

reducible, we deduce that $\dim |f_P(4)| = 3$, which gives our conclusion.

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Γ $|f_P(4)| \geq 2$ since $\sigma_0 s_1, \sigma_0 s_2, \sigma_0 s_3 \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^2; f_P(4))$ are linearly independent. If $|f_P(4)| = 2$,

$$\langle \sigma_0 s_1, \sigma_0 s_2, \sigma_0 s_3 \rangle = H^0(\mathbb{P}^2; f_P(4)).$$

\Rightarrow All in $|f_P(4)|$ are reducible. By the assumptions above, $C \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^2; f_P(4))$ is not reducible, i.e. irreducible. $\Rightarrow |f_P(4)| > 2 \Rightarrow |f_P(4)| = 3$ since $|f_P(4)| \leq 3$.

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It is interesting to investigate the rational map

$$f: \mathbb{P}^2 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$$

defined by the linear system $|f_P(4)|$ when the configuration is in special position. The image is a surface S of degree four with the property that there are ∞^2 reducible hyperplane sections.

$$\Gamma \quad \dim H^0(\mathbb{P}^2; f_P(4)) = \dim |f_P(4)| + 1 = 4$$

\Rightarrow By the arguments above, $H^0(\mathbb{P}^2; f_P(4)) = \langle \sigma_0 s_1, \sigma_0 s_2, \sigma_0 s_3, \tau \rangle$.

\Rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{P}^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^3 \\ \downarrow & & \\ x & \longmapsto & [(\sigma_0 s_1)(x), (\sigma_0 s_2)(x), (\sigma_0 s_3)(x), \tau(x)] \end{array}$$