

$\Rightarrow (S_1=0) \cap (S_2=0) \supset l \Rightarrow \text{Contradiction.}$

If $F = ll'$, since no three of P_i 's are collinear, l and l' must contain two of P_i 's. \square

The singular conics passing through $\{P_i\}$ are therefore

$$\overline{P_1 P_2} + \overline{P_3 P_4}, \quad \overline{P_1 P_3} + \overline{P_2 P_4} \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{P_1 P_4} + \overline{P_2 P_3}.$$

\square A singular conic in \mathbb{P}^2 is of form $X_0^2 + X_1^2 = 0$ or $X_0^2 = 0$. $X_0^2 = 0$ is not the case since $(X_0=0)$ contains all P_i 's. $\Rightarrow (X_0^2 + X_1^2 = 0) = (X_0 + iX_1 = 0) \cup (X_0 - iX_1 = 0)$.

\Rightarrow A singular conic is a union of two lines.

\Rightarrow The number of choices is $4C_2/2 = 6/2 = 3$, more precisely,

$$\overline{P_1 P_2} + \overline{P_3 P_4}, \quad \overline{P_1 P_3} + \overline{P_2 P_4}, \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{P_1 P_4} + \overline{P_2 P_3} \quad \square$$

So we see again that L contains three singular conics.

4. Alternatively, note that $W \subset W$ is the image of $\mathbb{P}^{2*} \times \mathbb{P}^{2*}$ under the map f sending a pair of lines (l_1, l_2) to the conic $l_1 + l_2 \in W$.

\square Since any singular conic in \mathbb{P}^2 is a union of two lines as we saw above,

$$f: \mathbb{P}^{2*} \times \mathbb{P}^{2*} \longrightarrow W$$

$$(l_1, l_2) \longmapsto l_1 + l_2$$