

This implies that P_1, P_2, \dots, P_7 impose 7 - linearly independent conditions on conics. Contradiction to the assumption. \square

Let L_{ij} denote the line $\overline{P_i P_j}$. The cubic curve

$$L_{23} + L_{45} + L_{67}$$

contains P_2, \dots, P_7 and hence P_1 as well; thus P_1 is collinear with two other points P_i , which we may take to be P_2 and P_3 .

Suppose now that the line $L = \overline{P_2 P_3 P_1}$ also contains one of the points P_4, \dots, P_7 , say P_4 . Then since the cubic

$$L_{25} + L_{36} + L_{47}$$

contains P_1 , we must have either P_5, P_6 or P_7 lying on L as well; thus we have five collinear points.

⌈ If $P_1 \in L_{25}$, then $\overline{P_1 P_2 P_5} = L_{25} = L \Rightarrow$

We can see that either P_5, P_6 or P_7 must lie on L .
 \Rightarrow Thus we have five collinear points. \square

If, on the other hand, none of the points P_4, P_5, \dots, P_7 lies on the line L , then since the cubics

$L_{24} + L_{35} + L_{67}$, $L_{24} + L_{36} + L_{57}$, and $L_{25} + L_{36} + L_{47}$
 all contain P_1 but the lines L_{24} , L_{25} , L_{35} and L_{36}