

- Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two distinct lines. Let  $ABCDEF$  be a 6-gon (may be self-intersecting) such that the vertices  $A, C, E$  lie on the line  $P$ , while the vertices  $B, D, F$  lie on the line  $Q$ . For each of three pairs of opposite sides (i.e.  $AB$  and  $DE$ ,  $BC$  and  $EF$ ,  $CD$  and  $FA$ ) take its intersection point. Prove that these three points belong to one line. (This theorem known as Pappus's theorem, is a degenerate case of Pascal's theorem when a conic section degenerates into a couple of lines  $P$  and  $Q$ ; while proving Pappus's theorem try to follow the line of arguments we used in class when we were proving Pascal's theorem.)
- Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two distinct points. Let  $ABCDEF$  be a 6-gon (may be self-intersecting) such that the lines containing the edges  $A, C, E$  pass through the point  $P$ , while the lines containing the edges  $B, D, F$  pass through the point  $Q$ . For each of three pairs of opposite vertices (for example, intersection of sides  $A, B$  and intersection of sides  $D, E$ ) take the line that joins them ("long diagonal of a 6-gon"). Prove that the three "long diagonals" pass through one point. (This theorem is dual to Pappus's theorem; it is a degenerate case of Brianchon's theorem and is known under the same name; while proving this theorem try to follow the line of arguments we used in class when we were proving Brianchon's theorem for nondegenerate conic sections.)
- Prove converse of Desargues's theorem: if three points of intersections of the corresponding sides of two triangles  $ABC$  and  $A'B'C'$  belong to one line then the lines joining corresponding vertices of the triangles pass through one point. Hint: Apply arguments we used to prove Desargues's theorem.
- Take a sphere of radius  $R$  and a (spherical) triangle on this sphere with angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . Write a formula for the area of the triangle (in terms of the angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ) and prove this formula.
- Consider a sphere  $S$  of radius  $R$ . Is it possible to locate 50 equal triangles with angles equal to  $\pi/2, \pi/3, \pi/4$  on it in such a way that any two triangles do not overlap each other?