

$$x_0 = p_0, \dots, x_{k+1} = p_{k+1} \\ \Rightarrow x = [p_0, \dots, p_{k+1}, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_n]$$

$$\Rightarrow x - p = [(0, \dots, 0, x_{k+2}, \dots, x_n)] - [(0, 0, \dots, 0, p_{k+2}, \dots, p_n)] \\ \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ \mathbb{P}^{n-k-2} \quad \quad \quad \mathbb{P}^{n-k-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \overline{\mathbb{P}^{n-k-2}, p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{P}^{n-k-2}, p} \cap V \ni x \Rightarrow \text{Contradiction to } \overline{\mathbb{P}^{n-k-2}, p} \text{ misses } V. \quad \text{)} \quad \text{)} \\ \text{misses } V.$$

By what we have seen, we can find a homogeneous polynomial  $F(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{k+1})$  vanishing along  $\pi(V)$  but not at  $\pi(p)$ ; correspondingly, the polynomial

$\tilde{F}(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) = F(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{k+1})$  vanishes on  $V$  but not at  $p$ .

□ We proved that  $\exists$  a homogeneous polynomial  $F(X_0, \dots, X_{k+1})$  vanishing along  $\pi(V)$  but not outside  $\pi(V)$ .

$$\Rightarrow F \neq 0 \text{ at } p.$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{F}(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) = F(X_0, \dots, X_{k+1}) = 0 \text{ on } V \\ \text{since } \tilde{F}(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_n) = F \circ \pi(X_0, \dots, X_n). \quad \text{)} \quad \text{)}$$

We can thus find, for any point  $p \in V$ , a polynomial vanishing identically on  $V$  but not at  $p$ .