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# Rank two globally generated vector bundles with $c_1 \leq 5$

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ABSTRACT. We classify globally generated rank two vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , with  $c_1 \leq 5$ . The classification is complete but for one case  $(n = 3, c_1 = 5, c_2 = 12)$ .

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### 1. Introduction.

Vector bundles generated by global sections are basic objects in projective algebraic geometry. Globally generated line bundles correspond to morphisms to a projective space, more generally higher rank bundles correspond to morphism to (higher) Grassmann varieties. For this last point of view (that won't be touched in this paper) see [10, 12, 13]. Also globally generated vector bundles appear in a variety of problems ([7] just to make a single, recent example).

In this paper we classify globally generated rank two vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  (projective space over  $k, \overline{k} = k, ch(k) = 0$ ),  $n \geq 3$ , with  $c_1 \leq 5$ . The result is:

THEOREM 1.1. Let E be a rank two vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ , generated by global sections with Chern classes  $c_1, c_2, c_1 \leq 5$ .

- 1. If  $n \ge 4$ , then E is the direct sum of two line bundles
- 2. If n = 3 and E is indecomposable, then

$$(c_1, c_2) \in S = \{((2, 2), (4, 5), (4, 6), (4, 7), (4, 8), (5, 8), (5, 10), (5, 12)\}.$$

If E exists there is an exact sequence:

$$0 \to \mathcal{O} \to E \to \mathcal{I}_C(c_1) \to 0 \; (*)$$

where  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  is a smooth curve of degree  $c_2$  with  $\omega_C(4-c_1) \simeq \mathcal{O}_C$ . The curve C is irreducible, except maybe if  $(c_1, c_2) = (4, 8)$ : in this case C can be either irreducible or the disjoint union of two smooth conics.

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3. For every  $(c_1, c_2) \in S$ ,  $(c_1, c_2) \neq (5, 12)$ , there exists a rank two vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with Chern classes  $(c_1, c_2)$  which is globally generated (and with an exact sequence as in 2.).

The classification is complete, but for one case: we are unable to say if there exist or not globally generated rank two vector bundles with Chern classes  $c_1 = 5, c_2 = 12$  on  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .

#### **2.** Rank two vector bundles on $\mathbb{P}^3$ .

#### 2.1. General facts.

For completeness let's recall the following well known results:

LEMMA 2.1. Let E be a rank r vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . Assume E is generated by global sections.

- 1. If  $c_1(E) = 0$ , then  $E \simeq r.\mathcal{O}$
- 2. If  $c_1(E) = 1$ , then  $E \simeq \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus (r-1).\mathcal{O}$  or  $E \simeq T(-1) \oplus (r-n).\mathcal{O}$ .

Proof. If  $L \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  is a line then  $E|L \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}_L(a_i)$  by a well known theorem and  $a_i \geq 0, \forall i$  since E is globally generated. It turns out that in both cases:  $E|L \simeq \mathcal{O}_L(c_1) \oplus (r-1).\mathcal{O}_L$  for every line L, i.e. E is uniform. Then 1. follows from a result of Van de Ven ([14]), while 2. follows from IV. Prop. 2.2 of [4].  $\Box$ 

LEMMA 2.2. Let E be a rank two vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $n \geq 3$ . If E has a nowhere vanishing section then E splits. If E is generated by global sections and doesn't split then  $h^0(E) \geq 3$  and a general section of E vanishes along a smooth curve, C, of degree  $c_2(E)$  such that  $\omega_C(4-c_1) \simeq \mathcal{O}_C$ . Moreover  $\mathcal{I}_C(c_1)$ is generated by global sections.

LEMMA 2.3. Let E be a non split rank two vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with  $c_1 = 2$ . If E is generated by global sections then E is a null-correlation bundle.

*Proof.* We have an exact sequence:  $0 \to \mathcal{O} \to E \to \mathcal{I}_C(2) \to 0$ , where C is a smooth curve with  $\omega_C(2) \simeq \mathcal{O}_C$ . It follows that C is a disjoint union of lines. Since  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_C(2)) \ge 2$ ,  $d(C) \le 2$ . Finally d(C) = 2 because E doesn't split.  $\Box$ 

This settles the classification of rank two globally generated vector bundles with  $c_1(E) \leq 2$  on  $\mathbb{P}^3$ .

# **2.2.** Globally generated rank two vector bundles with $c_1 = 3$ .

The following result has been proved in [10] (with a different and longer proof).

PROPOSITION 2.4. Let E be a rank two globally generated vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . If  $c_1(E) = 3$  then E splits.

Proof. Assume a general section vanishes in codimension two, then it vanishes along a smooth curve C such that  $\omega_C \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(-1)$ . Moreover  $\mathcal{I}_C(3)$  is generated by global sections. We have  $C = \bigcup_{i=1}^r C_i$  (disjoint union) where each  $C_i$  is smooth irreducible with  $\omega_{C_i} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{C_i}(-1)$ . It follows that each  $C_i$  is a smooth conic. If  $r \ge 2$  let  $L = \langle C_1 \rangle \cap \langle C_2 \rangle$  ( $\langle C_i \rangle$  is the plane spanned by  $C_i$ ). Every cubic containing C contains L (because it contains the four points  $C_1 \cap L$ ,  $C_2 \cap L$ ). This contradicts the fact that  $\mathcal{I}_C(3)$  is globally generated. Hence r = 1 and  $E = \mathcal{O}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}(2)$ .

# **2.3.** Globally generated rank two vector bundles with $c_1 = 4$ .

Let's start with a general result:

LEMMA 2.5. Let E be a non split rank two vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with Chern classes  $c_1, c_2$ . If E is globally generated and if  $c_1 \geq 4$  then:

$$c_2 \le \frac{2c_1^3 - 4c_1^2 + 2}{3c_1 - 4}.$$

Proof. By our assumptions a general section of E vanishes along a smooth curve, C, such that  $\mathcal{I}_C(c_1)$  is generated by global sections. Let U be the complete intersections of two general surfaces containing C. Then U links C to a smooth curve, Y. We have  $Y \neq \emptyset$  since E doesn't split. The exact sequence of liaison:  $0 \to \mathcal{I}_U(c_1) \to \mathcal{I}_C(c_1) \to \omega_Y(4-c_1) \to 0$  shows that  $\omega_Y(4-c_1)$  is generated by global sections. Hence  $\deg(\omega_Y(4-c_1)) \geq 0$ . We have  $\deg(\omega_Y(4-c_1)) = 2g' - 2 + d'(4-c_1)$  ( $g' = p_a(Y)$ ,  $d' = \deg(Y)$ ). So  $g' \geq \frac{d'(c_1-4)+2}{2} \geq 0$  (because  $c_1 \geq 4$ ). On the other hand, always by liaison, we have:  $g' - g = \frac{1}{2}(d'-d)(2c_1-4)$  ( $g = p_a(C)$ ,  $d = \deg(C)$ ). Since  $d' = c_1^2 - d$  and  $g = \frac{d(c_1-4)}{2} + 1$  (because  $\omega_C(4-c_1) \simeq \mathcal{O}_C$ ), we get:  $g' = 1 + \frac{d(c_1-4)}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(c_1^2 - 2d)(2c_1 - 4) \geq 0$  and the result follows.

Now we have:

PROPOSITION 2.6. Let E be a rank two globally generated vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . If  $c_1(E) = 4$  and if E doesn't split, then  $5 \leq c_2 \leq 8$  and there is an exact sequence:  $0 \to \mathcal{O} \to E \to \mathcal{I}_C(4) \to 0$ , where C is a smooth irreducible elliptic curve of degree  $c_2$  or, if  $c_2 = 8$ , C is the disjoint union of two smooth elliptic quartic curves.

*Proof.* A general section of E vanishes along C where C is a smooth curve with  $\omega_C = \mathcal{O}_C$  and where  $\mathcal{I}_C(4)$  is generated by global sections. Let  $C = C_1 \cup \ldots \cup C_r$  be the decomposition into irreducible components: the union is disjoint, each  $C_i$  is a smooth elliptic curve hence has degree at least three.

By Lemma 2.5  $d = \deg(C) \leq 8$ . If  $d \leq 4$  then C is irreducible and is a complete intersection which is impossible since E doesn't split. If d = 5, C is smooth irreducible.

Claim: If  $8 \ge d \ge 6$ , C cannot contain a plane cubic curve.

Assume  $C = P \cup X$  where P is a plane cubic and where X is a smooth elliptic curve of degree d-3. If d = 6, X is also a plane cubic and every quartic containing C contains the line  $\langle P \rangle \cap \langle X \rangle$ . If  $deg(X) \ge 4$  then every quartic, F, containing C contains the plane  $\langle P \rangle$ . Indeed F|H vanishes on P and on the  $deg(X) \ge 4$  points of  $X \cap \langle P \rangle$ , but these points are not on a line so F|H = 0. In both cases we get a contradiction with the fact that  $\mathcal{I}_C(4)$  is generated by global sections. The claim is proved.

It follows that, if  $8 \ge d \ge 6$ , then C is irreducible except if  $C = X \cup Y$  is the disjoint union of two elliptic quartic curves.

Now let's show that all possibilities of Proposition 2.6 do actually occur. For this we have to show the existence of a smooth irreducible elliptic curve of degree  $d, 5 \le d \le 8$  with  $\mathcal{I}_C(4)$  generated by global sections (and also that the disjoint union of two elliptic quartic curves is cut off by quartics).

LEMMA 2.7. There exist rank two vector bundles with  $c_1 = 4, c_2 = 5$  which are globally generated. More precisely any such bundle is of the form  $\mathcal{N}(2)$ , where  $\mathcal{N}$  is a null-correlation bundle (a stable bundle with  $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1$ ).

Proof. The existence is clear (if  $\mathcal{N}$  is a null-correlation bundle then it is well known that  $\mathcal{N}(k)$  is globally generated if  $k \geq 1$ ). Conversely if E has  $c_1 = 4, c_2 = 5$  and is globally generated, then E has a section vanishing along a smooth, irreducible quintic elliptic curve (cf 2.6). Since  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_C(2)) = 0$ , E is stable, hence  $E = \mathcal{N}(2)$ .

LEMMA 2.8. There exist smooth, irreducible elliptic curves, C, of degree 6 with  $\mathcal{I}_C(4)$  generated by global sections.

Proof. Let X be the union of three skew lines. The curve X lies on a smooth quadric surface, Q, and has  $\mathcal{I}_X(3)$  globally generated (indeed the exact sequence  $0 \to \mathcal{I}_Q \to \mathcal{I}_X \to \mathcal{I}_{X,Q} \to 0$  twisted by  $\mathcal{O}(3)$  reads like:  $0 \to \mathcal{O}(1) \to \mathcal{I}_C(3) \to \mathcal{O}_Q(3,0) \to 0$ ). The complete intersection, U, of two general cubics containing X links X to a smooth curve, C, of degree 6 and arithmetic genus 1. Since, by liaison,  $h^1(\mathcal{I}_C) = h^1(\mathcal{I}_X(-2)) = 0$ , C is irreducible. The exact sequence of liaison:  $0 \to \mathcal{I}_U(4) \to \mathcal{I}_C(4) \to \omega_X(2) \to 0$  shows that  $\mathcal{I}_C(4)$  is globally generated.

In order to prove the existence of smooth, irreducible elliptic curves, C, of degree d = 7, 8, with  $\mathcal{I}_C(4)$  globally generated, we have to recall some results due to Mori ([11]).

According to [11] Remark 4, Prop. 6, there exists a smooth quartic surface  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $Pic(S) = \mathbb{Z}H \oplus \mathbb{Z}X$  where X is a smooth elliptic curve of degree d ( $7 \leq d \leq 8$ ). The intersection pairing is given by:  $H^2 = 4$ ,  $X^2 = 0$ , H.X = d. Such a surface doesn't contain any smooth rational curve ([11, p. 130]). In particular: (\*) every integral curve, Z, on S has degree  $\geq 4$  with equality if and only if Z is a planar quartic curve or an elliptic quartic curve.

LEMMA 2.9. With notations as above,  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_X(3)) = 0$ .

*Proof.* A curve  $Z \in |3H - X|$  has invariants  $(d_Z, g_Z) = (5, -2)$  (if d = 7) or (4, -5) (if d = 8), so Z is not integral. It follows that Z must contain an integral curve of degree < 4, but this is impossible.

LEMMA 2.10. With notations as above |4H - X| is base point free, hence there exist smooth, irreducible elliptic curves, X, of degree d,  $7 \le d \le 8$ , such that  $\mathcal{I}_X(4)$  is globally generated.

*Proof.* Let's first prove the following: *Claim:* Every curve in |4H - X| is integral.

If  $Y \in |4H - X|$  is not integral then  $Y = Y_1 + Y_2$  where  $Y_1$  is integral with  $\deg(Y_1) = 4$  (observe that  $\deg(Y) = 9$  or 8).

If  $Y_1$  is planar then  $Y_1 \sim H$ , so  $4H - X \sim H + Y_2$  and it follows that  $3H \sim X + Y_2$ , in contradiction with  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_X(3)) = 0$  (cf 2.9).

So we may assume that  $Y_1$  is a quartic elliptic curve, i.e. (i)  $Y_1^2 = 0$  and (ii)  $Y_1.H = 4$ . Setting  $Y_1 = aH + bX$ , we get from (i): 2a(2a + bd) = 0. Hence ( $\alpha$ ) a = 0, or ( $\beta$ ) 2a + bd = 0.

( $\alpha$ ) In this case  $Y_1 = bX$ , hence (for degree reasons and since S doesn't contain curves of degree < 4),  $Y_2 = \emptyset$  and Y = X, which is integral.

( $\beta$ ) Since  $Y_1.H = 4$ , we get 2a + (2a + bd) = 2a = 4, hence a = 2 and bd = -4 which is impossible  $(d = 7 \text{ or } 8 \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{Z})$ .

This concludes the proof of the claim.

Since  $(4H-X)^2 \ge 0$ , the claim implies that 4H-X is numerically effective. Now we conclude by a result of Saint-Donat (cf. [11, Theorem 5]) that |4H-X| is base point free, i.e.  $\mathcal{I}_{X,S}(4)$  is globally generated. By the exact sequence:  $0 \to \mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{I}_X(4) \to \mathcal{I}_{X,S}(4) \to 0$  we get that  $\mathcal{I}_X(4)$  is globally generated.  $\Box$ 

REMARK 2.11. If d = 8, a general element  $Y \in |4H - X|$  is a smooth elliptic curve of degree 8. By the way  $Y \neq X$  (see [1]). The exact sequence of liaison:  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_U(4) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_X(4) \rightarrow \omega_Y \rightarrow 0$  shows that  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_X(4)) = 3$  (i.e. X is of maximal rank). In case d = 8 Lemma 2.10 is stated in [2], however the proof there is incomplete, indeed in order to apply the enumerative formula of [8] one

has to know that X is a connected component of  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{n} F_i$ ; this amounts to say

that the base locus of |4H - X| on  $F_1$  has dimension  $\leq 0$ .

To conclude we have:

LEMMA 2.12. Let X be the disjoint union of two smooth, irreducible quartic elliptic cuvres, then  $\mathcal{I}_X(4)$  is generated by global sections.

Proof. Let  $X = C_1 \sqcup C_2$ . We have:  $0 \to \mathcal{O}(-4) \to 2.\mathcal{O}(-2) \to \mathcal{I}_{C_1} \to 0$ , twisting by  $\mathcal{I}_{C_2}$ , since  $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$ , we get:  $0 \to \mathcal{I}_{C_2}(-4) \to 2.\mathcal{I}_{C_2}(-2) \to \mathcal{I}_X \to 0$  and the result follows.  $\Box$ 

Summarizing:

PROPOSITION 2.13. There exists an indecomposable rank two vector bundle, E, on  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , generated by global sections and with  $c_1(E) = 4$  if and only if  $5 \leq c_2(E) \leq 8$  and in these cases there is an exact sequence:

$$0 \to \mathcal{O} \to E \to \mathcal{I}_C(4) \to 0$$

where C is a smooth irreducible elliptic curve of degree  $c_2(E)$  or, if  $c_2(E) = 8$ , the disjoint union of two smooth elliptic quartic curves.

# **2.4.** Globally generated rank two vector bundles with $c_1 = 5$ .

We start by listing the possible cases:

PROPOSITION 2.14. If E is an indecomposable, globally generated, rank two vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with  $c_1(E) = 5$ , then  $c_2(E) \in \{8, 10, 12\}$  and there is an exact sequence:

$$0 \to \mathcal{O} \to E \to \mathcal{I}_C(5) \to 0$$

where C is a smooth, irreducible curve of degree  $d = c_2(E)$ , with  $\omega_C \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(1)$ . In any case E is stable. *Proof.* A general section of E vanishes along a smooth curve, C, of degree  $d = c_2(E)$  with  $\omega_C \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(1)$ . Hence every irreducible component, Y, of C is a smooth, irreducible curve with  $\omega_Y \simeq \mathcal{O}_Y(1)$ . In particular  $\deg(Y) = 2g(Y) - 2$  is even and  $\deg(Y) \ge 4$ .

- 1. If d = 4, then C is a planar curve and E splits.
- 2. If d = 6, C is necessarily irreducible (of genus 4). It is well known that any such curve is a complete intersection (2, 3), hence E splits.
- 3. If d = 8 and C is not irreducible, then  $C = P_1 \sqcup P_2$ , the disjoint union of two planar quartic curves. If  $L = \langle P_1 \rangle \cap \langle P_2 \rangle$ , then every quintic containing C contains L in contradiction with the fact that  $\mathcal{I}_C(5)$  is generated by global sections. Hence C is irreducible.
- 4. If d = 10 and C is not irreducible, then  $C = P \sqcup X$ , where P is a planar curve of degree 4 and where X is a degree 6 curve (X is a complete intersection (2,3)). Every quintic containing C vanishes on P and on the 8 points of  $X \cap \langle P \rangle$ , since these 8 points are not on a line, the quintic vanishes on the plane  $\langle P \rangle$ . This contradicts the fact that  $\mathcal{I}_C(5)$  is globally generated.
- 5. If d = 12 and C is not irreducible we have three possibilities:
  - (a)  $C = P_1 \sqcup P_2 \sqcup P_3$ ,  $P_i$  planar quartic curves
  - (b)  $C = X_1 \sqcup X_2$ ,  $X_i$  complete intersection curves of types (2,3)
  - (c)  $C = Y \sqcup P$ , Y a canonical curve of degree 8, P a planar curve of degree 4.
  - (a) This case is impossible (consider the line  $\langle P_1 \rangle \cap \langle P_2 \rangle$ ).

(b) We have  $X_i = Q_i \cap F_i$ . Let Z be the quartic curve  $Q_1 \cap Q_2$ . Then  $X_i \cap Z = F_i \cap Z$ , i.e.  $X_i$  meets Z in 12 points. It follows that every quintic containing C meets Z in 24 points, hence such a quintic contains Z. Again this contradicts the fact that  $\mathcal{I}_C(5)$  is globally generated.

(c) This case too is impossible: every quintic containing C vanishes on P and on the points  $\langle P \rangle \cap Y$ , hence on  $\langle P \rangle$ .

We conclude that if d = 12, C is irreducible.

The normalized bundle is E(-3), since in any case  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_C(2)) = 0$  (every smooth irreducible subcanonical curve on a quadric surface is a complete intersection), E is stable.

Now we turn to the existence part.

LEMMA 2.15. There exist indecomposable rank two vector bundles on  $\mathbb{P}^3$  with Chern classes  $c_1 = 5$  and  $c_2 \in \{8, 10\}$  which are globally generated.

Proof. Let  $R = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{s} L_i$  be the union of s disjoint lines,  $2 \leq s \leq 3$ . We may perform a liaison (s,3) and link R to  $K = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{s} K_i$ , the union of s disjoint conics. The exact sequence of liaison:  $0 \to \mathcal{I}_U(4) \to \mathcal{I}_K(4) \to \omega_R(5-s) \to 0$ shows that  $\mathcal{I}_K(4)$  is globally generated (n.b.  $5-s \geq 2$ ). Since  $\omega_K(1) \simeq \mathcal{O}_K$  we have an exact sequence:  $0 \to \mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{E}(2) \to \mathcal{I}_K(3) \to 0$ , where  $\mathcal{E}$  is a rank two vector bundle with Chern classes  $c_1 = -1, c_2 = 2s - 2$ .

Twisting by  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  we get:  $0 \to \mathcal{O}(1) \to \mathcal{E}(3) \to \mathcal{I}_K(4) \to 0$  (\*). The Chern classes of  $\mathcal{E}(3)$  are  $c_1 = 5$ ,  $c_2 = 2s + 4$  (i.e.  $c_2 = 8, 10$ ). Since  $\mathcal{I}_K(4)$  is globally generated, it follows from (\*) that  $\mathcal{E}(3)$  too, is generated by global sections.  $\Box$ 

Remark 2.16.

- 1. If  $\mathcal{E}$  is as in the proof of Lemma 2.15 a general section of  $\mathcal{E}(3)$  vanishes along a smooth, irreducible (because  $h^1(\mathcal{E}(-2)) = 0$ ) canonical curve, C, of genus  $1 + c_2/2$  (g = 5, 6) such that  $\mathcal{I}_C(5)$  is globally generated. By construction these curves are not of maximal rank ( $h^0(\mathcal{I}_C(3)) = 1$  if g = 5,  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_C(4)) = 2$  if g = 6). As explained in [9] 4 this is a general fact: no canonical curve of genus  $g, 5 \leq g \leq 6$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  is of maximal rank. We don't know if this is still true for g = 7.
- 2. According to [9] the general canonical curve of genus 6 lies on a unique quartic surface.
- 3. The proof of 2.15 breaks down with four conics:  $\mathcal{I}_K(4)$  is no longer globally generated, every quartic containing K vanishes along the lines  $L_i$  (5-s=1). Observe also that four disjoint lines always have a quadrisecant and hence are an exception to the normal generation conjecture(the omogeneous ideal is not generated in degree three as it should be).

REMARK 2.17. The case  $(c_1, c_2) = (5, 12)$  remains open. It can be shown that if E exists, a general section of E is linked, by a complete intersections of two quintics, to a smooth, irreducible curve, X, of degree 13, genus 10 having  $\omega_X(-1)$  as a base point free  $g_5^1$ . One can prove the existence of curves  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ , smooth, irreducible, of degree 13, genus 10, with  $\omega_X(-1)$  a base point free pencil and lying on one quintic surface. But we are unable to show the existence of such a curve with  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_X(5)) \geq 3$  (or even with  $h^0(\mathcal{I}_X(5)) \geq 2$ ). We believe that such bundles do not exist.

# 3. Globally generated rank two vector bundles on $\mathbb{P}^n$ , $n \geq 4$ .

For  $n \ge 4$  and  $c_1 \le 5$  there is no surprise:

PROPOSITION 3.1. Let E be a globally generated rank two vector bundle on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $n \geq 4$ . If  $c_1(E) \leq 5$ , then E splits.

Proof. It is enough to treat the case n = 4. A general section of E vanishes along a smooth (irreducible) subcanonical surface,  $S: 0 \to \mathcal{O} \to E \to \mathcal{I}_S(c_1) \to 0$ . By [5], if  $c_1 \leq 4$ , then S is a complete intersection and E splits. Assume now  $c_1 = 5$ . Consider the restriction of E to a general hyperplane H. If E doesn't split, by 2.14 we get that the normalized Chern classes of E are:  $c_1 = -1$ ,  $c_2 \in \{2,4,6\}$ . By Schwarzenberger condition:  $c_2(c_2 + 2) \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$ . The only possibilities are  $c_2 = 4$  or  $c_2 = 6$ . If  $c_2 = 4$ , since E is stable (because E|H is, see 2.14), we have ([3]) that E is a Horrocks-Mumford bundle. But the Horrocks-Mumford bundle (with  $c_1 = 5$ ) is not globally generated.

The case  $c_2 = 6$  is impossible: such a bundle would yield a smooth surface  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ , of degree 12 with  $\omega_S \simeq \mathcal{O}_S$ , but the only smooth surface with  $\omega_S \simeq \mathcal{O}_S$  in  $\mathbb{P}^4$  is the abelian surface of degree 10 of Horrocks-Mumford.

REMARK 3.2. For n > 4 the results in [6] give stronger and stronger (as n increases) conditions for the existence of indecomposable rank two vector bundles generated by global sections.

Putting everything together, the proof of Theorem 1.1 is complete.

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