

from M to \mathbb{P}^n ; in fact — as we shall prove later in this section in case M is a surface — the converse is true: any rational map $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ is induced by a holomorphic map on a (possibly multiple) blow-up \tilde{M} of M .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{f \circ \pi^{-1}} & \mathbb{P}^n \\ \pi^{-1} \downarrow & \nearrow f & \\ \tilde{M} & & \end{array}$$

$f \circ \pi^{-1}: M - \{p\} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ is holomorphic. $\Rightarrow f \circ \pi^{-1}$ is rational.

See P510. proof of theorem ①. \square

3. As mentioned at the beginning of this section, the projection map

$$\pi_p: C - \{p\} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

of a curve $C \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ from a point p on C into a hyperplane in \mathbb{P}^n extends to a holomorphic map on all of C . In general, if $V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ is any variety, $p \in V$ any point, the projection map π_p of V from p to a hyperplane is a rational map. Indeed, π_p may always be extended to a holomorphic map on the blow-up \tilde{V} of V at p by sending a point $r \in E$ in the exceptional divisor to the point of intersection of \mathbb{P}^{n-1} with the tangent line to V at p corresponding to r .

\square Here p is a smooth point of V , since we deal with the blow-up at a smooth point. $\Rightarrow V \xrightarrow{\pi^{-1}} \tilde{V} \xrightarrow[\pi_p]{\tilde{\pi}_p} H$ is rational. \square