

To verify this assertion it will suffice to exhibit a point of $I-J$; that is, six conics C_1, C_2, \dots, C_5 and C' such that V_{C_1}, \dots, V_{C_5} meet transversely at C' . But this is clear: if C' is any smooth conic, C_1, \dots, C_5 conics simply tangent to C' at distinct points p_1, \dots, p_5 , then the tangent hyperplanes $T_{C_i}(V_{C'}) = H_{p_i}$ are independent.

⌈ Suppose we can find a smooth conic C s.t. C is tangent to C' ^{only} at a given arbitrary point p .

$\Rightarrow C$ is a smooth point of $V_{C'}$, and H_p is the tangent plane of $V_{C'}$ at C , by the result on p150, (and H_p is the tangent plane of V_C at C').

And assume that H_{p_i} 's are linearly dependent.

Let $\langle \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_6 \rangle = H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}(2H))$.

$\Rightarrow \{(\sigma_1(p_1), \dots, \sigma_6(p_1)) = v_1, \dots, (\sigma_1(p_5), \dots, \sigma_6(p_5)) = v_5\}$

is a set of linearly dependent vectors.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ ^{two distinct} nontrivial solution a_i 's & b_i 's s.t.

$$T_1 = a_1 \sigma_1 + \dots + a_6 \sigma_6 = 0 \quad \text{for all } p_i \text{'s.}$$

$$T_2 = b_1 \sigma_1 + \dots + b_6 \sigma_6 = 0 \quad "$$

$\Rightarrow \#(T_1, T_2) \geq 5 \Rightarrow$ It is impossible, since

$$\#(T_1, T_2) = 4 \quad (\because \deg T_1 = \deg T_2 = 2).$$

$\Rightarrow T_{C_i}(V_{C'}) = H_{p_i}$'s are linearly indepent. \Rightarrow