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# HOMOMORPHISMS OF VECTOR BUNDLES ON CURVES AND PARABOLIC VECTOR BUNDLES ON A SYMMETRIC PRODUCT

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ABSTRACT. Let  $S^n(X)$  be the symmetric product of an irreducible smooth complex projective curve X. Given a vector bundle E on X, there is a corresponding parabolic vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$  on  $S^n(X)$ . If E is nontrivial, it is known that  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$  is stable if and only if E is stable. We prove that

 $H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{par}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) \oplus (H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee})).$ As a consequence, the map from a moduli space of vector bundles on X to the corresponding moduli space of parabolic vector bundles on  $S^n(X)$  is injective.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let X be an irreducible smooth complex projective curve. Fixing an integer  $n \geq 2$ , let  $S^n(X)$  be the *n*-fold symmetric product of X. Let  $D \subset S^n(X)$  be the reduced irreducible divisor parametrizing nonreduced effective divisors of X of length n. Let

$$q_1 : S^n(X) \times X \longrightarrow S^n(X)$$
 and  $q_2 : S^n(X) \times X \longrightarrow X$ 

be the natural projections. The tautological hypersurface on  $S^n(X) \times X$  will be denoted by  $\Delta$ . Given a vector bundle E on X, define the vector bundle

$$\mathcal{F}(E) := q_{1*}(\mathcal{O}_{\Delta} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{S^n(X) \times X}} q_2^* E) \longrightarrow S^n(X).$$

This vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}(E)$  has a natural parabolic structure over the divisor D; the parabolic weights are 0 and 1/2. (See [BL] for the construction of the parabolic structure.) This parabolic vector bundle will be denoted by  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$ .

The parabolic vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$  is semistable if and only if the vector bundle E is semistable [BL, Lemma 1.2]. If E is not the trivial vector bundle, then  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$  is stable if and only if E is stable [BL, Theorem 1.3].

Therefore, a morphism from a moduli space of vector bundles on X to a moduli space of parabolic vector bundles on  $S^n(X)$  is obtained by sending any E to  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$ .

Our aim here is to show that the above morphism is injective.

For two parabolic vector bundles  $V_*$  and  $W_*$  on  $S^n(X)$  with D as the parabolic divisor and underlying vector bundles V and W respectively, let  $\mathcal{H}om_{par}(V_*, V_*)$  be the vector bundle on  $S^n(X)$  defined by the sheaf of homomorphisms from V to W preserving the parabolic structures.

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We prove the following (see Corollary 3.4):

**Theorem 1.1.** Let E and F be stable vector bundles over X with

 $\operatorname{degree}(E)/\operatorname{rank}(E) = \operatorname{degree}(F)/\operatorname{rank}(F).$ 

Then

$$H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = 0$$

if  $E \neq F$ , and

$$\dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = 1$$

if E = F.

In fact we show that for any vector bundles E and F on X,

 $H^{0}(S^{n}(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = H^{0}(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) \oplus (H^{0}(X, F) \otimes H^{0}(X, E^{\vee})).$ (See Theorem 3.3.)

## 2. Invariants of the tensor product

Let X be an irreducible smooth projective curve defined over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Take any integer  $n \geq 2$ . For any  $i \in [1, n]$ , let

$$(2.1) p_i : X^n \longrightarrow X$$

be the projection to the *i*-th factor. The group of permutations of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  will be denoted by  $\Sigma(n)$ . There is a natural action of it on  $X^n$ ,

that permutes the factors. If  $V_0$  is a vector bundle on X, the above action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $X^n$  has a natural lift to an action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on the vector bundle

$$\mathcal{V}_0 := \bigoplus_{i=1}^n p_i^* V_0 \longrightarrow X^n$$

which simply permutes the factors in the direct sum.

Take two algebraic vector bundles V and W over X. Define

$$\mathcal{V} := \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} p_i^* V$$
 and  $\mathcal{W} := \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} p_i^* W.$ 

As noted above,  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  are equipped with an action of  $\Sigma(n)$ . The Künneth formula says that

$$H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W}) = \bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n H^0(X^n, p_i^* V \otimes p_j^* W).$$

Using the projection formula, we have

(2.3) 
$$H^0(X^n, p_i^*V \otimes p_i^*W) = H^0(X, V \otimes W)$$

and if  $i \neq j$ , then

(2.4) 
$$H^{0}(X^{n}, p_{i}^{*}V \otimes p_{j}^{*}W) = H^{0}(X, V) \otimes H^{0}(X, W).$$

Using these we get an embedding

$$\Phi : H^0(X, V \otimes W) \oplus (H^0(X, V) \otimes H^0(X, W)) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n H^0(X^n, p_i^*V \otimes p_j^*W)$$
$$= H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})$$

that sends any  $s \in H^0(X, V \otimes W)$  to

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^n p_i^* s \ \in \ \bigoplus_{i=1}^n H^0(X^n, \, p_i^*(V \otimes W)) \ \subset \ \bigoplus_{i,j=1}^n H^0(X^n, \, p_i^*V \otimes p_j^*W)$$

and sends any  $u \otimes t \in H^0(X, V) \otimes H^0(X, W)$  to

$$\sum_{(i,j)\in[1,n]\times[1,n];i\neq j} (p_i^*u)\otimes(p_j^*t) \in \bigoplus_{\substack{i,j=1;i\neq j}}^n H^0(X^n, p_i^*V\otimes p_j^*W)$$
$$\subset \bigoplus_{\substack{i,j=1}}^n H^0(X^n, p_i^*V\otimes p_j^*W).$$

The actions of  $\Sigma(n)$  of  $\mathcal{V}$  and  $\mathcal{W}$  together produce a linear action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})$ . Let

$$H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})^{\Sigma(n)} \subset H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})$$

be the space of invariants.

**Proposition 2.1.** The homomorphism  $\Phi$  in (2.5) is an isomorphism of

$$H^0(X, V \otimes W) \oplus (H^0(X, V) \otimes H^0(X, W))$$

with  $H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})^{\Sigma(n)}$ .

*Proof.* From the construction of  $\Phi$  it follows immediately that

$$\Phi(H^0(X, V \otimes W) \oplus (H^0(X, V) \otimes H^0(X, W))) \subset H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})^{\Sigma(n)}$$

Also,  $\Phi$  is clearly injective.

Consider the decomposition of the vector bundle

(2.6) 
$$\mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W} = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} p_i^*(V \otimes W)\right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{i,j=1; i \neq j}^{n} (p_i^*V) \otimes (p_j^*W)\right)$$

into a direct sum of two vector bundles. Clearly, the action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W}$  leaves the two direct summands

(2.7) 
$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} p_i^*(V \otimes W) \quad \text{and} \quad \bigoplus_{i,j=1; i \neq j}^{n} (p_i^*V) \otimes (p_j^*W)$$

in (2.6) invariant.

Since the second subbundle in (2.7) is  $\Sigma(n)$ -invariant, the subspace

(2.8) 
$$\bigoplus_{i,j=1;i\neq j}^{n} H^{0}(X^{n}, (p_{i}^{*}V) \otimes (p_{j}^{*}W)) \subset H^{0}(X^{n}, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})$$

is left invariant by the action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the complex vector space of dimension  $n^2 - n$  given by the space of all functions

$$\alpha \,:\, \{1\,,\cdots\,,n\}\times\{1\,,\cdots\,,n\}\,\longrightarrow\,\mathbb{C}$$

such that  $\alpha(i,i) = 0$  for all  $i \in [1,n]$ . The permutation action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  produces an action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{A}$ . Consider the  $\Sigma(n)$ -invariant subspace

$$\bigoplus_{i,j=1;i\neq j}^{n} H^{0}(X^{n}, (p_{i}^{*}V) \otimes (p_{j}^{*}W))$$

in (2.8). From (2.4) it follows that

(2.9) 
$$\left(\bigoplus_{i,j=1;i\neq j}^{n} H^{0}(X^{n}, (p_{i}^{*}V) \otimes (p_{j}^{*}W))\right)^{\Sigma(n)} = \mathcal{A}^{\Sigma(n)} \otimes H^{0}(X, V) \otimes H^{0}(X, W),$$

where  $(\bigoplus_{i,j=1;i\neq j}^{n} H^{0}(X^{n}, (p_{i}^{*}V) \otimes (p_{j}^{*}W)))^{\Sigma(n)}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{\Sigma(n)}$  are the spaces of invariants.

The space of invariants  $\mathcal{A}^{\Sigma(n)}$  is generated by the function

$$\rho \,:\, [1,n] \times [1,n] \,\longrightarrow \, \mathbb{C}$$

defined by  $(i, j) \mapsto 1 - \delta_j^i$ , where  $\delta_j^i = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\delta_i^i = 1$  for all *i*. This follows from Burnside's theorem (see [La, p. 648] for Burnside's theorem). Therefore, we have

(2.10) 
$$\mathcal{A}^{\Sigma(n)} = \mathbb{C} \cdot \rho = \mathbb{C}$$

From (2.9) and (2.10) we conclude that

(2.11) 
$$(\bigoplus_{i,j=1;i\neq j}^{n} H^{0}(X^{n}, (p_{i}^{*}V) \otimes (p_{j}^{*}W)))^{\Sigma(n)} = H^{0}(X, V) \otimes H^{0}(X, W).$$

In view of (2.6) and (2.11),

$$H^{0}(X^{n}, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})^{\Sigma(n)} = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} H^{0}(X^{n}, p_{i}^{*}(V \otimes W))\right)^{\Sigma(n)} \oplus \left(H^{0}(X, V) \otimes H^{0}(X, W)\right).$$

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the complex vector space of dimension n given by the space of all functions

$$\{1, \cdots, n\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{B}_0 = \mathbb{C} \subset \mathcal{B}$  be the line defined by the constant functions. The group  $\Sigma(n)$  has a natural action on  $\mathcal{B}$ . From (2.12) and (2.3),

(2.13) 
$$H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})^{\Sigma(n)} = (\mathcal{B}^{\Sigma(n)} \otimes H^0(X, V \otimes W)) \oplus (H^0(X, V) \otimes H^0(X, W)).$$

It can be shown that

$$\mathcal{B}^{\Sigma(n)} = \mathcal{B}_0,$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_0$  is defined above. Indeed, this is an immediate corollary of Burnside's theorem mentioned above. Therefore, from (2.13),

$$H^0(X^n, \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})^{\Sigma(n)} = H^0(X, V \otimes W) \oplus (H^0(X, V) \otimes H^0(X, W)).$$

This completes the proof of the proposition.

## 3. Homomorphisms of vector bundles AND PARABOLIC VECTOR BUNDLES

Let

(3.1) 
$$f: X^n \longrightarrow X^n / \Sigma(n) =: S^n(X)$$

be the quotient map to the symmetric product of X. Let  $E \longrightarrow X$  be a vector bundle. The action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on the vector bundle

(3.2) 
$$\mathcal{E} := \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} p_i^* E$$

produces an action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on the direct image  $f_*\mathcal{E}$ ; the morphism  $f_*\mathcal{E} \longrightarrow S^n(X)$ is  $\Sigma(n)$ -equivariant with  $\Sigma(n)$  acting trivially on  $S^n(X)$ . The invariant direct image

(3.3) 
$$\mathcal{V}_E := (f_*\mathcal{E})^{\Sigma(n)} \subset f_*\mathcal{E}$$

is a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_{S^n(X)}$ -module. Using the action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{E}$ , a parabolic structure on the vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}_E$  is constructed (see [BL, Section 3]). This parabolic vector bundle will be denoted by  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$ . We will now quickly recall the description of  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$ . Let

 $D \subset S^n(X)$ 

be the reduced irreducible divisor parametrizing all  $(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  such that not all  $z_i$  are distinct. The parabolic divisor for  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$  is D. Let

$$\widetilde{D} \subset X^n$$

be the reduced divisor parametrizing all  $(z_1, \dots, z_n)$  such that  $z_i \neq z_j$  for some  $i, j \in [1, n]$ . So, f(D) = D. The action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{E}$  preserves the coherent subsheaf  $\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X^n}(-\widetilde{D})$ . Define the invariant direct image

(3.4) 
$$\mathcal{V}'_E := (f_*(\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X^n}(-\widetilde{D})))^{\Sigma(n)} \subset f_*(\mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X^n}(-\widetilde{D})).$$

Clearly,

$$(3.5) \mathcal{V}'_E \subset \mathcal{V}_E.$$

The parabolic bundle  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$  is defined as follows:  $(\mathcal{V}_E)_{1/2} = \mathcal{V}'_E$  and  $(\mathcal{V}_E)_0 = \mathcal{V}_E$ (see [MY]). Therefore, the quasi-parabolic filtration is a 1-step filtration, and it is constructed from (3.5); the parabolic weights are 1/2 and 0.

Let F be a vector bundle over X. Define the vector bundles

(3.6) 
$$\mathcal{F} := \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} p_i^* F \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{V}_F := (f_* \mathcal{F})^{\Sigma(n)}.$$

Let  $\mathcal{V}_{F*}$  be the parabolic vector bundle on  $S^n(X)$ , with  $\mathcal{V}_F$  as the underlying vector bundle and parabolic structure over D, obtained by substituting F for E in the above construction of  $\mathcal{V}_{E*}$ . Define  $\mathcal{V}'_F \subset \mathcal{V}_E$  as done in (3.4). Let

(3.7) 
$$\mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*},\mathcal{V}_{F*}) \subset \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{V}_{E*},\mathcal{V}_{F*})$$

be the sheaf of homomorphisms compatible with the parabolic structures [MY], [MS]. We recall that a section T of  $\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{V}_{E*},\mathcal{V}_{F*}) = \mathcal{V}_{F*} \otimes (\mathcal{V}_{E*})^{\vee}$  defined over an open subset  $U \subset S^n(X)$  lies in  $\mathcal{H}om_{par}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})$  if and only if

$$T(\mathcal{V}'_E|_U) \subset \mathcal{V}'_F.$$

Define the vector bundle

(3.8) 
$$W_{E,F} := \bigoplus_{i,j=1; i \neq j}^{n} p_i^* F \otimes p_j^* E^{\vee} \longrightarrow X^n.$$

The actions of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{E}^{\vee}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  together define an action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $W_{E,F}$ . Define the vector bundle

(3.9) 
$$\mathcal{W}_{E,F} := (f_* W_{E,F})^{\Sigma(n)} \longrightarrow S^n(X).$$

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}}$  be the vector bundle on  $S^n(X)$  obtained by substituting  $F\otimes E^{\vee}$  for E in the construction of  $\mathcal{V}_E$ . There is a canonical injective homomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{S^n(X)}$ -modules

$$H : \mathcal{V}_{F \otimes E^{\vee}} \oplus \mathcal{W}_{E,F} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})$$

where  $\mathcal{W}_{E,F}$  and  $\mathcal{H}om_{par}(\mathcal{V}_{E*},\mathcal{V}_{F*})$  are defined in (3.9) and (3.7) respectively.

*Proof.* Consider  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$ , defined in (3.2) and (3.6) respectively, equipped with action of  $\Sigma(n)$ . From the constructions of  $\mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}}$  and  $\mathcal{W}_{E,F}$  it follows that

$$\mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}}\oplus \mathcal{W}_{E,F} = (f_*(\mathcal{F}\otimes \mathcal{E}^{\vee}))^{\Sigma(n)}$$

Note that  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{E}^{\vee} = (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} p_i^*(F \otimes E^{\vee})) \oplus W_{E,F}$ , where  $W_{E,F}$  is constructed in (3.8).

Take any nonempty Zariski open subset  $U \subset S^n(X)$ . Let

(3.10) 
$$\phi : \mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{f^{-1}(U)}$$

be a homomorphism which intertwines the actions of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)}$  and  $\mathcal{F}|_{f^{-1}(U)}$ , where f is the quotient map in (3.1). Let

$$\widetilde{D}_U := \widetilde{D} \cap f^{-1}(U)$$

be the divisor on  $f^{-1}(U)$ . Let

(3.11) 
$$\widetilde{\phi} := \phi \otimes \mathrm{Id} : \mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-\widetilde{D}_U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{f^{-1}(U)} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-\widetilde{D}_U)$$

be the homomorphism, where Id is the identity automorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-D_U)$ . The restriction of  $\phi$  to the subsheaf

$$\mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-D_U) \subset \mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)}$$

clearly coincides with  $\phi$ .

Since the action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $X^n$  leaves  $\widetilde{D}_U$  invariant, we get an action of  $\Sigma(n)$ on  $\mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-\widetilde{D}_U)$ . The actions of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-\widetilde{D}_U)$  together produce an action of  $\Sigma(n)$  on  $\mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-\widetilde{D}_U)$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{F}|_{f^{-1}(U)} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{f^{-1}(U)}(-\widetilde{D}_U)$  is equipped with an action of  $\Sigma(n)$ . Since  $\phi$  in (3.10) is  $\Sigma(n)$ equivariant, it follows immediately that the homomorphism  $\widetilde{\phi}$  in (3.11) is also  $\Sigma(n)$ equivariant. Consequently,  $\phi$  produces a section of  $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})$  over U.

Therefore, we have a homomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{S^n(X)}$ -modules

$$(3.12) H: \mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}} \oplus \mathcal{W}_{E,F} \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})$$

that sends any section  $\phi$  of

$$(f_*(\mathcal{F}\otimes\mathcal{E}^\vee))^{\Sigma(n)} = \mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^\vee} \oplus \mathcal{W}_{E,F}$$

over some open subset U to the section of

$$\mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*},\mathcal{V}_{F*})|_U$$

constructed above from  $\phi.$ 

**Proposition 3.2.** Take two vector bundles E and F on X. The homomorphism  $\widehat{H} : H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}}) \oplus H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}) \longrightarrow H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{par}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*}))$  given by H in Lemma 3.1 is an isomorphism.

Proof. Since 
$$H$$
 is injective, the corresponding homomorphism  
 $\widehat{H} : H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{V}_{F \otimes E^{\vee}}) \oplus H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}) \longrightarrow H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*}))$ 
is also injective. So to prove that  $\widehat{H}$  is an isomorphism, it suffices to show that

(3.13) 
$$\dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) \leq \dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}}) + \dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}).$$

From the construction of the vector bundle  $\mathcal{H}om_{par}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})$  in (3.7) it follows that

 $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*},\mathcal{V}_{F*}) \subset (f_*(\mathcal{F}\otimes\mathcal{E}^{\vee}))^{\Sigma(n)} \subset f_*(\mathcal{F}\otimes\mathcal{E}^{\vee}),$ 

where  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  are constructed in (3.2) and (3.6) respectively. Consequently,

$$H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) \subset H^0(X^n, f_*(\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{E}^{\vee}))^{\Sigma(n)}$$

Hence setting V and W in Proposition 2.1 to be F and  $E^\vee$  respectively we conclude that

(3.14) 
$$H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) \subset H^0(X^n, f_*(\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{E}^{\vee}))^{\Sigma(n)}$$
$$= H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) \oplus (H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee})).$$

On the other hand,

(3.15) 
$$\begin{aligned} H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) \oplus (H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee})) \\ \subset H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{V}_{F \otimes E^{\vee}}) \oplus H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}). \end{aligned}$$

Indeed,  $H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) \subset H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{V}_{F \otimes E^{\vee}})$  and  $H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, F^{\vee}) \subset H^0(S^n)$ 

$$H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee}) \subset H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}).$$

Combining (3.14) and (3.15),

$$H^{0}(S^{n}(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) \subset H^{0}(S^{n}(X), \mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}}) \oplus H^{0}(S^{n}(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}).$$

Therefore, we conclude that the inequality in (3.13) holds. This completes the proof of the proposition.  $\hfill \Box$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** There is a canonical isomorphism

$$H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) \oplus (H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee}))$$

Proof. From Proposition 3.2,

$$\dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = \dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{V}_{F\otimes E^{\vee}}) + \dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}),$$

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and from (3.15),

$$\dim H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) + \dim(H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee})) \\\leq \dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{V}_{F \otimes E^{\vee}}) + \dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{W}_{E,F}).$$

Consequently,

$$\dim H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) + \dim(H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee})) \\\leq \dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\text{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})).$$

On the other hand,

$$\dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) \leq \dim H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) + \dim(H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee}))$$

(see (3.14)). Combining these we conclude that

$$h^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = h^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) + h^0(X, F) \cdot h^0(X, E^{\vee})).$$

Therefore, the subspace

$$H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*}))$$

in (3.14) coincides with the ambient space

$$H^0(X, F \otimes E^{\vee}) \oplus (H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee})).$$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let E and F be stable vector bundles over X with

$$\operatorname{degree}(E)/\operatorname{rank}(E) = \operatorname{degree}(F)/\operatorname{rank}(F).$$

Then

$$H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = 0$$

if  $E \neq F$ , and

$$\dim H^0(S^n(X), \mathcal{H}om_{\mathrm{par}}(\mathcal{V}_{E*}, \mathcal{V}_{F*})) = 1$$

if E = F.

*Proof.* If degree $(F) \leq 0$ , then  $H^0(X, F) = 0$  because F is stable. If degree(F) > 0, then  $H^0(X, E^{\vee}) = 0$  because  $E^{\vee}$  is stable with degree $(E^{\vee}) < 0$ .

Therefore,  $H^0(X, F) \otimes H^0(X, E^{\vee}) = 0$ . Hence the corollary follows from Theorem 3.3.

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