

Finally, it remains to show that for any two  $n$ -planes  $\Lambda, \Lambda' \subset F$ , the dimension of their intersection is congruent to  $n \bmod 2$  if and only if they belong to the same family. Again, we proceed by induction: the statement is trivially true for  $n=0$  (and more visibly for  $n=1$ ); assume it for all  $m < n$ .

$$F \quad n=0 \Rightarrow F = \{X_0^2 + X_1^2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^1.$$

$$\Rightarrow F = \{ \underbrace{[1, i]}_{\Lambda_1}, \underbrace{[1, -i]}_{\Lambda_2} \}$$

$$\dim(\Lambda_1 \cap \Lambda_2) = 0 \equiv 0(2) \quad \dim(\Lambda_1 \cap \Lambda_2) \stackrel{?}{=} -1 \text{ (guess.)} \quad \text{See P237 bottom line}$$

$$n=1 \Rightarrow F = \{X_0^2 + X_1^2 + X_2^2 = 0\} \subset \mathbb{P}^3.$$

$\Rightarrow F$  contains 1-dimensional families of 1-planes, since  $F = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ . In other words,

$$\{x \times \mathbb{P}^1, \mathbb{P}^1 \times y\} \Rightarrow x_1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \cap x_2 \times \mathbb{P}^1 = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \emptyset = -1 \Rightarrow -1 \equiv 1(2)$$

$$x \times \mathbb{P}^1 \cap \mathbb{P}^1 \times y = x \times y \Rightarrow \dim(x \times y) = 0 \not\equiv 1(2)$$

Refer to P478 ~ P479.  $\square$

Suppose first that  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda'$  intersect, and let  $p$  be any point of  $\Lambda \cap \Lambda'$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}^{2n-1}$  be any hyperplane in  $\mathbb{P}^{2n}$  not containing  $p$ ; by what we have seen, the intersection  $F \cap T_p(F)$  of  $F$  with its tangent plane at  $p$  is just the cone through  $p$  over the smooth,  $(2n-2)$ -dimensional quadric  $\tilde{F} = F \cap$