

only if

$Q(e_i, e_j) = b_{ij} + b_{ji} = 0$
for all i and j , i.e., if and only if B is skew-symmetric.

$$\text{If } Q(X) = \sum_{i=0}^n X_i X_{n+i+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{i=0}^n X_i X_{n+i+1} + \sum_{i=0}^n X_{n+i+1} X_i \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & I \\ \hline I & 0 \end{array} \right) \quad Q(e_i) = 0 \text{ for all } i, \text{ since } \forall e_i \text{ lie on } \mathbb{F}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{Q}(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \{ \tilde{Q}(X+Y, X+Y) - \tilde{Q}(X, X) - \tilde{Q}(Y, Y) \}$$

$$\tilde{Q}(X, X) = Q(X).$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{Q}(X, Y) = 0 \text{ for all } X, Y \Leftrightarrow Q(Z) = 0 \text{ for all } Z.$$

$$\Rightarrow \tilde{Q}(e_i, e_j) = 0 \text{ for all } i, j$$

$$\Rightarrow (0 \dots 0 \mid 1 \dots 0, b_{i0}, \dots, b_{in}) \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & I \\ \hline I & 0 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ b_{j0} \\ \vdots \\ b_{jn} \end{array} \right)^{\frac{1}{2+1}}$$

$$= (b_{i0}, \dots, b_{in}, 0 \dots 1 \dots 0) \left(\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \vdots \\ b_{j0} \\ \vdots \\ b_{jn} \end{array} \right) = b_{ij} + b_{ji} = 0$$

□

The planes $\{\Lambda_B\}$ form an open set Γ_0 in one of the two families of n -planes on \mathbb{F} . (Note that $\dim(\Lambda_B \cap \Lambda_{B'}) = n - \text{rank}(B - B') \equiv n(2)$)