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Now return to our cubic surface $S \cong \tilde{\mathbb{P}}^2_{p_1, \dots, p_6}$ in \mathbb{P}^3 . Consider first the image of the exceptional divisors E_1, E_2, \dots, E_6 in S . Since $\tilde{C} \cdot E_i = 1$, we see that each of the curves E_i has degree 1 in \mathbb{P}^3 , hence must be a line.

$$\tilde{C} = \pi^* 3H - E_1 - \dots - E_6, \quad \tilde{C} \cdot E_i = -E_i \cdot E_i = 1.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [\tilde{C}] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & [H] \\ \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\ \tilde{\mathbb{P}}^2 & \xrightarrow{\quad \iota_{\tilde{C}} \quad} & \mathbb{P}^3 \end{array}$$

$$H \cdot \iota_{\tilde{C}}(E_i) = \tilde{C} \cdot E_i = 1$$

$$(H \cap \iota_{\tilde{C}}(\tilde{\mathbb{P}}^2)) \cap \iota_{\tilde{C}}(E_i) = \iota_{\tilde{C}}(\tilde{C}) \cdot \iota_{\tilde{C}}(E_i)$$

$\Rightarrow \iota_{\tilde{C}}(E_i)$ has degree 1 in $\mathbb{P}^3 \Rightarrow$ By P1.14, it is a line. \square

Likewise, if $\pi_{ij} (j > i)$ is the proper transform in $\tilde{\mathbb{P}}^2$ of the line $L_{ij} = \overline{p_i p_j}$ in \mathbb{P}^2 , then

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{ij} \cdot \tilde{C} &= (\pi^* L_{ij} - E_i - E_j) \cdot (\pi^* 3H - \sum E_k) \\ &= L_{ij} \cdot 3H - 2 = 3 - 2 = 1, \end{aligned}$$

so that the image of π_{ij} in $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ is again a line; there are 15 such lines.