

$\{C_\lambda\}$ thus has four points of intersection with V_C other than $2L$; it follows that

$$\text{mult}_{2L}(\{C_\lambda\}, V_C) = 2,$$

and so, for generic C ,

$$\text{mult}_{W_2}(V_C) = 2.$$

¶ $W_2 \subset V_C$

If the multiplicity at $2L$ is ≥ 3 , then, again by Bertini's theorem, for a generic pencil $\{C_\lambda\}$ through $2L$, $[\{C_\lambda\} \cap V_C - 2L]$ is smooth, and is a set of distinct points ≤ 3 . (\because By the argument above, the # of branch points is 6.) \Rightarrow And we have a branched 4-sheeted cover of \mathbb{P}^1 from $\{C_\lambda\}$, and the number of branch points of that cover is $\leq 2 + 3 = 5$, since clearly, counting multiplicity the # of branch points at $2L$ is 2 and (in fact, for some λ , $C_\lambda = 2L$)

the # of branch points at points (conics) other than $2L$ is ≤ 3 . Contradiction.

$$\Rightarrow \text{mult}_{2L}(\{C_\lambda\}, V_C) = 2 \quad \textcircled{*}$$

\Rightarrow Since $\textcircled{*}$ is true for smooth C , for generic C
 $\text{mult}_{W_2}(V_C) = 2.$

Point: Use Bertini's theorem.

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