

Through observation in Macaulay2, we appear to get this table for unexpected cubic hypersurfaces through all the points through $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^n \subseteq \mathbb{P}_k^n$ and having a generic double/triple point P :

Z	$\dim I(Z + 2P)_3$	$\dim I(Z + 3P)_3$
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^2$	1	0
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^3$	3	1
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^4$	6	3
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^5$	10	6
$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^6$	15	10

The pattern appears to be $\binom{n}{2}$ and $\binom{n-1}{2}$.

The pattern for cubics with a double point at $P = (a, b, c, \dots)$ appears to be

2. \mathbb{P}^2 : $a^2yz + a^2yz^2 + b^2xz + b^2xz^2 + c^2xy + c^2xy^2$

3. \mathbb{P}^3 :

(a) $b^2(z^2w + zw^2) + c^2(y^2w + yw^2) + d^2(y^2z + yz^2)$

(b) $a^2(z^2w + zw^2) + c^2(x^2w + xw^2) + d^2(x^2z + xz^2)$

(c) $a^2(y^2w + yw^2) + b^2(x^2w + xw^2) + d^2(x^2y + xy^2)$

4. \mathbb{P}^4 :

(a) $c^2(w^2u + wu^2) + d^2(z^2u + zu^2) + e(z^2w + zw^2)$

(b) $b^2(w^2u + wu^2) + d^2(y^2u + yu^2) + e(y^2w + yw^2)$

(c) $b^2(z^2u + zu^2) + c^2(y^2u + yu^2) + e(y^2z + yz^2)$

(d) $a^2(w^2u + wu^2) + d^2(x^2u + xu^2) + e(x^2w + xw^2)$

(e) $a^2(z^2u + zu^2) + c^2(x^2u + xu^2) + e(x^2z + xz^2)$

(f) $a^2(y^2u + yu^2) + b^2(x^2u + xu^2) + e(x^2y + xy^2)$

and so on like that. The unique cubic cone in \mathbb{P}^3 that contains Z and has a triple point at $P = (a, b, c, d)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & (c^2d + cd^2)(x^2y + xy^2) + (b^2d + bd^2)(x^2z + xz^2) \\ & (b^2c + bc^2)(x^2w + xw^2) + (a^2d + ad^2)(y^2z + yz^2) \\ & (a^2c + ac^2)(y^2w + yw^2) + (a^2b + ab^2)(z^2w + zw^2) \end{aligned}$$

so the pattern in higher dimensions should continue similarly.

In general, pick a point $(a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{P}^n$, with variables x_0, \dots, x_n . To build the double-point cubic through Z_n , pick three distinct $i, j, \ell \in \{0, \dots, n\}$. The cubics are of the form

$$a_i^2(x_j^2x_\ell + x_jx_\ell^2) + a_j^2(x_i^2x_\ell + x_ix_\ell^2) + a_\ell^2(x_i^2x_j + x_ix_j^2).$$

This means there are $\binom{n+1}{3}$ such cubics. But fixing $i = 0$ reduces this number to $\binom{n}{2}$.

Now pick four distinct indices $i, j, \ell, m \in \{0, \dots, n\}$. The cubic cones through Z_n are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_i^2 a_j + a_i a_j^2)(x_\ell^2 x_m + x_\ell x_m^2) + (a_i^2 a_\ell + a_i a_\ell^2)(x_j^2 x_m + x_j x_m^2) \\ & + (a_i^2 a_m + a_i a_m^2)(x_j^2 x_\ell + x_j x_\ell^2) + (a_j^2 a_\ell + a_j a_\ell^2)(x_i^2 x_m + x_i x_m^2) \\ & + (a_j^2 a_m + a_j a_m^2)(x_i^2 x_\ell + x_i x_\ell^2) + (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)(x_i^2 x_j + x_i x_j^2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus there are $\binom{n+1}{4}$ such cubics. Fixing $i = 0$ reduces this to $\binom{n}{3}$ and fixing $j = 1$ reduces this to $\binom{n-1}{2}$.

Proposition 1. The cubics of the form

$$a_0^2(x_j^2 x_\ell + x_j x_\ell^2) + a_j^2(x_0^2 x_\ell + x_0 x_\ell^2) + a_\ell^2(x_0^2 x_j + x_0 x_j^2)$$

generate the space of all cubics that contain every point of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^n$ and have a double point at (a_0, \dots, a_n) .

Proof. First note that $p_j^2 p_\ell + p_j p_\ell^2 = 0$ for all $(p_0, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^n$, and so the hypersurface contains $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^2$.

Now note that

$$\begin{aligned} & a_0^2((x_j + a_j)^2(x_\ell + a_\ell) + (x_j + a_j)(x_\ell + a_\ell)^2) \\ & + a_j^2((x_0 + a_0)^2(x_\ell + a_\ell) + (x_0 + a_0)(x_\ell + a_\ell)^2) \\ & + a_\ell^2((x_0 + a_0)^2(x_j + a_j) + (x_0 + a_0)(x_j + a_j)^2) \\ & = a_0^2(x_j^2 x_\ell + a_\ell x_j^2 + a_j^2 x_\ell + a_j^2 a_\ell + x_j x_\ell^2 + a_j x_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2 x_j + a_j a_\ell^2) \\ & + a_j^2(x_0^2 x_\ell + a_\ell x_0^2 + a_0^2 x_\ell + a_0^2 a_\ell + x_0 x_\ell^2 + a_0 x_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2 x_0 + a_0 a_\ell^2) \\ & + a_\ell^2(x_0^2 x_j + a_j x_0^2 + a_0^2 x_j + a_0^2 a_j + x_0 x_j^2 + a_0 x_j^2 + a_j^2 x_0 + a_0 a_j^2) \\ & = S + a_0^2 a_j^2 x_\ell + a_0^2 a_\ell^2 x_j + a_0^2 a_j^2 x_\ell + a_j^2 a_\ell^2 x_0 + a_0^2 a_\ell x_j + a_j^2 a_\ell x_0 \\ & \quad + a_0^2 a_j^2 a_\ell + a_0^2 a_j a_\ell^2 + a_0^2 a_j^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_j^2 a_\ell^2 + a_0^2 a_j a_\ell^2 + a_0 a_j^2 a_\ell^2 \\ & = S \end{aligned}$$

where $S \in (x_0, x_j, x_\ell)^2$. Therefore S has a double point at (a_0, \dots, a_n) .

Now what's left to prove is

$$\{a_0^2(x_j^2 x_\ell + x_j x_\ell^2) + a_j^2(x_0^2 x_\ell + x_0 x_\ell^2) + a_\ell^2(x_0^2 x_j + x_0 x_j^2) : 0 \neq j, \ell; j \neq \ell\}$$

generates the cubic hypersurfaces that contain $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^n$ and have a double point at (a_0, \dots, a_n) . \square

Proposition 2. The cubics of the form

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2)(x_\ell^2 x_m + x_\ell x_m^2) + (a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2)(x_1^2 x_m + x_1 x_m^2) \\ & + (a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2)(x_1^2 x_\ell + x_1 x_\ell^2) + (a_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 a_\ell^2)(x_0^2 x_m + x_0 x_m^2) \\ & + (a_1^2 a_m + a_1 a_m^2)(x_0^2 x_\ell + x_0 x_\ell^2) + (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)(x_0^2 x_1 + x_0 x_1^2). \end{aligned}$$

generate the space of all cubics that contain every point of $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^n$ and have a triple point at (a_0, \dots, a_n) .

Proof. First note that $p_j^2 p_\ell + p_j p_\ell^2 = 0$ for all $(p_0, \dots, p_n) \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^n$, and so the hypersurface contains $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^2$.

Now note that

$$\begin{aligned} F &= (a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2)((x_\ell + a_\ell)^2(x_m + a_m) + (x_\ell + a_\ell)(x_m + a_m)^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2)((x_1 + a_1)^2(x_m + a_m) + (x_1 + a_1)(x_m + a_m)^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2)((x_1 + a_1)^2(x_\ell + a_\ell) + (x_1 + a_1)(x_\ell + a_\ell)^2) \\ &+ (a_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 a_\ell^2)((x_0 + a_0)^2(x_m + a_m) + (x_0 + a_0)(x_m + a_m)^2) \\ &+ (a_1^2 a_m + a_1 a_m^2)((x_0 + a_0)^2(x_\ell + a_\ell) + (x_0 + a_0)(x_\ell + a_\ell)^2) \\ &+ (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)((x_0 + a_0)^2(x_1 + a_1) + (x_0 + a_0)(x_1 + a_1)^2) \\ &= (a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2)(x_\ell^2 x_m + a_m x_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2 x_m + a_\ell^2 a_m + x_\ell x_m^2 + a_\ell x_m^2 + a_m^2 x_\ell + a_\ell a_m^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2)(x_1^2 x_m + a_m x_1^2 + a_1^2 x_m + a_1^2 a_m + x_1 x_m^2 + a_1 x_m^2 + a_m^2 x_1 + a_1 a_m^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2)(x_\ell^2 x_1 + a_1 x_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2 x_1 + a_\ell^2 a_1 + x_\ell x_1^2 + a_\ell x_1^2 + a_1^2 x_\ell + a_\ell a_1^2) \\ &+ (a_\ell^2 a_1 + a_\ell a_1^2)(x_0^2 x_m + a_m x_0^2 + a_0^2 x_m + a_0^2 a_m + x_0 x_m^2 + a_0 x_m^2 + a_m^2 x_0 + a_0 a_m^2) \\ &+ (a_m^2 a_1 + a_m a_1^2)(x_\ell^2 x_0 + a_0 x_\ell^2 + a_\ell^2 x_0 + a_\ell^2 a_0 + x_\ell x_0^2 + a_\ell x_0^2 + a_0^2 x_\ell + a_\ell a_0^2) \\ &+ (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)(x_0^2 x_1 + a_1 x_0^2 + a_0^2 x_1 + a_0^2 a_1 + x_0 x_1^2 + a_0 x_1^2 + a_1^2 x_0 + a_0 a_1^2) \\ &= T + (a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2)(x_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell x_m^2) + (a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2)(x_1^2 a_m + a_1 x_m^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2)(x_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 x_\ell^2) + (a_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 a_\ell^2)(x_0^2 a_m + a_0 x_m^2) \\ &+ (a_1^2 a_m + a_1 a_m^2)(x_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 x_\ell^2) + (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)(x_0^2 a_1 + a_0 x_1^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2)(a_\ell^2 x_m + x_\ell a_m^2) + (a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2)(a_1^2 x_m + x_1 a_m^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2)(a_1^2 x_\ell + x_1 a_\ell^2) + (a_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 a_\ell^2)(a_0^2 x_m + x_0 a_m^2) \\ &+ (a_1^2 a_m + a_1 a_m^2)(a_0^2 x_\ell + x_0 a_\ell^2) + (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)(a_0^2 x_1 + x_0 a_1^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2)(a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2) + (a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2)(a_1^2 a_m + a_1 a_m^2) \\ &+ (a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2)(a_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 a_\ell^2) + (a_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 a_\ell^2)(a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2) \\ &+ (a_1^2 a_m + a_1 a_m^2)(a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2) + (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)(a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2) \end{aligned}$$

Where $T \in (x_0, x_1, x_\ell, x_m)^3$. Observe that the x_0 -term of this polynomial is

$$(a_1^2 a_\ell a_m^2 + a_1 a_\ell^2 a_m + a_1^2 a_\ell^2 a_m + a_1 a_\ell^2 a_m^2 + a_1^2 a_\ell^2 a_m + a_1^2 a_\ell a_m^2) x_0 = 0.$$

By symmetry, the linear forms of F are all 0. Similarly, observe that the x_0^2 -term of F is

$$(a_1^2 a_\ell a_m + a_1 a_\ell^2 a_m + a_1^2 a_\ell a_m + a_1 a_\ell a_m^2 + a_1 a_\ell^2 a_m + a_1 a_\ell a_m^2) x_0^2 = 0.$$

By symmetry, all the quadratic forms of F are 0. Therefore F has a triple point at (a_0, \dots, a_n) .

Now what's left to show is

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(a_0^2 a_1 + a_0 a_1^2)(x_\ell^2 x_m + x_\ell x_m^2) + (a_0^2 a_\ell + a_0 a_\ell^2)(x_1^2 x_m + x_1 x_m^2) \\ & + (a_0^2 a_m + a_0 a_m^2)(x_1^2 x_\ell + x_1 x_\ell^2) + (a_1^2 a_\ell + a_1 a_\ell^2)(x_0^2 x_m + x_0 x_m^2) \\ & + (a_1^2 a_m + a_1 a_m^2)(x_0^2 x_\ell + x_0 x_\ell^2) + (a_\ell^2 a_m + a_\ell a_m^2)(x_0^2 x_1 + x_0 x_1^2) : 0 \neq \ell, m \neq 1; \ell \neq m\} \end{aligned}$$

generates the cubic hypersurfaces that contain $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}}^n$ and have a triple point at (a_0, \dots, a_n) . \square

There are $\binom{d+1}{2}$ generators for cubic surfaces containing Z in \mathbb{P}_k^3 . They are $x_i^2 x_j + x_i x_j^2$ for $i \neq j$. Prove that adding a double point imposes d additional condition and adding a triple point imposes $2d - 1$ conditions?