

curve  $C$ , let  $V_C \subset W$  be the set of conic curves tangent to  $C$  (that is, having a point of intersection multiplicity  $\geq 2$  with  $C$ );  $V_C$  is a hypersurface of some degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ .

$\forall p \in C \Rightarrow \exists$  an open set  $U_p$  of  $p$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  s.t.  $U_p$  is biholomorphic to an open set of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

We may assume that, on  $U_p$ ,  $X_0 \neq 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  By the inverse function theorem, on  $P18 \sim P19$ ,

we may assume without loss of generality  $U_p \cap C = [X_0, X_1, X_0 g(\frac{X_1}{X_0})]$ , where  $g$  is a holomorphic map from an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ .

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Given a conic  $a_{00}X_0^2 + a_{11}X_1^2 + a_{22}X_2^2 + a_{01}X_0X_1 + a_{02}X_0X_2 + a_{12}X_1X_2 = 0$ , say  $C'$ , if  $C'$  is tangent to  $C$  on  $U_p$ ,

$$a_{00} + a_{11}\left(\frac{X_1}{X_0}\right)^2 + a_{22}g\left(\frac{X_1}{X_0}\right)^2 + a_{01}\frac{X_1}{X_0} + a_{02}g\left(\frac{X_1}{X_0}\right) + a_{12}\frac{X_1}{X_0}g\left(\frac{X_1}{X_0}\right) = 0 \text{ has a multiple root on } U_p.$$

Let  $\frac{X_1}{X_0} = w$ .

$$\Rightarrow a_{00} + a_{11}w^2 + a_{22}g(w)^2 + a_{01}w + a_{02}g(w) + a_{12}wg(w) = f(a_{00}, a_{11}, \dots, w) = 0,$$

Suppose, for some  $(a'_{00}, a'_{11}, a'_{22}, a'_{12}, w_0)$ ,  $w_0 \in U_p$   $f(a'_{00}, \dots, w_0) = 0$ , and  $f(a'_{00}, \dots, w) \not\equiv 0$  on  $U_p$  i.e.  $f(a'_{00}, \dots, a'_{12}, w)$  not identically zero on  $U_p$ .