then we recognize the stripe geometries. If more than two, then there are exactly six vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex and we recognize the square geometries.

5.  $G = \langle s, s', r \rangle$

Let  $\tilde{x}$  be a reference vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and  $\tilde{x}'$  be another vertex in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at minimal Euclidean distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . We suppose that  $s$  has axis  $r = s$ , that  $s'$  has axis  $s = -2r + 1$  and  $r$  has center the center of the hexagon through  $\tilde{x}$  and  $\tilde{x}_2$  with  $\tilde{x}_2$  in  $\mathcal{V}_{x_2}$ .

Remark that the group  $G$  contains glide reflections with axes the axes of the reflections and also axes lying symmetrically between to parallel reflection axes and parallel to those two axes. Given two different vertices  $v$  and  $w$  of the honeycomb geometry belonging to the same partition set. Then either a rotation or either a translation takes  $v$  onto  $w$ . Indeed, suppose  $G$  contains both a rotation  $r'$  and a translation  $t$  mapping  $v$  onto  $w$ . Then it follows that  $r'^{-1}t$  is a rotation with center  $w$ , which is impossible. The second automorphism in  $G$  taking  $v$  onto  $w$  is then a reflection or a glide reflection.

It is easily seen that  $\tilde{x}'$  can not be strictly between the  $X$ -axis and the line  $r = s$  (angle of 30 degrees) and not strictly between the line  $r = s$  and the  $Y$ -axis (angle of 30 degrees). Suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  is strictly between the  $Y$ -axis and the line  $s = -r$  (angle of 60 degrees) but not on  $s = -2r$ . Let  $\tilde{a}$  be in  $\mathcal{V}_a$  at graph-theoretical distance 2 from both  $\tilde{y}_1$  and  $\tilde{x}_1$  and with  $a$  the third point on the line through  $y_1$  and  $x_1$ . Let  $\tilde{z}_1$  be in  $\mathcal{V}_{z_1}$  at graph-theoretical distance 2 from the reference vertex. Let  $\tilde{b}$  be in  $\mathcal{V}_b$  belonging to the same hexagon as

$\tilde{y}_1$  and  $\tilde{z}_1$ . The translation  $(r^+s')^2$  has translation vector  $\tilde{x}\tilde{a}$ . The translation  $((r^-s)^2)^{-1}$  has translation vector  $\tilde{x}\tilde{b}$ . Now, since  $\tilde{y}_1'$  is at graph-theoretical distance 2 from  $\tilde{x}'$ ,  $\tilde{a}'$  and  $\tilde{b}'$  and since the reflection  $s'$  fixes the point  $y_1$  it follows that the distance between  $\tilde{y}_1'$  and  $\tilde{y}_1''$ , with  $\tilde{y}_1'' = \tilde{y}_1'^{s'}$  is smaller than  $m$ , a contradiction. Next, if  $\tilde{x}'$  is strictly between the line  $s = -r$  and the  $X$ -axis (angle of 60 degrees) but not on the line  $2s = -r$  then  $\tilde{x}'^{s'}$  is strictly between  $s = -r$  and the  $Y$ -axis and not on  $s = -2r$  which gives a contradiction as shown in the previous.

Suppose that  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the  $X$ -axis. Then  $\tilde{x}'' = \tilde{x}'^{s'}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$  and is on the  $Y$ -axis at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex. The vertices  $\tilde{y}_1'$  and  $\tilde{y}_1''$  are in  $\mathcal{V}_{y_1}$  at graph-theoretical distance 2 from  $\tilde{x}'$ , resp.  $\tilde{x}''$ . Reflecting those two vertices through the reflection axis in  $\tilde{x}_1$  gives two vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ , one on the  $Y$ -axis and one on the line  $s = -r$ . The images of those two vertices under  $s$  give two new vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ , one on the  $X$ -axis and one on the line  $s = -r$ . It is then easy to see that we obtain the square geometries. If  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the  $Y$ -axis, then there is also a vertex  $\tilde{x}''$  in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  on the  $X$ -axis at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  which brings us back to the previous. If  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the line  $s = -r$  then  $\tilde{y}_1'^{s''}$ , with  $\tilde{y}_1' \in \mathcal{V}_{y_1}$  and at graph-theoretical distance 2 from  $\tilde{x}'$  and  $s''$  the reflection with axis through  $\tilde{x}_1$ , gives a vertex  $\tilde{x}''$  in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  lying on the  $X$ -axis. Hence also this case gives rise to the square geometries.

Next we consider the case where  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the line  $r = s$ . Then some translation  $t$  maps  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  and  $\tilde{x}^{t^{-1}} = \tilde{x}''$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$ . The vertices  $\tilde{y}_1'$  and  $\tilde{y}_1''$  of  $\mathcal{V}_{y_1}$  which are at graph-theoretical distance 2 from  $\tilde{x}'$  and  $\tilde{x}''$  respectively are on the line  $s = r + 1$ . The image of those two vertices under  $s'$  are hence on the line  $2s = -r + 2$ . Reflection through the axis  $2s = -r + 1$  gives two new vertices  $\tilde{x}'''$  and  $\tilde{x}^{iv}$  in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  on the line  $2s = -r$ . Considering the images of those two vertices under the reflection  $s$  it is easily seen that we get exactly six vertices in  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from the reference vertex, two on the line  $r = s$ , two on the line  $2s = -r$  and two on the line  $s = -2r$ . Hence we recognize the triple square geometries. In the case that  $\tilde{x}'$  is on the line  $s = -2r$  then there is some translation  $t$  taking  $\tilde{x}$  onto  $\tilde{x}'$  and the vertex  $\tilde{x}'^{st}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{V}_x$  at distance  $m$  from  $\tilde{x}$  and is on the  $X$ -axis. This brings us back to the previous case. Analogously for  $\tilde{x}'$  on the line  $2s = -r$ .

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For this configuration, the lines in  $\Gamma_x^l$  are  $x_1y_1$ ,  $x_1z_2$ ,  $y_1y_2$  and  $x_2z_1$ . Looking at the local structure in the point  $x_1$  gives two possibilities:  $x_2$  is incident either with the third point on  $x_1z_2$  or either with the third point on  $x_1y_1$ . First, let's consider the case where  $x_2$  is incident with the third point on the line  $x_1z_2$ , say  $a$ . We distinguish two possible cases: the case where  $x_2z_1a$  is a line of  $\Gamma$  and the case where  $x_2z_1$  and  $x_2a$  are two different lines of  $\Gamma$ . For the first case we look at the dual configuration which appears to be configuration 30. Since this configuration cannot occur, also its dual cannot occur. The dual configuration in the second case is configuration 21 which cannot occur. Hence,  $x_2$  is incident with the third point on the line  $x_1y_1$ , say  $a$ . If  $x_2z_1a$  is a line, the dual configuration is configuration 29 which cannot occur, hence  $x_2z_1$  and  $x_2a$  are two different lines of  $\Gamma$ . We will now give a full description of geometries with this local structure.

We can find a unique triangle  $xx_1y_1$  in the point  $x$  with the property that the third line through  $x$  is incident with two other points, one on the third line of each other point of the triangle. Because of point transitivity, every point has a unique triangle with that property. Let's call this property  $(\square)$ . Remark that if  $t = uvw$  is the unique triangle in  $u$  with property  $(\square)$ , then  $t$  is also the unique triangle with property  $(\square)$  in the points  $v$  and  $w$ . In the above configuration,  $t_0 = y_2z_2b$ ,  $t_1 = xx_1y_1$  and  $t_2 = x_2z_1a$ , with  $b$  the point incident with the lines  $x_1z_2$  and  $y_1y_2$ , are triangles with the above mentioned property. We see that all points of triangle  $t_2$  are the third points on the edges of triangle  $t_1$  and the points of  $t_1$  are the third points on the edges of triangle  $t_0$ . Because of point transitivity every triangle with property  $(\square)$  has points which are the third points on the edges of a unique other triangle with the same property and has a unique triangle with property  $(\square)$  with points the third points on its sides. Based on this observation, we construct a directed graph  $\mathcal{G}(V, E)$  with vertex set the set of triangles with property  $(\square)$  in the geometry  $\Gamma$ . There is a directed edge from vertex  $t$  to vertex  $t'$  if the three points of the corresponding triangle  $t'$  are the third points on the lines of triangle  $t$ . It's clear that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a union of directed cycles or an infinite directed 2-valent graph. Since the segment  $t \rightarrow t' \rightarrow t''$  defines three lines each containing three points through each point of  $t'$ , a directed cycle defines a connected bislim component of  $\Gamma$ . Since we assume that  $\Gamma$  is connected, the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  is either a directed cycle if  $\Gamma$  is finite or either an infinite directed 2-valent graph if  $\Gamma$  is infinite. Let's denote  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $t_0 \rightarrow t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_{n-1} \rightarrow t_0$  or by  $\dots \rightarrow t_{-n} \rightarrow t_{-n+1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_0 \rightarrow t_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_n \rightarrow \dots$ . It's clear that in the first case  $\Gamma$  has  $3n$  points and lines.

There is a collineation  $g$  in  $G$  mapping  $x$  onto  $x_1$ . The line  $x_2z_1$  has image  $x_2a$  and hence  $x_2$  is mapped onto itself or onto  $a$ . Let's consider the first possibility. In triangle  $t_0 = y_2z_2b$  the point  $z_2$  is fixed by  $g$  and the points  $y_2$  and  $b$  are mapped onto each other. For triangle  $t_1 = xx_1y_1$  the point  $y_1$  is fixed, while the other two points are interchanged. In triangle  $t_2 = x_2z_1a$  the fix point is given by  $x_2$  and  $z_1$  and  $a$  are mapped onto each

other. Inductively, we see that every triangle with property  $(\square)$  has one point fixed by  $g$  and two points which are mapped onto each other by  $g$ . Secondly, if  $x_2$  is taken onto  $a$ , then  $g$  maps  $y_2$  onto  $z_2$  onto  $b$  onto  $y_2$ ,  $x$  onto  $x_1$  onto  $y_1$  onto  $x$ ,  $x_2$  onto  $a$  onto  $z_1$  onto  $x_2$ . By induction we can conclude that  $g$  acts cyclically onto the points of each triangle with property  $(\square)$ . Remark that if the geometry  $\Gamma$  contains a collineation of the first type then also one of the second type. Indeed, there is a collineation  $h$  in  $G$  mapping  $x_2$  onto  $a$ . If  $h$  is of type two, mapping  $x_2$  onto  $a$  onto  $z_1$  onto  $x_2$  then it's proved. If  $h$  is of type one mapping  $x_2$  and  $a$  onto each other and fixing  $z_1$  then  $gh$  maps  $x_2$  onto  $a$  onto  $z_1$  onto  $x_2$ , hence of type two.

Let  $C$  be the cycle of  $n$  triangles  $t_0 \rightarrow t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow t_{n-1} \rightarrow t_0$ . The question is: which point of  $t_0$  is incident with which line of  $t_{n-1}$ ? If we choose one point of  $t_0$  and one line of  $t_{n-1}$  to be incident, then the other incidences are determined by a collineation of type 2. We use the following representation for the  $n$  triangles: all triangles are equilateral and  $t_{i+1}$  is represented inside  $t_i$ , for all  $i \in \{0, \dots, n-2\}$ . Say  $t_i = u_i^1 u_i^2 u_i^3$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $u_i^j$  is incident with  $u_{i-1}^{j-1} u_{i-1}^{j+1}$  where  $j$  is taken modulo 3 and where  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Call  $\Gamma_1$  the geometry where  $u_0^1$  is incident with  $u_{n-1}^1 u_{n-1}^2$ ,  $\Gamma_2$  the geometry where  $\bar{u}_0^1$  is incident with  $\bar{u}_{n-1}^1 \bar{u}_{n-1}^3$  and  $\Gamma_3$  the geometry where  $\tilde{u}_0^1$  is incident with  $\tilde{u}_{n-1}^2 \tilde{u}_{n-1}^3$ . We define  $\phi$  as mapping  $u_i^1$  onto  $\bar{u}_i^1$ ,  $u_i^2$  onto  $\bar{u}_i^3$  and  $u_i^3$  onto  $\bar{u}_i^2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ . It's easy to see that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism between  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ . Suppose now that  $\Gamma_1$  is isomorphic to  $\Gamma_3$ . Let  $\psi$  be the reflection through the axis  $u_0^1 u_1^1$ . It's easy to see that  $\psi$  is a collineation for  $\Gamma_3$  but not for  $\Gamma_1$ , hence  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_3$  cannot be isomorphic. Hence, a cycle of triangles  $C$  defines two non-isomorphic geometries on  $3n$  points and  $3n$  lines. For  $n$  equal to 3, we obtain two isomorphic geometries on 9 points and 9 lines and the Pappus geometry. Both non-isomorphic geometries don't have local structure 24, hence  $n \geq 4$ . We now give a description of the two geometries with local structure 24 for each  $n \geq 4$ .

First, consider the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{3n}$  of order  $3n$ . We define a geometry  $\Gamma$  with point set the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{3n}$  and line set the triples  $\{x, x+n, x+i\}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{3n}$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 3n-1$ , a fixed number different from  $\frac{n}{2}, n, \frac{3n}{2}, 2n$  and  $\frac{5n}{2}$ . Note this geometry with  $\Gamma(n, i)$ . It's easy to see that  $\Gamma$  is a bislim geometry admitting a point and line transitive collineation group. Indeed, consider the action of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{3n}$  onto itself. It's also easy to see that  $\Gamma$  has the above mentioned local configuration. Clearly,  $\Gamma$  contains triangles  $x(x+n)(x+2n)$  with property  $(\square)$  but no digons. We call  $d_j = j(n+j)(2n+j)$  the  $n$  triangles with property  $(\square)$ , for  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ . Let's look at a directed cycle associated with  $\Gamma$ :  $d_0 \rightarrow d_{i \bmod n} \rightarrow d_{2i \bmod n} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow d_0$ . There exists some  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $ki \bmod n = 0$ . Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  be the smallest number for which  $mi \bmod n = 0$  or equivalently  $\gcd(n, i) = \frac{n}{m}$ . If  $m$  is equal to  $n$  and hence  $\gcd(n, i) = 1$ , then the cycle associated to  $\Gamma$  is given by  $d_0 \rightarrow d_{i \bmod n} \rightarrow d_{2i \bmod n} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow d_{(n-1)i \bmod n} \rightarrow d_0$ . It follows that  $\Gamma$  is a connected geometry. If  $m$  is different from  $n$  then  $d_0 \rightarrow d_{i \bmod n} \rightarrow d_{2i \bmod n} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow d_{(m-1)i \bmod n} \rightarrow d_0$  is a cycle containing  $m$  triangles and representing a connected component with  $3m$  points and  $3m$  lines of  $\Gamma$ . Let  $j$  be a point of  $\Gamma$  belonging to triangle  $d_{j \bmod n}$  not contained in the

above mentioned cycle, then  $d_{j \bmod n} \rightarrow d_{j+i \bmod n} \rightarrow d_{j+2i \bmod n} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow d_{j+(m-1)i \bmod n} \rightarrow d_{j \bmod n}$  is another directed cycle representing another connected component of  $\Gamma$ . Since  $\Gamma$  contains  $n$  triangles,  $\Gamma$  consists of  $\frac{n}{m} = \gcd(n, i)$  connected components. Since we assume that  $\Gamma$  is connected, we demand that  $\gcd(n, i) = 1$ . It's easy to see that every point of  $\Gamma$  can be written as  $kn + li$  with  $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $0 \leq l \leq n - 1$ . For our convenience, we rename the triangles in the following way:  $d_j$  is the triangle  $ji, ji + n, ji + 2n$  with  $0 \leq j \leq n - 1$ .

How many different geometries are obtained for fixed  $n$  and varying  $i$ ? Since  $ni \bmod n = 0$  we have that  $ni = 0 \bmod 3n$  or  $ni = n \bmod 3n$  or  $ni = 2n \bmod 3n$  and hence  $i = 0 \bmod 3$  or  $i = 1 \bmod 3$  or  $i = 2 \bmod 3$ . Let  $\Gamma_1(\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{L}_1, I_1)$ , respectively  $\Gamma_2(\mathcal{P}_2, \mathcal{L}_2, I_2)$  be the geometry with point set  $\mathbb{Z}_{3n}$  and line set  $\{\{x, x + n, x + i_1\} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_{3n}\}$ , respectively  $\{\{x, x + n, x + i_2\} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_{3n}\}$ . Suppose that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism between  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$  and that the point 0 is mapped onto the point  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{3n}$ . It's easily seen that then  $n$  is mapped onto either  $x + n$  or either  $x + 2n$ . If  $n$  is taken onto  $x + n$  then the point  $kn + li_1$  is mapped onto  $x + kn + li_2$ . We prove this by induction on the triangles of the geometry. For  $d_0$  we have that  $0^\phi = x$ ,  $n^\phi = x + n$  and  $(2n)^\phi = x + 2n$ . Suppose that the assertion is valid for the points  $ri_1, ri_1 + n$  and  $ri_1 + 2n$  of triangle  $d_r$  with  $0 \leq r \leq n - 2$ . The points of triangle  $d_{r+1}$  are the third points on the sides of triangle  $d_r$ . Hence,  $(r + 1)i_1$  is mapped onto  $x + (r + 1)i_2$ ,  $(r + 1)i_1 + n$  onto  $x + n + (r + 1)i_2$  and  $(r + 1)i_1 + 2n$  onto  $x + 2n + (r + 1)i_2$ . Now, let's look at triangle  $d_{n-1}$ . We know that  $(n - 1)i_1$  is taken onto  $(n - 1)i_2 + x$ ,  $(n - 1)i_1 + n$  onto  $x + n + (n - 1)i_2$  and  $(n - 1)i_1 + 2n$  onto  $x + 2n + (n - 1)i_2$ . If  $i_1 = 0 \bmod 3$  then  $ni_1 = 0 \bmod 3n$  is taken onto  $x + ni_2$ . Hence,  $i_2$  should be equal to  $0 \bmod 3$  to avoid contradictions. If  $i_1 = 1 \bmod 3$  then  $ni_1 = n \bmod 3n$  is taken onto  $x + ni_2$ . Hence,  $i_2$  should be equal to  $1 \bmod 3$  to avoid contradictions. Finally, if  $i_1 = 2 \bmod 3$  then  $ni_1 = 2n \bmod 3n$  is taken onto  $x + ni_2$ . Hence,  $i_2$  should be equal to  $2 \bmod 3$  to avoid contradictions. On the other hand, if  $n$  is taken onto  $x + 2n$  then we assert that the point  $kn + li_1$  has image  $x + k'n + li_2$  with  $k' = 2k \bmod 3$  if  $l = 0 \bmod 3$ ,  $k' = 2(k + 1) \bmod 3$  if  $l = 1 \bmod 3$  and  $k' = 2(k + 2) \bmod 3$  if  $l = 2 \bmod 3$ . Indeed, for triangle  $d_0$  the assertion holds. Suppose that it's also valid for triangle  $d_r$  with  $0 \leq r \leq n - 2$ . If  $r = 0 \bmod 3$  then  $(r + 1)i_1$  is mapped onto  $x + 2n + (r + 1)i_2$ ,  $(r + 1)i_1 + n$  onto  $x + n + (r + 1)i_2$  and  $(r + 1)i_1 + 2n$  onto  $x + (r + 1)i_2$ . If  $r = 1 \bmod 3$  then  $(r + 1)i_1$  is mapped onto  $x + n + (r + 1)i_2$ ,  $(r + 1)i_1 + n$  onto  $x + (r + 1)i_2$  and  $(r + 1)i_1 + 2n$  onto  $x + 2n + (r + 1)i_2$ . If  $r = 2 \bmod 3$  then  $(r + 1)i_1$  is mapped onto  $x + (r + 1)i_2$ ,  $(r + 1)i_1 + n$  onto  $x + 2n + (r + 1)i_2$  and  $(r + 1)i_1 + 2n$  onto  $x + n + (r + 1)i_2$ . Now, let's look at triangle  $d_{n-1}$ . If  $i_1 = 0 \bmod 3$  then  $ni_1 = 0 \bmod 3n$  is taken onto  $x + ni_2 + 2n$  if  $n - 1 = 0 \bmod 3$ , onto  $x + ni_2 + n$  if  $n - 1 = 1 \bmod 3$ , onto  $x + ni_2$  if  $n - 1 = 2 \bmod 3$ . Hence,  $i_2$  should be equal to  $1 \bmod 3$  if  $n = 1 \bmod 3$ , to  $2 \bmod 3$  if  $n = 2 \bmod 3$  and to  $0 \bmod 3$  if  $n = 0 \bmod 3$  to avoid contradictions. If  $i_1 = 1 \bmod 3$  then  $ni_1 = n \bmod 3n$  is taken onto  $x + ni_2 + 2n$  if  $n - 1 = 0 \bmod 3$ , onto  $x + ni_2 + n$  if  $n - 1 = 1 \bmod 3$ , onto  $x + ni_2$  if  $n - 1 = 2 \bmod 3$ . Hence,  $i_2$  should be equal to  $0 \bmod 3$  if  $n = 1 \bmod 3$ , to  $1 \bmod 3$  if  $n = 2 \bmod 3$  and to

2 mod 3 if  $n = 0 \pmod 3$  to avoid contradictions. If  $i_1 = 2 \pmod 3$  then  $ni_1 = 2n \pmod{3n}$  is taken onto  $x + ni_2 + 2n$  if  $n - 1 = 0 \pmod 3$ , onto  $x + ni_2 + n$  if  $n - 1 = 1 \pmod 3$ , onto  $x + ni_2$  if  $n - 1 = 2 \pmod 3$ . Hence,  $i_2$  should be equal to 2 mod 3 if  $n = 1 \pmod 3$ , to 0 mod 3 if  $n = 2 \pmod 3$  and to 1 mod 3 if  $n = 0 \pmod 3$  to avoid contradictions. We can conclude that if  $n = 0 \pmod 3$  then all geometries  $\Gamma(n, i)$  are isomorphic. If  $n = 1 \pmod 3$  then there are two classes of mutual non-isomorphic geometries. All geometries contained in one class are isomorphic. The first class consists of geometries  $\Gamma(n, i)$  for which  $i = 0 \pmod 3$  or  $i = 1 \pmod 3$ , the second class contains the geometries  $\Gamma(n, i)$  with  $i = 2 \pmod 3$ . If  $n = 2 \pmod 3$ , an analogous result occurs: the first class consists of the geometries  $\Gamma(n, i)$  with  $i = 0 \pmod 3$  or  $i = 2 \pmod 3$ , the second class contains the geometries  $\Gamma(n, i)$  for which  $i = 1 \pmod 3$ .

If  $n = 0 \pmod 3$ , consider the group  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the geometry with point set the elements of the group and line set the set of triples  $\{(i, j), (i + 1, j), (i, j + 1)\}$  where  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , incidence is natural. It's clear that  $\Gamma$  is a connected bislim geometry with local structure 24. The geometry admits a point and line transitive collineation group which is not flag transitive. Indeed, consider the action of the group onto itself. The triangles with property  $(\square)$  are given by  $(0, j)(1, j)(2, j)$  with  $j$  an integer modulo  $n$ . We still have to prove that this geometry, say  $\Gamma_2$  is not isomorphic to the geometry  $\Gamma_1$  with point set  $\mathbb{Z}_{3n}$  and line set  $\{\{x, x + 1, x + n\} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_{3n}\}$ . We try to construct an isomorphism  $\phi$ . The point 0 of  $\Gamma_1$  is mapped onto the point  $(i, j)$  of  $\Gamma_2$  with  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . The point  $n$  is then taken onto  $(i + 1, j)$  or  $(i + 2, j)$ . First we consider the case where  $n^\phi = (i + 1, j)$ . Then  $(2n)^\phi = (i + 2, j)$ . Consider the directed cycle of triangles of  $\Gamma_1$ :  $d_0 = (0, n, 2n) \rightarrow d_1 = (1, n + 1, 2n + 1) \rightarrow d_2 = (2, n + 2, 2n + 2) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow d_m = (m, n + m, 2n + m) \rightarrow d_{m+1} = (m + 1, n + m + 1, 2n + m + 1) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow d_{n-1} = (n - 1, n + n - 1, 2n + n - 1) \rightarrow d_0$ . It's easy to see that  $\phi$  is fully determined. Indeed, consider the points of triangle  $d_1$ : 1 is taken onto  $(i, j + 1)$ ,  $n + 1$  onto  $(i + 1, j + 1)$  and  $2n + 1$  onto  $(i + 2, j + 1)$ . Based on the above mentioned cycle we can describe each point of  $\Gamma_1$  as  $kn + l$  with  $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $0 \leq l \leq n - 1$ . We assert that  $kn + l$  has image  $(i + k, j + l)$  under  $\phi$ . Suppose that the assertion holds for triangle  $d_m$  with  $0 \leq m < n - 1$  then  $(m + 1)^\phi = (i, j + m + 1)$ ,  $(n + m + 1)^\phi = (i + 1, j + m + 1)$  and  $(2n + m + 1)^\phi = (i + 2, j + m + 1)$ . The triple  $\{n - 1, n, n + n - 1\}$  is a line of  $\Gamma_1$ . Its image under  $\phi$  is then given by  $\{(i, j + n - 1), (i + 1, j), (i + 1, j + n - 1)\}$  which is not a line of  $\Gamma_2$ . Hence  $\phi$  cannot be an isomorphism between both geometries. Next, we consider the second possibility where  $n$  is taken onto  $(i + 2, j)$  and hence  $2n$  onto  $(i + 1, j)$ . The points 1,  $n + 1$  and  $2n + 1$  of triangle  $d_1$  are then mapped onto  $(i + 2, j + 1)$ ,  $(i + 1, j + 1)$  and  $(i, j + 1)$  respectively. Similarly we have that  $2^\phi = (i + 1, j + 2)$ ,  $(n + 2)^\phi = (i, j + 2)$  and  $(2n + 2)^\phi = (i + 2, j + 2)$ . We assert that the point  $kn + l$  with  $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $0 \leq l \leq n - 1$  has image  $(i + 2(k + 1), j + l)$  if  $l = 1 \pmod 3$ ,  $(i + 2k, j + l)$  if  $l = 0 \pmod 3$  and  $(i + 2(k + 2), j + l)$  if  $l = 2 \pmod 3$ . Suppose that the assertion holds for  $d_m$  with  $0 \leq m < n - 1$ . Then the points  $m + 1$ ,  $n + m + 1$  and  $2n + m + 1$  of triangle  $d_{m+1}$

are taken onto  $(i + 2, j + m + 1)$ ,  $(i + 1, j + m + 1)$  and  $(i, j + m + 1)$  respectively if  $m = 0 \pmod 3$ , onto  $(i + 1, j + m + 1)$ ,  $(i, j + m + 1)$  and  $(i + 2, j + m + 1)$  respectively if  $m = 1 \pmod 3$  and onto  $(i, j + m + 1)$ ,  $(i + 2, j + m + 1)$  and  $(i + 1, j + m + 1)$  respectively if  $m = 2 \pmod 3$ . Now,  $\{n - 1, n, n + n - 1\}$  is a line of the geometry  $\Gamma_1$  which has image  $\{(i + 1, j + n - 1), (i + 2, j), (i, j + n - 1)\}$  under  $\phi$ . Since this is not a line of  $\Gamma_2$ , we can conclude that we cannot find an isomorphism between  $\Gamma_1$  and  $\Gamma_2$ .

Hence, all geometries with local structure 24 are fully described.

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In this case, the lines  $x_1y_1y_2$ ,  $x_1z_1$ ,  $x_2y_2$  and  $x_2z_2$  are the only lines between points of  $\Gamma_2(x)$ . Every point in  $\Gamma_x$  has a special characteristic in that configuration. The point  $y_2$  for example is the unique point in  $\Gamma_x$  on the unique line of three points in  $\Gamma_x^l$  which is incident with a point not on that line and not on the line through  $x$  and  $y_2$ , which itself is incident with the third point on the line  $xy_2$ . Let's call this characteristic (\*). It's easy to see that geometries with this local structure have a sharply point (and hence sharply line) transitive collineation group. Hence, there is a unique collineation  $g$  in  $G$  taking  $x_1$  onto  $x$ . Obviously,  $x$  has characteristic (\*) in  $\Gamma_{x_1}$ . Let  $v$  be any point of the geometry  $\Gamma$ , then it's easy to see that there is a unique point  $w$  for which  $v$  has characteristic (\*) in the configuration of  $w$ . The collineation  $g$  hence maps  $x$  onto  $y_2$  onto  $x_2$  onto  $z_2$  onto  $\dots$ . It's clear that we obtain a cycle of different points of  $\Gamma$  if  $\Gamma$  is finite. Look at a segment  $a_1 \rightarrow a_2 \rightarrow a_3 \rightarrow a_4$ . We easily see that  $a_1a_2a_4$  and  $a_3a_4$  are lines of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . Consequently, the cycle of points defines a connected bislim component of the geometry  $\Gamma$  and since  $\Gamma$  is connected, the cycle contains all points of the geometry  $\Gamma$ . If  $\Gamma$  is infinite we obtain a path of all (different) points of the geometry.

On the other hand, consider the geometry  $\Gamma$  with point set  $\mathcal{P}$  the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  and line set  $\mathcal{L} = \{\{x, x+1, x+3\} \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_n\}$ . This is a bislim geometry with local structure the above mentioned configuration 53 and admitting a point and line transitive collineation group, the action of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  onto itself. Remark that for  $n = 7, 8$  and  $9$  we get respectively the Fano geometry, the Möbius-Kantor geometry and a geometry on 9 points, which have a local structure different than configuration 51. Hence,  $n$  is bigger than or equal to 10. For  $n$  equal to 10 we obtain a geometry which is not isomorphic to the Desargues geometry.

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