



Pre-symplectic Semifields

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A spread $\mathcal{S}$ of $PG(2n - 1, q)$ is a **symplectic spread** with respect to a non singular symplectic polarity $\perp$ of $PG(2n - 1, q)$ when all subspaces of $\mathcal{S}$ are totally isotropic with respect to $\perp$.



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An algebra satisfying all the axioms of semifield except (4) is called a **presemifield**.



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The $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear set of rank $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ of $\mathbb{P}$

$$\Omega = \{(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n) \in \mathbb{P} \mid i = 2, 3, \dots, n : \beta_i^{q^{n-i+1}} = \beta_{n-i+2}\}$$

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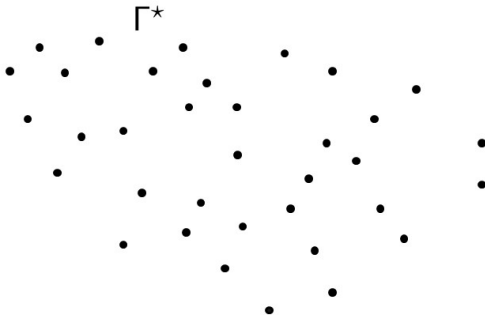
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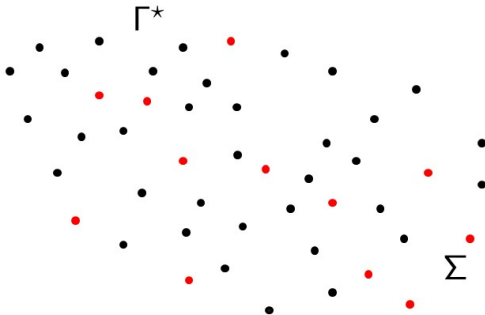
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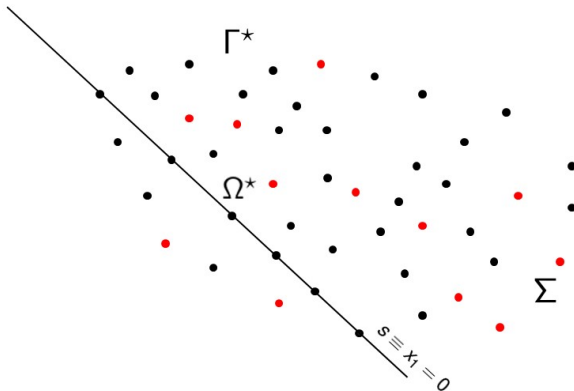
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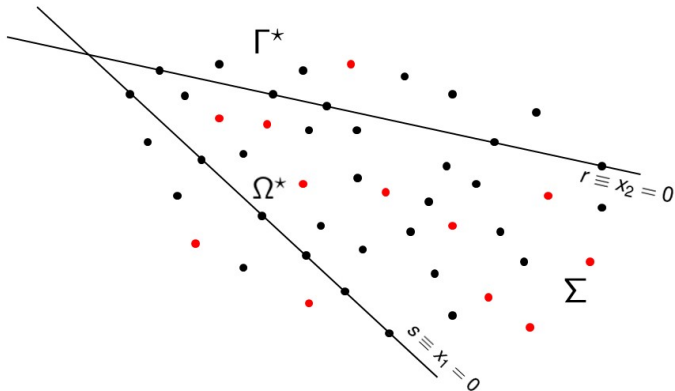
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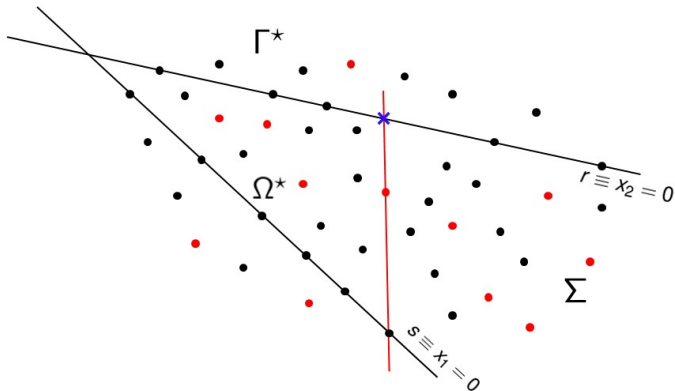
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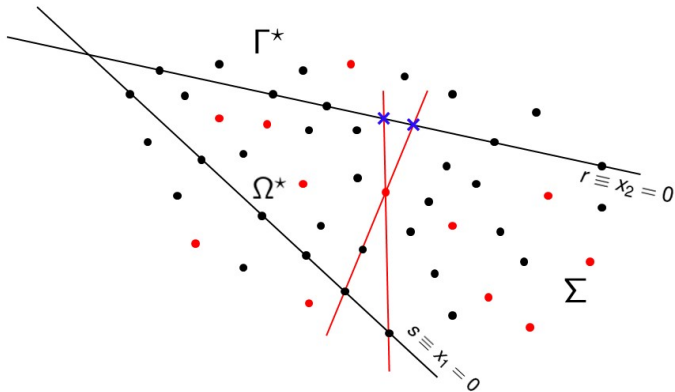
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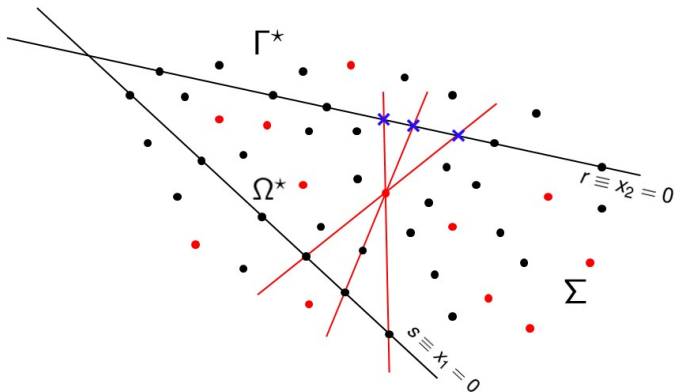
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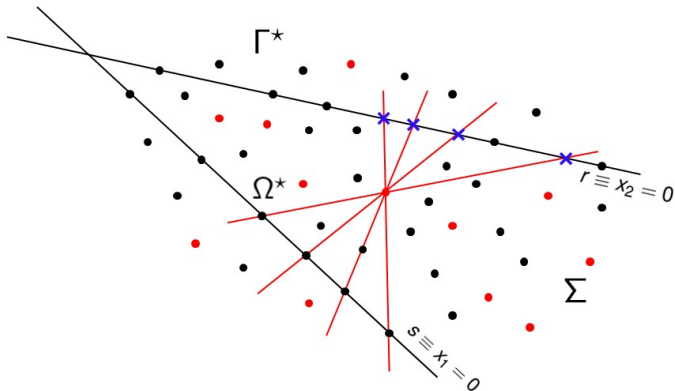














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- **Generalized Twisted fields** with center of order q .



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