

**Mathematics.** — *Determination of the Elementary Numbers of the Quadratic Surface by means of Representations of Systems of Quadratic Surfaces on the Points of a Linear Space.* By J. W. A. VAN KOL. (Communicated by Prof. HENDRIK DE VRIES).

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§ 1. In the same way as SCHUBERT, *Kalkül der abzählenden Geometrie*, § 22, where the elementary numbers of the quadratic surface by means of degenerations have been determined, we indicate by  $\mu$  the condition that the quadratic surface pass through a given point, by  $\varrho$  that it touch a given plane, by  $\nu$  that it touch a given straight line, by  $\varphi$  a quadratic surface that is degenerate in a double degree-plane containing a single rank-conic which is at the same time a single class-conic and by  $\psi$  a quadratic surface which is degenerate in two single degree-planes of which the intersection is a double rank-line containing two single class-points.

In what follows three numbers are supposed to be known, viz.  $\mu^9 = 1$ ,  $\mu^8\varrho = 3$  and  $\mu^8\nu = 2$ .

§ 2. *The system  $\mu^7$ .*

Let us suppose the two-dimensional set of the quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  that pass through seven given points  $A_1, \dots, A_7$  to be represented projectively on the points of a plane  $\alpha$ . This representation does not possess any singular elements. A line of  $\alpha$  is the image of a pencil of surfaces  $F^2$ . The systems of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane, resp. a given line, are represented on a cubic, resp. a conic. Consequently  $\mu^7\varrho^2 = 9$ ,  $\mu^7\nu\varrho = 6$  and  $\mu^7\nu^2 = 4$ .

§ 3. *The system  $\mu^6$ .*

We suppose the three-dimensional set of the quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  that pass through six given points  $A_1, \dots, A_6$  to be projectively represented on the points of a linear three-dimensional space  $R_3$ .

The planes  $A_1 A_2 A_3$  and  $A_4 A_5 A_6$  form a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$  that are represented in one point  $H_{23}$ . Accordingly our representation has ten cardinal points  $H_{ik}$  ( $i, k = 2, \dots, 6$ ;  $i \neq k$ ).

A plane in  $R_3$  is the image of a net of surfaces  $F^2$  and a line in  $R_3$  is the image of a pencil of surfaces  $F^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane  $\alpha$ , is represented on a cubic surface  $F_*$  that has single points in  $H_{ik}$ . We prove

the latter by cutting  $F_\alpha$  by a line  $a$  that passes e.g. through  $H_{23}$  and is, accordingly, the image of a pencil of quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  to which the pair of planes  $A_1 A_2 A_3$ ,  $A_4 A_5 A_6$  belongs. This pencil contains two non-degenerate surfaces  $F^2$  that touch  $a$ . Consequently  $F^2$  is cut by  $a$  outside  $H_{23}$  in two points.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch two given planes  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , is represented on the curve of intersection  $k_{\alpha\beta}$  of  $F_\alpha$  and  $F_\beta$ , which is of the ninth order and has single points in  $H_{ik}$ .

$k_{\alpha\beta}$  cuts  $F_\gamma$  outside the cardinal points in 17 more points. Hence:  $\mu^6 \rho^3 = 17$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given line  $l$ , is represented on a quadratic cone  $K_l$ . The image surface is quadratic because a pencil of quadratic surfaces contains two individuals that touch a given straight line. Let  $T_l$  be the image of the surface  $F^2$  that contains  $l$ . A line  $r$  through  $T_l$  is the image of a pencil of surfaces  $F^2$  to which belongs the surface  $F^2$  that contains  $l$ . Now as a rule this pencil does not contain any surface that touches  $l$ . Accordingly  $r$  has no point outside  $T_l$  in common with the image surface. The image surface is, therefore, a quadratic cone with vertex in  $T_l$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch two given lines  $l$  and  $m$ , is represented on the biquadratic curve of intersection  $k_{lm}$  of the surfaces  $F_l$  and  $F_m$ . Neither  $k_{lm}$  nor  $F_l$  pass through  $H_{ik}$ .

The intersection of  $k_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $F_l$ , of  $k_{lm}$  and  $F_\alpha$  and of  $k_{lm}$  and  $F_n$  gives the numbers  $\mu^6 \nu \rho^2 = 18$ ,  $\mu^6 \nu^2 \rho = 12$  and  $\mu^6 \nu^3 = 8$ .

#### § 4. The system $\mu^5$ .

We suppose the four-dimensional system of the quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  that pass through five given points  $A_1, \dots, A_5$ , to be projectively represented on the points of a linear four-dimensional space  $R_4$ .

With any plane through  $A_4 A_5$  the plane  $A_1 A_2 A_3$  forms a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^3$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a cardinal line  $h_{45}$ . Evidently the representation has ten cardinal lines  $h_{ik}$  ( $i, k = 1, \dots, 5; i \neq k$ ). Each of the cardinal lines, e.g.  $h_{46}$ , is cut by three of the others, i.e.  $h_{12}$ ,  $h_{23}$  and  $h_{13}$ .

A linear  $i$ -dimensional space ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) in  $R_4$  is the image of a linear  $i$ -dimensional system of surfaces  $F^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane  $\alpha$ , is represented on a cubic space  $\Omega_\alpha$  of which the lines  $h_{ik}$  are single lines. We prove the latter by cutting  $\Omega_\alpha$  by a line that cuts a line  $h_{ik}$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch two given planes  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , is represented on the surface of intersection  $F_{\alpha\beta}$  of  $\Omega_\alpha$  and  $\Omega_\beta$ , which is of the ninth degree and of which the lines  $h_{ik}$  are single lines.

$F_{\alpha\beta}$  is cut by  $\Omega_\gamma$  along the lines  $h_{ik}$  and a curve  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  of the order 17, which is the image curve of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch three given planes  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  cuts each of the lines  $h_{ik}$  in three

points. For we can show that each of the planes  $A_i A_k A_l$  is a part of three degenerate surfaces  $F^2$  that touch  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

$k_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  is cut by  $\Omega_3$  outside cardinal points in  $3 \cdot 17 - 10 \cdot 3 = 21$  points. Hence:  $\mu^5 \rho^4 = 21$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given line  $l$ , is represented on a quadratic space  $\Omega_l$  with a double line  $d_l$ .  $d_l$  is the image of the pencil of surfaces  $F^2$  that contain  $l$ .  $\Omega_l$  touches the lines  $h_{ik}$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch two given lines  $l$  and  $m$ , is represented on the surface of intersection  $F_{lm}$  of  $\Omega_l$  and  $\Omega_m$ , which is of the fourth degree and has four double points viz. in the points of intersection of  $d_l$  and  $\Omega_m$  and in those of  $d_m$  and  $\Omega_l$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch three given lines  $l$ ,  $m$  and  $n$ , is represented on the curve of intersection  $k_{lmn}$  of  $\Omega_l$ ,  $\Omega_m$  and  $\Omega_n$ , which is of the eighth order.

Intersection of  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  and  $\Omega_l$ , of  $F_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $F_{lm}$ , of  $k_{mn}$  and  $\Omega_\alpha$  and of  $F_{lm}$  and  $F_{no}$  gives the numbers:  $\mu^5 \nu \rho^3 = 34$ ,  $\mu^5 \nu^2 \rho^2 = 36$ ,  $\mu^5 \nu^3 \rho = 24$ , and  $\mu^5 \nu^4 = 16$ .

§ 5. *The system  $\mu^4$ .*

We suppose the five-dimensional system of the quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  that pass through four given points  $A_1, \dots, A_4$ , to be projectively represented on the points of a linear five-dimensional space  $R_5$ .

The plane  $A_1 A_2 A_3$  forms with any plane through  $A_4$  a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^4$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a cardinal plane  $\sigma_4$ . Our representation has four cardinal planes  $\sigma_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ) of which any two have a point in common.

In the same way any plane through  $A_1 A_2$  forms with any plane through  $A_3 A_4$  a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^4$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a cardinal surface  $\sigma_3^2$  which is quadratic because through two arbitrary points there pass two pairs of planes of which one plane passes through  $A_1 A_2$ , the other through  $A_3 A_4$ . Any line of one scroll of  $\sigma_3^2$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^3$  degenerations  $\psi$  which have a plane through  $A_1 A_2$  in common, and any line of the other scroll of  $\sigma_3^2$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^3$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane through  $A_3 A_4$  in common. The linear, three-dimensional space which contains  $\sigma_3^2$ , is the image of the system of the  $\infty^3$  surfaces  $F^2$  that contain the lines  $A_1 A_2$  and  $A_3 A_4$ . Evidently there are three quadratic cardinal surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ). Any of the planes  $\sigma_i$  has a line in common with any of the surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$ . Two surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$  have two points in common each of which is a point of intersection of two planes  $\sigma_i$ .

A linear  $i$ -dimensional space ( $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ) in  $R_5$  is the image of a linear  $i$ -dimensional system of surfaces  $F^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane  $\alpha$ , is repre-

sented on a cubic four-dimensional space  ${}^4\Omega_\alpha$  in which  $\sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_i^2$  are single.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch two given planes  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , is represented on the three-dimensional space  $\Omega_{\alpha\beta}$  of the ninth degree which  ${}^4\Omega_\alpha$  and  ${}^4\Omega_\beta$  have in common and in which  $\sigma_i$  and  $\sigma_i^2$  are single.

$\Omega_{\alpha\beta}$  has in common with  ${}^4\Omega_\gamma$  the planes  $\sigma_i$ , the surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$  and a surface  $F_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  of the degree 17 that is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch three given planes  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ . We can prove that  $F_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  has three lines in common with any of the planes  $\sigma_i$  and three conics with any of the surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$ .

$F_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  is cut by  ${}^4\Omega_\delta$  along straight lines lying in the planes  $\sigma_i$ , conics lying in the surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$  and a curve  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  of the order 21 that is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch four given planes  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ .  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  cuts each of the planes  $\sigma_i$  in three points and each of the surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$  in ten points.

$k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  is cut by  ${}^4\Omega_\epsilon$  outside cardinal points in  $21 \cdot 3 - 4 \cdot 3 - 3 \cdot 10 = 21$  points. Hence:  $\mu^4 \rho^5 = 21$ . This number is equal to the dual number  $\mu^5 \rho^4$  already found. In the following §§ we shall derive only those numbers of which the dual numbers have not yet been determined.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given line  $l$ , is represented on a quadratic four-dimensional space  ${}^4\Omega_l$  with a double plane  $\delta_l$  that is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain  $l$ .  ${}^4\Omega_l$  touches any of the planes  $\sigma_i$  along a line and any of the surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$  along a conic.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch two given lines  $l$  and  $m$ , is represented on the biquadratic three-dimensional space  $\Omega_{lm}$  that  ${}^4\Omega_l$  and  ${}^4\Omega_m$  have in common.  $\Omega_{lm}$  contains two double conics, viz. the intersection of  $\delta_l$  and  ${}^4\Omega_m$ , which is the image curve of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain  $l$  and touch  $m$ , and the intersection of  $\delta_m$  and  ${}^4\Omega_l$ , which is the image curve of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain  $m$  and touch  $l$ .  $\Omega_{lm}$  has one quadruple point of contact with any of the planes  $\sigma_i$  and two quadruple points of contact with any of the surfaces  $\sigma_i^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch three given lines  $l$ ,  $m$  and  $n$ , is represented on the surface of the eighth degree  $F_{lmn}$  that  ${}^4\Omega_l$ ,  ${}^4\Omega_m$  and  ${}^4\Omega_n$  have in common.  $F_{lmn}$  contains twelve double points.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch four given lines  $l$ ,  $m$ ,  $n$  and  $o$ , is represented on the curve of the order sixteen  $k_{lmno}$  which  ${}^4\Omega_l$ ,  ${}^4\Omega_m$ ,  ${}^4\Omega_n$  and  ${}^4\Omega_o$  have in common.

Intersection of  $k_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  and  ${}^4\Omega_\epsilon$ , of  $F_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  and  $\Omega_{lm}$ , of  $\Omega_{\alpha\beta}$  and  $F_{lmn}$ , of  ${}^4\Omega_\alpha$  and  $k_{lmno}$  and of  ${}^4\Omega_p$  and  $k_{lmno}$  gives the numbers:

$$\mu^4 \nu \rho^4 = 42, \quad \mu^4 \nu^2 \rho^3 = 68, \quad \mu^4 \nu^3 \rho^2 = 72, \quad \mu^4 \nu^4 \rho = 48 \quad \text{and} \quad \mu^4 \nu^5 = 32.$$

§ 6. *The system  $\mu^3$ .*

We suppose the six-dimensional system of the quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  that pass through three given points  $A_1, A_2$  and  $A_3$ , to be projectively represented on the points of a linear six-dimensional space  $R_6$ .

Together with any plane  $A_1 A_2 A_3$  forms a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a linear three-dimensional cardinal space  $\Sigma$ .

Any plane through  $A_1 A_2$  forms with any plane through  $A_3$  a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a cubic three-dimensional cardinal space  $\Sigma_3^3$ .  $\Sigma_3^3$  contains a system  $S_1$  of  $\infty^1$  planes and a system  $S_2$  of  $\infty^2$  lines so that each plane of  $S_1$  and each line of  $S_2$  cut each other. Any plane of  $S_1$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^4$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane through  $A_1 A_2$  in common and any line of  $S_2$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^3$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane through  $A_3$  in common.  $\Sigma_3^3$  lies in a linear five-dimensional space which is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain the line  $A_1 A_2$ . There are three cubic cardinal spaces  $\Sigma_i^3$  ( $i=1, 2, 3$ ).  $\Sigma_i^3$  has in common with  $\Sigma$  a plane and a straight line, which is the intersection of the planes that  $\Sigma_k^3$  and  $\Sigma_l^3$  have in common with  $\Sigma$ . In the first place  $\Sigma_i^3$  and  $\Sigma_k^3$  have a quadratic surface in common that contains the lines which  $\Sigma_i^3$  and  $\Sigma_k^3$  have in common with  $\Sigma$  and in the second place the line that  $\Sigma_l^3$  has in common with  $\Sigma$  and that does not lie on the quadratic surface. Accordingly the three cubic cardinal spaces have three lines in common.

The plane  $A_1 A_2 A_3$  counted doubly is a part of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\varphi$  that are represented in one point  $S$  which is the intersection of the common planes of the cardinal spaces  $\Sigma_i^3$  and  $\Sigma$ .  $S$  is a single point of  $\Sigma_i^3$ .

A linear  $i$ -dimensional space ( $i=1, \dots, 5$ ) in  $R_6$  is the image of a linear  $i$ -dimensional system of surfaces  $F^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane  $\alpha$ , is represented on a cubic five-dimensional space  ${}^5\Omega_\alpha$  in which  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma_i^3$  are single and that has a double point in  $S$ . We prove the latter by cutting  ${}^5\Omega_\alpha$  by a line  $a$  through  $S$  that is the image of a pencil of surfaces  $F^2$  which has a double conic through  $A_1, A_2$  and  $A_3$  as base curve. This pencil contains one surface that touches a given plane. Accordingly a cuts  ${}^5\Omega_\alpha$  outside  $S$  in one point.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given line  $l$ , is represented on a quadratic five-dimensional space  ${}^5\Omega_l$  which touches  $\Sigma$  along a plane and each of the spaces  $\Sigma_i^3$  along a cubic surface, has a single point in  $S$  and contains a three-dimensional double space which is the image of the system of the planes  $F^2$  that contain  $l$ .

The system  $\mu^3 \nu^2 \rho^3$ , i.e. the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch two given lines and three given planes, is represented on a curve  $k^{68}$  that is of the order 68 as its order must be equal to the number  $\mu^4 \nu^2 \rho^3$  already found.  $k^{68}$  has a 32-fold point in  $S$ . For  $S$  is the image of the four degenerations  $\varphi$  that are formed by the plane  $A_1 A_2 A_3$  counted doubly and the four conics in it that cut the two given lines and touch

the three given planes, which degeneration must be counted eight times<sup>1)</sup>. We can also show that  $k^{68}$  has no point in common with  $\Sigma$  and that it is cut by each of the planes  $\Sigma_i^3$  in six quadruple points.

$k^{68}$  cuts  ${}^5\Omega_1$  outside  $S$  and cardinal points in  $2.68 - 1.32 = 104$  points. Hence:  $\mu^3 \nu^3 \rho^3 = 104$ .

In the same way we can examine the image curves of the systems  $\mu^3 \nu^3 \rho^2$ ,  $\mu^3 \nu^4 \rho$  and  $\mu^3 \nu^5$ . By cutting these by  ${}^5\Omega_1$  we find the numbers:  $\mu^3 \nu^4 \rho^2 = 112$ ,  $\mu^3 \nu^5 \rho = 80$  and  $\mu^3 \nu^6 = 56$ .

### § 7. The system $\mu^2$ .

We suppose the seven-dimensional system of the quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  that pass through two given points  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , to be projectively represented on the points of a linear seven-dimensional space  $R_7$ .

Any plane through  $A_1 A_2$  forms with any other plane a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^6$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a four-dimensional cardinal space  ${}^4\Sigma^4$  of the fourth degree, as through four arbitrary points there pass four pairs of planes of which one plane passes through  $A_1 A_2$ .  ${}^4\Sigma^4$  contains a system  $S_1$  of  $\infty^1$  linear three-dimensional spaces and a system  $S_2$  of  $\infty^3$  lines so that any space of  $S_1$  cuts any line of  $S_2$ . Any space of  $S_1$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane through  $A_1 A_2$  in common. Any line of  $S_2$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^3$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane in common, which, as a rule, does not pass through  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ .  ${}^4\Sigma^4$  lies in a linear six-dimensional space which is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain the line  $A_1 A_2$ .

Likewise any plane through  $A_1$  forms with any plane through  $A_2$  a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^6$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a four-dimensional cardinal space  ${}^4\Sigma^6$  of the sixth degree, as through four arbitrary points there pass six pairs of planes of which one plane contains  $A_1$  and the other  $A_2$ .  ${}^4\Sigma^6$  contains two systems  $S'_1$  and  $S'_2$  of  $\infty^2$  planes of which any plane of  $S'_1$  cuts any plane of  $S'_2$ . Each plane of  $S'_1$  or  $S'_2$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^4$  degenerations  $\psi$  that a plane through  $A_1$  resp.  $A_2$  have in common.  ${}^4\Sigma^4$  and  ${}^4\Sigma^6$  have two cubic three-dimensional spaces in common, which are the images of the systems of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\psi$  of which one plane passes through  $A_1 A_2$  and the other through  $A_1$  resp.  $A_2$ .

Any plane through  $A_1 A_2$  counted doubly is a part of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\varphi$ . This system of  $\infty^6$  degenerations  $\varphi$  is represented on a line  $s$  which the said cubic three-dimensional spaces have in common.

A linear  $i$ -dimensional space ( $i = 1, \dots, 6$ ) in  $R_7$  is the image of a linear  $i$ -dimensional system of surfaces  $F^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane  $\alpha$ , is represented on a cubic six-dimensional space  ${}^6\Omega_\alpha$  in which  ${}^4\Sigma^4$  and  ${}^4\Sigma^6$  are single and  $s$  is a double line.

<sup>1)</sup> Cf. ZEUTHEN, Lehrbuch der abzählenden Geometrie, p. 351.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given line  $l$ , is represented on a quadratic six-dimensional space  ${}^6\Omega_l$  that touches  ${}^4\Sigma^4$  along a biquadratic three-dimensional space and  ${}^4\Sigma^6$  along a three-dimensional space of the sixth degree, that has  $s$  as single line and has a linear four-dimensional double space which is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain  $l$ .

The system  $\mu^2\nu^4\rho^2$ , i.e. the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch four given lines and two given planes, is represented on a curve  $k^{112}$  that is of the order 112 because its order is equal to the number  $\mu^3\nu^4\rho^2$  already found.

$k^{112}$  is cut by  $s$  in 24 quadruple points. For there are 24 conics of which the planes pass through  $A_1A_2$  and which cut the four given lines and touch the two given planes<sup>1)</sup>. Any of these conics together with its plane counted doubly, forms a degeneration  $\varphi$  that must be counted four times<sup>2)</sup> and is, accordingly, represented in a quadruple point of  $k^{112}$  on  $s$ . We can further show that  $k^{112}$  has no point outside  $s$  in common with  ${}^4\Omega^4$  and that it is cut outside  $s$  by  ${}^4\Omega^6$  in two sixteen-fold points.

$k^{112}$  cuts  ${}^6\Omega_l$  outside  $s$  and cardinal points in  $2 \cdot 112 - 1 \cdot 96 = 128$  points. Hence:  $\mu^2\nu^5\rho^2 = 128$ .

In the same way we can examine the image curves of the systems  $\mu^2\nu^5\rho$  and  $\mu^2\nu^6$ . By cutting these by  ${}^6\Omega_l$  we find the numbers:  $\mu^2\nu^6\rho = 104$  and  $\mu^2\nu^7 = 80$ .

### § 8. The system $\mu$ .

We suppose the eight-dimensional system of the quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  that pass through a given point  $A$ , to be projectively represented on the points of a linear eight-dimensional space  $R_8$ .

Any plane through  $A$  forms with any other plane a pair of planes that is a part of  $\infty^2$  degenerations  $\psi$ . This system of  $\infty^7$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a five-dimensional cardinal space  ${}^5\Sigma^{10}$  of the tenth degree, as through five arbitrary points there pass ten pairs of planes of which one plane passes through  $A$ .  ${}^5\Sigma^{10}$  contains a system  $S_1$  of  $\infty^2$  linear three-dimensional spaces and a system  $S_2$  of  $\infty^3$  planes of which any space of  $S_1$  cuts any plane of  $S_2$ . Any space of  $S_1$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane through  $A$  in common. Any plane of  $S_2$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^4$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane in common, which, as a rule, does not pass through  $A$ .

Any plane through  $A$  counted doubly is a part of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\varphi$ . This system of  $\infty^7$  degenerations  $\varphi$  is represented on a plane  $\sigma$  that lies in  ${}^5\Sigma^{10}$ .

1) Cf. SCHUBERT, Kalkül der abzählenden Geometrie, p. 95, where the number of conics  $\mu^2\nu^4\rho^2 = 24$  is derived.

2) Cf: Note to § 6.

A linear  $i$ -dimensional space ( $i = 1, \dots, 7$ ) in  $R_8$  is the image of a linear  $i$ -dimensional system of surfaces  $F^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane  $\alpha$ , is represented on a cubic seven-dimensional space  ${}^7\Omega_\alpha$  in which  ${}^5\Sigma^{10}$  is single and  $\sigma$  is a double plane.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given line  $l$ , is represented on a quadratic seven-dimensional space  ${}^7\Omega_l$  that touches  ${}^5\Sigma^{10}$  along a four-dimensional space of the tenth degree.  $\sigma$  is a single plane in  ${}^7\Omega_l$  and  ${}^7\Omega_l$  contains a linear five-dimensional double space that is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain  $l$ .

The system  $\mu\nu^6\varrho$ , i.e. the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch six given lines and a given plane, is represented on a curve  $k^{104}$ , for  $\mu^2\nu^6\varrho = 104$ .  $k^{104}$  is cut by  $\sigma$  in 52 double points and does not cut  ${}^5\Sigma^{10}$  outside  $\sigma$ .  $k^{104}$  cuts  ${}^7\Omega_l$  outside  $\sigma$  in  $2 \cdot 104 - 1 \cdot 104 = 104$  points. Hence:  $\mu\nu^7\varrho = 104$ .

The system  $\mu\nu^7$  is represented on a curve  $k^{80}$  that is cut by  $\sigma$  in 34 double points and that does not cut  ${}^5\Sigma^{10}$ .  $k^{80}$  cuts  ${}^7\Omega_l$  outside  $\sigma$  in  $2 \cdot 80 - 1 \cdot 68 = 92$  points. Hence:  $\mu\nu^8 = 92$ .

§ 9. We now suppose all quadratic surfaces  $F^2$  of space to be projectively represented on the points of a linear nine-dimensional space  $R_9$ .

The system of the  $\infty^8$  degenerations  $\psi$  is represented on a six-dimensional cardinal space  ${}^6\Sigma^{10}$  of the degree ten, as through any six points there pass ten pairs of planes.  ${}^6\Sigma^{10}$  contains a system  $S$  of  $\infty^3$  linear three-dimensional spaces. Any space of  $S$  is the image of a system of  $\infty^5$  degenerations  $\psi$  that have a plane in common. As a rule two spaces of  $S$  have one point in common.

The system of the  $\infty^8$  degenerations  $\varphi$  is represented on a linear three-dimensional space  $\Sigma$  lying in  ${}^6\Sigma^{10}$ .

A linear  $i$ -dimensional space ( $i = 1, \dots, 8$ ) in  $R_9$  is the image of a linear  $i$ -dimensional system of surfaces  $F^2$ .

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given plane  $\alpha$ , is represented on a cubic eight-dimensional space  ${}^8\Omega_\alpha$  in which  ${}^6\Sigma^{10}$  is single and in which  $\Sigma$  is a double space.

The system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that touch a given line  $l$ , is represented on a quadratic eight-dimensional space  ${}^8\Omega_l$  that touches  ${}^6\Sigma^{10}$  along a five-dimensional space of the tenth degree.  $\Sigma$  is single in  ${}^8\Omega_l$  and  ${}^8\Omega_l$  contains a linear six-dimensional double space which is the image of the system of the surfaces  $F^2$  that contain  $l$ .

The system  $\nu^8$  is represented on a curve  $k^{92}$  that cuts  $\Sigma$  in 92 points, as there are 92 conics that cut eight given lines, and that does not cut  ${}^6\Sigma^{10}$  outside  $\Sigma$ .  $k^{92}$  cuts  ${}^8\Omega_l$  outside  $\Sigma$  in  $2 \cdot 92 - 1 \cdot 92 = 92$  points.

Hence:  $\nu^9 = 92$ .



§ 10. The same as the systems  $\mu^i$  ( $i=0, \dots, 7$ ) of quadratic surfaces, also the dual systems  $\varrho^i$  can be projectively represented on the points of a linear space. In stead of the degeneration  $\varphi$  in this case the dual degeneration  $\chi$ , the quadratic cone, will play a part. By dualising the considerations of the preceding §§ we find the numbers that have not yet been derived in those §§.

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