NOETHER-LEFSCHETZ LOCUS FOR SURFACES

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ABSTRACT. We generalize M. Green's Explicit Noether-Lefschetz Theorem to the family of smooth complete intersection surfaces in the higher dimensional projective spaces. Moreover, we give a new proof of the Density Theorem due to C. Ciliberto, J. Harris, and R. Miranda [5].

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbf{P}^n$ be the complex projective space of dimension n . The Noether-Lefschetz Theorem says that a general surface S of degree d in $\mathbf{P}^3$ contains only curves which are complete intersections of S with another hypersurface in $\mathbf{P}^3$ for $d \geq 4$. The word "general" is used in the following sense: A property is said to *hold at a general point of a projective variety* V , if there exists a countable union Σ of proper subvarieties of V such that the property holds at all points of $V - \Sigma$. In [21], Lefschetz proved an even more general version: A general complete intersection surface S of $n - 2$ hypersurfaces in $\mathbf{P}^n$, $n \geq 3$, contains only curves that are themselves complete intersections unless S is an intersection of two quadric 3-folds in $\mathbf{P}^4$ or degree $S \leq 3$ in $\mathbf{P}^3$. We denote by Y_n the space of smooth complete intersection surfaces of type $(d_1, \dots, d_{n-2})$ in $\mathbf{P}^n$, where $2 \leq d_1 \leq d_2 \leq \dots \leq d_{n-2}$. Let $E = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-2} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(d_i)$. Y_n is parametrized by an open subset, which is also denoted by Y_n , by abuse of notation, of the Grassmannian of 1-dimensional subspaces of $H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)$. The *Noether-Lefschetz locus* Σ_n in Y_n is the set of smooth surfaces in Y_n containing curves which are not complete intersections, i.e.,

$$\Sigma_n = \{S \in Y_n \mid \text{Pic}(S) \text{ is not generated by the hyperplane class}\}.$$

Since the fundamental work of Noether and Lefschetz, their results have been improved in a number of interesting directions (see, e.g., [3, 7, 11, 12, 23, 26, 27]). For $n = 3$, by a mixture of Hodge-theoretic and algebraic techniques, Green [8, 10] showed that every irreducible component of Σ_3 has codimension at least $d_1 - 3$ in the family of smooth surfaces of degree d_1 in $\mathbf{P}^3$ for $d_1 \geq 3$,

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which is called the explicit Noether-Lefschetz Theorem. A generalization of this theorem to the case $n \geq 4$ is given in §2 (cf. Theorem 1). There is one new phenomenon in this case which is not present in the case of surfaces in $\mathbf{P}^3$. For example, the analog of Green's result in $\mathbf{P}^4$ holds only when a general element of a component is the intersection of two smooth 3-folds.

On the other hand, an upper bound for the codimension of the irreducible components in the case $n = 3$ is $p_g = \binom{d_1-1}{3}$. Ciliberto, Harris and Miranda [5] proved that over an algebraically closed field of any characteristic, for $d_1 \geq 4$, the Noether-Lefschetz locus in the family Y_3 of smooth surfaces of degree d_1 in $\mathbf{P}^3$ contains infinitely many components having maximal codimension p_g and the union of these components is Zariski dense in Y_3 . Following M. Green's idea, they showed that over the complex numbers, the existence of one such component implies that the union of the components having maximal codimension p_g is dense in Y_3 in the classical topology. We will give a rather simple infinitesimal proof of this without constructing such components directly in §3.

2. A GENERALIZATION OF THE EXPLICIT NOETHER-LEFSCHETZ THEOREM

Let $\Sigma_L \subset \Sigma_n$ denote the subvariety of surfaces containing lines, i.e., curves of degree 1 in $\mathbf{P}^n$. Let $G = \text{Grassmannian of lines in } \mathbf{P}^n$. Then Σ_L is the image under projection on the second factor of the incidence correspondence

$$\tilde{\Sigma}_L = \{(C, S) \mid C \subset S\} \subset G \times Y_n.$$

For a line $l \subset \mathbf{P}^n$, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{l|\mathbf{P}^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n} \xrightarrow{r} \mathcal{O}_l \rightarrow 0$$

where r is the restriction map. Tensoring with E and taking the long exact sequence of cohomology, we have

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{l|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes E) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E \otimes \mathcal{O}_l) \rightarrow \cdots.$$

From this sequence, we can see that the fiber of the projection map $\pi_1: \tilde{\Sigma}_L \rightarrow G$ over l is contained in $H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{I}_{l|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes E)$. Since $H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E \otimes \mathcal{O}_l)$ is surjective,

$$\dim \text{fiber of } \pi_1 = \dim H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} (d_i + 1) - 1.$$

So

$$\text{codim}_{Y_n} \Sigma_L = \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} d_i - n.$$

We have the following explicit Noether-Lefschetz Theorem for $n \geq 4$, which generalizes the theorem of Green [10] for $n = 3$.

Theorem 1. *Let $n \geq 4$. An irreducible component Σ' of Σ_n has codimension at least $\sum_{i=1}^{n-2} d_i - n$ in Y_n if for a general point of Σ' , the corresponding surface $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n-2} H_i$ has the property that $\bigcap_{i=1}^k H_i$ has no singularity for any k with $d_k < d_{k+1}$.*

Example. The hypothesis in Theorem 1 is necessary. For example, let $n = 4$ and $F_1 = z_0^{d_1} + z_0 z_2^{d_1-1} + z_1^{d_1} + z_1 z_3^{d_1-1}$. Then $H_1 = \{F_1 = 0\}$ has an isolated singularity at $(0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$ and has no other singularities. It is a cone over a smooth surface in $\mathbf{P}^3$ containing a line. H_1 contains the plane $z_0 = z_1 = 0$. The intersection of H_1 with any 3-fold H_2 of degree d_2 contains a plane curve of degree d_2 and therefore is in the Noether-Lefschetz locus. The component Σ' containing these complete intersection surfaces has codimension depending only on d_1 , i.e., codimension of Σ' is at most $\binom{d_1+4}{4}$. If $d_2 > \binom{d_1+4}{4} + 4 - d_1$, then $\text{codim}_{Y_4} \Sigma' < d_1 + d_2 - 4$.

We will give a proof of Theorem 1 using similar techniques to Green's [10]. First, we will show the following simple algebraic fact and then reduce our theorem to this.

Proposition 1. *Let $W \subseteq H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)$ be a subspace such that the evaluation map*

$$W \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n, x} \rightarrow E_x$$

is surjective for all $x \in \mathbf{P}^n$. Then the map

$$W \otimes H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(k)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E(k))$$

is surjective if $k \geq \text{codim } W$.

Proof. Let $c = \text{codim } W$. We can choose an increasing sequence of linear subspaces

$$W_c = W \subset W_{c-1} \subset \cdots \subset W_1 \subset W_0 = H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)$$

so that $\dim W_{i-1}/W_i = 1$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, c$. Since the evaluation map $W \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n, x} \rightarrow E_x$ is surjective at all $x \in \mathbf{P}^n$, the kernel M_i of the map $W_i \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n} \rightarrow E$ is a vector bundle on $\mathbf{P}^n$ sitting in the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M_i \rightarrow W_i \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n} \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, c$, and it is enough to show that

$$H^1(M_c \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(k)) = 0 \quad \text{if } k \geq c = \text{codim } W,$$

which follows from the following lemma.

Lemma. *For all $i = 0, 1, \dots, c$, $H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^p M_i(k)) = 0$ if $q \geq 1$ and $k + q \geq p + i$.*

Proof. We note that the M_i 's sit in the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M_i \rightarrow M_{i-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n} \rightarrow 0$$

and thus we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p+1} M_i \rightarrow \bigwedge^{p+1} M_{i-1} \rightarrow \bigwedge^p M_i \rightarrow 0$$

for each i . Tensoring by $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(k)$ and taking the long exact sequence on cohomology, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow H^q \left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^{p+1} M_{i-1}(k) \right) &\rightarrow H^q \left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^p M_i(k) \right) \\ &\rightarrow H^{q+1} \left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^{p+1} M_i(k) \right) \rightarrow \cdots. \end{aligned}$$

Let $q \geq 1$ and $k + q \geq p + i$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, c$. We will use induction on i and p to prove the lemma. First, notice that if $p \geq \text{rank } M_i$, then $H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^{p+1} M_i(k)) = 0$ for all $q \geq 0$ and for any $k \geq 0$.

Sublemma. For $i = 0$, $H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^p M_0(k)) = 0$ if $q \geq 1$ and $k + q \geq p$.

To see this, we first recall (cf. [24, Lecture 14]) that a coherent sheaf F on $\mathbf{P}^n$ is said to be m -regular, if $H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, F(m - q)) = 0$ for $q > 0$.

From the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow M_0 \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n} \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0$$

tensoring with $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(1 - q)$, we have the long exact sequence on the cohomology

$$\begin{aligned} \cdots \rightarrow H^{q-1}(\mathbf{P}^n, E(1 - q)) &\rightarrow H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, M_0(1 - q)) \\ &\rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) \otimes H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(1 - q)) \rightarrow \cdots. \end{aligned}$$

If $q = 1$, then $H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) \otimes H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)$ is an isomorphism and $H^1(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}) = 0$, hence $H^1(\mathbf{P}^n, M_0) = 0$.

For $q > 1$, $H^{q-1}(\mathbf{P}^n, E(1 - q)) = 0$ and $H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(1 - q)) = 0$, and hence

$$H^q(\mathbf{P}^n, M_0(1 - q)) = 0.$$

Thus M_0 is 1-regular. Then $\bigwedge^p M_0$ is p -regular (see, e.g., [20, Lemma 2.7]). Since p -regularity implies $(p + 1)$ -regularity [24, loc.cit], the sublemma follows.

By ascending induction on i , we may assume

$$H^q \left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^{p+1} M_{i-1}(k) \right) = 0$$

since $k + q \geq (p + 1) + (i - 1) = p + i$. By descending induction on p , we may assume

$$H^{q+1} \left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^{p+1} M_i(k) \right) = 0$$

since $k + q \geq p + i$ which is equivalent to $k + (q + 1) \geq (p + 1) + i$. Hence

$$H^q \left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigwedge^p M_i(k) \right) = 0,$$

and the lemma follows.

For a compact complex manifold M of dimension n with the associated $(1, 1)$ -form ω , we recall that the primitive cohomology is

$$H_{\text{pr}}^{n-k}(M) = \ker\{\omega^{k+1} : H^{n-k}(M) \rightarrow H^{n+k+2}(M)\}.$$

We denote $H_{\text{pr}}^{p,q}(M) = H^{p,q}(M) \cap H_{\text{pr}}^{p+q}(M)$. For a smooth hypersurface X of degree d in $\mathbf{P}^n$ with defining equation $F(z_0, \dots, z_n) = 0$, it is known (cf. [4, 15]) that there are natural Poincaré residue isomorphisms

$$(2.1) \quad H_{\text{pr}}^{n-k-1,k}(X) \simeq S^{d(k+1)-n-1} / J_{F,d(k+1)-n-1}$$

where $S = \bigoplus_{k \geq 0} S^k$ is the graded ring $\mathbb{C}[z_0, \dots, z_n]$ and $J_F = \bigoplus_{k \geq d-1} J_{F,k}$ denotes the Jacobian ideal of F generated by the first partial derivatives of F . In the proof of Theorem 1, we will use this kind of algebraic representations of $H^{2,0}(S)$ and $H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S)$ for $S \in Y_n$.

We need the following special cases of the Bott Vanishing Theorem (cf. [2]):

Bott Vanishing Theorem. $H^p(\mathbf{P}^n, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}^q(k)) = 0$ unless

- (i) $p = q$ and $k = 0$,
- (ii) $p = 0$ and $k > q$, or
- (iii) $p = n$ and $k < q - n$.

We will also use the following well-known fact (see, e.g., [18, pp. 445–446]):

(2.2) Let

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^m \rightarrow 0$$

be an exact sequence of sheaves on a topological space X . Then there is a spectral sequence abutting to zero with $E_1^{p,q} = H^q(X, \mathcal{K}^p)$.

Let $B = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-2} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(-d_i)$. Then for $S \in Y_n$, there is a Koszul complex

$$(2.3) \quad 0 \rightarrow \bigwedge^{n-2} B \rightarrow \bigwedge^{n-3} B \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \bigwedge^2 B \rightarrow B \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow 0,$$

which is exact since S is a complete intersection (see, e.g., [18, p. 688]). We denote $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} d_i - n - 1$. For an algebraic representation of $H^{2,0}(S)$, tensoring (2.3) with $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu)$ and applying (2.2), we obtain a spectral sequence abutting to zero with $E_1^{p,q} = 0$ unless $q = 0$, $q = n$, or $p = n - 1$. There is no nonzero differential other than the differentials in E_1 coming into the position $(p, 0)$ for $p = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. So we obtain an exact sequence

$$\dots \rightarrow H^0\left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-2} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu - d_i)\right) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_S(\mu)) \rightarrow 0,$$

and hence

$$H^{2,0}(S) \simeq H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu)) / \text{im } H^0\left(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-2} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu - d_i)\right).$$

For an algebraic representation of $H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S)$ for $S \in Y_n$, we take the long exact sequence on the cohomology of the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Theta_S \otimes K_S \rightarrow \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S \rightarrow N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes K_S \rightarrow 0,$$

where Θ_S and $N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n}$ denote the holomorphic tangent bundle of S and the normal bundle of S in $\mathbf{P}^n$, respectively. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S) \rightarrow H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes K_S) \rightarrow H^1(S, \Theta_S \otimes K_S) \\ & \rightarrow H^1(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S) \rightarrow \cdots \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes K_S)}{\text{im } H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S)} \simeq \left(\frac{H^1(S, \Omega_S^1)}{\text{im } H^1(S, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S)} \right)^*$$

by Serre duality. We will show that

$$(2.4) \quad H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S) \simeq \frac{H^1(S, \Omega_S^1)}{\text{im } H^1(S, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S)}.$$

Applying (2.2) to the exact sequence (2.3) tensored with $\Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}^1$, we get a spectral sequence abutting to zero. By the Bott Vanishing Theorem, $E_1^{p,q} = 0$ unless $q = 0, n$, or $p = n - 1$, or $(p, q) = (n - 2, 1)$. Moreover, no nonzero differential except the differential in E_1 comes into or goes out of the position $(n - 2, 1)$ or $(n - 1, 1)$. So $H^1(\mathbf{P}^n, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}^1) = H^1(S, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}^1|_S)$. From the exact sequence (2.3) tensored with the dual E^* of E , we get a spectral sequence abutting to zero with $E_1^{p,q} = 0$ unless $q = 0$, or $q = n$, or $p = n - 1$. No nonzero differential comes into the position $(n - 1, 1)$. So $H^1(S, \mathcal{O}_S \otimes E^*) = 0$. We note that $N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} = \mathcal{O}_S \otimes E$. Thus

$$\text{im } H^1(S, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}^1|_S) \simeq H^1(S, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}^1|_S) \simeq H^1(\mathbf{P}^n, \Omega_{\mathbf{P}^n}^1) \simeq (\omega),$$

where ω is the associated (1,1) form of $\mathbf{P}^n$ (i.e., ω is the first Chern class $c_1(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(1))$ of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(1)$). By Lefschetz decomposition, $H^1(\Omega_S^1) \simeq H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S) \oplus \omega|_S \cdot H^{0,0}(S)$. Hence we get (2.4). From the spectral sequence attached to the exact sequence (2.3) tensored with $E(\mu)$, we can see that

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E(-n - 1)) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E(\mu)) \xrightarrow{r} H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes K_S) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. Hence

$$\frac{H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes K_S)}{\text{im } H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S)} \simeq \frac{H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E(\mu))}{r^{-1}(\text{im } H^0(\Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S))}.$$

Summarizing the above computations, we obtain the following identifications:

Proposition 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{(i)} \quad H^{2,0}(S) &\simeq \frac{H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu))}{\text{im } H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-2} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu - d_i))}, \\
\text{(ii)} \quad H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S)^* &\simeq \frac{H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} \otimes K_S)}{\text{im } H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S)} \simeq \frac{H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu))}{r^{-1}(\text{im } H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \otimes K_S))}.
\end{aligned}$$

We also need an algebraic representation of the subspace of $H^1(S, \Theta_S)$ parametrizing the deformations of S in $\mathbf{P}^n$, that is, the image of the Zariski tangent space $T_S(Y_n)$ of Y_n at S under the Kodaira-Spencer map $\rho: T_S(Y_n) \rightarrow H^1(S, \Theta_S)$. Let $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n-2} \{F_i = 0\}$. $T_S(Y_n)$ is naturally isomorphic to

$$\text{Hom}((S), H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)/(S)) \simeq H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)/(S),$$

where (S) denotes the 1-dimensional subspace of $H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)$ generated by $(F_1, \dots, F_{n-2})$. So the map $T_S(Y) \rightarrow H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n})$ is surjective and

$$\rho(T_S(Y_n)) = \text{im}\{H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n}) \rightarrow H^1(S, \Theta_S)\}.$$

Tensoring the exact sequence (2.3) with $\Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}$ and applying (2.2), we have a spectral sequence abutting to zero. By Serre duality and the Bott Vanishing Theorem, $H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}(k))$ vanishes unless $-k-n-1 < 1-n$. Hence $E_1^{p,q} = 0$ unless $(p, q) = (n-2, 0), (n-1, 0), (n-2, 1), (n-1, 1)$, or $q = n$. No nonzero differential except the differentials in E_1 comes into the position $(n-2, 0)$ or $(n-1, 0)$. Hence the map $\gamma_1: H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}) \rightarrow H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S)$ is an isomorphism. From the spectral sequence attached to the exact sequence (2.3) tensored with E , we can see that the map $\gamma_2: H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) \rightarrow H^0(S, E \otimes \mathcal{O}_S)$ is surjective. From the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Theta_S \rightarrow \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S \rightarrow N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n} \rightarrow 0,$$

we get the following long exact sequence which fits into a diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
& & & & & \downarrow & \\
& & & & & \downarrow & \\
& \longrightarrow & H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}) & \xrightarrow{\gamma_1} & H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S) & & \\
& & & & \downarrow \alpha & & \\
(2.5) \quad & \longrightarrow & H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E) & \xrightarrow{\gamma_2} & H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n}) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & & & \downarrow \beta & & \\
& & & & H^1(S, \Theta_S) & & \\
& & & & \downarrow & &
\end{array}$$

Hence

$$(2.6) \quad \rho(T_S(Y_n)) \simeq \frac{H^0(S, N_{S|\mathbf{P}^n})}{\alpha \circ \gamma_1(H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}))} \simeq \frac{H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)}{\gamma_2^{-1}(\alpha(H^0(S, \Theta_{\mathbf{P}^n}|_S)))}.$$

Another preliminary fact we will use is the description of the Zariski tangent space to

$$\tilde{Y}_n = \{(S, L) \mid S \in Y_n, L \in \text{Pic}(S)\}.$$

The first prolongation bundle $P_1(L)$ of L is defined by an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_S^1 \otimes L \rightarrow P_1(L) \rightarrow L \rightarrow 0$$

with the extension class $c_1(L) \in \text{Ext}^1(L, \Omega_S^1 \otimes L) = H^1(S, \Omega_S^1)$. The computation of Zariski tangent space to the set of pairs of curves with line bundles is given in [1]. An analogous argument gives the description for the surface case: For a fixed (S, L) , the Zariski tangent space $T_{(S, L)}(\tilde{Y}_n)$ of Y_n at (S, L) maps into $H^1(S, P_1(L)^* \otimes L)$ as follows. As a complex manifold, the line bundle $L \rightarrow S$ is given by the data

$$\{U_\alpha, z_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}, g_{\alpha\beta}\},$$

where $\{U_\alpha\}$ is a finite open covering of S , $z_\alpha = (z_{\alpha_1}, z_{\alpha_2})$ are local coordinates in U_α , $f_{\alpha\beta}$ is the coordinate transformation on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$, and $g_{\alpha\beta}$ is the transition function for L . Thus two cocycle rules $f_{\alpha\gamma} = f_{\alpha\beta} \circ f_{\beta\gamma}$ and $g_{\alpha\gamma} = g_{\alpha\beta} g_{\beta\gamma}$ hold in $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma$. The first order deformation of $L \rightarrow S$ is given by

$$\{U_\alpha, z_\alpha, f_{\alpha\beta}(z_\beta, t), g_{\alpha\beta}(z_\beta, t)\}$$

satisfying

$$f_{\alpha\gamma}(z_\gamma, t) \equiv f_{\alpha\beta}(f_{\beta\gamma}(z_\gamma, t), t) \bmod t^2,$$

$$g_{\alpha\gamma}(z_\gamma, t) \equiv g_{\alpha\beta}(f_{\beta\gamma}(z_\gamma, t), t) \cdot g_{\beta\gamma}(z_\gamma, t) \bmod t^2$$

on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \cap U_\gamma$. Taking derivatives at $t = 0$, we can see that $\tilde{f}_{\alpha\beta} = \{\frac{\partial f_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_\alpha}\}$ is a cocycle defining a class $\tilde{f} = \{\tilde{f}_{\alpha\beta}\}$ in $H^1(S, \Theta_S)$ and that $\{\tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{\partial g_{\alpha\beta}}{\partial t} g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}\}$ is a 1-cochain with coefficients in $\mathcal{O}_S$. For the coboundary map δ , $\delta(\{\tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta}\})$ is the cup product of $\tilde{f}$ with $c_1(L)$. Note that $c_1(L) = \{g_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} dg_{\alpha\beta}\} \in H^1(S, \Omega_S^1)$. $\sigma = \{(\tilde{f}_{\alpha\beta}, \tilde{g}_{\alpha\beta})\}$ defines a 1-cocycle with coefficients in the extension M of Θ_S by $\mathcal{O}_S$, i.e., M is defined by the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow M \rightarrow \Theta_S \rightarrow 0,$$

with the extension class $c_1(L)$. But $M = P_1(L)^* \otimes L$. So

$$(\sigma) \in H^1(S, P_1(L)^* \otimes L).$$

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $\tilde{\Sigma}_n = \{(S, L) \mid S \in \Sigma_n \text{ and } L \in \text{Pic}(S)\}$, and let $\pi : (S, L) \mapsto S$ be a projection. For $(S, L) \in \tilde{\Sigma}_n$, we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_{(S, L)}(\tilde{Y}_n) & \xrightarrow{\pi_*} & T_S(Y_n) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho \\ H^1(S, P_1(L)^* \otimes L) & \xrightarrow{h_1} & H^1(S, \Theta_S) \end{array}$$

where h_1 sits in the long exact sequence on cohomology

$$\rightarrow H^1(S, P_1(L)^* \otimes L) \xrightarrow{h_1} H^1(S, \Theta_S) \xrightarrow{h_2} H^2(S, \mathcal{O}_S) \rightarrow \dots$$

Fix $(S, L) \in \tilde{\Sigma}_n$ with $c_1(L) \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S)$. Let Z be the union of all irreducible components of $\tilde{\Sigma}_n$ containing (S, L) . The image $T(Z)$ of the Zariski tangent space $T_S(\pi(Z))$ of $\pi(Z)$ at S under ρ is in the kernel of h_2 , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(T_S(Y_n)) \otimes H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S) &\xrightarrow{\cup} H^2(S, \mathcal{O}_S), \\ T(Z) \otimes H^0(S, K_S) &\mapsto 0. \end{aligned}$$

Equivalently,

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \rho(T_S(Y_n)) \otimes H^0(S, K_S) &\xrightarrow{\cup} H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S)^*, \\ T(Z) \otimes H^0(S, K_S) &\mapsto c_1(L)^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

Using the notations in the diagram (2.5), we set $T' = \gamma_2^{-1} \circ \beta^{-1}(T(Z)) \subset H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E)$. Then $T' \supset \gamma_2^{-1}(\text{im } \alpha) \supset \ker \gamma_2$ and the following holds:

Claim. If $S = \bigcap_{i=1}^{n-2} \{F_i = 0\}$, and F_i is a homogeneous polynomial of degree d_i such that $\bigcap_{i=1}^k \{F_i = 0\}$ is nonsingular for each k with $d_k < d_{k+1}$, then the evaluation map $T' \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n, x} \rightarrow E_x$ is surjective at every $x \in \mathbf{P}^n$.

To see this, let $e_i = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbf{C}^{n-2}$ denote the i th coordinate vector, for $i = 1, \dots, n-2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \ker \gamma_2 &\supseteq \{F_i G_k e_k \mid G_k \in H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(d_k - d_i)), \\ &\quad d_k \geq d_i, \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, n-2\}. \end{aligned}$$

We note that

$$\gamma_2^{-1}(\text{im } \alpha) \supseteq \left\{ z_l \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z_j}, \dots, \frac{\partial F_{n-2}}{\partial z_j} \right) \mid l, j = 0, 1, \dots, n \right\}.$$

For a fixed $x \in \mathbf{P}^n$, let i_0 denote the smallest number such that $x \in \{F_{i_0} \neq 0\}$. Then (i) $i_0 = 1$, or (ii) $i_0 > 1$ and $d_{i_0-1} < d_{i_0}$, or (iii) $i_0 > 1$ and $d_{i_0-1} = d_{i_0}$. We will show that the evaluation map at x is surjective in any case.

Case (i): If $i_0 = 1$, then we can choose $G_k \in H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(d_k - d_1))$, $k = 1, \dots, n-2$ so that $G_k(x) \neq 0$ for each k . So $\{F_1(x)G_k(x)e_k \mid k = 1, \dots, n-2\}$ are $n-2$ linearly independent elements in E_x .

Case (ii): If $i_0 > 1$ and $d_{i_0-1} < d_{i_0}$, then by the hypothesis of the claim $\bigcap_{i=1}^{i_0-1} \{F_i = 0\}$ has no singularity and so there is a nonvanishing $(i_0 - 1) \times (i_0 - 1)$ minor of a matrix

$$\left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial z_j} \Big|_x \right)_{\substack{i=1, \dots, i_0-1 \\ j=0, 1, \dots, n}},$$

say

$$\left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial z_j} \Big|_x \right)_{\substack{i=1, \dots, i_0-1 \\ j=j_1, \dots, j_{i_0-1}}},$$

which has rank $i_0 - 1$. Moreover, there is some m such that $z_m(x) \neq 0$. We can choose $G_k \in H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(d_k - d_{i_0}))$ for $k = i_0, i_0 + 1, \dots, n - 2$ so that $G_k(x) \neq 0$ for each k . Then

$$\left\{ z_m \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z_j}, \dots, \frac{\partial F_{n-2}}{\partial z_j} \right) \mid j = j_1, \dots, j_{i_0-1} \right\} \\ \cup \{ F_{i_0} G_k e_k \mid k = i_0, i_0 + 1, \dots, n - 2 \}$$

provides $n - 2$ linearly independent elements in E_x when evaluated at x .

Case (iii): If $i_0 > 1$ and $d_{i_0-1} = d_{i_0}$, let i_1 be the smallest number such that $d_{i_1} = \dots = d_{i_0-1} = d_{i_0}$. Then $d_{i_1-1} < d_{i_1}$ and by the hypothesis of the claim, $\bigcap_{i=1}^{i_1-1} \{F_i = 0\}$ has no singularity. So, as in (ii) we can find $j_1, \dots, j_{i_1-1}$ such that

$$\left(\frac{\partial F_i}{\partial z_j} \Big|_x \right)_{\substack{i=1, \dots, i_1-1 \\ j=j_1, \dots, j_{i_1-1}}}$$

has rank $i_1 - 1$. Let $G_k \in H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(d_k - d_{i_0}))$ be chosen so that $G_k(x) \neq 0$ for $k = i_1, i_1 + 1, \dots, i_0, \dots, n - 2$. Furthermore, there is some m such that $z_m(x) \neq 0$. Hence

$$\left\{ z_m \left(\frac{\partial F_1}{\partial z_j}, \dots, \frac{\partial F_{n-2}}{\partial z_j} \right) \mid j = j_1, \dots, j_{i_1-1} \right\} \\ \cup \{ F_{i_0} G_k e_k \mid k = i_1, i_1 + 1, \dots, n - 2 \}$$

defines $n - 2$ linearly independent vectors in E_x when evaluated at x .

Thus, in any case, the evaluation map at x is surjective and the claim follows.

In terms of the identifications in Proposition 2 and (2.6), (2.7) implies that the evaluation map

$$T' \otimes H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^n}(\mu)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^n, E(\mu))$$

is not surjective. Therefore, by Proposition 1, $\text{codim } T' \geq \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} d_i - n$. But

$$\text{codim } T' \leq \text{codim}_{T_S(Y_n)} T_S(\pi(Z)) \leq \text{codim}_{\tilde{Y}_n} Z.$$

Hence the theorem follows.

3. A NEW PROOF OF THE DENSITY THEOREM

In this section, we denote $d = d_1$, $Y = Y_3$, and $NL_d = \Sigma_3$. Recall (cf. [3]) that the upper bound of the codimension of irreducible components of the Noether-Lefschetz locus NL_d in the family Y of smooth surfaces of degree d in $\mathbf{P}^3$ is the geometric genus $p_g = \binom{d-1}{3}$ of any surface in Y . We will give a new proof of the following density theorem due to Ciliberto, Harris, and Miranda [5].

Theorem 2. *For $d \geq 4$, the union of all irreducible components of NL_d having codimension p_g in Y is dense in the classical topology.*

Using an infinitesimal method, we will reduce the theorem to the following proposition.

Proposition 3. *For each $d \geq 4$, there are some polynomials $G \in S^{2d-4}$ and a surface $X \in Y$ with defining equation F such that the map*

$$g: S^{d-4} \rightarrow S^{3d-8}/J_{F, 3d-8}$$

defined by multiplication by G is injective.

Proof. Let $F = z_0^d + z_1^d + z_2^d + z_3^d$ and

$$G = \sum_{j=0}^{d-2} a_j z_0^j z_1^j z_2^{d-2-j} z_3^{d-2-j},$$

where the constant coefficients a_j 's are chosen so that every possible matrix of the form

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{pmatrix} a_k & a_{k+1} & \cdots & a_{k+m} \\ a_{k+1} & a_{k+2} & \cdots & a_{k+m+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{k+m} & a_{k+m+1} & \cdots & a_{k+2m} \end{pmatrix}$$

has nonzero determinant. Then we claim that g is injective:

Without loss of generality, we may assume that a nonzero element of the kernel of g is of the form

$$P = \sum_{j=m_1}^{m_2} c_j z_0^{p+j} z_1^{q+j} z_2^{r-j} z_3^{s-j},$$

where $p + q + r + s = d - 4$ and $m_1 < m_2$. This is because G belongs to the span of the set of monomials $z_0^{i_0} z_1^{i_1} z_2^{i_2} z_3^{i_3}$ satisfying the equalities

$$i_0 = i_1 = d - 2 - i_2 = d - 2 - i_3.$$

If we therefore break up S^{d-4} into the span of monomials satisfying

$$i_0 - i_1 = p - q, \quad i_0 + i_2 = p + r, \quad i_0 + i_3 = p + s,$$

where p, q, r, s vary but add up to $d - 4$, and if we expand an element of $\ker g$ in terms of these subspaces, then each piece also lies in $\ker g$.

By symmetry of the role of z_0 and z_1 , and of z_2 and z_3 , we may assume $p \geq q$ and $r \leq s$. Then the limits of the sum above satisfy $m_1 \geq -q$ and $m_2 \leq r$. The condition that

$$P \cdot G = \sum_{j,k} a_j c_k z_0^{j+k+p} z_1^{j+k+q} z_2^{d-2-j-k+r} z_3^{d-2-j-k+s} \in J_{F, 3d-8}$$

is equivalent to the system of equations

$$\sum_{j+k=l} a_j c_k = 0 \quad \text{for } s \leq l \leq d - 2 - p.$$

Since $m_1 \geq -p$ and $m_2 \leq s$, the two inequalities $m_1 \leq k \leq m_2$ and $s \leq k + j \leq d - 2 - p$ imply the inequality $0 \leq j \leq d - 2$.

The coefficient matrix for the c_k 's is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_\alpha & a_{\alpha+1} & \cdots & a_\beta \\ a_{\alpha+1} & a_{\alpha+2} & \cdots & a_{\beta+1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_\gamma & a_{\gamma+1} & \cdots & a_\delta \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\alpha = s - m_2, \quad \beta = s - m_1, \quad \gamma = d - 2 - p - m_2, \quad \delta = d - 2 - p - m_1.$$

The number of rows is

$$(3.2) \quad \gamma - \alpha + 1 = d - 2 - p - s + 1$$

and the number of columns is

$$(3.3) \quad \beta - \alpha + 1 = m_2 - m_1 + 1.$$

But $(3.2) - (3.3) = d - 2 - p - s - (m_2 - m_1) \geq d - 2 - p - s - (r + q) = 2$. Therefore, g is injective provided that the appropriate minors of the matrix of the a_j 's of the form (3.1) are nonvanishing, and this may be arranged by taking the ratios $|a_{j+1}/a_j|$ to increase very rapidly with j .

Proof of Theorem 2. For a smooth surface $X \in Y$, $X \in NL_d$ if and only if $H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(X) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{Z}) \neq 0$. If there is a nonzero element $\gamma \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(X) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{Q})$, then $m \cdot \gamma \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(X) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{Z})$ for some integer m and hence $X \in NL_d$. For a given $\gamma \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(X) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{R})$, there are some elements of $H_{\text{pr}}^2(X, \mathbf{Q})$ that are arbitrarily near to γ . We will show that one of these rational classes can be made to have type $(1, 1)$ by making a small deformation of X .

We consider the universal family $\mathcal{F}$ of smooth surfaces of degree d in $\mathbf{P}^3$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F} & \longrightarrow & Y \times \mathbf{P}^3 \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ & & Y \end{array}$$

Since π is a proper smooth map with maximal rank everywhere, Ehresmann's fibration theorem says that on a sufficiently small open neighborhood U of X , there is a fiber preserving diffeomorphism

$$(3.4) \quad \phi: \pi^{-1}(X) \times U \simeq \pi^{-1}(U)$$

so that ϕ defines a diffeomorphism $\phi_S: X \rightarrow S$ and the induced map on the cohomology $\phi_S^*: H^2(S, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow H^2(X, \mathbf{C})$ is an isomorphism for $S \in U$.

Let $R^2\pi_*\mathbf{C}$ be the second direct image sheaf of $\pi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow Y$, which we recall is the sheaf associated to the presheaf

$$U \rightarrow H^2(\pi^{-1}(U), \mathbf{C}),$$

where U runs through the open subsets of Y . Let R_{pr}^2 be the kernel of a map

$$L: R^2\pi_*\mathbf{C} \rightarrow R^4\pi_*\mathbf{C}$$

defined as follows: For an open set $U \subset Y$ with $\pi^{-1}(U) \simeq \pi^{-1}(X) \times U$ as before,

$$H^2(\pi^{-1}(U), \mathbf{C}) \simeq H^2(X, \mathbf{C}).$$

$L_U: R^2\pi_*\mathbf{C}(U) \rightarrow R^4\pi_*\mathbf{C}(U)$ is the cup product map with the associated $(1, 1)$ form of X .

Then R_{pr}^2 is a locally constant sheaf and there is a holomorphic vector bundle $\mathcal{H}$ on Y associated to it, whose fiber over $S \in Y$ is $H_{\text{pr}}^2(X, \mathbf{C})$. We have a Hodge filtration $F^2 \subset F^1 \subset F^0 = \mathcal{H}$, and Hodge bundles $\mathcal{H}^{1,1} = F^1/F^2$ and $\mathcal{H}^{0,2} = F^0/F^1$, where the F^p 's are holomorphic vector bundles.

For a sufficiently small open neighborhood U of X as in (3.4), we can define a smooth map $f_{\mathbf{C}}$ on the total space of $\mathcal{H}^{1,1}|_U$ as

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\mathbf{C}}: \mathcal{H}^{1,1}|_U &= \{(S, \gamma) | S \in U, \gamma \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S)\} \rightarrow H_{\text{pr}}^2(X, \mathbf{C}), \\ (S, \gamma) &\mapsto \phi_S^*(\gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Then $f_{\mathbf{C}}$ restricts to a map

$$f: \mathcal{H}_{U, \mathbf{R}}^{1,1} = \{(S, \gamma) | S \in U, \gamma \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S) \cap H^2(S, \mathbf{R})\} \rightarrow H_{\text{pr}}^2(X, \mathbf{R}).$$

We note that for the map $\pi_1: \mathcal{H}^{1,1} \rightarrow Y$, giving the bundle structure on $\mathcal{H}^{1,1}$,

$$\pi_1(f^{-1}(H_{\text{pr}}^2(X, \mathbf{Q}))) = NL_d \cap U.$$

First, we will show that f has maximal rank at some $(S_0, \gamma_0) \in \mathcal{H}_{U, \mathbf{R}}^{1,1}$. Then, by the Implicit Function Theorem, this implies that

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{aligned} &\text{there is an element } \gamma_V \in f(V) \cap H_{\text{pr}}^2(X, \mathbf{Q}) \text{ for each small open} \\ &\text{neighborhood } V \text{ of } (S_0, \gamma_0), \text{ and } \text{codim } \pi_1(f^{-1}(\gamma_V)) = p_g. \end{aligned}$$

In order to make the necessary computation, it is a good idea to distinguish the real tangent space $T_S(U)_{\mathbf{R}}$, the complexified tangent space $T_S(U)_{\mathbf{C}}$, and

the holomorphic tangent space $T_S(U)$. There is of course a natural $\mathbf{R}$ -linear isomorphism $T_S(U) \cong T_S(U)_{\mathbf{R}}$. Since df takes the tangent space of the fibers of π_1 to $H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(X) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{R})$, we obtain an induced $\mathbf{R}$ -linear map

$$\lambda: T_S(U)_{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow \frac{H_{\text{pr}}^2(X, \mathbf{R})}{H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(X) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{R})} \cong (H^{2,0}(X) \oplus H^{0,2}(X)) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{R})$$

having maximal rank if and only if f does. Under the $\mathbf{R}$ -linear identifications $T_S(U)_{\mathbf{R}} \cong T_S(U)$ and

$$(H^{2,0}(X) \oplus H^{0,2}(X)) \cap H^2(X, \mathbf{R}) \cong H^{0,2}(X),$$

the map λ is identified with the derivative of the period map

$$T_S(U) \rightarrow H^{0,2}(X).$$

By the work of Griffiths [14], the derivative of the period map is the composition of the Kodaira-Spencer map ρ with the cup product with γ , i.e.

$$T_S(Y) \xrightarrow{\rho} H^1(S, \Theta_S) \xrightarrow{\cup \gamma} H^{0,2}(S).$$

Thus λ , and hence f , has maximal rank if and only if

$$\cup \gamma: \rho(T_S(Y)) \rightarrow H^{0,2}(S)$$

is surjective, or equivalently,

$$(3.6) \quad H^{2,0}(S) \xrightarrow{\cup \gamma} \rho(T_S(Y))^* \text{ is injective.}$$

Referring to (2.6),

$$\rho(T_S(Y)) \simeq S^d / J_{F,d},$$

where F is the defining equation of S . By Macaulay's theorem (see, e.g., [9, Theorem 2.15]),

$$(\rho(T_S(Y)))^* \simeq S^{3d-8} / J_{F,3d-8}.$$

In terms of the identifications in (2.1) and above, the above map (3.6) is injective if the multiplication map

$$g: S^{d-4} \rightarrow S^{3d-8} / J_{F,3d-8}$$

is injective, where g is the multiplication by $G(\gamma) \in S^{2d-4}$ corresponding to γ . By Proposition 3, g is injective at (S_0, γ_0) , where

$$S_0 = \{z_0^d + z_1^d + z_2^d + z_3^d = 0\}$$

and γ_0 corresponds to $G \in S^{2d-4} / J_{F,2d-4}$ with some fixed real coefficients a_i 's, and hence $\gamma_0 \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S_0) \cap H^2(S_0, \mathbf{R})$. So f has maximal rank p_g at (S_0, γ_0) .

In fact, ρ composed with the cup product map $\cup\gamma$ gives rise to a holomorphic map of vector bundles on $\mathcal{H}^{1,1}$ so that we can define a map

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma: \mathcal{H}^{1,1} &\rightarrow \Theta_Y^* \otimes \mathcal{H}^{0,2}, \\ (S, \gamma) &\mapsto \sigma(S, \gamma): \Theta_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{H}^{0,2}.\end{aligned}$$

The locus A where $\sigma(S, \gamma)$ drops rank is an analytic subvariety of $\mathcal{H}^{1,1}$. Since $\sigma(S_0, \gamma_0)$ has maximal rank p_g , A is proper. Since f has maximal rank at (S_0, γ_0) , $A \cap \mathcal{H}_R^{1,1}$ is also proper, where $\mathcal{H}_R^{1,1} = \{(S, \gamma) | \gamma \in H_{\text{pr}}^{1,1}(S) \cap H^2(S, \mathbf{R})\}$. Hence, (3.5) holds for every $(S, \gamma) \in \mathcal{H}^{1,1}$ and the theorem follows.

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