# Unexpected algebraic and geometric properties of Fermat-type configurations

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#### Theorem (Malara-Szpond)

Let I be the ideal of codimension 2 flats determined by intersecting at least 3 hyperplanes in  $\mathcal{F}_N^n$  with  $N \ge 2$  and  $n \ge 3$ . Then the containment

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#### Lemma

The ideal of  $W_N^n$  is generated by all forms of the type

$$x_i(x_j^n-x_k^n),$$

where  $i, j, k \in \{0, \dots, N\}$  are mutually distinct.

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This is a proper subset of points determined by the arrangement  $\mathcal{F}_3^3$ .

#### Theorem (Bauer, Malara, Sz., Szpond)

Let P = (a : b : c : d) be a generic point in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Then the quartic

$$Q_{R}(x:y:z:w) = b^{2}(c^{3}-d^{3}) \cdot x^{3}y + a^{2}(d^{3}-c^{3}) \cdot xy^{3}$$
  
+  $c^{2}(d^{3}-b^{3}) \cdot x^{3}z + c^{2}(a^{3}-d^{3}) \cdot y^{3}z$   
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- vanishes at all points of  $W_3^3$ ,
- vanishes to order 3 at P,
- is an unexpected surface for  $W_3^3$  with  $m_1 = 3$ .

#### Theorem (Szpond, on arXiv on Tuesday)

Let N = 2k + 1 be an odd number. Let  $W_N^3$  be the Fermat-type configuration of points.

Let R and  $P_1, \ldots, P_{k-1}$  be generic points in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ . Then there exists a **unique** quartic hypersurface

- vanishing at all points of  $W_N^3$ ,
- vanishing to order 3 at R,
- vanishing to order 2 at  $P_1, \ldots, P_{k-1}$ ,
- unexpected for  $W_N^3$  with  $m_1 = 3$  and  $m_2 = \ldots = m_{k-1} = 2$ .

#### Theorem (Szpond)

Let  $P = (b_0 : b_1 : ... : b_5)$  be a general point in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ . Then there exists a unique quartic  $Q_{R,P}$  vanishing at

- all Fermat points W<sub>5</sub><sup>3</sup>,
- point  $R = (a_0 : a_1 : ... : a_5)$  to order 3,
- point P to order 2.

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$$h_{i,j} = (-1)^j \cdot Q_R(b_{\alpha_{i,j}[1]}, b_{\alpha_{i,j}[2]}, b_{\alpha_{i,j}[3]}, b_{\alpha_{i,j}[4]})a_i^2,$$

where

- $Q_R$  is the unexpected quartic in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ ;
- $\alpha_{i,j} = \sigma_j(i+1, i+2, i+3, i+4, i+5);$
- $\sigma_j$  removes the entry "j" from a sequence.

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For the Fermat configuration  $W_N^n$  with  $N \ge 3$  we have

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