Surfaces

“仿造的又如何，当不成真正的勇者也无妨，即便如此，我也是勇者！”

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1 The first properties of surfaces

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1.1 Basic concepts

Definition 1.1. A *surface* is a two-dimensional integral scheme of finite type over an algebraically closed field $\Bbbk$. A *projective surface* is a surface that is projective over $\Bbbk$. A *smooth surface* is a surface that is smooth over $\Bbbk$. Yang: To be checked.

1.2 Riemann-Roch Theorem for surfaces

1.3 Hodge Index Theorem

2 Birational geometry on surfaces

Let $\Bbbk$ be an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic. Unless otherwise specified, all varieties are defined over $\Bbbk$.

2.1 Birational morphisms on surfaces

Let X be a smooth projective surface, $0 \in X(\Bbbk)$ and $\pi : \tilde{X} = \mathrm{Bl}_0 X \to X$ the blow-up of X at 0. Denote by E the exceptional divisor of π.

Proposition 2.1. We have $E^2 = -1$.

Proof. Yang: To be continued □

Proposition 2.2. We have $K_{\tilde{X}} = \pi^* K_X + E$.

Proof. We have the exact sequence

$$\Omega_{\tilde{X}} \to \pi^*\Omega_X \to \Omega_{\tilde{X}/X} \to 0.$$

Since both $\tilde{X}$ and X are smooth, $\Omega_{\tilde{X}}$ and Ω_X are locally free sheaves of rank 2. The kernel of the first map is of rank 0 and torsion, thus it is zero. Therefore, we have the short exact sequence

$$0 \to \Omega_{\tilde{X}} \to \pi^*\Omega_X \to \Omega_{\tilde{X}/X} \to 0.$$

By taking c_1, we only need to show that $c_1(\Omega_{\tilde{X}/X}) = E$.

For $\eta \in \tilde{X}$ of codimension 1, if $\eta \notin E$, then $(\Omega_{\tilde{X}/X})_\eta = \Omega_{\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X},\eta}/\mathcal{O}_{X,\pi(\eta)}} = 0$. Hence we only need to consider the case $\overline{\{\eta\}} = E$. Yang: To be continued □

Corollary 2.3. We have $K_{\tilde{X}}^2 = K_X^2 - 1$.

Proof. By Proposition 2.2, we have

$$K_{\tilde{X}}^2 = (\pi^*K_X + E)^2 = (\pi^*K_X)^2 + 2\pi^*K_X \cdot E + E^2 = K_X^2 + 0 - 1 = K_X^2 - 1.$$

□

Theorem 2.4. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a birational morphism between two smooth projective surfaces. Then f can be decomposed as a finite sequence of blow-ups at points.

Proof. Yang: To be continued □

2.2 Castelnuovo's Theorem

Definition 2.5. A (-1)-*curve* on a smooth projective surface X is an irreducible curve $C \subseteq X$ such that $C \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ and $C^2 = -1$.

Remark 2.6. Let C be a (-1)-curve on a smooth projective surface X. Then its numerical class $[C] \in \mathrm{N}_1(X)$ spans an extremal ray of $\mathsf{Psef}_1(X)$ such that $K_X \cdot C < 0$. Yang: To be revised.

Theorem 2.7 (Castelnuovo's contractibility criterion)**.** Let X be a smooth projective surface and $C \subseteq X$ an irreducible curve. Then there exists a birational morphism $f : X \to Y$ contracting C to a smooth point if and only if C is a (-1)-curve.

Proof. Yang: To be continued □

Definition 2.8. A *minimal surface* is a smooth projective surface that does not contain any (-1)-curves. Yang: To be checked.

2.3 Resolution of singularities on surfaces

Definition 2.9. A *resolution of singularities* of a projective surface X is a smooth projective surface $\widetilde{X}$ together with a birational and proper morphism $\pi : \widetilde{X} \to X$ such that π is an isomorphism over the smooth locus of X. Yang: To be checked.

Theorem 2.10 (Resolution of singularities on surfaces)**.** Let X be a projective surface over an algebraically closed field $\Bbbk$. Then X admits a resolution of singularities. Yang: To be checked.

Definition 2.11. Let X be a projective surface. A *minimal resolution* of X is a resolution of singularities $\pi : \widetilde{X} \to X$ such that for any other resolution of singularities $\pi' : \widetilde{X}' \to X$, there exists a morphism $f : \widetilde{X}' \to \widetilde{X}$ such that π' factors as $\pi' = \pi \circ f$.

Proposition 2.12. Let X be a projective surface. Then X admits a unique minimal resolution of singularities.

Proof. Yang: To be continued □

3 Coarse classification of surfaces

Let $\Bbbk$ be an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic. Unless otherwise specified, all varieties are defined over $\Bbbk$.

Let X be a smooth projective surface over an algebraically closed field $\Bbbk$. We want to classify X up to birational equivalence. Let K_X be the canonical divisor of X.

Theorem 3.1. Let X be a smooth projective surface over an algebraically closed field $\Bbbk$. Suppose that the Kodaira dimension $\kappa(X) \geq 0$. Then the linear system $|12K_X|$ is base point free. Yang: To be checked.

3.1 Classification

Theorem 3.2 (Enriques-Kodaira classification)**.** Let X be a smooth projective surface over $\Bbbk$. Then X is birational to a unique minimal model X', unless X is birational to a ruled surface. Moreover, the minimal model X' falls into one of the following classes:

(a) $\kappa(X') = -\infty$: $X' \cong \mathbb{P}^2$ or X' is a ruled surface;

(b) $\kappa(X') = 0$: X' is a K3 surface, an abelian surface or their quotients;

(c) $\kappa(X') = 1$: X' is an elliptic surface;

(d) $\kappa(X') = 2$: X' is a surface of general type.

Yang: To be checked.

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5 Ruled Surface

In this section, fix an algebraically closed field $\Bbbk$. This section is mainly based on [Har77, Chapter V.2].

5.1 Minimal Section and Classification

Definition 5.1 (Ruled surface)**.** A *ruled surface* is a smooth projective surface X together with a surjective morphism $\pi : X \to C$ to a smooth curve C such that all geometric fibers of π are isomorphic to $\mathbb{P}^1$.

Let $\pi : X \to C$ be a ruled surface over a smooth curve C of genus g.

Lemma 5.2. There exists a section of π.

Proof. Yang: To be continued... □

Proposition 5.3. Then there exists a vector bundle $\mathcal{E}$ of rank 2 on C such that $X \cong \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})$ over C.

Proof. Let $\sigma : C \to X$ be a section of π and D be its image. Let $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X(D)$ and $\mathcal{E} = \pi_*\mathcal{L}$. Since D is a section of π, $\mathcal{L}|_{X_t} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$ for any $t \in C$, whence $h^0(X_t, \mathcal{L}|_{X_t}) = 2$ for any $t \in C$. By Miracle Flatness (??), f is flat. By Grauert's Theorem (??), $\mathcal{E}$ is a vector bundle of rank 2 on C and we have a natural isomorphism $\mathcal{E} \otimes \kappa(t) \cong H^0(X_t, \mathcal{L}|_{X_t})$ for any $t \in C$.

This gives a surjective homomorphism

$$\mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_C} \kappa(t) \otimes_{\kappa(t)} \mathcal{O}_{X_t} \cong H^0(X_t, \mathcal{L}|_{X_t}) \otimes_{\kappa(t)} \mathcal{O}_{X_t} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}|_{X_t}.$$

For every $x \in X$, we have

$$\mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_C} \kappa(\pi(x)) \otimes_{\kappa(\pi(x))} \mathcal{O}_{X_{\pi(x)}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{\pi(x)}}} \kappa(x) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{L}|_{X_{\pi(x)}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{\pi(x)}}} \kappa(x).$$

Yang: The left side coincides with $\pi^*\mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \kappa(x)$ naturally. Hence by Nakayama's Lemma, the natural homomorphism $\pi^*\mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{L}$ is surjective.

By ??, we have a morphism $\varphi : X \to \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})$ over C such that $\mathcal{L} \cong \varphi^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})}(1)$. Since $\mathcal{L}|_{X_t} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$ for any $t \in C$, $\varphi|_{X_t} : X_t \to \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})_t$ is an isomorphism for any $t \in C$. Hence φ is bijection on the underlying sets. Yang: Here is a serious gap. Why fiberwise isomorphism implies isomorphism? □

Lemma 5.4. It is possible to write $X \cong \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})$ such that $H^0(C, \mathcal{E}) \neq 0$ but $H^0(C, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}) = 0$ for any line bundle $\mathcal{L}$ on C with $\deg \mathcal{L} < 0$. Such a vector bundle $\mathcal{E}$ is called a *normalized vector bundle*. In particular, if $\mathcal{E}$ is normalized, then $e = -\deg c_1(\mathcal{E})$ is an invariant of the ruled surface X.

Proof. We can suppose that $\mathcal{E}$ is globally generated since we can always twist $\mathcal{E}$ by a sufficiently ample line bundle on C. Then for all line bundle $\mathcal{L}$ of degree sufficiently large, $\mathcal{L}$ is very ample and hence $H^0(C, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}) \neq 0$. By Lemma 5.2 and ??, $\mathcal{E}$ is an extension of line bundles. Then for all line bundle $\mathcal{L}$ of degree sufficiently negative, $H^0(C, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}) = 0$ since line bundles of negative degree have no global sections. Hence we can find a line bundle $\mathcal{M}$ on C of lowest degree such that $H^0(C, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{M}) \neq 0$. Replacing $\mathcal{E}$ by $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{M}$, we are done. □

Remark 5.5. The invariant e is unique but the normalization of $\mathcal{E}$ is not unique. For example, if $\mathcal{E}$ is normalized, then so is $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}$ for any line bundle $\mathcal{L}$ on C of degree 0. Yang: To be continued...

Suppose that $X \cong \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})$ where $\mathcal{E}$ is a normalized vector bundle of rank 2 on C. Since $H^0(C, \mathcal{E}) \neq 0$, choosing a non-zero section s, we get an exact sequence

$$0 \to \mathcal{O}_C \xrightarrow{s} \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{E}/\mathcal{O}_C \to 0.$$

We claim that $\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{O}_C$ is a line bundle on C. Since C is a curve, we only need to check that $\mathcal{E}/\mathcal{O}_C$ is torsion-free.

Yang: To be continued...

Definition 5.6. A section C_0 of π is called a *minimal section* if Yang: to be continued...

Lemma 5.7. Let $X = \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E}) \to C$ be a ruled surface over a smooth curve C of genus g with invariant e and normalized $\mathcal{E}$.

(a) If $\mathcal{E}$ is decomposable, then $e \geq 0$ and $\mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{O}_C \oplus \mathcal{L}$ where $\mathcal{L}$ is a line bundle on C with $\deg \mathcal{L} = -e$.

(b) If $\mathcal{E}$ is indecomposable, then $-2g \leq e \leq 2g - 2$.

Proof. If $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{L}_1 \oplus \mathcal{L}_2$ is decomposable, we can assume that $H^0(C, \mathcal{L}_1) \neq 0$. If $\deg \mathcal{L}_1 > 0$, then $H^0(C, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}_1^{-1}) \neq 0$, contradicting the normalization of $\mathcal{E}$. Similarly $\deg \mathcal{L}_2 \leq 0$. Then $\mathcal{L}_1 \cong \mathcal{O}_C$.

And hence $e = -\deg c_1(\mathcal{E}) = -\deg \mathcal{L}_2 \geq 0$.

If $\mathcal{E}$ is indecomposable, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \to \mathcal{O}_C \to \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{L} \to 0$$

which is a non-trivial extension, with $\mathcal{L}$ a line bundle on C of degree $-e$. Hence by ??, we have $0 \neq \operatorname{Ext}^1_C(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{O}_C) \cong H^1(C, \mathcal{L}^{-1})$. By Serre duality, we have $H^1(C, \mathcal{L}^{-1}) \cong H^0(C, \mathcal{L} \otimes \omega_C)$. Hence $\deg(\mathcal{L} \otimes \omega_C) = 2g - 2 - e \geq 0$.

On the other hand, let $\mathcal{M}$ be a line bundle on C of degree -1. Twist the above exact sequence by $\mathcal{M}$ and take global sections, we have an equation

$$h^0(\mathcal{M}) - h^0(\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{M}) + h^0(\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{M}) - h^1(\mathcal{M}) + h^1(\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{M}) - h^1(\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{M}) = 0.$$

Since $\deg \mathcal{M} < 0$ and $\mathcal{E}$ is normalized, we have $h^0(\mathcal{M}) = h^0(\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{M}) = 0$. By Riemann-Roch, we have $h^1(\mathcal{M}) = g$ and $h^0(\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{M}) - h^1(\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{M}) = -e - 1 + 1 - g$. Hence

$$h^1(\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{M}) = e + 2g \geq 0.$$

This gives $e \geq -2g$. □

Theorem 5.8. Let $\pi : X \to C$ be a ruled surface over $C = \mathbb{P}^1$ with invariant e. Then $X \cong \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{O}_C \oplus \mathcal{O}_C(-e))$.

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Lemma 5.7. □

Example 5.9. Here we give an explicit description of the ruled surface $X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-e))$ for $e \geq 0$.

Let C be covered by two standard affine charts U_0, U_1 with coordinate u on U_0 and v on U_1 such that $u = 1/v$ on $U_0 \cap U_1$. On U_i, let $\mathcal{O}(-e)|_{U_i}$ be generated by s_i for $i = 0, 1$. We have $s_0 = u^e s_1$ on $U_0 \cap U_1$.

On $X_i = X_{U_i} \cong U_i \times \mathbb{P}^1$, let $[x_0 : x_1]$ and $[y_0 : y_1]$ be the homogeneous coordinates of $\mathbb{P}^1$ on X_0 and X_1 respectively. Then the transition function on $X_0 \cap X_1$ is given by

$$(u, [x_0 : x_1]) \mapsto (1/u, [x_0 : u^e x_1]).$$

Remark 5.10. The surface $X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-e))$ is also called the *Hirzebruch surface*.

Theorem 5.11. Let $\pi : X = \mathbb{P}_E(\mathcal{E}) \to E$ be a ruled surface over an elliptic curve E with invariant e and normalized $\mathcal{E}$.

(a) If $\mathcal{E}$ is indecomposable, then $e = 0$ or -1, and for each e there exists a unique such ruled surface up to isomorphism.

(b) If $\mathcal{E}$ is decomposable, then $e \geq 0$ and $\mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{O}_E \oplus \mathcal{L}$ where $\mathcal{L}$ is a line bundle on E with $\deg \mathcal{L} = -e$.

Proof. Only the indecomposable case needs a proof. By Lemma 5.7, we have $-2 \leq e \leq 0$ and a non-trivial extension

$$0 \to \mathcal{O}_E \to \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{L} \to 0$$

where $\mathcal{L}$ is a line bundle on E of degree $-e$.

Case 1. $e = 0$.

In this case, $\mathcal{L}$ is of degree 0 and $H^1(E, \mathcal{L}^{-1}) \cong H^0(E, \mathcal{L} \otimes \omega_E) \cong H^0(E, \mathcal{L}) \neq 0$. Hence $\mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{O}_E$.

Yang: To be continued...

Case 2. $e = -1$.

In this case, $\mathcal{L}$ is of degree 1 and $H^1(E, \mathcal{L}) \cong H^0(E, \mathcal{L}^{-1}) = 0$. By Riemann-Roch, we have $h^0(E, \mathcal{L}) = 1$.

Case 3. $e = -2$.

Yang: To be continued...

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Example 5.12. Yang: To be continued...

5.2 The Néron-Severi Group of Ruled Surfaces

Proposition 5.13. Let $\pi : X \to C$ be a ruled surface over a smooth curve C of genus g. Let C_0 be a minimal section of π and F a fiber of π. Then $\mathrm{Pic}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}[C_0] \oplus \pi^* \mathrm{Pic}(C)$.

Proof. Let D be any divisor on X with $D.F = a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $D - aC_0$ is numerically trivial on the fibers of π. Let $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X(D - aC_0)$. Then $\mathcal{L}|_{X_t} \cong \mathcal{O}_{X_t}$ for any $t \in C$. By Grauert's Theorem (??), $\pi_*\mathcal{L}$ is a line bundle on C Yang: and the natural map $\pi^*\pi_*\mathcal{L} \to \mathcal{L}$ is an isomorphism. □

Proposition 5.14. Let $\pi : X \to C$ be a ruled surface over a smooth curve C of genus g. Let C_0 be a minimal section of π and let F be a fiber of π. Then $K_X \sim -2C_0 + \pi^*(K_C - c_1(\mathcal{E}))$. Numerically, we have $K_X \equiv -2C_0 + (2g - 2 - e)F$ where e is the invariant of X. Yang: Check this carefully.

Proof. Yang: To be continued. □

Rational case. Let $\pi : X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(\mathcal{E}) \to \mathbb{P}^1$ be a ruled surface over $\mathbb{P}^1$ with $\mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-e)$ for some $e \geq 0$.

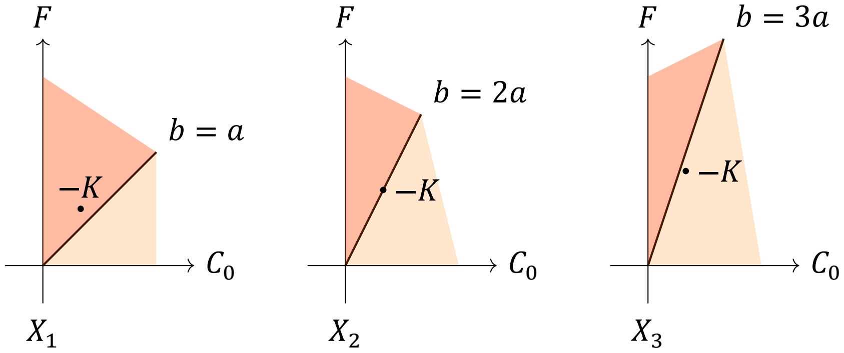
Theorem 5.15. Let $\pi : X \to \mathbb{P}^1$ be a ruled surface over $\mathbb{P}^1$ with invariant e. Let C_0 be a minimal section of π and let F be a fiber of π. Let $D \sim aC_0 + bF$ be a divisor on X with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(a) D is effective $\iff$ $a, b \geq 0$;

(b) D is ample $\iff$ D is very ample $\iff$ $a > 0$ and $b > ae$.

Proof. Yang: To be continued... □

Example 5.16. Here we draw the Néron-Severi group of the rational ruled surface $X_e = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(\mathcal{O} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-e))$ for $e = 1, 2, 3$.



We have $-K_{X_e} \equiv 2C_0 + (2+e)F$. For $e = 1$, $-K$ is ample and hence X_1 is a del Pezzo surface. For $e = 2$, $-K$ is nef and big but not ample. For $e \geq 3$, $-K$ is big but not nef.

Elliptic case. Let $\pi : X = \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E}) \to E$ be a ruled surface over an elliptic curve E with $\mathcal{E}$ a normalized vector bundle of rank 2 and degree $-e$.

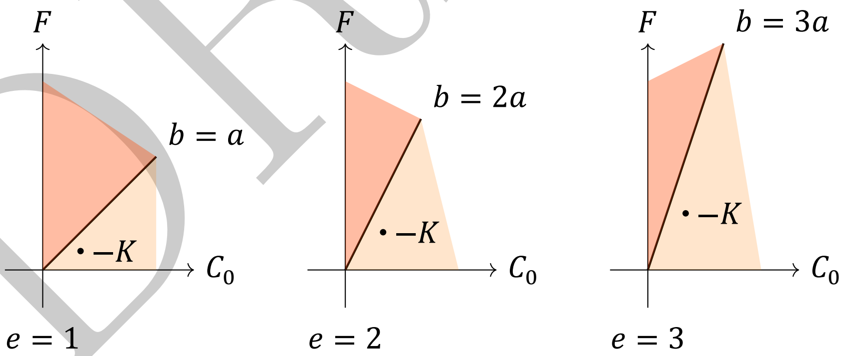
Theorem 5.17. Let $\pi : X \to E$ be a ruled surface over an elliptic curve E with invariant e. Assume that $\mathcal{E}$ is decomposable. Let C_0 be a minimal section of π and let F be a fiber of π. Let $D \equiv aC_0 + bF$ be a divisor on X with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(a) D is effective $\iff$ $a \geq 0$ and $b \geq ae$;

(b) D is ample $\iff$ D is very ample $\iff$ $a > 0$ and $b > ae$.

Proof. Yang: To be continued... □

Example 5.18. Here we draw the Néron-Severi group of the ruled surface X over an elliptic curve E with decomposable normalized $\mathcal{E}$ for $e = 1, 2, 3$.



In this case, $-K \equiv 2C_0 + eF$ is always big but not nef.

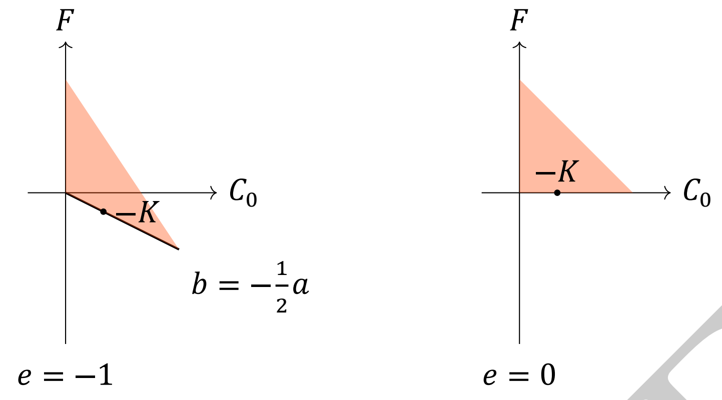
Theorem 5.19. Let $\pi : X \to E$ be a ruled surface over an elliptic curve E with invariant e. Assume that $\mathcal{E}$ is indecomposable. Let C_0 be a minimal section of π and let F be a fiber of π. Let $D \equiv aC_0 + bF$ be a divisor on X with $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(a) D is effective $\iff$ $a \geq 0$ and $b \geq \frac{1}{2}ae$;

(b) D is ample $\iff$ D is very ample $\iff$ $a > 0$ and $b > \frac{1}{2}ae$.

Proof. Yang: To be continued... □

Example 5.20. Here we draw the Néron-Severi group of the ruled surface X over an elliptic curve E with indecomposable normalized $\mathcal{E}$ for $e = -1, 0$.



In this case, $-K \equiv 2C_0 + eF$ is always nef but not big.

Proposition 5.21. Let $\pi : X \to C$ be a ruled surface over a smooth curve C. Then every nef divisor on X is semi-ample. Yang: Check this carefully.

6 K3 surface

Let $\Bbbk$ be an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic. Unless otherwise specified, all varieties are defined over $\Bbbk$.

6.1 The first properties

Definition 6.1. A *K3 surface* is a smooth, projective surface X with trivial canonical bundle $K_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X$ and irregularity $q(X) = h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$.

Example 6.2. A smooth quartic surface $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$ is a K3 surface. Indeed, by the adjunction formula, we have

$$K_X = (K_{\mathbb{P}^3} + X)|_X = (-4H + 4H)|_X = 0,$$

where H is a hyperplane in $\mathbb{P}^3$. Moreover, by the exact sequence

$$0 \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4) \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3} \to \mathcal{O}_X \to 0,$$

we have long exact sequence in cohomology

$$\cdots \to H^1(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}) \to H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \to H^2(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4)) \to \cdots.$$

Since $H^1(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}) = 0$ and $H^2(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(-4)) = 0$, we get $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$.

6.2 Hodge Structure and Moduli of K3 surfaces

6.3 Neron-Severi group of K3 surfaces

7 Elliptic surfaces

7.1 The first properties

Definition 7.1. An *elliptic surface* is a smooth projective surface S together with a surjective morphism $\pi : S \to C$ to a smooth projective curve C such that the generic fiber of π is a smooth curve of genus 1, and π has a section $s : C \to S$. Yang: To be continued...

7.2 Classification of singular fibers

7.3 Mordell-Weil group and Neron-Severi group

8 Some Singular Surfaces

In this section, fix an algebraically closed field $\Bbbk$. Everything is over $\Bbbk$ unless otherwise specified.

8.1 Projective cone over smooth projective curve

Let $C \subset \mathbb{P}^n$ be a smooth projective curve. The *projective cone* over C is the projective variety $X \subset \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$ defined by the same homogeneous equations as C. The variety X is singular at the vertex of the cone, which corresponds to the point $[0 : \cdots : 0 : 1] \in \mathbb{P}^{n+1}$.