

We start by noting that if the flag $\{V_\alpha\}$ is generically chosen, each subspace $\bar{V}_\alpha \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ will intersect F in a smooth $(\alpha-2)$ -dimensional quadric $F_{\alpha-2}$.

⌈ $\bar{V}_\alpha = \mathbb{P}^\alpha \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}^\alpha \cap F = \bar{V}_\alpha \cap F$ has the dimension $n-1+\alpha-(n+1) \Rightarrow \alpha-2$ is the dimension of $\mathbb{P}^\alpha \cap F$. \rfloor

Now, as we have seen, $F_{\alpha-2}$ can not contain any linear subspaces of projective dimension greater than $(\alpha-2)/2$; thus, no k -plane Λ_k lying on F can meet \bar{V}_α in a space of projective dimension $> (\alpha-2)/2$.

⌈ Think simply. If some k -plane Λ_k lying on F meets \bar{V}_α in a space of projective dimension $> (\alpha-2)/2$, then $\Lambda_k \cap \bar{V}_\alpha$ is of dimension $> (\alpha-2)/2$. $\Rightarrow F_{\alpha-2}$ contains a projective space of $\dim > (\alpha-2)/2$, which is absurd. $\Lambda_k \cap \bar{V}_\alpha \subset F \cap \bar{V}_\alpha = F_{\alpha-2}$. \rfloor

If $\#(\sum_{k,n} \sigma_b)$ is to be nonzero, then we must have

$$n-k+1+\bar{c}-b\bar{c} \geq 2\bar{c} \quad \text{for all } \bar{c};$$

i.e.,

$$b\bar{c} \leq n-k-\bar{c}+1.$$