

Let  $X$  be a  $n$ -dimensional complete intersection, and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{N-n}$  be hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^N$  s.t.  $X = Y_1 \cap \dots \cap Y_{N-n}$ .

$\Rightarrow$

$$Y_1 \cap \dots \cap Y_{N-n} = X_1 = X \subset Y_2 \cap \dots \cap Y_{N-n} \subset Y_3 \cap \dots \cap Y_{N-n} \subset \dots \subset Y_{N-n} \subset \mathbb{P}^N$$

Suppose  $\mathbb{P}^q$  lies in  $X$ ,  $q > \frac{n}{2}$ .

By the Lefschetz theorem,  $H^l(\mathbb{P}^N) \cong H^l(Y_{N-n})$  if  $l \leq N-2$

$$H^l(Y_{N-n}) \cong H^l(X_{N-n-1}) \text{ if } l \leq N-3$$

$\vdots$

$$H^l(X_2) \cong H^l(X) \text{ if } l \leq n-1.$$

$$\Rightarrow q > \frac{n}{2} \Rightarrow 2q > n \Rightarrow n > 2n-2q \Rightarrow n-1 \geq 2n-2q.$$

$$\Rightarrow H^{2n-2q}(X) \cong \dots \cong H^{2n-2q}(Y_{N-n}) \cong H^{2n-2q}(\mathbb{P}^N)$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{2q}(X) \cong_{\mathbb{Z}}^* H_{2q}(\mathbb{P}^N) \text{ via } X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N \text{ inclusion.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{A generator of } H_{2q}(X) \text{ is given by } [X \cap \mathbb{P}^{N-n+q}].$$

$$\Rightarrow [\mathbb{P}^q] = K [X \cap \mathbb{P}^{N-n+q}] \quad K=1$$

$$\Rightarrow X \cap \mathbb{P}^{N-n+q} = \mathbb{P}^q \text{ since } \deg(X \cap \mathbb{P}^{N-n+q}) \text{ must be}$$

1. But by the argument <sup>on p. 96</sup>, for generic  $\mathbb{P}^{N-n+q}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ ,

$X \cap \mathbb{P}^{N-n+q}$  is nondegenerate in  $\mathbb{P}^{N-n+q}$ . Thus the

only possible choice is  $q = N-n+q \Rightarrow N=n \Rightarrow$

Impossible.

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Now, we deduce from the lemma that for each  $p \in \mathbb{P}^3$  the set

$$X_p = X \cap \sigma(p)$$

of lines in the complex  $X$  passing through  $p$  forms a conic curve in  $\sigma(p)$ . There are three possible