

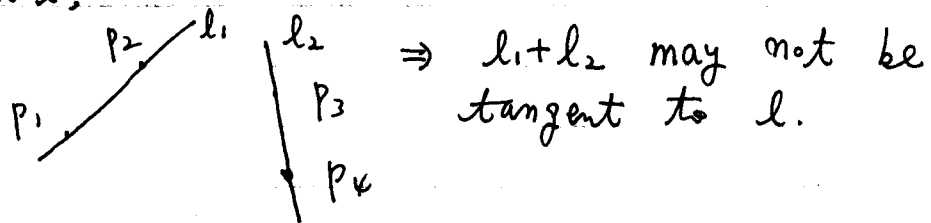
generic four points in \mathbb{P}^5 , and $\{[a_0, \dots, a_5] \in \mathbb{P}^5 \mid a_0 \sigma_0(p_i) + \dots + a_5 \sigma_5(p_i) = 0\}$ is a generic pencil.

Thus a generic pencil of conics cuts out on a generic line l a linear system of degree 2.

\Rightarrow By P874, the # of branch points of the corresponding covering map is 2. \Rightarrow Let \tilde{l} be a generic line in W . $\Rightarrow \tilde{l} \cap I_l$ is a set of 2 distinct points.

$$\Rightarrow I_{p_1} \cdot I_{p_2} \cdot I_{p_3} \cdot I_{p_4} \cdot I_l = 2$$

As in the case I_p^5 , for generic ^{points} p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4 and a generic line l , \exists no conic in W passing p_i 's and tangent to l .



$$\Rightarrow \tilde{I}_{p_1} \cap \tilde{I}_{p_2} \cap \tilde{I}_{p_3} \cap \tilde{I}_{p_4} \cap \tilde{I}_l \cap E = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{p_1} \cdot I_{p_2} \cdot I_{p_3} \cdot I_{p_4} \cdot I_l = \tilde{I}_{p_1} \cdot \tilde{I}_{p_2} \cdot \tilde{I}_{p_3} \cdot \tilde{I}_{p_4} \cdot \tilde{I}_l.$$

Though we do not consider it, $I_p^5 = \tilde{I}_p^5$.

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Next, the quadratic transformation of \mathbb{P}^2 based at three points p_1, p_2, p_3 transforms the net of conics through p_1, p_2, p_3 into the complete series of lines in \mathbb{P}^2 , and the generic lines in \mathbb{P}^2 into conics; the number of conics through p_1, p_2, p_3 tangent to two lines is just the number of