

## 42. Poles of Instantons and Jumping Lines of Algebraic Vector Bundles on $P^3$

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Let  $E$  be an algebraic vector bundle of rank  $n$  on the complex 3-dimensional projective space  $P^3$  such that

- (1)  $E$  has no global holomorphic sections,
- (2)  $c_1(E)=0$ ,  $c_2(E)=k>0$ ,  $c_3(E)=0$ , where  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  denote the Chern classes of  $E$ , which are regarded as integers,
- (3) for each general line  $L$  in  $P^3$ , the restriction  $E|_L$  is the trivial bundle of rank  $n$  on  $L \cong P^1$ .

If  $E|_L$  is not trivial, the line  $L$  is called a *jumping line* of  $E$ . These lines form an algebraic subset  $J$  of the Grassmann variety  $\text{Gr}(1, 3)$  which parametrizes lines in  $P^3$ .

In the case  $n=2$ , (1) and (2) imply that  $E$  is a stable bundle and (3) follows from them. Barth [2] has shown that in this case  $J$  is a divisor of degree  $k=c_2(E)$  on  $\text{Gr}(1, 3)$ .

Our question is the following: When is  $E$  determined uniquely by the set  $J$  of its jumping lines?

For  $n=2$  one has some affirmative answers by Barth [2] ( $c_2(E)=1$ ) and Hartshorne [4] ( $c_2(E)=2$ ). In the present article we shall state that this is true for all such bundles of any rank which come from "instantons".

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1. First of all we define the term instanton. Let  $P$  be a non-trivial real analytic principal bundle on the real 4-sphere  $S=S^4$  with fibre  $SU(n)$ , called the *gauge group*. For a real analytic connection from  $\omega$  on  $P$ , the corresponding curvature form  $\Omega$  is given by  $\Omega = d\omega + \frac{1}{2}[\omega, \omega]$ , and it descends to  $S$  as a 2-form with values in the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{su}(n)$ . The *self-dual* (resp. *anti-self-dual*) *Yang-Mills equation* is by definition the 1st order non-linear differential equation  $*\Omega = \Omega$  (resp.  $*\Omega = -\Omega$ ) for  $\omega$ , where  $*$  denotes the Hodge star operator on  $S$ . The difference between self-dual and anti-self-dual is a matter of orientation of  $S$ . So we choose and fix an orientation of  $S$  so that the 2nd Chern class  $c_2(P)=k$  regarded as an integer is positive, and deal only with anti-self-dual equations.