

Let's try to construct an ample line bundle on the blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at 2 points, and prove it's ample using the Nakai criterion.

I claim that  $3H - E_1 - E_2$ , the line bundle associated to a cubic through the two points, is going to do the trick. There are two things we need to know: first, that it has positive degree when restricted to the cubic itself, and second, that it has positive degree on every curve in the surface.

We know that  $3H$  restricted to the cubic has degree 9. Similarly,  $E_i$  restricted to the cubic has degree 1. Since the  $E_i$  appear with negative signs, the degree is  $9 - 1 - 1 = 7$ , which is positive, as needed.

Now we need to show that given any curve on  $X$ , the cubic in question has positive degree on the curve. This is certainly true for the two curves  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , where the degree is 1. Every other curve on  $X$  has image a curve in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of some degree  $d$  and some multiplicities  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  at the two points in question.

What's the degree of  $3H - E_1 - E_2$  restricted to such a curve on  $X$ ? Well,  $E_i|_C$  has degree  $m_i$ : these two things intersect on  $X$  at  $m_i$  points. And  $3H|_C$  has degree  $3d$ . So the degree of the restriction is  $3d - m_1 - m_2$ . On the other hand, we know that  $d \geq m_1$  and  $d \geq m_2$ , since a curve can't have multiplicity at a point that's larger than its degree. So  $\deg(3H - E_1 - E_2)|_C = 3d - m_1 - m_2 > 0$ , and the line bundle is ample according to the Nakai criterion.