On the Hilbert function of lines union one non-reduced point

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Abstract. In this paper we consider the problem of determining the Hilbert function of schemes $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ which are the generic union of *s* lines and one *m*-multiple point. We completely solve this problem for any *s* and *m* when $n \ge 4$. When n = 3 we find several defective such schemes and conjecture that they are the only ones. We verify this conjecture in several cases.

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