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**Amal Mattoo\*** (amattoo@college.harvard.edu), 6809 Persimmon Tree Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817, and **Jiyang Gao, Yutong Li** and **Michael C. Loper**. *Virtual Complete Intersections in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$* .

We study homological invariants of a finite set of points in  $\mathbb{P}_1 \times \mathbb{P}_1$ . We give examples where the size of a minimal free resolution for the vanishing ideal of the points depends on interactions between the cross ratios of the points in each copy of  $\mathbb{P}_1$ . We then examine virtual resolutions in the sense of Berkesch, Erman and Smith, which for points in  $\mathbb{P}_1 \times \mathbb{P}_1$  are complexes that resolve the vanishing ideal only up to saturation by the irrelevant ideal. We show that virtual resolutions, though not a combinatorial invariant, nevertheless convey more condensed geometric structure. We show that set-theoretically every finite set of points forms a complete intersection, meaning that there is an ideal whose vanishing set is exactly the set of points and the ideal admits a virtual resolution taking the form of a Koszul complex. In the richer case of reduced points, we use tools including Generalized Bézout's Theorem, degree analysis, and number-theoretic techniques, to give various sufficient conditions and necessary conditions for a virtual complete intersection. In particular, we completely classify the case where the points form a Ferrers diagram on a ruling of  $\mathbb{P}_1 \times \mathbb{P}_1$ . (Received September 24, 2018)