

④ 4 G's

$\{G_1, G_2, G_3, G_4, F_{12}\}$? 4 not possible.

As the reader may verify, there is a unique automorphism of the configuration of 27 lines on S (not an automorphism of S) that carries any of these 12 into any other, in any assignment; thus there are $12 \cdot 6! = 51,840$ symmetries of the configuration of lines on S .

Here, the homomorphism from the configuration of 27 lines on S to itself is a map preserving the incidence relations. Let K = the configuration of 27 lines on S .

To prove the claim above, first of all note the following observations:

① Given a set of six disjoint lines on S , any five in the set have a unique line intersecting all five of the

② Given any two lines intersecting each other, \exists only one line meeting both lines.

Proof of ②: By the symmetry, we have only to consider the following special cases.

(i) E_1, G_2 .

$\Rightarrow F_{12}$ is the unique line

(ii) E_1, F_{12}

(iii) G_1, F_{12}

$\Rightarrow G_2$ is the unique line, $\Rightarrow E_2$ is the unique line

(iv) $F_{12}, F_{34} \Rightarrow F_{56}$