## 48-175 Descriptive Geometry

Planes in Descriptive Geometry

A spatial figure is a *plane* whenever for any two points on the figure, the line specified by the points also lies on the figure.



A *plane* is the set of all points that lie on any line specified by two points one from each two intersecting lines.

what is a plane?





#### By two intersecting lines



#### By three non-collinear points



#### By a line and a point off the line

Plane created by point C and line AB. Line XY passes through point C and is always in contact with AB as it rotates about C.

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### By two parallel lines



# Planes are always depicted to have **limited size**

A plane is **completely and uniquely** defined by **three non-collinear points** on the plane;

That is, we can delineate **a** bounded portion of the **plane** by points that form the corners of a triangle which belong to the plane





where is the point?



where is the point?



edge view of a plane













true slope of a plane – aka dip of the plane













Suppose a plane is given by diagonal lines, say AB and CD. Suppose three of the points, say A, B and C are given by their quad paper coordinates, for example, A (1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ ), B (3, 2, 5), and C (2,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ).

In order to determine D we will need further constraints. Suppose the diagonals are of equal length, that is, AB = CD; suppose further that they intersect at right angles.

to determine the **slope** and **true shape** of the plane ABCD; to find the **true length and bearing** of CD; and to **complete the top and front views** of the plane



















