

it follows that a fiber of $\pi_1: I \rightarrow |F|$ — the family of k -planes on a quadric F — has dimension

$$(k+1)(n-k+1) - \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$$

or, alternatively, codimension $(k+1)(k+2)/2$ in the Grassmannian $G(k+1, n+2)$.

Given any quadric F' in Λ , we have F quadric in P^{n+1} s.t. $F|_{\Lambda} = F'$. We can see this easily as follows: By changing the coordinates, we may assume $\Lambda = P^k$ i.e., $\Lambda = \{ [*, \dots, *, 0, \dots, 0] \} \subset P^{n+1}$. Given $F' = \sum_{i,j=0}^k q_{ij} X_i X_j$, let $F = \sum_{i,j=0}^k q_{ij} X_i X_j$ in P^{n+1} . $\Rightarrow F|_{\Lambda} = F'$.

For series, see p249.

Given a quadric F in P^{n+1} , F may be expressed as $F_1 + F_2$, where

$$F = \sum_{i,j=0}^n q_{ij} X_i X_j = \underbrace{\sum_{i,j=0}^k q_{ij} X_i X_j}_{F_1} + \underbrace{\sum_{\substack{i>k \\ 0 \leq j \leq k}} q_{ij} X_i X_j + \sum_{\substack{j>k \\ 0 \leq i \leq k}} q_{ij} X_i X_j + \sum_{i>k, j>k} q_{ij} X_i X_j}_{F_2}$$

\Rightarrow Clearly, since $\Lambda = \{ [*, \dots, *, 0, \dots, 0] \}$, $\Lambda \subset F_2$.

As we see above, $\dim \{F_1\} = (k+1)(k+2)/2$, and

$\dim \{F_2\} = \frac{(n+2)(n+3)}{2} - \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$. \Rightarrow Since $\pi_1^{-1}(\Lambda)$ is