

Consider the following

$$\mathbb{P}^2 \xleftarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{P}^2 \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$[X_0, X_1, X_0 X_2, X_1 X_2] \longleftarrow [X_0, X_1, X_2] \longrightarrow \left[\begin{aligned} &(b_0 X_2^2 + b_1 X_0 X_1 + b_2 X_0 X_2 + b_3 X_1 X_2) X_0 X_1, \\ &(c_0 X_1^2 + c_1 X_0 X_1 + c_2 X_0 X_2 + c_3 X_1 X_2) X_0 X_2, \\ &(d_0 X_0^2 + d_1 X_0 X_1 + d_2 X_0 X_2 + d_3 X_1 X_2) X_1 X_2 \end{aligned} \right]$$

Let $X_0 X_1 = A$, $X_0 X_2 = B$, $X_1 X_2 = C$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tilde{G}_3 X_0 X_1 &= (b_0 X_2^2 + b_1 X_0 X_1 + b_2 X_0 X_2 + b_3 X_1 X_2) X_0 X_1 \\ &= b_0 (X_0 X_2) (X_1 X_2) + b_1 A^2 + b_2 AB + b_3 AC \\ &= b_0 BC + b_1 A^2 + b_2 AB + b_3 AC. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}_2 X_0 X_2 &= (c_0 X_1^2 + c_1 X_0 X_1 + c_2 X_0 X_2 + c_3 X_1 X_2) X_0 X_2 \\ &= c_0 AC + c_1 AB + c_2 B^2 + c_3 BC \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}_1 X_1 X_2 &= (d_0 X_0^2 + d_1 X_0 X_1 + d_2 X_0 X_2 + d_3 X_1 X_2) X_1 X_2 \\ &= d_0 AB + d_1 AC + d_2 BC + d_3 C^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{\varphi} \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is a birational quadratic transformation.

$\Rightarrow \tilde{\varphi}$ is a composition of two quadratic transformations, since $\tilde{\varphi} \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is a quadratic transformation. \square

We will return later in this section to prove a structure theorem for birational maps on surfaces; before we do that, however, we need to know some more about curves on surfaces.