

9. The Structure of Compactifications of C^3

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Introduction. Let (X, Y) be a smooth projective compactification of C^3 with the second Betti number $b_2(X)=1$. Then Y is an irreducible ample divisor on X with $\text{Pic } X \cong \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{O}_X(Y)$ and the canonical divisor K_X can be written as $K_X \sim -rY$ ($r > 0, r \in \mathcal{Z}$) (cf. [1]). Thus X is a Fano threefold of first kind (cf. [6]). The integer r is called the index of X .

Two smooth compactifications (X, Y) and (X', Y') are said to be isomorphic, denoted by $(X, Y) \cong (X', Y')$, if there is a biregular morphism $\alpha : X \rightarrow X'$ such that $\alpha(Y) = Y'$.

Then we have:

Theorem. (1) $r \geq 4 \Leftrightarrow (X, Y) \cong (P^3, P^2)$, in fact, $r=4$;

(2) $r=3 \Leftrightarrow (X, Y) \cong (Q^3, Q_0^3)$,

(3) $r=2 \Leftrightarrow (X, Y) \cong (V_5, H_5^0)$ or (V_5, H_5^∞) ,

(4) $r=1 \Leftrightarrow (X, Y) \cong (V_{22}, H_{22}^0)$ or (V_{22}, H_{22}^∞) .

Remark 1. (1) (P^3, P^2) , (Q^3, Q_0^3) , (V_5, H_5^0) , (V_5, H_5^∞) are determined uniquely up to isomorphism (cf. [5], [8]).

(2) (V_{22}, H_{22}^0) , (V_{22}, H_{22}^∞) are not unique, in fact, they have a 4-dimensional family ([7]).

Notation. Q^3 : a smooth quadric hypersurface in P^4

Q_0^3 : a quadric cone in P^3

V_5 : a linear section $\text{Gr}(2, 5) \cap P^6$ of the Grassmann $\text{Gr}(2, 5) \hookrightarrow P^9$ (Plücker embedding) by three hyperplanes in P^9 , which is the Fano threefold of the index two, degree 5 in P^5

H_5^0 : a normal hyperplane section of V_5 with exactly one rational double point of A_4 -type, which is also the degenerated del-Pezzo surface of degree 5

H_5^∞ : a non-normal hyperplane section of V_5 whose singular locus is a line Σ with the normal bundle $N_{\Sigma|V_5} \cong \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(1)$, in particular, H_5^∞ is a ruled surface swept out by lines in V_5 intersecting the line Σ

V_{22} : the Fano threefold of index one with the genus $g=12$, degree 22 in P^{13} (the anti-canonical embedding)

H_{22}^0 (resp. H_{22}^∞): a non-normal hyperplane section of V_{22} whose singular locus is a line Z with the normal bundle $N_{Z|V_{22}} \cong \mathcal{O}_Z(-2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_Z(1)$, and the multiplicity $\text{mult}_Z H_{22}^0$ (resp. $\text{mult}_Z H_{22}^\infty$) of H_{22}^0 (resp. H_{22}^∞) at a general point of Z is equal to two (resp. three), in particular, H_{22}^∞ is a ruled surface swept out by conics in V_{22} intersecting the line Z .

The proof of Theorem in the case of $r \geq 2$ was given in [2], [5], [8].

In the case of $r=1$, we have to look carefully at the structure of non-normal projective surfaces with the trivial dualizing sheaves and the double projection of V_{22} from a line or a conic. The details will be published elsewhere. Now, in this paper, we will show how these compactifications of C^3 are constructed from the well-known compactification P^3 .

Construction. 1. Let L be a hyperplane in P^3 . Then one can see that $P^3 - L \cong C^3$, and thus we have the compactification (P^3, L) of C^3 of the index $r=4$.

2. Let (P^3, L) be as above. Let C be a conic in L and L' a hyperplane in P^3 such that $C \cdot L' = 2p$ (double point). Let $\lambda_C: B_C(P^3) \rightarrow P^3$ be the blowing up of P^3 along C and put $C' := \lambda_C^{-1}(C) \cong F_2$ (Hirzebruch surface). Let \bar{L}, \bar{L}' be the proper transforms of L, L' respectively.

Then we have:

(2.1) There is a birational morphism $\pi_L: B_C(P^3) \rightarrow Q^3$ of $B_C(P^3)$ onto a smooth quadric hypersurface Q^3 in P^4 , which contracts $\bar{L} \cong P^2$ to a smooth point $v := v_L = \pi_L(\bar{L})$.

We put $\varphi_{(C,L)}: \pi_L \circ \lambda_C^{-1}: P^3 \dashrightarrow Q^3$, and $Q := \varphi_{(C,L)}(C) = \pi_L(C')$, $Q' := \varphi_{(C,L)}(L') = \pi_L(\bar{L}')$, $g := \varphi_{(C,L)}(p) = \pi_L(\lambda_C^{-1}(p))$.

Then we have:

(2.2) $\varphi_{(C,L)}: P^3 - L \cong Q^3 - Q$ (isomorphic),

(2.3) Q, Q' are quadric cones in P^3 , and the vertex of Q is the point $v = v_L$,

(2.4) g is a generating line of Q, Q' with $Q \cdot Q' = 2g$ (double line),

(2.5) $(Q^3, Q) \cong (Q^3, Q')$.

We put $Q := Q_0^3 (\cong Q')$. Then (Q^3, Q_0^3) is the compactification of C^3 of the index $r=3$.

3. Let $(Q^3, Q), (Q^3, Q'), g, v$ be as above. Let D be a twisted cubic curve in Q such that $D \cap Q' = D \cap g = \{v\}$. Such a D always exists (cf. [2]). Let $\lambda_D: B_D(Q^3) \rightarrow Q^3$ be the blowing up of Q^3 along $D \cong P^1$ and put $D' := \lambda_D^{-1}(D) \cong F_3$. Let $\bar{Q}, \bar{Q}', \bar{g}$ be the proper transforms of Q, Q', g in $B_D(Q^3)$, respectively.

Then we have:

(3.1) There is a birational morphism $\pi_{\bar{Q}}: B_D(Q^3) \rightarrow V_5$ of $B_D(Q^3)$ onto a Fano threefold V_5 of the first kind with the index two, degree 5 in P^6 (see Notation), which contracts the ruled surface $\bar{Q} \cong F_2$ to a line $\Sigma := \pi_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{Q})$ in V_5 .

We put $\varphi_{(D,Q)}: \pi_{\bar{Q}} \circ \lambda_D^{-1}: Q^3 \dashrightarrow V_5 \hookrightarrow P^6$, and $H_5 := \varphi_{(D,Q)}(D) = \pi_{\bar{Q}}(D')$, $H'_5 := \varphi_{(D,Q)}(Q') = \pi_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{Q}')$, $w := w_g = \varphi_{(D,Q)}(g) = \pi_{\bar{Q}}(\bar{g})$ (a point of V_5).

Then we have:

(3.2) $\varphi_{(D,Q)}: Q^3 - Q \cong V_5 - H_5$ (isomorphic),

(3.3) Σ is a line on V_5 with the normal bundle $N_{\Sigma|V_5} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\Sigma}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\Sigma}(1)$,

(3.4) H_5 is a non-normal hyperplane section of V_5 whose singular locus is the line Σ , in particular, H_5 is a ruled surface swept out by lines intersecting the line Σ ,

(3.4)' H'_5 is a normal hyperplane section of V_5 with exactly one rational double point $w=w_0$ of A_4 -type,

(3.5) $H_5 \cap H'_5 = \Sigma$ (as a set), and $H_5 H'_5 = 5\Sigma$,

(3.6) $V_5 - H_5 \cong C^3 \cong V_5 - H'_5$,

(3.7) $(V_5, H_5), (V_5, H'_5)$ are determined uniquely up to isomorphism (cf. [5]).

We put $H_5^\infty := H_5, H_5^0 := H'_5$ respectively. Then $(V_5, H_5^\infty), (V_5, H_5^0)$ are the compactification of C^3 of the index $r=2$.

4. Let $(V_5, H_5), (V_5, H'_5), \Sigma, w=w_0$ be as above. Let E be a smooth rational curve of degree 5 in $H_5 \hookrightarrow V_5$ such that $E \cap H'_5 = E \cap \Sigma = \{w\}$. Such an E always exists (cf. [4]). Let $\lambda_E: B_E(V_5) \rightarrow V_5$ be the blowing up of V_5 along $E \cong P^1$ and put $E' := \lambda_E^{-1}(E)$. Let $\bar{H}_5, \bar{H}'_5, \bar{\Sigma}$ be the proper transforms of H_5, H'_5, Σ in $B_E(V_5)$, respectively.

Then we have:

(4.1) There is a birational map, called a "flop", $\mu: B_E(V_5) \dashrightarrow U$ of $B_E(V_5)$ onto a smooth projective threefold U such that $\mu: B_E(V_5) - \bar{\Sigma} \cong U - \Delta$, where Δ is some smooth rational curve in U with the normal bundle $N_{\Delta|U} \cong \mathcal{O}_\Delta(-2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_\Delta$.

Let H, H', Z' be the proper transforms of E', \bar{H}_5, \bar{H}' respectively. Then we have:

(4.2) There is a birational morphism $\pi_{Z'}: U \rightarrow V_{22}$ of U onto a Fano threefold V_{22} of the first kind with the index one, the genus $g=12$ (see Notation), which contracts the surface $Z' \cong F_3$ to a line $Z := \pi_{Z'}(Z')$.

We put $\varphi_{(E, H_5)} := \pi_{Z'} \circ \mu \circ \lambda_E^{-1}: V_5 \dashrightarrow V_{22} \hookrightarrow P^{13}$, and $H_{22} := \varphi_{(E, H_5)}(E) = \pi_{Z'}(H), H'_{22} := \varphi_{(E, H_5)}(H'_5) = \pi_{Z'}(H')$. In particular, $Z = \varphi_{(E, H_5)}(H_5)$. Then we have:

(4.3) $\varphi_{(E, H_5)}: V_5 - H_5 \cong V_{22} - H_{22}$ (isomorphic),

(4.4) Z is a line on V_{22} with the normal bundle $N_{Z|V_{22}} \cong \mathcal{O}_Z(-2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_Z(1)$,

(4.5) H_{22} is a non-normal hyperplane section of V_{22} whose singular locus is the line Z , and $\text{mult}_Z H_{22} = 3$ (the multiplicity of H_{22} at a general point of Z), in particular, H_{22} is a ruled surface swept out by conics intersecting the line Z .

(4.5)' H'_{22} is also a non-normal hyperplane section of V_{22} whose singular locus is the same line Z , and $\text{mult}_Z H'_{22} = 2$,

(4.6) $V_{22} - H_{22} \cong C^3 \cong V_{22} - H'_{22}$ (cf. [4]),

(4.7) $(V_{22}, H_{22}), (V_{22}, H'_{22})$ are not determined uniquely up to isomorphism, they have a 4-dimensional family (cf. [7]).

We put $H_{22}^\infty := H_{22}, H_{22}^0 := H'_{22}$, respectively. Then these $(V_{22}, H_{22}^\infty), (V_{22}, H_{22}^0)$ are the compactifications of the index $r=1$.

Thus we have finally the following sequence of birational maps among the compactifications of C^3 :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (P^3, L) & \cdots \cdots \cdots \rightarrow & (Q^3, Q) & \cdots \cdots \cdots \rightarrow & (V_5, H_5) & \cdots \cdots \cdots \rightarrow & (V_{22}, H_{22}) \\ & & \Downarrow \varphi_{(C, L)} & & \Downarrow \varphi_{(D, Q)} & & \Downarrow \varphi_{(E, H_5)} \\ (P^3, L') & \cdots \cdots \cdots \rightarrow & (Q^3, Q') & \cdots \cdots \cdots \rightarrow & (V_5, H'_5) & \cdots \cdots \cdots \rightarrow & (V_{22}, H'_{22}) \end{array}$$

Conclusion. Any smooth projective compactification of C^3 with the second Betti number equal to one can be obtained from the compactification (P^3, P^2) by the above way.

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