

Introduction to Hilbert schemes of curves on a 3-fold

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§1 Introduction

Hilbert scheme

We work over a field $k = \bar{k}$ with $\text{char } k = 0$.

$V \subset \mathbb{P}^n$: a closed subscheme.

$\mathcal{O}_V(1)$: a very ample line bundle on V .

$X \subset V$: a closed subscheme.

$P = P(X) = \chi(X, \mathcal{O}_X(n))$: the Hilbert polynomial of X .

Then there exists a proj. scheme H , called **the Hilbert scheme of V** , parametrizing all closed subschemes X' of V with the same Hilbert poly. P as X .

Theorem (Grothendieck'60)

There exists a proj. scheme H and a closed subscheme $W \subset V \times H$ (**universal subscheme**), flat over H , such that

- ① the fibers $W_h \subset W$ over a closed point $h \in H$ are closed subschemes of V with the same Hilb. poly. $P(W_h) = P$,
- ② For any scheme T and a closed subscheme $W' \subset V \times T$ with the above prop. ①, there exists a unique morphism $\varphi : T \rightarrow H$ such that $W' = W \times_H T$ as a subscheme of $V \times T$ (**the universal property of H**).

Notation

Hilb V = the (full) Hilbert scheme of V

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Hilb ^{sc} V : = {smooth c onnected curves $C \subset V$ }

closed \bigcup_{open}

Hilb ^{sc} _{d,g} V : = {curves of degree d and genus g }
 $(d := \deg O_C(1))$

Hilbert scheme of space curves

$V = \mathbb{P}^3$: the projective 3-space over k

$C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$: a closed subscheme of $\dim = 1$

$d(C)$: degree of C ($= \#(C \cap \mathbb{P}^2)$)

$g(C)$: arithmetic genus of C

We study the Hilbert scheme of space curves:

$$\begin{aligned} H_{d,g} &:= \mathbf{Hilb}_{d,g}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3 \\ &= \left\{ C \subset \mathbb{P}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth and connected} \\ d(C) = d \text{ and } g(C) = g \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Why we study $H_{d,g}$?

Some reasons are:

- For every smooth curve C , there exists a curve $C' \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ s.t. $C' \simeq C$.
- $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3 = \bigsqcup_{d,g} H_{d,g}$
- More recently, the classification of the space curves has been applied to the study of bir. automorphism

$$\Phi : \mathbb{P}^3 \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^3$$

(for the construction of Sarkisov links
[Blanc-Lamy,2012]).

Some basic facts

- If $g \leq d - 3$, then $H_{d,g}$ is **irreducible** [Ein,'86] and $H_{d,g}$ is generically smooth of expected dimension $4d$.
- In general, $H_{d,g}$ can become **reducible**, e.g.
 $H_{9,10} = W_1^{(36)} \sqcup W_2^{(36)}$ [Noether].
- the Hilbert scheme of **arith. Cohen-Macaulay** (**ACM**, for short) curves are smooth [Ellingsrud, '75].

$$C \subset \mathbb{P}^3: \text{ACM} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} H^1(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{I}_C(l)) = 0 \text{ for all } l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- $H_{d,g}$ can have many **generically non-reduced** irreducible components, e.g. [Mumford'62], [Kleppe'87], [Ellia'87], [Gruson-Peskine'82], etc.

Infinitesimal property of the Hilbert scheme

V : a smooth projective variety over k

$X \subset V$: a closed subscheme of V

\mathcal{I}_X : the ideal sheaf defining X in V

$N_{X/V}$: the normal sheaf of X in V

Fact (Tangent space and Obstruction group)

- ① The **tangent space** of $\mathbf{Hilb} V$ at $[X]$ is isomorphic to $\mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{I}_X, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq H^0(X, N_{X/V})$
- ② Every **obstruction** \mathbf{ob} to deforming X in V is contained in the group $\mathrm{Ext}^1(\mathcal{I}_X, \mathcal{O}_X)$. If X is a locally complete intersection in V , then \mathbf{ob} is contained in $H^1(X, N_{X/V})$

If X is a loc. comp. int. in V , then we have the following inequalities:

Fact

- ① We have

$$h^0(X, N_{X/V}) - h^1(X, N_{X/V}) \leq \dim_{[X]} \mathbf{Hilb} V \leq h^0(X, N_{X/V}).$$

- ② In particular, if $H^1(X, N_{X/V}) = 0$, then $\mathbf{Hilb} V$ is nonsingular at $[X]$ of dimension $h^0(X, N_{X/V})$.

What is Obstruction?

(R, \mathfrak{m}) : a local ring with residue field k .

R is a **regular loc. ring** if $\text{gr}_{\mathfrak{m}} R := \bigoplus_{l=0}^{\infty} \mathfrak{m}^l / \mathfrak{m}^{l+1}$ is isom. to a polynomial ring over k .

X : a scheme X of finite type over k .

X is **nonsingular** at $x \iff \mathcal{O}_{x,X}$ is a regular loc. ring.

Proposition (infinitesimal lifting property of smoothness)

R is a regular local ring if and only if for any surjective homo. $\pi : A' \rightarrow A$ of Artinian rings A, A' , a ring homo. $u : R \rightarrow A$ lifts to $u' : R \rightarrow A'$.

$X(A) = \{f : \operatorname{Spec} A \rightarrow X\}$: the set of A -valued points of X .

X is nonsingular \iff the map $X(A') \rightarrow X(A)$ is surjective for any surjection $u : A' \rightarrow A$ of Artinian rings.

If X is singular, then the map $X(A') \rightarrow X(A)$ is not surjective in general.

There exists a vector space V over k (called **obstruction group**) with the following property:

for any surjection $\pi : A' \rightarrow A$ of Artinian rings and $u : R \rightarrow A$, there exists an element $\operatorname{ob}(u, A') \in V$ and

$$\operatorname{ob}(u, A') = 0 \iff u \text{ lifts to } u' : R \rightarrow A'$$

Here $\operatorname{ob}(u, A')$ is called the **obstruction** for u .

First order deformation

$X \subset V$: a closed subscheme of V .

T : a scheme over k

Definition

A **deformation** of X in V over T is a closed subscheme $X' \subset V \times T$, flat over T , with $X_0 = X$.

A deformation of X over the ring of dual number

$D := k[t]/(t^2)$ is called a **first order deformation** of X in V .

By the univ. prop. of the Hilb. sch., there exists a one-to-one correspondence between

- ① D -valued pts $\mathbf{Spec} D \rightarrow \mathbf{Hilb} V$ sending $0 \mapsto [X]$.
- ② first order deformations of X in V

Applying the infinitesimal lifting prop. of smoothness to the surjection

$$k[t]/(t^3) \rightarrow k[t]/(t^2) \rightarrow 0,$$

we have

Proposition

If $\mathbf{Hilb} V$ is nonsingular at $[X]$, then every first order deformation of X in V lifts to a (second) order deformation of X in V over $k[t]/(t^3)$.

$W \subset \mathbf{Hilb} V$: an irreducible closed subset of $\mathbf{Hilb} V$.

$[X] \in W$: a closed point of W

$X_\eta \in W$: the generic point of W

Definition

- We say X is **unobstructed** (resp. **obstructed**) (in V) if $\mathbf{Hilb} V$ is **nonsingular** (resp. **singular**) at $[X]$.
- We say $\mathbf{Hilb} V$ is **generically smooth** (resp. **generically non-reduced**) along W if $\mathbf{Hilb} V$ is **nonsingular** (resp. **singular**) at X_η .

Mumford's example (a pathology)

$S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$: a smooth cubic surface ($\simeq \mathbf{Blow}_{6 \text{ pts}} \mathbb{P}^2$)

$h = S \cap \mathbb{P}^2$: a hyperplane section

E : a line on S

There exists a smooth connected curve

$$C \in |4h + 2E| \subset S \subset \mathbb{P}^3,$$

of degree **14** and genus **24**.

Then C is parametrized by a locally closed subset

$$W = W^{(56)} \subset H_{14,24} \subset \mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$$

of the Hilbert scheme.

The locally closed subset $W^{(56)}$ fits into the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \left\{ C \subset \mathbb{P}^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} C \subset {}^3S \text{ (smooth cubic)} \\ \text{and } C \sim 4h + 2E \end{array} \right\}^- & =: & W^{(56)} \subset H_{14,24} \\
 & & \downarrow \mathbb{P}^{39}\text{-bundle} \\
 \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{family of smooth} \\ \text{cubic surfaces} \end{array} \right) & =: & U \underset{\text{open}}{\subset} |O_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3)| \simeq \mathbb{P}^{19},
 \end{array}$$

where we have $\dim |O_S(C)| = 39$ and $h^0(N_{C/\mathbb{P}^3}) = 57$.

$H^0(N_{C/\mathbb{P}^3})$ = the tangent space of $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$ at $[C]$.

We have the following inequalities:

$$56 = \dim W \leq \dim_{[C]} \mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3 \leq h^0(N_{C/\mathbb{P}^3}) = 57.$$

Thus we have a dichotomy between (A) and (B):

- Ⓐ \overline{W} is an irred. comp. of $(\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3)_{\text{red}}$.
 $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$ is **generically non-reduced** along \overline{W} .
- Ⓑ There exists an irred. comp. $W' \supsetneq W$.
 $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$ is **generically smooth** along \overline{W} .

Which? \leadsto The answer is (A). (It suffices to prove $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$ is **singular** at the generic point $[C]$ of W . We will see later in §2)

History

Later many non-reduced components of $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$ were found by Kleppe['85], Ellia['87], Gruson-Peskine['82], Fløystad['93] and Nasu['05].

Moreover, to the question "How bad can the deformation space of an object be?", Vakil['06] has answered that

Law (Murphy's law in algebraic geometry)

Unless there is some a priori reason otherwise, the deformation space may be **as bad as possible**.

A naive question

Nowadays non-reduced components of Hilbert schemes are not seldom. However,

Question

What is/are the most important reason(s) (if any) for their existence?

Our answer is the following: (at least in Mumford's example,) a **(-1) -curve E** (i.e. $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$, $E^2 = -1$) on the (cubic) surface is the most important.

A generalization of Mumford's ex.

Theorem (Mukai-Nasu'09)

V : a smooth projective 3-fold. Suppose that

- ① there exists a curve $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \subset V$
s.t. $N_{E/V}$ is generated by global sections,
- ② there exists a smooth surface S s.t. $E \subset S \subset V$,
 $(E^2)_S = -1$ and $H^1(N_{S/V}) = p_g(S) = 0$.

Then the Hilbert scheme $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} V$ has infinitely many generically non-reduced components.

In Mumford's ex., $V = \mathbb{P}^3$, S : a smooth cubic, E : a line.

Examples

We have many ex. of generically non-reduced components of $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} V$ for uniruled 3-folds V .

Ex.

- ① Let V be a Fano 3-fold and let $-K_V = H + H'$, where H, H' : ample. $\exists S \in |H|$ (smooth).
If $S \neq \mathbb{P}^2$ nor $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$, then there exists a $(-1)\text{-}\mathbb{P}^1$ E on S .
- ② Let $V \xrightarrow{\pi} F$ be a \mathbb{P}^1 -bundle over a smooth surface F with $p_g(F) = 0$. Let S_1 be a section of π and A a sufficiently ample divisor on F . Then there exists a smooth surface $S \in |S_1 + \pi^* A|$. Take a fiber E of $S \rightarrow F$.

§2 Infinitesimal analysis of the Hilbert scheme

In the analysis of Mumford's ex., we develop some techniques to computing the obstruction to deforming a curve on a uniruled 3-fold (“obstructedness criterion”).

Setting: V : a uniruled 3-fold S : a surface E : (-1) -curve on S C : a curve on S
with $C, E \subset S \subset V$ Obst. Criterion
 \Rightarrow Non-reduced
components
of $\mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} V$

Obstructions and Cup products

$\tilde{C} \subset V \times \operatorname{Spec} k[t]/(t^2)$:

a first order (infinitesimal) deformation of C in V

(i.e., a tangent vector of $\operatorname{Hilb} V$ at $[C]$)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{C} & \in & \{1\text{st ord. def. of } C\} \\ \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \exists 1\text{-to-1} \\ \alpha & \in & \operatorname{Hom}(\mathcal{I}_C, \mathcal{O}_C) \quad (\simeq H^0(N_{C/V})) \end{array}$$

Define the cup product $\operatorname{ob}(\alpha)$ by

$$\operatorname{ob}(\alpha) := \alpha \cup e \cup \alpha \in \operatorname{Ext}^1(\mathcal{I}_C, \mathcal{O}_C),$$

where $e \in \operatorname{Ext}^1(\mathcal{O}_C, \mathcal{I}_C)$ is the ext. class of an exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_C \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_V \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow 0$.

Fact

A first order deformation \tilde{C} lifts to a deformation over $\mathbf{Spec} k[t]/(t^3)$ if and only if $\mathbf{ob}(\alpha) = 0$.

Remark

- If $\mathbf{ob}(\alpha) \neq 0$, then $\mathbf{Hilb} V$ is singular at $[C]$.
- If C is a loc. complete intersection in V , then $\mathbf{ob}(\alpha)$ is contained in the small group $H^1(C, N_{C/V})$ ($\subset \mathbf{Ext}^1(\mathcal{I}_C, \mathcal{O}_C)$).

Exterior components

Let $C \subset S \subset V$ be a flag of a curve, a surface and a 3-fold (all smooth), and let $\pi_{C/S} : N_{C/V} \rightarrow N_{S/V}|_C$ be the natural projection.

Definition

Define the *exterior component* of α and $\mathbf{ob}(\alpha)$ by

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_S(\alpha) &:= H^0(\pi_{C/S})(\alpha) \\ \mathbf{ob}_S(\alpha) &:= H^1(\pi_{C/S})(\mathbf{ob}(\alpha)),\end{aligned}$$

respectively.

Infinitesimal deformation with pole

Let $E \subset S \subset V$ be a flag of a curve, a surface and a 3-fold.

Definition

A rational section ν of $N_{S/V}$ admitting a pole along E , i.e.

$$\nu \in H^0(N_{S/V}(E)) \setminus H^0(N_{S/V}),$$

is called an **infinitesimal deformation with a pole**.

Remark (an interpretation)

Every inf. def. with a pole induces a 1st ord. def. of the open surface $S^\circ = S \setminus E$ in $V^\circ = V \setminus E$ by the map

$$H^0(N_{S/V}(E)) \hookrightarrow H^0(N_{S^\circ/V^\circ})$$

Obstructedness Criterion

Now we are ready to give a sufficient condition for a first order infinitesimal deformation of $\tilde{C} (\subset V \times \operatorname{Spec} k[t]/(t^2))$ of C in V to be **obstructed**. i.e, \tilde{C} **does not lift to** any second order deformation $\tilde{\tilde{C}} (\subset V \times \operatorname{Spec} k[t]/(t^3))$.

Condition ()

We consider $\alpha \in H^0(N_{C/V})$ satisfying the following condition (): the ext. comp. $\pi_S(\alpha)$ of α lifts to an inf. def. with a pole along E , say ν , and its restriction $\nu|_E$ to E does not belong to the image of the map $\pi_{E/S}(E) := \pi_{E/S} \otimes \mathcal{O}_S(E)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H^0(N_{C/V}) & \ni \alpha & & & H^0(N_{E/V}(E)) \\
 \downarrow \pi_{C/S} & \downarrow & & & \downarrow \pi_{E/S}(E) \\
 H^0(N_{S/V}|_C) & \ni \pi_S(\alpha) & \xleftarrow{\text{res.}} \nu & \xrightarrow{\text{res.}} \nu|_E \in & H^0(N_{S/V}(E)|_E) \\
 & (= \nu|_C) & & & \\
 \cap & & \mathfrak{m} & & \\
 H^0(N_{S/V}(E)|_C) & \xleftarrow{\text{res.}} & H^0(N_{S/V}(E)) & &
 \end{array}$$

Theorem (Mukai-Nasu'09)

Let $C, E \subset S \subset V$ be as above. Suppose that $E^2 < 0$ on S , and let $\alpha \in H^0(N_{C/V})$ satisfy (). If moreover,

- ① Let $\Delta := C + K_V|_S - 2E$ on S . Then

$$(\Delta \cdot E)_S = 2(-E^2 + g(E) - 1) \quad (2.1)$$

- ② the res. map $H^0(S, \Delta) \rightarrow H^0(E, \Delta|_E)$ is surjective, then we have $\text{ob}_S(\alpha) \neq 0$.

Remark

If E is a $(-1)\text{-}\mathbb{P}^1$ on S , then the RHS of (2.1) is equal to 0.

How to apply Obstructedness Criterion

(Mumford's ex. $V = \mathbb{P}^3$)

Every general member $C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ of Mumford's ex.

$W^{(56)} \subset \mathbf{Hilb}^{sc} \mathbb{P}^3$ is contained in a smooth cubic surface S and $C \sim 4h + 2E$ on S (E : a line, h : a hyp. sect.).

Let t_W denote the tangent space of W at $[C]$

($\dim t_W = \dim W = 56$).

Then there exists a first order deformation

$$\tilde{C} \longleftrightarrow \alpha \in H^0(C, N_{C/\mathbb{P}^3}) \setminus t_W.$$

of C in \mathbb{P}^3 .

Claim

$\text{ob}(\alpha) \neq 0$.

Proof.

Since $H^1(N_{S/\mathbb{P}^3}(E - C)) = 0$, the ext. comp. $\pi_{C/S}(\alpha) \in H^0(N_{S/\mathbb{P}^3}|_C)$ of α has a lift to a rational section $v \in H^0(N_{S/\mathbb{P}^3}(E))$ on S (an inf. def. with a pole). By the key lemma below, the restriction $v|_E$ to E is not contained in $\text{im } \pi_{E/S}(E)$. Since $C \sim 4h + 2E = -K_{\mathbb{P}^3}|_S + 2E$, the divisor Δ is zero. Thus the condition (1) and (2) are both satisfied. \square

Lemma (Key Lemma)

Since C is general, the finite scheme $Z := C \cap E$ of length 2 is not cut out by any conic in $|h - E| \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ on S .

§3 Obstruction to deforming curves on a quartic surface

Expectation

Let

$$C \subset S \subset V$$

be a flag of a curve, a surface, a 3-fold.

We study the deformation of C in V with a help of the intermediate surface S and rational curves $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ on S .

Expectation

- Negative curves E ($E^2 < 0$) on S control the deformations of C in V .
- The obstructedness of C follows from the geometry of S and E, C .

We study the deformation of space curves

$$C \subset \mathbb{P}^3$$

under the assumption

Assumption

C is contained in a **smooth quartic surface** $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$.

Here S is a **K3 surface**.

$\rho := \rho(S)$: the Picard number of S .

$\mathbf{h} = \mathcal{O}_S(1) \in \mathbf{Pic} S$: the cls. of hyp. section of S .

Another assumption

If S is general, then $\rho = 1$. Then $C \sim nh$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, i.e., C is a comp. int. on S , and hence unobstructed (ACM).

Assume that

Assumption

There exists a rational curve $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ on S .

For an irred. curve $E \subset S$, we have

$$E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \iff E^2 = -2. \quad ((-2)\text{-curve})$$

Mori's result

Theorem (Mori'84)

If there exists a smooth curve $E_0 \not\sim nh$, on a smooth quartic surface S_0 , then there exists a smooth curve E on a (general) smooth quartic surface S of the same degree and genus as E_0 satisfying

$$\text{Pic}(S) = \mathbb{Z}h \oplus \mathbb{Z}E.$$

By Mori's result, we may assume that $\rho(S) = 2$ and

$$\mathrm{Pic}(S) = \mathbb{Z}h \oplus \mathbb{Z}E$$

for studying the deformation of $C \subset S$ in \mathbb{P}^3 .

Let $e (= h \cdot E)$ be the degree of E . Then the intersection matrix on S is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} h^2 & h \cdot E \\ h \cdot E & E^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & e \\ e & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Mori cone of smooth K3 surface ($\rho = 2$)

X : a smooth K3 surface.

$$\text{NE}(X) := \left\{ \sum a_i [C_i] \mid C_i: \text{irred. curve on } X, a_i \geq 0 \right\}$$

$$\overline{\text{NE}(X)} = \overline{\text{Eff}(X)} \subset \text{Pic}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{Mori cone of } X)$$

$$\rho = 2 \implies \overline{\text{NE}(X)} = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} x_1 + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} x_2.$$

Fact (A special case of Kovacs'94)

If $\rho = 2$, then $\overline{\text{NE}(X)}$ is spanned by either:

- ① (-2) -curve and elliptic curve,
- ② two (-2) -curves,
- ③ two elliptic curves, or
- ④ two non-effective divisors x_1, x_2 with $x_i^2 = 0$.

Ex.

- ① E is a line on S , $F := h - E$. $F^2 = 0$ (elliptic). Then the ext. rays are spanned by E and F .
- ② E_1 is a conic on S , $E_2 := h - E_1$. $E_2^2 = -2$ (conic). Then the ext. rays are spanned by E_1, E_2 .
- ③ F_1 is a complete intersection $(2) \cap (2) \subset \mathbb{P}^3$.
 $F_2 := 2h - F_1$. $F_1^2 = F_2^2 = 0$ (two elliptics). Then the ext. rays are spanned by F_1, F_2 .

Mori cone of smooth quartic surface ($\rho = 2$)

Lemma

Assume ${}^3E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ on a smooth quartic surface S and $\text{Pic } S = \mathbb{Z}h \oplus \mathbb{Z}E$. Let e be the degree of E .

- ① If $e = 1$, then $\overline{\text{NE}}(S)$ is spanned by E and elliptic curve $F = h - E$.
- ② if $e \geq 2$, then $\overline{\text{NE}}(S)$ is spanned by E and E' , where $E' \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$.

Proof.

Solve the Pell's equation

$$2x^2 + exy - y^2 = -1 \quad (\Longleftrightarrow \quad (xh + yE)^2 = -2) \quad \square$$

the classes of the other (-2) -curves

The classes of the other (-2) -curve E' is explicitly obtained as follows:

$e = d(E)$	the class of (-2) -curve E'
2	$h - E$
3	$16h - 9E$
4	$2h - E$
5	$8h - 3E$
6	$3h - E$
7	$40h - 11E$
8	$4h - E$
9	$106000h - 23001E$
\vdots	\vdots

Theorem

Let $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be a smooth quartic surface containing a line E . Suppose that $\text{Pic } S = \mathbb{Z}h \oplus \mathbb{Z}E$.

Let $C \subset S$ be a curve, let $F := h - E$, and suppose that $D := C - 4h \geq 0$.

Then

- ① If $D \cdot E \geq -1$ and $D \neq nF$ for any $n \geq 2$, or $D = E$, then C is **unobstructed**.
- ② If $D \cdot E = -2$ and $D \neq E$, then C is **obstructed**.

Theorem

Let $S \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ be a smooth quartic surface containing a rational curve $E \simeq \mathbb{P}^1$ of degree $e \geq 2$. Suppose that

$$\mathrm{Pic} S = \mathbb{Z}h \oplus \mathbb{Z}E.$$

Let E' be another (-2) -curve on S , and let $C \subset S$ be a curve, and suppose that $D := C - 4h \geq 0$.

- ① If D is nef, $D = E$ or $D = E'$, then C is **unobstructed**.
- ② If $D \cdot E = -2$ and $D \neq E$, then C is **obstructed**.

Thank you for your attention!

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