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[> restart:with(LinearAlgebra):
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[> # General sphere condition
[> Lambda:=-R^2*e0^2+b^2*e0^2+c^2*e0^2+A^2*e0^2+B^2*e0^2+C^2*e0^2+a^2*e0^2-R^2*e1^2+b^2*e1^2+c^2*e1^2+A^2*e1^2+B^2*e1^2+C^2*e1^2+a^2*e1^2-R^2*e2^2+b^2*e2^2+c^2*e2^2+A^2*e2^2+B^2*e2^2+C^2*e2^2+a^2*e2^2-R^2*e3^2+a^2*e3^2+b^2*e3^2+c^2*e3^2+A^2*e3^2+B^2*e3^2+C^2*e3^2+e3^2+4*A*f0*e1+4*C*f1*e2-2*A*a*e0^2+2*A*a*e3^2-4*c*e3*f0-4*b*e3*f1+4*a*e3*f2+4*a*e0*f1+4*c*e0*f3+4*A*f2*e3-4*A*f1*e0-4*C*f2*e1+4*b*e0*f2-2*C*c*e0^2+2*C*c*e2^2+4*C*f0*e3-4*b*e2*f0-4*a*e2*f3+2*C*c*e1^2+4*B*f3*e1-2*B*b*e2^2-4*B*f1*e3+4*B*f0*e2-4*c*e1*f2-2*A*a*e1^2-4*A*f3*e2+2*B*b*e3^2-4*B*f2*e0-2*B*b*e0^2-4*a*e1*f0-2*C*c*e3^2-4*C*f3*e0+4*c*e2*f1+2*B*b*e1^2+4*b*e1*f3+2*A*a*e2^2-4*A*c*e0*e2+4*C*a*e0*e2-4*B*a*e1*e2-4*A*b*e1*e2-4*C*b*e2*e3-4*B*a*e0*e3+4*A*b*e0*e3-4*A*c*e1*e3-4*C*a*e1*e3-4*B*c*e2*e3+4*B*c*e0*e1-4*C*b*e0*e1+4*f1^2+4*f0^2+4*f3^2+4*f2^2:
[>
[> # Coordinates of base anchor points
[> A1:=0:B1:=0:C1:=0:
[> A2:=0:B2:=1:C2:=0:
[> A3:=0:B3:=-1:C3:=0:
[> A4:=1:B4:=0:C4:=0:
[> A5:=1:B5:=B:C5:=0:
[>
[> # Coordinates of platform anchor points
[> a1:=0:b1:=0:c1:=0:
[> a2:=0:b2:=b2:c2:=0:
[> a3:=0:b3:=b3:c3:=0:
[> a4:=a:b4:=b4:c4:=0:
[> a5:=a:b5:=b5:c5:=0:
[>
[> # Set of equations
[> Lambda1:=factor(subs(a=a1,b=b1,c=c1,A=A1,B=B1,C=C1,R=R1,Lambda)):
[> Lambda2:=factor(subs(a=a2,b=b2,c=c2,A=A2,B=B2,C=C2,R=R2,Lambda)):
[> Lambda3:=factor(subs(a=a3,b=b3,c=c3,A=A3,B=B3,C=C3,R=R3,Lambda)):
[> Lambda4:=factor(subs(a=a4,b=b4,c=c4,A=A4,B=B4,C=C4,R=R4,Lambda)):
[> Lambda5:=factor(subs(a=a5,b=b5,c=c5,A=A5,B=B5,C=C5,R=R5,Lambda)):
[> N:=e0^2+e1^2+e2^2+e3^2:
[> Phi:=e0*f0+e1*f1+e2*f2+e3*f3:
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[> Delta21:=Lambda2-Lambda1:

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[> Delta31:=Lambda3-Lambda1:
[> Delta41:=Lambda4-Lambda1:
[> Delta51:=Lambda5-Lambda1:
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[> # Elimination of f0,f1,f2,f3
[> solve({Phi,Delta21,Delta41,Delta51},{f0,f1,f2,f3}):
[> assign(%);
[> G1:=numer(simplify(Lambda1)):nops(%);degree(G1,{e0,e1,e2,e3});
[> G3:=numer(simplify(Delta31)):nops(%);degree(G3,{e0,e1,e2,e3});
[> H3:=factor(resultant(G3,N,e0)):nops(%);
[> H1:=factor(resultant(G1,N,e0))/4096:nops(%);
[> K:=op(1,H1):nops(%);
[> # Substitution of e3^2 by e3_ in K and H3 which yields H3_ and
K_
[> H3_:=coeff(H3,e3,4)*e3_^2+coeff(H3,e3,2)*e3_+coeff(H3,e3,0):
[> K_:=coeff(K,e3,8)*e3_^4+coeff(K,e3,6)*e3_^3+coeff(K,e3,4)*e3_^2+
coeff(K,e3,2)*e3_+coeff(K,e3,0):
[>
[> L:=simplify(resultant(H3_,K_,e3_)):nops(%);
[> UV:=factor(simplify(L/(-1048576)/e1^4/e2^4/a^2/B/(b4-b5)/((B*b2+
b4-b5)^2))):nops(%);
[> U:=op(1,UV):nops(%);
[> V:=op(2,UV):nops(%);
[> # We show that V is a pseudo solution by the following example:
[> a:=2:b2:=5:b3:=3:b4:=7:b5:=11:
[> R1:=13:R2:=17:R3:=19:R4:=23:R5:=29:
[>
[> G13:=simplify(resultant(simplify(G1),simplify(G3),e0)):
[>
[> # Substitution of e3^2 by e3_ in G13 yields G13_
[> G13_:=coeff(G13,e3,16)*e3_^8+coeff(G13,e3,14)*e3_^7+
coeff(G13,e3,12)*e3_^6+coeff(G13,e3,10)*e3_^5+
coeff(G13,e3,8)*e3_^4+coeff(G13,e3,6)*e3_^3+
coeff(G13,e3,4)*e3_^2+coeff(G13,e3,2)*e3_+coeff(G13,e3,0):

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> gcd(resultant(G13_, simplify(K_), e3_),
      resultant(G13_, simplify(H3_), e3_));
1427247692705959881058285969449495136382746624

$$(625 B^4 - 2000 B^3 + 2400 B^2 - 1280 B + 256)^2 B^2 e1^7 e2^4 (3696 B^2 e1^4 + 9848 B^2 e1^3 e2$$


$$- 14425 B^2 e1^2 e2^2 - 9848 B^2 e1 e2^3 + 3696 B^2 e2^4 + 3792 B e1^4 - 13168 B e1^3 e2$$


$$- 504 B e1^2 e2^2 + 13168 B e1 e2^3 + 3792 B e2^4 + 960 e1^4 - 960 e1^3 e2 - 1680 e1^2 e2^2$$


$$+ 960 e1 e2^3 + 960 e2^4)$$

> factor(V);

$$68501504 B^6 e1^4 + 585515008 B^6 e1^3 e2 + 1346052096 B^6 e1^2 e2^2 - 585515008 B^6 e1 e2^3$$


$$+ 68501504 B^6 e2^4 - 229195776 B^5 e1^4 - 2560827392 B^5 e1^3 e2$$


$$- 10657035264 B^5 e1^2 e2^2 + 2560827392 B^5 e1 e2^3 - 229195776 B^5 e2^4$$


$$+ 115998720 B^4 e1^4 - 810762240 B^4 e1^3 e2 + 28947865600 B^4 e1^2 e2^2$$


$$+ 810762240 B^4 e1 e2^3 + 115998720 B^4 e2^4 - 1376583680 B^3 e1^4$$


$$+ 14789181440 B^3 e1^3 e2 - 26377912320 B^3 e1^2 e2^2 - 14789181440 B^3 e1 e2^3$$


$$- 1376583680 B^3 e2^4 + 4583915520 B^2 e1^4 - 14115799040 B^2 e1^3 e2$$


$$- 5020057600 B^2 e1^2 e2^2 + 14115799040 B^2 e1 e2^3 + 4583915520 B^2 e2^4$$


$$- 2319974400 B e1^4 - 2359296000 B e1^3 e2 + 8683520000 B e1^2 e2^2$$


$$+ 2359296000 B e1 e2^3 - 2319974400 B e2^4 + 131072000 e1^4 + 1205862400 e1^3 e2$$


$$+ 996147200 e1^2 e2^2 - 1205862400 e1 e2^3 + 131072000 e2^4$$

> a:='a':b2:='b2':b3:='b3':b4:='b4':b5:='b5':
> R1:='R1':R2:='R2':R3:='R3':R4:='R4':R5:='R5':
>
> # Therefore U=0 has to hold:
>
> U40:=factor(coeff(coeff(U,e1,4),e2,0)):
> U31:=factor(coeff(coeff(U,e1,3),e2,1)):
> U22:=factor(coeff(coeff(U,e1,2),e2,2)):
> U13:=factor(coeff(coeff(U,e1,1),e2,3)):
> U04:=factor(coeff(coeff(U,e1,0),e2,4)):
>
> simplify(U40-U04);
0
> simplify(U31+U13);
0
> W1:=simplify(U40/((b2+b3)^2)):nops(%);
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> W2:=simplify(U31/((b2+b3))):nops(%);
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> W3:=U22:nops(%);

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[> # Discussing b2=-b3
[> b3:=-b2:
[> factor(simplify(W3));
[> b3:='b3':
[>
[> # Therefore W1=W2=W3=0 has to hold, which is discussed next:
[>
[> E1:=simplify(resultant(W2,W3,b5)):
[> E2:=simplify(resultant(W1,W3,b5)):
[> E3:=simplify(resultant(W1,W2,b5)):
[>
[> GCD:=factor(gcd(gcd(E1,E2),E3));

$$16(b2 - b3)(b2 + b3)^2(a^2 b2^2 + a^2 b3^2 - 2 a b2^2 b3 + 2 a b2 b3^2 + 2 b2^2 b3^2 - 2 b2^2 b3 b4 + b2^2 b4^2 - 2 b2 b3^2 b4 + b3^2 b4^2)B^4 a b2 b3$$

[> T:=a^2*b2^2+a^2*b3^2-2*a*b2^2*b3+2*a*b2*b3^2+2*b2^2*b3^2-2*b2^2*b3*b4+b2^2*b4^2-2*b2*b3^2*b4+b3^2*b4^2;

$$a^2 b2^2 + a^2 b3^2 - 2 a b2^2 b3 + 2 a b2 b3^2 + 2 b2^2 b3^2 - 2 b2^2 b3 b4 + b2^2 b4^2 - 2 b2 b3^2 b4 + b3^2 b4^2$$

[> # Disussion of the GCD
[>
[> # Item 1
[> b2:=0:
[> factor(W1);
[> -B b3^2 (b4 - b5) (a + b5) (B a + a + b4)
[>
[> # (a)
[> b5:=-a:
[> factor(W2);
[> 4 B (a + b4) a b3^3 (B a + a + b4)
[> b4:=solve(B*a+a+b4,b4);
[> -B a - a
[> factor(W3);
[> 8 B^2 a^3 b3^4 (B^2 + 2 B + 2)
[> solve(B^2+2*B+2,B);
[> -1 + I, -1 - I
[> b4:='b4':b5:='b5':
[>
[> # (b)
[> b4:=solve(B*a+a+b4,b4);
[> -B a - a
[> factor(W2);

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$$-2 B a b3^3 (a + b5) (B^2 + 2 B + 2) (B a + a + b5)$$

[> b4:='b4':b2:='b2':
[>
[> # Item 2
[> # Case b3=0
[> b3:=0:
[> factor(W1);

$$B b2^2 (b4 - b5) (a - b5) (B a - a + b4)$$

[> # (a)
[> b5:=a:
[> factor(W2);

$$-4 B (a - b4) a b2^3 (B a - a + b4)$$

[> b4:=solve(B*a-a+b4,b4);

$$-B a + a$$

[> factor(W3);

$$8 B^2 a^3 b2^4 (B^2 - 2 B + 2)$$

[> solve(B^2-2*B+2,B);

$$1 + I, 1 - I$$

[> b4:='b4':b5:='b5':
[>
[> # (b)
[> b4:=solve(B*a-a+b4,b4);

$$-B a + a$$

[> factor(W2);

$$2 B a b2^3 (a - b5) (B^2 - 2 B + 2) (B a - a + b5)$$

[> b4:='b4':b2:='b2':
[>
[> # Case b3=b2
[> b3:=b2:
[> factor(W1);

$$4 B b2^2 (b4 - b5) (b2 - b5) (B a - b2 + b4)$$

[>
[> # (a)
[> b5:=b2:
[> factor(W2);

$$-16 B (b2 - b4) a b2^3 (B a - b2 + b4)$$

[> b4:=solve(B*a-b2+b4,b4);

$$-B a + b2$$

[> factor(W3);

$$64 B^2 a^3 b2^4 (B^2 + 1)$$

[> solve(B^2+1,B);

$$I, -I$$

[> b4:='b4':b5:='b5':
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[ >
[ > # (b)
[ > b4:=solve(B*a-b2+b4,b4);
[ > factor(W2);
[ > -B a + b2
[ > b4:='b4':b3:='b3':
[ >
[ > # Item 3
[ > Sol_a:=solve(T,a);

$$\frac{b_2^2 b_3 I - (I) b_2^2 b_4 + b_2 b_3^2 I - (I) b_3^2 b_4 - b_2^2 b_3 + b_2 b_3^2}{b_2^2 + b_3^2},$$


$$\frac{b_2^2 b_3 I - (I) b_2^2 b_4 + b_2 b_3^2 I - (I) b_3^2 b_4 + b_2^2 b_3 - b_2 b_3^2}{b_2^2 + b_3^2}$$

[ >
[ > # (a) Discussion of the first branch of a
[ > a:=Sol_a[1]:
[ > b4:=solve(coeff(numer(a),I,1),b4);

$$\frac{b_2 b_3 (b_2 + b_3)}{b_2^2 + b_3^2}$$

[ > factor(gcd(gcd(numer(simplify(W1)),numer(simplify(W2))),numer(simplify(W1)))):
[ > J:=simplify(%/b2/b3/(b2-b3)):nops(%);
[ > 45
[ > Sol_b5:=solve(J,b5):
[ >
[ > # (i) Discussion of the first branch of b5
[ > b5:=Sol_b5[1];

$$(-(2 I) B b_2^3 + 2 I B b_2^2 b_3 - (I) B^2 b_3^3 - (2 I) B b_3^3 - 2 B^2 b_2^3 - 2 B^2 b_2^2 b_3 - 2 B^2 b_2 b_3^2 - 2 B^2 b_3^3 + 2 I B b_2 b_3^2 + B^2 b_2^2 b_3 I - (I) B^2 b_2 b_3^2 + B^2 b_2^3 I + 2 B b_2^3 - 2 B b_2^2 b_3 + 2 B b_2 b_3^2 - 2 B b_3^3 - 2 b_2^3 - 2 b_2^2 b_3 - 2 b_2 b_3^2 - 2 b_3^3) b_3 b_2 \neq (B^2 b_2^2 + 2 B^2 b_2 b_3 + B^2 b_3^2 - 2 B b_2^2 + 2 B b_3^2 + 2 b_2^2 + 2 b_3^2) (b_2^2 + b_3^2))$$

[ > solve(coeff(numer(b5),I,1),B);

$$0, \frac{2 (b_2 - b_3)}{b_2 + b_3}$$

[ > B:=(2*(b2-b3))/(b2+b3):
[ > factor(simplify(H3_));

$$\frac{256 (b_2 - b_3)^4 e_2^2 e_1^2 b_2^2 b_3^2}{(b_2^2 + b_3^2)^2}$$


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[> # The two possibilites e1=0 or e2=0 imply the same condition
[> e1:=0:
[> factor(K_);

$$\frac{4 e3_-^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4 e2^4 b2^4 b3^2}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$

[> e1:='e1':
[> e2:=0:
[> factor(K_);

$$\frac{4 e1^4 b3^2 b2^4 (e1^2 + e3_-)^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$

[> e2:='e2':
[> solve(b2^2-b2*b3+2*b3^2,b3);

$$\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} I 7^{(1/2)}\right) b2, \left(\frac{1}{4} - \left(\frac{1}{4} I\right) 7^{(1/2)}\right) b2$$

[> B:='B':b5:='b5':
[>
[> # (ii) Discussion of the second branch of b5
[> b5:=Sol_b5[2];

$$(-(2 I) B b2^3 + 2 I B b2^2 b3 - (I) B^2 b3^3 - (2 I) B b3^3 + 2 B^2 b2^3 + 2 B^2 b2^2 b3 + 2 B^2 b2 b3^2 + 2 B^2 b3^3 + 2 I B b2 b3^2 + B^2 b2^2 b3 I - (I) B^2 b2 b3^2 + B^2 b2^3 I - 2 B b2^3 + 2 B b2^2 b3 - 2 B b2 b3^2 + 2 B b3^3 + 2 b2^3 + 2 b2^2 b3 + 2 b2 b3^2 + 2 b3^3) b3 b2 / ((B^2 b2^2 + 2 B^2 b2 b3 + B^2 b3^2 - 2 B b2^2 + 2 B b3^2 + 2 b2^2 + 2 b3^2) (b2^2 + b3^2))$$

[> solve(coeff(numér(b5), I, 1), B);

$$0, \frac{2 (b2 - b3)}{b2 + b3}$$

[> B:=(2*(b2-b3))/(b2+b3):
[> factor(simplify(H3_));

$$\frac{256 (b2 - b3)^4 e2^2 b2^2 b3^2 e1^2}{(b2^2 + b3^2)^2}$$

[> e1:=0:
[> factor(K_);

$$\frac{4 e3_-^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4 e2^4 b2^4 b3^2}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$

[> e1:='e1':
[> e2:=0:
[> factor(K_);

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$$\frac{4(e1^2 + e3_-)^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4 b2^4 b3^2 e1^4}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$


[> e2:='e2':;
[> B:='B':b5:='b5':a:='a':b4:='b4':;
[>
[> # (b) Discussion of the second branch of a
[> a:=Sol_a[2];
[> b4:=solve(coeff(numer(a), I, 1), b4);

$$\frac{b2 b3 (b2 + b3)}{b2^2 + b3^2}$$

[> factor(gcd(gcd(numer(simplify(W1)), numer(simplify(W2))), numer(simplify(W1)))):
[> J:=simplify(%/b2/b3/(b2-b3)):nops(%);

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[> Sol_b5:=solve(J, b5):
[>
[> # (i) Discussion of the first branch of b5
[> b5:=Sol_b5[1];

$$-(-(2 I) B b2^3 + 2 I B b2^2 b3 - (I) B^2 b3^3 - (2 I) B b3^3 - 2 B^2 b2^3 - 2 B^2 b2^2 b3 - 2 B^2 b2 b3^2 - 2 B^2 b3^3 + 2 I B b2 b3^2 + B^2 b2^2 b3 I - (I) B^2 b2 b3^2 + B^2 b2^3 I + 2 B b2^3 - 2 B b2^2 b3 + 2 B b2 b3^2 - 2 B b3^3 - 2 b2^3 - 2 b2^2 b3 - 2 b2 b3^2 - 2 b3^3) b3 b2 / ((B^2 b2^2 + 2 B^2 b2 b3 + B^2 b3^2 - 2 B b2^2 + 2 B b3^2 + 2 b2^2 + 2 b3^2) (b2^2 + b3^2))$$

[> solve(coeff(numer(b5), I, 1), B);

$$0, \frac{2 (b2 - b3)}{b2 + b3}$$

[> B:=(2*(b2-b3))/(b2+b3):
[> factor(simplify(H3_));

$$\frac{256 (b2 - b3)^4 e2^2 e1^2 b2^2 b3^2}{(b2^2 + b3^2)^2}$$

[> e1:=0:
[> factor(K_);

$$\frac{4 e3_-^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4 e2^4 b2^4 b3^2}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$

[> e1:='e1':;
[> e2:=0:
[> factor(K_);
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$$\frac{4(e1^2 + e3_)^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4 b2^4 b3^2 e1^4}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$

> e2:='e2':
> B:='B':b5:='b5':
>
> # (ii) Discussion of the second branch of b5
> b5:=Sol_b5[2];

$$(-(2 I) B b2^3 + 2 I B b2^2 b3 - (I) B^2 b3^3 - (2 I) B b3^3 + 2 B^2 b2^3 + 2 B^2 b2^2 b3 + 2 B^2 b2 b3^2 + 2 B^2 b3^3 + 2 I B b2 b3^2 + B^2 b2^2 b3 I - (I) B^2 b2 b3^2 + B^2 b2^3 I - 2 B b2^3 + 2 B b2^2 b3 - 2 B b2 b3^2 + 2 B b3^3 + 2 b2^3 + 2 b2^2 b3 + 2 b2 b3^2 + 2 b3^3) b3 b2 / ((B^2 b2^2 + 2 B^2 b2 b3 + B^2 b3^2 - 2 B b2^2 + 2 B b3^2 + 2 b2^2 + 2 b3^2) (b2^2 + b3^2))$$

> solve(coeff(numer(b5), I, 1), B);

$$0, \frac{2(b2 - b3)}{b2 + b3}$$

> B:=(2*(b2-b3)) / (b2+b3):
> factor(simplify(H3_));

$$\frac{256 (b2 - b3)^4 e2^2 e1^2 b2^2 b3^2}{(b2^2 + b3^2)^2}$$

> e1:=0:
> factor(K_);

$$\frac{4 e3_-^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4 e2^4 b2^4 b3^2}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$

> e1:='e1':
> e2:=0:
> factor(K_);

$$\frac{4(e1^2 + e3_)^2 (b2^2 - b2 b3 + 2 b3^2)^2 (b2 - b3)^4 b2^4 b3^2 e1^4}{(b2 + b3)^2 (b3 I + b2)^4 (b3 I - b2)^4}$$

> e2:='e2':
> B:='B':b5:='b5':a:='a':b4:='b4':
> # This closes Item 3
>
> # Therefore we can assume GCD different from zero
> E1_star:=numer(factor(simplify(E1/(GCD^1)))):nops(%);

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> E2_star:=numer(factor(simplify(E2/(GCD^1)))):nops(%);

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> E3_star:=numer(factor(simplify(E3/(GCD^1)))):nops(%);

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[> D1:=factor(resultant(E2_star,E3_star,B)):  
[> D2:=factor(resultant(E1_star,E3_star,B)):  
[> D3:=factor(resultant(E1_star,E2_star,B)):  
[>  
[> gcd(gcd(D1,D2),D3);  
32768 a b2 b3 (b2 - b3) (b2 + b3)20 (a2 b22 + a2 b32 - 2 a b22 b3 + 2 a b2 b32 + 2 b22 b32  
- 2 b22 b3 b4 + b22 b42 - 2 b2 b32 b4 + b32 b42)  
> GCD;  
16 (b2 - b3) (b2 + b3)2 (a2 b22 + a2 b32 - 2 a b22 b3 + 2 a b2 b32 + 2 b22 b32  
- 2 b22 b3 b4 + b22 b42 - 2 b2 b32 b4 + b32 b42) B4 a b2 b3  
> # This finishes the discussion of the general case.  
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