

unless five are collinear.

Assume that $P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_8$ fail to impose linearly independent conditions on cubics. Then, ^{once} we prove the first step, choose noncollinear three points, call P_6, P_7, P_8 . We may choose a conic τ s.t. τ contains P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 . It is possible, since, let $\tau = a_1 \tau_1 + \dots + a_6 \tau_6$,

$$\left(\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} \right) \cdot P_i = 0 \quad \left(\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} \right) \cdot P_i = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5 \text{ equations} \\ \text{at most} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\tau(P_3) = \tau(P_4) = \tau(P_5) = 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} = 0 = \tau(P_3) = \tau(P_4) = \tau(P_5) = 0 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 5 \text{ equations} \\ \text{at most} \end{array} \right.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a nontrivial solution of a_i 's, where $H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}(2H)) = \langle \tau \rangle$.

Consider $\tau + L_{67}, \tau + L_{78}, \tau + L_{68}$.

\Rightarrow By the first step and the assumption,

$\tau + L_{67} \ni P_8 \Rightarrow \tau \ni P_8$ by the noncollinearity of P_6, P_7, P_8 . Similarly, $\tau \ni P_6, P_7 \Rightarrow \tau \ni P_i, i=1, \dots, 8$.

Thus it remains to prove the first step.

The step of (i) is proved by the argument above $P_{4\&2}$.

(ii). Proof.

Choose $P_2' \in \mathbb{P}^2$ s.t. $P_1, P_2', P_3, P_4, \dots, P_7$ with P_1 infinitely near P_3 have no five collinear points. \Rightarrow By the argument on $P_{4\&2}$ ^{(or (ii))} $P_1, P_2', P_3, P_4, \dots, P_7$ impose independent conditions on cubics. $\Rightarrow P_1, P_3, P_4, \dots, P_7$ impose independent