

## STUDY OF MULTIPLE STRUCTURES ON PROJECTIVE SUBVARIETIES

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**Abstract.** Let  $k$  an algebraically closed field,  $\text{char } k = 0$ .

We study multiplicity- $r$  structures on varieties for  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \geq 2$ . Let  $Z$  be a reduced irreducible nonsingular  $(N - 2)$ -dimensional variety such that  $rZ = X \cap F$ , where  $X$  is a normal  $(N - 1)$ -fold of degree  $n$ ,  $F$  is a smooth  $(N - 1)$ -fold of degree  $m$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ , such that  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \geq 2$ ,  $Z \cap \text{Sing}(X) \neq \emptyset$ . There are effective divisors  $V$  and  $D_1$  on  $Z$  such that  $O_Z(V - (r - 1)D_1) \simeq \omega_Z^r(-rm - n + (N + 1)r)$ , where  $\omega_Z$  is the canonical sheaf of  $Z$ .

Let  $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  be a reduced irreducible subvariety of codimension 2. Let  $Y$  be an irreducible hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ ,  $Z \subset Y$ . Let  $\omega_Z^\circ$  be the dualizing sheaf of  $Z$ . Then, there exists a hypersurface  $X$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$  such that  $Z = Y \cap X$  is a scheme-theoretical complete intersection if and only if

- $\omega_Z^\circ \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathcal{N}_Z|_{\mathbb{P}^N}$ .
- $\deg Y$  divides  $\deg Z$ .
- $\omega_Z^\circ \simeq O_Z(\deg Y + (\frac{\deg Z}{\deg Y}) - N - 1)$ .

**Introduction.** There are two sections in this paper. In Section 1 we study multiplicity- $r$  structures on varieties  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of characteristic 0. Most of our results could also be extended to  $\text{char } k = p$ ,  $p > 0$ . Let  $Y$  be a nonsingular variety in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ , with ideal sheaf  $I_Y$ . A non-reduced structure  $\tilde{Y}$  is a *multiplicity- $r$  structure* on  $Y$  if

- $I_{\tilde{Y}} \subset I_Y$ ;
- $\tilde{Y}$  is locally a complete intersection;

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- $\tilde{Y}$  has multiplicity  $r$ , i.e. for each point  $P \in Y$  and a general hyperplane  $H$  through  $P$ , the local intersection multiplicity is

$$i(P; \tilde{Y}, H) = \dim \frac{O_P}{I(\tilde{Y} \cap H)} = r.$$

Multiplicity-2 structures on nonsingular varieties appear in several instances; for example, when studying nonsingular curves on a Kummer surface in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ , passing through some of its nodes. To define a multiplicity-2 structure  $\tilde{Y}$  on a codimension 2 nonsingular variety  $Y$  is, under some conditions, equivalent to defining a subbundle  $L \subset N_{Y|\mathbb{P}^n}$ , assuming that  $I_Y/I_{\tilde{Y}}$  is locally free. W. Barth gave a construction of the Horrocks–Mumford bundle assuming the existence of a nonsingular irreducible curve with certain properties; among them a double structure on the curve (see [2]). The Horrocks–Mumford bundle is a stable indecomposable rank 2 vector bundle over  $\mathbb{P}^4$ . The study of varieties which are complete intersections with a non-reduced structure on them could be used in the construction of vector bundles in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

Multiple structures on curves (‘thickenings of curves’) appear in the enumerative geometry of Calabi–Yau  $n$ -folds. In particular, Gromov–Witten theory can be used to define an enumerative geometry of curves in Calabi–Yau 5-folds (see [6]). Also thickenings of rational curves, analytically contractible, on Calabi–Yau 3-folds are used to study the genus zero Gopakumar–Vafa invariants (see [5]).

Let  $Z$  be a reduced irreducible nonsingular  $(N - 2)$ -dimensional variety such that  $rZ = X \cap F$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , where  $F$  is a  $(N - 1)$ -fold in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ ,  $X$  is a normal  $(N - 1)$ -fold with  $Z \cap \text{Sing}(X) \neq \emptyset$ . We prove that there are effective divisors  $V$  and  $D_1$  on  $Z$  such that  $O_Z(V - (r - 1)D_1) \simeq \omega_Z^r(-rm - n + (N + 1)r)$ , where  $\omega_Z$  is the canonical sheaf of  $Z$ .

In Section 2 we give conditions for a reduced irreducible subvariety  $Z$ , in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ , of codimension 2, to be a scheme-theoretical complete intersection. Our motivation is the extension of a type of Noether–Lefschetz Theorem from surfaces to  $n$ -folds (see [4]).

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**1.** Let  $Z$  be a reduced irreducible nonsingular  $(N - 2)$ -dimensional variety such that  $rZ = X \cap F$ , where  $X$  is a normal  $(N - 1)$ -fold,  $F$  is a smooth  $(N - 1)$ -fold in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ , such that  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \geq 2$ ,  $Z \cap \text{Sing}(X) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $m$  be the degree of  $F$  and  $n$  be the degree of  $X$ . Let  $I_Z$  be the ideal sheaf of  $Z$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ .

Let us write  $T = rZ$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \geq 2$ . Consider the Cohen–Macaulay filtration

$$Z = T_1 \subset T_2 \subset \dots \subset T_r = rZ, \quad \text{where } T_i = iZ, \quad 1 \leq i \leq r.$$

Let  $J_i = I_Z^i + O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-F)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . Note that  $I_Z = J_1$ ,  $I_Z^2 \subset J_2 \subset I_Z$ .  $\frac{J_i}{J_{(i+1)}}$  is a rank 1 locally free  $O_Z$ -module.  $\frac{J_i}{I_Z J_i}$  is a rank 2 locally free  $O_Z$ -module,  $1 \leq i \leq r$ .

We generalize some results of [1].

Let  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{I_Z}{J_2}$ . We consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z^2} \rightarrow \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0 \quad (1)$$

$\mathcal{L}$  is a quotient of  $\frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2}$ , the conormal bundle of  $Z$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ .  $\frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2}$  is a locally free sheaf of rank 2 over  $O_Z = O_{\mathbb{P}^N}/I_Z$ .

Since  $Z$  is contained in the hypersurface  $F$  of degree  $m$ , for  $I_F = O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m)$ , we have

$$0 \rightarrow O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m) \rightarrow I_Z,$$

which, by restriction to  $Z$ , gives  $0 \rightarrow O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2}$ , since  $\text{Tor}_1(\frac{I_Z}{O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m)}, O_Z) = 0$ .

We also have

$$0 \rightarrow O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m) \rightarrow J_2 \rightarrow I_Z, \quad (2)$$

Restricting (2) to  $Z$ , we have  $O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2}$ .

Let  $M_1 =: \frac{J_2}{I_Z^2}$ . It is a rank 1 locally free sheaf on  $Z$  since so it is  $\mathcal{L}$  and (1) is exact.

Let  $\alpha : O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2}$ . Let  $\delta : \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \alpha$ .

We also have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z^2} \rightarrow \frac{M_1}{O_Z(-m)} \rightarrow 0, \\ 0 \rightarrow \frac{M_1}{O_Z(-m)} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\gamma : \text{Coker } \alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0$ . Let us consider  $\gamma \circ \delta$ . Hence, there exists an effective divisor  $D_1$  on  $Z$  such that

$$0 \rightarrow O_Z(-m + D_1) \rightarrow \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0. \quad (3)$$

Thus,  $M_1 = O_Z(D_1 - m)$ .

Taking exterior powers in the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2} \rightarrow \Omega|_{\mathbb{P}^N} \otimes O_Z \rightarrow \omega_Z \rightarrow 0,$$

we obtain  $\wedge^2(\frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2}) \simeq \omega_Z^{-1}(-(N+1))$ .

From the latter and the exact sequence (1),

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{I_Z}{J_2} \simeq \wedge^2\left(\frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2}\right) \otimes M_1^{\otimes -1} \simeq \omega_Z^{-1}(-(N+1)) \otimes O_Z(m - D_1).$$

We can obtain similar result from (3).

Consider the exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \frac{I_Z^2}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z^2} \rightarrow 0, \\ \wedge^2\left(\frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2}\right) \simeq \frac{I_Z^2}{I_Z J_2} \otimes \frac{J_2}{I_Z^2} \simeq \omega_Z^{-2}(-2(N+1)) \otimes O_Z(m - D_1), \end{aligned}$$

since  $(\frac{I_Z}{J_2})^{\otimes 2} \simeq \frac{I_Z^2}{I_Z J_2}$  and  $(\frac{I_Z}{J_2})^{\otimes 2} \simeq \omega_Z^{-2}(-2(N+1)) \otimes O_Z(2m - 2D_1)$ .

We also have

$$0 \rightarrow O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m) \rightarrow J_3 \rightarrow J_2 \rightarrow I_Z, \quad (4)$$

After restricting to  $Z$ , we have  $O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{J_3}{I_Z J_3} \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2}$ . Let  $\mu_1$  be their composition;  $\mu_1 : O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2}$ . Consider  $\mu_{11} : \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \mu_1$ .

Consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{J_3}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{J_3} \rightarrow 0. \quad (5)$$

Then  $M_2 \simeq \frac{J_3}{I_Z J_2}$  is a rank 1 locally free sheaf on  $Z$ . Let  $\mu_{12} : O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{J_3}{I_Z J_2}$ . The image of  $\mu_1$  maps to zero in  $\frac{J_2}{J_3}$ . We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Coker } \mu_{12} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \mu_1 \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{J_3} \rightarrow 0.$$

Then there exists an effective divisor  $D_2$  such that  $M_2 = O_Z(D_2 - m)$  since

$$0 \rightarrow O_Z(-m) \rightarrow M_2 \rightarrow \frac{M_2}{O_Z(-m)} \rightarrow 0,$$

and

$$0 \rightarrow O_Z(-m + D_2) \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{J_3} \rightarrow 0.$$

$D_2$  is the divisor associated to the torsion subsheaf  $\frac{M_2}{O_Z(-m)}$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{J_2}{J_3} &\simeq \wedge^2 \left( \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2} \right) \otimes M_2^{\otimes -1}, \\ \frac{J_2}{J_3} &\simeq \omega_Z^{-2}(-2(N+1)) \otimes O_Z(2m - D_1 - D_2). \end{aligned}$$

Notice that  $(\frac{I_Z}{J_2})^{\otimes 2} \simeq \frac{I_Z^2}{I_Z J_2}$ . We have

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{I_Z^2}{I_Z J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_2}{I_Z J_2}.$$

Consider the exact sequence (5). There exists an effective divisor  $N_1$  on  $Z$  such that

$$\frac{J_2}{J_3} \simeq \left( \frac{I_Z}{J_2} \right)^{\otimes 2} (N_1).$$

Let  $M_{r-1} \simeq \frac{J_r}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}}$  which is a rank 1 locally free sheaf on  $Z$ . As in (4), we also have

$$0 \rightarrow O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m) \rightarrow J_r \rightarrow J_{(r-1)} \rightarrow I_Z.$$

After restricting to  $Z$  the map  $0 \rightarrow O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m) \rightarrow J_{(r-1)}$ , we have  $\mu_{(r-2)} : O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}}$ .

Consider  $\mu_{(r-2)1} : \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \mu_{(r-2)}$ . Let  $\mu_{(r-2)2} : O_Z(-m) \rightarrow \frac{J_r}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}}$ . The image of  $\mu_{(r-2)}$  maps to zero in  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r}$ .

We have an exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \text{Coker } \mu_{(r-2)2} \rightarrow \text{Coker } \mu_{(r-2)} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \rightarrow 0$ . We deduce that there exists an effective divisor  $D_{(r-1)}$  such that  $M_{(r-1)} = O_Z(D_{(r-1)} - m)$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.**  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \simeq (\frac{I_Z}{J_2})^{\otimes (r-1)} (N_{(r-2)})$ ,  $r \geq 3$ , where  $N_{(r-2)}$  is an effective divisor on  $Z$ . Also,  $\wedge^2(\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}}) \simeq \omega_Z^{-r(r-1)}(-(N+1)(r-1)) \otimes O_Z((r-2)m - (r-1)D_1 + D_{(r-1)})$ , where  $D_1$  and  $D_{(r-1)}$  are effective divisors on  $Z$ .

*Proof.* For  $N = 3$ , see [1].

Let  $N \geq 3$ . We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{J_r}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \rightarrow 0. \quad (6)$$

Notice that  $\left(\frac{I_Z}{J_2}\right)^{\otimes(r-1)} \simeq \frac{I_Z^{(r-1)}}{I_Z^{(r-2)} J_2}$ .

$$0 \rightarrow \frac{I_Z^{(r-1)}}{I_Z^{(r-2)} J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z^{(r-2)} J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_2 J_{(r-2)}} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $I_Z^{(r-2)} J_2 \subset J_2 J_{(r-2)}$  the map  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z^{(r-2)} J_2} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_2 J_{(r-2)}}$  is surjective. Also  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_2 J_{(r-2)}} \rightarrow \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \rightarrow 0$ , since  $J_2 J_{(r-2)} \subset J_r$ . There exists an effective divisor  $N_{(r-2)}$  on  $Z$  such that

$$\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \simeq \left(\frac{I_Z}{J_2}\right)^{\otimes(r-1)} (N_{(r-2)}).$$

From (6) we deduce  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \simeq \wedge^2 \left(\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}}\right) \otimes M_{(r-1)}^{\otimes -1}$ . Thus,

$$\wedge^2 \left(\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_Z J_{(r-1)}}\right) \simeq \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \otimes M_{(r-1)},$$

$$\wedge^2 \left(\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{I_C J_{(r-1)}}\right)$$

$$\simeq \omega_Z^{-(r-1)}(-(N+1)(r-1)) \otimes O_Z((r-2)m - (r-1)D_1 + D_{(r-1)}). \quad \blacksquare$$

**PROPOSITION 2.** *Let  $Z$  be an irreducible nonsingular  $(N-2)$ -subvariety in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ ,  $rZ = F \cap X$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $r \geq 2$ , where  $F$  is a smooth hypersurface of degree  $m$ ,  $X$  is a normal hypersurface of degree  $n$ ,  $Z \cap \text{Sing}(X) \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \simeq \omega_Z(-(m+n-(N+1)))$ . There are effective divisors  $V$  and  $D_1$  on  $Z$  such that  $O_Z(V - (r-1)D_1) \simeq \omega_Z^r(-rm - n + (N+1)r)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $rZ = F \cap X$ ,  $J_r$  is a locally complete intersection ideal. We see that  $\omega_{rZ} \simeq O_{rZ}(m+n-(N+1))$ .

As we have seen in Section 1, letting  $D_1$  be the associated divisor to the torsion subsheaf  $\frac{M_1}{O_Z(-m)}$ , we have  $M_1 = O_Z(D_1 - m)$ . We shall see that  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \simeq \omega_Z(-(m+n-(N+1)))$ .

Let  $S = \frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r}$ . The exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow S \rightarrow \frac{O_{\mathbb{P}^N}}{J_r} \rightarrow \frac{O_{\mathbb{P}^N}}{J_{(r-1)}} \rightarrow 0$$

induces the surjective map

$$\omega_{rZ} \simeq \mathcal{E}xt^2(O_{rZ}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}xt^2(S, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N}),$$

since  $O_{(r-1)Z}$  is locally Cohen–Macaulay and hence  $\mathcal{E}xt^3(O_{(r-1)Z}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N}) = 0$ .

$\mathcal{E}xt^2(S, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N})$  is a rank 1 locally free sheaf on  $Z$ .

$$\begin{aligned} S &\simeq \mathcal{E}xt^2(\mathcal{E}xt^2(S, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N}), \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N}) \simeq \mathcal{E}xt^2((\omega_{rZ})|_Z, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N}) \\ &\simeq \mathcal{E}xt^2(O_Z, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N})(-l) \simeq \omega_Z(-l), \end{aligned}$$

where  $l = m + n - (N + 1)$ .

The functor  $\mathcal{E}xt^2(-, \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N})$  is exact and reflexive on the category of Cohen–Macaulay  $O_{\mathbb{P}^N}$ -modules of codimension 2. Thus,  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \simeq \omega_Z(-(m+n-(N+1)))$ .

By Proposition 1,  $\frac{J_{(r-1)}}{J_r} \simeq \left(\frac{I_Z}{J_2}\right)^{\otimes(r-1)}(N_{(r-2)})$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_Z(-(m+n-(N+1))) \\ \simeq \omega_Z^{-r+1}((r-1)(m-(N+1))) \otimes O_Z(-(r-1)D_1) \otimes O_Z(N_{(r-2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $V := N_{(r-2)}$ . It follows  $O_Z(V-(r-1)D_1) \simeq \omega_Z^r(-rm-n+(N+1)r)$ . ■

## 2.

**DEFINITION 3.** A closed subscheme  $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  of codimension  $k$  is a *complete intersection* if there are  $k$  hypersurfaces (i.e. locally principal subschemes of codimension 1)  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_k$ , such that  $Z = F_1 \cap \dots \cap F_k$ , as schemes.

**PROPOSITION 4.** Let  $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  be a reduced irreducible subvariety of codimension 2. Let  $Y$  be an irreducible hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ ,  $Z \subset Y$ . Let  $\omega_Z^o$  be the dualizing sheaf of  $Z$ . Then there exists a hypersurface  $X$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$  such that  $Z = Y \cap X$  is a scheme-theoretical complete intersection if and only if  $Z$  satisfies the following properties

- $\omega_Z^o \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathcal{N}_Z|_{\mathbb{P}^N}$ .
- $\deg Y$  divides  $\deg Z$ .
- $\omega_Z^o \simeq O_Z(\deg Y + \left(\frac{\deg Z}{\deg Y}\right) - N - 1)$ .

*Proof.* For  $N = 3$  see [1] and [3]. Let us assume  $\deg Y = m$ . Let  $\omega_Z^o \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathcal{N}_Z|_{\mathbb{P}^N}$ . Let  $\frac{\deg Z}{\deg Y} = n$  and  $\omega_Z^o \simeq O_Z(m+n-N-1)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be the normal bundle of  $Z$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a rank 2 vector bundle in  $\mathbb{P}^N$  obtained from  $Z$  via Hartshorne–Serre correspondence so that  $Z \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  is the set of zeroes of a section  $\tilde{s} \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^N, \mathcal{E})$  and  $\mathcal{E}|_Z \simeq \mathcal{N}$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}^*$  be the dual of  $\mathcal{E}$ . Let  $I_Z$  be the ideal sheaf of  $Z$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ .

We have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \det \mathcal{E}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^* \rightarrow I_Z \rightarrow 0 \tag{7}$$

Since  $\omega_Z^o \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}^N} \otimes \wedge^2 \mathcal{N}_Z|_{\mathbb{P}^N}$ ,

$$\omega_Z^o \simeq \wedge^2 \left( \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2} \right)^* (-N-1).$$

Since  $\omega_Z^o \simeq O_Z(m+n-N-1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \wedge^2 \left( \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2} \right)^* &\simeq O_Z(m+n), \\ \wedge^2 \mathcal{E}^*|_Z &\simeq \wedge^2 \left( \frac{I_Z}{I_Z^2} \right) \simeq O_Z(-m-n), \\ \wedge^2 \mathcal{E}^* &\simeq O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m-n). \end{aligned}$$

The first Chern class of  $\mathcal{E}^*$  is  $-m-n$ , the second Chern class is  $mn$ .

From (7) we have

$$0 \rightarrow O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m-n) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^* \rightarrow I_Z \rightarrow 0.$$

Tensoring with  $- \otimes O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(m)$ , we obtain

$$0 \rightarrow O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-n) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}^*(m) \rightarrow I_Z(m) \rightarrow 0.$$

Computing cohomology,

$$H^0(\mathcal{E}^*(m)) \rightarrow H^0(I_Z(m)) \rightarrow 0,$$

since  $H^1(O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-n)) = 0$ . Let  $s_1 \in H^0(\mathcal{E}^*(m))$  be an element whose image is equal to  $Y$  in  $H^0(I_Z(m))$ . For every effective divisor  $D$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ , there exists a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^0(\mathcal{E}^*(m-D)) & \longrightarrow & H^0(I_Z(m-D)) \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \beta \\ H^0(\mathcal{E}^*(m)) & \longrightarrow & H^0(I_Z(m)) \end{array}$$

with vertical arrows  $\alpha : H^0(\mathcal{E}^*(m-D)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{E}^*(m))$  and  $\beta : H^0(I_Z(m-D)) \rightarrow H^0(I_Z(m))$  for  $s_1 \in H^0(\mathcal{E}^*(m))$  is not in  $\text{Im } \alpha$  since  $Y$  is irreducible. Thus, the scheme of zeroes of  $s_1$  is empty in codimension 1 components.

$c_2(\mathcal{E}^*(m)) = c_2(\mathcal{E}^*) + mc_1(\mathcal{E}^*) + m^2 = 0$ , so the scheme of zeroes of  $s_1$  is empty. Note that  $c_1(\mathcal{E}^*(m)) = c_1(\mathcal{E}^*) + 2m = m - n$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{E}^*(m)$  is decomposable into the direct summands  $O_{\mathbb{P}^N}$  and  $O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(m-n)$ .

Hence, we deduce that  $\mathcal{E}^*$  is decomposable into the direct summands  $O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-m)$  and  $O_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-n)$ . Therefore, there exists a hypersurface  $X$  of degree  $n$  such that  $Z = Y \cap X$ .

The necessity condition is obvious since  $Z = Y \cap X$  is a scheme-theoretical complete intersection. ■

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