

# An Addendum to: Special Stable Vector Bundles with High Degree on a Smooth Curve

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**Abstract.** Let  $C$  be a smooth curve of genus  $g \geq 2$ . Here we study stable vector bundles  $E$  on  $C$  such that  $\text{rank}(E) = r \geq 2$ ,  $h^1(C, E) > 0$  and  $\text{deg}(E)$  is very near to  $r(2g - 2)$ .

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Let  $C$  be a smooth and connected projective curve of genus  $g \geq 2$  defined over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{K}$ . For all integer  $r, d$  such that  $r > 0$  let  $U(r, d)$  denote the moduli space of stable vector bundles on  $C$  with rank  $r$  and degree  $d$ .  $U(r, d)$  is a non-empty integral variety of dimension  $r^2(g - 1) + 1$ . If  $r \geq 2$  and  $d \geq r(2g - 2)$ , then  $h^1(X, E) = 0$  for every  $E \in U(r, d)$ , because the definition of stability implies the non-existence of a non-zero morphism  $E \rightarrow \omega_C$  and then we may apply Serre duality. For all integers  $r, d, k$  such that  $r \geq 2$  and  $d < r(2g - 2)$  set  $A[r, d, k] := \{E \in U(r, d) : h^1(C, E) \geq k\}$  and  $B[r, d, k] := \{E \in U(r, d) : h^1(C, E) = k\}$ . This note is an addendum to [1]. Here we prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.** Fix integers  $r, d, k$  such that  $1 \leq k \leq r - 1$ .

- (a) If  $d \leq r(2g - 2) - k - 1$ , then there are  $E \in A[r, d, k]$  and a surjection  $u : E \rightarrow \omega_C^{\oplus k}$ .
- (b) If  $r(g - 1) + k \leq d \leq r(2g - 2) - k - 1$ , then there are  $E \in B[r, d, k]$  such and a surjection  $u : E \rightarrow \omega_C^{\oplus k}$ .
- (c) There is a stable vector bundle  $E$  on  $C$  fitting in an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F \rightarrow E \rightarrow \omega_C^{\oplus k} \rightarrow 0 \tag{1}$$

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if  $d < r(2g - 2)$  and  $r(2g - 2) - d + (r - k)g \geq r$ . If  $d < r(2g - 2)$  and  $r(2g - 2) - d + (r - k)g \geq r$ , then the set  $\Gamma$  of all such vector bundles is irreducible of dimension  $r^2(g - 1) + 1 - k(k + d - r(g - 1))$  and a general  $E \in \Gamma$  fits in an exact sequence (1) in which  $F$  is a general element of  $U(r - k, d - k(2g - 2))$ .

*Proof.* Take  $r - k$  pairwise non-isomorphic line bundles  $L_i \in \text{Pic}^{2g-2}(C)$  and set  $A := \omega_C^{\oplus k} \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{r-k} L_i$ . Notice that  $h^1(C, A) = k$ . Let  $E$  be a general vector bundle obtained from  $A$  making  $r(2g - 2) - d$  general negative elementary transformations.  $h^1(C, E) = \max\{k, d - r(g - 1)\}$  ([4], p. 101)). The dual of [1], Theorem 2.9, proves parts (a) and (b). Part (c) follows from [3], Theorems A and B; for the assertion on  $F$  for a general  $E \in \Gamma$  we also need to quote their proofs, not just the statements.  $\square$

It would be nice to extend [2] and the present note to torsion free sheaves on singular curves.

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