

Blowing-ups along exceptional curves

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ABSTRACT

Let X be a 3-dimensional complex manifold(variety) , $C \subseteq X$ an exceptional curve. Let us consider $\mu_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X$, $E_1 = \mu_1^{-1}(C)$

We prove that $C_1 \subseteq X_1$ is also an exceptional curve, where C_1 is a negative section corresponding to the exact sequence of I_C/I_C^2 .

And I_C is an O_C -ideal.

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 C_1 \quad , \quad C \subseteq X \quad (\quad) \quad \mathbf{x} \\
 \quad \quad \quad C_1 \subseteq X_1 \quad E_1 = \mu_1^{-1}(C) \quad \mu_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X \\
 \quad \quad \quad \cdot \frac{I_C}{I_C^2}
 \end{array}$$

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1.Introduction

Let X be a 3-dimensional complex manifold, $C \subseteq X$ a closed compact smooth curve and let $\mu_1 : X_1 \rightarrow X$ be the blowing-up of X along C . The exceptional divisor $E_1 = \mu_1^{-1}(C)$ is a ruled surface over C . Here $X_1 = \mu_1^{-1}(X)$

There exists at most one section C_1 of the ruling $E_1 \rightarrow C$ with $(C_1)_{E_1}^2 < 0$. We call this a negative section.

If E_1 has a negative section C_1 , then let us consider the blowing-up $\mu_2 : X_2 \rightarrow X_1$ along C_1 . In this way, we have a sequence of blowing-ups

$(B_k) : X_k \xrightarrow{\mu_k} X_{k-1} \xrightarrow{\mu_{k-1}} \dots \rightarrow X_1 \xrightarrow{\mu_1} X$, the exceptional ruled surfaces E_i on X_i ($1 \leq i \leq K$) and the negative sections C_i

on E_i ($1 \leq i \leq K$) such that the μ_j is just the blowing-up of X_{j-1} along C_{j-1} and $E_j = \mu_j^{-1}(C_{j-1})$ for $1 \leq j \leq K$

The purpose of this paper is to answer the following question;

If C is an exceptional curve, when is C_1 an exceptional Curve ?. In the case $C \cong P^1$ and the normal bundle $N_{C/X} \cong O \oplus (-2)$, (P^1 is the 1-dimensional projective space) M. Reid [6] has proved this and also T. Ando [2] has treated this problem .In [1] and [7]the exceptional locus was used to study properties of simple singularities.

2.Exceptional curves

Let E be a locally free sheaf of rank two on a smooth compact curve C .

2.1. Lemma: (1) If E is a semi-stable vector bundle, then there exist no curves Γ on the ruled surface $P_C(E)$ with $\Gamma^2 < 0$.

(2) If E is unstable, then there exists a unique (up to isomorphisms) exact sequence.

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow E \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0,$$

which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) L and M are invertible sheaves on C ,
- (ii) $\deg_C L > \deg_C M$.

Proof:

(1). Let π be the ruling $P_C(E) \rightarrow C$ and $O(1)$ be the tautological line bundle on $P_C(E)$ with $\Gamma^2 < 0$.

(2). Since E is unstable, there exists an exact sequence satisfying (i) and (ii). Assume that there is another sequence.

$$0 \rightarrow L' \rightarrow E \rightarrow M' \rightarrow 0,$$

satisfying (i) and (ii). Since $\deg M' < \deg(\det E)$, the homomorphism $L \rightarrow E \rightarrow M'$ must be zero. Therefore $L' = L$ and $M' \cong M$.

2.2. Definition :

If E is unstable, we call the exact sequence.

$$0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow E \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0,$$

satisfying the above conditions (i) and (ii), the characteristic exact sequence of E . Here we also define $d^+(E) := \deg_C L$,

$d^-(E) := \deg_C M$, and $\delta(E) := d^+(E) - d^-(E)$. When E is the conormal bundle $N_{C/X}$ of a curve $C \subseteq X$, we simply denote $d^\pm(E)$ and $\delta(E)$ by $d^\pm(C)$ and $\delta(C)$ respectively.

2.3. Definition :

A compact smooth curve C in a smooth threefold X is called an exceptional curve, if there exists a proper bimeromorphic morphism $f : X \rightarrow Z$ such that $f(C)$ is a point and that f is isomorphic outside C .

We have the following criterion.

2.4. Proposition :

Let $C \subseteq X$ be a compact smooth curve in a smooth threefold. Then C is an exceptional curve if and only if there exists a coherent O_X -ideal J on a neighbourhood of C satisfying the following condition :

- (E) : $\dim(\text{supp}(O_X/J)) = 1$, $\text{Supp}(O_X/J) \subseteq C$,
- and $(J \otimes_{O_X} O_C) / \text{torsion}$ is an ample vector bundle on C .

Proof. First we assume that C is an exceptional curve. Then there exist two effective cartier divisors S_1 and S_2 on a neighbourhood of C such that $(S_1.C) < 0$, $(S_2.C) < 0$, and $\dim(S_1 \cap S_2) = 1$.

Let J be the ideal $\mathcal{O}_X(-S_1) + \mathcal{O}_X(-S_2)$. Then we have

$$J \otimes \mathcal{O} \cong (\mathcal{O}_C \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-S_1)) \oplus (\mathcal{O}_C \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-S_2)).$$

Thus J satisfies the condition (E).

Next we assume that there is an \mathcal{O}_X -ideal J satisfying the condition (E). By considering the primary decomposition of J ,

We have an \mathcal{O}_X -ideal $J_0 \supseteq J$ such that $\text{supp}(\mathcal{O}_X/J_0) = C$ and

$\text{Supp}(J_0/J) \supseteq C$. Hence there is an injection $(J \otimes \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion})$

$\rightarrow (J_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion})$, where $\text{rank}(J \otimes \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion}) = \text{rank}$

$(J_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion})$. Therefore J_0 also satisfies the condition (E).

Let $\mu: V \rightarrow X$ be the blowing-up by the ideal J_0 , i.e.,

$$V: = \text{Proj}_X \left(\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} J_0^d \right).$$

We have an exceptional Cartier divisor.

$E: = \text{Proj}_X \left(\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} J_0^d / J_0^{d+1} \right)$. Let W be a component of E . If $\mu(W)$ is

a point, then $0_W \otimes 0_V(-E)$ is ample, since $\mathcal{O}_V(-E)$ is μ -ample. If $\mu(W)$

is not a point, then $\mu(W) = C$ and W is also a component of

$\text{proj}_C(d \geq J_0^d \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion})$. Since $(J_0 \otimes \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion})$ is an ample vector

bundle, $0_W \otimes 0_V(-E)$ is also ample. Therefore $0_E(-E)$ is an ample

invertible sheaf. Then by the contraction criterion (cf. [3], [4]), we

have a morphism $v: V \rightarrow Z$ such that $v(E)$ is a point and v is an

isomorphism outside E . Therefore we have the contraction $f: X \rightarrow Z$ of

C .

2.5.Lemma:

Let $C \subseteq X$ be an exceptional curve.

(1) If the conormal bundle $N_{C/X}^v \cong I_C / I_C^2$ is semi-stable, then

I_C / I_C^2 is an ample vector bundle.

(2) If I_C / I_C^2 is unstable, then $d^+(C) > 0$,

Proof. Take an ideal J satisfying the condition (E) and the maximal integer k such that $J \subseteq I_C^k$. Then we have an injection

$$J/J \cap I_C^{k+1} \rightarrow I_C^k / I_C^{k+1} \cong \text{Sy}_m^k(I_C / I_C^2).$$

By the condition (E), $J/J \cap I_C^{k+1}$ is an ample vector bundle.

Therefore we have proved (1) and (2) .

Let $C \subseteq X$ be an exceptional curve such that I_C / I_C^2 is unstable. Let us consider the blowing-up

$\mu_1: X_1 \rightarrow X$, $E_1 = \mu_1^{-1}(C)$, and the negative section C_1 corresponding to the characteristic exact sequence of I_C / I_C^2 .

2.6. Theorem :

$C_1 \subseteq X_1$ is also an exceptional curve.

Proof: Let $0 \rightarrow L \rightarrow I_C / I_C^2 \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$ be the characteristic exact sequence. Assum that I_C / I_C^2 is ample. Then from the natural exact sequence.

$$0 \rightarrow 0_{C_1} \otimes 0_{X_1}(-E_1) \rightarrow I_{C_1} / I_{C_1}^2 \rightarrow 0_{C_1} \otimes 0_{E_1}(-C_1) \rightarrow 0,$$

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$L \otimes M^{-1}$

and the condition $\deg L > \deg M > 0$, we see that $I_{C_1} / I_{C_1}^2$ is also ample. Next assume that I_C / I_C^2 is not ample. Then $\deg M \leq 0$.

Take an \mathcal{O}_X – ideal J satisfying the condition (E) for $C \rightarrow X$. Let us consider the \mathcal{O}_{X_1} – ideal $J' := \text{Image}(\mu^*_1 J \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_1})$.

Since $J \subseteq I_C$, we have $J' \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{X_1}(-E_1)$.

Take the maximal integer λ such that

$J' \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{X_1}(-\lambda E_1)$ and let $J_1 := J' \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_1}}(\lambda E_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_1}$. we shall prove that the J_1 satisfies the condition (E) for

$C_1 \rightarrow X_1$. Since $(J \otimes \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion})$ is ample on C ,

$(J' \otimes \mathcal{O}_C / \text{torsion})$ is also ample on C_1 .

Now we have a natural homomorphism,

$$J' \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{C_1} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X_1}}(-\lambda E_1) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{C_1}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{C_1}} \cong M^{\otimes \lambda}$$

Since $\deg M \leq 0$, this homomorphism must be zero. Therefore

$J_1 \subseteq I_{C_1}$. On the other hand, $(J_1 \otimes 0_{C_1}/\text{torsion})$ is ample, since

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 \otimes 0_{C_1} &\cong (J' \otimes 0_{C_1}) \otimes (0_{X_1} (IE_1) \otimes 0_{C_1}) \\ &\cong (J' \otimes 0_{C_1}) \otimes M^{\otimes(-\lambda)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore J_1 satisfies the condition (E).

2.7.proposition .

Let $C \subseteq X$ be an exceptional curve and let J be an O_X -ideal satisfying the condition (E) for $C \subseteq X$.

Then it is impossible to construct an infinite descending filtration $I^{(k)}$ ($k \geq 0$) of the defining ideal I_C which satisfies the following two conditions (a) and (b) :

(a) $I^{(k)}$ is a coherent O_X - ideal for all $k \geq 0$ and $J \subseteq \bigcap_{k \geq 0} I^{(k)}$

(b) $I^{(k)}/I^{(k+1)}$ is an O_C - invertible sheaf and not ample for all $K \geq 0$

Proof: By (a) , we can take the maximal integer k such that

$I \subseteq I^{(k)}$. Then we have an injection $J/J \cap I^{(k+1)} \rightarrow I^{(k)}/I^{(k+1)}$ since $(J \otimes 0_C / \text{torsion})$ is ample, $J/J \cap I^{(k+1)}$ is also ample.

This contradicts (b).

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