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Enumerative Geometry of Divisorial Families of Rational Curves

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Abstract. We compute the number of irreducible rational curves of given degree with 1 tacnode in \mathbb{P}^2 or 1 node in \mathbb{P}^3 meeting an appropriate generic collection of points and lines. As a byproduct, we also compute the number of rational plane curves of degree *d* passing through 3d - 2 given points and tangent to a given line. The method is 'classical', free of Quantum Cohomology.

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