

Pick. $X_0 X_3^{d-1}, X_1 X_3^{d-1}, X_2 X_3^{d-1}, X_3^d, \dots, X_n^d \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_3^{d-1} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ X_3^{d-1} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ X_3^{d-1} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ dX_3^{d-1} \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ dX_n^{d-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Keep going \Rightarrow We always get a linearly independent set of $(n+1)$ -vectors, except $X_0 = X_1 = \dots = X_n = 0$.

\Rightarrow Thus the Veronese map is a smooth embedding.

Given a hypersurface V of degree d in \mathbb{P}^n ,

$\Rightarrow \exists$ a homogeneous polynomial F s.t. $(F=0)=V$
see p172.

$\Rightarrow F$ may be expressed as a linear combination of $\{Z^\alpha\}$, set of monomials, i.e. $\sum a_\alpha Z^\alpha = F$.

Let H be the hyperplane in $\mathbb{P}^{N=d+nC_n-1}$ defined by $\sum a_\alpha Z_\alpha = 0$.

$\Rightarrow V = \bar{\nu}_{dH}(\mathbb{P}^n) \cap H = (\sum a_\alpha Z^\alpha = F=0). \quad \square$

Here are a few cases:

1. The Veronese map

$$\bar{\nu}_{dH}: \mathbb{P}^1 \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{d+1} = \mathbb{P}^{1+dC_1-1}$$

is given, in terms of the Euclidean coordinate $t = Z_1/Z_0$ on \mathbb{P}^1 , by

$$t \longmapsto [1, t, t^2, \dots, t^d].$$