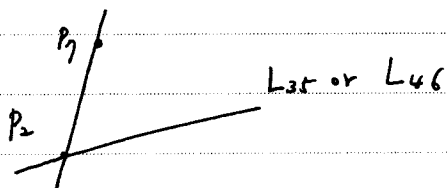


II $L_{27} + L_{35} + L_{46}$ is singular at P_2 .



(i) $P_2 \in L_{35} \Rightarrow P_2 \in L_{56} \Rightarrow P_2, P_3, P_5, P_6, P_4$ are collinear since $P_2 \in P_{34}$.

(ii) $P_2 \in L_{46} \Rightarrow P_2 \in L_{56} \Rightarrow P_2, P_4, P_3, P_5, P_6$ are collinear. \square

The lemma now follows just as in the original case: given eight points P_1, \dots, P_8 , with P_1 infinitely near P_2 and no five collinear, by the first step any conic containing all but any three ^{non}collinear points P_i contains all eight. Q.E.D.

III Choose three noncollinear points, call them P_3, P_4, P_5 .

Let C be a conic containing the remaining points

P_1, P_2, P_6, P_7, P_8 . Such C exists. For,

$$H^0(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}(2H)) = \langle \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_6 \rangle.$$

$$a_1 \tau_1(P_2) + \dots + a_6 \tau_6(P_2) = 0$$

$$a_1 \tau_1(P_6) + \dots + a_6 \tau_6(P_6) = 0$$

$$a_1 \tau_1(P_7) + \dots + a_6 \tau_6(P_7) = 0$$

$$a_1 \tau_1(P_8) + \dots + a_6 \tau_6(P_8) = 0$$

(*)

$$\text{Let } P_1 = [(1, P_{11}, P_{12})] \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial y} \right) \cdot (P_{11}, P_{12}) = 0 \dots (**)$$

$$\text{where } \tau = a_1 \tau_1 + \dots + a_6 \tau_6.$$