

(Note that since W_2 is the double locus of the cubic W_1 , any line meeting W_2 twice must lie in W_1 ; this provides another proof that the chordal variety of the Veronese surface is a cubic hypersurface.)

\mathbb{F} (Here the double locus means the locus of double points of W_1 , i.e. points with multiplicity 2.

Since $\deg W_1 = 3$, W_1 is a cubic. $\Rightarrow W_1 = (H=0)$, H homogeneous polynomial of $\deg 3$.

Suppose p is a double point^{in W_1} , and l passes through p . \Rightarrow We may assume $p = [0, 0, 1]$ and $l = (X_1=0)$. $\Rightarrow H(X_0, 0, X_2) = 0$ is a conic passing through p . But since $\frac{\partial H}{\partial X_0} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial X_1} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial X_2} = 0$ at p , the inhomogeneous polynomial $H(x, 0, 1) = h(x)$ has a double root at $x=0$, in other words, $H(X_0, 0, X_2)$ has a double root at $[0, 0, 1]$.

\leftarrow since $\frac{dh}{dx} = 0$ at $x=0$.

Thus if l meets W_2 twice, then $\#(l:W_2) \geq 4$, and since W_1 is a cubic and $\#(W_1 \cdot l) \geq 4$, $W_1 \supset l$.

See the definition of ^{the} chordal variety, P173.

$\dim C(W_2) > 2$, for $W_2 \cap \mathbb{P}^2$ is one dimensional variety, i.e. $W_2 \neq \mathbb{P}^2$, and $C(W_2) \supset W_2$.