

We may illustrate the correspondence between maps to projective space and base-point-free linear systems with a classical example: the Veronese map associated to the line bundle dH on \mathbb{P}^n . We have seen that the global sections of dH correspond to homogeneous polynomials of degree d in $Z = [Z_0, Z_1, \dots, Z_n]$, so that if $\{Z^\alpha = Z_0^{\alpha_0} \dots Z_n^{\alpha_n}\}$ denotes the set of monomials of degree d in Z , then the Veronese map is given by

$$[Z_0, \dots, Z_n] \longmapsto [\dots, Z^\alpha, \dots].$$

$$\Gamma \quad \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n = d.$$

$$[Z_0, \dots, Z_n] \longmapsto [\dots, Z^\alpha, \dots] \in \mathbb{P}^{d+n \choose n} \text{ see p 166. } \rrbracket$$

It is easily verified that the Veronese map is a smooth embedding, with the property that every hypersurface of degree d in \mathbb{P}^n becomes a hyperplane section of $\bar{v}_{dH}(\mathbb{P}^n) \subset \mathbb{P}^N$.

Γ For simplicity, $n=1$.

$$[Z_0, Z_1] \xrightarrow{\phi} [Z_0^2, Z_0 Z_1, Z_1^2].$$

$$\text{Suppose } \phi([Z_0, Z_1]) = \phi([Z'_0, Z'_1])$$

$$\Rightarrow [Z_0^2, Z_0 Z_1, Z_1^2] = [Z_0'^2, Z_0' Z_1', Z_1'^2]$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_0^2 = \lambda Z_0'^2 \quad Z_0 Z_1 = \lambda Z_0' Z_1' \quad Z_1^2 = \lambda Z_1'^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Z_0^2}{Z_0 Z_1} = \frac{\lambda Z_0'^2}{\lambda Z_0' Z_1'} \Rightarrow \frac{Z_0}{Z_1} = \frac{Z_0'}{Z_1'} \Rightarrow \phi \text{ is one to one.}$$

$$\text{Clearly } \phi \text{ is smooth. } \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial Z_0} = (2Z_0, Z_1, 0)$$