

the first argument that the points P_2, \dots, P_7 impose six conditions; if P_1, \dots, P_7 fail to impose seven, every cubic passing through P_2, \dots, P_7 will contain P_1 .

Choose P_1' s.t. P_1', P_2, \dots, P_7 have no five collinear points. \Rightarrow By the argument above, P_1', P_2, \dots, P_7 impose 7 independent conditions. $\Rightarrow P_2, \dots, P_7$ impose 6 independent conditions. If P_2 is a smooth point of $\sigma = a_1 \sigma_1 + \dots + a_{10} \sigma_{10}$,
$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_0}(P_2) + \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_1}(P_2) X_1 + \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_2}(P_2) X_2 = 0$$
 is equal

to the line with the tangent line P_1 passing P_2 , which gives a condition on a_1, \dots, a_{10} . Better way of look.

$(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}) \cdot (1, y') = 0$, where $f(x, y)$ is the homogeneous polynomial of σ . $\Rightarrow y' = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(P_2) / \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(P_2) = P_1$
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ a linear condition on a_1, \dots, a_{10} .

If P_2 is a singular point, then

$$\left(\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_0}(P_2), \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_1}(P_2), \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_2}(P_2) \right) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_0}(P_2) = 0$ gives a linear condition on a_1, \dots, a_{10} .

$$\text{i.e., } a_1 \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_0} + a_2 \frac{\partial \sigma_2}{\partial x_0} + \dots + a_{10} \frac{\partial \sigma_{10}}{\partial x_0} = 0 \text{ at } P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_0}, \dots, \frac{\partial \sigma_{10}}{\partial x_0} \right) \in \langle (\sigma_1(P_2), \dots, \sigma_{10}(P_2)), \dots, (\sigma_1(P_7), \dots, \sigma_{10}(P_7)) \rangle$$

Similarly, we have the same results for $\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_1}(P_2)$ & $\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x_2}(P_2)$.
 $\Rightarrow \sigma = 0$ is singular at $P_2 \Rightarrow \sigma$ contains P_1 . \square