

TWO THEOREMS ON ANTICANONICAL MODELS OF RATIONAL SURFACES

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Let X be a non-singular rational surface over an algebraically closed field k . If K is a canonical divisor of X , then the divisor $-K$ is called an anticanonical divisor of X . The anti-Kodaira dimension (or the anticanonical dimension) $\kappa^{-1}(X)$ of X is defined to be $\kappa(-K, X)$. In this note, we state two theorems on the structure of a rational surface X with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$. Details will be discussed elsewhere.

Notation:

$$R^{-1}(X) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(-mK)) \quad (\text{the anticanonical ring})$$

$$P_{-m}(X) = \dim H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(-mK)) \quad (\text{the } m\text{-th antigenus, } m > 0)$$

Theorem I. Let X be a non-singular rational surface with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$. Then $R^{-1}(X)$ is finitely generated and the anticanonical model $Y (= \text{Proj } R^{-1}(X))$ of X satisfies

- (i) Y has only isolated rational singularities,
- (ii) some multiple of $-K_Y$ is an ample Cartier divisor.

If X contains no redundant exceptional curves (For the definition, see §2), then X coincides with the minimal resolution of Y .

Conversely, if a normal projective surface Y satisfies (i), (ii), then the minimal resolution X of Y is a rational surface with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$.

Corollary of Proof. Let X be a non-singular rational surface with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$. Then the number of irreducible curves with negative self-intersection on X is finite.

Theorem II ($\text{char}(k)=0$). Let X be a non-singular rational surface with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$ (without redundant exceptional curves). By Theorem I, X is the minimal resolution of its anticanonical model Y , $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$. We have the following dimension formula (for $m \geq 0$):

$$P_{-m}(X) = \frac{(m+1)m}{2} K^2 + 1 + \sum_{y_i \in \text{Sing } Y} \ell_m(y_i),$$

where the last term is given by

$$\ell_m(y_i) = \dim R^1_{\pi_*} O(-mK)_{y_i}.$$

There are many distinguished rational surfaces belonging to the class $\kappa^{-1}=2$ such as: (1) P^2 , F_e , (2) Del Pezzo surfaces, (3) rational surfaces obtained by torus embeddings, (4) minimal normal compactifications of \mathbb{C}^2 , etc.

§1. Surface Singularities

We collect some facts concerning surface singularities. Let V be an affine surface having only one normal singularity y . We denote by $\pi: U \rightarrow V$ the minimal resolution of y in the sense that there exist no exceptional curves of the first kind over y . Set

$$A = \pi^{-1}(y) = E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_k.$$

Let K denote a canonical divisor of U .

(a) Let K_V denote a canonical divisor (as a Weil divisor) of V . If $i:V \setminus y \hookrightarrow V$ is the inclusion map, then

$$O(-mK_V) \cong i_* O(-mK_V \setminus y).$$

Lemma 1. $\pi_* O(-mK) \cong O(-mK_V)$ for $m > 0$.

Proof. We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(U, O(-mK)) \rightarrow H^0(U \setminus A, O(-mK)) \rightarrow H^1_{\mathbb{A}}(U, O(-mK)).$$

By duality,¹⁾ $H^1_{\mathbb{A}}(U, O(-mK)) \cong H^1(U, O((m+1)K))^{\vee}$, which vanishes under the hypothesis that π is minimal (See Appendix). Thus

$$H^0(U, O(-mK)) \cong H^0(U \setminus A, O(-mK)) \cong H^0(V \setminus y, O(-mK_V \setminus y)) \cong H^0(V, O(-mK_V)).$$

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Corollary. Let Y be a normal projective surface. Let X be the minimal resolution of Y , Then

$$R^{-1}(X) \cong R^{-1}(Y),$$

where we defined naturally as: $R^{-1}(Y) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} H^0(Y, O(-mK_Y))$.

1) In general, for a divisor D on U , $H^1_{\mathbb{A}}(U, O(D)) \cong H^1(U, O(K-D))^{\vee}$. For a proof, see [2]. See also Lipman : Ann. of Math. 107(1978). In the complex category, one can instead understand as follows (cf. Laufer : Amer. J. Math. 94(1972)). There is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(U, O(D)) \rightarrow H^0_{\infty}(U, O(D)) \rightarrow H^1_c(U, O(D)),$$

where H^1_c denotes the cohomology with compact support. It is known that

$$H^0_{\infty}(U, O(D)) \cong H^0(U \setminus A, O(D)).$$

So the usual Serre duality $H^1_c(U, O(D)) \cong H^1(U, O(K-D))^{\vee}$ can be used.

(b) Define a \mathbb{Q} -divisor $\Delta = \sum \delta_i E_i$ by the equations:

$$\sum \delta_i E_i E_j = -KE_j \quad \text{for } j=1, \dots, k.$$

We have $\Delta \geq 0$. Note that $\Delta=0$ if and only if y is a rational double point and otherwise $\text{Supp}(\Delta)=A$.

Remark. It is known that $[\Delta]=0$ if and only if y is a quotient singularity for the case in which $k=\mathbb{C}$ (Watanabe, K.: Math. Ann. 250(1980)).

If y is a Gorenstein singularity, then Δ is integral and we have

$$\pi^*O(K_V) \cong O(K+\Delta).$$

In general, we have the isomorphism:

$$O(mK_V) \cong \pi_* O(mK + [m\Delta]) \quad \text{for } m \geq 0.$$

This can be shown in a similar manner to that in Lemma 1, using a vanishing theorem (Remark in Appendix). Here $[]$ denotes the integral part.

(c) By definition, the singularity y is rational if $R^1 \pi_* O_U = 0$.

Characterization ([1]): The singularity y is rational if and only if $H^1(Z, O_Z) = 0$ for every effective divisor Z supported in A (cf. Appendix).

Lemma 2. Suppose that y is a rational singularity. Let r be the least integer such that $\lambda = r\Delta$ is integral. Then the divisor rK_V is a Cartier divisor and we have

$$\pi^*(rK_V) \sim rK + \lambda.$$

Proof. This fact is more or less known.

§ 2. Proof of Theorem I

Let X be a non-singular rational surface with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$. There is a unique Zariski decomposition of $-K$ (cf. [3], [7], see also [6]).

$$-K=P+N$$

where the P is a numerically effective \mathbb{Q} -divisor and the N is an effective \mathbb{Q} -divisor satisfying

- (i) $N=0$ or the intersection matrix of the irreducible components is negative definite,
- (ii) the intersection of P with each irreducible component of N is zero.

We know that

$$\kappa^{-1}(X)=2 \iff p^2 > 0.$$

We study the set

$$A = \{\text{irreducible curves } E \mid PE=0\}.$$

The intersection matrix of irreducible components of A is negative definite (Hodge Index Theorem). So A is a finite set. We note that $\text{Supp}(N) \subset A$.

Step 1. An exceptional curve of the first kind in A is said to be redundant.

Claim. We may assume that X contains no redundant exceptional curves.

Suppose that E is a redundant exceptional curve. Let $\mu: X \rightarrow X'$ be the contraction of E . Also $\kappa^{-1}(X')=2$. It can be shown that $R^{-1}(X) \cong R^{-1}(X')$. So by successive such contractions, we may assume from the first that X contains no redundant exceptional curves.

Step 2. We decompose N into connected components:

$$N = N_1 + \cdots + N_s.$$

Put $A_i = \text{Supp}(N_i)$.

Claim. Each A_i can be contracted to a rational singularity.

Proof. Let Z be an effective divisor supported in A_i . Since $K+Z \sim -P-N+Z$, we get $(K+Z)P < 0$. It follows that $\kappa(K+Z, X) = -\infty$. Thus

$$0 = H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(K+Z)) \longrightarrow H^0(Z, \omega_Z) \longrightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}(K)) = 0.$$

Hence we get $H^0(Z, \omega_Z) = 0$. By duality, we obtain $H^1(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z) = 0$. Q.E.D.

Step 3. Let E be an irreducible curve in $A \setminus \text{Supp}(N)$. We can easily see that E is a non-singular rational curve satisfying $E^2 = -2$, $NE = 0$. So E is disjoint from $\text{Supp}(N)$. Now let A_{s+1}, \dots, A_{s+t} be connected components of $A \setminus \text{Supp}(N)$. We find that each A_{s+j} can be contracted to a rational double point.

As a consequence, we have a contraction $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$ of A to a normal projective surface Y (cf. [1]). Let y_i be the singularity corresponding to A_i . Since A contains no exceptional curves of the first kind, π is nothing but the minimal resolution of Y .

Step 4. We denote by Δ_i the numerically anticanonical divisor of y_i (as defined in §1, (b)). Then the divisor N_i coincides with Δ_i . We fix the notation. Let r_i be the least integer such that $r_i \Delta_i$ is integral. Put $r = \text{l.c.m.}(r_i)$. By Lemma 2, rK_Y is a Cartier divisor. Also we get

$$\pi^*(-rK_Y) \sim rP.$$

Claim. $-rK_Y$ is an ample Cartier divisor.

Cosequently, $R^{-1}(Y)$ is a finitely generated graded ring and we have $Y = \text{Proj } R^{-1}(Y)$. Since we have seen $R^{-1}(X) \cong R^{-1}(Y)$, we conclude that Y is the anticanonical model of X .

To prove the converse implication, we first show that $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$. So X is a ruled surface. By looking at the relatively minimal model of X , we can prove that X is rational. Q.E.D.

§3. Proof of Theorem II

By the Riemann-Roch theorem, we have

$$P_{-m}(X) = \frac{(m+1)m}{2} K^2 + 1 + \dim H^1(X, O(-mK)) \quad \text{for } m \geq 0.$$

In order to prove Theorem II, it suffices therefore to see the last term. By the Leray sequence (together with Lemma 1), we have

$$H^1(Y, O(-mK_Y)) \longrightarrow H^1(X, O(-mK)) \longrightarrow H^0(Y, R^1\pi_*O(-mK)) \rightarrow H^2(Y, O(-mK_Y)).$$

By definition

$$\dim H^0(Y, R^1\pi_*O(-mK)) = \sum_m \ell_m(y_i).$$

We are reduced to prove the following

Claim. $H^i(Y, O(-mK_Y)) = 0$ for $i > 0$, $m \geq 0$.

We restrict ourselves to the case in which $\text{char}(k)=0$. We need

Miyaoka-Ramanujam Vanishing Theorem ([4]). Let D be a divisor on a non-singular projective surface X . Suppose that $\kappa(D, X)=2$. Let $D=P+N$ denote the Zariski decomposition. Then

$$H^i(X, O(K+D-[N])) = 0 \quad \text{for } i > 0.$$

We apply this to the divisor $-(m+1)K$. Then we get

$$H^i(X, O(-mK - [(m+1)N])) = 0 \quad \text{for } i > 0.$$

Put $G = [(m+1)N]$. We have a local version of the above vanishing theorem (For the formulation, see Appendix), which proves

$$R^1 \pi_* O(-mK-G) = 0. \quad (2)$$

It follows that

$$H^1(Y, \pi_* O(-mK-G)) \cong H^1(X, O(-mK-G)) = 0.$$

We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_* O(-mK-G) \rightarrow \pi_* O(-mK) \rightarrow \mathcal{T} \rightarrow 0,$$

where the sheaf \mathcal{T} is a torsion sheaf supported in $\text{Sing}(Y)$. By using the cohomology sequence, we obtain the required result. Q.E.D.

§ 4. Examples

We give two simple examples. We define the degree of X by (with the notation in §2)

$$d(X) = P^2.$$

(1) Take a nodal cubic curve C in \mathbb{P}^2 . Let $\mu: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ be the blowing up of the node n -times. Let E_0 be the strict transform of C and let E_1, \dots, E_n be the strict transform of the exceptional curves. We have

$$E_0^2 = -(6-n), \quad E_1^2 = \dots = E_{n-1}^2 = -2, \quad E_n^2 = -1.$$

2) In our case, as is pointed out by S.Mori, this follows from the global vanishing theorem. Take an ample invertible sheaf \mathcal{L} on Y . By using the Miyaoka-Ramanujam vanishing theorem, we get

$$R^1 \pi_* O(-mK-G) \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n} = 0$$

for a large integer n . We infer from this that $R^1 \pi_* O(-mK-G) = 0$.

These curves form a cycle of \mathbb{P}^1 's. In this case, we have $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$.

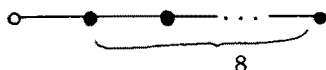
For instance, for $n=9$, we have

$$P = \frac{10}{19}E_0 + \frac{11}{19}E_1 + \cdots + \frac{18}{19}E_8 + E_9$$

$$N = \frac{9}{19}E_0 + \frac{8}{19}E_1 + \cdots + \frac{1}{19}E_8$$

$$P_{-1}(X)=1, \quad d(X)=\frac{9}{19}.$$

The anticanonical model Y has one rational triple point with the dual graph

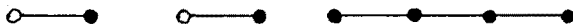


where \bullet (resp. O) denotes a non-singular rational curve of self-intersection -2 (resp. -3).

(2) Consider an action of $G=\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ on \mathbb{P}^2 (over \mathbb{C}) by

$$(X_0 : X_1 : X_2) \rightarrow (X_0 : \zeta X_1 : \zeta^2 X_2)$$

where the ζ is a primitive 5-th root of 1. Then G has three fixed points. The quotient $Y=\mathbb{P}^2/G$ has two rational triple points and a rational double point.



Let X be the minimal resolution of Y . Then X is a rational surface with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$ and Y is the anticanonical model of X . In this case

$$P_{-1}(X)=2, \quad d(X)=\frac{9}{5}.$$

In general, if a finite group G acts freely except a finite number of points on a non-singular rational surface X' with $\kappa^{-1}(X')=2$, the minimal resolution X of the quotient X'/G is again a rational surface with $\kappa^{-1}(X)=2$. Furthermore $d(X)=d(X')/|G|$.

Appendix. Local Vanishing Theorem

Let $V, y, \pi, U, E_1, \dots, E_k$ have the same meaning as in §1. But we do not assume that π is minimal. Given a divisor D on U , there exists a unique Zariski decomposition (local version):

$$D = P + N,$$

where the P is a \mathbb{Q} -divisor such that $PE_j \geq 0$ for $j=1, \dots, k$ and the N is an effective \mathbb{Q} -divisor supported in A with the property that $PE_j = 0$ for each E_j contained in N .

Theorem A. We have

$$R^1 \pi_* O(K + D - [N]) = 0.$$

Remark. When $N=0$, this is the Laufer-Ramanujam vanishing theorem. When π is minimal, the Zariski decompositions of K and $-K$ are as follows

	P	N
K	K	0
-K	-K - Δ	Δ

We obtain therefore two vanishings:

$$R^1 \pi_* O(mK) = 0 \quad \text{for } m > 0 \quad (\text{cf. [2]}),$$

$$R^1 \pi_* O(-mK - [(m+1)\Delta]) = 0 \quad \text{for } m \geq 0.$$

As a corollary, we get the formula:

$$\ell_m(y) = \dim R^1 \pi_* O(-mK) = \dim H^1([(m+1)\Delta], O_{[(m+1)\Delta]}(-mK)).$$

In particular, we have

$$\dim R^1 \pi_* O_U = \dim H^1([\Delta], O_{[\Delta]}).$$

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