

let $\Lambda = \overline{L, L'}$ be the 2-plane spanned by L and L' . There is then a unique quadric $F_{\Lambda(\lambda)}$ in the pencil $\{F_{\lambda}\}$ containing the 2-plane Λ . To see this, let $q \in \Lambda$ be any point of Λ lying off L and L' . (See Figure 22.) q is then contained in some quadric $F_{\lambda(q)}$ — but $F_{\lambda(q)}$, containing L, L' and q , has three points of intersection with any line L'' in Λ through q , and so contains L'' ; thus $F_{\lambda(q)}$ contains Λ .

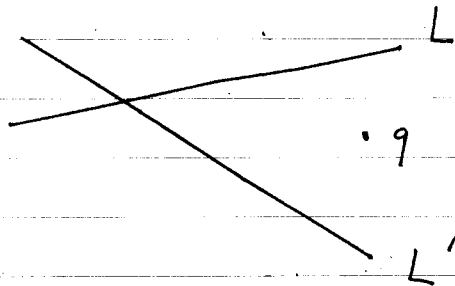


Figure 22.

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{L, L'} \subset X = F \cap G &\Rightarrow \forall x \in L \Rightarrow \lambda F + G \ni x \\ &\Rightarrow L, L' \subset \lambda F + G \quad (\because F(x) = G(x) = 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$F(q) \neq 0 \neq G(q) \Rightarrow \exists \lambda \in \mathbb{P}^1 \text{ s.t. } (\lambda F + G)(q) = 0.$$

Let $F_{\lambda(q)} = \lambda F + G \supset L, L', q$. We do not prove yet that $F_{\lambda(q)} \supset \Lambda$. If $\Lambda \not\supset L'' \ni q$, then $L'' \cap L \neq \emptyset$ and $L'' \cap L' = \emptyset \Rightarrow$ generic

$$F_{\lambda(q)} \supset \{q, L'' \cap L, L'' \cap L'\} \Rightarrow \#(F_{\lambda(q)} \cap L'') \geq 3$$

\Rightarrow Since $\deg F_{\lambda(q)} = 2$, $F_{\lambda(q)}$ contains L'' . Here L'' is generic line in Λ , then L'' does not pass $L \cap L'$. $\Rightarrow \#(F_{\lambda(q)} \cap L'') \geq 3 \Rightarrow$ Since $F_{\lambda(q)}$ contains