

For each $i=1,2$, let P_i^{n-1} be an $(n-1)$ -plane contained in the tangent plane $T_{p_i}(F)$ to F at p_i and not containing p_i ; P_i^{n-1} then intersects F in a smooth quadric \bar{F}_i , with $F \cap T_{p_i}(F)$ the cone through p_i over \bar{F}_i .

⌈ Note that $T_{p_i}(F) \cap F$ is a quadric \bar{V} in $T_{p_i}(F) = \mathbb{P}^n$ with the singular set $\{p_i\}$. \Rightarrow Since P_i^{n-1} is an $(n-1)$ -plane in the tangent plane $T_{p_i}(F) = \mathbb{P}^n$ and not containing p_i , the $T_{p_i}(F) \cap F$ quadric restricted to P_i^{n-1} is smooth. $\Rightarrow F \cap P_i^{n-1}$ is smooth and, as we saw on P^3 , $\bar{F} \cap P_i^{n-1} = \bar{F}_i$, $F \cap T_{p_i}(F)$ is the cone through p_i . \square

Now the second condition on $\sigma_{n-k, n-k-1, \dots}$ says that any $\Lambda \in \Sigma_{k,n} \cap \sigma_{n-k, n-k-1, \dots}$ must meet the 3-plane \bar{V}_4 in a line.

⌈ $\dim(\Lambda \cap V_4) \geq 2$. $\bar{V}_4 = \mathbb{P}^3$.

$\dim(\Lambda \cap V_4) \geq 3$ is impossible, since otherwise

$\Lambda \cap \bar{V}_4 \geq \mathbb{P}^2$, which contradicts to the fact that no k -plane Λ lying on F can meet \bar{V}_4 in a space of projective dimension $> (\alpha-2)/2$. If $\alpha=4$, then $(4-2)/2 = 1$. $\mathbb{P}^2 > \mathbb{P}^1$. \square

But \bar{V}_4 will meet P_i^{n-1} in a line, and \bar{F}_i in a pair of points p_{i1}, p_{i2} ; and writing any k -plane $\Lambda \subset F$ through p_i as