

Let $\mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be a plane not containing p and $I \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times N_p$ the incidence correspondence defined by

$$I = \{(q, F) : \overline{pq} \subset F\}.$$

The projection of I on the second factor expresses I as a double cover of $N_p \cong \mathbb{P}^2$, branched over the locus of singular quadrics in N_p .

\overline{p} is a generic point $\Rightarrow N_p =$ the set of quadrics in $W \cong \mathbb{P}^2$, and, since $\dim W_2 = 6$, in $W \cong \mathbb{P}^9$ $N_p \cap W_2 = \emptyset$ ($\because N_p$ is a generic net).

F is singular $\Rightarrow \text{rank } F = 3$, i.e., $F \in W_1$.

(Refer to p144 & p145 for W_1 & W_2 .)

We may assume $F = X_0^2 + X_1^2 + X_2^2 = 0$ and

$$p = [1, a, b, c] \in F \Rightarrow 1 + a^2 + b^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T_p(F) = X_0 + aX_1 + bX_2 = 0.$$

$$F \cap T_p(F) = \{X_0 + aX_1 + bX_2 = 0\} \cap \{X_0^2 + X_1^2 + X_2^2 = 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (aX_1 + bX_2)^2 + X_1^2 + X_2^2 = 0$$

$$= (a^2 + 1)X_1^2 + (b^2 + 1)X_2^2 + 2abX_1X_2$$

$$= -b^2X_1^2 - a^2X_2^2 + 2abX_1X_2 = -(bX_1 - aX_2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow bX_1 = aX_2$$

$$\Rightarrow F \cap T_p(F) = (X_0 + aX_1 + bX_2 = 0) \cap (bX_1 - aX_2 = 0)$$

which is a line passing through p .

In case $p = [0, 0, 0, 1]$,

Tangent cone $T_p(F) = 0$.

Thus we have only to show that p can not