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Of particular interest is the set of lines in  $P^3$  lying on a smooth quadric  $S$ . We see that under the Segre' map  $\sigma$ , the curves  $\{s\} \times P^1$  and  $P^1 \times \{t\}$  on  $P^1 \times P^1$  are sent into lines in  $P^3$ .

$$\Gamma \quad s_0 = 1, \quad s_1 = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [t_0, t_1, 2t_0, 2t_1] = (1, y, 2, 2y)$$

We will call these two families of lines on  $S$  the A-lines and the B-lines; clearly every A-line meets every B-line, and any two A-lines are disjoint, as are any two B-lines.

$$\Gamma \quad [a_0 t_0, a_1 t_1, a_0 t_0, a_1 t_1] = [s_0 b_0, s_0 b_1, s_1 b_0, s_1 b_1]$$

for fixed points  $[a_0, a_1]$  &  $[b_0, b_1]$ .

At  $[a_0, a_1, b_0, b_1]$ , these two lines meet.

$$[a_0 t_0, a_1 t_1, a_0 t_0, a_1 t_1] = [a'_0 t'_0, a'_0 t'_1, a'_1 t'_0, a'_1 t'_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \begin{matrix} a_0 \neq 0 \\ a'_0 \neq 0 \end{matrix}, \quad [t_0, t_1, \frac{a_1}{a_0} t_0, \frac{a_1}{a_0} t_1] = [t'_0, t'_1, \frac{a'_1}{a'_0} t'_0, \frac{a'_1}{a'_0} t'_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t_1}{t_0} = \frac{t'_1}{t'_0} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a_1}{a_0} = \frac{a'_1}{a'_0} \Rightarrow \text{The lines are the same.}$$

$$a'_0 = 0 \Rightarrow t_0 = 0 \Rightarrow [0, a_1 t_1, 0, a_1 t_1] = [0, 0, a'_1 t'_0, a'_1 t'_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow t'_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Nonsense.} \Rightarrow \text{Claims are true.} \quad \square$$

These are, moreover, all the lines on  $S$ : if  $L \subset S$  is any line, then obviously  $L$  must meet at least