

Minimal Models in Proper Birational Geometry

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Introduction

In classical algebraic geometry, the following theorem due to Castelnuovo-Enriques-Zariski is fundamental, [9].

THEOREM A. *A non-singular projective surface S is minimal if S is relatively minimal and if S is not a ruled surface.*

In view of Enriques' criterion on ruled surfaces, the condition that S is not ruled may be replaced by $\kappa(S) \geq 0$. Here, $\kappa(S)$ denotes the Kodaira dimension of S . Thus, we obtain

THEOREM B. *A non-singular projective surface S is minimal if S is relatively minimal surface with $\kappa(S) \geq 0$.*

In this paper we shall consider analogues of the above facts in *proper birational geometry*. The category in which we shall work is that of schemes over the field of complex numbers C .

In place of birational morphism and birational map in the classical theory, we shall use *proper birational morphism* and *strictly birational map* or *proper birational map*, respectively (see [2]). Thus for open surfaces, we shall define the concepts of *relatively minimal surface* and *minimal surface*. Using the notion of logarithmic Kodaira dimension we shall establish a theorem analogous to Theorem B (Theorem 1). Moreover, the notion of ∂ -manifold (\bar{V}, D) will be introduced which consists of a non-singular complete algebraic variety \bar{V} and a divisor with normal crossings D on \bar{V} . We shall study algebraic geometry for ∂ -manifolds. The notions of relatively ∂ -minimal model and properly ∂ -minimal or ∂ -minimal model will be introduced. For a ∂ -surface (\bar{S}, D) with $\bar{\kappa}(\bar{S}-D)=2$, an analogue of Theorem B will be established (Theorem 2).

Finally, we shall discuss how to determine minimal completions of a given surface S with $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 0$ and we shall give a precise definition of the logarithmic Chern number $\bar{c}_1^2(S)$ of a surface S .

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§ 1. For simplicity, we use the following conventions.

Manifold means a non-singular algebraic variety and *surface* means a manifold of dimension 2. But curve is understood to be an algebraic variety of dimension 1. Namely, a curve may have singularities.

First, we introduce the concept of relatively *minimal manifold* which may not be complete. Fix a manifold V . V is called a relatively *minimal manifold* if and only if any proper birational morphism $\varphi: V \rightarrow V_1$, V_1 being a manifold, turns out to be isomorphic. Note that this definition of minimality coincides with that of Zariski's minimality when V is complete (see [9]). We prove the existence of relatively minimal model in our sense, that is, in proper birational geometry.

PROPOSITION 1. *For a given manifold V , there exist a relatively minimal manifold V_* and a proper birational morphism $\psi: V \rightarrow V_*$.*

In order to prove this, we aim to define a subspace $B(V)$ of $H^2(\bar{V})$ which stands for $H^2(\bar{V}, \mathbb{Q})$ as follows: Let \bar{V} be a smooth completion of V with boundary D . $\sum \Gamma_j = D$ is a sum of irreducible components Γ_j of D . The number of Γ_j 's is indicated by $r(D)$. We have an exact sequence of homology groups:

$$\begin{aligned} & \longrightarrow H_{2n-1}(D) \longrightarrow H_{2n-1}(\bar{V}) \longrightarrow H_{2n-1}(\bar{V}, D) \\ & \longrightarrow H_{2n-2}(D) \longrightarrow H_{2n-2}(\bar{V}) \longrightarrow H_{2n-2}(\bar{V}, D) \end{aligned}$$

where $n = \dim V$. Then by means of Poincaré duality and Lefschetz duality, it yields the following exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 & \longrightarrow H^1(\bar{V}) \longrightarrow H^1(V) \longrightarrow H_{2n-2}(D) = \bigoplus \mathbb{Q}\Gamma_j \\ & \longrightarrow H^2(\bar{V}) \longrightarrow H^2(V) \longrightarrow H_{2n-3}(D) . \end{aligned}$$

We denote the image of $H^2(\bar{V}) \rightarrow H^2(V)$ by $B(\bar{V}, D)$. Then we have the following exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad 0 & \longrightarrow H^1(\bar{V}) \longrightarrow H^1(V) \longrightarrow H_{2n-2}(D) \longrightarrow H^2(\bar{V}) \longrightarrow B(\bar{V}, D) \longrightarrow 0 , \\ & 0 \longrightarrow B(\bar{V}, D) \longrightarrow H^2(V) \longrightarrow H_{2n-3}(D) . \end{aligned}$$

It has been shown that $B(\bar{V}, D)$ depends only on V (for example, see

[1] p. 3). Here we shall give an elementary proof. Let \bar{V}^1 be another completion of V with smooth boundary D^1 such that the identity $V \rightarrow V$ defines a birational morphism $f: \bar{V}^1 \rightarrow \bar{V}$. Then, letting $\sum \Delta_j$ be the irreducible decomposition of D^1 , we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \cdots & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus \mathcal{Q}\Delta_j & \longrightarrow & H^2(\bar{V}^1) & \longrightarrow & B(\bar{V}^1, D^1) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f_*^2 & & \downarrow f_*^2 \\ \cdots & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus \mathcal{Q}\Gamma_i & \longrightarrow & H^2(\bar{V}) & \longrightarrow & B(\bar{V}, D) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

in which the horizontal sequences are exact. On the other hand, f_*^2 is surjective, since f_*^2 is the dual of $f^{*2}: H^2(\bar{V}) \rightarrow H^2(\bar{V}^1)$ which is injective (see [8]). Hence, $f_*^2: B(\bar{V}^1, D^1) \rightarrow B(\bar{V}, D)$ is also surjective. Moreover, from the exact commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & B(\bar{V}^1, D^1) \longrightarrow H^2(V) \\ & & \downarrow f_*^2 \quad \quad \downarrow \wr \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B(\bar{V}, D) \longrightarrow H^2(V) \end{array}$$

we infer that f_*^2 is also injective. Hence, $B(\bar{V}^1, D^1) \simeq B(\bar{V}, D)$.

By $B(V)$ we denote $B(\bar{V}, D)$ and we write $\beta(V) = \dim B(V)$. From the exact sequence (*), and the formula [3, p. 529], we derive the following

$$\text{Formula. } \beta(V) = b_2(\bar{V}) - r(D) + \bar{q}(V) - q(\bar{V}).$$

Now let $f: \bar{V} \rightarrow \bar{V}_1$ be a birational morphism between complete manifolds \bar{V} and \bar{V}_1 . Putting $F = f(\text{Supp } R_f)$ where R_f is the ramification divisor of f , we get $\text{codim } F \geq 2$, and $\text{Supp } R_f = f^{-1}(F)$ by Zariski's Main Theorem. Note that $f^{-1}(F)$ is the support of the ramification divisor R_f . By $\text{codim } F \geq 2$, we have $H^2(\bar{V}_1 - F) = B(\bar{V}_1 - F) = H^2(\bar{V}_1)$. Since $V_0 = \bar{V} - f^{-1}(F) \simeq \bar{V}_1 - F$, we infer that

$$b_2(\bar{V}_1) = \beta(\bar{V}_1 - F) = \beta(V_0) = b_2(\bar{V}) - r(f^{-1}(F)) + \bar{q}(V_0) - q(\bar{V}).$$

On the other hand, $\bar{q}(V_0) = \bar{q}(\bar{V}_1 - F) = \bar{q}(\bar{V}_1) = q(\bar{V}_0)$, since $\text{codim } F \geq 2$. Thus we obtain

$$(**) \quad b_2(\bar{V}) = b_2(\bar{V}_1) + r(f^{-1}(F)) = b_2(\bar{V}_1) + r(R_f).$$

Accordingly, we conclude that $b_2(\bar{V}) \geq b_2(\bar{V}_1)$ and that $b_2(\bar{V}) = b_2(\bar{V}_1)$ if and only if f is isomorphic.

LEMMA 1. *Let $f: V \rightarrow V_1$ be a proper birational morphism, V and*

V_1 being manifolds. Then $\beta(V) \geq \beta(V_1)$. Moreover, if $\beta(V) = \beta(V_1)$, then f is isomorphic.

PROOF. We choose suitable completions \bar{V} and \bar{V}_1 of V and V_1 with smooth boundaries D and D_1 , respectively, such that the rational map $g: \bar{V} \rightarrow \bar{V}_1$ defined by f is a morphism. Then by the formula, we have

$$\beta(V) - \beta(V_1) = b_2(\bar{V}) - b_2(\bar{V}_1) - r(D) + r(D_1).$$

Let $Z = (R_f)_{\text{red}}$ and let $\sum Z_j$ be the irreducible decomposition of Z . Put $X = \{\sum Z_j; Z_j \subset D\}$ and $Y = \{\sum Z_j; Z_j \not\subset D\}$. Then $Z = X + Y$. Hence by the above formula (**), we have

$$b_2(\bar{V}) - b_2(\bar{V}_1) = r(Z) = r(X) + r(Y).$$

Furthermore, $r(X) = r(D) - r(D_1)$ and Y coincides with the closure of $\text{Supp } R_f$. Thus we obtain

$$\beta(V) - \beta(V_1) = r(Y) = r(\text{the closure of } \text{Supp } R_f).$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 1.

Needless to say, Proposition 1 is derived easily from Lemma 1.

In general, for a given variety V , there exists a relatively minimal manifold V_* which is properly birationally equivalent to V . Such a V_* is called a *relatively minimal model* of V .

Next we shall give a definition of minimal model. Let V be a manifold. V is called *minimal* or *properly minimal manifold* if and only if any strictly birational or any proper birational map (see [2, 3]) $\varphi: V^1 \rightarrow V$, V^1 being a manifold, turns out to be a morphism, respectively.

It is clear that a minimal manifold is properly minimal and that a properly minimal manifold is relatively minimal. For a given variety V , a properly minimal or minimal manifold that is proper birationally equivalent to V is called a *properly minimal model* or *minimal model* of V , respectively. A properly minimal model is unique, if it exists. When a relatively minimal manifold has only one relatively minimal model, it is a properly minimal model. For a given properly minimal manifold V^* that is proper birationally equivalent to an algebraic variety V , we have

$$\text{PBir}(V) = \text{PBir}(V^*) = \text{Aut}(V^*).$$

§ 2. The following theorem is a counterpart of Theorem B in proper birational geometry.

THEOREM 1. *Let S be a surface with $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 0$. Then S is relatively minimal if and only if S is minimal.*

PROOF. Suppose that S is a relatively minimal but not minimal surface with $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 0$. Then there exists a strictly birational map $\varphi: S^1 \rightarrow S$ such that S^1 is a surface and that φ is not defined at p of S^1 . $\varphi(p)$ is a (reducible) curve by Z.M.T. By the definition of strictly rational map, we have a proper birational morphism $\mu: S_2 \rightarrow S^1$, S_2 being a surface, and a birational morphism $g: S_2 \rightarrow S$ such that $g = \varphi \circ \mu$. Since μ is proper, $\mu^{-1}(p)$ is a complete curve, which is an exceptional curve of the first kind. Denote by E_i the irreducible components of $\mu^{-1}(p)$, hence $\mu^{-1}(p) = \sum E_i$. We may assume that E_1 is an irreducible exceptional curve of the first kind. If $g(E_1)$ is a point, we contract E_1 to a non-singular point and thus we obtain a surface S_3 and a proper birational morphism $\lambda: S_2 \rightarrow S_3$, i.e., S_2 is a blowing up of S_3 . Then $g' = g \circ \lambda^{-1}$ and $\mu' = \mu \circ \lambda^{-1}$ are both morphisms, since $g'(p)$ and $\mu'(p)$ are points (see Figure 1). Hence, we can replace S_2 by S_3 . After a finite succession of

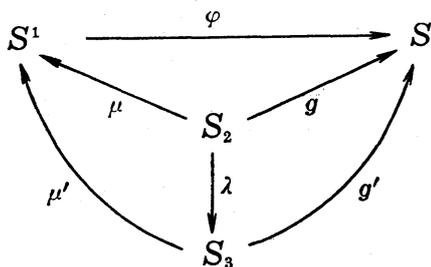


FIGURE 1

such replacements, we have an irreducible exceptional curve of the first kind E_1 such that $C_1 = g(F_1)$ is a curve. Since E_1 is complete, so is C_1 . Hence C_1 is a closed curve in \bar{S} which is a completion of S with smooth boundary D , hence $C_1 \cap D = \emptyset$. By $K = K(\bar{S})$ we denote a canonical divisor on \bar{S} . From $E_1^2 = -1$, follows $C_1^2 \geq -1$. Precisely speaking, let $\nu_i (i=1, \dots, s)$ denote the multiplicities of C_1 at (infinitely near) singular points of C_1 . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_1^2 &= -1 + \sum \nu_j^2 + t, \\
 (K, C_1) &= -1 - \sum \nu_j - t, \\
 2\pi(C_1) - 2 &= \sum \nu_j(\nu_j - 1).
 \end{aligned}$$

(*)

These follow from the fact that g is composed of blowing ups (see [9]). t equals the number of blowing ups whose centers are non-singular (infinitely near) points of C_1 .

Thus we have two cases.

Case 1: $C_1^2 = -1$ and $(K, C_1) = -1$. Then C_1 is an irreducible exceptional curve of the first kind, which is contractible. This contradicts the relative minimality.

Case 2: $C_1^2 \geq 0$. Then $(K, C_1) \leq -2$. Since $C_1 \cap D = \emptyset$, we have $(K + D, C_1) = (K, C_1) \leq -2$. We use the following lemma.

LEMMA 2. Let C be an irreducible curve on a complete surface \bar{S} and D a divisor. Assume that $C^2 \geq 0$.

(i) If $\kappa(D, \bar{S}) \geq 0$, then $(D, C) \geq 0$.

(ii) If $C^2 > 0$ and $\kappa(D, \bar{S}) > 0$, then $(D, C) > 0$.

Here, $\kappa(D, \bar{S})$ means the D -dimension of \bar{S} , (see [8]).

PROOF. After replacing D by some multiple of D , we may assume that D is effective. We write $D = \sum r_i C_i$ where the C_i are irreducible components of D . By assumption, $(C_i, C) \geq 0$ for any i . As for (ii), we may assume that $\dim |D| \geq 1$. Let p be a point of C . Then $|D|_p = \{D_1 \in |D|; p \in \text{Supp } D_1\} \neq \emptyset$. Hence, a member Δ of $|D|_p$ is written as $sC + \sum r_i C_i$, where we use the following convention: If C is not a component of Δ , we put $s = 0$ and choose C_1 such that $C \cap C_1 \neq \emptyset$. And if C is a component of Δ , the C_i are different from C . Thus

$$(D, C) = sC^2 + \sum r_i (C_i, C) > 0. \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Now we proceed with the proof of Theorem 1.

By Lemma 2 (i), we get $\bar{\kappa}(S) = -\infty$.

This contradicts the hypothesis and we complete the proof.

REMARK. If $\bar{q}(S) > 0$, we have the quasi-Albanese map $\alpha_S: S \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_S$, [3]. Let S be a surface that has no minimal model. Then by Theorem 1, it follows that $\bar{\kappa}(S) = -\infty$. Hence, $\alpha_S(S)$ is a curve Δ . Thus the curve C_1 constructed in the proof of Theorem 1 is contained in a fiber of $\alpha_S: S \rightarrow \Delta$. Hence, $C_1^2 \leq 0$, and so $C_1^2 = 0$ by Case 2.

A manifold V is called *strongly minimal* if and only if any strictly rational map $\varphi: W \rightarrow V$, W being a manifold, turns out to be a morphism. For example, a manifold that does not contain any complete rational curves is strongly minimal. In particular, *an affine manifold is strongly minimal*. Hence, an affine plane is a strongly minimal surface, whose logarithmic Kodaira dimension is $-\infty$.

§3. Let \bar{V} be a complete manifold and D a divisor with normal crossings on \bar{V} . We say that \bar{V} is a *completion* of $V = \bar{V} - D$ with

ordinary boundary D . In the previous papers [2], [3], we assumed that each component of D is non-singular and called \bar{V} a completion of V with smooth boundary D . In this paper, we employ the following terminology: ∂ -manifold means a couple (\bar{V}, D) consisting of a complete manifold \bar{V} and a divisor D with normal crossings on \bar{V} . Now we shall introduce the category of ∂ -manifolds. A morphism $f: (\bar{V}, D) \rightarrow (\bar{V}_1, D_1)$ is understood as a morphism $f: \bar{V} \rightarrow \bar{V}_1$ satisfying that $f^{-1}(D_1) \subset D$. In other words, putting $V = \bar{V} - D$ and $V_1 = \bar{V}_1 - D_1$, $f|_V$ is a morphism of V into V_1 . Moreover, a rational map $\varphi: (\bar{V}, D) \rightarrow (\bar{V}_1, D_1)$ is understood as a rational map $\varphi: \bar{V} \rightarrow \bar{V}_1$ such that $\varphi|_V$ is a strictly rational map from V to V_1 . $f: (\bar{V}, D) \rightarrow (\bar{V}_1, D_1)$ is a proper morphism or map if $f|_V: V \rightarrow V_1$ is proper.

In order to avoid confusion, morphism, rational map, ... in this category are written as ∂ -morphism, rational ∂ -map, ...

Next we introduce the notion of minimality in the category of ∂ -manifolds. We define (\bar{V}, D) to be relatively ∂ -minimal if any proper birational ∂ -morphism $(\bar{V}, D) \rightarrow (\bar{V}_1, D_1)$ turns out to be isomorphic. Given (\bar{V}, D) , by Lemma 1, we have a relatively ∂ -minimal (\bar{V}_*, D_*) such that there exists a proper birational ∂ -morphism $(\bar{V}, D) \rightarrow (\bar{V}_*, D_*)$. Such a (\bar{V}_*, D_*) is called a relatively ∂ -minimal model of (\bar{V}, D) .

Suppose that (\bar{S}, D) is a relatively ∂ -minimal surface. Then each component C of D does not satisfy the condition that $C^2 = -1$, $\pi(C) = 0$ and $(C, D') = 1$ or 2 , where $C + D' = D$. If a divisor D with normal crossings has the same property as above, D is called a minimal boundary of $S = \bar{S} - D$. It is easy to verify that a ∂ -surface (\bar{S}, D) is relatively ∂ -minimal if and only if $S = \bar{S} - D$ is relatively minimal and D is a minimal boundary.

In what follows, we use the following symbol $[C: D] = (C, D')$, when C is a component of a boundary D and $C + D' = D$.

PROPOSITION 2. Let (\bar{S}, D) be a relatively ∂ -minimal surface and assume that $\kappa(\bar{S}) \geq 0$ or $\bar{\kappa}(S) = 2$ where $S = \bar{S} - D$, as usual. Then any proper birational ∂ -map $\varphi: (\bar{S}^1, D^1) \rightarrow (\bar{S}, D)$ turns out to be a morphism.

PROOF. Suppose that φ is not defined at $p \in D^1$. As in the proof of Theorem 1, we have a ∂ -surface (\bar{S}_2, D_2) and proper birational ∂ -morphisms $\mu: (\bar{S}_2, D_2) \rightarrow (\bar{S}^1, D^1)$ and $g: (\bar{S}_2, D_2) \rightarrow (\bar{S}, D)$ such that $g = \varphi \circ \mu$. We may assume that there exists an irreducible exceptional curve of the first kind E_1 on \bar{S}_2 such that $C_1 = g(E_1)$ is also a curve. Since S is minimal by Theorem 1 and since g is proper, C_1 is a component of D . $F := g^*(C_1) - E_1$ (subtraction as divisor) is effective and g -exceptional. Put

$C_1 + D' = D$. Then,

$$[C_1: D] = (C_1, D') = (g^*(C_1), g^*(D')) = (E_1, g^*(D')) .$$

Noting that $(g^*(D'), E_1) = (g^{-1}(D'), E_1)$, we define B' and F' by $B' + E_1 = D_2$ and $g^{-1}(D') + F' = B'$ where B' and F' are effective divisors. Thus,

$$(E_1, g^*(D')) \leq (E_1, g^*(D')) + (E_1, F') = (E_1, B') = [E_1: D_2] .$$

Contracting E_1 to a non-singular point x , we have a ∂ -surface (\bar{S}_3, D_3) such that \bar{S}_2 is a blowing up of \bar{S}_3 at x , which defines a proper birational ∂ -morphism $\lambda: (\bar{S}_2, D_2) \rightarrow (\bar{S}_3, D_3)$. Define $\rho = \mu \circ \lambda^{-1}$, which is a ∂ -morphism.

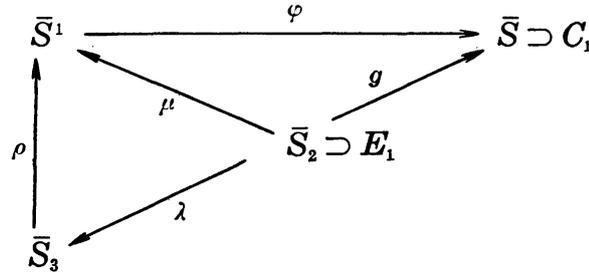


FIGURE 2

On the other hand, D' has only normal crossings and hence, $D_3 = \rho^{-1}(D_1)$ has only normal crossings, too. Therefore, $[E_1: D_2] = (E_1, B')$ = the multiplicity of D_3 , which is smaller than 3. Accordingly, we obtain

$$[C_1: D] = (C_1, D') \leq (E_1, B') \leq 2 .$$

Case 1: C_1 is a non-singular curve. Then

$$(K + D, C_1) = 2\pi(C_1) - 2 + (D', C_1) \leq -2 + 2 = 0 .$$

Recalling that D is a minimal boundary, we see that $C_1^2 \geq 0$ and $[C_1: D] \leq 2$. Hence, $(K, C_1) = 2\pi(C_1) - 2 - C_1^2 \leq -2$. This implies that $\kappa(\bar{S}) = \kappa(K, \bar{S}) = -\infty$ by Lemma 2 (i). Therefore, by the classification theory due to Enriques, \bar{S} is an irrational ruled surface or a rational surface. In the former case, we consider the Albanese fibered surface $\alpha = \alpha_s: \bar{S} \rightarrow Y$, where $Y = \alpha(\bar{S})$, $\pi(Y)$ equals $q(\bar{S})$. Since $C_1 = P^1$, $\alpha(C_1)$ is a point $a \in Y$. For a general point $y \in Y$, define $C_y = \alpha^{-1}(y)$, which satisfies that $\pi(C_y) = 0$ and $(C_y, D') = (C_1, D') \leq 2$. Thus we see that

$$\bar{\kappa}(C_y - C_y \cap D') \leq 0 .$$

Hence, by Theorem 4 ([2] p.184), $\bar{\kappa}(S) \leq 1$. This contradicts the hypothesis.

Next we assume that \bar{S} is rational. Then by Riemann-Roch Theorem, we have

$$\dim |C_1| \geq C_1(C_1 - K)/2 \geq 1 .$$

A general member C_u of $|C_1|$ satisfies that $\pi(C_u) = 0$ and $(C_u, D') = (C_1, D') \leq 2$. Hence, from the same argument as in the former case, it follows that $\bar{\kappa}(S) \leq 1$. This is a contradiction.

Case 2: C_1 is a singular curve. Then $g|_{E_1}: E_1 \rightarrow C_1$ is a proper birational morphism, which is a reduction of singularities of C_1 . Let p_1 be a singular point of C_1 . p_1 is an ordinary double point, because D is a divisor with normal crossings. Hence, we have two points x and x' on \bar{S}_2 such that $g(x) = g(x') = p_1$. Put $E_2 = g^{-1}(p_1) \subset \bar{S}_2$. Then $E_2 \subset B'$ and $(E_2, E_1) = 2$. If C_1 had another singular point p_2 , then B' would have another component $E_3 = g^{-1}(p_2)$ satisfying that $(E_3, E_1) = 2$. Hence,

$$2 \geq (B', E_1) \geq (E_2 + E_3, E_1) = 4 .$$

This would be a contradiction. Define B'' by $B' = B'' + E_2$. Then by the same reasoning as before, we have $(B'', E_1) = 0$. Hence, we conclude that C_1 is a connected component of D with only one double point. This implies that $\pi(C_1) = 1$ and so

$$(***) \quad (K + D, C_1) = 2\pi(C_1) - 2 = 0 .$$

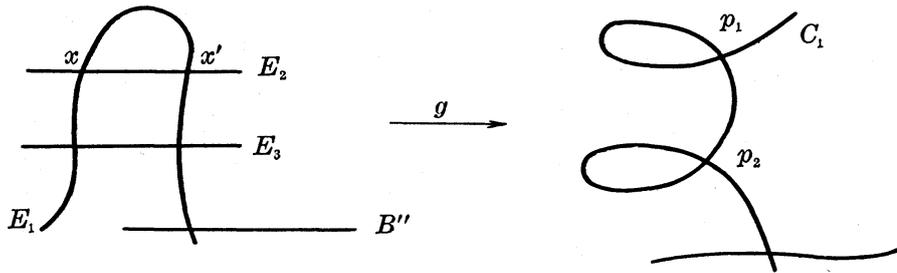


FIGURE 3

Since $C_1^2 \geq -1 + 2^2 = 3$, we have $(K, C_1) \leq -3$. Hence, $\kappa(\bar{S}) = -\infty$. Thus in view of the hypothesis, we have $\bar{\kappa}(S) = 2$. By Lemma 2 (ii), we obtain $(K + D, C_1) > 0$. This contradicts (***) .

A ∂ -manifold (\bar{V}, D) is called *properly ∂ -minimal* (resp. ∂ -minimal) *manifold* if and only if any proper birational ∂ -map (resp. any birational ∂ -map): $(\bar{V}_1, D_1) \rightarrow (\bar{V}, D)$ turns out to be a morphism. Thus, Proposition 2 is restated as follows: *A relatively minimal ∂ -surface (\bar{S}, D) with $\bar{\kappa}(\bar{S} - D) = 2$ or $\kappa(\bar{S}) \geq 0$ is properly ∂ -minimal.*

THEOREM 2. *Let (\bar{S}, D) be a relatively ∂ -minimal surface with $\bar{\kappa}(\bar{S}-D)=2$ or $\kappa(\bar{S})\geq 0$. Suppose that any exceptional curve C' of the first kind which is not contained in D satisfies that $(C', D)\geq 3$. Then (\bar{S}, \bar{D}) is ∂ -minimal.*

PROOF. We use the same notation as in the proofs of Proposition 2 and Theorem 1. The case we have to consider here is the case in which $C_1 \not\subset D$. Then we have

$$(K+D, C_1) = -1 - \sum^s \nu_j - t + (D, C_1).$$

Since $(D, C_1)\leq 2$, we get $(K+D, C_1)\leq 1$. The equality holds if and only if $s=t=0$ and $(D, C_1)=2$. This case does not occur by the hypothesis. Hence, $(K+D, C_1)\leq 0$. By hypothesis again, we have $C_1^2\geq 0$. Using the same argument as before, we obtain $\bar{\kappa}(S)\leq 1$ and $\kappa(\bar{S})=-\infty$. **Q.E.D.**

Example (cf. [6]). Let Δ be a union of lines $\Delta_0, \dots, \Delta_q$ in P^2 . Define $S = P^2 - \cup \Delta_j$. Since S is affine, S is strongly minimal. Put $\Sigma_3 = \{p \in P^2; \text{mult}_p(\Delta) \geq 3\}$ and let Σ_3 consist of s points p_1, \dots, p_s . By blowing P^2 up at centers p_1, \dots, p_s , we have the standard completion \bar{S} of S with smooth boundary D . Assume $\bar{\kappa}(S)=2$. If Δ is of type $\Pi_{a,b}$, $K+D$ is not ample. In fact, letting Δ_0 be a line connecting p_1 with p_2 , the proper transform Δ'_0 of Δ_0 is an exceptional curve of the first kind such that $[\Delta'_0: D]=2$. Hence, D is not a minimal boundary. If Δ is not of type $\Pi_{a,b}$, then $K+D$ is ample, by Theorem 3 [6]. We shall look for an irreducible exceptional curve C_1 of the first kind which is not contained in D such that $(C_1, D)=1$ or 2. Such a C_1 satisfies the condition that $\mu(C_1) \cap \Delta$ consists of two points. Then it is easy to see that $\mu(C_1)$ is also a line. Further, $(K+C_1+D, C_1)=0$, i.e., $K+C_1+D$ is not ample. Hence $\mu(C_1)+\Delta$ is of type $\Pi_{a,b}$. In this case we say that Δ is of type $\Pi'_{a-1, b-1}$. We conclude that if Δ is neither of type $\Pi_{a,b}$ nor of type

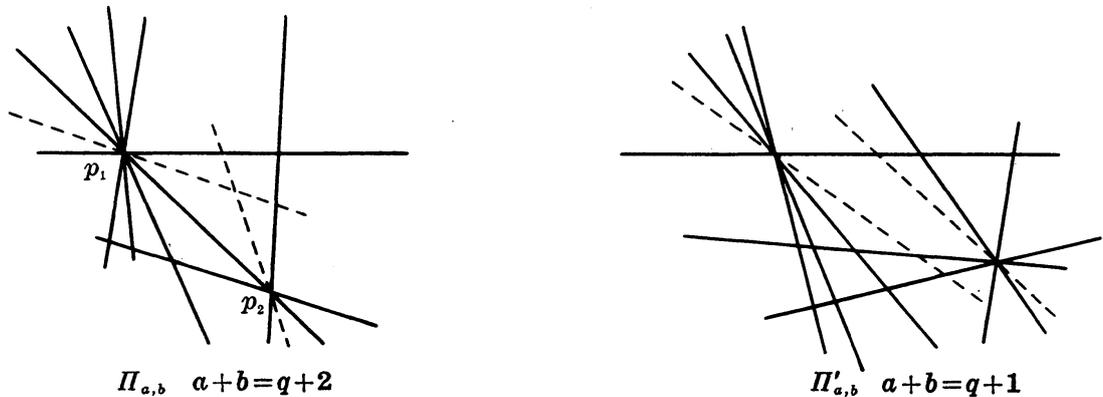


FIGURE 4

$H'_{a,b}$, then the ∂ -surface (\bar{S}, D) consisting of the standard completion \bar{S} and its boundary D is ∂ -minimal.

§4. We shall study relatively ∂ -minimal surfaces (\bar{S}, D) with $\bar{\kappa}(\bar{S}-D) \geq 0$. First we recall the definition of a *canonical blowing up*. For a ∂ -surface (\bar{S}, D) , letting $p \in D$, we define the blowing up $\lambda: \bar{S}^1 = Q_p(\bar{S}) \rightarrow \bar{S}$ and put $D^1 = \lambda^{-1}(D)$. If p is a double point of D , $\lambda: (\bar{S}^1, D^1) \rightarrow (\bar{S}, D)$ is called a *canonical blowing up*.

PROPOSITION 3. *Let (\bar{S}, D) and (\bar{S}_1, D_1) be relatively ∂ -minimal surfaces such that $S = \bar{S} - D = \bar{S}_1 - D_1$. We assume that $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 0$. Let $\varphi: (\bar{S}, D) \rightarrow (\bar{S}_1, D_1)$ be a birational ∂ -map. Then there exists a composition of canonical blowing ups $\mu: (\bar{S}_2, D_2) \rightarrow (\bar{S}, D)$ such that $g = \varphi \circ \mu$ is a proper birational ∂ -morphism. g is also a composition of canonical blowing ups.*

PROOF. Let $\mu: (\bar{S}_2, D_2) \rightarrow (\bar{S}, D)$ be a proper birational ∂ -morphism such that $g = \varphi \circ \mu$ is a proper birational ∂ -morphism with $\mu|_S = \text{id}$. Then μ is a composition of blowing ups. We shall prove that a non-canonical blowing up in the decomposition of μ is not necessary to eliminate the points of indeterminacy of φ . Let λ be the first non-canonical blowing up in μ . Namely, there exists a composition of canonical blowing ups $\mu_1: (\bar{S}_4, D_4) \rightarrow (\bar{S}, D)$ and a proper birational ∂ -morphism $\mu_2: (\bar{S}_2, D_2) \rightarrow (\bar{S}_3, D_3)$ such that a non-canonical blowing up $\lambda: (\bar{S}_3, D_3) \rightarrow (\bar{S}_4, D_4)$ satisfies $\mu = \mu_1 \circ \lambda \circ \mu_2$ (see Figure 5). The center of λ is denoted by $w \in D_3$. Let Γ

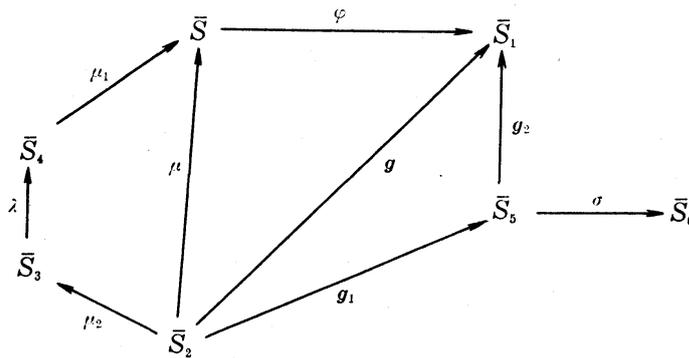


FIGURE 5

be the irreducible component of D_3 which contains w . Putting $F = \mu_2^{-1}(\lambda^{-1}(w))$, we shall prove that $g(F)$ is a point, in other words, F is g -exceptional. We assume that $g(F)$ is a curve. Let Γ^* be the proper transform of Γ by $(\lambda \circ \mu_2)^{-1}$. Then $g(\Gamma^*)$ is a point. Actually, if $g(\Gamma^*)$ is a curve, then $g(F)$ remains to be an exceptional curve of the first

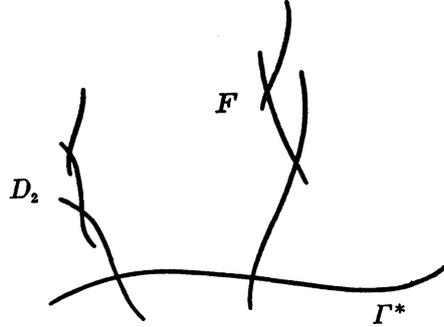


FIGURE 6

kind with $[g(F):D_1]=1$. This contradicts the hypothesis that D_1 is a minimal boundary. We write g as a composition of blowing ups $g=h_1\circ\cdots\circ h_m$. Then there exists an i such that $h_i\circ\cdots\circ h_m(\Gamma^*)$ is a curve \tilde{F} and $h_{i-1}(\tilde{F})$ is a point. Denoting $g_1=h_i\circ\cdots\circ h_m$ and $g_2=h_1\circ\cdots\circ h_{i-1}$, we see that $\tilde{F}=g_1(F)$ remains to be an exceptional curve of the first kind satisfying that $[\tilde{F}:g_1(D_2)]=1$. If \tilde{F} is reducible, we can contract some curves in \tilde{F} to obtain the irreducible \tilde{F} . Thus we may assume \tilde{F} to be irreducible. Moreover, $[\tilde{F}:g_1(D_2)]\leq 2$, since $g_2(\tilde{F})$ is a point and $g_2(g_1(D_2))$ is a divisor with normal crossings.

We can contract \tilde{F} to a non-singular point. Then we obtain a blowing up $\sigma:\bar{S}_5=g_1(\bar{S}_2)\rightarrow\bar{S}_6$. Letting $Z=\sigma(F)$ and $D_6=\sigma(g_1(D_2))$, we have $Z^2=0$, $Z\cong P^1$, and $(Z,D_6)=1$. Since (\bar{S},D) is not properly ∂ -minimal, \bar{S} is a ruled surface by Theorem 2. Thus, Z is a fiber of the fiber space

$$\pi:\bar{S}\longrightarrow Y \quad \text{and so} \quad \bar{\kappa}(S)\leq\bar{\kappa}(Z-Z\cap D_6)+\dim Y=-\infty.$$

This contradicts the hypothesis.

Hence, we may delete non-canonical blowing ups λ from $\mu:\bar{S}_2\rightarrow\bar{S}$. Thus we take a composition of canonical blowing ups μ such that $g=\varphi\circ\mu$ is a proper birational morphism. We shall prove that g is also a composition of canonical blowing ups. Note the following

LEMMA 3. *Let $g:(\bar{S},D)\rightarrow(\bar{S}_1,D_1)$ be a proper birational ∂ -morphism. Suppose that g is a composition of α canonical blowing ups and β non-canonical blowing ups. Then*

$$(K(\bar{S})+D)^2=(K(\bar{S}_1)+D_1)^2-\beta.$$

Proof is easy and omitted.

We proceed with the proof of Proposition 3. By Lemma 3 applied to μ and g , we have $(K(\bar{S}_2)+D_2)^2=(K(\bar{S})+D)^2$ and $(K(\bar{S}_2)+D_2)^2\leq(K(\bar{S}_1)+D_1)^2$. Thus we obtain

$$(K(\bar{S}) + S)^2 \geq (K(\bar{S}_1) + D_1)^2 .$$

Similarly, $(K(\bar{S}_1) + D_1)^2 \geq (K(\bar{S}) + D)^2$. Hence,

$$(K(\bar{S}) + D)^2 = (K(\bar{S}_1) + D_1)^2 .$$

This implies that g is composed of canonical blowing ups. Q.E.D.

COROLLARY. *Let S be a surface with $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 0$. Then $(K(\bar{S}) + D)^2$ does not depend upon the choice of completions \bar{S} of S with ordinary boundaries D , provided D 's are minimal boundaries.*

For a surface S we define the logarithmic Chern numbers $\bar{c}_1^2(S)$ and $\bar{c}_2(S)$ as follows (see [6], [7]):

$$\bar{c}_1^2(S) = \sup\{c_1(\theta(\log D))^2[\bar{S}]; (\bar{S}, D) \text{ being a } \partial\text{-surface such that } S = \bar{S} - D\}$$

$$\bar{c}_2(S) = \sup\{c_2(\theta(\log D))[S]; \text{ as above} \} .$$

Here $\theta(\log D)$ is the dual sheaf of $\Omega^1(\log D)$. Note that $\bar{c}_2(S)$ is the Euler characteristic of S , [7]. Moreover, when $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 0$, $\bar{c}_1^2(S) = (K(\bar{S}) + D)^2$ where D is a minimal boundary.

By the proposition above, we shall determine all relatively ∂ -minimal models (\bar{S}, D) when $S = \bar{S} - D$ is given in the case of $\bar{\kappa}(S) = 1$.

First we define elementary transformations for a given ∂ -surface (\bar{S}, D) . If there is an irreducible component C of D such that $C^2 = 0$, $\pi(C) = 0$, and $[C: D] = 1$ or 2 , we consider a canonical blowing up $\lambda: (\bar{S}^1, D^1) \rightarrow (\bar{S}, D)$ whose center $p \in C \cap D'$, $D = C + D'$. The proper transform C' satisfies $C'^2 = -1$ and $\pi(C') = 0$. Hence, contracting C' to a non-singular point by a blowing up λ_1 , we have a new ∂ -surface (\bar{S}_1, D_1) . The birational map φ defined to be the composition of $\lambda^{-1}: (\bar{S}, D) \rightarrow (\bar{S}^1, D^1)$ and $\lambda_1: (\bar{S}^1, D^1) \rightarrow (\bar{S}_1, D_1)$ is called an elementary transformation of the first kind or the second kind, respectively, according to $[C: D] = 1$ or 2 .

Irreducible components defined in the above figure have the following self-intersection numbers: $(\theta')^2 = \theta^2 - 1$, $(\theta'_1)^2 = \theta_1^2 - 1$, $(\theta'_2)^2 = \theta_2^2 + 1$, and $(\theta'')^2 = \theta^2$. To make things clear, we say that φ is an elementary transformation at p with axis C and φ is denoted by $\text{elm}[p, C]$. We can repeat elementary transformations at p (resp. p') with axis C (resp. E') and so on. A b -times composition of such transformations is written as $\text{elm}^b[p, C]$.

THEOREM 3. *Let (\bar{S}, D) and (\bar{S}_1, D_1) be relatively minimal ∂ -surfaces where $S = \bar{S} - D = \bar{S}_1 - D_1$. Suppose that $\bar{\kappa}(S) = 1$. Then (\bar{S}_1, D_1) is obtained from (\bar{S}, D) by a finite succession of compositions of $\text{elm}^m[p_i, C_i]$*

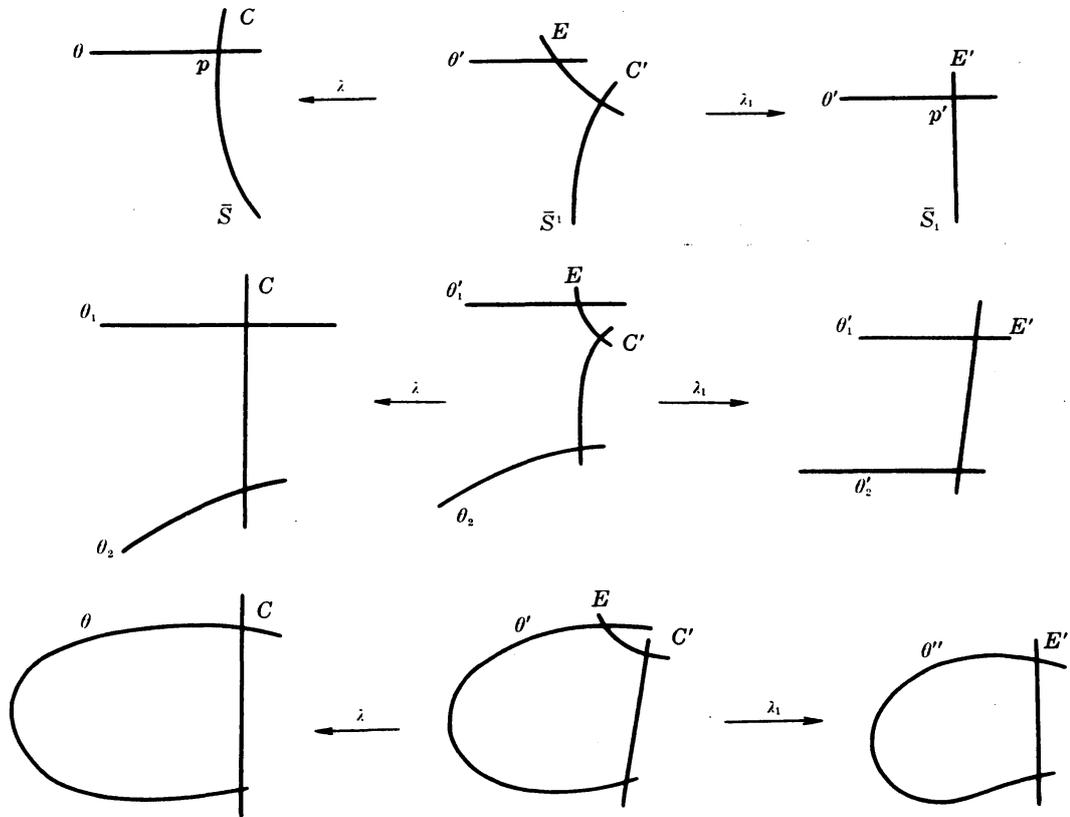


FIGURE 7

in which the C_i are parallel.

PROOF. By the fundamental theorem on logarithmic Kodaira dimension ([2] Theorem 5), we have the logarithmic canonical fibered surfaces $f: \bar{S} \rightarrow W$ and $f_1: \bar{S}_1 \rightarrow W_1$, W and W_1 being complete non-singular curves. Assume that the identity: $S \rightarrow S$ induces a proper birational map $\varphi: \bar{S} \rightarrow \bar{S}_1$ that is not a morphism. φ induces the linear isomorphism from $T_m(S) = H^0(m(K(S) + D))$ into $T_m(S) = H^0(m(K(S) + D))$, which determines an isomorphism $\psi: W \rightarrow W_1$. Thus we have the following diagram.

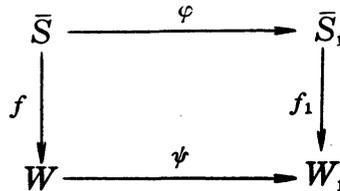


FIGURE 8

Take a point $p_1 \in \bar{S}_1$ at which φ^{-1} is not defined. Then by the proof of Proposition 2, we have an irreducible exceptional curve of the second kind C on \bar{S} such that $C^2 \geq 0$ and $[C: D] \leq 2$. Since ψ is an isomorphism,

C is a fiber of $f: \bar{S} \rightarrow W$. Hence, $C^2=0, \pi(C)=0$ and $[C: D]=2$. Set $w=f(C)$ and $u=\psi(w)$. We eliminate the points of indeterminacy of φ by a composition of canonical blowing ups $\mu: \bar{S}_2 \rightarrow \bar{S}$. $f \circ \mu: \bar{S}_2 \rightarrow W$ is the logarithmic canonical fibered surface of \bar{S}_2 and we write $g=\varphi \circ \mu$ as usual. The reduced divisor $\mu^{-1}(C)$ is written as $C^* + \sum E_j$, in which C^* is the proper transform of C . By hypothesis, $g(C^*)$ is a point q . Hence, if $C^{*2} \leq -2$, then there exists an irreducible exceptional curve of the first kind in $g^{-1}(q)$, say E_1 . After contracting such E_1 , we conclude that $C^{*2} = -1$. This implies that the centers of μ belong to one of the two points $C \cap D'$ where $D=C+D'$. Thus we have the following figure:

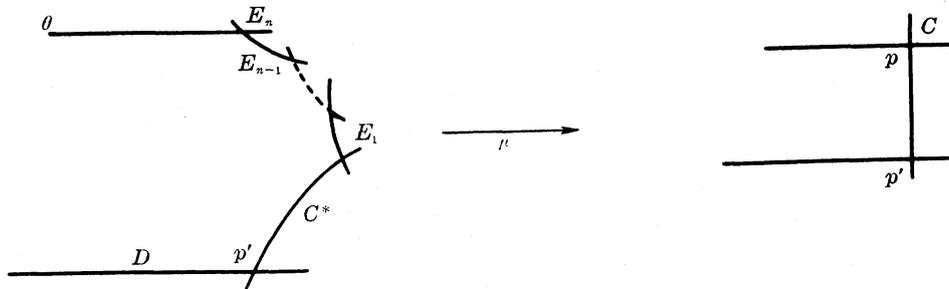


FIGURE 9

After changing the indices of E_j 's, if necessary, we assume $C^* \cap E_1 \neq \emptyset, E_1 \cap E_2 \neq \emptyset, \dots, E_{n-1} \cap E_n \neq \emptyset, n+1=r(g^{-1}(C))$. If $E_1^2 = -1$, then contract C^* . The proper transform E_1' has the vanishing self-intersection number. This yields that $n=1$ and $\varphi = \text{elm}[p, C]$ locally around C . If $E_1^2 = -2$ and $E_j^2 = -2$ or -1 for any $j \in [2, n]$, then repeat contractions starting from C^* . Thus we finally have

$$E_1^2 = E_2^2 = \dots = E_n^2 = -2, \text{ and } E_n^2 = -1.$$

It is easy to see that φ is expressed near C as an n -times composition of elementary transformations of the second kind. In other words, $\varphi = \text{elm}^n[p, C]$ locally around C . The final case is the case where there exists i such that $E_i^2 \leq -3$. Let E_i correspond to a fiber C_i by g . Then $E_n + E_{n-1} + \dots + E_{i+1}$ is an exceptional curve of the first kind that is g -exceptional. Hence, there exists an irreducible exceptional curve of the first kind $E_k, n \geq k \geq i+1$. Contract such an E_k and repeat. At last we may assume that $l=n$. Thus, $C^* + E_1 + \dots + E_{n-1}$ is an exceptional curve of the first kind, which is a bamboo. If there exists $E_j (1 \leq j \leq E_{n-1})$ which is an exceptional curve of the first kind, contract it. Even after such contractions, $C^* + E_1 + \dots + E_{n-1}$ has the same property, i.e., $C^{*2} = -1$ and it is exceptional. Thus, we may assume that $E_j^2 \leq -2$ for any

$j \in [1, n-1]$. We claim that $E_j^2 = -2$ for any $j \in [1, n-1]$. Actually, if there exists E_m such that $E_m^2 \leq -3$, we let i be the minimal number among such m . Contract C^* and let E'_i be the proper transform of E_i , which is an exceptional curve of the first kind, if $1 \leq i-1$. Then contract E'_i , again. Continuing these contractions we arrive at the following bamboo

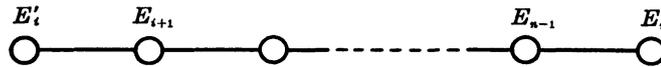


FIGURE 10

where $E_i'^2 \leq -2$, $E_{i+1}^2 \leq -2$, \dots , $E_{n-1}^2 \leq -2$. Thus $E'_i + E_{i+1} + \dots + E_{n-1}$ could not be an exceptional curve of the first kind. This contradicts the fact that $C^* + E_1 + \dots + E_{n-1}$ is exceptional. Performing the same processes, we conclude that

$$\varphi = \text{elm}^*[p, C] \circ \text{elm}^m[q, C'] \circ \dots \circ \dots$$

COROLLARY. *Let S be a surface with $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 1$. Take an arbitrary completion \bar{S} of S with ordinary boundary D such that D is a minimal boundary. Then $(K(\bar{S}))^2$, $(K(\bar{S}), K(\bar{S}) + D)$, $(K(\bar{S}) + D)^2$ do not depend upon the choice of ∂ -surface (\bar{S}, D) such that $S = \bar{S} - D$.*

Thus we can define logarithmic Chern numbers of S with $\bar{\kappa}(S) \geq 1$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} c_1^2(S) &= (K(\bar{S}))^2, \\ \bar{c}_1 c_1(S) &= (K(\bar{S}), K(\bar{S}) + D), \\ \bar{c}_1^2(S) &= (K(\bar{S}) + D)^2. \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE. Let $S = A^2 - V(x^2 - y^3)$. Then $S = P^2 - C_1 \cup C_2$, C_1 being the infinite line and C_2 being the closure of $V(x^2 - y^3)$. By a 6-times composition of blowing ups, we have a completion \bar{S} of S with smooth boundary D .

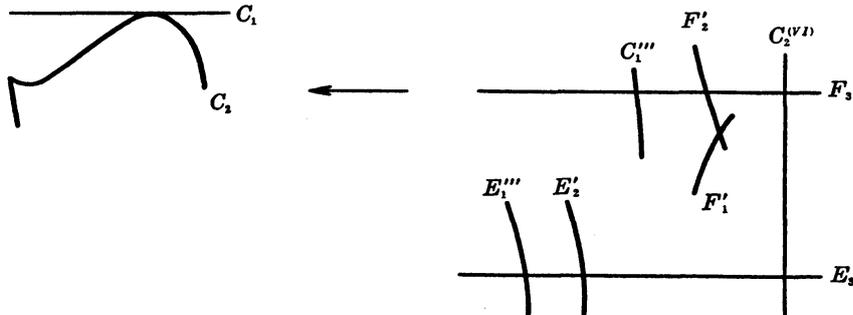


FIGURE 11

Here, the entity X^a is the proper transform of X^{a-1} by a blowing up. Let H represent a line on P^2 and the total transform of Y is denoted by the same symbol Y . Then

$$D + K \sim H - F_2 - E_3 - F_3,$$

$$K \sim -3H + E_1 + E_2 + E_3 + F_1 + F_2 + F_3.$$

Hence,

$$c_1^2(S) = 3, \bar{c}_1 c_1(S) = 0, \bar{c}_1^2(S) = -2.$$

The configurations of minimal boundaries of S are as follows:

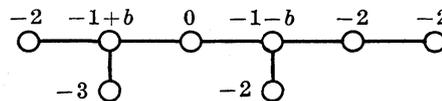


FIGURE 12

Each point indicates the irreducible component of D with its self-intersection number.

REMARK. The determination of all $\bar{\partial}$ -surfaces (\bar{S}, D) with $S = \bar{S} - D$ for a given surface S is rather difficult when $\bar{\kappa}(S) = 0$. But it can be done in a similar way to Theorem 3. For this, we refer the reader to [5].

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