

(ii) If $\ell' > \Lambda_0$,

(a) $P_0'' - \Lambda_0 \neq \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow \ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3$ pass some common point $p \in P_0'' - \Lambda_0$

\Rightarrow This is impossible since $\dim H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{I}_p(H)) = 2$.

(b) $P_0'' = \Lambda_0$.

Consider $\ell' \ell_0$, where $\{\tau_1 \ell_0, \tau_2 \ell_0, \tau_3 \ell_0\}$ is a basis for $H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{I}_{P_0}(3))$.

\Rightarrow Since ℓ_0 passes all points $P_0 - P_0''$, $\ell' \ell_0$ passes all points of P_0 . $\Rightarrow \exists$ a conic $\ell' \ell_0$ passing P_0 .

\Rightarrow We proved that if P_0 does not impose independent conditions on $|\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(3)|$, then P_0 lie on a conic or five of P_0 lie on a line. \square

The result we needed in the section on cubic surfaces now follows easily:

Let Δ be six points in \mathbb{P}^2 , no three of which are on a line and which are not on a conic.

Then $P_0 = \Delta + p + q$ imposes independent conditions on $|\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(3)|$ for any $p, q \in \mathbb{P}^2$.

Proof. If not, then either five points from P_0 must be collinear or all eight must be on a conic - this contradicts the assumption on Δ . Q.E.D.

Υ See p 481~p 483.