# Axioms of Euclidean Geometry after David Hilbert, 1899 (slightly modified)

Primitive notions (or basic terms):

- 1. point,
- 2. *line* (i.e. straight line),
- 3. *incidence* relation (for pairs point–line), denoted with the symbol  $\in$ ,
- 4. relation of order for points from any line p, denoted with the symbol  $<_p$ ,
- 5. measure of segments, denoted m,
- 6. measure of angles, denoted with the symbol  $\mu$ .

The other notions appearing in the statements of the axioms (such as segment, angle, half-line and half-plane) need to be defined, in terms of primitive notions. Here are their definitions:

- for distinct points A, B belonging (i.e. incident) to a line p, the *interval* AB is a set consisting of points A and B and all points C such that  $A <_p C <_p B$  or  $B <_p C <_p A$ ;
- a half-line started at A is any set of form  $\{A\} \cup \{X \in p : A <_p X\}$  or  $\{A\} \cup \{X \in p : X <_p A\}$ , where p is any line containing A;
- an *angle* is a collection of two half-lines with common starting point not contained in a common line;
- a half-plane bounded by a line p is any set of form  $\{Y : Y \in p\} \cup \{C\} \cup \{X : CX \cap p = \emptyset\}$ , where C is any point not lying on p.

## Incidence axioms (i.e axioms concerning the relation of incidence)

- I1. For any two distinct points A and B there is exactly one line p passing through A and B.
- I2. Each line contains at least 2 distinct points.
- I3. There exist three points which do not lie on a common line.

#### Axioms of order

- P1. For points of any line p the relation  $<_p$  is a linear order, i.e.:
  - (a) if  $A <_p B$  then  $A \neq B$ ;

(b) if  $A \in p$ ,  $B \in p$  and  $A \neq B$ , then precisely one of the conditions  $A <_p B$ ,  $B <_p A$  holds;

(c) if  $A <_p B$  and  $B <_p C$  then  $A <_p C$ .

P2. (Moritz Pasch' Axiom) For any non-collinear points A, B, C and any line p not passing through any of these points, if p intersects the segment AB then it also intersects precisely one of the segments BC and AC.

### Axioms of measure of segments

- M1. For any segment AB its measure m(AB) is a positive real number.
- M2. For each half-line r started at a point A, and for any positive real number d there is a point  $B \in r$  such that m(AB) = d.
- M3. If  $A <_p B <_p C$  then m(AB) + m(BC) = m(AC).

### Axioms of measure of angles

- K1. For any angle rs (composed of half-lines r and s having common starting point) the measure  $\mu(rs)$  is a real number from the open interval  $(0, \pi)$ .
- K2. For any line p and any half-plane  $\Omega$  bounded by p, for any half-line r contained in p and any real number  $\alpha \in (0, \pi)$ , there is a half-line s contained in  $\Omega$  which forms together with r an angle such that  $\mu(rs) = \alpha$ .
- K3. Let A, B, C and A', B', C' be two triples of non-collinear points. If m(AB) = m(A'B'), m(AC) = m(A'C') and  $\mu(BAC) = \mu(B'A'C')$  then  $\mu(ABC) = \mu(A'B'C')$ .

#### Parallel Axiom

R. If A is a point not lying on a line p, then there is exactly one line through A not intersecting p.