

# AMPLENESS OF INTERSECTIONS OF TRANSLATES OF THETA DIVISORS IN AN ABELIAN FOURFOLD

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## Introduction

Varieties with ample cotangent bundle are interesting from many points of view. If  $X$  is such a variety, defined over a field  $\mathbf{k}$ ,

- (geometric) all subvarieties of  $X$  are of general type and there are only finitely many rational maps from any fixed projective variety to  $X$  ([NS]);
- (analytic) if  $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{C}$ , any holomorphic map  $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow X$  is constant ([De], (3.1.));
- (arithmetic) if  $\mathbf{k}$  is a number field, the set of  $\mathbf{k}$ -rational points of  $X$  is conjectured to be finite (see [Mo]; the analogous statement over function fields of curves is known to hold by [N] or [MD]).

However, there are relatively few concrete examples of such varieties. Bogomolov was the first to give a general procedure to produce such examples (his construction is explained in [D1]). In that article, more examples are constructed: it is shown that given a principally polarized abelian variety  $(A, \theta)$ , an integer  $n \geq \frac{1}{2} \dim A$ , and sufficiently ample (i.e., algebraically equivalent to sufficiently high multiples of  $\theta$ ) general divisors  $D_1, \dots, D_n$ , the smooth variety  $D_1 \cap \dots \cap D_n$  has ample cotangent bundle. In this paper we prove an analogous result for general abelian fourfolds. We work over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbf{k}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $(A, \theta)$  be a general principally polarized abelian fourfold. For  $a \in A$  general, the smooth surface  $D_1 \cap D_2 \cap D_3 \cap D_4 + a$  has ample cotangent bundle.*

Here  $D_i + a$  denotes the translate  $D_i + a$  of  $D_i$  by  $a$ . Our proof shows that the conclusion of the theorem already holds on a general Jacobian fourfold.

## 1. The ampleness of $D_1 \cap D_2 \cap D_3 \cap D_4 + a$

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Let  $(A, \theta)$  be a principally polarized abelian fourfold. Assume  $\theta^{-1}(a)$  is a smooth surface. The cotangent bundle  $\mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)}$  fits into the exact sequence of conormal and cotangent bundles

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)}(-2) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)} \longrightarrow 0$$

Being a quotient of a trivial vector bundle, it is generated by its global sections, which are identified with  $H^0(\theta^{-1}(a), \mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)}) \simeq H^0(A, \theta^* \mathcal{O}_A)$ . To show that  $\mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)}$  is ample, we must show that the associated morphism

$$(1) \quad \psi_a : \mathbf{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, \theta^* \mathcal{O}_A))$$

is finite (we follow Grothendieck's notation: given a coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{E}$  on a scheme,  $\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{E}) = \text{Proj}(\text{Sym } \mathcal{E})$ ). More concretely, a point in  $\mathbf{P}(H^0(A, \theta^* \mathcal{O}_A))$  corresponds to a hyperplane in  $H^0(A, \theta^* \mathcal{O}_A)$ , or to a line  $\ell$  in  $T_{A,0}$ , and

$$\mathbf{P}(\mathcal{O}_{\theta^{-1}(a)}) = \{(\ell, x) \in \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, \theta^* \mathcal{O}_A)) \times (\theta^{-1}(a) \mid \ell \subset T_{\theta^{-1}(a),x})\}$$

where  $T_{A,0}$  and  $T_{A,x}$  are identified by translation by  $x$ , and  $\psi_a$  is the first projection.

In other words, to prove that  $\theta^{-1}(a)$  is ample, we must prove that, for any nonzero  $\partial' \in T_{A,0}$ , the set of points  $x \in \theta^{-1}(a)$  such that  $\partial' \in T_{\theta^{-1}(a),x}$  is finite. We denote by  $[\partial']$  the point of  $\mathbf{P}(H^0(A, \theta^* \mathcal{O}_A))$  determined by  $\partial'$ .

## 2. The divisor $\theta^{-1}(a)$

Let  $(A, \theta)$  be a principally polarized abelian variety and let  $\theta$  be a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}_A(1)$ . We define, for any  $\partial$  in  $T_{A,0}$ , a section  $\partial\theta$  of  $\mathcal{O}_\theta(1)$  by the requirement that for any open set  $U$  of  $A$  and any trivialization  $\varphi : \mathcal{O}_U \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_U$ , we have  $\partial\theta = \varphi(\partial(\varphi^{-1}(\theta)))|_{\theta^{-1}(U)}$ . We denote its zero locus by  $\theta^{-1}(\partial)$ . Set-theoretically,  $\theta^{-1}(\partial)$  is the set of points  $x$  of  $A$  where the Zariski tangent space  $T_{\theta^{-1}(a),x}$  contains  $\partial$ .

The differential of the isomorphism  $A \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(A)$  induced by the polarization  $\theta$  identifies  $T_{A,0}$  with  $T_{\text{Pic}^0(A),0} \simeq H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A)$ . The exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_A \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_A(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) \longrightarrow 0$$

yields a composed isomorphism

$$(2) \quad H^0(A, \mathcal{O}_\theta(1)) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A) \xrightarrow{\sim} T_{A,0}$$

whose inverse is given by

$$\partial \longmapsto \partial\theta$$

When  $A$  has dimension 4, the ampleness of the cotangent bundle of  $\theta^{-1}(a)$  is equivalent to the following: *for all nonzero  $\partial' \in T_{A,0}$ , the scheme  $\theta^{-1}(\partial') \cap \theta^{-1}(a)$  is finite.*

For  $\partial \neq 0$ , the scheme  $\theta^{-1}(\partial)$  is a limit of intersections of translates of  $\theta^{-1}(a)$  in the following sense. Let  $m : \mathbb{A}^1 \times A \rightarrow A$  be the morphism  $(x, y) \mapsto x - y$  and let  $\mathcal{T} = m^{-1}(\theta^{-1}(a))$ . The first projection  $\mathbb{A}^1 \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$  identifies  $\theta^{-1}(a)$  with the fiber at  $a$  of the second projection

$$p : \mathcal{T} \longrightarrow A$$

If  $\tilde{A} \rightarrow A$  is the blow-up of 0, with exceptional divisor  $\mathbf{P}(A, 0)$ , and  $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$  is the strict transform of  $\mathcal{T}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \tilde{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times A$ , we obtain a family

$$\tilde{p} : \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \longrightarrow \tilde{A}$$

whose fiber at  $[\partial] \in \mathbf{P}(A, 0)$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial$ . If  $\mathbb{P}^1$  is irreducible, this is a flat family of subvarieties of codimension 2 of  $A$ .

We will study the ampleness of the cotangent bundle of  $\mathbb{P}^1 \cap a$  by letting it specialize to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial$ . More precisely, if we consider

$$\mathbf{P} = \{(\ell, x, \tilde{a}) \in \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, A)) \times \tilde{\mathcal{T}} \mid \ell \subset T_{\tilde{p}^{-1}(\tilde{a}), (x, \tilde{a})}\}$$

the projection  $\psi : \mathbf{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, A)) \times \tilde{A}$  restricts to  $\psi_a$  over  $\mathbf{P}(H^0(A, A)) \times \{a\}$ , for  $a \in A$  nonzero, and to a morphism

$$\psi_{\partial} : \mathbf{P}_{\partial} = \{(\ell, x) \in \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, A)) \times (\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial) \mid \ell \subset T_{\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial, x}\} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, A))$$

over  $\mathbf{P}(H^0(A, A)) \times \{[\partial]\}$ , for  $\partial \in T_{A,0}$  nonzero. If  $\psi_{\partial}$  is *finite*, the same will be true for  $\psi_a$  for general  $a$  in  $A$ .

### 3. The finiteness of $\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial \cap \partial' \cap \partial \partial'$

Let again  $(A, \Theta)$  be a principally polarized abelian fourfold. As explained above, we would like to find a nonzero element  $\partial$  of  $T_{A,0}$  such that the morphism

$$\psi_{\partial} : \mathbf{P}_{\partial} \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, A))$$

is finite. If  $\partial'$  is a nonzero element of  $T_{A,0}$ , we may define as above a section  $\partial \partial' \theta$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial \cap \partial' \cap \partial \partial'}$  whose zero locus we denote by  $\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial \cap \partial' \cap \partial \partial'$  and which is isomorphic to the fiber  $\psi_{\partial}^{-1}([\partial'])$ .

Unfortunately, this scheme has codimension at most 3 for  $\partial' = \partial$ . We will first prove that for  $A$  a general Jacobian and  $\partial$  general in  $T_{A,0}$ , this is the only positive-dimensional fiber of  $\psi_{\partial}$ .

Let  $C$  be a smooth curve of genus 4, take  $A = \text{Pic}^3 C$ , and let  $\mathbb{P}^1 \subset A$  be Riemann's theta divisor parametrizing effective divisors of degree 3 on  $C$ .

**Proposition 2.** *For  $C$  and  $\partial$  general, all fibers of the morphism  $\psi_{\partial}$  are finite, except for that of  $[\partial]$ .*

*Proof.* Take  $\partial \in T_{A,0}$  nonzero and let  $S_{\partial}$  be the (local complete intersection) surface  $\mathbb{P}^1 \cap \partial$ . Noting that the restriction  $H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{P}^1, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1})$  is bijective and using the isomorphism (2), we obtain from the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \xrightarrow{\partial \theta} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(\partial) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{S_{\partial}}(\partial) \longrightarrow 0$$

an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbf{k} \xrightarrow{\cdot \partial} T_{A,0} \longrightarrow H^0(S_{\partial}, \mathcal{O}_{S_{\partial}}(\partial))$$

$$\partial' \longmapsto \partial' \theta$$

Let  $\partial' \in T_{A,0}$  be nonzero. If  $\ell = \ell_{\partial, \partial'}$  is an integral, i.e., irreducible and reduced, curve,  $\partial'\theta$  is not a zero divisor in  $\mathcal{O}_{S_{\partial}}$  and again, since  $H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A) \rightarrow H^1(S_{\partial}, \mathcal{O}_{S_{\partial}})$  is bijective, we obtain from the exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{S_{\partial}} \xrightarrow{\partial'\theta} \mathcal{O}_{S_{\partial}}(\ell) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}(\ell) \longrightarrow 0$$

a coboundary map  $H^0(\ell, \mathcal{O}_{\Gamma}(\ell)) \rightarrow T_{A,0}$  that sends  $\partial\partial'\theta$  to  $\partial$ . This section is in particular nonzero hence its zero locus  $\ell \cap \partial \cap \partial' \cap \partial\partial'$  is finite, which is what we need to prove.

We assume from now on that  $C$  is not hyperelliptic and we identify it with its canonical model in  $\mathbf{P}^3 = \mathbf{P}(H^0(C, \omega_C)) = \mathbf{P}(H^0(A, \mathcal{O}_A))$ , where it is the intersection of a quadric  $Q$  (which will be assumed to be smooth) and a cubic.

The projectivization of the tangent space to  $\mathcal{M}_g$  at a point corresponding to a divisor  $D$  of degree 3 such that  $h^0(C, D) = 1$  is the plane spanned in  $\mathbf{P}^3$  by the points of  $D$ . The underlying reduced curve  $C_{\text{red}}$  therefore parametrizes effective divisors of degree 3 on  $C$  that lie in a plane that contains the line  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'}$  spanned by  $[\partial]$  and  $[\partial']$ . We will distinguish several cases depending on the relative positions of  $[\partial]$ ,  $[\partial']$ , and  $C$  in  $\mathbf{P}^3$ .

We first introduce some notation, following [I]: given a pencil  $g_e^1$  on  $C$  with reduced base locus, we define, for any  $d \in \{1, \dots, e\}$ , a reduced curve in the  $d$ -th symmetric power  $C^{(d)}$  by setting

$$X_d(g_e^1) = \{p_1 + \dots + p_d \in C^{(d)} \mid \exists D \in C^{(e-d)} \ D + p_1 + \dots + p_d \in g_e^1\}$$

**3.1. Case 1:**  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'} \cap C = \emptyset$ . The planes containing  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'}$  cut on  $C$  the divisors of a base-point-free  $g_6^1$  contained in  $|\omega_C|$ , and the curve  $C_{\text{red}}$  is the image in  $C^{(3)}$  of the curve  $X_3(g_6^1) \subset C^{(3)}$ . It follows from [ACGH], Lemma VIII.(3.2) that the cohomology class of  $C_{\text{red}}$  is  $[C]^3$ , so  $C_{\text{red}}$  is reduced.

The associated map  $\phi : C \rightarrow (g_6^1)^* = \mathbf{P}^1$  coincides with the projection of  $C \subset \mathbf{P}^3$  from the line  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'}$ . The lemma below shows that the monodromy group  $G$  of

Assume  $C$  is sufficiently general so that the map

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pic}(C) \oplus \mathbf{Z} &\longrightarrow \text{Pic}(C^{(2)}) \\ (D, b) &\longmapsto C_D - b\delta \end{aligned}$$

is bijective. If  $X_2(g_6^1)$  is reducible, write the divisor class of a nontrivial union of components, say  $Y$ , as  $C_D - b\delta$ , so that the class of  $X_2(g_6^1) - Y$  is  $C_{g_6^1-D} - (1-b)\delta$ . Replacing  $Y$  with  $X_2(g_6^1) - Y$  if necessary, we may assume  $b \geq 0$ .

We now use [I], Appendix 6.1: for any divisor  $E$  on  $C$ , we have

$$H^0(C^{(2)}, C_E) \simeq \text{Sym}^2 H^0(C, E) \quad \text{and} \quad H^0(C^{(2)}, C_E - \delta) \simeq \bigwedge^2 H^0(C, E)$$

It follows that if  $E$  is effective and  $h^0(C, E) = 1$ , the linear system  $|C_E - \delta|$  is empty, and  $|C_E| = \{C_E\}$ . Since our  $g_6^1$  has no base points,  $X_2(g_6^1)$  contains no such curve. It follows that  $D$  moves in a pencil, hence  $\deg(D) \geq 3$  since  $C$  is not hyperelliptic. Since the diagonal is not a component of  $X_2(g_6^1)$ , we must have  $(C_{g_6^1-D} - (1-b)\delta) \cdot \delta \geq 0$ , hence  $3b \leq 9 - \deg(D)$ .

If  $\deg(D) \geq 4$ , we get  $b \leq 1$  but this is absurd since  $|C_{g_6^1-D} - (1-b)\delta|$  is then empty. Hence  $D$  is a  $g_3^1$  and  $b \leq 2$ . By [I], Appendix 6.3, the vector subspace  $H^0(C^{(2)}, C_{g_3^1} - 2\delta) \subset H^0(C^{(2)}, C_{g_3^1})$  is isomorphic to the space of quadratic forms that vanish on the image of  $C \rightarrow (g_3^1)^*$ , hence vanishes. We get  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  and, replacing  $Y$  with  $X_2(g_6^1) - Y$  if necessary,  $Y \equiv C_{g_3^1} - \delta$ . More precisely,  $Y = X_2(g_3^1)$ . The  $g_3^1$  is given by one of the rulings of the quadric  $Q$ , hence  $X_2(g_3^1)$  may be contained in  $X_2(g_6^1)$  only if the line  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'}$  meets all lines of this ruling. Since  $[\partial]$  is not in  $Q$ , this cannot happen and  $X_2(g_6^1)$  is irreducible.

To prove that  $G$  contains a simple transposition, we check that for  $C$  general, there is a point  $p \in C$  such that  $\phi : C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  ramifies simply at  $p$  and  $p$  is the only ramification point of  $\phi$  in its fiber.

The degree of the ramification locus is  $6 + 6 \cdot 2 = 18$ . If all the ramification points are either nonsimple or their fiber contains other ramification points, the support of the branch locus of  $\phi$  in  $\mathbf{P}^1$  contains at most 9 points. Such 6-fold covers of  $\mathbf{P}^1$  depend on at most  $9 - 3 = 6$  parameters. Therefore, for a sufficiently general choice of  $C$ , the map  $\phi$  will have at least 3 ramification points with the desired property.  $\square$

We assume from now on that  $[\partial]$  lies on no trisecants ( $[\partial] \notin Q$ ) or tangents to  $C$ .

**3.2. Case 2:**  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'} \cap C = \{p\}$ . Here we mean that the line  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'}$  is *not* tangent to  $C$ . In this case we have

$$\text{red} = X_3(g_5^1) \cup (X_2(g_5^1) + p) \subset C^{(3)}$$

where  $g_5^1 \subset |\omega_C|$  is the base-point-free pencil cut on  $C$  by planes through  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'}$ . As before, we see that  $\Sigma$  is reduced. The involution

$$\tau : x + y + z \longmapsto K_C - x - y - z$$

exchanges  $X_3(g_5^1)$  and  $X_2(g_5^1) + p$ . A similar (simpler) calculation as before shows that  $X_2(g_5^1)$ , hence also  $X_3(g_5^1)$ , is irreducible. As the scheme  $\Sigma \cap \partial \partial'$  is invariant under  $\tau$ , we see that if it contains one component of  $\Sigma$ , it also contains the other. This is therefore not possible, hence this scheme is finite.

**3.3. Case 3:**  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'} \cap C = \{p, q\}$ . Here we mean that the line  $\ell_{\partial, \partial'}$  intersects  $C$  in exactly two distinct points  $p$  and  $q$ .

Let  $\partial_p$  and  $\partial_q$  be elements of  $T_{A,0}$  mapping to  $p$  and  $q$  respectively. Let  $W_p$  be the image in  $\Sigma$  of  $p + C^{(2)} \subset C^{(3)}$ . We have

$$\Sigma \cap \partial_p = W_p \cup (K_C - W_p) = W_p \cup \tau(W_p)$$

Since  $[\partial] \notin Q$ , the linear system  $|K_C - p - q|$  is a base-point-free  $g_4^1$  and the curve  $X_2(K_C - p - q)$  is irreducible as before. We have  $\Sigma = \Sigma \cap \partial \cap \partial' = \Sigma \cap \partial_p \cap \partial_q$  and we check that this curve is reduced and has four irreducible components:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &= p + q + C & \Sigma_2 &= p + X_2(K_C - p - q) \\ \tau(\Sigma_1) &= X_3(K_C - p - q) & \tau(\Sigma_2) &= q + X_2(K_C - p - q) \end{aligned}$$

If  $\Sigma \cap \partial \cap \partial' \cap \partial \partial'$  contains a component of  $\Sigma$ , it also contains its image by  $\tau$ . It will therefore be enough for our purpose to show that the section  $\partial \partial' \theta$  of  $\mathcal{O}_\Gamma(\Sigma)$  vanishes identically neither on  $\Sigma_1$ , nor on  $\Sigma_2$  (both contained in  $W_p$ ).

Let  $\iota_{p+q}$  be the embedding  $x \mapsto p + q + x$  of  $C$  into  $A$ , with image  $\Sigma_1$ . We have  $\iota_{p+q}^* \equiv K_C - p - q$ . Let  $p + p_1 + p_2 + p_3$  and  $q + q_1 + q_2 + q_3$  be the divisors of  $|K - p - q|$  containing  $p$  and  $q$ . For a sufficiently general choice of  $\partial$ , these two divisors will be reduced and disjoint.

**Lemma 4.** *The section  $\iota_{p+q}^* \partial_p \partial_q \theta$  vanishes identically and*

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(\iota_{p+q}^* \partial_p^2 \theta) &= p + p_1 + p_2 + p_3 \\ \operatorname{div}(\iota_{p+q}^* \partial_q^2 \theta) &= q + q_1 + q_2 + q_3 \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \in \mathbf{k}$  and set  $\partial_\lambda = \lambda \partial_p + \partial_q$ . The support of

$$\operatorname{div}(\partial_p \partial_\lambda \theta) = \Sigma \cap \partial_p \cap \partial_q \cap \partial_p \partial_\lambda = \Sigma \cap \partial_p \cap \partial_\lambda \cap \partial_p \partial_\lambda$$

is the set of points of  $\Sigma \cap \partial_p = W_p \cup (K_C - W_p)$  whose tangent space contains  $\partial_\lambda$ .

It contains  $p + q + x$  if the line  $\langle q, x \rangle$  contains  $[\partial_\lambda]$ . In particular,  $\partial_p \partial_q \theta$  vanishes identically on  $p + q + C$  and  $\partial_p \partial_\lambda \theta(2p + q) = 0$  for all  $\lambda$ . This implies  $\partial_p^2 \theta(2p + q) = 0$ . Moreover,  $\partial_p \partial_\lambda \theta(p + 2q) \neq 0$  if  $\lambda \neq 0$ . In particular,  $\iota_{p+q}^* \partial_p^2 \theta$  is a nonzero section of  $\mathcal{O}_C(K_C - p - q)$  that vanishes at  $p$ , hence the lemma.  $\square$

Write  $\partial = \lambda\partial_p + \mu\partial_q$  and  $\partial' = \lambda'\partial_p + \mu'\partial_q$ , so that

$$\partial\partial'\theta = \lambda\lambda'\partial_p^2\theta + (\lambda\mu' + \lambda'\mu)\partial_p\partial_q\theta + \mu\mu'\partial_q^2\theta.$$

Since  $[\partial]$  is not on  $C$ , both  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are not zero, hence  $\partial\partial'\theta$  does not vanish identically on  $\Sigma_1$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2 &= \{p+q+q_1, p+q+q_2, p+q+q_3\} \\ \Sigma_1 \cap \tau(\Sigma_2) &= \{p+q+p_1, p+q+p_2, p+q+p_3\} \\ \tau(\Sigma_1) \cap \Sigma_2 &= \{\tau(p+q+p_1), \tau(p+q+p_2), \tau(p+q+p_3)\} \end{aligned}$$

The section  $\partial_p\partial_q\theta$  does not vanish identically on  $\Sigma_1$ , hence does not vanish identically on  $\Sigma_2$ . At  $p+q+q_1$ , both  $\partial_p\partial_q\theta$  and  $\partial_q^2\theta$  vanish, but  $\partial_p^2\theta$  does not. At  $\tau(p+q+p_1)$ , both  $\partial_p\partial_q\theta$  and  $\partial_p^2\theta$  vanish, but  $\partial_q^2\theta$  does not. It follows that the sections  $\partial_p^2\theta|_{\Gamma_2}$ ,  $\partial_p\partial_q\theta|_{\Gamma_2}$ , and  $\partial_q^2\theta|_{\Gamma_2}$  are linearly independent, hence  $\partial\partial'\theta$  does not vanish identically on  $\Sigma_2$ .

We have proved that in all cases, the zero set of  $\partial\partial'\theta$  on  $\Sigma$  is finite. This completes the proof of Proposition 2.  $\square$

4. The scheme  $\Sigma \cap \partial \cap \partial^2$

The fiber of  $\psi_{\partial}^{-1}([\partial])$  is one-dimensional, equal to  $\Sigma \cap \partial \cap \partial^2$ . We now

Since  $4p$  is not contained in a plane in  $\mathbf{P}^3$ , the curves  $\sigma_1$  and  $\tau(\sigma_1)$  defined above are disjoint. Therefore, it follows from Lemma 5 that if a general  $\sigma \cap \partial \cap \partial^2$  is nonintegral, it is of the form  $\sigma_0 \cup \tau(\sigma_0)$ , where  $\sigma_0$  is integral, with cohomology class  $\frac{1}{2}[\sigma]^3$ , and distinct from  $\tau(\sigma_0)$ .

### 5. Proof of Theorem 1

We keep the same assumptions and notation as before. Let  $a$  be general in  $A = \text{Pic}^3(C)$ . If for some nonzero  $\partial'$ , the scheme  $\sigma \cap_a \partial' \cap \partial'_a$  has dimension 1, it contains a curve  $\sigma_a$  that is stable by the involution  $x \mapsto a - x$ . When  $a$  specializes to a general  $[\partial]$ , this involution specializes to  $\tau$  and  $\sigma_a$  must specialize as a set to  $\sigma_0 \cup \tau(\sigma_0)$ . Since this curve has the same cohomology class as the curve  $\sigma \cap_a \partial'$ , this means that the section  $\partial'\theta_a$  vanishes identically on the curve  $\sigma \cap_a \partial'$  and this is absurd.

It follows that  $\psi_a$  is finite, hence the cotangent bundle of  $\sigma \cap_a$  is ample.

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