# The Shlafly Double Six 

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This lecture may provide a counter-example!

## what is the Shlalfy Double-Six

A double-six consists of a pair of ordered 6-tuples of lines $\left(P_{0}, \ldots, P_{5}\right)$ and $\left(Q_{0}, \ldots, Q_{5}\right)$ such that each $P_{i}$ meets all the $Q_{j}$ except $Q_{i}$.

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3. Then $S$ contains the lines

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P_{3} & :=X=T \wedge Y=Z \\
Q_{4} & :=X=Z \wedge Y=T \\
Q_{5} & :=\quad Y=Z=0 \quad ; \quad Q_{6} \quad:=X=T=0
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Using this one can easily write down 19 more lines in $S$. The Shlafly Double-six is part of this collection of 27 lines!

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