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 \star 1. Calculate the Plücker coordinates for the projective closure of the affine line parametrized by

 $t \mapsto (1, 4, 2, 1) + t(0, 2, 0, 5) \in \mathbb{A}^4 \subset \mathbb{P}^4$

- * 2. As presented in lecture 9, there are 16 Plücker relations for G(2,4). Explicitly list these 16 relations and show that only one of these relations is necessary, i.e., the ideal generated by these is generated by one of the Plücker relations.
- * 3. In lecture 9, we defined the standard open sets $U_{i_1,\ldots,i_r} \subset G(r,n)$.
 - (a) Describe the points $L \in G(r, n)$ that are in $U_{1,\dots,r}$ but in no other standard open set.
 - (b) Describe the points that $L \in G(r, n)$ that are in $U_{1,...,r}$ and exactly one other standard open set.
- * 4. We have seen that the Plücker embedding allows us to consider the Grassmannian of lines in \mathbb{P}^3 as a quadric hypersurface G in \mathbb{P}^5 .
 - (a) Fix a point $p \in \mathbb{P}^3$ and let X be the set of lines passing through p. Show that X is a plane lying on G. (Hint: up to a linear change of coordinates, you may assume that p = (0, 0, 0, 1).)
 - (b) Fix a line $L \in \mathbb{P}^3$ and let Y be the set of lines meeting L. Show that Y is the intersection of G with a hyperplane. (Hint: again, up to a change of coordinates, you are free to assume that L is your favorite line.)
 - 5. In \mathbb{R}^3 , consider the following three lines:

$$L_1 = Z(y, z), \quad L_2 = Z(x - z, y - 1), \quad L_3 = Z(z - 2x, y - 2).$$

- (a) The union of all lines L such that L meets each of these three lines forms a surface, S, defined by an equation f = 0. Find f.
- (b) Fix a random line L. How many lines (most probably) meet L, L_1 , L_2 , and L_3 ? (Hint: Where does L meet the surface defined by f = 0?)
- 6. In \mathbb{R}^3 , choose four generic lines L_1 , L_2 , L_3 , and L_4 with the condition that L_1 and L_2 intersect and L_3 and L_4 intersect. Describe the lines meeting all four of these lines.