

is projectively isomorphic to the Veronese surface.

Comment: To show that the Veronese surface is the only nondegenerate surface in  $\mathbb{P}^5$  whose variety of chords  $C(S) = \bigcup_{P, Q \in S} \overline{PQ}$  is a subvariety of  $\mathbb{P}^5$ ,

we need to show that, given any surface  $V \subset \mathbb{P}^5$  whose degree is  $\geq 5$ ,  $C(V) = \mathbb{P}^5$  and if  $\deg V = 4$ ,  $V$  is a rational normal scroll with  $C(V) = \mathbb{P}^5$  (see P525. Proposition.)  $\square$

For references, see Hartshorne p316 Ex. 3.11 (a) & (b). and see P262. Yang. Complex Algebraic Geometry.  $\square$

One more comment:  $f: \mathbb{P}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$  is an embedding s.t.  $f(\mathbb{P}^2) = S$  is nondegenerate.

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $S \not\subset D = H$ ,  $f^*H$  is well-defined, see P132. By P134,  $f^*([H]) = [f^*H]$ .

$\Rightarrow f^*([H]) = n[H]$  for some  $n$ , since  $\mathbb{P}^2$  has a bundle of the unique type  $nH$ .

$\Rightarrow \deg S = (C_1(f^*H))^2 = k^2$ , for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

We may state the original question of this section as: Given  $L \rightarrow M$  a holomorphic line bundle, when is  $\tilde{L}: M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$  an embedding?