

P247. If  $S \subset \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$  is any nondegenerate curve of genus  $g$  and degree  $2g-2$ , then  $S$  is a canonical curve.

pf). Let  $\sigma_i \in H^0(S, \mathcal{O}(H))$  s.t.  $(\sigma_i=0) = H_i \cap S$ .

where  $H_i = (Z_i=0)$ ,  $[Z_0, \dots, Z_{n-1}]$  coordinate for  $\mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ .

On  $U_1 = (Z_1 \neq 0)$ ,  $\sigma_1([Z_0, \dots, Z_{n-1}]) = 1$ .

On  $U_2 = (Z_2 \neq 0)$ ,  $\sigma_1 = \frac{Z_1}{Z_2}$ .

Similarly, we can describe  $\sigma_i$  on  $U_j$  as  $\begin{cases} \frac{Z_i}{Z_j} & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 & \text{if } i=j \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow S \xrightarrow{L} \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

$$[Z_0, \dots, Z_{n-1}] \mapsto [Z_0, \dots, Z_{n-1}] = [\sigma_0(Z), \sigma_1(Z), \dots, \sigma_{n-1}(Z)]$$

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $E$  be the subspace of  $H^0(S, \mathcal{O}(H))$  spanned by  $\sigma_0, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$ ,  $n = g-1$ .

$\Rightarrow L = L_E$ . Let  $D = (\sigma_0=0) = H_0 \cap S$ .

$\Rightarrow$  By P247, if  $D \neq K$ , then  $h^0(D) = g-1$ . Here, we have to notice that  $[H]|_S$  has degree  $2g-2$ , to use the result on P247.  $\Rightarrow h^0(D) = \dim H^0(S, \mathcal{O}(H)) = \dim H^0(S, \mathcal{O}(H_0 \cap S)) = g-1$ . But we know already that  $\dim E = g$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Contradiction.

Thus  $D = K \Rightarrow [H]|_S = K_S = K$  and  $i = L_K$ .

$$4(d-1)^2 - 4(n-1)(d-1) + (n-1)^2 - 8g(n-1) \geq 0$$

Let  $d-1 = a$ ,  $n-1 = x$ .

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x(a+2g) + 4a^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 2(a+2g) - \sqrt{4(a+2g)^2 - 4a^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n < 2(d-1+2g) - \sqrt{4(a+2g)^2 - 4a^2} + 1$$

$$\frac{n-1}{8} \geq g$$

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