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Syzygies and Singularities of Tensor Product Surfaces of Bidegree (2, 1).

Consider the polynomial ring $R = \mathbf{k}[s, t, u, v]$ over an algebraically closed field \mathbf{k} . Regard R as a bigraded \mathbf{k} -algebra, in which s, t have degree $(1, 0)$ and u, v have degree $(0, 1)$. Let f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3 be bihomogeneous polynomials of degree $(2, 1)$ with no common zeros on $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and I the ideal generated by the f_i 's. In a joint work with H. Schenck and A. Seceleanu we classify all possible minimal free resolutions of R/I and we relate the syzygies of the f_i 's to the singularities of the projective surface S in \mathbb{P}^3 parametrized by the f_i 's over $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$. These resolutions play a key role in determining the implicit equation for S . This problem arises from a real world application in geometric modeling, where one would like to understand the implicit equation and singular locus of a parametric surface. (Received August 26, 2012)