

Rational curves in grassmannians and their Plücker embeddings: an application

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Abstract. Here we prove a corollary of [1, Thm. 1], providing sufficient condition for the existence of α -stable coherent systems of type (n, d, k) for some $k > n$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let X be a smooth and connected projective curve. A coherent system on X is a pair (E, V) such that E is a vector bundle on X and $V \subseteq H^0(X, E)$ is a linear subspace. The pair (E, V) is of type (n, d, k) if $\text{rank}(E) = n$, $\text{deg}(E) = d$ and $\dim(V) = k$. Fix $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. Let $\mu(E) := d/n$ denote the slope of E . Set $\mu_\alpha(E, V) := \mu(E) + \alpha k/n$. The real number μ_α is called the α -slope of the pair (E, V) . A coherent subsystem $(F, W) \subseteq (E, V)$ is a coherent system such that $F \subseteq E$ and $W \subseteq V \cap H^0(X, F)$. The pair (E, V) is said to be α -stable (resp. α -semistable) if $\mu_\alpha(F, W) < \mu_\alpha(E, V)$ (resp. $\mu_\alpha(F, W) \leq \mu_\alpha(E, V)$) for all proper coherent subsystems (F, W) of (E, V) . For the general theory of coherent systems and several results on the moduli schemes of α -stable coherent systems see [7], [4], [2], [5], [6] and [3]. Here we prove a corollary of [1, Thm. 1], providing sufficient conditions for the existence of α -stable coherent systems of type (n, d, k) for some $k > n$.

Proposition 1. Fix $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and integers $n \geq 2$, $a_1 \geq \dots \geq a_n > 0$ and k such that $\binom{k}{n} \leq 1 + na_n$ and $\alpha > (na_1 - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i)/(k - n)$. Set $E := \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^1}(a_i)$ and take a general k -dimensional linear subspace V of $H^0(\mathbf{P}^1, E)$. Then the coherent system (E, V) is α -stable. Furthermore, for all coherent subsystems (F, W) of (E, V)

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such that $1 \leq \text{rank}(F) < n$ we have $\mu_\alpha(E, V) - \mu_\alpha(F, W) \geq (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)/n + (k - n)\alpha/n - a_n$

Proof. By [1] for all integers r such that $1 \leq r < n$ and all rank r subsheaves F of E we have $\dim(V) \cap H^0(\mathbf{P}^1, F) \leq r$. Since $\mu_+(E) = a_1$, we have $\mu(F) \leq a_1$. Thus $\mu_\alpha(F, W) \leq a_1 + \alpha < (\sum_{i=1}^n a_i)/n + (k/n)\alpha$, concluding the proof. \square

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