

# MINIMAL RESOLUTION OF GENERAL STABLE RANK-2 VECTOR BUNDLES ON $\mathbb{P}^2$

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**Sunto.** – *Abbiamo studiato gli elementi generici degli spazi di moduli  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  dei fibrati vettoriali stabili di rango 2 su  $\mathbb{P}^2$  e le loro risoluzioni libere minimali. Ne segue una dimostrazione piuttosto semplice dell'irriducibilità di  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$ .*

**Abstract.** – *We study general elements of moduli spaces  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  of rank-2 stable holomorphic vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  and their minimal free resolutions. Incidentally, a quite easy proof of the irreducibility of  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  is shown.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We investigate stable rank-2 vector bundles on the complex projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$  by means of their minimal free resolutions. Bohnhorst and Spindler in their paper [BS92] develop interesting techniques for the study of minimal free resolution of rank- $n$  stable vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  of homological dimension 1. In this work we derive a number of consequences for rank-2 vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

As Bohnhorst and Spindler observe, Betti numbers define a stratification of the moduli space  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  of stable holomorphic vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  by constructible subsets. We estimate the codimension of such strata and characterize Betti numbers of the general element of the moduli space. As a corollary, we get a simple proof of the irreducibility of  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$ . Other proofs of the irreducibility of moduli spaces of stable vector bundles can be found in [Bar77a, Ell83, Hul79, HL93, Pot79, Mar78]. The irreducibility of  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  was proved for  $c_1$  even in [Bar77a] and  $c_1$  odd independently in [Pot79] and [Hul79].

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## 2. ADMISSIBLE PAIRS AND RESOLUTIONS

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank-2 vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . By Horrocks' theorem [Hor64],  $\mathcal{E}$  has homological dimension at most 1, i.e., it has a free resolution of the form

$$(1) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-a_i) \xrightarrow{\Phi} \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+2} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-b_j) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow 0.$$

We do not assume that such a resolution is minimal. In what follows we suppose that  $\mathcal{E}$  has homological dimension 1 (so that  $k > 0$ ); we are not interested in vector bundles of homological dimension 0, i.e., splitting vector bundles, since they are not stable.

We suppose that the two sequences  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are indexed in nondecreasing order

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} a_1 &\leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_k, \\ b_1 &\leq b_2 \leq \cdots \leq b_{k+2}; \end{aligned}$$

call  $(a, b) = ((a_1, \dots, a_k), (b_1, \dots, b_{k+2}))$  the *associated pair* to the resolution (1). If this resolution is minimal, we call  $(a, b)$  the pair associated to the bundle  $\mathcal{E}$ . Notice that the associated pair and Betti numbers encode exactly the same information; in particular  $\max(a_k - 1, b_{k+2})$  is the Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Chern classes  $c_1, c_2$  of  $\mathcal{E}$  are expressed in terms of the  $a_i, b_j$  by the formulas

$$(3) \quad c_1 = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i - \sum_{i=1}^{k+2} b_i,$$

$$(4) \quad 2c_2 - c_1^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{k+2} b_i^2.$$

**Definition 2.1.** A pair  $(a, b)$  is said to be *admissible* if

$$(5) \quad a_i > b_{i+2} \quad \text{for all } i = 1, \dots, k$$

For the sake of brevity, we say that the resolution (1) is admissible if its associated pair  $(a, b)$  is so.

More generally, we can consider the associated pair  $(a, b)$  to any vector bundle of homological dimension 1 on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  with  $n \geq 2$ . In that case, we say that  $(a, b)$  is admissible if  $a_i > b_{n+i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , as in [BS92].

Let us restate the main results of Bohnhorst and Spindler on admissible pairs (proposition 2.3 and theorem 2.7 in [BS92]) in our settings.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the rank-2 vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of resolution (1). Then*

- (1) *resolution (1) is minimal if and only if it is admissible and every constant entry of the matrix  $\Phi$  is zero;*
- (2) *if resolution (1) is admissible then  $\mathcal{E}$  is stable (resp. semistable) if and only if  $b_1 > -\mu$  (resp.  $b_1 \geq -\mu$ ) where  $\mu = c_1/2$  is the slope of  $\mathcal{E}$ .*

We denote by  $\mathfrak{I}$  the set of all admissible pairs  $(a, b)$  associated to rank-2 vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  with Chern classes  $c_1, c_2$  which satisfy the condition

$$b_1 > -\mu = \frac{1}{2}(\sum a_i - \sum b_j).$$

Theorem 2.2 shows that the set  $\mathfrak{I}$  contains the set of all possible associated pairs to a stable vector bundle in  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  and coincides exactly with it. Then

$$(6) \quad \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2) = \coprod_{(a, b) \in \mathfrak{I}} \mathfrak{M}(a, b)$$

where  $\mathfrak{M}(a, b)$  is the constructible subset of  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  of vector bundles with associated pair  $(a, b)$ .

**Proposition 2.3.** *For all  $(a, b) \in \mathfrak{I}$ , the closed set  $\overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)}$  is an irreducible algebraic subset of  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  of dimension*

$$(7) \quad \dim \overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)} = \dim \operatorname{Hom}(F_1, F_0) + \dim \operatorname{Hom}(F_0, F_1) + \\ - \dim \operatorname{End}(F_1) - \dim \operatorname{End}(F_0) + 1 - \#\{(i, j) : a_i = b_j\},$$

where  $F_0 = \oplus_{j=1}^{k+2} \mathcal{O}(-b_j)$ ,  $F_1 = \oplus_{i=1}^k \mathcal{O}(-a_i)$ .

*Proof.* Proposition 3.3 in [BS92]. □

In the following lemma we find an upper bound on the regularity of semistable vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of rank-2. A lower bound is given in corollary 3.7.

**Theorem 2.4.** *A normalized semistable rank-2 bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is  $c_2$ -regular.*

*Proof.* For brevity's sake, we set  $\xi_i := a_i - b_{i+2}$  and  $t_i := b_{i+2} - b_2$ . Obviously,  $\xi_i \geq 1$  and  $t_i \geq 0$ . We rewrite (3) as

$$(8) \quad \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i = b_1 + b_2 + c_1.$$

By equation (4) and theorem 2.2, using inequalities (2) and (5), we get

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} b_1^2 + b_2^2 + 2c_2 - c_1^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^k (a_i^2 - b_{i+2}^2) = \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i (2b_2 + 2t_i + \xi_i) \geq \\ &\geq 2b_2 \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^k (2t_i + \xi_i) = \\ &= (2b_2 + 1)(b_1 + b_2 + c_1) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^k t_i. \end{aligned}$$

If we suppose that  $b_2 + \sum_{i=1}^k t_i \geq c_2 + 1$ , we have

$$b_1^2 + b_2^2 + 2b_2 - c_1^2 - (2b_2 + 1)(b_1 + b_2 + c_1) \geq 2.$$

The left side of the above inequality is non-increasing with respect to  $b_1$ , hence it remains true after substituting  $-c_1$  to  $b_1$ ; but  $b_2 - b_2^2 \geq 2$  has no solutions. Thus  $\sum_{i=1}^k t_i$  must be at most  $c_2 - b_2$  and in particular

$$(10) \quad b_{k+2} = b_2 + t_k \leq b_2 + \sum_{i=1}^k t_i \leq c_2.$$

Now, we must show that  $a_k \leq c_2 + 1$ . We rewrite (3) as  $\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \xi_i = b_1 + b_2 + b_{k+2} - a_k + c_1$  and by (4)

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_{k+2}^2 - a_k^2 + 2c_2 - c_1^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} (a_i^2 - b_{i+2}^2) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \xi_i (2b_2 + 2t_i + \xi_i) \geq \\ &\geq 2b_2 \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \xi_i \geq \\ &\geq (2b_2 + 1)(b_1 + b_2 + b_{k+2} - a_k + c_1) \end{aligned}$$

that can be put in the form

$$(12) \quad b_1^2 + b_2^2 - (2b_2 + 1)(b_1 + b_2 + c_1) + 2c_2 - c_1^2 \geq (a_k - b_{k+2})(a_k + b_{k+2} - 2b_2 - 1).$$

Suppose that  $a_k \geq c_2 + 2$ . By (10) we have  $a_k - b_{k+2} \geq c_2 + 2 - c_2 = 2$  and we observe also that  $a_k + b_{k+2} - 2b_2 - 1 \geq c_2 - b_2 + 1$ . Substituting and simplifying, equation (12) becomes

$$(13) \quad b_1^2 + b_2^2 - (2b_2 + 1)(b_1 + b_2 + c_1) - c_1^2 \geq c_1^2 + 2$$

As before, we can restrict ourselves to the case  $b_1 = -c_1$  obtaining

$$b_1^2 + b_2^2 - (2b_2 + 1)(b_1 + b_2) \geq 2$$

which has no solution for  $b_i$  positive. Then  $a_k \leq c_2 + 1$ .  $\square$

*Remark 2.5.* The above theorem is sharp. Indeed  $((c_2 + 1), (0, 1, c_2))$  and  $((c_2 + 1), (1, 1, c_2))$  are admissible pairs associated to rank-2 semistable bundles with Chern classes  $c_1, c_2$  and regularity  $c_2$ .

*Remark 2.6.* It is also possible to prove that a semistable rank-2 bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  is  $c_2$  regular if  $c_1 = 0$  and  $(c_2 + 1)$ -regular if  $c_1 = -1$  using the bounds on dimension of cohomology groups proved by Elencwajg and Forster (proposition 2.18 in [EF80]) and the Grauert-Mülich theorem.

*Remark 2.7.* From (8) and the thesis of the previous theorem, the value  $k$  in (1) is bounded by:

$$(14) \quad k \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i = b_1 + b_2 + c_1 \leq 2c_2 + c_1$$

Hence, for fixed Chern classes  $c_1, c_2$ , there are only a finite number of admissible pairs of rank-2 vector bundles and we can write an algorithm to enumerate such pairs restricting the search to a finite domain.

### 3. NATURAL PAIRS AND GENERAL VECTOR BUNDLES

We say that  $(a, b) = ((a_1, \dots, a_k), (b_1, \dots, b_{k+2}))$  is a *natural pair* if it is admissible and

$$(15) \quad b_{k+2} < a_1, \quad a_k \leq b_1 + 2.$$

The above inequalities imply  $a_i \neq b_j$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ .

We observe that natural pairs are parametrized by three integers  $s, k, \alpha$  such that

$$(16) \quad k \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad -k + 1 \leq \alpha \leq k + 2$$

as follows: the pair  $(a, b)_{s, k, \alpha}$  corresponding to the triple  $(s, k, \alpha)$  is the pair associated to a resolution of the form

$$(17) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-s-1)^k \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-s)^\alpha \oplus \mathcal{O}(-s+1)^{k-\alpha+2} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0$$

if  $\alpha \geq 0$ , or of the form

$$(18) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-s-1)^{k+\alpha} \oplus \mathcal{O}(-s)^{-\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(-s+1)^{k+2} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0$$

if  $\alpha < 0$ . We have excluded the case  $\alpha = -k$  so that  $s$  is the regularity of the pair, i.e.,  $s = \max(a_k - 1, b_{k+2})$ .

In this section we are going to show that resolutions of general vector bundles have natural pairs.

**Theorem 3.1.** *One has  $\text{codim } \mathfrak{M}(a, b) = 0$  if and only if  $(a, b)$  is a natural pair.*

As a remarkable consequence we will derive a quite simple proof of the irreducibility of moduli spaces of rank-2 stable vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , and we will compute regularity and cohomology of their general elements.

We recall that, since  $\dim \text{Ext}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}) = 0$  for any stable vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , the corresponding moduli space  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  is smooth of dimension

$$(19) \quad \dim \text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}) = 4c_2 - c_1^2 - 3.$$

Let us consider the function  $A(t) := h^2(\mathcal{O}(t))$  and its finite differences of first and second order  $(\Delta_u A)(t) := A(t+u) - A(t)$  and  $(\Delta_v \Delta_u A)(t) := (\Delta_u A)(t+v) - (\Delta_u A)(t)$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *If  $\mathcal{E} \in \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2; c_1, c_2)$  has associated admissible pair  $(a, b)$ , then*

$$(20) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{codim } \overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)} &= h^1(\mathcal{E}(b_1)) + h^1(\mathcal{E}(b_2)) + \#\{(i, j) : a_i = b_j\} + \\ &+ \sum_{i,j=1}^k (\Delta_{b_{i+2}-a_i} \Delta_{b_{j+2}-a_j} A)(a_i - b_{i+2}). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let

$$(21) \quad 0 \rightarrow F_1 \rightarrow F_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow 0$$

be the minimal resolution of  $\mathcal{E}$  where

$$(22) \quad F_0 = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{k+2} \mathcal{O}(-b_j), \quad F_1 = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \mathcal{O}(-a_i).$$

Stability of  $\mathcal{E}$  ensures the vanishing  $\dim(\text{Ext}^2(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E})) = h^2(\mathcal{E}^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) = 0$  so that  $h^2(F_0^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) = h^2(F_1^* \otimes \mathcal{E})$ . Then from (21) we easily find the following data:

$$(23) \quad \begin{aligned} h^0(F_0^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) &= h^0(F_0^* \otimes F_0) - h^0(F_0^* \otimes F_1), \\ h^0(F_1^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) &= h^0(F_1^* \otimes F_0) - h^0(F_1^* \otimes F_1), \\ \dim(\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E})) &= h^1(\mathcal{E}^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) = \\ &= h^1(F_0^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) - h^1(F_1^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) + \\ &+ h^0(F_1^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) - h^0(F_0^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

and from (7) we have

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{codim } \overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)} &= \dim(\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E})) - \dim \overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)} = \\ &= h^1(F_0^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) - h^1(F_1^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) + \#\{(i, j) : a_i = b_j\} \end{aligned}$$

Now, by splitting  $F_0$  as  $\mathcal{O}(-b_1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(-b_2) \oplus \tilde{F}_0$  with  $\tilde{F}_0 := \bigoplus_{i=3}^{k+2} \mathcal{O}(-b_i)$ , the above formula becomes

$$(25) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{codim } \overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)} &= h^1(\mathcal{E}(b_1)) + h^1(\mathcal{E}(b_2)) + \#\{(i, j) : a_i = b_j\} + \\ &+ h^1(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) - h^1(F_1^* \otimes \mathcal{E}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h^2(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes F_0) = h^2(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes \tilde{F}_0)$  and  $h^2(F_1^* \otimes F_0) = h^2(F_1^* \otimes \tilde{F}_0)$  the following identity holds:

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} h^1(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) - h^1(F_1^* \otimes \mathcal{E}) &= \\ &= h^2(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes F_1) - h^2(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes F_0) - h^2(F_1^* \otimes F_1) + h^2(F_1^* \otimes F_0) = \\ &= h^2(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes F_1) - h^2(\tilde{F}_0^* \otimes \tilde{F}_0) - h^2(F_1^* \otimes F_1) + h^2(F_1^* \otimes \tilde{F}_0) = \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \left[ h^2(\mathcal{O}(b_{i+2} - a_j)) - h^2(\mathcal{O}(b_{i+2} - b_{j+2})) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. - h^2(\mathcal{O}(a_i - a_j)) + h^2(\mathcal{O}(a_i - b_{j+2})) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Then equation (20) follows by substitution of (26) in (25).  $\square$

*Proof of theorem 3.1.* It can be verified by direct computation from proposition 2.3 that, if  $\mathcal{E}$  has natural pair, then the codimension of  $\overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)}$  is zero. Conversely, let  $u, v$  be two non-negative integers. Since all finite differences  $(\Delta_u A)(t) := A(t+u) - A(t)$  are non decreasing functions of  $t$ , then

$$(27) \quad (\Delta_v \Delta_u A)(t) \geq 0$$

and by the previous lemma

$$(28) \quad \text{codim } \overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)} \geq h^1(\mathcal{E}(b_1)) + h^1(\mathcal{E}(b_2)) + \#\{(i, j) : a_i = b_j\}.$$

If  $\text{codim } \overline{\mathfrak{M}(a, b)} = 0$ , we have  $a_k \leq b_1 + 2$  and  $\#\{(i, j) : a_i = b_j\} = 0$ , since  $h^1(\mathcal{E}(b_1)) = 0$  implies  $h^2(F_1(b_1)) = 0$ . This forces  $(a, b)$  to be a natural pair.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.** *Suppose that  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  be nonempty and let*

$$(29) \quad s := \max\{\rho \in \mathbb{Z} : 2\rho^2 + 2c_1\rho - 2\rho \leq 2c_2 - c_1^2 + c_1 - 1\},$$

*If  $\alpha$  and  $k$  are defined by*

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha &:= 2c_2 - c_1^2 + 2 - 2s^2 - 2c_1s, \\ k &:= (2s + c_1 - 2 + |\alpha|)/2, \end{aligned}$$

*then  $(a, b)_{s, k, \alpha}$  is the only natural pair of  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$ .*

*Proof.* Note that, since  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  is nonempty, from theorem 3.1 there exists a vector bundle associated to a natural pair. It is easy to verify that equations (3) and (4) are equivalent to (30) and conditions (16) are equivalent to

$$2s^2 + 2c_1s - c_1 - 2s + 1 \leq 2c_2 - c_1^2 \leq 2s^2 + 2c_1s + c_1 + 2s.$$

The intervals

$$[2s^2 + 2c_1s - c_1 - 2s + 1, \quad 2s^2 + 2c_1s + c_1 + 2s]$$

are disjoint for  $s$  varying in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $s$  is uniquely determined from  $c_1, c_2$  and satisfies (29).  $\square$

*Remark 3.4.* Equation (29) in proposition 3.3 is also equivalent to

$$(29\text{bis}) \quad s := \min\{\rho \in \mathbb{Z} : 2\rho^2 + 2c_1\rho + 2\rho \geq 2c_2 - c_1^2 - c_1\}.$$

**Theorem 3.5.** *Moduli spaces of stable rank-2 vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  are irreducible.*

*Proof.* Moduli spaces of stable rank-2 vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^2$  are smooth. By theorem 3.1 and the above proposition they can have only one connected component.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *The general element of  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  has natural cohomology.*

The above corollary justify the terminology “*natural pair*”. A different proof for it, working also for rank greater than 2, can be found in [HL93], by using sophisticated techniques of stacks theory.

Using proposition 3.3 we are going to give some bounds on regularity and cohomology of stable vector bundles. In particular, for rank-2 vector bundles, the next two corollaries give respectively a refined version of corollary 5.4 in [Bru80] and proposition 7.1 in [Har78].

**Corollary 3.7.** *The general vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $\mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  has regularity  $s$  given by (29).*

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $[\mathcal{E}]$  be a vector bundle in  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2, c_1, c_2)$  and let  $s$  be defined by (29). Then  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(t)) \neq 0$  if*

$$\begin{aligned} t &\geq s && \text{when } 2s^2 + 2c_1s + 2s = 2c_2 - c_1^2 - c_1, \\ t &\geq s - 1 && \text{otherwise.} \end{aligned}$$

*The above inequality is sharp, in the sense that it gives a necessary and sufficient condition for  $\mathcal{E}$  general.*

*Proof.* Let  $((a_1, \dots, a_k), (b_1, \dots, b_{k+2}))$  be the admissible pair associated to a vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then one has  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(t)) \neq 0$  if and only if  $t - b_1 \geq 0$ . By the semicontinuity of cohomology groups and theorem 3.5, it is enough to restrict ourselves to the case where  $\mathcal{E}$  is general. So, by (17) and (18) one has  $H^0(\mathcal{E}(t)) \neq 0$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} t &\geq s && \text{when } \alpha = k + 2 \\ t &\geq s - 1 && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

and the condition  $\alpha = k + 2$  is equivalent to  $2s^2 + 2c_1s + 2s = 2c_2 - c_1^2 - c_1$  by (30).  $\square$

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