

lines.  $\Rightarrow \deg(T_x(X) \cap X) = 4 \Rightarrow$  Since, by the assumption,  $T_x(X) \cap X$  has no multiple components,  $T_x(X) \cap X$  must consist of four lines. But by the argument above,

$$l_x \cap S \xleftrightarrow{1-1} \text{Set of lines in } X \text{ through } x \\ \parallel \\ T_x(X) \cap X$$

thus  $\#(l_x \cap S) = 4$ , since the number of lines of  $T_x(X) \cap X$ .  $\Rightarrow \deg S = \#(l_x \cap S) = 4$ .

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Now, all the assumptions made about the generic line  $l_x$  of our complex are in fact the case, but their verifications are best left until we know more about the complex. There is one point worth mentioning now, which will emerge from this computation once we have established that  $S$  is quartic: Since  $T_x(X) \cap X$  can never contain more than four lines, for any point  $p \in S - R$  the line  $l_x$  held in common by the two pencils in  $X$  through  $p$  - that is, the line of intersection of the two hyperplanes comprising the locus of  $X_p$  - can lie on at most two lines in  $X$  not on  $\sigma(p)$ .

$$\nabla X_p = F \cap \sigma(p) = L_1 \cup L_2, \quad L_1 \cap L_2 \ni x, \quad L_1 \neq L_2. \\ \Rightarrow \text{Since } X \cap T_x(X) = \text{The locus of lines in } X$$