# A contribution towards the classification of tensors in $\mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes S^2 \mathbb{F}_q^3$ , q even

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## **BASIC DEFINITIONS AND NOTATIONS**

Let  $V_1, ..., V_t$  be vector spaces over the field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ;  $dim(V_i) = m_i$ .

- The *t*-order tensor product  $V := V_1 \otimes ... \otimes V_t$  is defined as the set of multilinear functions from  $V_1^{\vee} \times ... \times V_t^{\vee}$  into  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $V_i^{\vee}$  is the dual space of  $V_i$ .
- Fundamental (pure or rank-1) tensors are tensors of the form  $v_1 \otimes ... \otimes v_t$ .
- The rank of a tensor  $A \in V$  is the smallest integer r such that

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{r} A_i \tag{1}$$

with each  $A_i$  a fundamental tensor of V.

# **QUESTIONS OF INTERESTS:**

- ► Algorithms: given a tensor A, does there exist an algorithm that determines R(A) and decompose it as the sum of fundamental tensors?
- Classifications: can we determine orbits of tensors under some natural group actions:
  - G := Stabiliser in GL(V) of the set of rank-1 tensors.

#### Note:

- $Rank(A) = Rank(\lambda A)$  for  $A \in V$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$ .
- Determining the rank of tensors in  $V \iff$  Determining the rank of points in PG(V).
- Example:  $\mathrm{PG}(\mathbb{F}_q^2 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^3) \cong \mathrm{PG}(17, \mathbf{q}).$

## KNOWN CLASSIFICATIONS:

► There are 5 G-orbits of (non-zero) Tensors in F<sup>2</sup><sub>q</sub> ⊗ F<sup>2</sup><sub>q</sub> ⊗ F<sup>2</sup><sub>q</sub> ⊗ F<sup>2</sup><sub>q</sub> [M. Lavrauw, J. Sheekey, 2014].

- ► There are 8 G-orbits of (non-zero) Tensors in 
  <sup>P</sup><sub>q</sub> ⊗ 
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  <sup>P</sup><sub>q</sub> [M. Lavrauw, J. Sheekey, 2015].
- There are 17 *G*-orbits of (non-zero) Tensors in  $\mathbb{F}_q^2 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^3$  [M. Lavrauw, J. Sheekey, 2015].

 $\mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^3$ :

q odd: progress has been made by classifying partially symmetric tensors in  $\mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes S^2 \mathbb{F}_q^3$  equivalent to planes of  $\mathrm{PG}(5,q)$  containing at least one rank-1 point [M. Lavrauw, T. Popiel, J. Sheekey, 2020].

# INTERESTING CONNECTIONS:

#### Tensors $\iff$ Finite geometric objects

#### Tensors can represent:

- 1. subspaces of projective spaces,
- 2. algebraic varieties,
- 3. linear systems of hypersurfaces,
- 4. semifields,
- 5. arcs.



### TENSORS AND ALGEBRAIC VARIETIES:

- Fundamental tensors in  $PG(V) \iff$  Points of the Segre variety in PG(N, q), where  $N = \prod dim(V_i) 1$ .
- $\begin{aligned} \blacktriangleright \text{ Example: } \sigma_{1,2,2} &: \mathrm{PG}(\mathbb{F}_q^2) \times \mathrm{PG}(\mathbb{F}_q^3) \times \mathrm{PG}(\mathbb{F}_q^3) \longrightarrow \mathrm{PG}(17,q) \\ & (\langle v_1 \rangle, \langle v_2 \rangle, \langle v_3 \rangle) \mapsto \langle v_1 \otimes v_2 \otimes v_3 \rangle. \end{aligned}$
- Fundamental symmetric tensors in  $PG(V = U \otimes ... \otimes U) \iff$ Points of the Veronese variety in PG(M, q), where  $M = {\binom{t+dim(U)-1}{t}} - 1.$
- The Veronese surface:  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q) \subset S_{2,2}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ :

 $\nu: \operatorname{PG}(2,q) \longrightarrow \operatorname{PG}(5,q)$  $\langle (x_0, x_1, x_2) \rangle \mapsto (x_0^2, x_0 x_1, x_0 x_2, x_1^2, x_1 x_2, x_2^2).$ 

- K := Stabiliser of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .
- Fundamental alternating tensors in  $PG(V = U \otimes ... \otimes U) \iff$ Points of the Grassmann variety in PG(M, q), where  $M = \binom{dim(U)}{t}$ .

TENSORS AND SUBSPACES OF PG(5, q):

Subspaces of PG(5,q) are points in  $PG(S^2\mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^r)$ .

- $r = 1 \longrightarrow$  points,
- $\blacktriangleright \ r=2 \longrightarrow \text{lines},$
- ▶  $r = 3 \longrightarrow$  planes,
- ▶  $r = 4 \longrightarrow$  solids,
- ▶  $r = 5 \longrightarrow$  hyperplanes.

#### TENSORS AND LINEAR SYSTEM OF CONICS:

Linear systems of conics := Subspaces(PG(2-forms in the projective plane)).

Subspaces of PG(5, q) correspond to linear systems of conics in PG(2, q).

- a pencil of conic  $\mathcal{P} = \langle C_1, C_2 \rangle$  corresponds to a solid of PG(5,q).
- a net of conics  $\mathcal{N} = \langle C_1, C_2, C_3 \rangle$  corresponds to a plane of PG(5, q).
- a web of conics  $\mathcal{W} = \langle C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4 \rangle$  corresponds to a line of PG(5, q).

Classifying linear systems of conics in  $PG(2,q) \iff$  classifying subspaces of  $PG(5,q) \iff$  classifying tensors in  $PG(S^2\mathbb{F}_q^3 \otimes \mathbb{F}_q^r)$ .

## PREVIOUS RESULTS ON LINEAR SYSTEMS OF CONICS:

- Dickson (1908): Classified pencils of conics over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , q odd.
- ► Wilson (1914): Incompletely classified rank-one nets of conics (nets with at least a //) over F<sub>q</sub>, q odd.
- Campbell (1927): Incompletely classified pencils of conics over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , *q* even.
- Campbell (1928): Incompletely classified nets of conics over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , *q* even.

PREVIOUS RESULTS ON ORBITS OF SUBSPACES OF PG(5, q):

- ▶ points, hyperplanes, for all q: ✓
- ▶ lines, for all q:  $\checkmark$  ( $\implies$  solids, for q odd:  $\checkmark$ ) [M. Lavrauw, T. Popiel, 2020]
- ▶ planes meeting V(F<sub>q</sub>) non-trivially, for q odd: √ [M. Lavrauw, T. Popiel, J. Sheekey, 2020]
- solids, for q even:
   [N. Alnajjarine, M. Lavrauw, T. Popiel, 2022]

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PG(5, odd) vs PG(5, even):
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• **q odd:**  $\exists$  a polarity: the set of conic planes of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow$  the set of tangent planes of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ .

 $\blacktriangleright \text{ lines} \stackrel{\text{polarity}}{\iff} \text{ solids.}$ 

$$\begin{split} & \mathcal{N} = \langle C_1, C_2, C_3 \rangle; C_1 = // \longrightarrow \\ & \pi = H_1 \cap H_2 \cap H_3 \xrightarrow{\text{polarity}} \\ & \pi' = \langle P_1, P_2, P_3 \rangle; P_1 \in \mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q) \longrightarrow \\ & \text{Rank-one nets of conics} \iff \text{planes meeting } \mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q) \\ & \text{non-trivially.} \end{split}$$

• q even: No such polarity  $\rightarrow$ 

- ▶ lines  $\stackrel{?}{\iff}$  solids.
- Rank-one nets of conics  $\stackrel{?}{\iff}$  planes meeting  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  non-trivially.

## **Representation of Subspaces of** PG(5, q):

 $\blacktriangleright \operatorname{PG}(5,q) = \langle \mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q) \rangle.$ 

• Every point  $x = (x_0, ..., x_5) \in PG(5, q)$  can be represented by

 $M_x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 & x_1 - x_2 \\ x_1 & x_3 - x_4 \\ x_2 & x_4 - x_5 \end{bmatrix}$ 

► The plane in PG(5, q) spanned by the 1st three points of the standard frame is

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ y & . & . \\ z & . & . \end{bmatrix} := \{ \begin{bmatrix} x & y - z \\ y & 0 & 0 \\ z & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{F}_q^3; \ (x, y, z) \in \mathrm{PG}(2, q) \}.$$

Planes of PG(5,q) and cubic curves in PG(2,q)

 $\pi \longrightarrow C = \mathcal{Z}(\text{determinant of its matrix representation}).$ 

# K-orbits invariants:

Let W be a subspace of PG(5,q), K:=Setwise stabiliser of  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  in PGL(6,q).

Let  $U_1, U_2, ..., U_m$  denote the distinct K-orbits of r-spaces in PG(5, q).

#### ► The **rank distribution of** *W* is

 $[r_1, r_2, r_3]$ 

where

 $r_i = \#$  of rank *i* points in *W*.

• The r-space orbit-distribution of W is

 $[u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_m],$ 

where

 $u_i = \#$  of r-spaces incident with W which belong to the orbit  $U_i$ .

## **PROPERTIES AND APPROACH:**

- ► Approach: We study the possible Point-orbit distributions and discuss the possibility of planes with same Point-OD to split or not under the action of *K*.
- ► Lemma: Planes with rank distribution [1, 0, q<sup>2</sup> + q] and [2, r<sub>2</sub> < q, r<sub>3</sub>] do not exist.
- ► Rank-2 points: The geometry associated with rank-1,2 points can help! ( $\pi = \langle Q_1, Q_2, ? \rangle$ , where  $rank(Q_1) = 1$  and  $rank(Q_2) = 2$ ).



# Lines in PG(5,q), q even:

Orbits	Point-OD's : $[r_1, r_{2n}, r_{2s}, r_3]$
05	[2, 0, q - 1, 0]
06	[1, 1, q - 1, 0]
$0_{8,1}$	[1, 0, 1, q - 1]
08,2	[1, 1, 0, q-1]
09	[1, 0, 0, q]
$o_{10}$	[0, 0, q+1, 0]
$o_{12,1}$	[0, q + 1, 0, 0]
$o_{12,2}$	[0,1,q,0]
$o_{13,1}$	[0, 1, 1, q-1]
$o_{13,2}$	[0, 0, 2, q - 1]
$o_{14}$	[0, 0, 3, q - 2]
015	[0,0,1,q] = -
$o_{16,1}$	[0,1,0,q]
$o_{16,2}$	[0,0,1,q]
$o_{17}$	[0, 0, 0, q+1]

Table: K-orbits of lines in PG(5, q), q even [M. Lavrauw, T. Popiel, 2020].



## The case $r_{2n} = 0$ :

 $\pi = \langle Q_1, Q_2, Q_3 \rangle$ :  $rank(Q_1) = 1$ ,  $rank(Q_i) = 2$ , i = 2, 3, and  $\pi \cap \mathcal{N} = \emptyset$ .

- $\blacktriangleright \ \mathcal{C}_{Q_2} = \mathcal{C}_{Q_3}: \ Q_1 \in \mathcal{C}_{Q_2} \text{ or } Q_1 \notin \mathcal{C}_{Q_2} \to \Sigma_6.$
- $\blacktriangleright Q_1 = U = \mathcal{C}_{Q_2} \cap \mathcal{C}_{Q_3}.$
- $\blacktriangleright Q_1 \in \mathcal{C}_{Q_2} \setminus \mathcal{C}_{Q_3}.$
- $\blacktriangleright Q_1 \notin \mathcal{C}_{Q_2} \cup \mathcal{C}_{Q_3}:$ 
  - $\begin{array}{l} \blacktriangleright \quad \langle Q_2, Q_3 \rangle \in o_{13,2} : [0, 0, 2, q-1] \iff Q_2 \in T_U(\mathcal{C}_{Q_2}) \text{ and} \\ Q_3 \notin T_U(\mathcal{C}_{Q_3}), \text{ and} \end{array}$
  - $(Q_2, Q_3) \in o_{14} : [0, 0, 3, q-2] \iff Q_2 \notin T_U(\mathcal{C}_{Q_2}) \text{ and } Q_3 \notin T_U(\mathcal{C}_{Q_3}).$

The orbits  $\Sigma_{12}, \Sigma_{13}$  and  $\Sigma_{14}$ :

 $\begin{array}{l} \blacktriangleright \ \pi = \langle Rep \ of \ o_{13,2}, Q_1 \rangle; \ Q_1 = \nu(a,b,c) \rightarrow \\ \langle Q_1, Q_i \rangle \in o_{8,1}: [1,0,1,q-1] \ \text{and thus} \ a,c \neq 0 \end{array}$ 

$$\pi_c = \begin{bmatrix} x & y & cx \\ y & y+z & \\ cx & \cdot & c^2x+z \end{bmatrix}$$

• The cubic curve associated with  $\pi_c$  is:

$$C_c = x(z^2 + yz + c^2y^2) + y^2z.$$

• The Hessian of  $C_c$  is:

$$C_c'' = x(z^2 + yz + c^2y^2) + z^3 + (1 + c^2)y^2z + c^2y^3.$$

- Let y = 1 and  $\theta = c^{-1}z$ : inflexion points of  $C_c$  correspond to solutions of  $\theta^3 + \theta + c^{-1} = 0$ .
- Inflexion points of planes of PG(5, q) are inflexion points of their associated cubic curves in PG(2, q).

Cubic equations over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^h}$ , (Berlekamp, Rumsey, Solomon, 1966)

$$\theta^3 + \theta + c^{-1} = 0,$$

- ▶ has three solutions if and only if  $q \neq 4$ , Tr(c) = Tr(1) and  $c^{-1}$  is admissible:  $c^{-1} = \frac{v+v^{-1}}{(1+v+v^{-1})^3}$  for some  $v \in \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \mathbb{F}_4$ ,
- a unique solution if and only if  $Tr(c) \neq Tr(1)$  and
- no solution if and only if Tr(c) = Tr(1) and  $c^{-1}$  is not admissible

#### Characterization:

- Three inflexions  $\rightarrow \Sigma_{14}$ ;  $q \neq 4$ .
- A unique inflexion point  $\rightarrow \Sigma_{12} \ (q = 2^{even}) \ or \ \Sigma_{13} \ (q = 2^{odd}).$
- No inflexion points  $\rightarrow \Sigma_{12} \ (q = 2^{odd}) \ or \ \Sigma_{13} \ (q = 2^{even}).$

## The uniqueness of $\Sigma_{14}$ :

 $\Sigma_{14}$  := the union of K-orbits of planes represented by  $\pi_c$  where h > 2, Tr(c) = Tr(1) and  $c^{-1}$  is admissible.

#### Proof:

Let L (the inflexion line) be parametrised by (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1) and (0, 1, 1) respectively and  $Q_{a,b,c} = \nu(a, b, c)$ . Then,

$$\pi_{a,b,c} = \langle L, Q_{a,b,c} \rangle \in \Sigma_{14}.$$

If follows that  $\langle Q_{a,b,c}, E_i \rangle \in o_{8,1}$ ;  $1 \le i \le 3$ , and thus  $a, b, c \ne 0$ .

$$\pi_{b,c}:\begin{bmatrix} x+y & bx & cx \\ bx & b^2x+y+z & bcx \\ cx & bcx & c^2x+z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \bullet \quad 1+b+c=0, \to \#. \\ \bullet \quad 1+b+c\neq 0, \ \mathscr{C}_{b,c}''=\mathcal{Z}(h_{b,c}), \ \alpha=(1+b^2+c^2) \ \text{and} \\ h_{b,c}=c^2\alpha^5xy^2+\alpha^5xz^2+c^2(1+b^2)\alpha y^3+\alpha((1+b^2)+\alpha^3(b^2+c^2))yz^2+\alpha(c^2(b^2+c^2)+\alpha^3(1+b^2))y^2z+(b^2+c^2)\alpha z^3. \\ \text{Imposing the conditions:} \ E_i\in \mathscr{C}_{b,c}''; \ 1\leq i\leq 3, \ \text{implies that} \\ c^2(1+b^2)\alpha=(b^2+c^2)\alpha=c^2(1+b^2)\alpha+\alpha((1+b^2)+\alpha^3(b^2+c^2))+\alpha(c^2(b^2+c^2)+\alpha^3(1+b^2))+(b^2+c^2)\alpha=0. \\ \text{As } \alpha, c\neq 0, \ \text{we get } b=c=1. \end{array}$$

Conclusion:

 $\Phi_{14}: \Sigma_{14} \longrightarrow o_{14}: \pi \mapsto L$  is a bijection.

# Uniqueness of $\Sigma_{12}, \Sigma_{13}$ :

 $q = 2^{even}$ :

- $\pi \in \Sigma_{12}$  has a unique inflexion point  $\xrightarrow{\mathbb{F}_{q^2}} \pi(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) \in \Sigma_{14} \longrightarrow L(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) \subset \mathrm{PG}(5, q^2)$  is the unique inflexion line in  $\pi(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) \longrightarrow L_s = L(\mathbb{F}_{q^2}) \cap \pi \in \{o_{15}, o_{16,2}\}$ . Since  $o_{16,2}$  cannot split by extension,  $L_s \in o_{15}$ .
- $\Phi_{12}: \Sigma_{12} \longrightarrow o_{15}: \pi \mapsto L_s$  is a bijection  $(o_{15}: [0, 0, 1, q])$ .
- Similarly, we can extend our work to  $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$  to conclude  $\Phi_{13}$ :  $\Sigma_{13} \longrightarrow o_{17} : \pi \mapsto L_s$  is a bijection  $(o_{17} : [0, 0, 0, q + 1])$ .



K-orbits of planes	Representatives	Point-OD	Condition(s)
$\Sigma_1$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & . \\ y & z & . \\ . & . & . \end{bmatrix}$	$[q+1, 1, q^2 - 1, 0]$	
$\Sigma_2$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & y & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & z \end{bmatrix}$	$[3, 0, 3q - 3, q^2 - 2q + 1]$	
$\Sigma_3$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & . & z \\ . & y & . \\ z & . & . \end{bmatrix}$	$[2, 1, 2q - 2, q^2 - q]$	
$\Sigma_4$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & \cdot & z \\ \cdot & y & z \\ z & z & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$	$[2, 1, 2q - 2, q^2 - q]$	
$\Sigma_5$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & \cdot & z \\ \cdot & y & z \\ z & z & z \end{bmatrix}$	$[2, 0, 2q - 2, q^2 - q + 1]$	
$\Sigma_6$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & \cdot \\ \cdot & y + cz \\ \cdot & z \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{bmatrix} z \\ z \\ y \end{bmatrix} [1, 0, q+1, q^2 - 1]$	$Tr(c^{-1}) = 1$
$\Sigma_7$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ y & \cdot & \cdot \\ z & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}$	$[1, q+1, q^2 - 1, 0]$	
$\Sigma_8$	$\begin{bmatrix} x & y & . \\ y & . & z \\ . & z & . \end{bmatrix}$	$[1, q+1, q-1, q^2 - q]$	23 / 28

$$\begin{split} \Sigma_{9} & \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ y & z & z \\ \cdot & z & \cdot \\ x & y & \cdot \\ y & z & z \\ \cdot & \cdot & z \end{bmatrix} & [1, 1, 2q - 1, q^{2} - q] \\ & [1, 1, 2q - 1, q^{2} - q] \\ \Sigma_{11} & \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ y & z & z \\ \cdot & z & x + z \end{bmatrix} & [1, 1, q - 1, q^{2}] \\ & \Sigma_{12} & \begin{bmatrix} x & y & cx \\ y & y + z & c \\ cx & \cdot & c^{2}x + z \end{bmatrix} & [1, 0, q + 1, q^{2} - 1] & Tr(c) = 1, (*) \\ & \Sigma_{13} & \begin{bmatrix} x & y & cx \\ y & y + z & c \\ cx & \cdot & c^{2}x + z \end{bmatrix} & [1, 0, q - 1, q^{2} + 1] & Tr(c) = 0, (**) \\ & \Sigma_{14} & \begin{bmatrix} x & y & cx \\ y & y + z & c \\ cx & \cdot & c^{2}x + z \end{bmatrix} & [1, 0, q - 1, q^{2} \pm 1] & Tr(c) = Tr(1), q \neq 4, (***) \\ & \Sigma_{14} & \begin{bmatrix} x + z & z & z \\ z & y + z & c \\ z & z & z & y \end{bmatrix} & [1, 0, q - 1, q^{2} + 1] & q = 4 \\ & \Sigma_{15} & \begin{bmatrix} x & y & z \\ y & z & c \\ z & z & z \end{bmatrix} & [1, 1, q - 1, q^{2}] \\ & \end{bmatrix}$$

## COMPARISON WITH THE q ODD CASE:

Rank-one nets of conics  $\iff$  planes meeting  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  non-trivially.

 $\pi_6 \in \Sigma_6$  meets  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  in a unique point, however its associated net of conics  $\mathcal{N}_6$  defined by

$$\alpha X_0 X_1 + \beta X_0 X_2 + \gamma (X_1^2 + c X_1 X_2 + X_2^2) = 0$$

has q + 1 pairs of real lines defined by the pencil

 $\mathcal{Z}(X_0X_1, X_0X_2) \ (\in \Omega_4),$ 

and a unique pair of conjugate imaginary lines given by

 $\mathcal{Z}(X_1^2 + cX_1X_2 + X_2^2),$ 

implying that  $\mathcal{N}_6$  is not a rank-1 net of conics.

Planes meeting  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  non-trivially  $\iff$  Nets of conics in  $\mathrm{PG}(2,q)$  with a non-empty base.

## TO SUM UP:

- 1. There is an interesting interplay between tensors and geometric objects.
- 2. There are 15 K-orbits of planes having at least one rank-1 point in PG(5, q) and 5 when q = 2.
- 3. Unlike the q odd case, rank-one nets of conics  $\iff$  planes meeting  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  non-trivially, q even.
- 4. Planes meeting  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  non-trivially  $\iff$  Nets of conics in  $\mathrm{PG}(2,q)$  with a non-empty base.
- 5. Planes of type  $\Sigma_{14}$  (resp.  $\{\Sigma_{12}, \Sigma_{13}\}$ )  $\iff$  Lines of type  $o_{14}$  (resp.  $\{o_{15}, o_{17}\}$ ).
- 6. Remaining part of the classification: planes disjoint from  $\mathcal{V}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ , for all q.



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