

(i)  $p_1 \in L_{24} \Rightarrow L_{24} = L_{12} = L \Rightarrow L$  contains  $p_3$  &  $p_4 \Rightarrow$

This contradicts to the assumption that only  $p_3$  lies on  $L$ .

(ii)  $p_1 \in L_{36} \Rightarrow p_2 \in L_{36} \Rightarrow L_{36} = L \Rightarrow p_6 \in L \Rightarrow *$  again.

(iii)  $p_1 \in L_{57} \Rightarrow p_2 \in L_{57} \Rightarrow L_{57} = L \Rightarrow p_5, p_7 \in L \Rightarrow *$

$L_{57}$  need not be  $L$ , since if the cubic curve is singular at  $p_2$ , then everything is fine.

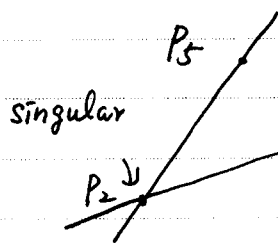
③  $p_1 \in L_{25} + L_{36} + L_{47}$ .

(i)  $p_1 \in L_{25} \Rightarrow$  By the argument above,  $\overline{p_2 p_5} = L_{25} = L \Rightarrow p_5 \in L \Rightarrow$  Contradiction.

(ii)  $p_1 \in L_{36} \Rightarrow$  Again  $L_{36} = L \quad *$

(iii)  $p_1 \in L_{47} \Rightarrow L_{47} = L \quad *$

Thus the only way-out is the singularity at  $p_2$ .



The line must be  $L_{36}$  or  $L_{47}$ .

In case  $L_{36} \Rightarrow L_{23} = L_{12} = L \quad *$   
since  $p_6 \in L$ .

$\Rightarrow$  We have  $L_{47} \Rightarrow L_{47} \ni p_2$ .

In this way, in ①, we have  $p_2 \in L_{67}$  and in ②

$p_2 \in L_{57} \Rightarrow L_{27}$  contains  $p_6, p_4, p_5$ .  $\Rightarrow$

If, finally, none of the points  $p_3, \dots, p_7$  lies on  $L$ , then since the cubic

$L_{27} + L_{34} + L_{56}$

contains  $p_1$ , either  $L_{24}$  or  $L_{56}$  - say  $L_{34}$  - must contain  $p_2$ .