A short bibliography on classical groups

Standard books on classical groups are Artin [2], Dieudonné [14], Dickson [13] and, for a more modern account, Taylor [22]. Cameron [5] describes the underlying geometry.

Books on related topics include Cohn [10] on division rings, Gorenstein [15] for the classification of finite simple groups, the *ATLAS* [11] for properties of small simple groups (including all the sporadic groups), the *Handbook of Incidence Geometry* [4] for a detailed account of many topics including the geometry of the classical groups, Chevalley [9] on Clifford algebras, spinors and triality, and Kleidman and Liebeck [17] on subgroups of classical groups. (The last book is a detailed commentary on the theorem of Aschbacher [3], itself the culmination of a line of research commencing with Galois and continuing through Cooperstein [12] and Kantor [16]. Cameron [6] has some geometric speculations on Aschbacher's Theorem.)

Carter [8] discusses groups of Lie type (identifying many of these with classical groups). The natural geometries for the groups of Lie type are buildings: see Tits [23] for the classification of spherical buildings, and Scharlau [21] for a modern account.

The other papers in the bibliography discuss aspects of the generation, subgroups, or representations of the classical groups. The list is not exhaustive!

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