

Topologically Extremal Real Surfaces in

$$\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1.$$

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From a general viewpoint we illustrate a method of construction of surfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  and  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  having topologically extremal properties. Precisely we show that for each  $d, e$  and  $r$  there exists an  $M$ -surface  $A$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  (resp.  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ ) of degree  $(d, r)$  (resp.  $(d, e, r)$ ) such that the projection  $A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has the maximal number of real critical points. The construction of  $M$ -surfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  by O.Ya.Viro is also made more clear.

0. Introduction.

Harnack [H] pointed out that the number of components in the real locus of a curve in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of degree  $d$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$  does not exceed  $1+(1/2)(d-1)(d-2)$  and, for each  $d$ , there exists a non-singular curve in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of degree  $d$  defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ , the real locus of which has exactly  $1+(1/2)(d-1)(d-2)$  components.

Hilbert in his 16th problem proposed to investigate

topological restrictions for hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  of fixed degree defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

One may regard an real algebraic function as an one-parameter family of hypersurfaces defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and it is natural to investigate topological restrictions for hypersurfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^1$  of fixed degree defined over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Let  $A \subset \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^1$  be a real hypersurface of degree  $(d,r)$ , that is, the zero-locus of a polynomial 
$$\sum_{0 \leq i \leq r} F_i(X_0, \dots, X_n) \lambda^{r-i} \mu^i,$$

where  $F_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq r$ ) is a real homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d$ . Consider the projection  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ . Our main object is the topology of real locus  $A_{\mathbb{R}}$  of  $A$  and singularities of the restriction  $\varphi_{\mathbb{R}}: A_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^1$  of  $\varphi$  to  $A_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

We denote by  $P_t(X, K)$  the Poincaré series of a space  $X$  over a field  $K$  with indeterminate  $t$ , and by  $s(f)$  the number of critical points of a function  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  from a  $n$ -dimensional manifold to an one-dimensional manifold.

If  $A \subset \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^1$  is non-singular, then the diffeomorphism type of  $A$  is determined by  $(d,r)$ . For example,

$$P_1(A, K) = \begin{cases} \chi(A) & (n:\text{even}), \\ 2(n+1) - \chi(A) & (n:\text{odd}), \end{cases} \quad \text{for any } K,$$

$$\chi(A) = (n+1)(1-d)^n r + 2\left(\frac{(1-d)^{n+1} - 1}{d} + n+1\right), \quad (\text{cf. 1.6}).$$

We call  $A$  generic if  $A$  is non-singular and  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has only non-degenerate critical points.

If  $A$  is generic, then  $s(\varphi) = (n+1)(d-1)^n r$  (cf. 1.6).

By Harnack-Thom's inequality ([G]), we have an uniform estimate:

$$(0.0) \quad \begin{cases} P_1(A_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) \leq P_1(A; \mathbb{Z}/2), \\ s(\varphi_{\mathbb{R}}) \leq s(\varphi). \end{cases}$$

In this note from a general viewpoint we show the following

Theorem 0.1. For  $n = 1, 2$  and for each  $(d, r)$ , the estimate (0.0) is sharp, that is, there exists a generic real hypersurface of  $\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree  $(d, r)$  attaining both equalities in (0.0).

Notice that in the case  $r = 1$  Theorem 0.1 is proved in [I]. A finer result is obtained in the case  $n = 1$ . For  $A \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ , we denote by  $\pi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  the projection to the first component.

Proposition 0.2. For non-singular real curves  $A \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree  $(d, e)$  such that both  $\varphi, \pi$  have only non-degenerate critical points, there exists the sharp estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(A_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) &\leq 2 + 2(d-1)(e-1), \\ s(\varphi_{\mathbb{R}}) &\leq 2(d-1)e, \quad s(\pi_{\mathbb{R}}) \leq 2d(e-1). \end{aligned}$$

Now let us formulate a general theorem which implies Theorem 0.1.

Let  $S$  be a real complex surface (cf. 2.1),  $C \subset S$  be a real curve possibly with singularities. A non-singular component  $E$  of  $C_{\mathbb{R}} \subset S_{\mathbb{R}}$  is an oval (resp. an empty oval) if there exists an embedding  $i: D^2 \rightarrow S_{\mathbb{R}}$  such that  $i(\partial D^2) = E$  (and that  $i(\text{int } D^2) \cap C_{\mathbb{R}}$  is empty).

Let  $S$  be compact,  $L$  a real holomorphic line bundle (cf. 2.6),  $s_0, s_1$   $M$ -sections of  $L$  (cf. 2.7).

Consider the following condition (\*):

(\*i) The zero-loci  $(s_0)_0$  and  $(s_1)_0$  are both connected and of genus  $g$ .

(\*ii)  $(s_0)_0$  and  $(s_1)_0$  intersect in  $\langle c_1(L)^2, [S] \rangle$  points in  $S_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

(\*iii) The real locus of  $(s_0 s_1)_0 = (s_0)_0 \cup (s_1)_0$  has  $2g$  empty ovals.

We denote by  $\mathbb{P}_1^1$  the real complex curve  $(\mathbb{P}^1, \tau_1)$ , where  $\tau_1$  is the complex conjugation (cf. 2.3). Fix a pair of  $M$ -sections  $\lambda, \mu$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}(1)$  such that  $(\lambda)_0 \neq (\mu)_0$ .

Denote by  $\psi: S \times \mathbb{P}_1^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_1^1$ ,  $\xi: S \times \mathbb{P}_1^1 \rightarrow S$  the projections.

For a transverse section  $s$  of  $\xi^* L \otimes \psi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_1^1}(r)$  (cf. 1.3), denote

by  $\varphi: (s)_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_1^1$ ,  $\pi: (s)_0 \rightarrow S$  the restrictions of

projections. Then, associated to  $s$ , there is a natural section of  $\text{Hom}(T(s)_0, \varphi^* T\mathbb{P}_1^1)$  defined by the tangent map of  $\varphi$ .

Theorem 0.4. Let  $S$  be an  $M$ -surface with connected real part  $S_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $L$  be a real holomorphic line bundle with a pair  $s_0, s_1$  of  $M$ -sections of  $L$  satisfying the condition (\*).   
 $H_1(S; \mathbb{Z}/2) = 0$

Then, for any  $r$ , there exists an  $M$ -section  $s$  of  $\xi^*L \otimes \psi^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(r)$  over  $S \times \mathbb{P}^1$  near  $s_0 \otimes \lambda^r$ , which associates an  $M$ -section of  $\text{Hom}(T(s)_0, \psi^*T\mathbb{P}^1)$  defined by the projection  $\varphi: (s)_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$ .

Explicitly,  $s$  can be taken in a form

$$\sum_{0 \leq i \leq r} \xi_i s_i \lambda^i \mu^{r-i}, \quad \text{where } s_i = s_0 \text{ (i:even), } s_i = s_1 \text{ (i:odd) and } \xi_0, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_r \text{ are real numbers with } 1 = \xi_0 \gg |\xi_1| \gg \dots \gg |\xi_r| > 0.$$

Remark 0.5. A sufficient condition for the existence of a pair of  $M$ -sections satisfying (\*) is given in section 4. Theorem 0.4 with this sufficient condition implies immediately Theorem 0.1 in the case  $n = 2$ .

$$\text{Putting } S = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \text{ (} = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \text{)} \text{ and } L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(d) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(r)$$

over  $S$ , we have

Corollary 0.6. For non-singular real surface  $A \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree  $(d, e, r)$  such that  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has only non-degenerate critical points, there exists the sharp estimate:

$$\begin{cases} P_1(A_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) \leq 6der - 4de - 4er - 4rd + 4d + 4e + 4r, \\ s(\varphi_{\mathbb{R}}) \leq (6de - 4d - 4e + 4)r. \end{cases}$$

From Theorem 0.4, it naturally arises the following general problem:

**Problem 0.7.** Let  $E$  be a real holomorphic vector bundle over a real complex manifold. Give a criterion for the existence or the non-existence of  $M$ -sections of  $E$ .

Lastly we intend to clarify the construction of  $M$ -surfaces in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  by Viro [V].

**Theorem 0.8. (Viro)** For non-singular real surfaces  $A$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  of degree  $d$ , there exists the sharp estimate:

$$P_1(A_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) \leq d^3 - 4d^2 + 6d.$$

Let  $X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3$  be homogeneous coordinates of  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . Put  $\mathbb{P}^2 = \{X_3 = 0\}$ ,  $\mathbb{P}^1 = \{X_2 = X_3 = 0\}$  and  $\ell = \{X_0 = X_1 = 0\}$ .

Let  $\varphi: \mathbb{P}^3 - \ell \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  be a projection. Fix a tubular neighborhood  $U$  of  $\ell$  in  $\mathbb{P}^3$  such that  $\bar{U} \cap \mathbb{P}^1$  is empty.

Observe that for each  $d$  there exist  $M$ -sections  $s_0, \dots, s_d$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(0), \dots, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(d)$  near  $X_2^0, \dots, X_2^d$  respectively such that  $(s_i)_0$  and  $(s_{i+1})_0$  intersect in  $i(i+1)$  points in  $\mathbb{R}\mathbb{P}^2$ , the real locus of  $(s_i s_{i+1})_0$  has  $(1/2)(i-1)(i-2) + (1/2)i(i-1)$  empty ovals ( $0 \leq i \leq d-1$ ) and  $\varphi|(s_i)_0$  has  $(i-1)i$  real critical points ( $0 \leq i \leq d$ ). Naturally each  $s_i$  is extended to a section  $\tilde{s}_i$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(i)$  ( $0 \leq i \leq d$ ).

Put  $s = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq d} \xi_i x_2^{d-i} \tilde{s}_i \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(d))_{\mathbb{R}}$ , and  $A = (s)_0$ .

Take real numbers  $\xi_0, \dots, \xi_d$  to be  $1 = \xi_0 \gg |\xi_1| \gg \dots \gg |\xi_d| > 0$  and of appropriate signs.

$\varphi_{\mathbb{R}}: A_{\mathbb{R}} - U \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}P^1$  defines a vector field  $\xi'$  over  $A_{\mathbb{R}} - U$ .  $\xi'$  is extended to a vector field  $\xi$  over  $A_{\mathbb{R}}$  with finite singularities.

Denote by  $s^+(\xi)$  (resp.  $s^-(\xi)$ ) the sum of positive (resp. negative) indices of singular points of  $\xi$ , and put

$t_i = \dim H_i(A_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  ( $i=1,2,3$ ). Then we see

$$s^+(\xi) \geq d + (1/3)d(d-1)(d-2),$$

$$s^-(\xi) \geq (1/3)(d+1)d(d-1) + (1/3)d(d-1)(d-2).$$

Thus  $\chi(A_{\mathbb{R}}) = s^+(\xi) - s^-(\xi) \geq d - (1/3)(d+1)d(d-1)$ . On the other hand  $t_0 + t_1 \geq 2 + (1/3)(d-1)(d-2)(d-3)$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(A_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) &= t_0 + t_1 + t_2 \\ &= 2(t_0 + t_2) - \chi(A_{\mathbb{R}}) \\ &\geq d^3 - 4d^2 + 6d \quad (= P_1(A; \mathbb{Z}/2)). \end{aligned}$$

By Harnack-Thom's inequality, all equalities are hold.

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## 1. Preliminary: Complex Topology.

(1.0) Let  $X$  be a complex manifold,  $\pi: E \rightarrow X$  a holomorphic vector bundle and  $s: X \rightarrow E$  a holomorphic section. Put  $(s)_0 = \{x \in X \mid s(x) = 0\}$ .

We call  $s$  transverse if  $s$  is transverse to the zero section  $\mathcal{Z} \subset E$ , that is, for any  $s \in (s)_0$ ,  $s_* T_x X \oplus T_{s(x)} \mathcal{Z} = T_{s(x)} E$ .

If  $s$  is transverse, then  $(s)_0$  is a complex submanifold of  $X$ .

Denote by  $H$  the complex vector space  $H^0(X, E)$  of totality of holomorphic sections of  $E$  over  $X$ , and by  $PH$  the projectification of  $H$ .

Put  $Z = \{(x, [s]) \in X \times PH \mid s(x) = 0\}$  and consider the projection  $\Phi: Z \rightarrow PH$ . Then  $s$  is transverse if and only if  $Z$  is non-singular along  $\Phi^{-1}[s]$  and  $\Phi$  is submersive over  $[s]$ .

In particular, for transverse sections  $s, s' \in H$ ,  $(s)_0$  and  $(s')_0$  are diffeomorphic.

(1.1) Let  $s \in H^0(X, E)$  be transverse. Put  $Z = (s)_0$ . Then we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow TZ \longrightarrow TX|_Z \longrightarrow E|_Z \longrightarrow 0,$$

of complex vector bundles. Therefore  $c_t(TX|_Z) = c_t(TZ)c_t(E|_Z)$  for Chern polynomials. The Chern classes of  $TZ$  are calculated

by the formula  $c_t(TZ) = \frac{c_t(TX|_Z)}{c_t(E|_Z)}$  (cf. [F]).



(1.2) Let  $L$  be a holomorphic line bundle over a complex manifold  $V$  of dimension  $n$ . Let  $Z$  be the zero-locus of a transverse section of  $L$ . Then by (1.1),

$$\chi(Z) = \left\langle \sum_{i+j=n+1} (-1)^j c_1(TV) (c_1(L))^{j+1}, [V] \right\rangle.$$

For example, if  $\dim V = 2$ , then

$$\chi(Z) = \langle c_1(TV)c_1(L) - c_1(L)^2, [V] \rangle.$$

Furthermore, if  $Z$  is connected, then

$$\chi(Z) = 1 + (1/2) \langle c_1(L)^2 - c_1(L)c_1(TV), [V] \rangle.$$

(1.3) Let  $R$  be a non-singular curve of genus  $g$ . Denote by  $\xi: V \times R \rightarrow V$  and  $\psi: V \times R \rightarrow R$  the projections. Put  $L' = \xi^*L \otimes \psi^*\mathcal{O}_R(r)$  over  $V \times R$  for each  $r$ . Let  $A \subset V \times R$  be the zero-locus of a transverse section of  $L'$ .

Then  $\chi(A) = \langle \mathfrak{f}, [V] \rangle$ , where

$$\mathfrak{f} = rc_n(TV) + \sum_{i+j=n, j>0} ((j+1)r+2g-2)c_1(TV)(-c_1(L))^j,$$

as an element of  $H^{2n}(V; \mathbb{Z})$ .

For example, if  $\dim V = 2$ , then

$$\chi(A) = \langle rc_2(TV) - (2r+2g-2)c_1(TV)c_1(L) + (3r+2g-2)c_1(L)^2, [V] \rangle.$$

(1.4) Example. Let  $C, C'$  and  $C''$  be non-singular curves

of genus  $g, g'$  and  $g''$  respectively. Put  $X = C \times C' \times C''$ , and denote projections by  $p_1, p_2$  and  $p_3$  to  $C, C'$  and  $C''$  respectively. Let  $A \subset X$  be the zero-locus of a transverse section of  $L' = p_1^* \mathcal{O}_C(d) \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{O}_{C'}(d') \otimes p_3^* \mathcal{O}_{C''}(d'')$ . Then  $\chi(A)$  is equal to  $6(d-1)(d'-1)(d''-1) + (2+4g'')(d-1)(d'-1) + (2+4g)(d'-1)(d''-1) + (2+4g')(d''-1)(d-1) + (2+4g'g'')(d-1) + (2+4g''g)(d'-1) + (2+4gg')(d''-1) + 6 - 4(g+g'+g'') + 4(gg'+g'g''+g''g)$ .

(1.5) In (1.3), denote by  $\varphi: A \rightarrow R$  the projection to  $R$ . Put  $\xi = \text{Hom}(TA, \varphi^* TR)$ . Then  $\langle c_n(\xi), [A] \rangle = \langle \gamma, [V] \rangle$ , where

$$\gamma = (-1)^{n_r} \sum_{i+j=n} (j+1) c_i(TV) (-c_1(L))^j,$$

as an element of  $H^{2n}(V; \mathbb{Z})$ .

For example, if  $\dim V = 2$ , then

$$\langle c_2(\xi), [A] \rangle = r \langle c_2(TV) - 2c_1(TV)c_1(L) + 3c_1(L)^2, [V] \rangle.$$

(1.6) Let  $A$  be a non-singular hypersurface of  $\mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree  $(d, r)$ . Then  $\chi(A) = \langle c_n(TA), [A] \rangle$  is equal to

$$(n+1)(1-d)^{n_r} + 2 \left( \frac{(1-d)^{n+1} - 1}{d} + n+1 \right).$$

If  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has only isolated critical points, then  $s(\varphi) = \langle c_n(\text{Hom}(TA, \varphi^* T\mathbb{P}^1)), [A] \rangle$  is equal to  $(n+1)(d-1)^{n_r}$ .

(1.7) Let  $A$  be a non-singular irreducible projective variety of dimension  $n$ . Then  $H_i(A; \mathbb{Z})$  is torsion free for all  $i$ , and  $\text{rank } H_i(A; \mathbb{Z})$  is equal to  $0$  ( $i \neq n, i: \text{odd}$ ),  $1$  ( $i \neq n, i: \text{even}$ ),  $n+1 - \chi(A)$  ( $i=n, n: \text{odd}$ ),  $\chi(A) - n$  ( $i=n, n: \text{even}$ ).

(1.8) If  $A$  is a simply connected compact complex surface, then  $P_t(A;K) = P_{-t}(A,K)$ , and  $P_1(A;K) = P_{-1}(A;K) = \chi(A)$  for any field  $K$ .

## 2. Preliminary: Real Topology.

(2.1) A real structure on a complex manifold  $X$  is an anti-holomorphic involution  $\tau: X \rightarrow X$ . The pair  $(X, \tau)$  is called a real complex manifold. Two real complex manifolds  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(X', \tau')$  are isomorphic if there is an isomorphism  $\sigma: X \rightarrow X'$  of complex manifolds satisfying  $\sigma \circ \tau = \tau' \circ \sigma$  (cf. [S]).

(2.2) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a real complex manifold. We denote by  $X_{\mathbb{R}}$  the space  $X^{\tau}$  of fixed points of  $\tau$  in  $X$ , and call it the real locus of  $X$  (with respect to  $\tau$ ).

$(X, \tau)$  is a M-manifold if  $P_1(X_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) = P_1(X; \mathbb{Z}/2)$  (cf. [G]). A M-manifold  $(X, \tau)$  of dimension 1 (resp. 2) is called a M-curve (resp. M-surface).

(2.3) Example. The number of equivalence classes of real structures on  $\mathbb{P}^n$  is one if  $n$  is even and two if  $n$  is odd (cf. [F], p.240).

The anti-holomorphic involution  $\tau': \mathbb{P}^{2m+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^{2m+1}$  defined by  $\tau'[X_0: X_1: \dots: X_{2i}: X_{2i+1}: \dots: X_{2m}: X_{2m+1}] = [-\bar{X}_1: \bar{X}_0: \dots: -\bar{X}_{2i+1}: \bar{X}_{2i}: \dots: -\bar{X}_{2m+1}: \bar{X}_{2m}]$  gives a real structure not equivalent to the usual real structure defined by the complex conjugation  $(\mathbb{P}^{2m+1}, \tau_{2m+1})$ . We often denote by  $\mathbb{P}_0^{2m+1} = (\mathbb{P}^{2m+1}, \tau')$ ,  $\mathbb{P}_1^{2m+1} = (\mathbb{P}^{2m+1}, \tau_{2m+1})$ .

Then  $\mathbb{P}^{2m}$  and  $\mathbb{P}_1^{2m+1}$  are  $M$ -manifolds, but  $\mathbb{P}_0^{2m+1}$  is not a  $M$ -manifold.

(2.4) From properties of Poincaré series, we see

Lemma. Let  $(X, \tau)$ ,  $(X', \tau')$  be  $M$ -manifolds. Then  $(X \amalg X', \tau \amalg \tau')$  and  $(X \times X', \tau \times \tau')$  are also  $M$ -manifolds.

(2.5) Lemma. Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a  $M$ -surface with  $H_1(X; \mathbb{Z}/2) = 0$  and  $H_0(X_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) \cong \mathbb{Z}/2$ . Then  $\chi(X) + \chi(X_{\mathbb{R}}) = 4$ .

Proof.  $P_{-1}(X; \mathbb{Z}/2) = P_1(X; \mathbb{Z}/2) = P_1(X_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(X_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) + P_{-1}(X_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) &= 2(\dim H_0(X_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) + \dim H_2(X_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2)) \\ &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

(2.6) Let  $\pi: E \rightarrow X$  be a holomorphic vector bundle over a real complex manifold  $(X, \tau)$ . A real structure of  $\pi$  is a real structure  $T: E \rightarrow E$  of  $E$  as a complex manifold (cf. 2.1) such that  $\pi \circ T = \tau \circ \pi$  and the restriction  $T_x: E_x \rightarrow E_{\tau(x)}$  to each fiber ( $x \in X$ ) is conjugate linear.

We call the triple  $E = (\pi; T, \tau)$  a real holomorphic vector bundle (cf. [A]). Notice that the restriction  $\pi_{\mathbb{R}}: E_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow X_{\mathbb{R}}$  to the real locus of  $\pi$  is a real vector bundle.

A holomorphic section  $s \in H^0(X, E)$  of  $E$  is real if  $T \circ s \circ \tau^{-1} = s$ , that is,  $s \in H^0(X, E)_{\mathbb{R}}$  with respect to the anti-holomorphic involution  $s \mapsto T \circ s \circ \tau^{-1}$ .

(2.7) Definition. A holomorphic section  $s$  of a real holomorphic vector bundle over a real complex manifold  $(X, \mathcal{U})$  is a M-section if  $s$  is transverse, real and the zero-locus  $(s)_0 \subset X$  with restricted  $\mathcal{U}$  is a M-manifold.

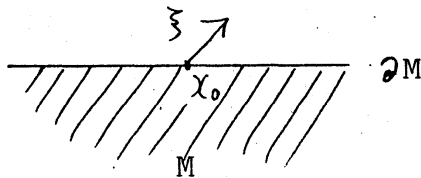
(2.8) Remark. Two real holomorphic vector bundles are isomorphic as real holomorphic vector bundles if and only if they are isomorphic as holomorphic vector bundles.

On  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , any holomorphic line bundle has a structure of real holomorphic line bundle.

(2.9) Poincaré-Hopf-Pugh formula (cf. [P]).

Let  $M$  be a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold of dimension  $n$  with boundary  $\partial M$ .

A tangent vector  $\xi$  to  $M$  at a point  $x_0$  of  $M$  is external if  $df_{x_0}(\xi)$  is positive for some  $C^\infty$  function  $f$  defined in a neighborhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $f^{-1}(0) = \partial M \cap U$ ,  $f$  takes negative values in  $(M - \partial M) \cap U$  and  $df|_{\partial M \cap U}$  does not vanish (figure 1):



external

Let  $v: \partial M \rightarrow TM|_{\partial M}$  be a  $C^\infty$  section over  $\partial M$  to the tangent bundle  $TM$ .

Assume that (a): for each  $x_0 \in \partial M$ ,  $v(x_0) \neq 0$ .

First put  $M_0 = M$ . Next put

$$M_1' = \{x \in \partial M \mid v(x) \text{ is external}\},$$

and put  $M_1 = \overline{M_1'}$ , and  $\partial M_1 = M_1 - M_1'$ .

Inductively, if  $M_k$  is a  $C^\infty$  manifold with boundary  $\partial M_k$  ( $k \geq 0$ ), then put

$$M_{k+1}' = \{x \in \partial M_k \mid (v|_{\partial M_k})(x) \text{ is external w.r.t. } M_k\},$$

$M_{k+1} = \overline{M_{k+1}'}$  and  $\partial M_{k+1} = M_{k+1} - M_{k+1}'$ .

Assume that (b):  $M_k$  is a  $C^\infty$  manifold with boundary  $\partial M_k$ , ( $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ).

Lemma. Let  $v$  satisfy two assumptions (a), (b) stated above. Then for any  $C^\infty$  extension  $w: M \rightarrow TM$  with isolated singularities, we have

$$(c): \quad \text{ind } w = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \chi(M_i).$$

Remark. (0) We adopt the following definition of index of a vector field: Let  $x_0 \in M$  be an isolated singular point of  $w$ . Take a system of coordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  centered at  $x_0$ , and write locally

$$w(x) = a_1(x)(\partial/\partial x_1) + \dots + a_n(x)(\partial/\partial x_n).$$

Define  $\text{ind}_{x_0} w = \text{deg}_0(-a)$ , where  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

Then put  $\text{ind } w = \sum \text{ind}_{x_0} w$ , where the sum runs over isolated singular points  $x_0$  of  $w$ .

(1) If  $\partial M$  is empty, then (c) is the Poincaré-Hopf's formula.

(2) For a  $C^\infty$  vector field  $w$  over  $M$  with only isolated singular points, there exists a non-negative  $C^\infty$  function  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the following properties:

(i)  $f^{-1}(0) = \partial M$ . (ii) For any sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $w|_{f^{-1}(\varepsilon)}$  satisfies two assumptions (a), (b).

### 3. Non-linear systems of real sections.

In this section we prove Theorem 0.4.

In the situation of Theorem 0.4, put  $Z = (s_r)_0 \cong (s_1)_0$

$(0 \leq i \leq r)$ ,  $s^{(r)} = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq r} \varepsilon_i s_i \lambda^i \mu^{r-i}$  and  $A^{(r)} = (s^{(r)})_0$ . Denote

by  $s_i^{(r)}$  (resp.  $t_i^{(r)}$ ) ( $i=0,1,2$ ) the number of real critical points of  $\varphi = \psi|_{A^{(r)}}$  of index  $i$  (resp.  $\dim H_i(A^{(r)}; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ ).

Identify  $H^4(S; \mathbb{Z})$  with  $\mathbb{Z}$  by the fundamental class  $[S]$ .

(3.1) Proof of Theorem 0.4. By (1.2),  $g(Z)$  is equal to  $1 + (1/2)(c_1(L)^2 - c_1(L)c_1(TS))$ .

Let  $N$  be  $S_{\mathbb{R}}$  minus the interiors of  $2g(Z)$  empty ovals. Put  $M = \{(x; \lambda, \mu) \in A^{(r)}_{\mathbb{R}} \mid |s^{(r-1)}(x; \lambda, \mu)| \geq \delta, x \in N\}$  for a positive number  $\delta$  with  $|\varepsilon_{r-1}| \gg \delta \gg |\varepsilon_r| > 0$ . Then  $M$  is a  $C^\infty$

manifold with boundary such that  $\chi(M) = \chi(S_R) - 2g(Z)$ .

Set  $w = \text{grad } \varphi_{\mathbb{R}}|_M$ . Then, with respect to  $w$ ,  $\chi(M_1)$  is equal to  $c_1(L)^2$  (cf. 2.9) and  $M_2$  is empty. Thus we see

$$\text{index } w = \chi(M) - \chi(M_1) = \chi(S_R) - 2g(Z) - c_1(L)^2.$$

Therefore on  $M$ , the number of critical point of  $\varphi_{\mathbb{R}}$  of index 1 is not less than  $-\text{index } w = c_1(L)^2 + 2g(Z) - \chi(S_R)$ .

Thus we have

$$s_1^{(r)} - s_1^{(r-1)} \geq 2c_1(L)^2 - c_1(L)c_1(\text{TS}) - \chi(S_R) + 2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_0^{(r)} + s_2^{(r)} - (s_0^{(r-1)} + s_2^{(r-1)}) &\geq 2g(Z) \\ &= c_1(L)^2 - c_1(L)c_1(\text{TS}) + 2, \end{aligned}$$

$$s_0^{(0)} = s_1^{(0)} = s_2^{(0)} = 0.$$

So we have

$$s_1^{(r)} \geq r(2c_1(L)^2 - c_1(L)c_1(\text{TS}) - \chi(S_R) + 2) \dots (1),$$

$$s_0^{(r)} + s_2^{(r)} \geq r(c_1(L)^2 - c_1(L)c_1(\text{TS}) + 2) \dots (2).$$

By (2.5),  $\chi(S) + \chi(S_R) = 4$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} s(\varphi_{\mathbb{R}}) &= s^{(r)} + s_1^{(r)} + s_2^{(r)} \\ &\geq r(3c_1(L)^2 - 2c_1(L)c_1(\text{TS}) + c_2(\text{TS})) \dots (3). \end{aligned}$$

By (1.5), equalities in (1), (2) and (3) hold. Thus we have

$$\chi(A_{\mathbb{R}}) = s_0^{(r)} - s_1^{(r)} + s_2^{(r)}$$



$$= r(-c_1(L))^2 - c_2(TS) + 4) \quad \dots (4).$$

On the other hand, because of the existence of ovals, we have

$$\begin{aligned} t_0^{(r)} + t_2^{(r)} - (t_0^{(r-1)} + t_2^{(r-1)}) &\geq 2g(Z), \\ t_0^{(1)} + t_2^{(1)} &\geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have

$$t_0^{(r)} + t_2^{(r)} \geq 2g(Z)(r-1) + 2 \quad \dots (5).$$

Therefore, by (4), (5) and (1.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(A_R; \mathbb{Z}/2) &= t_0^{(r)} + t_1^{(r)} + t_2^{(r)} \\ &= 2(t_0^{(r)} + t_2^{(r)}) - \chi(A_R) \\ &\geq (3r-2)c_1(L)^2 - (2r-2)c_1(L)c_1(TS) + rc_2(TS) \\ &= P_1(A; \mathbb{Z}/2) \quad \dots (6). \end{aligned}$$

By Harnack-Thom's inequality  $P_1(A_R; \mathbb{Z}/2) \leq P_1(A; \mathbb{Z}/2)$ .

Hence equalities in (5) and (6) hold. This completes the proof of Theorem 0.4.

(3.2) Example. Let us consider the case  $S = \mathbb{P}^2$ . Let  $A$  be a non-singular surface of  $\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  of degree  $(d, r)$ . Then  $\chi(A) = P_1(A; \mathbb{Z}/2) = 3 + d^2 + 3(d-1)^2(r-1)$ .

If  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has only isolated critical points, then  $s(\varphi) = \sum_{x \in A} \mu_x(\varphi) = 3(d-1)^2r$ , where  $\mu_x(\varphi)$  is the Milnor number of  $\varphi$  at  $x$ .

Proposition. Let  $A \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  be a non-singular real surface of degree  $(d, r)$  such that  $\varphi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$  has only isolated critical points. Then we have the sharp estimate

$$P_1(A_{\mathbb{R}}; \mathbb{Z}/2) \leq 3 + d^2 + 3(d-1)^2(r-1),$$

$$(A_{\mathbb{R}}) \leq 3(d-1)^2 r.$$

Example. Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{\lambda F + \mu G \mid [\lambda: \mu] \in \mathbb{P}^1\}$  be a pencil of real plane curves in  $\mathbb{P}^2$  of degree  $d$ .

$A = (\lambda F + \mu G)_0 \subset \mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^1$  is non-singular if and only if  $(F)_0$  and  $(G)_0$  intersect transversely in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ . If  $A$  is non-singular, then  $A \simeq \underbrace{\mathbb{P}^2 \# \mathbb{P}^2 \# \dots \# \mathbb{P}^2}_{d^2}$ . In this case, if  $(F)_0$

and  $(G)_0$  intersect in  $k$  points ( $0 \leq k \leq d^2$ ,  $k \equiv d \pmod{2}$ ), then  $A_{\mathbb{R}} \simeq \#_{1+k} \mathbb{RP}^2$ . Thus  $A$  is an M-surface if and only if  $k = d^2$ .

#### 4. Construction of M-curves in a surface.

Let  $S$  be a compact real complex surface,  $L, L'$  real holomorphic line bundles,  $s, s'$  M-sections of  $L, L'$  respectively.

Put  $C = (s)_0$  and  $C' = (s')_0$ . Assume that  $C$  and  $C'$  are both rational and  $CC' = \langle c_1(L)c_1(L'), [S] \rangle \geq 0$ . (This assumption for  $S$  is rather restrictive (cf. [BPV], Proposition V.4.3)).

Consider the following condition:

(\*\*) For any effective divisor  $\alpha$  on  $C$  of degree  $CC'$  with  $\text{supp } \alpha \subseteq C_{\mathbb{R}}$ , there exists a real section  $s'' \in H^0(S, L')_{\mathbb{R}}$  such that  $(s'')_0|_C = \alpha$ .

Theorem 4.0. Under the condition (\*\*), for any natural numbers  $d$  and  $e$ ,  $L^{\otimes d} \otimes L'^{\otimes e}$  has an M-section near  $s^{\otimes d} \otimes s'^{\otimes e}$  in  $H^0(S, L^{\otimes d} \otimes L'^{\otimes e})_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Furthermore, if  $CC'$  is positive, then  $L^{\otimes d} \otimes L'^{\otimes e}$  has a pair of M-sections near  $s^{\otimes d} \otimes s'^{\otimes e}$  satisfying (\*) (cf. Introduction).

Corollary 4.1. If  $C^2 \geq 0$ , then under the condition (\*\*) for  $C' = C$ , for any natural number  $d$ ,  $L^{\otimes d}$  has an M-section near  $s^{\otimes d}$ . Furthermore, if  $C^2$  is positive, then  $L^{\otimes d}$  has a pair of M-sections near  $s^{\otimes d}$  satisfying (\*).

(4.2) Example. (1)  $S = \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $L = L' = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$  (This corresponds to the Harnack's method).

(2)  $S = \mathbb{P}^2$ ,  $L = L' = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)$ ,  $C = C'$ : a real ellipse with  $C_{\mathbb{R}} \neq \emptyset$  (This corresponds to the Hilbert's method).

(3)  $S = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $L = L' = p_1^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$ .

(4)  $S = \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$ ,  $L = p_1^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$ ,  $L' = p_2^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$  (This is used to show Proposition 0.2 and Corollary 0.6).

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