

$$= - \frac{2 - (\mu + \lambda) y'}{2 y' \mu \lambda - (\mu + \lambda) y'} \quad \text{by L'Hospital's rule}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 + (\mu + \lambda) y' = 2 y' \mu \lambda - (\mu + \lambda) y'$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 y' \mu \lambda - 2(\mu + \lambda) y' + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y' \mu - 1)(y' \lambda - 1) = 0 \quad y' = \frac{1}{\mu} \text{ or } \frac{1}{\lambda}.$$

\Rightarrow The tangent directions to the curve C_f defined by f will be $\frac{1}{\mu}$ or $\frac{1}{\lambda}$. $\mu\lambda = r$, r fixed. \square

Geometrically, the curve C_f must have an ordinary double point at p_i and the cross-ratio of its tangents together with those of C is prescribed.

\square I think, the general C_f has an ordinary double point at p_i and the cross-ratio of its tangents together with those of C is $r = \mu\lambda$. \square

We now write

$$C \cdot C' = P_0 + P,$$

where P_0 and P are zero-dimensional schemes with $\mathcal{I}_{P_0} = \mathcal{I}_{P_1} \cap \mathcal{I}_{P_2} \cap \mathcal{I}_{P_3}$ and P is the residue of

P_0 relative to the pencil $|C + \lambda C'|$. We note that $\deg P_0 = 12$ and consequently $\deg P = 4$.

\square multiplicity at $p_i = 4$. $\Rightarrow 3 \times 4 = \deg P$.

$$\Rightarrow \deg C \cdot C' = \deg P_0 + \deg P = 16$$