

"Comment on the definition of a birational map"

① $f: M \rightarrow N$ birational if \exists an inverse rational map $g: N \rightarrow M$ s.t. $f \circ g = \text{id}$ as a rational map.

(*) Consider $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{P}^2$.

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \xrightarrow{i} \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2$$

$$\downarrow \alpha \longmapsto (\alpha, y), \quad y, \text{ fixed point of } \mathbb{P}^2.$$

$\Rightarrow \pi \circ i = \text{id} \Rightarrow$ As we can see easily, π is not generically one to one.

② $f: M \rightarrow N$ birational if \exists an inverse rational map $g: N \rightarrow M$ s.t. $f \circ g$ & $g \circ f$ are identities as rational maps.

(*) $\tilde{M} \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ is the blow-up of M at a point p .

$\Rightarrow \pi^{-1}: M - \{p\} \rightarrow \tilde{M}$ is an inverse rational map, s.t.

$\pi \circ \pi^{-1}: M - \{p\} \rightarrow M - \{p\}$. But $\pi^{-1} \circ \pi: \tilde{M} - E \rightarrow M - \{p\}$

$\rightarrow \tilde{M} - E$ is not a rational map since E has a codimension 1.

One possibility is the following:

A rational map $f: M \rightarrow N$ is birational if it is generically one to one.

4. If $\varphi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$ is any holomorphic map of a k -dimensional manifold to \mathbb{P}^n , the associated Gauss map

$$G: M^* \rightarrow G(k+1, n+1),$$