

$\varphi: X \dashrightarrow Y$ If φ is dominant, $\varphi^*: K(Y) \rightarrow K(X)$
 K -homom.

$X \xrightarrow{\varphi} Y \xrightarrow{\psi} Z$ φ dom. $\Rightarrow \psi \circ \varphi$ is a rational map

Def. φ is rational if φ is dominant, $\exists \psi: Y \dashrightarrow X$
 dom. s.t. $\psi \circ \varphi = 1_X$ as rational maps.
 $\varphi \circ \psi = 1_Y$

If $\mu: K(Y) \rightarrow K(X)$ is a K -homom. $\Rightarrow \exists \mu^\# : X \dashrightarrow Y$
 rat. dom. s.t. $\mu = (\mu^\#)^*$

Thm $\varphi: X \dashrightarrow Y$ is a rational map.

The following are equivalent:

1) φ is rational

2) $K(Y) \xrightarrow[\varphi^*]{\sim} K(X)$ is an isomorphism

Pf. φ rat. $\Rightarrow \exists \psi: \dots$

φ^*, ψ^* are isom. $K(Y) \cong K(X)$

If $\varphi^*: K(Y) \rightarrow K(X)$ is an isom. we
 have functoriality of the construction of $\#$
 $\Rightarrow \varphi$ is also an isom.

Thm - X, Y quasi-proj. varieties. TFAE:

1) X, Y are lincational

2) $K(X), K(Y)$ are isomorphic

3) $\exists U \subseteq X, V \subseteq Y$ open $\neq \emptyset$ s.t. $U \cong V$: isomorphic.

(U, V are dense)

Pf 1) $\Leftrightarrow$ 2)

1) $\Rightarrow$ 3) $X \xrightarrow{\varphi} Y$ lincational; $Y \xrightarrow{\psi} X$ $\psi = \bar{\varphi}^{-1}$
 $U' = \text{dom}(\varphi)$ $\text{dom} \psi = V'$

$U' \xrightarrow{\varphi} Y$

$U = \bar{\varphi}^{-1}(V') \xrightarrow{\varphi} U' \xrightarrow{\psi} X$ (the is well-defined and is the identity)

$\Rightarrow$ we have an isom. between $U = \bar{\varphi}^{-1}(V')$ and $\varphi(U)$
 $U \cong \varphi(U)$

Similarly if we start from $\psi: Y \rightarrow X$

3) $\Rightarrow$ 2) $U \cong V$ open non-empty $K(U) \cong K(X)$
 $\begin{matrix} \eta_1 & \eta_2 \\ X & Y \end{matrix}$ $K(U) \cong K(Y)$

$\Rightarrow K(X) \cong K(Y)$

Consequence $\mathbb{P}_K^n, \mathbb{A}_K^n$ are birational because
 $\mathbb{A}_K^n \simeq U_0 \subseteq \mathbb{P}_K^n$ open in $\mathbb{P}_K^n$

Examples

$\varphi: \mathbb{P}^1 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ rational map (here instead of $\mathbb{P}^n$ we could take X quasi-proj.)

Then $\text{dom } \varphi = \mathbb{P}^1$ i.e. φ is in fact regular

Pf. $\exists$ an open subset of $\mathbb{P}^1 \cup$ where

$\varphi = [F_0, \dots, F_n], F_0, \dots, F_n$ homog. pol. of deg $d \geq 1$ in $K[x_0, x_1]$; we can assume $F_0, \dots, F_n$ don't have

any common factor. $P \in \mathbb{P}^1$ at least one F_i $F_i(P) \neq 0 \Rightarrow \varphi_i$ is regular at P

$\boxed{F_0(P) = \dots = F_n(P) = 0} \Rightarrow F_i \in \mathcal{I}(P) =$

$= \langle a_1 x_0 - a_0 x_1 \rangle$

$\mathbb{P}[a_0, a_1]$

$\text{rk} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 \\ x_0 & x_1 \end{pmatrix} < 2$

$a_1 x_0 - a_0 x_1$: homogenization of the eq. of P in A^1

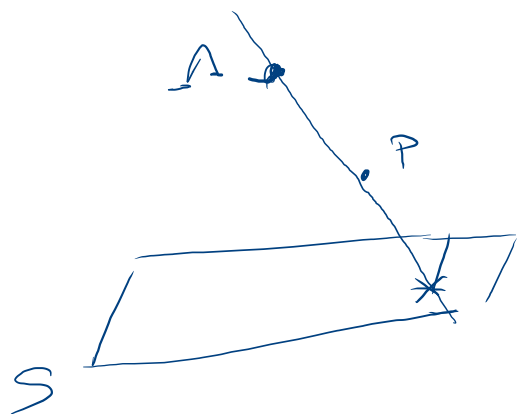
$\Rightarrow F_0, \dots, F_n$ are all multiples of $a_1 x_0 - a_0 x_1$:

contradiction because $F_0, \dots, F_n$ are coprime.

This can be extended to rational maps whose domain is a smooth curve

2) Projections

$\mathbb{P}(V) = \mathbb{P}^n$ Fix a linear subspace $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n$, fix a linear space complementary to Λ : S
 Ex. Λ a point, S a hyperplane: $\Lambda \not\subseteq S$
 $\Lambda = \mathbb{P}(W)$, $S = \mathbb{P}(U)$
 $V = W \oplus U$ $n+1 = r+1 + s+1$
 $\dim \Lambda = r$, $\Rightarrow \dim S = n - r - 1 = s$
 $\langle \Lambda \cup S \rangle = \mathbb{P}^n$

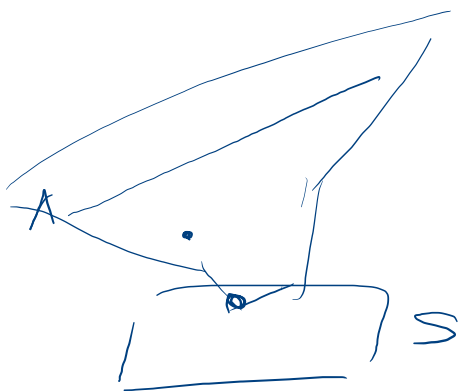


π_Λ projection of centre Λ to S is
 $\pi_\Lambda: \mathbb{P}^n \setminus \Lambda \longrightarrow S$

$P \longrightarrow \langle \Lambda \cup P \rangle \cap S$: one point because of
 farinacci relation

$$\dim \langle \Lambda \cup P \rangle = r+1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \langle \Lambda \cup P \rangle \cap S &= \dim \langle \Lambda \cup P \rangle + \dim S - \dim \langle \Lambda \cup P \cup S \rangle \\ &= r+1 + s - n = \\ &= r+1 + (n-r-1) - n = 0 \end{aligned}$$



$$\pi_\Lambda: \mathbb{P}^n \setminus \Lambda \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-r-1} \quad r = \dim \Lambda$$

this defines a rational map $\pi_\Lambda: \mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-r-1}$

We have to check that $\pi_\Lambda: \mathbb{P}^n \setminus \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-r-1}$ is regular

We can fix homogeneous coordinates s.t.

$$\Lambda = \langle E_{n-r}, \dots, E_n \rangle \quad \boxed{x_0 = x_1 = \dots = x_{n-r-1} = 0}$$

$$S = \langle E_0, \dots, E_{n-r-1} \rangle : x_{n-r} = \dots = x_n = 0$$

$$\pi_\Lambda([a_0, \dots, a_n]) = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-r-1}, 0, \dots, 0]$$

$$\mathbb{P}^n \setminus \Lambda \rightarrow S \quad \Lambda$$

$$\Lambda = \{ [0, \dots, 0, \underset{n-r-1}{x_{n-r}}, \dots, x_n] \} \quad \langle \Lambda \cup P \rangle$$

$$\{ [\lambda a_0, \dots, \lambda a_{n-r-1}, \lambda a_{n-r} + x_{n-r}, \dots, \lambda a_n + x_n] \} \cap S =$$

$$= \{ [\lambda a_0, \dots, \lambda a_{n-r-1}, 0, \dots, 0] \}$$

π_Λ is regular on $\mathbb{P}^n \setminus \Lambda$ because def. by
homog. polynomial $x_0, \dots, x_{n-r-1}, 0, \dots, 0$

In general: Λ is def by $L_0 = \dots = L_{n-r-1} = 0$

where $L_0, \dots, L_{n-r-1}$ are linearly indep linear forms
 we can take $S: L_{n-r} = \dots = L_n = 0$ where
 $L_0, \dots, L_{n-r-1}, \dots, L_n$ are linearly indep. or
 a basis for V^*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_\Lambda: \mathbb{P}^n & \dashrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^{n-r-1} \simeq S \\ \downarrow & & \\ P & \longrightarrow & [L_0(P), \dots, L_{n-r-1}(P)] \\ \uparrow & & \\ \Lambda & & \end{array}$$

On S $L_0, \dots, L_{n-r-1}$ can be interpreted as coordinates.

If we have a rational map $m \leq n$

$$\varphi: \mathbb{P}^n \xrightarrow{[L_0, \dots, L_m]} \mathbb{P}^m$$

indep. $\Rightarrow \varphi$ is a projection; the centre is

Λ , the set of zeros of $L_0, \dots, L_m$

$\mathbb{P}^n$

$\varphi: \mathbb{P}^n [L_0, \dots, L_m] \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^m$ given by linear forms $L_0, \dots, L_m$

If $L_0, \dots, L_m$ are lin. dep., we can assume that $L_0, \dots, L_s$ are lin. indep. and a basis for the linear subspace of V^* gen. by $L_0, \dots, L_m$

$L_{s+1}, \dots, L_m$ are linear combinations of $L_0, \dots, L_s$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{P}^n [L_0, \dots, L_m] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{P}^m \\ \downarrow [L_0, \dots, L_s] & \nearrow \text{regular} & \\ \mathbb{P}^s & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{P}^m \end{array}$$

~~injective~~

$$[x_0, \dots, x_s, a_{10}x_0 + \dots + a_{1s}x_s, \dots, a_{m-s,0}x_0 + \dots + a_{m-s,s}x_s]$$

where

$$L_{s+1} = a_{10}L_0 + \dots + a_{1s}L_s$$

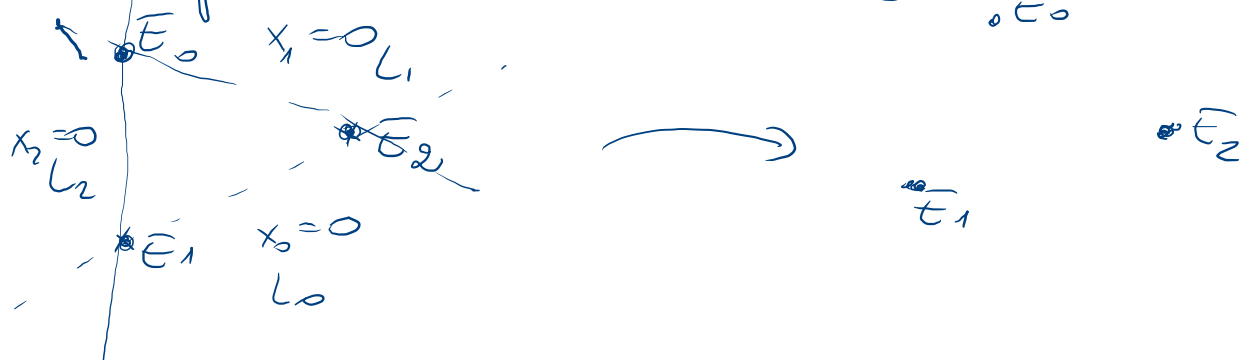
$$L_m = a_{m-s,0}L_0 + \dots + a_{m-s,s}L_s$$

$$m = s + (m-s)$$

$Q: \mathbb{P}^2 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \quad [x_0, x_1, x_2] \longrightarrow [\underline{x_1 x_2}, \underline{x_0 x_2}, \underline{x_0 x_1}]$
 composition of Veronese map and a projection; the center is a $\mathbb{P}^1$ -plane of equations $z_1 = z_2 = z_4 = 0$

$[z_0, \dots, z_5]$
 $\begin{matrix} z_0^2 & & z_5^2 \\ x_0^2 & & x_2^2 \end{matrix}$
 $\begin{cases} x_1 x_2 = 0 \\ x_0 x_2 = 0 \\ x_0 x_1 = 0 \end{cases}$
 $x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_2 = 0 \\ x_0 = 0 \end{cases}$
 The solutions are $E_0[1\ 0\ 0]$, $E_1[0\ 1\ 0]$, $E_2[0\ 0\ 1]$

Q is regular on $\mathbb{P}^2 \setminus \{E_0 \cup E_1 \cup E_2\}$



$[x_0, x_1, x_2]$
 $x_0 x_1 x_2 \neq 0$
 $U = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus \{L_0 \cup L_1 \cup L_2\} \quad Q: U \longrightarrow U \quad \text{regular}$

$Q \circ Q: [x_0, x_1, x_2] \longrightarrow [x_1 x_2, x_0 x_2, x_0 x_1] \longrightarrow [x_0^2 x_1 x_2, x_0 x_1^2 x_2, x_0 x_1 x_2^2] = [x_0, x_1, x_2]$

$Q \circ Q = 1_{\mathbb{P}^2}$ as rational map

$\Rightarrow Q$ is birational, $Q^{-1} = Q$

$Q: U \xrightarrow{\sim} U$ isomorphism

X quasi-projective variety $\text{Bir}(X) = \{ \varphi: X \dashrightarrow X \}$
 birational down maps

$\text{Bir}(X)$ group for composition

$\text{Aut}(X)$

$$\text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^2) \supseteq \text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^2) = \text{PGL}(3, K)$$

φ standard quadratic map

Max Noether: $\text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^2)$ is generated by $\text{PGL}(3, K)$ and φ

Enriques " the Cremona group

$$\underline{\text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^3)}, \underline{\text{Bir}(\mathbb{P}^n)}$$

Def. X quasi-projective variety

X is rational if it is birational to a projective

space. Equivalently: $K(X) \simeq K(\mathbb{P}^n)$ or

$$X \supseteq \bigcup_{\substack{U \text{ open} \\ U \neq \emptyset}} U \simeq V \subseteq \mathbb{P}^n \\ \neq \emptyset$$

$$\dim X = n$$

$$K(X) \simeq K(\mathbb{P}^n) \simeq K(A^n) = Q(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_n}_{\text{ind.}})$$

$$\varphi: X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$$

down

compos.

$$\psi: \mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow X$$

down

is ident.

$\mathbb{P}^m$

$$K(\underbrace{x_1, \dots, x_n}_{\substack{n \text{ algebraically} \\ \text{indep elem.}}} = \text{pure transcendental extension of } K$$

ψ is a parametrization of X
 birationally

Weaker definition: X is UNIRATIONAL if

$\exists \varphi: \mathbb{P}^n \dashrightarrow X$ rational dominant

LÜROTH Theorem: for curves "unirational" = "rational"

LÜROTH Problem: ¹⁸⁸⁰ can we extend Lüroth thm to $\dim > 1$?

Guido Castelnuovo: yes for surfaces if $\chi(K) = 0$.

¹⁸⁹⁴
 $n=3$? UGO MORIN, FANO, - - -

NO 1971 3 groups gave different counterexamples

Inkowskii - Manin

Clemens - Griffiths $\rightarrow$ cubic hypersurface in $\mathbb{P}^4$

$\rightarrow$ Artin - Mumford