

Normal generation of line bundles on smooth curves

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Geometric meaning of gonality of X

- ▶ $\text{gon}(X) = k$ if and only if in the canonical embedding
 1. any $(k - 1)$ -points are in general position
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8. Any $d - 1$ points in \mathbb{P}^2 fails to impose independent conditions on curves of degree $d - 3$ if and only if they are collinear.
9. **$\text{gon}(X) = d - 1$** .

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Brill-Noether Theorem

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the equality holds if X is a general curve of genus g .

Clifford index

Clifford Index of X

- ▶ Clifford index of a line bundle \mathcal{L} ;

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L}) &= \text{deg } \mathcal{L} - 2(h^0(\mathcal{L}) - 1) \\ &= g + 1 - (h^0(\mathcal{L}) + h^0(\mathcal{K}_X \mathcal{L}^{-1})).\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The smaller number is that \mathcal{L} has more sections for its degree.
- ▶ $\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L}) = \text{Cliff}(\mathcal{K}_X \mathcal{L}^{-1})$
- ▶ Clifford index of a curve X ;

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cliff}(X) &= \min\{\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L}) : h^0(\mathcal{L}) \geq 2, \text{deg}(\mathcal{L}) \leq g - 1\} \\ &= \min\{\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L}) : h^0(\mathcal{L}) \geq 2, h^1(\mathcal{L}) \geq 2\}.\end{aligned}$$

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4. Let g_{c+2r}^r be a complete linear system computing the Clifford index of X . Then $r \geq 2$ and $c \leq (d - 4)$.
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$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{C'}(2) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^r}(2) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{C'}(2) \rightarrow 0,$$

we have $h^0(2g_{c+2r}^r) \geq 4r - 2$ and hence

$$c \leq \text{Cliff}(2g_{c+2r}^r) \leq 2c - 4r + 6 \Rightarrow c + 2r \geq 6r - 6.$$

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- 7 By the theorem of Coppens-Martens, $\exists M$ with $\deg(M) = (2r - 3)$ and $\langle M \rangle_{g_e^r} = (r - 2)$.
- 8 Projection from M to \mathbb{P}^1 is induced by a linear system $g_{\leq (d-2)}^1$
- 9 It is a contradiction to the gonality of X .
- 10 If $C' := \varphi_{g_{c+2r}^r}(X)$ is contained in a hyperquadric of rank ≤ 4 , then $g_{c+2r}^r = g_e^1 + h_{e'}^1$ and $g = 2c + 5$
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Corollary

If $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$: as above, then $\text{Cliff}(X) = d - 4$.

Proof.

Assume that $\text{Cliff}(X) \leq d - 5$ and \mathcal{L} computes the Clifford index.
If $h^0(\mathcal{L}) \leq 3$, then $\deg \mathcal{L} \leq (d - 5) + 2(h^0(\mathcal{L}) - 1) \leq 2d - 9$.
Contradiction to Coppens-Kato Theorem. If $h^0(\mathcal{L}) \geq 4$, then by
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- ▶ Castelnuovo, Mattuck, Mumford and Fujita proved any line bundle of degree at least $2g + 1$ is normally generated.
- ▶ Lange and Martens showed every very ample line bundle of degree $2g$ is normally generated unless X is a hyperelliptic.
- ▶ Arbarello, Cornalba, Griffiths and Harris stated
A general line bundle of degree $\lfloor \frac{3}{2}g + 2 \rfloor$ or greater defines a projectively normal embedding if X is a sufficiently general curve of genus g .

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Question;

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- ▶ Classify the normally generated line bundles \mathcal{L} with $\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L}) = \text{Cliff}(X) + \alpha$ for small α .

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Theorem (GL Theorem 3)

- X : a smooth curve of genus g
- \mathcal{L} : a very ample line bundle on X with

$$\deg \mathcal{L} > \begin{cases} \frac{3g-3}{2}, & \mathcal{L} \text{ is special} \\ \frac{3g-3}{2} + 2, & \mathcal{L} \text{ is nonspecial.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

If \mathcal{L} fails to be normally generated, then there is an effective divisor \mathbf{R} such that $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{R})$ fails to impose independent conditions on quadrics and $\mathcal{A} \simeq \mathcal{L}(-\mathbf{R})$ satisfies

- ▶ $\deg \mathcal{A} \geq \frac{g-1}{2}$,
- ▶ $\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L})$,
- ▶ $h^1(\mathcal{A}) \geq h^1(\mathcal{L}) + 2$ and $h^0(\mathcal{A}) \geq 2$.

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If $r = 2$, then $\pi(d, 2) = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$.

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Kim-Kim Theorem (2004)

$$\pi(d, r) \leq \pi(d - 2, r - 1) \text{ for } d \geq 3r - 2, r \geq 3$$

If $d \geq 7$, then $\left(\frac{d-1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{d-3}{2}\right) = \pi(d, 3) \leq \pi(d - 2, 2) = \frac{(d-3)(d-4)}{2}$.

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- ▶ So, if g_d^r : compute the Clifford index c of X with proper range of $d, r \geq 3$, then the g_d^r is birationally very ample.
- ▶ But the genus is big compared to d, r , g_d^r is not birational by the Castelnuovo's genus bound.
- ▶ Therefore g_d^r gives a multiple covering of the plane curves or \mathbb{P}^1 .

Note for $g > \frac{(c+2)(c+3)}{2}$

A smooth plane curve X of degree $d \geq 4$

- ▶ $g = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$, $c := \text{Cliff}(X) = d - 4$. Therefore,
 $g = \frac{(c+2)(c+3)}{2}$.
- ▶ $D = H - Z_4$, where Z_4 is 4 collinear points and H is a line section of X .
- ▶ $K_X - D$ is very ample since $h^0(D + p + q) = 1$ for any $p, q \in X$.
- ▶ $h^0(K_X - D) = (2g - 2) - (d - 4) - g + 1 + 1$. Therefore $\text{Cliff}(K_X - D) = d - 4$.
- ▶ $h^0(K_X - D) - h^0(K_X(-D - Z_4)) = 2 = \langle D \rangle_{K_X - D} + 1$.
- ▶ $K_X - D$ is an extremal line bundle with $h^1(K_X - D) = 1$.

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- ▶ $g = 2c + 5$ and $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{F}'$, where $|\mathcal{F}|, |\mathcal{F}'|$ are pencils of degree $c + 2$,
- ▶ $\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{F}$ is an **extremal** line bundle with $h^0(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{F}) \geq 2$, and $h^1(\mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{F}) = 2$.
- ▶ \mathcal{M} is half-canonical unless X is a $(c + 2)/2$ -fold covering of an elliptic curve.

Theorem (CKK)

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- $S \subset \mathbb{P}^r$ be a general K3 surface with $\text{Pic}(S) = \langle H \rangle$ where H is a hyperplane section and $\deg S = 2r - 2$ and
- $X \subset S$ be a smooth irreducible curve and $X \in |2H|$,

then

- ▶ $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$ is half-canonical, normally generated, and computes the Clifford index of X ,
- ▶ while there is a base point free pencil $|\mathcal{F}|$ such that $\mathcal{O}_X(1) \otimes \mathcal{F}$ is an extremal line bundle with $h^1(\mathcal{O}_X(1) \otimes \mathcal{F}) = 2$.

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Hence for any $g \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, there is a smooth curve X of genus g such that X has a extremal line bundle and a non-extremal line bundle which compute the clifford index of X .

2. Nearly extremal line bundles

Nearly extremal line bundles(Akohori(2005), CKK(in progress))

Assume that $g \geq \max\{\frac{(c+4)(c+3)}{2}, 2c + 13\}$, $c := \text{Cliff}(X)$, $f := \frac{c}{2}$

and that X is neither hyperelliptic nor bielliptic. Let \mathcal{L} is an line bundle on X with $\deg(\mathcal{L}) = 2g - 1 - 2h^1(\mathcal{L}) - c$, i.e.

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Theorem (BK, 1991)

Let a $|D| = g_{2r+c+1}^r, r \geq 3$ be a special linear series without base point on curve X with Clifford index $c \geq 1$ such that $r(\mathcal{K}_X - D) \geq 1$. Then $|D|$ is birationally very ample.

Extremal line bundles(CKK(in progress))

$g > \max\{\pi(c + 4, 2), 2c + 11\}$ where $c := \text{Cliff}(X)$ and $f := \frac{c}{2}$ and that X is neither hyperelliptic nor elliptic-hyperelliptic. Let \mathcal{L} is an line bundle on X with $\text{deg}\mathcal{L} := 2g - 2h^1(\mathcal{L}) - c$. Then \mathcal{L} is very ample and fails to be normally generated if and only if the pair (X, \mathcal{L}) is the following cases:

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II.	$\phi : X \xrightarrow{2:1} Y \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ for a smooth Y with $\text{deg}Y = f + 2$	1	$\mathcal{K}_X - \phi^* g_f^2 + R_4$ $\langle R_4 \rangle_{\mathcal{L}}$: 4-secant line	$R_4 \leq \phi^*(H), H \in \mathcal{O}_Y(1) $ $\text{deg}(\phi^*(Q), R_4) \leq 1,$ $\forall H \in \mathcal{O}_Y(1) , Q \leq H$
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3. Multiple coverings of plane curves with small number of double points

In this talk, I just deal with the multiple covering of smooth plane curves.

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Remark

- ▶ If $\deg(Y)$ is large compared with n , the genus bound $g > n(g(Y)) + n(n-1)d + 4n^2(n-1)$ is not so restrictive by Riemann-Hurwitz theorem which tells that $g \geq n(g(Y)) - (n-1)$.
- ▶ Theorem explores necessary and sufficient conditions for the failure of normal generation of a very ample line bundle \mathcal{L} with $\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L}) \leq \text{Cliff}(X) + (n-2)$, i.e., $\deg \mathcal{L} \geq 2g - 2h^1(\mathcal{L}) - \text{Cliff}(X) - (n-2)$.

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Remark

- This theorem gives not only concrete constructions but also the existence of large family of such nearly extremal line bundles \mathcal{L} , since \mathcal{L} can be constructed by choosing divisors R_a on X in the right boxes of the table.

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Proof of the Theorem

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$$\deg \mathcal{L} > \begin{cases} \frac{3g-3}{2}, & \mathcal{L} \text{ is special} \\ \frac{3g-3}{2} + 2, & \mathcal{L} \text{ is nonspecial.} \end{cases}$$

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Step 4. Apply Lemma A, we get

$$\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{K}_X - \phi^* g_d^2 + R \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{K}_X - (\phi^* g_d^2(-Q)) + B + R,$$

for some effective divisor R on X which fails to impose independent conditions on quadrics in $\mathbb{P}H^0(\mathcal{L})^*$.

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Step 6. Assume $\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{K}_X - (\phi^* g_d^2(-Q) + B) + R_a$, $R_a \in X^{(a)}$. Since $h^0(\mathcal{K}_X \otimes \mathcal{A}^{-1}) = h^1(\mathcal{A}) = 2$, we have $h^1(\mathcal{L}) = 0$.

Note that $\dim \langle R_a \rangle_{\mathcal{L}} = a - 3$ due to RR Theorem.

Since $\text{Cliff}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \text{Cliff}(\mathcal{L})$ by GL Theorem 3, we have

$a \geq 2(a - 3) + 2$, i.e., $a \leq 4$.

If $a < 4$, then $\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{K}_X - (\phi^* g_d^2(-Q) + B - P) + (R_a - P)$ for $P \leq R_a$ which is not very ample. Thus we get $a = 4$ and $\deg(B, R_4) = 0$. Therefore \mathcal{L} is

Case 3. $\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{K}_X - (\phi^* g_d^2(-Q) + B) + R_4$ with $h^1(\mathcal{L}) = 0$, $Q \in Y$.

Thank you!!!