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ON THE DOUBLE-SIXERS OF A CUBIC SURFACE.

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THE 27 lines on a cubic surface include, and that in 36 different ways, a *double-sixer*; viz. a system of two sets of six lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 1', 2', 3', 4', 5', 6', such that every line of the one set intersects all the non-corresponding lines of the other set, thus

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1'	.	.	.	.	.	.
2'	.	.	.	.	.	.
3'	.	.	.	.	.	.
4'	.	.	.	.	.	.
5'	.	.	.	.	.	.
6'	.	.	.	.	.	.

there being in all 30 intersections.

Any line say 4, of the one set, intersects five lines 1', 2', 3', 5', 6' of the other set; and these six lines being given the double-sixer may be constructed; viz. (besides the line 4) we have a line 1 meeting the lines 2', 3', 5', 6'; a line 2 meeting the lines 3', 5', 6', 1'; a line 3 meeting the lines 5', 6', 1', 2'; a line 5 meeting the lines 6', 1', 2', 3'; and a line 6' meeting the lines 1', 2', 3', 5'; and then the lines 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 are all of them met by a single line 4', which completes the system.

We may, if we please, consider the lines 4, 2 as given, and then 1', 3', 5', 6' will be any four lines each of them meeting the two given lines 4, 2; 2' will be any line meeting 4; and we have to determine a line 4' meeting 2, such that there may exist the lines 1, 3, 5, 6, completing the system as above. Or what is the same thing, we have a skew quadrilateral 1', 2, 3', 4; 5' and 6' meet 2 and 4; 2' meets

4, and 4' meets 2: 5 and 6 meet 1' and 3'; 1 meets 3' and 3 meets 1'; and the two sets 2', 4', 5', 6' and 1, 3, 5, 6 meet thus

	1	3	5	6
2'	.	.	.	.
4'	.	.	.	.
5'	.	.	.	.
6'	.	.	.	.

Hence, starting with the skew quadrilateral 1'23'4, and taking  $x=0, y=0, z=0, w=0$  for the equations of the four planes 41', 1'2, 23', 3'4 respectively; or what is the same thing  $x=0, y=0$  for the equations of the line 1';  $y=0, z=0$  for those of the line 2';  $z=0, w=0$  for those of the line 3'; and  $w=0, x=0$  for those of the line 4; the several lines may be determined, each of them by means of its six coordinates, as follows:

	$a$	$b$	$c$	$f$	$g$	$h$
1'	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	1	0	0
3'	0	0	1	0	0	0
4	1	0	0	0	0	0
2'	$A_2$	$B_2$	$C_2$	0	$G_2$	$H_2$
4'	0	$B_4$	$C_4$	$F_4$	$G_4$	$H_4$
5'	0	$B_5$	$C_5$	0	$G_5$	$H_5$
6'	0	$B_6$	$C_6$	0	$G_6$	$H_6$
1	$a_1$	$b_1$	$c_1$	$f_1$	$g_1$	0
3	$a_3$	$b_3$	0	$f_3$	$g_3$	$h_3$
5	$a_5$	$b_5$	0	$f_5$	$g_5$	0
6	$a_6$	$b_6$	0	$f_6$	$g_6$	0

where

$$B_2G_2 + C_2H_2 = 0,$$

$$B_4G_4 + C_4H_4 = 0,$$

$$B_5G_5 + C_5H_5 = 0,$$

$$B_6G_6 + C_6H_6 = 0,$$

$$a_1f_1 + b_1g_1 = 0,$$

$$a_3f_3 + b_3g_3 = 0,$$

$$a_5f_5 + b_5g_5 = 0,$$

$$a_6f_6 + b_6g_6 = 0.$$

The conditions in regard to the intersections of the lines 2', 4', 5', 6' and 1, 3, 5, 6, are formed by means of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{l}
 1 \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} f_1 & g_1 & 0 & a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \end{array} \right\| \begin{array}{cccccc} A_2 & B_2 & C_2 & 0 & G_2 & H_2 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 2', \\ 3 \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} f_3 & g_3 & h_3 & a_3 & b_3 & 0 \end{array} \right\| \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & B_4 & C_4 & F_1 & G_4 & H_4 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 4', \\ 5 \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} f_5 & g_5 & 0 & a_5 & b_5 & 0 \end{array} \right\| \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & B_5 & C_5 & 0 & G_5 & H_5 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 5', \\ 6 \left| \begin{array}{cccccc} f_6 & g_6 & 0 & a_6 & b_6 & 0 \end{array} \right\| \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & B_6 & C_6 & 0 & G_6 & H_6 \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} 6',
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

viz. we have the equations

first set,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1 A_2 + g_1 B_2 &+ b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2 = 0, \\
 g_1 B_4 + a_1 F_4 + b_1 G_4 + c_1 H_4 &= 0, \\
 g_1 B_5 &+ b_1 G_5 + c_1 H_5 = 0, \\
 g_1 B_6 &+ b_1 G_6 + c_1 H_6 = 0;
 \end{aligned}$$

second set,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_3 A_2 + g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 &+ b_3 G_2 = 0, \\
 g_3 B_4 + h_3 C_4 + a_3 F_4 + b_3 G_4 &= 0, \\
 g_3 B_5 + h_3 C_5 &+ b_3 G_5 = 0, \\
 g_3 B_6 + h_3 C_6 &+ b_3 G_6 = 0;
 \end{aligned}$$

third set,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_5 A_2 + g_5 B_2 &+ b_5 G_2 = 0, \\
 g_5 B_4 &+ a_5 F_4 + b_5 G_4 = 0, \\
 g_5 B_6 &+ b_5 G_6 = 0;
 \end{aligned}$$

fourth set,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_6 A_2 + g_6 B_2 &+ b_6 G_2 = 0, \\
 g_6 B_4 &+ a_6 F_4 + b_6 G_4 = 0, \\
 g_6 B_5 &+ b_6 G_5 = 0;
 \end{aligned}$$

and it is to be shown, that taking as given the coordinates of 2', 5', 6', that is  $(A_2, B_2, C_2, G_2, H_2)$ ,  $(B_5, C_5, G_5, H_5)$  and  $(B_6, C_6, G_6, H_6)$ , we can find the coordinates of the remaining lines 4', 1, 3, 5, 6.

The first set of equations gives

$$g_1, b_1, c_1 = \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} B_5, & G_5, & H_5 \\ B_6, & G_6, & H_6 \end{array} \right\|,$$

viz.  $g_1, b_1, c_1$  are proportional, but as only the ratios are material, they may be taken equal, to the determinants  $G_5 H_6 - G_6 H_5, H_5 B_6 - H_6 B_5, B_5 G_6 - B_6 G_5$ . And then retaining  $g_1, b_1, c_1$  to signify these values respectively, the first equation gives  $f_1 A_2$ , and the second equation gives  $a_1 F_4$ ; multiplying together these values, and writing  $a_1 f_1 = -b_1 g_1$ , we find

$$(B_2 B_4, G_2 G_4, H_2 H_4, G_2 H_4 + G_4 H_2, H_2 B_4 + H_4 B_2, B_2 G_4 + B_4 G_2 + A_2 F_4)(g_1, b_1, c_1)^2 = 0.$$

Proceeding in a similar manner with the second set of equations, we have first

$$g_3, h_3, b_3 = \begin{vmatrix} B_5 & C_5 & G_5 \\ B_6 & C_6 & G_6 \end{vmatrix},$$

(observe  $h_3 = G_5 B_6 - G_6 B_5 = -c_1$ ),

and then

$$(B_2 B_4, C_2 C_4, G_2 G_4, C_2 G_4 + C_4 G_2, G_2 B_4 + G_4 B_2 + A_2 F_4, B_2 C_4 + B_4 C_2) \chi (g_3, h_3, b_3)^2 = 0.$$

The third set gives more simply

$$g_5^2 B_2 B_4 + g_5 b_5 (B_2 G_4 + B_4 G_2 + A_2 F_4) + b_5^2 G_2 G_4 = 0,$$

or since

$$g_5 : b_5 = G_6 : -B_6,$$

this is

$$G_6^2 B_2 B_4 - G_6 B_6 (B_2 G_4 + B_4 G_2 + A_2 F_4) + B_6^2 G_2 G_4 = 0,$$

and similarly, the fourth set gives

$$g_6^2 B_2 B_4 + g_6 b_6 (B_2 G_4 + B_4 G_2 + A_2 F_4) + b_6^2 G_2 G_4 = 0,$$

or since  $g_6 : b_6 = G_5 : -B_5$ , this is

$$G_5^2 B_2 B_4 - G_5 B_5 (B_2 G_4 + B_4 G_2 + A_2 F_4) + B_5^2 G_2 G_4 = 0 :$$

and these last two results lead to the values of the ratios of  $B_2 B_4, B_2 G_4 + B_4 G_2 + A_2 F_4, G_2 G_4$ ; viz. these are proportional to expressions containing the common factor  $B_5 G_6 - B_6 G_5$ , and omitting this common factor, and taking them equal instead of merely proportional to the resulting expressions (which is allowable, since the absolute values are not material), we have

$$B_2 B_4, B_2 G_4 + B_4 G_2 + A_2 F_4, G_2 G_4 = B_5 B_6, B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5, G_5 G_6.$$

Returning to the result obtained from the first set of equations, this now becomes

$$(B_5 B_6, G_5 G_6, H_2 H_4, G_2 H_4 + G_4 H_2, H_2 B_4 + H_4 B_2, B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5) \chi (g_1, b_1, c_1)^2 = 0 :$$

but the terms containing  $g_1, b_1$  are  $(B_5 g_1 + G_5 b_1)(B_6 g_1 + G_6 b_1)$ , viz. this is  $-H_5 c_1 - H_6 c_1$ , that is  $H_5 H_6 c_1^2$ ; the whole equation is thus divisible by  $c_1$ , and omitting this factor, it becomes

$$g_1 (H_5 B_4 + H_4 B_2) + b_1 (G_2 H_4 + G_4 H_2) + c_1 (H_2 H_4 + H_5 H_6) = 0.$$

Proceeding in like manner with the result obtained from the second set of equations, this becomes

$$(B_5 B_6, C_2 C_4, G_5 G_6, C_2 G_4 + C_4 G_2, B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5, B_2 G_4 + B_4 C_2) \chi (g_3, h_3, b_3)^2 = 0,$$

where the terms containing  $g_3, b_3$  are  $(B g_3 + G_5 b_3)(B g_3 + G_6 b_3)$ , viz. this is  $-h_3 C_5 - h_3 C_6 = h_3^2 C_5 C_6$ ; the whole equation divides by  $h_3$ , and it then becomes

$$g_3 (B_2 C_4 + B_4 C_2) + h_3 (C_2 C_4 + C_5 C_6) + b_3 (C_2 G_4 + C_4 G_2) = 0.$$

Considering  $B_4, G_4, F_4$  as given by the equations

$$B_2 B_4 = B_5 B_6, G_2 G_4 = G_5 G_6, B_2 G_4 + G_2 B_4 + A_2 F_4 = B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5,$$

the equations last obtained determine the values of  $H_4$  and  $C_4$ , viz. these equations may be written

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2) H_4 + H_2 (g_1 B_4 + b_1 G_4) + c_1 H_5 H_6 &= 0, \\ (g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2) C_4 + C_2 (g_3 B_4 + b_3 G_4) + h_3 C_5 C_6 &= 0; \end{aligned}$$

but in order that the values  $(B_4, C_4, F_4, G_4, H_4)$  given by these five equations may belong to a line  $(0, B_4, C_4, F_4, G_4, H_4)$ , they must satisfy the equation

$$B_4 G_4 + C_4 H_4 = 0,$$

viz. in order to the existence of the line 4, this equation must be satisfied identically by the foregoing values; and I proceed to show that it is in fact thus satisfied. Multiplying the values of  $C_4, H_4$ , and writing  $C_4 H_4 = -B_4 G_4$ , the identity to be verified is

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2) (g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2) B_4 G_4 \\ + [H_2 (g_1 B_4 + b_1 G_4) + c_1 H_5 H_6] [C_2 (g_3 B_4 + b_3 G_4) + h_3 C_5 C_6] &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The first line includes the terms

$$\{g_1 g_3 B_2^2 + b_1 b_3 G_2^2 + (b_1 g_3 + b_3 g_1) B_2 G_2 + c_1 h_3 C_2 H_2\} B_4 G_4,$$

which, writing  $C_2 H_2 = -B_2 G_2$  and  $B_2 B_4 = B_5 B_6, G_2 G_4 = G_5 G_6$ , are

$$= g_1 g_3 B_2 G_4 B_5 B_6 + b_1 b_3 G_2 B_4 G_5 G_6 + (b_1 g_3 + g_1 b_3 - c_1 h_3) B_5 B_6 G_5 G_6.$$

The second line includes the terms

$$C_2 H_2 (g_1 B_4 + b_1 G_4) (g_3 B_4 + b_3 G_4) + c_1 h_3 C_5 H_5 C_6 H_6,$$

which, reducing in like manner, are

$$= -g_1 g_3 G_2 B_4 B_5 B_6 - b_1 b_3 B_2 G_4 G_5 G_6 - (b_1 g_3 + g_1 b_3 - c_1 h_3) B_5 B_6 G_5 G_6,$$

and these are together

$$= (g_1 g_3 B_5 B_6 - b_1 b_3 G_5 G_6) (B_2 G_4 - B_4 G_2).$$

The remaining terms from the first line are at once reduced to

$$(g_1 h_3 C_2 G_4 + c_1 g_3 H_2 G_4) B_5 B_6 + (b_1 h_3 C_2 B_4 + c_1 b_3 H_2 B_4) G_5 G_6,$$

and those from the second line are

$$C_5 C_6 H_2 (g_1 h_3 B_4 + b_1 h_3 G_4) + H_5 H_6 C_2 (c_1 g_3 B_4 + c_1 b_3 G_4).$$

Hence, attending to the relation  $c_1 = -h_3$ , and collecting and arranging, the equation to be verified is

$$\begin{aligned} (g_1 g_3 B_5 B_6 - b_1 b_3 G_5 G_6) (B_2 G_4 - B_4 G_2) \\ + h_3 C_2 G_4 (g_1 B_5 B_6 - b_3 H_5 H_6) \\ + h_3 H_2 B_4 (g_1 C_5 C_6 - b_3 G_5 G_6) \\ + h_3 C_2 B_4 (b_1 G_5 G_6 - g_3 H_5 H_6) \\ + h_3 H_2 G_4 (b_1 C_5 C_6 - g_3 B_5 B_6) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

But we have

$$g_1 B_5 B_6 - b_3 H_5 H_6 = B_5 B_6 (G_5 H_6 - G_6 H_5) - H_5 H_6 (B_5 C_6 - B_6 C_5) \\ = B_5 H_6 (B_5 G_5 + C_5 H_5) - B_5 H_5 (B_6 G_6 + C_6 H_6) = 0,$$

and similarly

$$g_1 C_5 C_6 - b_3 G_5 G_6 = 0, \\ b_1 G_5 G_6 - g_3 H_5 H_6 = 0, \\ b_1 C_5 C_6 - g_3 B_5 B_6 = 0.$$

Moreover, writing  $g_1 B_5 B_6 = b_3 H_5 H_6$ , we have

$$g_1 g_3 B_5 B_6 - b_1 b_3 G_5 G_6 \\ = b_3 (g_3 H_5 H_6 - b_1 G_5 G_6) = 0,$$

and the five terms of the equation in question thus separately vanish; and the equation is consequently verified.

We may collect the results as follows:

Data are lines 1', 2, 3', 4, 2', 5', 6';

and then, for the remaining lines, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4' the coordinates are as follows:

For 4',

$$B_2 B_4 = B_5 B_6, \quad G_2 G_4 = G_5 G_6, \quad A_2 F_4 = B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5 - B_2 G_4 - B_4 G_2, \quad A_4 = 0,$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} B_2, & G_2, & H_2 & H_4 + \\ B_5, & G_5, & H_5 & \\ B_6, & G_6, & H_6 & \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{ccc} H_2 B_4, & H_2 G_4, & H_5 H_6 \\ B_5, & G_5, & H_5 \\ B_6, & G_6, & H_6 \end{array} = 0, \\ \left| \begin{array}{ccc|c} B_2, & C_2, & G_2 & C_4 + \\ B_5, & C_5, & G_5 & \\ B_6, & C_6, & G_6 & \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{ccc} C_2 B_4, & C_5 C_6, & C_2 G_4 \\ B_5, & C_5, & G_5 \\ B_6, & C_6, & G_6 \end{array} = 0,$$

$$(B_4 G_4 + C_4 H_4 = 0, \text{ identity}).$$

For 1,

$$(g_1, b_1, c_1) = \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} B_5, & G_5, & H_5 \\ B_6, & G_6, & H_6 \end{array} \right\|, \quad A_2 f_2 = - \left| \begin{array}{ccc} B_2, & G_2, & H_2 \\ B_5, & G_5, & H_5 \\ B_6, & G_6, & H_6 \end{array} \right|, \quad F_4 a_1 = - \left| \begin{array}{ccc} B_4, & G_4, & H_4 \\ B_5, & G_5, & H_5 \\ B_6, & G_6, & H_6 \end{array} \right|, \quad h_1 = 0,$$

$$(a_1 f_1 + b_1 g_1 = 0, \text{ identity}).$$

For 3,

$$(g_3, h_3, b_3) = \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} B_5, & C_5, & G_5 \\ B_6, & C_6, & G_6 \end{array} \right\|, \quad A_2 f_3 = - \left| \begin{array}{ccc} B_2, & C_2, & G_2 \\ B_5, & C_5, & G_5 \\ B_6, & C_6, & G_6 \end{array} \right|, \quad F_4 a_3 = - \left| \begin{array}{ccc} B_4, & C_4, & G_4 \\ B_5, & C_5, & G_5 \\ B_6, & C_6, & G_6 \end{array} \right|, \quad c_3 = 0,$$

$$(a_3 f_3 + b_3 g_3 = 0, \text{ identity}).$$

For 5,

$$g_5 = G_6, \quad b_5 = -B_6, \quad A_2 f_5 = B_6 G_2 - B_2 G_6, \quad F_4 a_5 = B_6 G_4 - B_4 G_6, \quad c_5 = 0, \quad h_5 = 0,$$

$$(a_5 f_5 + b_5 g_5 = 0, \text{ identity}).$$

For 6,

$$g_6 = G_5, \quad b_6 = -B_5, \quad A_2 f_6 = B_5 G_2 - B_2 G_5, \quad F_4 a_6 = B_5 G_4 - B_4 G_5, \quad c_6 = 0, \quad h_6 = 0;$$

and, for actual calculation, it is convenient to remark that as only the ratios are material, a set of six coordinates may be multiplied or divided by any common number at pleasure.

But these results may be further reduced. Writing

$$(g_3, h_3, b_3) = \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} B_5, & C_5, & G_5 \\ B_6, & C_6, & G_6 \end{array} \right\|,$$

we have

$$-(g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2) C_4 = C_2 \left( g_3 \frac{B_5 B_6}{B_2} + b_3 \frac{G_5 G_6}{C_2} \right) + h_3 C_5 C_6 = \frac{C_2}{B_2 G_2} (g_3 B_5 B_6 G_2 + b_3 G_5 G_6 B_2) + h_3 C_5 C_6.$$

But

$$g_3 B_5 B_6 G_2 + b_3 G_5 G_6 B_2 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_5 B_6 G_2 (C_5 G_6 - C_6 G_5) \\ + G_5 G_6 B_2 (B_5 C_6 - C_5 B_6) \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} B_6 G_6 C_5 (B_5 G_2 - B_2 G_5) \\ + B_5 G_5 C_6 (G_6 B_2 - G_2 B_6) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= C_5 C_6 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -H_6 (B_5 G_2 - B_2 G_5) \\ -H_5 (G_6 B_2 - G_2 B_6) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= C_5 C_6 \{ B_2 (G_5 H_6 - G_6 H_5) + G_2 (B_6 H_5 - B_5 H_6) \}$$

$$= C_5 C_6 (B_2 g_1 + G_2 b_1),$$

since

$$(g_1, b_1, c_1) = \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} B_5, & G_5, & H_5 \\ B_6, & G_6, & H_6 \end{array} \right\|;$$

the equation obtained is thus

$$g_3 B_4 + b_3 G_4 = \frac{C_5 C_6}{B_2 G_2} (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2).$$

We then have

$$-(g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2) C_4 = \frac{C_5 C_6}{B_2 G_2} [C_2 (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2) + h_3 B_2 G_2]$$

$$= -\frac{C_5 C_6}{C_2 H_2} [C_2 (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2) + c_1 C_2 H_2]$$

$$= -\frac{C_5 C_6}{H_2} (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2),$$

that is

$$C_4 = \frac{C_5 C_6}{H_2} \frac{g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2}{g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2};$$

and in like manner

$$\begin{aligned} -(g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2) H_4 &= \frac{H_2}{B_2 G_2} (g_1 G_2 B_5 B_6 + b_1 B_2 G_5 G_6) + c_1 H_5 H_6, \\ g_1 G_2 B_5 B_6 + b_1 B_2 G_5 G_6 &= \begin{cases} G_2 B_5 B_6 (G_5 H_6 - G_5 H_5) \\ + B_2 G_5 G_6 (H_5 B_6 - H_6 G_5) \end{cases} = \begin{cases} B_5 G_5 H_6 (G_2 B_6 - G_6 B_2) \\ + B_6 G_6 H_5 (B_2 G_5 - B_5 G_2) \end{cases} \\ &= H_5 H_6 \begin{cases} -C_5 (G_2 B_6 - G_6 B_2) \\ -C_6 (B_2 G_5 - B_5 G_2) \end{cases} \\ &= H_5 H_6 \{B_2 (C_5 C_6 = C_6 G_5) + G_2 (B_5 C_6 - B_6 C_5)\} \\ &= H_5 H_3 (B_2 g_3 + G_2 b_3); \end{aligned}$$

the equation obtained is thus

$$g_1 B_4 + b_1 G_4 = \frac{H_5 H_6}{B_2 G_2} (B_2 g_3 + G_2 b_3);$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned} -(g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2) H_4 &= \frac{H_5 H_6}{B_2 G_2} \{H_2 (B_2 g_3 + G_2 b_3) + c_1 B_2 G_2\} \\ &= -\frac{H_5 H_6}{C_2 H_2} \{H_2 (B_2 g_3 + G_2 b_3) + h_3 C_2 H_3\} \\ &= -\frac{H_5 H_6}{C_2} (B_2 g_3 + C_2 h_3 + G_2 b_3), \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$H_4 = \frac{H_5 H_6}{C_2} \frac{g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2}{g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2},$$

which values of  $C_4$ ,  $H_4$  satisfy, as they should do, the relation

$$C_4 H_4 = -B_4 G_4.$$

We have also

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 F_4 &= B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5 - \frac{B_2 G_5 G_6}{G_2} - \frac{G_2 B_5 C_6}{B_2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{B_2 G_2} (G_2 B_5 - B_2 G_5) (G_2 B_6 - B_2 G_6) \\ &= \frac{1}{C_2 H_2} (G_2 B_5 - B_2 G_5) (G_2 B_6 - B_2 G_6), \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $F_4$ .

Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} -F_4 a_1 &= g_1 B_4 + b_1 G_4 + c_1 H_4 = -\frac{H_5 H_6}{C_2 H_2} (g_3 B_2 + b_3 G_2) - \frac{h_3 H_5 H_6}{C_2} \frac{g_3 B_2 + b_3 G_2 + h_3 C_2}{g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2} \\ &= \frac{-H_5 H_6}{C_2 H_2 (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2)} \left\{ (g_3 B_2 + b_3 G_2) (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (g_3 B_2 + b_3 G_2 + h_3 C_2) h_3 H_2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{-H_5 H_6}{C_2 H_2 (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2)} \{(g_3 B_2 + b_3 G_2) (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2) + c_1 h_3 B_2 G_2\}, \end{aligned}$$

which combined with the foregoing value of  $F_4$ , gives  $a_1$ .



Again,

$$\begin{aligned}
 -F_4 a_3 &= g_3 B_4 + h_3 C_4 + b_3 G_4 = -\frac{C_5 C_6}{C_2 H_2} (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2) = \frac{c_1 C_5 C_6}{H_2} \frac{g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2}{g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2} \\
 &= -\frac{C_5 C_6}{C_2 H_2 (g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2)} \left\{ (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2) (g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{-C_5 C_6}{C_2 H_2 (g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2)} \{ (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2) (g_1 B_2 + b_3 G_2) + c_1 h_3 B_2 C_2 \},
 \end{aligned}$$

which combined with the foregoing value of  $F_4$ , gives  $a_3$ .

Write

$$\omega = B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5 + C_5 H_6 + C_3 H_5,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_1 g_1 &= (H_5 B_6 - H_6 B_5) (G_5 H_6 - G_6 H_5) \\
 &= -H_5^2 B_6 G_6 - H_6^2 B_5 G_5 + H_5 H_6 (B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5) \\
 &= H_5 H_6 (C_6 H_5 + C_5 H_6 + B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5),
 \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$b_1 g_1 = H_5 H_6 \omega,$$

and similarly

$$b_3 g_3 = C_5 C_6 \omega,$$

$$b_1 b_3 = B_5 B_6 \omega,$$

$$g_1 g_3 = G_5 G_6 \omega,$$

$$b_1 g_3 + b_3 g_1 + c_1 h_3 = -(B_5 G_6 + B_3 G_5) \omega,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b_1 G_2 + g_1 B_2) (b_3 G_2 + g_3 B_2) + c_1 h_2 B_2 G_2 &= \{ G_2^2 B_5 B_6 + B_2^2 G_5 G_6 - B_2 G_2 (B_5 G_6 + B_6 G_5) \} \omega \\
 &= (G_2 B_5 - B_2 G_5) (G_2 B_6 - B_2 G_6) \omega,
 \end{aligned}$$

which last value is to be substituted for the left-hand function in the formulæ for  $a_1$  and  $a_3$  respectively.

Whence, finally recollecting that

$$B_2 G_2 + C_2 H_2 = 0, \quad B_5 G_5 + C_5 H_5 = 0, \quad B_6 G_6 + C_6 H_6 = 0,$$

and

$$\omega = C_6 H_5 + C_5 H_6 + B_6 G_5 + B_5 G_6,$$

we have

$$\text{For 1 } \left\{ \begin{aligned}
 (g_1, b_1, c_1) &= \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} B_5 & G_5 & H_5 \\ B_6 & G_6 & H_6 \end{array} \right\|, & f_1 &= -\frac{1}{A_2} (g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2), \\
 b_1 g_1 &= H_5 H_6 \omega. & a_1 &= \frac{A_2 H_5 H_6 \omega}{g_1 B_2 + h_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2}, \quad h_1 = 0.
 \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\text{For 3 } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (g_3, h_3, b_3) = \left\| \begin{array}{ccc} B_5, & C_5, & G_6 \\ B_6, & C_6, & G_5 \end{array} \right\|, \\ b_3 g_3 = C_5 C_6 \omega. \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} f_3 = -\frac{1}{A_2} (g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2), \\ a_3 = \frac{A_2 C_5 C_6 \omega}{g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2}, \quad h_3 = 0, \end{array}$$

where observe that  $c_1 + h_3 = 0$ .

$$\text{For 5 } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_5 = G_6, \quad b_5 = -B_6, \\ c_5 = 0, \quad h_5 = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} f_5 = \frac{1}{A_2} (G_2 B_6 - B_2 G_6), \\ a_6 = \frac{A_2 B_6 G_6}{G_2 B_6 - B_2 G_6}. \end{array}$$

$$\text{For 6 } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_6 = G_5, \quad b_6 = -B_5, \\ c_6 = 0, \quad h_6 = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} f_6 = \frac{1}{A_2} (G_2 B_5 - B_2 G_5), \\ a_5 = \frac{A_2 B_5 G_5}{G_2 B_5 - B_2 G_5}. \end{array}$$

$$\text{For 4' } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} A_4 = 0, \\ F_4 = \frac{(G_2 B_5 - G_5 B_2)(G_2 B_6 - G_6 B_2)}{A_2 C_2 H_2}, \\ C_4 = \frac{C_5 C_6}{H_2} \frac{g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2}{g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2}, \\ H_4 = \frac{H_5 H_6}{C_2} \frac{g_3 B_2 + h_3 C_2 + b_3 G_2}{g_1 B_2 + b_1 G_2 + c_1 H_2}. \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} B_4 = \frac{B_5 B_6}{B_2}, \\ G_4 = \frac{G_5 G_6}{G_2}. \end{array}$$

I have thought it worth while to effect the numerical calculations for enabling the construction of a drawing or model. For this purpose taking  $X, Y, Z$  as ordinary rectangular coordinates, I write

$$\begin{aligned} x &= X + Y + Z - 10, \\ y &= Z, \\ z &= -X + Y + Z - 10, \\ w &= Y, \end{aligned}$$

that is, I take 1' and 2 to be lines in the plane of  $XY$ , defined by the equations  $X + Y = 10$  and  $X - Y = -10$  respectively, and 3' and 4 to be lines in the plane of  $XZ$  defined by the equations  $X - Z = -10$ ,  $X + Z = 10$  respectively. And I take 5' to be the line joining the points (2, 0, 8) and (-9, 1, 0); 6' the line joining the points (3, 0, 7) and (-8, 2, 0); 2' the line joining the points (9, 0, 1) and (-3, 7, 4). We

calculate then for each of the lines the  $xyzw$  coordinates of two points thereof; and thence the six coordinates of the line, viz.:

	$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$	$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$F$	$G$	$H$	reduced					
	$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$	$x$	$y$	$z$	$w$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$F$	$G$	$H$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$F$	$G$	$H$
5'	0	8	-4	0	-18	0	0	1	0	72	144	0	8	-4	0	18	36	0	2	-1
6'	0	7	-6	0	-16	0	0	2	0	96	112	0	14	-12	0	48	56	0	7	-6
2'	0	1	-18	0	-2	4	4	7	76	36	2	0	7	-126	76	36	2	0	7	-126

and effecting the calculations for the remaining lines, we have

	$A$	$B$	$C$	$F$	$G$	$H$
4'	0	24	-944	$-\frac{9}{38}$	2	$\frac{3}{59}$
1	$\frac{380}{59}$	60	30	$\frac{385}{19}$	-5	0
3	127680	-720	0	$\frac{15}{19}$	140	-30
5	304	-48	0	$\frac{21}{19}$	7	0
6	$\frac{152}{3}$	-18	0	$\frac{27}{38}$	0	0
	$a$	$b$	$c$	$f$	$g$	$h$

or reducing to integers, the values are

	$A$	$B$	$C$	$F$	$G$	$H$
5'	0	18	36	0	2	-1
6'	0	48	56	0	7	-6
2'	76	36	2	0	7	-126
4'	0	53808	-2116448	-531	4484	114
1	1444	13452	6726	10443	-1121	0
3	485184	-2736	0	3	532	-114
5	5776	-912	0	21	133	0
6	5776	-2052	0	81	228	0
	$a$	$b$	$c$	$f$	$g$	$h$

The line  $(a, b, c, f, g, h)$  is given as the intersection of any two of the four planes

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} h, & -g, & a & \\ -h, & & f, & b \\ & g, & -f, & c \\ -a, & -b, & -c, & \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} x, y, z, w) = 0,$$

or substituting for  $x, y, z, w$  the values  $\bar{X} + Y + Z - 10, Z, -X + Y + Z - 10, Y$ , these become

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} g, & a-g, & h-g, & g \\ -f-h, & b+f-h, & f-h, & h-g \\ g, & c+g, & g-f, & -g \\ c-a, & -c-a, & -c-a-b, & c+a \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$$

or, what is the same thing,

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccc} ., & 2g-a+c, & 2g-f-h, & -2g \\ -2g+a-c, & ., & a+b+c+f-h, & -a-c \\ -2g+f+h, & -a-b-c-f+h, & ., & -f+h \\ 2g, & a+c, & -f+h, & . \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} X; Y, Z, 10) = 0.$$

And substituting, we have the equations of the several lines, viz.:

(1)  $X + Y = 10, Z = 0,$

(2)  $-X + Y = 10, Z = 0,$

(3')  $-X + Z = 10, Y = 0,$

(4)  $X + Z = 10, Y = 0,$

(5')  $\left( \begin{array}{cccc} ., & 40, & 5, & -4 \\ -40, & ., & 55, & -36 \\ -5, & -55, & ., & 1 \\ 4, & 36, & -1, & . \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$

(6')  $\left( \begin{array}{cccc} ., & -35, & 10, & -7 \\ -35, & ., & 55, & -28 \\ -10, & -55, & ., & 3 \\ 7, & 28, & -3, & . \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$

$$(2') \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \cdot, & -30, & 70, & -7 \\ 30, & \cdot, & 120, & -39 \\ -70, & -120, & \cdot, & 63 \\ 7, & 39, & -63, & \cdot \end{array} \right) \chi(X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$$

$$(4') \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \cdot, & -2107480, & 9385, & -8968 \\ 2107480, & \cdot, & -2063285, & 2116448 \\ -9385, & 2063285, & \cdot, & -645 \\ 8968, & -2116448, & 645, & \cdot \end{array} \right) \chi(X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$$

$$(1) \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \cdot, & 3040, & -12685, & 2242 \\ -3040, & \cdot, & 32065, & -8170 \\ 12685, & -32065, & \cdot, & 10443 \\ -2242, & 8170, & -10443, & \cdot \end{array} \right) \chi(X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$$

$$(3) \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \cdot, & -484120, & 1175, & -1064 \\ 484120, & \cdot, & 482565, & -485184 \\ -1175, & -482565, & \cdot, & 117 \\ 1064, & 485184, & -117, & \cdot \end{array} \right) \chi(X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$$

$$(5) \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \cdot, & 5510, & 245, & -266 \\ -5510, & \cdot, & 4885, & -5776 \\ -245, & -4885, & \cdot, & 21 \\ 266, & 5776, & -21, & \cdot \end{array} \right) \chi(X, Y, Z, 10) = 0,$$

$$(6) \quad \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \cdot, & -5320, & 375, & -456 \\ 5320, & \cdot, & 3805, & -5776 \\ -3751, & -3805, & \cdot, & 81 \\ 456, & 5776, & -81, & \cdot \end{array} \right) \chi(X, Y, Z, 10) = 0.$$

The several lines intersect as they should do, the coordinates of the points of intersection being as follows:

	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	6'
1	*	621 1239 } ÷ 305 836 )	-354 0 } ÷ 43 76 )	42417 -177 } ÷ 5098 8968 )	-493 59 } ÷ 78 152 )	-1188 354 } ÷ 253 532 )
2	0 10 0	*	-10 0 0	-472 -2 } ÷ 47 0 )	-9 1 0	-8 2 0
3	912 -2 } ÷ 91 0 )	9693 -21 } ÷ 1073 1064 )	*	-2484 66 } ÷ 24727 251464 )	807 -1 } ÷ 398 3192 )	3672 -6 } ÷ 1213 8512 )
4	10 0 0	9 0 1	0 0 10	*	2 0 8	3 0 7
5	304 -14 } ÷ 29 0 )	459 -21 } ÷ 47 38 )	6 0 } ÷ 7 76 )	4752 42 } ÷ 6521 71744 )	*	1080 -42 } ÷ 283 2128 )
6	76 -6 } ÷ 7 0 )	2421 -189 } ÷ 233 152 )	54 0 } ÷ 25 304 )	1479 9 } ÷ 727 8968 )	65 -3 } ÷ 16 154 )	*

viz. the coordinates of 12' (intersection of lines 1 and 2') are  $(\frac{621}{305}, \frac{1239}{305}, \frac{836}{305})$ , and so in other cases; where there is no divisor the coordinates are integers. I find however, on laying down the figure, that the lines 3 and 4, 3' and 4' come so close together, that the figure cannot be obtained with any accuracy.