

Here is one more illustration of the reciprocity formula.

Let P_0 be a set of 12 points in \mathbb{P}^2 that fails to impose independent conditions on $|O_{\mathbb{P}^2}(4)|$. Then either

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_0 = C_4 \cdot C_3 \text{ is a complete intersection, or} \\ 10 \text{ points from } P_0 \text{ are on a conic, or} \\ \text{six points from } P_0 \text{ are collinear.} \end{array} \right.$

Proof. We assume that $\dim |f_{P_0}(4)| \geq 3$.

Γ By P713, $\dim |f_{P_0}(4)| = \frac{4(4+3)}{2} - 12 + \omega = 2 + \omega$
 \Rightarrow Since $\omega = 0 \Leftrightarrow P_0$ imposes independent conditions on $|O_{\mathbb{P}^2}(4)|$, $\omega \geq 1 \Rightarrow \dim |f_{P_0}(4)| \geq 3$. \Rightarrow

Recalling that $\dim |O_{\mathbb{P}^2}(4)| = 14$, if there are two curves C, C' from this linear system having no common component, then

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

Γ By the application on P714. \Rightarrow

By the reciprocity formula, P consists of four collinear points, and this implies that $P_0 = C_4 \cdot C_4$.

Γ By the reciprocity formula I,