

Correction and Remark to "ON STABLE AND UNIFORM RANK-2
 VECTOR BUNDLES ON P^2 IN CHARACTERISTIC p "¹⁾

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Correction: Lemma 3.3 of the paper is incorrect: the degree of inseparability of r in general does not divide $d(E)$. An example is due to Hartshorne (private communication): Take a suitable elementary transformation of a Frobenius pull-back of a stable bundle of generic splitting type $(0, -1)$ on P^2 . Hence Theorem 3.1 has to be modified. The proof apart from Lemma 3.3 gives:

Theorem 3.1: Let E be a stable rank-2 vector bundle on P^2 of generic splitting type $(0, -d)$ and $d > 0$. If $r: P(T_{P^2}) \rightarrow P(E)$ denotes the canonical rational map associated to E , then r is finite and $d \leq \deg \text{insep } r$.

Theorem 3.1 may be considered a generalisation of the theorem of Grauert-Mülich to arbitrary characteristics, since in characteristic 0 it just says $d \leq 1$ (which is Grauert and Mülich's theorem) and moreover the estimate is best possible (for the Frobenius pullbacks of the twisted tangent bundles one has equality).

Remark: To get in characteristic $p > 0$ an estimate for d in terms of the Chern classes of E proceed as follows: $-\deg r$ can be interpreted as the first Chern class of $q_* p^* E$. Compute the second Chern class of $p^* E$ (suggested by Barth)

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to get an estimate for $\deg r$. The following inequality is best possible as the bundles $F^{n*}T_P^2$ show:

Corollary: Let E be a stable rank-2 vector bundle on P^2 of generic splitting type (a,b) and $\Delta := c_1(E)^2 - 4c_2(E)$. Then

$$|a - b| \leq \sqrt{\frac{-\Delta}{3}}$$

Since the restriction of a semistable rank-2 vector bundle on P^n to a general plane is semistable, this result is correct also for rank-2 bundles on P^n .

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