

$r \in E$ in the exceptional divisor to the point of intersection of \mathbb{P}^3 with $\langle L, r \rangle = \mathbb{P}^2$.

$\Rightarrow f_L(B_L)$ is a measure zero set in \mathbb{P}^3 , and since $f_L(\tilde{X}) = \mathbb{P}^3$ ($\because \tilde{X}$ is 3-dim and \mathbb{P}^3 is irreducible), for generic point $p \in \mathbb{P}^3$, $f_L^{-1}(p)$ is a single point $\Rightarrow f_L$ is generically one to one.

$\Rightarrow f_L$ is birational by the result on P493.

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A closer examination of f_L , in fact, tells us a good deal more about X . To begin with, note that if

$$\pi: \tilde{X}_L \rightarrow X$$

is the blow-up of X along L and $F = \pi^{-1}(L) \subset \tilde{X}_L$ the exceptional divisor of the blow-up, then f_L may be extended to a holomorphic map

$$\tilde{f}_L: \tilde{X}_L \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$$

by sending a point $(p, \eta) \in F$, corresponding to the normal vector η to L at p , to the point of intersection of V_η with the 2-plane spanned by L and any line through p representing the vector η — since η is defined as a tangent vector to X at p modulo tangent vectors to L at p , this is well-defined.