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# ON STABILITY OF LOGARITHMIC TANGENT SHEAVES. SYMMETRIC AND GENERIC DETERMINANTS

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ABSTRACT. We prove stability of logarithmic tangent sheaves of singular hypersurfaces  $D$  of the projective space with constraints on the dimension and degree of the singularities of  $D$ . As main application, we prove that determinants and symmetric determinants have stable logarithmic tangent sheaves and we describe an open dense piece of the associated moduli space.

## INTRODUCTION

Given a hypersurface  $D \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  defined by a homogeneous form  $F$  of degree  $d$  over a field  $\mathbb{k}$ , the vector fields on  $\mathbb{P}^N$  which are tangent to  $D$  define the logarithmic tangent sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  of  $D$ . This sheaf is the first syzygy of the Jacobian ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{J}_D$  of  $D$ , as the partial derivatives  $\nabla(F)$  of  $F$ , i.e., the generators of the Jacobian ideal  $J_D$ , express it as the kernel of the Jacobian matrix of  $F$ :

$$(1) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_D \rightarrow (N+1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N} \xrightarrow{\nabla(F)} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(d-1).$$

If the characteristic of  $\mathbb{k}$  does not divide  $d$ , the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D(1)$  is a subsheaf of  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^N}$ , usually denoted by  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^N}\langle D \rangle$ , and the quotient of  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^N}$  by  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^N}\langle D \rangle$  is the equisingular normal sheaf of  $D$ . The sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbb{P}^N}\langle D \rangle$ , or rather its dual, often denoted by  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^N}(\log D)$ , was studied in [Del70] and [Sai80] in connection with Hodge theory. All these sheaves play a major role in the deformation theory of the embedding  $D \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$ , see [Ser06, Section 3.4]. The graded module of global sections of  $\mathcal{T}_D$ , which we denote by  $T_D$ , is called the module of logarithmic derivations, or of Jacobian syzygies of  $F$ . It has been also studied in detail, most notably for hyperplane arrangements, see for instance [OT92].

For some noteworthy classes of hypersurface singularities the logarithmic tangent sheaf is locally free, and this plays an important role in the theory of discriminants and unfolding of singularities, cf. for instance [BEGvB09]. For some remarkable classes of divisor, the module  $T_D$  is itself free, see for instance [Ter81], so that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  splits as a direct sum of line bundles.

In contrast to this, for some interesting classes of hypersurfaces the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is stable. This happens for instance for generic arrangements of at least  $N+2$  hyperplanes [DK93], but also for many highly non-generic arrangements cf. [FMV13, AFV16]. The stability

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of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  for hypersurfaces with isolated singularities was studied in [Dim17], in connection with the Torelli problem, on whether  $D$  can be reconstructed from  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . Stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is a fundamental preliminary step to connect the study of equisingular deformations of  $D$  to moduli problems of sheaves over  $\mathbb{P}^N$ . However, few methods for proving stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  are available today, indeed very little seems to be known besides the case of arrangements and isolated singularities of curves and surfaces.

The goal of this paper is to propose some tools to prove stability in a wide range of situations. The general strategy is find a suitable closed subvariety  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  where we may prove that the restriction of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is stable and then argue that this implies stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  itself.

The first possibility to explore is to take  $X$  to be a linear space disjoint from the singular locus  $\text{sing}(D)$  of  $D$ . In the first part of this paper (see §1) we show that  $\mathcal{T}_D|_X$  is stable provided some vanishing of global sections of the reflexive hulls of exterior powers of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  in terms of the codimension of singularities of  $D$ . More specifically, setting  $s = \dim(\text{sing}(D))$  and assuming  $s \leq N - 2$ , we obtain the following result.

**Theorem A.** *Assume that for all integers  $p$  with  $1 \leq p \leq s + 1$  we have:*

$$H^0(\wedge^p \mathcal{T}_D(q)^{**}) = 0, \quad \text{with:} \quad q = \left\lfloor \frac{(d-1)p}{N} \right\rfloor.$$

*Then  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is slope-stable.*

We may also formulate the result in terms of the Hilbert function of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  only.

**Corollary B.** *The sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is slope-stable if:*

$$H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(q)) = 0, \quad \text{with:} \quad q = \left\lfloor \frac{(d-1)(s+1)}{N} \right\rfloor.$$

For isolated hypersurface singularities, this allows to generalize [Dim17, Theorem 1.3] and [Dim19, Theorem 3.3] to arbitrary dimension.

**Theorem C.** *Assume  $\dim(\text{sing}(D)) = 0$  and set  $q = \lfloor \frac{d-1}{N} \rfloor$ . Then  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is stable if:*

$$\deg(\text{sing}(D)) < (d - q - 1)(d - 1)^{N-1}.$$

In the second part of this paper, we consider some natural families of divisors, not covered by the previous results, where stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  can be proved. Indeed, many interesting hypersurfaces tend to have singularities of small codimension, for instance many divisors coming from orbit closures, discriminants or from moduli theory are highly singular. In this case, one strategy we propose is to pick a subvariety  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  disjoint from  $\text{sing}(D)$ , such that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  restricts over  $X$  to a vector bundle of some special form, whose stability is under control, and deduce from this the stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . A natural candidate for this is the bundle of principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ . This is defined as kernel of the evaluation of sections  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_X(n-1)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(n-1)$ . We contend that in some relevant situations  $\mathcal{T}_D$  will restrict to a slope-stable bundle of principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  and that this suffices to prove stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  itself. Let us point out that vector bundles of principal parts on projective spaces, and in particular their stability, is a matter of independent interest, see for example [Maa05, Re12].

We contribute to this by showing that the vector bundle of principal parts on a smooth quadric surface is slope-stable (see Proposition 3.8). For this we make use of representations of a quiver supported on a planar graph, rather than the tree appearing in [Re12].

Going back to the main families of divisors where our strategy applies, let us first mention symmetric discriminants, cf. Section 2. In this case, we argue that the suitable subvariety  $X$  is a projective plane, where stability of vector bundles of principal parts is well-known. Also, in view of the Goto–Józefiak–Tachibana’s resolution, see [Józ78, GT77] (cf. also [Wey03, Section 6.3.8]), we get that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is a *Steiner sheaf*, i.e., it has a linear resolution of length two. Altogether, the result is the following.

**Theorem D.** *Let  $D$  be the determinant divisor of symmetric  $n \times n$  matrices in  $\mathbb{P}^{\binom{n+1}{2}-1}$ . Then the logarithmic sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  satisfies:*

i) *the sheafified minimal graded free resolution of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  takes the form:*

$$0 \rightarrow \binom{n}{2} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-2) \rightarrow (n^2 - 1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_D \rightarrow 0;$$

ii) *the restriction of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  to a generic plane  $P \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  is isomorphic to the bundle of principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  defined as kernel of the evaluation map:*

$$\binom{n+1}{2} \cdot \mathcal{O}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(n-1);$$

iii) *if  $\text{char}(\mathbb{k}) = 0$ , the logarithmic sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is slope-stable.*

The next family we wish to mention is one of the main characters of this paper, namely the *generic determinant*, i.e. the divisor  $D$  defined as determinant of an  $n \times n$  matrix of variables  $(x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^N = \mathbb{P}^{n^2-1}$ . This time, the suitable subvariety  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  is a smooth quadric surface. As we mentioned above, the bundle of principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  on  $X$  is slope-stable, so the main point is to prove that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  restricts over  $X$  to the bundle  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ . To do this, we analyze the Artinian reduction  $A_L$  of the Jacobian algebra of  $D$  over the linear span  $L \simeq \mathbb{P}^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  of  $X$ . In particular, we prove a quadratic Lefschetz property of  $A_L$ , which in turn is obtained by specializing  $L$  to a well-chosen linear section which we call *semigeneric*. It will turn out that the intersection  $D \cap L$  is a singular surface which is resolved by a projective plane, blown-up at  $n(n-1)$  complete intersection points. Studying carefully the divisors on this blow-up we are able to prove the next result for all  $n \geq 2$ .

**Theorem E.** *Let  $D$  be the generic determinant divisor of  $n \times n$  matrices in  $\mathbb{P}^{n^2-1}$ . Then the logarithmic sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  satisfies:*

i) *the sheafified minimal graded free resolution of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  takes the form:*

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-n-1) \rightarrow n^2 \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-2) \rightarrow 2(n^2 - 1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_D \rightarrow 0;$$

ii) *the restriction of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  to a generic quadric surface  $X \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  is isomorphic to the bundle of principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  defined as kernel of the evaluation map:*

$$n^2 \cdot \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(n-1);$$

iii) *the sheaves  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_D$  are slope-stable.*

In light of the last item, it is natural to investigate the moduli space of semistable sheaves, which we denote by  $\mathfrak{M}_n$ , that contains the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . This is done in Section 4. Let us set up the framework needed to state our result in this direction. Consider two  $n$ -dimensional vector spaces  $U$  and  $V$  and the group  $\mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V)$ . Put  $\mathbf{A} = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(V, U) \simeq V^* \otimes U$  and consider the standard representation of  $\mathrm{SL}(U)$  on  $U$ , tensored with  $\mathrm{id}_{V^*}$ , so that  $\mathrm{SL}(U)$  acts linearly on  $\mathbf{A}$ . This action commutes with the  $\mathrm{SL}(V)$ -action on  $\mathbf{A}$  obtained via the dual representation on  $V^*$  tensored with  $\mathrm{id}_U$ . So  $\mathbf{A}$  is a representation of  $\mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V)$ , which is faithful. We get an injective map  $\mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V) \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}(\mathbf{A})$  and an induced injective morphism  $\mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V) \rightarrow \mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$  which identifies  $\mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V)$  to a closed subgroup of  $\mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$ .

For any  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A})$ , we consider a map  $M_{\mathbf{f}} : U \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(-1) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}$  canonically associated with  $\mathbf{f}$ . It turns out that, setting  $D_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbb{W}(\det(M_{\mathbf{f}}))$ , we have:

$$\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}} \text{ is semistable} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad [\mathbf{f}] \in \mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A}).$$

The subgroup  $\mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V)$  acts on the matrices  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  by two-sided multiplication and this does not alter the isomorphism class of  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$ . Hence the assignment  $\Psi : [\mathbf{f}] \mapsto \mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$  defines a morphism:

$$\Psi : \mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A}) / \mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n$$

Of course, the transpose  ${}^t M_{\mathbf{f}}$  of  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  lands on the same divisor  $D_{\mathbf{f}}$ . Our main result concerning the moduli space  $\mathfrak{M}_n$  is that, up to the  $2 : 1$  cover arising from transposition, the map  $\Psi$  captures essentially the whole geometry of the open dense piece of  $\mathfrak{M}_n$  consisting of logarithmic sheaves.

**Theorem F.** *The map  $\Psi$  is an étale  $2 : 1$  cover onto its image. The image of  $\Psi$  is a smooth open affine piece of an irreducible component of  $\mathfrak{M}_n$ , of dimension  $(n^2 - 1)^2$ .*

An analogous description as an algebraic group quotient could be obtained as well for the case of hypersurfaces defined by determinants of symmetric matrices. Nevertheless, recall that the generic element of the moduli space of semistable Steiner sheaves is locally free, therefore the image of such quotient would sit as a closed subscheme of the relevant moduli space. So there is no direct analogue of Theorem F for symmetric determinants.

**Notation.** Let us fix some notation which will be used throughout this paper. Denote by  $\mathbb{k}$  a field, whose assumptions may change in different sections. Consider the polynomial ring  $R = \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_N]$  and, if  $A$  is a graded  $R$ -module, we denote by  $A_p$  its degree- $p$  summand.

If  $U$  is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector space, we write  $\mathbb{P}(U)$  for the set of hyperplanes of  $U$ . For an integer  $m$ , if  $\mathcal{E}$  is a vector space, or module, or a sheaf, we write  $m \cdot \mathcal{E}$  for the direct sum of  $m$  copies of  $\mathcal{E}$ . Put  $\mathbb{P}^N = \mathbb{P}((N+1) \cdot \mathbb{k}) = \mathrm{Proj}(R)$ . Given a non-zero homogeneous polynomial  $F \in R$  of degree  $d$ , write  $D = \mathbb{W}(F)$  for the hypersurface of  $\mathbb{P}^N$  defined by  $F$ . Denoting by  $\nabla(F)$  its Jacobian matrix, the Jacobian ideal  $J_D$  is the ideal generated by  $\nabla(F)$  and  $\mathcal{J}_D$  is the Jacobian ideal sheaf. The *logarithmic tangent sheaf*  $\mathcal{T}_D$  associated to  $D$  is defined as the kernel of the gradient of  $F$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_D \rightarrow (N+1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N} \xrightarrow{\nabla(F)} \mathcal{J}_D(d-1) \rightarrow 0.$$

Given a coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we write  $H_*^i(\mathcal{F})$  for the  $i$ -th cohomology module of  $\mathcal{F}$ , namely  $H_*^i(\mathcal{F}) = \bigoplus_{t \in \mathbb{Z}} H^i(\mathcal{F}(t))$ . The *module of logarithmic derivations* of  $D$  is defined as  $T_D = H_*^0(\mathcal{T}_D)$ . Moreover,  $\text{sing}(D)$  will denote the singular locus of  $D$ , equipped with its natural scheme structure, which is to say  $\text{sing}(D) = \mathbb{V}(J_D)$ . We write  $s = \dim(\text{sing}(D))$ .

We will say that a coherent sheaf on a subvariety  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  is stable or semistable if it is so in the sense of Gieseker, with respect to the hyperplane divisor on  $X$ . We will use the notion of slope-stability, again with respect to the hyperplane divisor, and use that slope-stability implies stability while semistability implies slope-semistability. We refer to [HL97] for basic material on semistability of sheaves.

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## 1. STABILITY FOR LOW DIMENSIONAL SINGULARITIES

In this section, we study the general case, i.e. hypersurfaces  $D$  inside  $\mathbb{P}^N$  of degree  $d \geq 2$ . Specifically, Section 1.1 is devoted to prove Theorems A and C and Corollary B. Sharpness of these results is also discussed briefly. Finally, in Section 1.2 we provide some further remarks and comments about the Torelli problem for logarithmic derivations, namely the question of whether the hypersurface  $D$  can be reconstructed from the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$ .

**1.1. Stability of sheaves of logarithmic derivations.** We first prove Theorem A. Our strategy is to exclude the existence of destabilizing subsheaves having rank up to  $s+1$  making use of the vanishing assumptions of spaces of global sections of reflexive hulls of exterior powers with a refinement of Hoppe's criterion. Then, we take care of potentially destabilizing subsheaves of rank between  $s+2$  and  $n-1$  by restricting  $\mathcal{T}_D$  to a linear space  $L$  of codimension  $s+1$  disjoint from the singular locus  $\text{sing}(D)$  and working on the resulting Koszul complex of  $\nabla(F)|_L$ .

*Proof of Theorem A.* We assume that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is unstable despite satisfying the assumptions and we seek a contradiction. Without loss of generality, we may assume that the field  $\mathbb{k}$  is algebraically closed.

Consider a destabilizing subsheaf  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $\mathcal{T}_D$ , set  $r = \text{rk}(\mathcal{K})$  and put  $c = \deg(c_1(\mathcal{K}))$  so that  $r < N$  and:

$$(2) \quad \frac{c}{r} \geq \frac{1-d}{N}.$$

Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $\mathcal{T}_D/\mathcal{K}$  is torsion-free. The embedding  $j: \mathcal{K} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T}_D$  gives a non-trivial map  $\wedge^r \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \wedge^r \mathcal{T}_D$  and, applying the bi-duality functor, we get a non-trivial map:

$$j_r: \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(c) \simeq (\wedge^r \mathcal{K})^{**} \rightarrow (\wedge^r \mathcal{T}_D)^{**}.$$

The image of  $j_r$  is a quotient of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(c)$ , hence it is a torsion sheaf unless  $j_c$  is injective. The former case is excluded since this image sits in  $(\wedge^r \mathcal{T}_D)^{**}$ , so  $j_r$  is injective and

$$(3) \quad H^0(\mathbb{P}^N, \wedge^r \mathcal{T}_D(-c)^{**}) \neq 0.$$

This non-vanishing contradicts our vanishing assumptions if  $r \leq s+1$ . Hence we must have  $s+2 \leq r \leq N-1$ . In other words, we have to prove that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  has no destabilizing subsheaf of rank  $r$  with  $s+2 \leq r \leq N-1$ . So the proof is finished for  $s = N-2$  but needs further argumentation for  $s < N-2$ .

To comply with this, we consider a linear subspace  $L$  of  $\mathbb{P}^N$  of codimension  $s+1$  which is skew to  $\text{sing}(D)$  and meets transversely the locus where  $\mathcal{T}_D/\mathcal{K}$  is not locally free. Observe that  $\dim(L) = N - s - 1 \geq 1$ . Denote  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{T}_D)|_L$ . Then the exact sequence defining  $\mathcal{T}_D$  restricts to:

$$(4) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow (N+1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_L \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_L(d-1) \rightarrow 0$$

and therefore the sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally free. Moreover, the map  $j$  restricts to an injective map  $j_L : \mathcal{K}|_L \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  and, taking exterior powers of  $j_L$ , we get:

$$\mathrm{H}^0(L, \wedge^r \mathcal{F}(-c)) \neq 0.$$

Using the natural isomorphism  $\wedge^r \mathcal{F} \simeq \wedge^{N-r} \mathcal{F}^*(1-d)$ , this amounts to:

$$(5) \quad \mathrm{H}^0(L, \wedge^{N-r} \mathcal{F}^*(1-d-c)) \neq 0.$$

Now, since  $d \geq 2$  and  $r < N$ , the inequality (2) gives:

$$c \geq \frac{r(1-d)}{N} > 1-d,$$

or, equivalently,  $1-d-c < 0$ . Also,  $s+2 \leq r \leq N-1$  gives  $1 \leq N-r \leq N-s-r-2 \leq \dim(L)-1$ . Therefore, to reach the desired contradiction, it suffices to show:

$$(6) \quad \mathrm{H}^0(L, \wedge^p \mathcal{F}^*(-1)) = 0, \quad \text{for all integers } p \text{ with } 1 \leq p \leq \dim(L)-1.$$

To get this, we dualize (4) and take  $p$ -th exterior power to write an exact complex:

$$\bigwedge^p \left( \mathcal{O}_L(1-d) \rightarrow (N+1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_L \right) \longrightarrow \wedge^p \mathcal{F}^* \rightarrow 0.$$

Tensoring with  $\mathcal{O}_L(-1)$  and taking cohomology, since  $p \leq \dim(L)-1$  we get  $\mathrm{H}^0(L, \wedge^p \mathcal{F}^*(-1)) = 0$ . So (6) is proved and the theorem as well.  $\square$

*Proof of Corollary B.* Given an integer  $p$  with  $1 \leq p \leq s+1$ , the  $p$ -th exterior power of the injection  $i : \mathcal{T}_D \rightarrow (N+1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}$  gives maps:

$$\bigwedge^p \mathcal{T}_D \xrightarrow{i_1} (N+1) \cdot \bigwedge^{p-1} \mathcal{T}_D \rightarrow \cdots \xrightarrow{i_{p-1}} (N+1)^{(p-1)} \cdot \mathcal{T}_D,$$

and taking reflexive hulls the composition  $i_{p-1} \circ \cdots \circ i_1$  gives:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \wedge^p \mathcal{T}_D & \xrightarrow{i_{p-1} \circ \cdots \circ i_1} & (N+1)^{(p-1)} \cdot \mathcal{T}_D \\ \downarrow & & \parallel \\ (\wedge^p \mathcal{T}_D)^{**} & \longrightarrow & (N+1)^{(p-1)} \cdot \mathcal{T}_D^{**} \end{array}$$

Since the kernel of each of the maps  $i_1, \dots, i_{p-1}$  is a torsion sheaf, we get that  $i_{p-1} \circ \cdots \circ i_1$  induces an injective map:

$$\wedge^p \mathcal{T}_D(q)^{**} \hookrightarrow (N+1)^{(p-1)} \cdot \mathcal{T}_D(q).$$

Therefore, for all  $p$  with  $1 \leq p \leq s+1$ , setting  $q_p = \lfloor \frac{(d-1)p}{N} \rfloor$  and assuming  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(q)) = 0$  we get that  $H^0(\wedge^p \mathcal{T}_D(q_p)^{**}) = 0$  for all  $p$  so Theorem A gives stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem C.* We assume  $\deg(\text{sing}(D)) < (d-q-1)(d-1)^{N-1}$  and prove that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is slope-stable. Since the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is reflexive and  $\dim(\text{sing}(D)) = 0$ , in view of Theorem A we only have to check:

$$H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(q)) = 0.$$

The degree (i.e. the length) of the 0-dimensional subscheme  $\text{sing}(D) \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  is the total Tjurina number of  $\text{sing}(D)$ , obtained as the sum of the length of the localization of  $\text{sing}(D)$  at the points of the set-theoretic support of  $\text{sing}(D)$ .

Consider the minimal degree relation of  $J_D$ , i.e. the smallest integer  $r$  such that  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(r)) \neq 0$ . If  $\mathcal{T}_D$  was not slope-stable we would have  $r \leq q$ .

According to [dPW01, Theorem 5.3], the integer  $r$  satisfies  $(d-r-1)(d-1)^{N-1} \leq \deg(\text{sing}(D))$ . Hence, if  $\mathcal{T}_D$  was not slope-stable then  $r \leq q$ , so  $(d-q-1)(d-1)^{N-1} \leq \deg(\text{sing}(D))$ , which contradicts our assumption.  $\square$

**Remark 1.1.** An obvious obstruction to stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is that a partial derivative of the equation  $f$  defining  $D$  vanishes identically, in a suitable system of coordinates. Indeed, if this happens then the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  admits a decomposition of the following type:

$$\mathcal{T}_D \simeq \mathcal{T}_{\tilde{D}} \oplus r \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N},$$

where  $r$  denotes the number of vanishing derivatives. This excludes that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is slope-semistable.

In characteristic zero this is equivalent to the fact that  $D$  is a cone, where  $r-1$  equals the dimension of the linear (projective) subspace which is the apex of the cone.

**Remark 1.2.** If no partial derivative of  $f$  vanishes identically (up to a coordinate change) and  $(d-1)(s+1) < N$ , then the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is slope-stable. Notice that this numerical condition is sharp, as the following example shows. Assume  $\text{char}(\mathbb{k})$  does not divide  $d$  nor  $d-1$  and consider the hypersurface  $D$  defined by the homogeneous polynomial:

$$F = x_0 x_1^{d-1} + \sum_{j=2}^N x_j^d, \quad \text{which gives } \nabla(F) = [x_1^{d-1}, (d-1)x_0 x_1^{d-2}, dx_2^{d-1}, \dots, dx_N^{d-1}].$$

Observe that  $D$  is singular only at the point  $(1:0:\dots:0)$ . The associated sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  has  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D) = 0$  and  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(1)) \neq 0$ . If  $d > N+1$ , we get  $c_1(\mathcal{T}_D) \leq -\text{rk}(\mathcal{T}_D)$ , so the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is not slope-stable because  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-1) \subset \mathcal{T}_D$  is a destabilizing subsheaf.

**1.2. A Torelli-type result.** In this section we will focus on some results of ‘‘Torelli type’’. Recall that such nomenclature is used in general for results on the embeddings between moduli spaces. In particular, this type of problems for logarithmic tangent sheaves has been proposed by Dolgachev and Kapranov in [DK93], followed by many others.

In our case we are interested in the morphism which associates to a hypersurface  $D \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  its logarithmic tangent sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . More specifically we are interested in the following question: *Does the logarithmic tangent sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  determine the hypersurface  $D$ ?* These hypersurfaces have been called *DK-Torelli* in [Dim17]. Keeping this definition, we provide

an extension of [Dim17, Theorem 1.5] to the case of non-isolated singularities, with a similar proof. For terminology about Thom-Sebastiani hypersurfaces and multiplicity of singularities we refer to [Wan15].

**Proposition 1.3.** *Suppose that there exists an integer  $m < d - 1$  such that:*

- $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(2m)) = 0$ ;
- *there exist  $h_1, h_2 \in H^1(\mathcal{T}_D(m - d))$  with no common factor.*

*Then,  $\mathcal{T}_D$  determines the Jacobian ideal of  $f$ . Furthermore one of the following statements holds:*

- *the hypersurface  $D$  is DK-Torelli;*
- *$D$  has a singularity of multiplicity  $d - 1$ ;*
- *the polynomial  $f$  is of Sebastiani-Thom type.*

*Proof.* Our first goal is to characterize when a homogeneous polynomial  $g$  of degree  $d - 1$  belongs to the Jacobian ideal  $J_F$ . In order to do so, consider, for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(-d + 1 + k) \xrightarrow{g} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^N}(k) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(k) \rightarrow 0,$$

with  $Y = \mathbb{W}(g)$ . Let us tensor it by  $\mathcal{T}_D$  and note that the first map remains injective, since  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is torsion free, and consider the induced exact sequence in cohomology:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(-d + 1 + k)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(k)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(k)|_Y) \rightarrow \\ &\rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{T}_D(-d + 1 + k)) \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{T}_D(k)) \rightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

We know that  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(k))$  describes the homogeneous syzygies of degree  $k$  of the Jacobian ideal, i.e. it is given by all the  $(N + 1)$ -tuples  $(a_0, \dots, a_N)$  of homogeneous polynomials of degree  $k$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^N a_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} = 0$ . This implies that the first linear map of the previous diagram does not depend on the choice of  $g$ . Moreover, we know by [Ser14] that, if  $D$  is singular, there is an identification of  $R$ -modules:

$$H_*^1(\mathcal{T}_D) \simeq \frac{J_D^{\text{sat}}}{J_D},$$

where  $J_D^{\text{sat}}$  denotes the saturation of  $J_D$ . In particular we have isomorphisms:

$$H^1(\mathcal{T}_D(t - d)) \simeq \left( \frac{J_D^{\text{sat}}}{J_D} \right)_t, \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and these commute with multiplication maps in  $R$ . So we consider the multiplication map by  $g$ :

$$\left( \frac{J_D^{\text{sat}}}{J_D} \right)_m \xrightarrow{(\cdot g)_m} \left( \frac{J_D^{\text{sat}}}{J_D} \right)_{m+d-1}.$$

It is straightforward to observe that, if  $g \in J_D$ , then  $(\cdot g)_m = 0$ . Let us prove the converse implication. Suppose thus that  $(\cdot g)_m = 0$  and note that that both  $g \cdot h_1$  and  $g \cdot h_2$  belong to

$(J_D)_{m+d-1}$ . This means that there are  $(N+1)$ -tuples of homogeneous polynomials  $(a_0, \dots, a_N)$  and  $(b_0, \dots, b_N)$  of degree  $m$ , such that:

$$g \cdot h_1 = \sum_{i=0}^N a_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \quad \text{and} \quad g \cdot h_2 = \sum_{j=0}^N b_j \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_j}.$$

Therefore we get:

$$0 = (g \cdot h_1)h_2 - (g \cdot h_2)h_1 = \sum_{j=0}^N (a_j h_2 - b_j h_1) \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_j}.$$

In view of the assumption  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D(2m)) = 0$ , we have thus:

$$a_j h_2 - b_j h_1 = 0, \quad \text{for all } j = 0, \dots, N.$$

Since  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  have no common factor, we have that  $h_1 | a_j$  and  $h_2 | b_j$ , for  $j = 0, \dots, N$ . In turn, this implies that  $g \in J_D$ .

Summing up, a polynomial  $g$  of degree  $d-1$  lies in  $J_D$  if and only if  $(\cdot g)_m = 0$ . Since  $J_D$  is generated in degree  $d-1$ , this says that  $J_D$  is recovered by the  $R$ -module structure of  $H_*^1(\mathcal{T}_D)$ , so that  $J_D$  is determined by  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . For the last part of the statement, once we have proven that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  determines the Jacobian ideal, we apply [Wan15, Theorem 1.1].  $\square$

## 2. SYMMETRIC DETERMINANTS

In this section we suppose that the field  $\mathbb{k}$  is of characteristic different from 2. Fixing an integer  $n \geq 2$ , we describe the ring  $R$  as  $R = \mathbb{k}[x_{i,j} \mid 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n]$ , hence  $N = \binom{n+1}{2} - 1$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ , put  $x_{j,i} = x_{i,j}$  and let  $M$  be the matrix  $(x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ . Consider  $F = \det(M)$ . The *generic* symmetric determinant is the degree- $n$  hypersurface  $D = \mathbb{W}(F) \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ . It is singular along the subscheme  $\text{sing}(D)$  cut by the  $N+1$  minors of order  $n-1$  of  $M$  obtained by removing from  $M$  the  $i$ -th line and  $j$ -th column, with  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ . Moreover,  $\text{sing}(D)$  has codimension 3 in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ .

Consider now a projective plane  $P \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ . The vector bundle of  $k$ -th principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_k$  is defined as kernel of the natural evaluation of sections  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_P(k)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(k)$ . The main goal of this section is to prove Theorem D, which establishes a link between  $\mathcal{T}_D$  and  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  that yields the stability of  $\mathcal{T}_D$ .

**2.1. Proof of Theorem D.** Define the graded algebra  $A$  as quotient of  $R$  by the homogeneous ideal generated by the minors of order  $n-1$  of  $M$ . The minimal graded free resolution of  $A$  is given by the Goto–Józefiak–Tachibana complex, see [Józ78, GT77], cf. also [Wey03, §6.3.8]. This takes the form:

$$(7) \quad 0 \leftarrow A \leftarrow R \leftarrow \binom{n+1}{2} \cdot R(1-n) \leftarrow (n^2-1) \cdot R(-n) \leftarrow \binom{n}{2} \cdot R(-1-n) \leftarrow 0,$$

where the kernel of  $A \leftarrow R$  is generated by the partial derivatives of  $F$ . The module  $T_D(1-n)$  is the kernel of the resulting map  $R \leftarrow \binom{n+1}{2} \cdot R(1-n)$  so its resolution is the truncation of the above resolution at the middle step. Upon sheafification, this gives item i).

Next, note that iii) follows from ii). Indeed, by [Re12], the vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  is slope-stable. Now, if  $\mathcal{T}_D$  had a destabilizing subsheaf  $\mathcal{K}$ , then choosing  $P$  to be a generic plane,

transverse to the locus where  $\mathcal{T}_D/\mathcal{K}$  fails to be locally free, we would get a subsheaf  $\mathcal{K}|_P \subset \mathcal{T}_D|_P$  with the same rank and slope as  $\mathcal{K}$ , so that  $\mathcal{K}|_P$  would destabilize  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ , a contradiction.

So it remains to prove ii). Note that, since  $\text{sing}(D)$  has codimension 3 in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ , we may choose  $P$  disjoint from  $\text{sing}(D)$  so that  $\mathcal{T}_D|_P$  fits into:

$$(8) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_D|_P \rightarrow (N+1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(n-1) \rightarrow 0.$$

Note that  $N+1 = h^0(\mathcal{O}_P(n-1))$  and observe that precomposing the evaluation of sections  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_P(n-1)) \otimes \mathcal{O}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(n-1)$  with an automorphism of  $(N+1) \cdot \mathbb{k}$  we get a kernel bundle which is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ . So it suffices to prove that, for generic  $P$ , the map  $(N+1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(n-1)$  appearing in (8) is the evaluation of global sections, up to precomposing with an isomorphism. But all such maps are the same up to precomposing with an isomorphism provided that they have maximal rank, so it is enough to prove that for generic  $P$  we have  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D|_P) = 0$ , or equivalently  $H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_P) = 0$ .

To achieve this, consider the coordinate ring  $R_P$  of  $P$ . Taking the quotient by the homogeneous ideal generated by partial derivatives of  $F$  we obtain a graded algebra of dimension  $N-2$ . Passing to the quotient modulo the ideal of  $P$  we get thus an Artinian algebra  $A$ , whose resolution is just obtained by specialization of (7), hence:

$$0 \leftarrow A \leftarrow R_P \leftarrow \binom{n+1}{2} \cdot R_P(1-n) \leftarrow (n^2-1) \cdot R_P(-n) \leftarrow \binom{n}{2} \cdot R_P(-1-n) \leftarrow 0.$$

We get, for all  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_P(t-n+1)) \simeq A_t$ . Computing dimension in the above display gives  $A_t = 0$  for all  $t \geq n-1$  so  $H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_P) = 0$  and we are done.

### 3. DETERMINANTS

This section is devoted to the proof of stability of the logarithmic tangent sheaf of the determinant divisor of a matrix of indeterminates. We work over an arbitrary field  $\mathbb{k}$ .

**3.1. Basic setup.** Let us fix an integer  $n \geq 2$ . Consider the graded ring  $R = \mathbb{k}[x_{i,j} \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq n]$  as coordinate ring of  $\mathbb{P}^N$  with  $N = n^2 - 1$ . We call *tautological determinant* the form:

$$F = \det((x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}).$$

The corresponding tautological determinantal hypersurface of degree  $n$  is the divisor:

$$D = \mathbb{W}(F).$$

The hypersurface  $D \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  is singular along the subscheme  $\text{sing}(D)$  defined by Jacobian ideal of  $F$ , which in turn is generated by the  $n^2$  minors of order  $n-1$  of the tautological matrix of variables  $(x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ . The subscheme  $\text{sing}(D)$  has codimension 4 in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ .

**3.1.1. Section outline.** Our goal is to prove Theorem E. Here are our main steps:

- i) find a resolution of the module of global sections  $T_D$ ;
- ii) prove that the logarithmic sheaf restricts to a quadric surface  $X$ , with  $X \cap \text{sing}(D) = \emptyset$ , to the bundle principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1} = \ker(H^0(\mathcal{O}_X(n-1))) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(n-1)$ ;
- iii) prove that the principal part bundle  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  of the quadric surface is slope-stable.

Section 3.2 is devoted to prove item i). In Section 3.3, we introduce the concept of *semi-generic matrix* which allows us, through a quadratic Lefschetz property described in Section 3.4, to prove that  $(\mathcal{T}_D)|_X \simeq \mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ . Section 3.5 is devoted to prove that  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  is slope-stable. Finally, in Section 3.6, we combine all of the previous results to prove that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  is slope-stable as well.

3.1.2. *An intrinsic setup.* Let  $U, V$  be two  $n$ -dimensional  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector spaces and set:

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(V, U) \simeq V^* \otimes U.$$

We identify  $\mathbb{P}^N$  with  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$ , so an element  $[\mathbf{a}]$  of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  is the proportionality class of  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{A}^* \simeq V \otimes U^*$ , i.e., of a non-zero linear map  $\mathbf{a} : U \rightarrow V$ .

An element of  $[\mathbf{f}]$  of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A}))$  is thus the proportionality class of an element  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A})$ , which under the identification  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(1)) = \mathbf{A}$  can be seen as a map:

$$M_{\mathbf{f}} : U \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(-1) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}.$$

We denote by  $\mathbf{i}$  the special element  $\mathbf{i} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A})$ . In any given basis  $(u_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n)$  and  $(v_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n)$  of  $U$  and  $V^*$ , setting  $(x_{i,j} \mid 1 \leq i, j \leq n)$  for the dual basis of  $(u_i \otimes v_j \mid i, j \leq n)$ , the matrix of  $M_{\mathbf{i}}$  is  $(x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ , so the tautological determinant is  $D = D_{\mathbf{i}}$ .

3.2. **The resolution of  $T_D$ .** Here we give a minimal graded free resolution of the graded module  $T_D$  associated with the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . The resolution is obtained directly as a truncation of the Gulliksen-Negård's complex. The upshot is that the projective dimension of  $T_D$  is 2, one less than the codimension in  $D$  of the singular locus of  $D$ , in analogously with free divisors.

The divisor  $D = \mathbb{W}(\det(M_{\mathbf{i}})) \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  is invariant with respect to the action of the group  $G = \mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V)$  on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$ . We seek a resolution of  $T_D$  which is equivariant for the induced action of  $G$  on the polynomial ring  $R$  seen as the symmetric algebra of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *There is a minimal graded free  $G$ -equivariant resolution of  $T_D$  of the form:*

$$(9) \quad 0 \leftarrow T_D \leftarrow (\mathfrak{sl}(U) \oplus \mathfrak{sl}(V)) \otimes R(-n) \xleftarrow{\varphi} \mathbf{A} \otimes R(-n-1) \leftarrow R(-2n) \leftarrow 0.$$

Looking only at the homogeneous Betti numbers, the resolution reads:

$$0 \leftarrow T_D \leftarrow 2(n^2 - 1) \cdot R(-n) \leftarrow n^2 \cdot R(-n-1) \leftarrow R(-2n) \leftarrow 0.$$

*Proof.* Recall that the homogeneous Jacobian ideal  $J_D$  is defined by the partial derivatives of  $F = \det(M_{\mathbf{i}})$ , where the matrix of the map  $M_{\mathbf{i}}$  is the matrix of indeterminates  $(x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ . This ideal is generated by the  $n^2$  minors of order  $n-1$  of  $M_{\mathbf{i}}$ . Namely, there is a natural surjective map :

$$(10) \quad \mathbf{A}^* \otimes R(1-n) \rightarrow J_D.$$

This map is the first differential of the resolution of  $J_D$  given by the Gulliksen-Negård complex, see [GN72] or [Wey03, §6.1.8]. This is a  $G$ -equivariant resolution that reads:

$$0 \leftarrow J_D \leftarrow \mathbf{A}^* \otimes R(1-n) \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} \mathfrak{sl}(U) \otimes R(-n) \\ \oplus \\ \mathfrak{sl}(V) \otimes R(-n) \end{array} \leftarrow \mathbf{A} \otimes R(-n-1) \leftarrow R(-2n) \leftarrow 0.$$

The resolution of  $T_D$  is obtained by truncation of the resolution of  $J_D$ , since  $T_D$  is the kernel of the map (10).  $\square$

**3.3. Semigeneric matrices.** The next step is to choose a linear section  $L \simeq \mathbb{P}^3$  of  $\mathbb{P}^N$  which is semigeneric, in a sense that we will make more precise in the next paragraph. The goal of this partial genericity will be to ensure that, for a honestly generic choice of  $L$ , the resulting quotient algebra  $A$  is Artinian and satisfies the quadratic Lefschetz property, as we will see in Section 3.4.

Restricting  $M_i$  to  $L$ , we get an  $n \times n$  matrix  $M_L$  of linear forms on  $L$ , whose  $n^2$  minors of order  $n-1$  generate the ideal  $I_L \subset R_L = \mathbb{k}[x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3]$  defining  $A$ . Set  $\mathfrak{m}_0 = (x_1, x_2, x_3)$  and  $\mathfrak{m} = (x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3)$ . In the next definition, we choose a basis of  $U$  and  $V$ .

**Definition 3.2.** We say that  $L$  is a semigeneric section if:

$$M_L : n \cdot \mathcal{O}_L(-1) \rightarrow n \cdot \mathcal{O}_L \quad \text{satisfies} \quad M_L = M_0 + x_0 E_{1,1},$$

where  $M_0$  is generic in  $R_0 = \mathbb{k}[x_1, x_2, x_3]$  and  $E_{1,1}$  is the elementary matrix  $(E_{1,1})_{i,j} = \delta_{i,1} \delta_{j,1}$ , i.e. the forms  $(M_L)_{i,j}$  lie outside a Zariski closed subset of the set of all  $n^2$ -tuples of 1-forms in  $R_0$ , except for  $(M_L)_{1,1}$  which also involves  $x_0$ . In such case, we say that  $M_L$  is a linear semigeneric matrix of size  $n$ .

The goal of this subsection is to prove the following result.

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $M_L$  be a linear semigeneric matrix of size  $n$ . Then:*

$$I_L = x_0 \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-2} + \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-1}.$$

**3.3.1. Semigeneric matrices and the blown-up plane.** Our first observation aimed at proving Proposition 3.3 is that the determinant of a semigeneric matrix defines a model of the blown-up plane at  $n(n-1)$  points.

Put  $p_0 = (1 : 0 : 0 : 0)$ . Define the threefold  $T = \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2})$  and the natural maps  $\pi : T \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$  and  $\sigma : T \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$  so that  $\pi$  is the tautological  $\mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle and  $\sigma$  is blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^3$  at  $p_0$ . Set  $\mathfrak{l}$  (resp.  $\mathfrak{h}$ ) for the pull-back to  $T$  of a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  (resp. in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ ).

**Lemma 3.4.** *If  $M_L$  is semigeneric, the degree- $n$  surface  $S = \mathbb{W}(\det(M_L)) \subset L \simeq \mathbb{P}^3$  is the image of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  by the linear system of curves of degree  $n$  passing through a smooth complete intersection of  $n(n-1)$  points. The surface  $S$  is smooth away from the  $(n-1)$ -tuple  $p_0$  and has a natural desingularization  $\hat{S}$  which is an element of the linear system  $|\mathcal{O}_T((n-1)\mathfrak{l} + \mathfrak{h})|$ .*

*Proof.* The shape of  $M$  implies, by multilinearity of the determinant:

$$\det(M) = \det(M_0) + x_0 \det(M_1), \quad \text{with:} \quad M_1 = (M_0)_{2 \leq i, j \leq n}.$$

Therefore  $p_0$  is a point of multiplicity  $n-1$  of  $S$ . Working over  $\mathbb{P}^2 = \text{Proj}(R_0)$  we note that, if  $M_0$  is general enough, we may assume that the curves  $G_0 = \mathbb{W}(\det(M_0))$  and  $G_1 = \mathbb{W}(\det(M_1))$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  are smooth of degree  $n$  and  $n-1$  and meet transversely at a subscheme  $W \subset \mathbb{P}^2$  consisting of  $n(n-1)$  reduced points. We have:

$$(11) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1-n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \rightarrow I_{W/\mathbb{P}^2}(n) \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore  $S$  is smooth away from  $p_0$  and the projection away from  $p_0$  sends  $S$  birationally to  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . The inverse map is defined by the complete linear system  $|\mathcal{J}_{W/\mathbb{P}^2}(n)|$ .

Define the surface  $\hat{S}$  as the blow-up of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  at  $W$ . We have  $\hat{S} \simeq \mathbb{P}(J_{W/\mathbb{P}^2}(n))$ , where the linear system associated to the tautological relatively ample line bundle sends  $\hat{S}$  to  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ . The smooth surface  $\hat{S}$  sits canonically in  $T$ , the embedding being defined by the projectivization of the surjection in (11).  $\square$

The restriction of  $\sigma$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $\mathfrak{l}$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  to  $\hat{S}$  define objects which we denote by the same letters. We set  $\mathfrak{e}_\pi$  for the exceptional divisor of  $\pi : \hat{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ , hence we have:

$$(12) \quad \mathfrak{h} = n\mathfrak{l} - \mathfrak{e}_\pi.$$

For all  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the cohomology of  $\mathcal{O}_T(i\mathfrak{h} + j\mathfrak{l})$  is:

$$(13) \quad H^k(\mathcal{O}_T(i\mathfrak{h} + j\mathfrak{l})) \simeq \begin{cases} \bigoplus_{0 \leq u \leq i} H^k(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(j+u)), & \text{if } i \geq 0, \\ \bigoplus_{i+1 \leq u \leq -1} H^{k+1}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(j+u)), & \text{if } i \leq -2, \\ 0, & \text{if } i = -1. \end{cases}$$

Also, the cohomology of  $\mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(i\mathfrak{h} + j\mathfrak{l})$  is computed via (13) by induction on  $i$  and  $j$  from the exact sequence:

$$(14) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T((1-n)\mathfrak{l} - \mathfrak{h}) \oplus \mathcal{O}_T(\mathfrak{l} - \mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T(\mathfrak{l}) \oplus \mathcal{O}_T \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(\mathfrak{h}) \rightarrow 0.$$

**3.3.2. Linear determinantal representation of the blown-up plane.** Set  $\mathcal{L} = \text{coker}(M_L)$  and write:

$$(15) \quad 0 \rightarrow n \cdot \mathcal{O}_L(-1) \xrightarrow{M_L} n \cdot \mathcal{O}_L \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0.$$

Here,  $\mathcal{L}$  is a reflexive sheaf of rank 1 on  $S$  which is not locally free. The next lemma allows to determine an exact sequence on  $\hat{S}$ , where the rightmost term is a line bundle  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  on  $\hat{S}$ . Moreover, it is possible to lift such sequence to the threefold  $T$ , in order to define  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  as the determinant of a map of bundles or rank- $n$  over  $T$ , whose push-forward to  $\mathbb{P}^3$  is the semigeneric matrix  $M_L$  we started with.

**Lemma 3.5.** *There is a subset  $\mathfrak{e}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{e}_m$ , with  $m = n(n-1)/2$ , of the components of  $\mathfrak{e}_1 + \dots + \mathfrak{e}_{n(n-1)} = \mathfrak{e}_\pi$ , such that  $\hat{\mathcal{L}} = (n-1)\mathfrak{l} - \mathfrak{e}_1 - \dots - \mathfrak{e}_m$  fits into:*

$$(16) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T(-\mathfrak{h}) \oplus (n-1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_T(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow n \cdot \mathcal{O}_T \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow 0.$$

Moreover, the push-forward to  $L \simeq \mathbb{P}^3$  of the above sequence is (15).

*Proof.* Let us use the notation described in Section 3.1.2 and also in the proof of Lemma 3.4. We therefore consider the matrices  $M_L$  and  $M_0$  as morphisms:

$$M_L : U \otimes \mathcal{O}_L(-1) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_L, \quad M_0 : U \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}.$$

The sheaf  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \text{coker}(M_0)$  is a line bundle supported on the curve  $G_0 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ . Transposing  $M_0$ , by Grothendieck duality we get:

$$0 \rightarrow V^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) \rightarrow U^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0^*(n-1) \rightarrow 0.$$

We observe that a non-zero global section  $u$  of  $\mathcal{L}_0^*(n-1)$  is given uniquely by a non-zero element  $u \in U^*$  and provides thus a 1-codimensional quotient  $U_u^* = U^*/\mathbb{k}u$ . The section  $u$

vanishes along a subscheme  $W_u$  of  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of length  $m = n(n-1)/2$  which is contained in  $G_0$  and we have a resolution:

$$(17) \quad 0 \rightarrow U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_{W_u/\mathbb{P}^2}(n-1) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $M_L$  is semigeneric, there are two 1-dimensional marked subspaces of  $V$  and  $U^*$ , corresponding to the first row and column of  $M$ . We choose  $u \in U^*$  to lie in this space, so that  $W_u$  is a subscheme of half the length of  $G_0 \cap G_1 = W$ .

Set  $\mathbf{e}_u$  for the union of the  $m$  components  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_m)$  of  $\mathbf{e}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{e}_{n(n-1)} = \mathbf{e}_\pi$  which are contracted to  $W_u$  by  $\pi$  and write  $\mathbf{e}_{\bar{u}} = \mathbf{e}_\pi - \mathbf{e}_u$ . Put  $\hat{\mathcal{L}} = \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}((n-1)l - \mathbf{e}_u)$ . Pulling back (17) to  $\hat{S}$  via  $\pi$  and removing the torsion part  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{e}_u}(-1)$  of  $\pi^*(\mathcal{J}_{W_u/\mathbb{P}^2}(n-1))$  we get the exact sequences:

$$(18) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow 0,$$

$$(19) \quad 0 \rightarrow U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-l) \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{e}_u}(-1) \rightarrow 0.$$

where the surjection in the first sequence is the natural evaluation of global sections of  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  is defined as the kernel of this map. Since  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{e}_u}(\mathbf{h}) \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{e}_u}(1)$ , we have:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{e}_u) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-\mathbf{h}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{e}_u}(-1) \rightarrow 0.$$

Observe that  $\mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-\mathbf{h} - \mathbf{e}_u) \simeq \hat{\mathcal{L}}((1-n)l - \mathbf{h})$ . By (13) we have  $H^1(\mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(\mathbf{h} - l)) = 0$ , hence the above surjection lifts to  $\mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-\mathbf{h}) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ . Patching this with (19) we get:

$$(20) \quad 0 \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}}((1-n)l - \mathbf{h}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-\mathbf{h}) \oplus U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-l) \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \rightarrow 0.$$

We rewrite this as a long exact sequence:

$$(21) \quad 0 \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}}((1-n)l - \mathbf{h}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-\mathbf{h}) \oplus U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-l) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow 0,$$

where the sheaf  $\mathcal{K}$  is the image of the middle map. Such map lifts to the threefold  $T$  and we have the determinantal representation of  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  :

$$(22) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T(-\mathbf{h}) \oplus U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_T(-l) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_T \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{L}} \rightarrow 0.$$

This is precisely (16). Also, we have  $\sigma_*(\mathcal{O}_T(-l)) \simeq \sigma_*(\mathcal{O}_T(-\mathbf{h})) \simeq \mathcal{O}_L(-1)$  and  $\sigma_*(\mathcal{O}_T) \simeq \mathcal{O}_L$ . The functor  $\sigma_*$  sends maps  $\mathcal{O}_T(-\mathbf{h}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T$  to linear forms and maps  $\mathcal{O}_T(-l) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_T$  to linear forms which vanish at  $p_0$  and each coefficient of the matrix appearing in (16) is mapped via  $\sigma_*$  to the corresponding coefficient of  $M$ . Therefore,  $\sigma_*$  sends  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}$  to  $\mathcal{L}$  and the lemma is proved.  $\square$

**3.3.3. The rigid curve.** Set  $\mathbf{g}$  for the strict transform of  $G_1$  in  $\hat{S}$ , so that  $\mathbf{g}$  is smooth and:

$$\mathbf{g} \in |\mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}((n-1)l - \mathbf{e}_\pi)|, \quad \mathbf{g}^2 = 1 - n, \quad \mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{h} = 0, \quad H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(\mathbf{g})) \simeq \mathbb{k}.$$

More precisely note that  $\mathbf{g} + l \equiv \mathbf{h}$ , moreover  $\deg(\mathbf{h}|_{\mathbf{g}}) = 0$  and  $h^0(\hat{S}, \mathbf{h}) = 4 > 3 = h^0(\hat{S}, l)$ , so that  $h^0(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}|_{\mathbf{g}}) \neq 0$ . Therefore we have:

$$(23) \quad \mathbf{g}|_{\mathbf{g}} \equiv -l|_{\mathbf{g}}.$$

We call  $\mathbf{g}$  the *rigid curve* of  $\hat{S}$ . We analyze the restriction of  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{K}$  to the rigid curve. We would like to prove :

$$H^0(\mathbf{g}, \mathcal{K}^* \otimes \hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{g} - l)|_{\mathbf{g}}) = 0.$$

Write  $\mathcal{N} = \hat{\mathcal{L}}|_{\mathfrak{g}}$ , so  $\mathcal{N} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}((n-1)\mathfrak{l} - e_u)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{g}|_{\mathfrak{g}} \equiv -\mathfrak{l}|_{\mathfrak{g}}$ , it suffices to prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.6.** *We have:*

$$(24) \quad H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{K}^*|_{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes \mathcal{N}(-2\mathfrak{l})) = 0.$$

*Proof.* The divisor  $e_u|_{\mathfrak{g}}$  has degree  $n(n-1) - m = m$  and consists of  $m$  generic points of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , so  $h^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{N}) = n-1$  and  $h^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{N}) = 0$ . Note that the defining equation of the curve  $G_0$  corresponds to the first element  $v$  of the chosen basis of the space of curves  $V$  of degree  $n-1$  through  $W_u$ . Hence, setting  $V_v = V/\mathbb{k}v$ , we get an identification  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{N}) = V_v$  and restricting (18) we get:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_0 \rightarrow V_v \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \rightarrow 0, \quad \mathcal{K}|_{\mathfrak{g}} \simeq \mathcal{K}_0 \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}.$$

Here, the sheaf  $\mathcal{K}_0$  is defined by the sequence and the copy of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  sits in  $V \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  as the line spanned by  $v$ . Since  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{N}(-2\mathfrak{l})) = 0$ , we have to show:

$$H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{K}_0^* \otimes \mathcal{N}(-2\mathfrak{l})) = 0.$$

Restricting (20) to  $\mathfrak{g}$  and using  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}(-\mathfrak{h}) \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  we get:

$$(25) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}((1-n)\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_0 \rightarrow 0.$$

We may summarize this in the following long exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{N}((1-n)\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow V_v \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \rightarrow 0.$$

This gives a presentation:

$$0 \rightarrow U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}}(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow V_v \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{S}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \rightarrow 0.$$

In particular  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{N}(-\mathfrak{l})) = 0$ . We also note that  $\mathcal{N} \simeq \pi^*(\text{coker}(M_1))$  and that the above sequence is the pull-back to  $\hat{S}$  via  $\pi$  of:

$$0 \rightarrow (n-1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(-1) \xrightarrow{M_1} (n-1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2} \rightarrow \text{coker}(M_1) \rightarrow 0.$$

Applying  $\text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{g}}(-, \mathcal{N}_{\mathfrak{g}}(-2\mathfrak{l}))$  to (25) we get:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_0^* \otimes \mathcal{N}(-2\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow U_u^* \otimes \mathcal{N}(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}((n-3)\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{N}(-\mathfrak{l})) = 0$ , we get  $H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{K}_0^* \otimes \mathcal{N}(-2\mathfrak{l})) = 0$  and we are done.  $\square$

**3.3.4. Matrix factorization and the proof of Proposition 3.3.** Restricting  $M_L$  to  $S$ , by matrix factorization we get:

$$(26) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(-n) \rightarrow U \otimes \mathcal{O}_S(-1) \rightarrow V \otimes \mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0.$$

Recall that  $\deg(S) = n$  and use [KMR05, Lemma 3.2] to get:

$$\text{Hom}_S(\mathcal{L}(-n), \mathcal{L}(-1)) \simeq H^0(S, \mathcal{O}_S(n-1)) \simeq H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(n-1)).$$

Therefore, applying  $\text{Hom}_S(-, \mathcal{L}(-1))$  to the inclusion  $\mathcal{L}(-n) \rightarrow U \otimes \mathcal{O}_S(-1)$  appearing in (26) and recalling that we set  $V = H^0(S, \mathcal{L})$ , we get a linear map:

$$(27) \quad \text{Hom}(U, V) = \mathbf{A}^* \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(n-1)).$$

*Proof of Proposition 3.3.* First observe that, since the degree of  $x_0$  in any of the minors defining  $I_L$  is at most 1, we have  $I_L \subset x_0 \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-2} + \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-1}$ . Also, both  $I_L$  and  $x_0 \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-2} + \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-1}$  are generated by  $n^2$  forms of degree  $n-1$ , those of  $x_0 \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-2} + \mathfrak{m}_0^{n-1}$  being linearly independent. Hence it suffices to prove that the  $n^2$  generators of  $I_L$  are also linearly independent.

The linear span of the  $n^2$  minors under consideration is the image of the map (27), so we have to prove that this map is injective.

Set  $\mathcal{L}' = \hat{\mathcal{L}}((n-2)\mathfrak{h} + (1-n)\mathfrak{l})$ . Using (13), we deduce from (22):

$$H^0(\mathcal{L}'(\mathfrak{h})) \simeq H^0(\mathcal{L}'(\mathfrak{l})) \simeq V.$$

Therefore, we get an identification:

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(\mathcal{O}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(-\mathfrak{h}) \oplus U_u \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(-\mathfrak{l}), \mathcal{L}') \simeq U^* \otimes V = \mathbf{A}^*.$$

Also, we have:

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(\hat{\mathcal{L}}((1-n)\mathfrak{l} - \mathfrak{h}), \mathcal{L}') \simeq H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}((n-1)\mathfrak{h})) \simeq H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(n-1)).$$

Now, applying  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(-, \mathcal{L}')$  to (20) we get an exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{L}') \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^* \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(n-1)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}^1(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{L}').$$

In view of Lemma 3.5, the sequence (26) is the image via  $\sigma_*$  of (21), in particular the middle map of the above sequence is identified via  $\sigma_*$  with the map (27). Thus we are reduced to prove  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{L}') = 0$ , i.e.:

$$(28) \quad H^0(\hat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{K}^* \otimes \mathcal{L}') = 0.$$

To do this, we use the rigid curve  $\mathfrak{g} \equiv \mathfrak{h} - \mathfrak{l}$ . Note that:

$$\mathcal{L}' \simeq \hat{\mathcal{L}}((n-2)\mathfrak{g} - \mathfrak{l}).$$

By (23), for all integer  $j$  we have:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}((j-1)\mathfrak{g} - \mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(j\mathfrak{g} - \mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{g}}(-(j+1)\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Since  $\mathbb{I}_{\mathfrak{g}}$  is effective, using induction on  $j$  with  $1 \leq j \leq n-2$ , to show (28) it suffices to prove:

$$H^0(\hat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{K}^* \otimes \hat{\mathcal{L}}(-\mathfrak{l})) = 0, \quad H^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathcal{K}^* \otimes \hat{\mathcal{L}}(-2\mathfrak{l})|_{\mathfrak{g}}) = 0.$$

The second vanishing is precisely Lemma 3.6 so we only need to show the first one. But this follows by looking at the dual of (18), tensored with  $\hat{\mathcal{L}}(-\mathfrak{l})$ , which reads:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow V^* \otimes \hat{\mathcal{L}}(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^* \otimes \hat{\mathcal{L}}(-\mathfrak{l}) \rightarrow 0,$$

so since  $H^0(\hat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{L}(-\mathfrak{l})) = H^1(\hat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{O}_{\hat{\mathcal{S}}}(-\mathfrak{l})) = 0$ , we get  $H^0(\hat{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{K}^* \otimes \hat{\mathcal{L}}(-\mathfrak{l})) = 0$ . This completes the proof of Proposition 3.3.  $\square$

**3.4. Quadratic Lefschetz property.** Consider a linear subspace  $L \simeq \mathbb{P}^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ . We get a projection  $R \rightarrow R_L$  onto a polynomial ring  $R_L$  in 4 variables, denoting as before  $R_L \simeq \mathbb{k}[x_0, \dots, x_3]$ .

Choose an integer  $n \geq 3$ . Since the singular locus  $\text{sing}(D)$  has codimension 4, generically  $L$  will not meet  $\text{sing}(D)$ . In this case the image of  $J_D$  in  $R_L$  defines an Artinian Gorenstein algebra  $A_L$  as quotient of  $R/(J_D + I_L)$ . The algebra  $A = A_L$ , called the Artinian reduction of  $R/J_D$ , inherits a minimal graded free resolution:

$$(29) \quad 0 \leftarrow A \leftarrow R_L \leftarrow n^2 \cdot R_L(1-n) \leftarrow 2(n^2-1) \cdot R_L(-n) \leftarrow n^2 \cdot R_L(-n-1) \leftarrow R_L(-2n) \leftarrow 0.$$

We say that the algebra  $A$  has the degree- $k$  Lefschetz property if, for each graded piece  $A_t$  of  $A$ , there is an element  $h \in A_1$  such that  $\cdot h^k : A_t \rightarrow A_{t+k}$  has maximal rank.

If  $L \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ , the algebra  $A = A_L$  is no longer Artinian. In the next paragraph we will see how, choosing  $L$  in a semigeneric way, the resulting non-Artinian algebra allows to establish the quadratic Lefschetz property for the Artinian algebras  $A' = A_{L'}$  given by the generic choice  $L' \simeq \mathbb{P}^3$ .

**Lemma 3.7.** *Assume that there is a linear subspace  $L = \mathbb{P}^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  and a linear form  $h$  on  $L$  such that  $\cdot h^2 : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  is an isomorphism. Then, for generic choice of  $L' \simeq \mathbb{P}^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ , the Artinian algebra  $A' = A_{L'}$  has the quadratic Lefschetz property.*

*Proof.* Note that, since for a generic choice of  $L'$  the Artinian algebra  $A'$  has a graded resolution of the form (29), the graded algebra structure of  $A'$  and  $R_L$  coincide up to degree  $n-1 \geq 1$ . Therefore,  $\cdot h^2 : A'_t \rightarrow A'_{t+2}$  has maximal rank for any choice of  $0 \neq h \in A'_1$  and all  $t \in \{0, \dots, n-4\}$ . By Gorenstein duality, the same happens for  $t \in \{n-2, \dots, 2n-6\}$ , indeed  $A'$  has socle degree  $2n-4$ . Therefore,  $A'$  has the quadratic Lefschetz property if there is  $h \in A'_1$  such that  $\cdot h^2 : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  has maximal rank. Because  $\dim(A_{n-1}) = \binom{n+2}{3} - n^2 = \binom{n}{3} = \dim(A_{n-3})$ , this amounts to ask that  $\cdot h^2 : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  is an isomorphism. Since, by our assumption, this holds for a special choice of the linear space  $L$  and the element  $h \in A_1$ , it also holds for a generic choice of the linear space  $L'$  and the element  $h \in A'_1$ . Therefore  $A'$  has the quadratic Lefschetz property, as required.  $\square$

**3.5. Vector bundle of principal parts on a quadric surface.** Consider a quadric surface  $X \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^3$  and, for any  $(a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , put  $\mathcal{O}_X(a_1, a_2) = p_1^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_1) \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_2)$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the two projections of  $X$  onto its two  $\mathbb{P}^1$  factors. Write  $U_1 = H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1, 0))$  and  $U_2 = H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(0, 1))$  and consider, for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sheaf of principal parts  $\mathcal{E}_n$  defined as kernel of the natural evaluation:

$$\mathcal{E}_n = \ker(S^n U_1 \otimes S^n U_2 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(n, n)).$$

The goal of this subsection is to prove the following result.

**Proposition 3.8.** *For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the sheaf  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_n$  is slope-stable.*

Set  $G = \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{k}) \times \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{k})$  and let  $P$  be the subgroup of  $G$  consisting of pairs of upper triangular matrices. Then  $X \simeq G/P$ . Consider the quiver  $\mathcal{Q}_X$ , whose vertices are defined by the irreducible representations of the semisimple part of  $P$ , isomorphic to  $\mathbb{k}^* \times \mathbb{k}^*$ . The vertices of  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  are thus naturally identified with  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . In terms of sheaves over  $X$ , a vertex

$\lambda = (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  of  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  is given by  $\mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)$ . The arrows of  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  are determined by the invariant part of the extensions between representations. Namely, there is an arrow from  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  to  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  if  $\text{Ext}_X^1(\mathcal{O}_X(\lambda), \mathcal{O}_X(\mu))^G \neq 0$ , in which case we must have  $\text{Ext}_X^1(\mathcal{O}_X(\lambda), \mathcal{O}_X(\mu))^G = \mathbb{k}$ .

Given a  $G$ -homogeneous bundle  $E$ , there exists a  $G$ -equivariant filtration:

$$0 \subset E_1 \subset \dots \subset E_k = E$$

such that  $E_i/E_{i-1}$  is a line bundle. The *associated graded bundle* is defined as:

$$\text{gr}(E) = \bigoplus_i E_i/E_{i-1},$$

and does not depend on the chosen filtration. Write the graded bundle as

$$\text{gr}(E) = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}^2} V_\lambda \cdot \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda),$$

where  $V_\lambda$  is a  $\mathbb{k}$ -vector space whose rank is the number of copies of  $\mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)$  in  $\text{gr}(E)$ . The portion of  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  whose vertices  $\lambda$  satisfy  $V_\lambda \neq 0$  is called the *support* of  $E$  and denoted by  $\text{supp}(E)$ . The  $G$ -action on  $E$  determines a linear map  $V_\lambda \rightarrow V_\mu$  for all  $\lambda, \mu$  in  $\text{supp}(E)$  satisfying  $\text{Ext}_X^1(\mathcal{O}_X(\lambda), \mathcal{O}_X(\mu))^G = \mathbb{k}$ . In this situation (see e.g. [BK90, Hil98, OR06]) there is an equivalence of categories between:

- $G$ -homogeneous bundles over  $X$ ;
- finite-dimensional representations of the quiver (with relations)  $\mathcal{Q}_X$ .

Given a homogeneous bundle  $E$ , we denote by  $[E]$  the corresponding representation and we talk indifferently of the support of  $E$  or of  $[E]$ .

**Lemma 3.9.** *We have that*

$$\text{gr}(S^n U_1 \otimes S^n U_2 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X) = \bigoplus_{t, k \in \llbracket 0, n \rrbracket} \mathcal{O}_X(-n + 2k, -n + 2t).$$

*Proof.* First start by computing  $\text{gr}(S^n U_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X)$  by induction, observing that, for  $n = 1$ , we have an  $\text{SL}_2(\mathbb{k})$ -equivariant exact sequence:

$$(30) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-1, 0) \rightarrow U_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(1, 0) \rightarrow 0.$$

This gives rise, for any  $n$ , to:

$$0 \rightarrow S^{n-1} U_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-1, 0) \rightarrow S^n U_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(n, 0) \rightarrow 0$$

We get the following:

$$\text{gr}(S^n U_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X) = \bigoplus_{k \in \llbracket 0, n \rrbracket} \mathcal{O}_X(-n + 2k, 0).$$

Analogously, we have that

$$\text{gr}(S^n U_2 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X) = \bigoplus_{t \in \llbracket 0, n \rrbracket} \mathcal{O}_X(0, -n + 2t)$$

The proof is achieved observing that, for any pair of  $G$ -homogeneous bundles  $E$  and  $F$ , we have  $\text{gr}(E \otimes F) = \text{gr}(E) \otimes \text{gr}(F)$ .  $\square$

The previous lemma accounts for the vertices in  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E})$ , which are:

$$(n, n) - \{2(k, t) \mid (0, 0) \neq (k, t) \in \llbracket 0, n \rrbracket \times \llbracket 0, n \rrbracket\}.$$

Let us look at the arrows of  $[\mathcal{E}]$ . We start by observing that the linear map in  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  arising from (30) is non-zero. More generally, the support of  $S^n U_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X$  is:

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} n & n-2 & n-4 & \cdots & -n+2 & -n \\ \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \end{array}$$

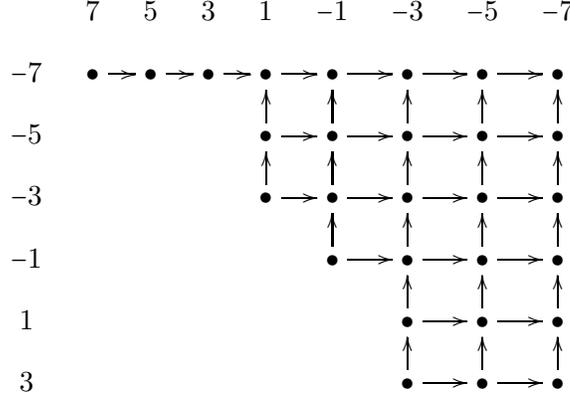
The arrows correspond to elements of  $\text{Ext}_X^1(\mathcal{O}_X(a+2, 0), \mathcal{O}_X(a, 0))$ . Note that all maps in  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  associated with  $[S^n U_1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_X]$  are non-zero. We get the following picture for  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E})$ , where all the associated linear maps are non-zero.

$$(31) \quad \begin{array}{cccccc} & n & n-2 & n-4 & \cdots & -n+2 & -n \\ -n & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \cdots & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \\ -n+2 & \uparrow & \longrightarrow & \uparrow & \longrightarrow & \uparrow & \cdots & \uparrow & \longrightarrow & \uparrow \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ n-4 & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \cdots & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \\ n-2 & \uparrow & \longrightarrow & \uparrow & \longrightarrow & \uparrow & \cdots & \uparrow & \longrightarrow & \uparrow \\ & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ n & \bullet & & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \cdots & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \end{array}$$

Here, the side labels denote the degrees of the summand  $\mathcal{O}_X(a, b)$  in the associated graded bundle. Moreover, the vertical (resp. horizontal) arrows are determined by  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_X(a+2, b), \mathcal{O}_X(a, b))$  (resp.  $\text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_X(a, b+2), \mathcal{O}_X(a, b))$ ). We will call *main diagonal* of the support the set of vertices of the form  $(a, -a)$ .

Consider a subrepresentation  $[\mathcal{E}']$  of  $[\mathcal{E}]$ . Note that all arrows of  $[\mathcal{E}]$  are isomorphisms and every vertex in  $\lambda \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E})$  is connected to another vertex to the right of  $\lambda$  or above  $\lambda$  until reaching  $(-n, -n)$ . Then the main observation is that, if a vertex  $\lambda_1 = (a_1, b_1)$  is in the support of  $[\mathcal{E}']$ , then every vertex of  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E})$  to right of  $\lambda_1$  or above  $\lambda_1$  is also in the support of  $[\mathcal{E}']$ , i.e.  $(a_2, b_2) \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$  if  $-n \leq a_2 \leq a_1$  and  $-n \leq b_2 \leq b_1$ . Therefore,  $[\mathcal{E}']$  is completely described by means of its *boundary vertices*, namely the vertices  $(a, b)$  in  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$ , such that neither  $(a+2, b)$  nor  $(a, b+2)$  is in  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$ .

**Example 3.10.** Let us consider  $n = 7$  and a homogeneous bundle  $\mathcal{E}'$  whose representation has the following support.



If  $[\mathcal{E}']$  is a subrepresentation of  $[\mathcal{E}]$ , then all arrows must be non-zero. The boundary vertices are given by the four vertices of the quiver indexed by  $(7, -7)$ ,  $(-3, 1)$ ,  $(-1, -1)$  and  $(3, -3)$ .

Let us introduce stability with respect to the line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_X(1, 1)$  in terms of representations of  $\mathcal{Q}_X$  according to [Kin94]. For  $\lambda = (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , put  $c_1([V_\lambda \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)]) = \text{rk}(V_\lambda)(a + b)$  and  $\text{rk}([V_\lambda \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(\lambda)]) = \text{rk}(V_\lambda)$ . For a  $G$ -homogeneous bundle  $E$  on  $X$ , define  $c_1([E]) = c_1([\text{gr}(E)])$  and  $\text{rk}(E) = \text{rk}([\text{gr}(E)])$  by linearity. For every  $G$ -homogeneous bundle  $E'$  we put:

$$\mu_E([E']) = c_1([E])\text{rk}([E']) - \text{rk}([E])c_1([E']).$$

The representation  $[E]$  is called *stable* if for all subrepresentations  $[E']$  we have that  $\mu_E([E']) \geq 0$  and the equality holds if only if  $[E']$  is either  $[E]$  or  $[0]$ .

For the  $G$ -homogeneous bundle  $\mathcal{E}$ , the stability of the representation  $[\mathcal{E}]$  is equivalent to the slope-stability of  $\mathcal{E}$  itself. Indeed, the proof of [OR06, Theorem 7.2] applies here to show that the representation  $[\mathcal{E}]$  is slope-stable if and only if  $\mathcal{E} \simeq W \otimes \mathcal{E}'$ , where  $W$  is an irreducible  $G$ -module and  $\mathcal{E}'$  is a slope-stable  $G$ -homogeneous bundle on  $X$ . Since  $H^1(\mathcal{E}(-n, -n)) \simeq \mathbb{k}$ , we must then have  $W \simeq \mathbb{k}$  and  $\mathcal{E} \simeq \mathcal{E}'$ .

To conclude that  $\mathcal{E}$  is slope-stable, we need only show that  $[\mathcal{E}]$  is stable, which we do in the next result.

**Lemma 3.11.** *For any subrepresentation  $[\mathcal{E}']$ , we have that  $\mu_{\mathcal{E}}([\mathcal{E}']) \geq 0$ . Moreover,  $\mu_{\mathcal{E}}([\mathcal{E}']) = 0$  if only if either  $[\mathcal{E}'] = [\mathcal{E}]$  or  $[\mathcal{E}'] = [0]$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $[\mathcal{E}']$  be a non-zero subrepresentation of  $[\mathcal{E}]$ . We have:

$$\mu_{\mathcal{E}}([\mathcal{E}']) = \sum_{(a,b) \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')} (c_1([\mathcal{E}]) - \text{rk}([\mathcal{E}])(a + b)) = \sum_{(a,b) \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')} (-2n + (1 - n^2)(a + b)).$$

For a point  $\lambda = (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , write  $\tau(\lambda) = (-b, -a)$ , so that  $\tau$  is the reflection along the main diagonal in (31). Any vertex  $\lambda = (a, b) \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$  satisfies  $a + b = 2t$  for some  $t \in \llbracket -n, n \rrbracket$ . Write  $\text{supp}_t(\mathcal{E}') = \{(a, b) \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}') \mid a + b = 2t\}$ . We get:

$$(32) \quad \frac{1}{2}\mu_{\mathcal{E}}([\mathcal{E}']) = -n|\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')| + \sum_{t \in \llbracket -n, n \rrbracket} \sum_{\lambda \in \text{supp}_t(\mathcal{E}')} (1 - n^2)t.$$

Now recall that, for any  $\lambda \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$ , the vertices of  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E})$  to right of  $\lambda$  or above  $\lambda$  are also in  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$ . Therefore, for any  $\lambda \in \text{supp}_t(\mathcal{E}')$  with  $t \geq 0$ , the vertex  $\tau(\lambda)$  also lies in  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$ , more precisely  $\tau(\lambda) \in \text{supp}_{-t}(\mathcal{E}')$ . Note that the two terms  $(1 - n^2)t$  in the summation (32) arising from a pair  $(\lambda, \tau(\lambda)) \in \text{supp}_t(\mathcal{E}') \times \text{supp}_{-t}(\mathcal{E}')$  add up to zero so we may restrict the summation to the vertices  $\lambda \in \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$  such that  $\tau(\lambda)$  does not lie in  $\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$ . In turn this can happen only if  $\lambda \in \text{supp}_{-t}(\mathcal{E}')$  with  $t \geq 1$ . Set  $\mathcal{V}_t(\mathcal{E}')$  for the set of vertices  $\lambda \in \text{supp}_{-t}(\mathcal{E}')$  with  $\tau(\lambda) \notin \text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')$ . Hence we rewrite (32) as:

$$\frac{1}{2}\mu_{\mathcal{E}}([\mathcal{E}']) = -n|\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')| - \sum_{t \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket} \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{V}_t(\mathcal{E}')} (1 - n^2)t.$$

We have  $|\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')| \leq n^2 - 1$  so:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\mu_{\mathcal{E}}([\mathcal{E}']) &\geq -n(n^2 - 1) - \sum_{t \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket} \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{V}_t(\mathcal{E}')} (1 - n^2)t = \\ &= (n^2 - 1) \sum_{t \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket} \left( -1 + \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{V}_t(\mathcal{E}')} t \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that, since  $[\mathcal{E}']$  is non-zero, we must have  $(-n, -n) \in \mathcal{V}_n(\mathcal{E}')$ , hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2}\mu_{\mathcal{E}}([\mathcal{E}']) &\geq (n^2 - 1) \left( n - 1 + \sum_{t \in \llbracket 1, n-1 \rrbracket} \left( -1 + \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{V}_t(\mathcal{E}')} t \right) \right) \geq \\ &\geq (n^2 - 1)(n - 1 + (1 - n)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

We have thus proved that  $[\mathcal{E}]$  is semistable. Moreover, if equality is attained in the above displays, then we must have  $|\text{supp}(\mathcal{E}')| = n^2 - 1$  which implies that  $[\mathcal{E}']$  is equal to  $[\mathcal{E}]$ .  $\square$

**3.6. Proof of Theorem E.** All the ingredients to prove Theorem E are now ready. According to Proposition 3.8, the sheaf  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$  is slope-stable so it suffices to see that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  restricts over  $X$  to  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ , for a generic quadric surface in  $\mathbb{P}^N$ .

By Lemma 3.7 we only need to show that there is a linear space  $L \simeq \mathbb{P}^3 \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  and a linear form  $h$  over  $L$  such that, in the resulting algebra  $A = A_L = R_L/I_L$ , the multiplication  $\cdot h^2 : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  is an isomorphism.

Choosing  $L$  to be semigeneric in the sense of Section 3.3 and  $h = x_0$ , by Proposition 3.3 we get that  $\cdot x_0^2 : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  is injective since there is no polynomial involving  $x_0^2$  in the graded piece of degree  $n - 1$  of  $I_L$ . Moreover, we observed that this graded piece has dimension  $n^2$  so again  $\dim(A_{n-3}) = \dim(A_{n-1}) = \binom{n}{3}$  and therefore  $\cdot x_0^2 : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  is an isomorphism.

Since  $\cdot h^2 : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  is an isomorphism for a given choice of a linear form  $h$  in  $R_L$ , then, by Lemma 3.7, we get an isomorphism  $\cdot g : A_{n-3} \rightarrow A_{n-1}$  also for a generic choice of a quadric form  $g$  in  $R_L$ .

Next, considering  $\mathcal{T}_D|_L$  we get the fundamental relation:

$$H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_L(t)) \simeq A_{t+n-1}, \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z},$$

and these isomorphisms are compatible with the  $R$ -module structure. Then, we compute the cohomology of the restriction of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  to the quadric surface  $X$  defined in  $L$  by the form  $g$ , for

$t \leq 0$  by the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & H^0(\mathcal{T}_D|_X(t)) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_L(t-2)) & \xrightarrow{g} & H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_L(t)) & \longrightarrow & H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_X(t)) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \parallel & & \parallel & & & & \\ & & & & A_{t+n-3} & \xrightarrow{g} & A_{t+n-1} & & & & \end{array}$$

For  $t = 0$  we get, by our assumption,  $H^0(\mathcal{T}_D|_X) = H^1(\mathcal{T}_D|_X) = 0$ . It follows as in the proof of Theorem D, cf. the paragraph following (8), that  $\mathcal{T}_D|_X$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{E}_{n-1}$ .

This concludes the proof of Theorem E.

#### 4. FAMILIES OF DETERMINANTS

In view of Theorem E, we know that the logarithmic sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_D$  associated to the tautological determinant  $D = D_{\mathbf{i}}$  of the  $n$ -matrix of variables is a slope-stable reflexive sheaf on  $\mathbb{P}^N$ . Denote by  $\mathfrak{M}_n$  the moduli space of semistable sheaves on  $\mathbb{P}^N$  containing  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . Our goal is to describe a dense open piece of this moduli space as a certain group quotient.

**4.1. Moduli space and group quotient.** In view of the setup of Section 3.1.2, for any  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A})$  we may consider  $\det(M_{\mathbf{f}})$  as an element of  $S^n \mathbf{A}$ . We get a rational map:

$$\mathbf{det} : \mathbb{P}(\text{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A})) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(S^n \mathbf{A}),$$

defined at the points where  $\det(M_{\mathbf{f}}) \neq 0$ . The image of  $\mathbf{det}$  is the set of determinantal hypersurfaces of degree  $n$ . We denote it by  $\mathfrak{D}_n$ . Recall that  $G = \text{SL}(U) \times \text{SL}(V)$  acts on  $\mathbb{P}(\text{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A}))$  by left and right composition. In terms of the matrices  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$ , for  $(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}) \in G$ , the action is  $M_{(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}), \mathbf{f}} = (\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{h}) \cdot M_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{h} M_{\mathbf{f}} \mathbf{g}^{-1}$ . The determinant is fixed by this action, so we have a map:

$$\underline{\mathbf{det}} : \mathbb{P}(\text{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A}))/G \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(S^n \mathbf{A}),$$

whose image is again  $\mathfrak{D}_n$ . Recall that we put  $D_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbb{W}(\det(M_{\mathbf{f}}))$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *The sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$  is semistable (equivalently, slope-stable) if and only if  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{GL}(\mathbf{A})$ .*

*Proof.* One implication is essentially Theorem E. Indeed, if  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{GL}(\mathbf{A})$  then the entries of  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  form a basis of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Hence we can consider an appropriate change of coordinates to transform  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  into the matrix of indeterminates  $M_{\mathbf{i}} = (x_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket^2}$ . This manipulation has no consequence on the stability of the associated sheaf and we know that  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{i}}}$  is slope-stable, so the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$  is slope-stable.

Conversely, if  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{k}}(\mathbf{A}) \setminus \text{GL}(\mathbf{A})$ , then up to choosing a suitable basis of  $\mathbf{A}$ , the matrix  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  is constant in some variable of  $R$ . Therefore, the equation of  $D_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbb{W}(\det(M_{\mathbf{f}}))$  does not depend of this variable. Hence, the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$  has a trivial direct summand. Since the sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$  has strictly negative slope, it cannot be semistable.  $\square$

Having this in mind, we note that, since  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  is canonically associated to  $\mathbf{f}$  and the formation of  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$  is functorial, the sheaves  $(\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}} | [\mathbf{f}] \in \text{PGL}(\mathbf{A}))$  glue to a coherent sheaf over  $\text{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$  and thus yield a moduli map  $\text{PGL}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n$ . This descends to a moduli map up to the action of the closed subgroup  $G = \text{SL}(U) \times \text{SL}(V) \subset \text{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$  and therefore  $\Psi$  factors through the map  $\underline{\mathbf{det}}$ . We write  $\mathfrak{D}_n^{\circ}$  for the set of tautological determinantal hypersurfaces up to a

change of basis, i.e. the image of  $\underline{\det}$  restricted to  $\mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$ . We obtain an induced map  $\Phi : \mathfrak{D}_n^\circ \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n$  fitting in the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})/G & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \mathfrak{M}_n \\ & \searrow \underline{\det} & \nearrow \Phi \\ & \mathfrak{D}_n^\circ & \end{array}$$

**4.2. The DK-Torelli property of the determinant.** We first analyze the map  $\Phi$  of the above diagram via a Torelli-type result. Note that Proposition 1.3 fails for  $D = D_{\mathbf{i}}$ . Indeed,  $H_*^1(\mathcal{T}_D) = 0$  so of course we cannot find the elements  $h_1, h_2$  required to apply Proposition 1.3. Moreover,  $D$  has singularities of multiplicity  $n - 1$ , for example the point  $(1 : 0 : \dots : 0)$ . Therefore, we couldn't use anyway [Wan15] to recover  $D$  from the Jacobian ideal of  $D$ . In spite of this, the following result shows that  $D$  enjoys the DK-Torelli property.

**Proposition 4.2.** *The map  $\Phi$  is injective.*

*Proof.* Consider the tautological determinant  $D = D_{\mathbf{i}} = \det(M_{\mathbf{i}})$ . We give a closer look to the Gulliksen-Negård complex considered in the proof of Proposition 3.1. Fixing a basis of  $U$  and  $V^*$  we identify  $\mathbf{A} = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{k}}(U, V)$  with the vector space  $M_n(\mathbb{k})$  of square matrices of size  $n$ . Following [BV88], we write an explicit description of the presentation matrix of  $\mathcal{T}_D$ , i.e. of the map  $\varphi$  appearing in (9). To do this, we consider a non-zero matrix  $\mathbf{a} \in M_n(\mathbb{k})$  and we describe  $\varphi$  fibre-wisely over  $\mathbf{a}$ . Consider the complex:

$$\mathbb{k} \xrightarrow{\iota} M_n(\mathbb{k}) \oplus M_n(\mathbb{k}) \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbb{k}$$

with  $\iota(\lambda) = (\lambda \mathbf{1}_n, \lambda \mathbf{1}_n)$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbb{k}$  and  $\mathbf{1}_n \in M_n(\mathbb{k})$  the identity matrix and  $\pi(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})$ . The homology of this complex is a vector space of dimension  $2(n^2 - 1)$ . The map  $\varphi$  is induced at the point corresponding to a matrix  $\mathbf{a}$  by:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \psi_{\mathbf{a}} : M_n(\mathbb{k}) & \longrightarrow & M_n(\mathbb{k}) \oplus M_n(\mathbb{k}) \\ \mathbf{b} & \longmapsto & (\mathbf{a}\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}\mathbf{a}) \end{array}$$

Up to the choice of a new basis of  $U$  and  $V^*$ , we may suppose that  $\mathbf{a}$  is diagonal. On the other hand, the rank of  $\varphi$ , and hence of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  at a diagonal matrix  $\mathbf{a}$  can be read off from the expression of  $\psi_{\mathbf{a}}$ . Indeed, if  $\mathbf{a}$  is invertible then  $\ker(\psi_{\mathbf{a}})$  is spanned by  $\mathbf{a}^{-1}$ , while for  $\mathbf{a}$  of rank  $n - k$ , with  $k \in \llbracket 1, n - 1 \rrbracket$ , writing  $\mathbf{a} = \mathrm{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{n-k}, 0, \dots, 0)$  with  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  for all  $i \in \llbracket 1, n - k \rrbracket$  we see that  $\ker(\psi_{\mathbf{a}})$  consists of matrices  $\mathbf{b} = (b_{i,j})$  with  $b_{i,j} = 0$  for  $i \leq n - k$  or  $j \leq n - k$ . Summing up, for  $\mathbf{a}$  of rank  $n - k$ , with  $k \in \llbracket 1, n - 1 \rrbracket$ , we have

$$\mathrm{rk}(\mathcal{T}_D|_{\mathbf{a}}) = n^2 + k^2 - 2.$$

This gives:

$$\{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{P}^N \mid \mathrm{rk}(\mathbf{a}) = 1\} = \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{P}^N \mid \mathrm{rk}(\mathcal{T}_D|_{\mathbf{a}}) = 2n^2 - 2n - 1\}.$$

In other words, the locus of rank-1 matrices is the support of the Fitting ideal of  $\mathcal{T}_D$  defined by the minors of order  $2n$  of  $\varphi$ .

Now, the hypersurface  $D$  is determined as the variety of  $(n - 1)$ -secant subspaces of dimension  $n - 2$  to the locus of matrices of rank 1. This says in particular that  $\mathcal{T}_D$  determines  $D$  as the  $(n - 1)$ -secant variety to the locus where  $\mathcal{T}_D$  has rank  $2n^2 - 2n - 1$ .

After an appropriate change of coordinates, as mentioned before, we get that for every hypersurface  $D_{\mathbf{f}} \in \mathfrak{D}_n^\circ$ , the associated reflexive sheaf  $\mathcal{T}_{D_{\mathbf{f}}}$  determines  $D_{\mathbf{f}}$ .  $\square$

**4.3. The determinant as a 2 : 1 cover.** Here we show that the fibre of the map  $\underline{\mathbf{det}} : \mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})/\mathrm{SL}(U) \times \mathrm{SL}(V) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}_n^\circ$  consists of 2 distinct points.

**Proposition 4.3.** *The morphism  $\underline{\mathbf{det}}$  is set-theoretically 2 : 1.*

*Proof.* By the argument of Proposition 4.2, it is enough to prove that the set-theoretic fibre of  $\underline{\mathbf{det}}$  at  $D = D_{\mathbf{i}} = \det(M_{\mathbf{i}})$  consists of two distinct points. To do this, we look more closely at the geometry of a resolution of singularities  $\sigma^+ : D^+ \rightarrow D$  and argue that, up to the  $G$ -action, the elements  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$  such that  $D_{\mathbf{f}} = D$  are in bijection with effective divisor classes  $\mathfrak{l}$  on  $D_{\mathbf{f}}^+$  such that:

$$\mathfrak{l} \cdot \mathfrak{h}^{n^2-3} = \binom{n}{2},$$

where  $\mathfrak{h}$  is the pull-back to  $D^+$  of the hyperplane class of  $D \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ . We then show that there are precisely two such divisor classes.

To define  $D^+$ , we consider  $\mathbb{P}(V)$  and the tautological quotient bundle  $\mathcal{Q}_+$  of rank  $(n-1)$  on  $\mathbb{P}(V)$ , defined by the Euler sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)}(-1) \rightarrow V^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V)} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}_+ \rightarrow 0.$$

Put  $D^+ = \mathbb{P}(U \otimes \mathcal{Q}_+)$ . Note that  $H^0(U \otimes \mathcal{Q}_+) \simeq \mathbf{A}$ . Geometrically, we have:

$$D^+ = \{([v], [\mathbf{a}]) \in \mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A}) \mid v \circ \mathbf{a} = 0\}.$$

The linear system associated with the tautological relatively ample divisor  $\mathfrak{h}$  defines a birational morphism  $\sigma^+ : D^+ \rightarrow D$ . Denote by  $\mathfrak{l}^+$  the pull-back to  $D^+$  of a hyperplane of  $\mathbb{P}(V)$  via the bundle map  $\pi^+ : D^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$ . The map  $\sigma^+$  is an isomorphism away from the singular locus  $\mathrm{sing}(D)$  of  $D$  which consists of the matrices  $\mathbf{a} : U \rightarrow V$  of rank at most  $n-2$ . This locus has codimension 3 in  $D$ . The maps  $\pi^+$  and  $\sigma^+$  are the restrictions to  $D^+$  of the projections from  $\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  onto the first and second factor. Note that the generic fibre of  $\sigma^+$  over  $\mathrm{sing}(D)$  is a projective line, so the exceptional locus  $\mathfrak{e}^+$  of  $\sigma^+$  has codimension 2 in  $D^+$ . Therefore  $\sigma^+$  induces an isomorphism:

$$\mathrm{Cl}(D) \simeq \mathrm{Pic}(D^+) \simeq \mathbb{Z}\mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathbb{Z}\mathfrak{l}^+.$$

Note that  $D^+$  is cut in  $\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  by a linear section, whose Koszul complex reads:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(-n, -n) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow U \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(-1, -1) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{D^+} \rightarrow 0.$$

Set  ${}^t\mathfrak{l}^+ = (n-1)\mathfrak{h} - \mathfrak{l}^+$ . From the above complex we compute:

$$H^0(\mathcal{O}_{D^+}({}^t\mathfrak{l}^+)) \simeq U^*.$$

To see this, for  $i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ , set  $\mathcal{K}_j$  for the image of the  $j$ -th differential of the Koszul complex, taking the form:

$$\bigwedge^j U \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(-j, -j) \rightarrow \bigwedge^{j-1} U \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(1-j, 1-j).$$

For all  $j \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket$ , the Künneth formula gives  $H^p(\mathcal{K}_j(-1, n-1)) = 0$  for  $p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{j\}$ . We obtain:

$$H^0(\mathcal{O}_{D^+}({}^t\mathfrak{l}^+)) \simeq H^1(\mathcal{K}_1(-1, n-1)) \simeq \dots \simeq H^{n-1}(\mathcal{K}_{n-1}(-1, n-1)) \simeq \bigwedge^{n-1} U \simeq U^*.$$

The linear system  $|{}^t\mathfrak{l}^+|$  gives a rational map  $D^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(U^*)$ . Resolving the indeterminacies of this map we get a variety  $\hat{D}$  and a morphism  $\hat{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(U^*)$ . Geometrically:

$$\hat{D} = \{([v], [\mathbf{a}], [u]) \in \mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A}) \times \mathbb{P}(U^*) \mid v \circ \mathbf{a} = 0 = \mathbf{a} \circ u\}.$$

Starting from  $\mathbb{P}(U^*)$  and the quotient bundle  $\mathcal{Q}_-$  over  $\mathbb{P}(U^*)$  we get second a desingularization  $D^- = \mathbb{P}(V^* \otimes \mathcal{Q}_-)$  with a birational map  $\sigma^- : D^- \rightarrow D$ . This is described as:

$$D^- = \{([\mathbf{a}], [u]) \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A}) \times \mathbb{P}(U^*) \mid \mathbf{a} \circ u = 0\}.$$

The manifold  $\hat{D}$  is the blow-up of  $D$  along  $\text{sing}(D)$  and the map  $\hat{D} \rightarrow D$  is a  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ -bundle over the smooth locus of  $\text{sing}(D)$ .

We look at the effective cone of  $D^+$ . Tensoring the Koszul complex above with  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(V) \times \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(x, y)$ , for some  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ , we see  $H^0(\mathcal{O}_{D^+}(x\mathfrak{l}^+ + y\mathfrak{h})) = 0$  if  $y < (1-n)x$  or if  $y < 0$ . So the effective cone of  $D^+$  is spanned over  $\mathcal{Q}$  by  $\mathfrak{l}^+$  and  ${}^t\mathfrak{l}^+$ . Therefore, an effective divisor on  $D^+$  is of the form  $x\mathfrak{l}^+ + y\mathfrak{h}$ , with:

$$(33) \quad (x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N}, \quad \text{and:} \quad y \geq (1-n)x.$$

We compute:

$$\mathfrak{l}^+ \cdot \mathfrak{h}^{n-3} = {}^t\mathfrak{l}^+ \cdot \mathfrak{h}^{n-3} = \binom{n}{2}, \quad \mathfrak{h}^{n-2} = n.$$

Choose now  $[\mathbf{f}] \in \text{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$  such that the determinant  $D_{\mathbf{f}}$  of the matrix  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  satisfies  $D_{\mathbf{f}} = D$ . Then the coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f}} = \text{coker}(M_{\mathbf{f}})$  is a rank-one reflexive sheaf over  $D$ , actually an Ulrich sheaf. Similarly we get a second Ulrich sheaf of rank 1 as:

$${}^t\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f}} = \text{coker}({}^tM_{\mathbf{f}} : V^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(-1) \rightarrow U^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}); \quad \text{we have:} \quad \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f}}(1-n)^* \simeq {}^t\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f}}.$$

Each of these sheaves determines an element of  $\text{End}(\mathbf{A})$  up to  $G$ -action arising as the minimal presentation matrix of the module of global sections of the sheaf, in some basis.

Next, note that a non-zero global section of  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{f}}$  vanishes along the Weil divisor  $B$  of  $D$  consisting of matrices of size  $n \times (n-1)$  that have rank at most  $n-2$ . This pulls-back via  $\sigma^+$  to an effective divisor of  $D^+$  of the form  $x\mathfrak{l}^+ + y\mathfrak{h}$ , for some  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N}$ . The degree of  $B$  in  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  is  $\binom{n}{2}$  so:

$$(x\mathfrak{l}^+ + y\mathfrak{h}) \cdot \mathfrak{h}^{n-2} = \binom{n}{2}, \quad \text{so:} \quad y = \frac{(n-1)(1-x)}{2}.$$

Together with (33), this gives two possibilities for  $(x, y)$ , namely either  $(x, y) = (1, 0)$ , in which case the divisor class is  $\mathfrak{l}^+$ , or  $(x, y) = (-1, n-1)$  so that the divisor class is  ${}^t\mathfrak{l}^+$ .

In turn,  $|\mathfrak{l}^+|$  gives the rational projection  $D \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  and the sheaf  $\mathcal{L} = \sigma_*^+(\mathcal{O}_{D^+}(\mathfrak{l}^+))$ , while  $|{}^t\mathfrak{l}^+| = |{}^t\mathfrak{l}^-|$  gives  $D \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(U^*)$ , and the sheaf  ${}^t\mathcal{L} = \sigma_*^-(\mathcal{O}_{D^-}(\mathfrak{l}^-))$ , the indeterminacies of these maps being resolved by  $\pi^+ : D \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(V)$  and  $\pi^- : D \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(U^*)$  and simultaneously over  $\hat{D}$ . The two possible divisors of degree  $\binom{n}{2}$  give thus precisely two points in the fibre of  $\underline{\text{det}}$  over  $D$ .  $\square$

**4.4. The Hilbert scheme.** Our next goal is to prove that  $\Psi$  is a local isomorphism. To do this, we consider a further space, which we denote by  $\mathfrak{H}_n$ . This is defined as the Hilbert scheme of subschemes of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  having the same Hilbert polynomial as  $\text{sing}(D)$ . Given any  $\mathbf{f} \in \text{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$ , the minors of order  $(n-1)$  of the matrix  $M_{\mathbf{f}}$  cut a subscheme lying in  $\mathfrak{H}_n$ , so the assignment  $[\mathbf{f}] \mapsto Z_{\mathbf{f}} = \text{sing}(D_{\mathbf{f}})$  defines a morphism  $\Xi : \text{PGL}(\mathbf{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}_n$ , whose image we denote by  $\mathfrak{H}_n^\circ$ .

Given  $Z = \text{sing}(D_{\mathbf{f}}) \in \mathfrak{H}_n^\circ$ , the ideal homogeneous ideal  $I_Z$  is minimally generated by the  $n^2$  minors of degree  $n-1$  and the kernel of this set of generators (i.e. the first syzygy) determines the module  $T_D$  up to isomorphism. After sheafification, this yields a morphism  $\text{syz} : \mathfrak{H}_n^\circ \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_n$ . Summing up, we get a different factorization of  $\Psi$  as:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{PGL}(\mathbf{A})/G & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & \mathfrak{M}_n \\ & \searrow \Xi & \nearrow \text{syz} \\ & \mathfrak{H}_n^\circ & \end{array}$$

**Proposition 4.4.** *The morphisms  $\text{syz}$  and  $\Psi$  are submersions.*

*Proof.* Up to an appropriate change of coordinates, it is enough to prove the statement at the point  $\mathbf{i}$  associated to the tautological matrix of indeterminates  $(x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq n}$ , as mentioned before. To do this, we consider the determinant hypersurface  $D = D_{\mathbf{i}}$  and its singular locus  $Z = \text{sing}(D)$ .

First of all, we collect some vanishing results. The ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{J}_Z = \mathcal{J}_Z/\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  is just the Jacobian ideal  $\mathcal{J}_D$ . Write again the exact sequence relating  $\mathcal{J}_D$  and

$$(34) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_D \rightarrow \mathbf{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_Z(n-1) \rightarrow 0,$$

where the surjection onto  $\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1)$  is the natural evaluation of global sections. Denote by  $\xi \in \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^1(\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1), \mathcal{J}_D)$  the class of (34).

We mentioned in Section 3.2 that this surjection lifts to an epimorphism of graded  $R$ -modules  $\mathbf{A} \otimes R \rightarrow I_Z(n-1)$ . In turn, this implies that  $H_*^1(\mathcal{J}_D) = 0$ . Next, recall that the ring  $R_Z = R/I_Z$  is a graded Cohen-Macaulay ring of dimension  $N-4$ . This implies:

$$(35) \quad H_*^p(\mathcal{J}_Z) = 0, \quad \text{for } p \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, N-3, N\}.$$

Together with  $H_*^1(\mathcal{J}_D) = 0$ , this gives:

$$(36) \quad H_*^p(\mathcal{J}_D) = 0, \quad \text{for } p \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0, N-2, N\}.$$

Next, note that Serre duality gives a natural isomorphism:

$$(37) \quad H^{N-p}(\mathcal{J}_Z(t-N-1))^* \simeq \text{Ext}^p(\mathcal{J}_Z(t), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}), \quad \text{for all } p, t \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

By the above displays we get  $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^1(\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}) = 0$ . Also,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}) = 0$  so  $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(\mathcal{J}_D(n-1), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})})$  is canonically identified with  $\mathbf{A}^*$  and hence  $\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1)$  is recovered as cokernel of the dual evaluation:

$$\mathcal{J}_D \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(\mathcal{J}_D(n-1), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})})^* \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}.$$

The upshot is that the map  $\mathbf{syz}$  is injective, for the ideal sheaf of the subscheme  $Z \subset \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})$  is reconstructed by  $\mathcal{T}_D$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{syz}$  is bijective as it is surjective by definition.

Taking  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1), -)$  of (34) and using (35) gives a natural isomorphism:

$$\wedge\xi : \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^1(\mathcal{J}_Z, \mathcal{J}_Z) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^2(\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1), \mathcal{T}_D).$$

Next we observe that, applying  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}(-, \mathcal{T}_D)$  to (34) and using (36) we get a natural isomorphism:

$$\wedge\xi : \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^1(\mathcal{T}_D, \mathcal{T}_D) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^2(\mathcal{J}_Z(n-1), \mathcal{T}_D).$$

We get an isomorphism  $\mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^1(\mathcal{J}_Z, \mathcal{J}_Z) \rightarrow \mathrm{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{A})}^1(\mathcal{T}_D, \mathcal{T}_D)$  induced by  $\wedge\xi$  and  $(\wedge\xi)^{(-1)}$  which corresponds to the differential of  $\mathbf{syz}$  at the point  $Z$  of  $\mathfrak{H}_n^\circ$ . We have showed that  $\mathbf{syz}$  is a submersion. Finally, we use that  $\Xi$  is a submersion, cf. [KMR20, Corollary 7.6]. Therefore  $\Psi$  is also a submersion.  $\square$

**4.5. Proof of Theorem F.** In order to prove Theorem F, we show the following more precise result.

**Theorem 4.5.** *The map  $\Phi$  is an open immersion onto a smooth affine piece of an irreducible component of  $\mathfrak{M}_n$  of dimension  $(n^2 - 1)^2$ . The map  $\underline{\mathbf{det}}$  is an étale  $2 : 1$  cover onto  $\mathfrak{D}_n^\circ$ .*

*Proof.* In order to prove this, in view of Proposition 4.2 and Proposition 4.3 it suffices to show that  $\Psi$  is a submersion and that the image of  $\Psi$  is affine. The first statement is proved in Proposition 4.4. The fact that the image of  $\Psi$  is affine follows from the fact that  $\mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})/G$  is affine, as  $\mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$  is affine and  $\mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})/G$  is the spectrum of the ring of  $G$ -invariants of the coordinate ring of  $\mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})$ , cf. [Hum75, Chapter IV]. So the image of  $\Psi$  is affine as well as it is the quotient of  $\mathrm{PGL}(\mathbf{A})/G$  by the free  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ -action given by transposition.  $\square$

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