

Consider now the set of k -planes on F passing through the points p_i and p_{ij} . Take IP_{ij}^{n-3} an $(n-3)$ -plane lying in the intersection $T_{p_i}(F) \cap T_{p_{ij}}(F)$ and missing the line $\overline{p_i p_{ij}}$; IP_{ij}^{n-3} intersects F in a smooth quadric $\overline{H_{ij}}$, with $F \cap T_{p_i}(F) \cap T_{p_{ij}}(F)$ the cone through the line $\overline{p_i p_{ij}}$ over $\overline{H_{ij}}$.

\square Since $F \cap T_{p_i}(F)$ is a cone through p_i over $\overline{H_i}$, and $F \ni p_{ij}$, $\overline{p_i p_{ij}} \subset F \Rightarrow \overline{p_i p_{ij}} \subset T_{p_i}(F) \cap T_{p_{ij}}(F)$.

Without loss of generality, we may assume that

$$p_i = [1, 0, \dots, 0] \quad p_{ij} = [0, 1, \dots, 0] \quad T_{p_i}(F) = \{X_{n+1} = 0\}$$

$$T_{p_{ij}}(F) = \{X_n = 0\} \quad \text{and} \quad IP_{ij}^{n-3} = \{[0, 0, X_2, \dots, X_{n-1}]\}.$$

Since $T_{p_i}(F) = (X_{n+1} = 0)$, by P175 ~ P176,

$$\left\{ \sum \frac{\partial F}{\partial X_i}(p_i) X_i = 0 \right\} = \{X_{n+1} = 0\} \Rightarrow \text{If we let}$$

$$F = \sum_{i,j=0}^{n+1} q_{ij} X_i X_j, \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial X_i}(p_i) = 0 = \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} q_{ij} X_j(p_i)$$

$$= q_{i0} \text{ for all } i=0, \dots, n. \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial X_{n+1}}(p_i) \neq 0 \Rightarrow q_{n+1,0} \neq 0.$$

Thus

$$F|_{T_{p_i}(F)} \text{ has } Q = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & q_{0,n+1} \\ 0 & * & & * & * \\ \vdots & & (n+1) \times (n+1) & & \vdots \\ 0 & * & \dots & * & \vdots \\ q_{0,n+1} & & & & * \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{non singular.}$$

$q_{n+1,0}$

Similarly, since $T_{p_{ij}}(F) = (X_n = 0)$, we have