Sectional class of ample vector bundles on smooth projective varieties, I: The case of ample line bundles *^{†‡}

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Abstract

Let X be an n-dimensional smooth projective variety defined over the field of complex numbers, let \mathcal{E} \mathcal{F}_1 , \mathcal{F}_2 and \mathcal{G} be ample vector bundles with $\operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{E}) = r \leq n$, $\operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{F}_1) = \operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{F}_2) = r + 1$ and $\operatorname{rank}(\mathcal{G}) = r + 2$. In this paper, we will define the generalized sectional class $\operatorname{cl}_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G})$, and we will investigate this invariant for some special cases. In particular, for every integer i with $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$, by setting $\mathcal{E} := L^{\oplus n-i}$, $\mathcal{F}_1 := L^{\oplus n-i+1}$, $\mathcal{F}_2 := L^{\oplus n-i+1}$ and $\mathcal{G} := L^{\oplus n-i+2}$, we give a classification of polarized manifolds (X, L) by the value of $\operatorname{cl}_i(X, L) := \operatorname{cl}_{n,n-i}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G})$.

1 Introduction

Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n defined over the field of complex numbers, and let L be an ample line bundle on X. Then (X, L) is called a *polarized manifold*. Assume that L is very ample and let $\varphi : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$ be the morphism defined by |L|. Then φ is an embedding. In this situation, its dual variety $X^{\vee} \to (\mathbb{P}^N)^{\vee}$ is a hypersurface of N-dimensional projective space except some special types. Then the class $\operatorname{cl}(X, L)$ of (X, L) is defined by the following.

$$cl(X,L) = \begin{cases} \deg(X^{\vee}), & \text{if } X^{\vee} \text{ is a hypersurface in } (\mathbb{P}^N)^{\vee} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

A lot of investigations by using cl(X, L) have been obtained (for example [21], [25], [33], [22], [26], [24], [1], [30] and so on). In this paper, we are going to define a generalization of this invariant. Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n and let \mathcal{E} , \mathcal{F}_1 , \mathcal{F}_2 and \mathcal{G} be ample vector bundles on X with $rank(\mathcal{E}) = r$, $rank(\mathcal{F}_1) = rank(\mathcal{F}_2) = r + 1$ and $rank(\mathcal{G}) = r + 2$ such that $r \leq n$. Then we will define the generalized sectional class $cl_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G})$ of $(X, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2, \mathcal{G})$ in Section 3. Our main purpose is to study this invariant in general. But it is very hard to study this invariant. So we consider some special cases. For example, let $L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}, A_1, A_2$ be ample line bundles on X, where i is an integer with $0 \leq i \leq n$, and we set $\mathcal{E} := L_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_{n-i}$. We note that $rank(\mathcal{E}) = n - i$. Then we will define

$$cl_i(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}; A_1, A_2) := cl_{n,n-i}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{E} \oplus A_1, \mathcal{E} \oplus A_2; \mathcal{E} \oplus A_1 \oplus A_2)$$

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which is called the *i*th sectional class of $(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}, A_1, A_2)$. Moreover, we assume that $L_1 = \cdots = L_{n-i} = L$ and $A_1 = A_2 = L$. Then we set

$$\operatorname{cl}_i(X, L) := \operatorname{cl}_i(X, \underbrace{L, \dots, L}_{n-i}; L, L).$$

We will call this invariant the *i*th sectional class of (X, L). In this paper, we mainly study this invariant and will get some results about this invariant. Here we note the following: Assume that *L* is very ample. Then there exists a member $X_j \in |L_{j-1}|$ such that each X_j is a smooth projective manifold of dimension n - j and $L_j := L_{j-1}|_{X_j}$ for every *j* with $1 \leq j \leq n - i$. In this case, we see that $cl_i(X, L)$ is the class of the *i* dimensional polarized manifold (X_{n-i}, L_{n-i}) . In particular, if i = n, then $cl_n(X, L)$ is equal to the class of (X, L). Hence we can regard $cl_i(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}; A_1, A_2)$ as a generalization of the class of polarized manifolds. In Section 4, we calculate $cl_i(X, L)$ for some special cases. In Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 we obtain the classification of (X, L) by the value of $cl_1(X, L)$, $cl_2(X, L)$, $cl_3(X, L)$ and $cl_4(X, L)$ under the assumption that *L* is very ample or ample and spanned by its global sections. In Section 9, we will give a classification of (X, L) by using the second sectional Betti number, which will be used in Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8. Finally we note that we are going to study a classification of $(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}; A_1, A_2)$ by the

value of $cl_i(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}; A_1, A_2)$ in a future paper.

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2 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension n.

- (i) We say that (X, L) is a scroll (resp. quadric fibration, Del Pezzo fibration) over a normal projective variety Y with dim Y = m if there exists a surjective morphism with connected fibers f : X → Y such that K_X + (n m + 1)L = f*A (resp. K_X + (n m)L = f*A, K_X + (n m 1)L = f*A) for some ample line bundle A on Y.
- (ii) A polarized manifold (X, L) is called a hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve C if (X, L)is a quadric fibration over C such that any fiber of this fibration is irreducible and reduced. Let $f: X \to C$ be its morphism. We put $\mathcal{E} := f_*(L)$. Then \mathcal{E} is a locally free sheaf of rank n + 1 on C. Let $\pi : \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E}) \to C$ be the projective bundle. Then $X \in |2H(\mathcal{E}) + \pi^*(B)|$ for some $B \in \operatorname{Pic}(C)$ and $L = H(\mathcal{E})|_X$, where $H(\mathcal{E})$ is the tautological line bundle of $\mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})$. We put $e := \deg \mathcal{E}$ and $b := \deg B$. Then

$$K_X = ((-n+1)H(\mathcal{E}) + \pi^*(K_C + \det(\mathcal{E}) + B))|_X$$

= $(-n+1)L + f^*(K_C + \det(\mathcal{E}) + B),$

and

$$g(X, L) = 2g(C) - 1 + e + b.$$

We put $A := K_C + \det(\mathcal{E}) + B$. Then A is ample.

Remark 2.1 If (X, L) is a scroll over a smooth curve C (resp. a smooth projective surface S) with dim $X = n \ge 3$, then by [4, (3.2.1) Theorem] and [2, Proposition 3.2.1] there exists an ample vector bundle \mathcal{E} of rank n (resp. n-1) on C (resp. S) such that $(X, L) \cong (\mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$ (resp. $(\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})))$).

Theorem 2.1 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold with $n = \dim X \ge 3$. Then (X, L) is one of the following types.

- (1) $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)).$
- (2) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1)).$
- (3) A scroll over a smooth projective curve.
- (4) $K_X \sim -(n-1)L$, that is, (X, L) is a Del Pezzo manifold.
- (5) A hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve.
- (6) $(\mathbb{P}_{S}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where S is a smooth projective surface, \mathcal{E} is an ample vector bundle of rank n-1 on S and $H(\mathcal{E})$ is the tautological line bundle on $\mathbb{P}_{S}(\mathcal{E})$.
- (7) Let (M, A) be a reduction of (X, L).
 - (7.1) n = 4, $(M, A) = (\mathbb{P}^4, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2))$.
 - (7.2) n = 3, $(M, A) = (\mathbb{Q}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^3}(2))$.
 - (7.3) n = 3, $(M, A) = (\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3))$.
 - (7.4) n = 3, M is a \mathbb{P}^2 -bundle over a smooth curve C and $(F', A|_{F'}) \cong (\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$ for any fiber F' of it.
 - (7.5) $K_M + (n-2)A$ is nef.

Proof. See [2, Proposition 7.2.2, Theorems 7.2.4, 7.3.2 and 7.3.4]. See also [7, Chapter II, (11.2), (11.7), and (11.8)].

Notation 2.1 (See [7, (13.10) Chapter II].) Let (M, A) be a \mathbb{P}^2 -bundle over a smooth curve Cand $A|_F = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)$ for any fiber F of it. Let $f: M \to C$ be the fibration and $\mathcal{E} := f_*(K_M + 2A)$. Then \mathcal{E} is a locally free sheaf of rank 3 on C, and $M \cong \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E})$ such that $H(\mathcal{E}) = K_M + 2A$. In this case, $A = 2H(\mathcal{E}) + f^*(B)$ for a line bundle B on C, and by the canonical bundle formula $K_M = -3H(\mathcal{E}) + f^*(K_C + \det \mathcal{E})$. Here we set $e := c_1(\mathcal{E})$ and $b := \deg B$.

Definition 2.2 Let \mathcal{F} be a vector bundle on a smooth projective variety X. Then for every integer j with $j \geq 0$, the *j*th Segre class $s_j(\mathcal{F})$ of \mathcal{F} is defined by the following equation: $c_t(\mathcal{F}^{\vee})s_t(\mathcal{F}) = 1$, where $\mathcal{F}^{\vee} := Hom_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{O}_X), c_t(\mathcal{F}^{\vee})$ is the Chern polynomial of \mathcal{F}^{\vee} and $s_t(\mathcal{F}) = \sum_{j \geq 0} s_j(\mathcal{F})t^j$.

Remark 2.2 (a) Let \mathcal{F} be a vector bundle on a smooth projective variety X. Let $\tilde{s}_j(\mathcal{F})$ be the *j*th Segre class which is defined in [19, Chapter 3]. Then $s_j(\mathcal{F}) = \tilde{s}_j(\mathcal{F}^{\vee})$.

(b) For every integer *i* with $1 \leq i$, $s_i(\mathcal{F})$ can be written by using the Chern classes $c_j(\mathcal{F})$ with $1 \leq j \leq i$. (For example, $s_1(\mathcal{F}) = c_1(\mathcal{F})$, $s_2(\mathcal{F}) = c_1(\mathcal{F})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{F})$, and so on.)

Definition 2.3 Let L_1, \ldots, L_m be ample line bundles on a smooth projective variety X. Then (X, L_1, \ldots, L_m) is called a *multi-polarized manifold of type m*.

3 Definition and fundamental results

In this section, we will give the definition of the generalized sectional class $\operatorname{cl}_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G})$ for ample vector bundles \mathcal{E} , \mathcal{F}_1 , \mathcal{F}_2 and \mathcal{G} on X with rank $\mathcal{E} = r \leq \dim X$, rank $\mathcal{F}_1 = r + 1$, rank $\mathcal{F}_2 = r + 1$ and rank $\mathcal{G} = r + 2$. Moreover we will give some fundamental results.

Definition 3.1 (See also [16, Definition 2.1.3].) Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n and let \mathcal{E} be a vector bundle on X. Let r be the rank of \mathcal{E} . Assume that $r \leq n$. For every integer j with $0 \leq j \leq n - r$ we set

$$C_j^{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) := \sum_{k=0}^j c_k(X) s_{j-k}(\mathcal{E}^{\vee}).$$

Definition 3.2 (See also [16, Definitions 3.1.1 and 3.2.1].) Let (X, \mathcal{E}) be a generalized polarized manifold of dimension n with $1 \leq \operatorname{rank} \mathcal{E} = r \leq n$. (Here we use notation in Definition 3.1.) Then the *i*th c_r -sectional Euler number $e_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E})$ of (X, \mathcal{E}) and the c_r -sectional Betti number $b_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E})$ of (X, \mathcal{E}) are defined by the following.

$$\begin{aligned} e_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) &:= C_{n-r}^{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E})c_r(\mathcal{E}) \\ b_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) &:= \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-r} \left(e_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-r-1} 2(-1)^j h^j(X,\mathbb{C}) \right), & \text{if } r < n, \\ e_{n,n}(X,\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } r = n. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Remark 3.1 If n - r is odd, then $e_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E})$ is even.

Proof. First we note that r < n because n - r is odd. Then by the definition of $b_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E})$, we have

$$e_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) = 2\sum_{j=0}^{n-r-1} (-1)^j h^j(X,\mathbb{C}) + (-1)^{n-r} b_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}).$$

On the other hand, since n - r is odd, $b_{n-r}(X, \mathcal{E})$ is even by [16, Theorem 4.1]. Hence $e_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E})$ is even.

Definition 3.3 ([16, Definition 5.1.1]) Let $(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i})$ be a multi-polarized manifold of dimension n, where i is an integer with $0 \le i \le n-1$. Then we define the *i*th sectional Euler number $e_i(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i})$ and the *i*th sectional Betti number $b_i(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i})$ are defined as follows.

$$e_i(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}) := e_{n,n-i}(X, L_1 \oplus \dots \oplus L_{n-i}),$$

$$b_i(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}) := b_{n,n-i}(X, L_1 \oplus \dots \oplus L_{n-i}).$$

Proposition 3.1 Let *i* be an integer with $0 \le i \le n-1$ and let $(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i})$ be a multipolarized manifold of type n-i. Assume that a line bundle *L* is ample and $L_k = L$ for every integer *k* with $1 \le k \le n-i$. Then we have

$$e_i(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}) = e_i(X, L), \quad b_i(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}) = b_i(X, L).$$

Here $e_i(X, L)$ (resp. $b_i(X, L)$) is the *i*th sectional Euler number (resp. the *i*th sectional Betti number) which was defined in [13, Definition 3.1 (1) and (2)].

Proof. See [16, Proposition 5.2.1].

Definition 3.4 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n. Let \mathcal{E} , \mathcal{F}_1 , \mathcal{F}_2 and \mathcal{G} be ample vector bundles on X with rank $\mathcal{E} = r$, rank $\mathcal{F}_1 = r + 1$, rank $\mathcal{F}_2 = r + 1$ and rank $\mathcal{G} = r + 2$. Assume that $r \leq n$. Then the generalized sectional class $cl_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G})$ is defined by the following.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{cl}_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E};\mathcal{F}_{1},\mathcal{F}_{2};\mathcal{G}) \\ &:= \begin{cases} (-1)^{n-r} \{ e_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) - e_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_{1}) - e_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_{2}) + e_{n,r+2}(X,\mathcal{G}) \}, & \text{ if } r \leq n-2. \\ -e_{n,n-1}(X,\mathcal{E}) + e_{n,n}(X,\mathcal{F}_{1}) + e_{n,n}(X,\mathcal{F}_{2}), & \text{ if } r = n-1. \\ e_{n,n}(X,\mathcal{E}), & \text{ if } r = n. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Remark 3.2 If n-r is odd and $\mathcal{F}_1 = \mathcal{F}_2 = \mathcal{F}$, then by Remark 3.1 we see that $cl_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}; \mathcal{G})$ is even.

Here we will consider a special case.

Definition 3.5 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension $n \ge 1$. Let i be an integer with $0 \le i \le n$. Let $L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}, A_1, A_2$ be ample line bundles on X. Then the *i*th sectional class of $(X, L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}; A_1, A_2)$ is defined by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{cl}_{i}(X,L_{1},\ldots,L_{n-i};A_{1},A_{2}) \\ &:= \begin{cases} \mathrm{cl}_{n,n-i}(X,L_{1}\oplus\cdots\oplus L_{n-i};L_{1}\oplus\cdots\oplus L_{n-i}\oplus A_{1},\\ L_{1}\oplus\cdots\oplus L_{n-i}\oplus A_{2};L_{1}\oplus\cdots\oplus L_{n-i}\oplus A_{1}\oplus A_{2}), & \text{ if } 0\leq i\leq n-1.\\ (-1)^{n}\left\{e(X)-e_{n-1}(X,A_{1})-e_{n-1}(X,A_{2})+e_{n-2}(X,A_{1},A_{2})\right\}, & \text{ if } i=n\geq 2.\\ -e(X)+\deg A_{1}+\deg A_{2}, & \text{ if } i=n=1. \end{cases}$$

Remark 3.3 (1) Assume that $0 \le i \le n-1$. By Definition 3.4 and [16, Definition 5.1.1] we have

(2) If *i* is odd and $A_1 = A_2 = A$, then by Remark 3.2 we see that $cl_i(X, L_1, ..., L_{n-i}; A, A)$ is even. (3) If i = 0, then $cl_0(X, L_1, ..., L_n; A_1, A_2) = L_1 \cdots L_n$.

Definition 3.6 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension n and let i be an integer with $0 \le i \le n$. Then the *i*th sectional class of (X, L) is defined by the following:

$$\operatorname{cl}_i(X,L) := \operatorname{cl}_i(X,\underbrace{L,\ldots,L}_{n-i};L,L).$$

Proposition 3.2 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension n. For any integer i with $0 \le i \le n$, the following holds.

$$cl_i(X,L) = \sum_{t=0}^{i} (-1)^{i-t} \binom{n-i+t+1}{t} c_{i-t}(X) L^{n-i+t}.$$

Proof. By the definition of the *i*th sectional Euler number $e_i(X, L)$ of (X, L) (see [13, Definition 3.1 (1)]), we have

$$e_i(X,L) = \sum_{l=0}^{i} (-1)^l \binom{n-i+l-1}{l} c_{i-l}(X) L^{n-i+l}.$$

Hence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{cl}_{i}(X,L) &= (-1)^{i} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{i} (-1)^{l} \binom{n-i+l-1}{l} c_{i-l}(X) L^{n-i+l} - 2 \sum_{l=0}^{i-1} (-1)^{l} \binom{n-i+l}{l} c_{i-1-l}(X) L^{n-i+l+1} \right) \\ &+ \sum_{l=0}^{i-2} (-1)^{l} \binom{n-i+l+1}{l} c_{i-2-l}(X) L^{n-i+l+2} \end{aligned}$$
$$= (-1)^{i} \left(\sum_{l=2}^{i} (-1)^{l} \left\{ \binom{n-i+l-1}{l} + 2\binom{n-i+l-1}{l-1} + \binom{n-i+l-1}{l-2} \right\} c_{i-l}(X) L^{n-i+l} + c_{i}(X) L^{n-i} - (n-i) c_{i-1}(X) L^{n-i+1} - 2 c_{i-1}(X) L^{n-i+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= (-1)^{i} \left(\sum_{l=2}^{i} (-1)^{l} \binom{n-i+l+1}{l} c_{i-l}(X) L^{n-i+l} - (n-i+2)c_{i-1}(X) L^{n-i+1} + c_{i}(X) L^{n-i} \right)$$
$$= (-1)^{i} \left(\sum_{l=0}^{i} (-1)^{l} \binom{n-i+l+1}{l} c_{i-l}(X) L^{n-i+l} \right).$$

Therefore we get the assertion.

Remark 3.4 (i) By [2, Lemma 1.6.4] we have $cl_i(X, L) = c_i(J_1(L))L^{n-i}$, where $J_1(L)$ is the first jet bundle of L.

(ii) Assume that L is very ample. Then there exists a sequence of smooth subvarieties $X \supset X_1 \supset \cdots \supset X_{n-i}$ such that $X_j \in |L_{j-1}|$ and dim $X_j = n-j$ for every integer j with $1 \leq j \leq n-i$, where $L_j = L_{j-1}|_{X_j}$. In particular, X_{n-i} is a smooth projective variety of dimension i and L_j is a very ample line bundle on X_j . Then $cl_i(X, L)$ is equal to the class of (X_{n-i}, L_{n-i}) .

Remark 3.5 ([20, II-1]) Let X be an n-dimensional smooth projective variety and let L be a very ample line bundle on X. Let $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$ be the embedding defined by |L|. For every integer i with $0 \le i \le n$, Severi defined the notion of the *i*th rank $r_i(X)$ of X as follows.

$$r_i(X) = \int L^i(L^{\vee})^{N-1-i}(CX).$$

Here CX denotes the conormal variety, X^{\vee} denotes the dual variety of X and $L^{\vee} = \mathcal{O}_{X^{\vee}}(1)$. Then we see that $r_i(X) = cl_{n-i}(X, L)$ (see [20, (6) Theorem in II]). We also note that if i = 0, then $r_0(X) = cl_n(X, L)$ is called the *class* of X.

Definition 3.7 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n, and let $\phi : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$ be an embedding. Assume that X is non-degenerate in \mathbb{P}^N . Let $X^{\vee} \subset (\mathbb{P}^N)^{\vee}$ be the dual variety of X. Then we set

$$def(X,\phi) := \operatorname{codim}_{(\mathbb{P}^N)^{\vee}} X^{\vee} - 1.$$

$$\operatorname{codeg}(X,\phi) := \deg X^{\vee}.$$

Next we will give a generalization of these numbers. First we note the following proposition.

Proposition 3.3 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension n. Assume that L is very ample. Let $\phi_L : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$ be the embedding defined by L. Then

$$def(X, \phi_L) = \min\{ i \mid 0 \le i \le n, \ cl_{n-i}(X, L) \ne 0 \}$$

$$codeg(X, \phi_L) = cl_{n-def(X, \phi_L)}(X, L).$$

Proof. By [3, (0.3.1) Lemma and (0.3.2) Remark] and Remark 3.4 (i), we get the assertion.

Definition 3.8 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n, and let L, A_1 and A_2 ample line bundles on X.

(i) The *deficiency* of $(X, L; A_1, A_2)$ is defined by the following.

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$$def(X, L; A_1, A_2) := \min\{ i \mid 0 \le i \le n, \ cl_{n-i}(X, L, \dots, L; A_1, A_2) \ne 0 \}$$

(ii) The *codegree* of $(X, L; A_1, A_2)$ is defined by the following.

 $codeg(X, L; A_1, A_2) := cl_{n-k}(X, L, \dots, L; A_1, A_2),$

where $k = def(X, L; A_1, A_2)$.

(iii) If $A_1 = A_2 = L$, then

$$def(X, L) := def(X, L; L, L)$$

$$codeg(X, L) := codeg(X, L; L, L)$$

Here we note that the following holds if L is very ample.

Proposition 3.4 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n, and let L be a very ample line bundle on X. Let $\phi_L : X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$ be the embedding defined by L. Then $def(X, L) = def(X, \phi_L)$ and $codeg(X, L) = codeg(X, \phi_L)$.

Proof. By Proposition 3.3, we have $def(X, \phi_L) = min\{i \mid 0 \le i \le n, cl_{n-i}(X, L) \ne 0\}$. Hence

$$def(X, L) = def(X, L; L, L) = \min\{ i \mid 0 \le i \le n, \ cl_{n-i}(X, L, \dots, L; L, L) \ne 0 \}$$

= min{ i \ 0 \le i \le n, \ cl_{n-i}(X, L) \neq 0 }
= def(X, \phi_L)

Therefore we get the first assertion.

By Definition 3.8 and Proposition 3.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{codeg}(X,L) &= \operatorname{codeg}(X,L;L,L) \\ &= \operatorname{cl}_{n-\operatorname{def}(X,L;L,L)}(X,L,\ldots,L;L,L) \\ &= \operatorname{cl}_{n-\operatorname{def}(X,L)}(X,L) \\ &= \operatorname{cl}_{n-\operatorname{def}(X,\phi_L)}(X,L) \\ &= \operatorname{codeg}(X,\phi_L). \end{aligned}$$

So we get the second assertion.

When L is very ample, the following shows that we can calculate codeg(X, L) by using the sectional Euler numbers.

Proposition 3.5 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n, and let L be a very ample line bundle on X. Then the following equality holds.

$$\operatorname{codeg}(X,L) = (-1)^{n-k} \left((k+1)e_n(X,L) - (k+2)e_{n-1}(X,L) + e_{n-k-2}(X,L) \right),$$

where k = def(X, L).

Proof. By Proposition 3.4 we have $\operatorname{codeg}(X, L) = \operatorname{codeg}(X, \phi_L)$. On the other hand, by [31, Proposition 2] or [32, Theorem 10.6] we see

$$\operatorname{codeg}(X,\phi_L) = (-1)^{n-k} \left((k+1)e(X) - (k+2)e(X_1) + e(X_{k+2}) \right),$$

where k = def(X, L) and we use notation in Remark 3.4 (ii). Since $e_n(X, L) = e(X)$, $e_{n-1}(X, L) = e(X_1)$ and $e_{n-k-2}(X, L) = e(X_{k+2})$, we get the assertion.

Problem 3.1 Does the equality in Proposition 3.5 hold for any ample line bundle L?

Next we will prove the following which is useful in order to classify (X, L) by the value of $\operatorname{cl}_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G})$ (see also [20, (18) Lemma in II]).

Proposition 3.6 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n and let i be an integer. Let $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ and \mathcal{G} be ample vector bundles on X with rank $\mathcal{E} = r$, rank $\mathcal{F}_1 = r + 1$, rank $\mathcal{F}_2 = r + 1$ and rank $\mathcal{G} = r + 2$. Assume that $1 \leq r \leq n$. Then the following holds.

$$cl_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E};\mathcal{F}_{1},\mathcal{F}_{2};\mathcal{G}) \\ := \begin{cases} b_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) - b_{n-r-2}(X) + b_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_{1}) - b_{n-r-1}(X) \\ + b_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_{2}) - b_{n-r-1}(X) + b_{n,r+2}(X,\mathcal{G}) - b_{n-r-2}(X), & \text{if } 1 \le r \le n-2, \\ b_{n,n-1}(X,\mathcal{E}) + b_{n,n}(X,\mathcal{F}_{1}) - b_{0}(X) + b_{n,n}(X,\mathcal{F}_{2}) - b_{0}(X), & \text{if } r = n-1, \\ b_{n,n}(X,\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } r = n. \end{cases}$$

Proof. Here we note the following.

$$e_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) = 2\sum_{j=0}^{n-r-1} (-1)^j b_j(X) + (-1)^{n-r} b_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}),$$
(1)

$$e_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_k) = 2\sum_{j=0}^{n-r-2} (-1)^j b_j(X) + (-1)^{n-r-1} b_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_k)$$
(2)

$$e_{n,r+2}(X,\mathcal{G}) = 2\sum_{j=0}^{n-r-3} (-1)^j b_j(X) + (-1)^{n-r-2} b_{n,r+2}(X,\mathcal{G}).$$
(3)

Since

$$(-1)^{i} \left(2\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (-1)^{j} b_{j}(X) - 4\sum_{j=0}^{i-2} (-1)^{j} b_{j}(X) + 2\sum_{j=0}^{i-3} (-1)^{j} b_{j}(X) \right)$$

= $(-1)^{i} \left((-1)^{i-1} 2b_{i-1}(X) + (-1)^{i-2} 2b_{i-2}(X) - (-1)^{i-2} 4b_{i-2}(X) \right)$
= $-2b_{i-1}(X) - 2b_{i-2}(X),$

we get the assertion by substituting the above three equations (1), (2) and (3) for the formula in Definition 3.4. $\hfill \Box$

Corollary 3.1 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n and let i be an integer with $0 \le i \le n-1$. Let $L_1, \ldots, L_{n-i}, A_1, A_2$ be ample line bundles on X. Then the following holds.

Proof. By setting $\mathcal{E} = L_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_{n-i}$, $\mathcal{F}_1 = L_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_{n-i} \oplus A_1$, $\mathcal{F}_2 = L_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_{n-i} \oplus A_2$ and $\mathcal{G} = L_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_{n-i} \oplus A_1 \oplus A_2$, we get the assertion from Proposition 3.6.

Next we study the non-negativity of the generalized sectional class.

Theorem 3.1 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n and let i be an integer with $0 \le i \le n-1$. Let \mathcal{E} , \mathcal{F}_1 , \mathcal{F}_2 and \mathcal{G} be ample and spanned vector vector bundles on X with rank $\mathcal{E} = r$, rank $\mathcal{F}_1 = r+1$, rank $\mathcal{F}_2 = r+1$ and rank $\mathcal{G} = r+2$. (i) Assume that $r \le n-1$. Then $cl_{n,r}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G}) \ge 0$.

(ii) Assume that r = n. Then $cl_{n,n}(X, \mathcal{E}) > 0$.

Proof. (i) First we assume that $r \leq n-2$. Then by Proposition 3.6, we get

$$cl_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E};\mathcal{F}_1,\mathcal{F}_2;\mathcal{G}) = b_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) - b_{n-r-2}(X) + b_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_1) - b_{n-r-1}(X) + b_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_2) - b_{n-r-1}(X) + b_{n,r+2}(X,\mathcal{G}) - b_{n-r-2}(X).$$

Since $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2, \mathcal{G}$ are ample and spanned, by [16, Proposition 4.1] we have

$$b_{n,r}(X,\mathcal{E}) \geq b_{n-r}(X)$$

$$b_{n,r+1}(X,\mathcal{F}_k) \geq b_{n-r-1}(X)$$

$$b_{n,r+2}(X,\mathcal{G}) \geq b_{n-r-2}(X).$$

On the other hand, we obtain $b_{n-r}(X) \ge b_{n-r-2}(X)$ by the hard Lefschetz theorem [27, Corollary 3.1.40]. Therefore we get the assertion.

Next we assume that r = n - 1. Then by definition we have $cl_{n,n-1}(X, \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2; \mathcal{G}) = (K_X + c_1(\mathcal{E}))c_{n-1}(\mathcal{E}) + c_n(\mathcal{F}_1) + c_n(\mathcal{F}_2)$. Since $(K_X + c_1(\mathcal{E}))c_{n-1}(\mathcal{E}) \ge -2$ by [28, Theorem 1], and the ampleness of \mathcal{F}_k implies $c_n(\mathcal{F}_k) \ge 1$, we have $cl_{n,n-1}(X, \mathcal{E}; A_1, A_2) \ge 0$.

(ii) Assume that r = n. Then $cl_{n,n}(X, \mathcal{E}) = c_n(\mathcal{E}) > 0$ since \mathcal{E} is ample. Therefore we get the assertion.

Remark 3.6 We do not need the assumption that \mathcal{E} , \mathcal{F}_1 and \mathcal{F}_2 are spanned when we consider the case where r = n - 1 or n.

By Definition 3.6 and Theorem 3.1 the following holds.

Corollary 3.2 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension n and let i be an integer with $0 \le i \le n-1$. Assume that L is base point free. Then $cl_i(X, L) \ge 0$.

Next we consider the value of the sectional class of a reduction of multi-polarized manifolds.

Definition 3.9 Let k be a positive integer.

- (1) Let (X, L_1, \dots, L_k) and (Y, H_1, \dots, H_k) be *n*-dimensional multi-polarized manifolds of type *k*. Then (X, L_1, \dots, L_k) is called a *simple blowing up of a multi-polarized manifold* (Y, H_1, \dots, H_k) of type *k* if there exists a blowing up $\pi : X \to Y$ at a point $y \in Y$ such that $L_j = \pi^*(H_j) - E$ and $E|_E \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^{n-1}}(-1)$ for every integer *j* with $1 \leq j \leq k$, where $E \cong \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$ is the exceptional effective divisor.
- (2) A multi-polarized manifold $(\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{L_1}, \dots, \widetilde{L_k})$ of type k is called a reduction of (X, L_1, \dots, L_k) if there exists a birational morphism $\pi : X \to \widetilde{X}$ such that π is a composite of simple blowing ups and $(\widetilde{X}, \widetilde{L_1}, \dots, \widetilde{L_k})$ is not a simple blowing up of another multi-polarized manifold of type k. This π is called the reduction map.

Proposition 3.7 Let (X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}) be a multi-polarized manifold of type n-i with dim X = n, where *i* is an integer with $0 \le i \le n-1$. Let (Y, H_1, \dots, H_{n-i}) be a multi-polarized manifold of type n-i such that (X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}) is a composite of simple blowing ups of (Y, H_1, \dots, H_{n-i}) and let γ be the number of its simple blowing ups. Then

$$e_i(X, L_1, \cdots, L_{n-i}) = e_i(Y, H_1, \cdots, H_{n-i}) + (i-1)\gamma,$$

 $e(X) = e(Y) + (n-1)\gamma.$

Proof. See [16, Proposition 5.3.1] and its proof.

Proposition 3.8 Let $(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}, A_1, A_2)$ be a multi-polarized manifold of type n - i + 2 with dim X = n, where *i* is an integer with $0 \le i \le n - 1$. Let $(Y, H_1, \dots, H_{n-i}, B_1, B_2)$ be a multi-polarized manifold of type n - i + 2 such that $(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}, A_1, A_2)$ is a composite of simple blowing ups of $(Y, H_1, \dots, H_{n-i}, B_1, B_2)$ and let γ be the number of its simple blowing ups. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{cl}_i(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-i}; A_1, A_2) \\ & := \begin{cases} & \operatorname{cl}_0(Y, H_1, \dots, H_n; B_1, B_2) - \gamma, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ & \operatorname{cl}_1(Y, H_1, \dots, H_{n-1}; B_1, B_2) - 2\gamma, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ & \operatorname{cl}_i(Y, H_1, \dots, H_{n-i}; B_1, B_2), & \text{if } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ or } i = n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By Definition 3.5, Remark 3.3 and Proposition 3.7, we get the assertion.

Corollary 3.3 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 2$ and let (Y, H) be a polarized manifold such that (X, L) is a composite of simple blowing ups of (Y, H) and let γ be the number of its simple blowing ups. Then for every integer i with $0 \le i \le n-1$, we have

$$cl_i(X,L) := \begin{cases} cl_0(Y,H) - \gamma, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ cl_1(Y,H) - 2\gamma, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ cl_i(Y,H), & \text{if } 2 \le i \le n-1 \text{ or } i = n \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

Proof. By putting $L_1 := L, \dots, L_{n-i} := L, A_1 := L, A_2 := L, H_1 := H, \dots, H_{n-i} := H, B_1 := H$ and $B_2 := H$, we get the assertion by Proposition 3.8.

4 Calculations on the sectional class of some special polarized manifolds

Here we are going to calculate the *i*th sectional class $cl_i(X, L)$ of some special polarized manifolds (X, L) with $n = \dim X \ge 3$ by using its *i*th sectional Euler number $e_i(X, L)$. By Remark 3.3 (1) and Definitions 3.5 and 3.6, we have

$$cl_i(X,L) := \begin{cases} e_0(X,L), & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (-1)\{e_1(X,L) - 2e_0(X,L)\}, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ (-1)^i\{e_i(X,L) - 2e_{i-1}(X,L) + e_{i-2}(X,L)\}, & \text{if } 2 \le i \le n-1. \end{cases}$$

Example 4.1 (i) The case where (X, L) is $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$. Then by [17, Example 3.1] we have

$$\operatorname{cl}_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

(ii) The case where (X, L) is $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1))$.

Then by [17, Example 3.2] we have $cl_i(X, L) = 2$ for $0 \le i \le n$. In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 2.

(iii) The case where (X, L) is $(\mathbb{P}^4, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^4}(2))$.

Then by [17, Example 3.3] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 16, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 40, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 40, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 20, & \text{if } i = 3, \\ 5, & \text{if } i = 4. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 5. (iv) The case where (X, L) is $(\mathbb{Q}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^3}(2))$. Then by [17, Example 3.4] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 16, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 40, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 40, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 20, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 20. (v) The case where (X, L) is $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(3))$. Then by [17, Example 3.5] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 27, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 72, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 72, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 32, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 32.

(vi) The case where (X, L) is a Veronese fibration over a smooth curve C. Here we use Notation 2.1. Then by [17, Example 3.6] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 8e+12b, & \text{if } i=0, \\ 20e+28b, & \text{if } i=1, \\ 36e+47b, & \text{if } i=2, \\ 41e+52b, & \text{if } i=3. \end{cases}$$

First we note that

$$8e + 12b = L^3 \tag{4}$$

$$2g(C) - 2 + e + 2b = 0 \tag{5}$$

$$g(X,L) = 1 + 2e + 2b \tag{6}$$

Here we set $L^3 = 4m$. Then m is an integer with $m \ge 1$. We see from (4) and (5) that b = 4(1 - g(C)) - m and e = 6(g(C) - 1) + 2m. Therefore

$$cl_1(X, L) = 20e + 28b = 12m + 8(g(C) - 1) > 0.$$

Next we consider $cl_2(X, L)$. Then

$$cl_2(X, L) = 36e + 47b = 25m + 28(g(C) - 1).$$

If g(C) = 0 and m = 1, then we have e = -4 and b = 3. But then by (6) we have g(X, L) = -1 < 0and this is impossible. Hence $g(C) \ge 1$ or $m \ge 2$, and we get

$$cl_2(X, L) \ge 25m + 28(g(C) - 1) \ge 22.$$

Finally we consider $cl_3(X, L)$. Then

$$cl_3(X, L) = 41e + 52b = 30m + 38(g(C) - 1).$$

By the same argument as above, the case where g(C) = 0 and m = 1 does not occur. Hence $g(C) \ge 1$ or $m \ge 2$, and we get

$$cl_3(X, L) \ge 30m + 38(g(C) - 1) \ge 22.$$

Therefore def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 30m + 38(g(C) - 1). (vii) The case where (X, L) is a Del Pezzo manifold with $n = \dim X \ge 3$. Here we note that by [7, (8.11) Theorem], we have $L^n \le 8$ and (X, L) is one of the following: (vii.1) $(X, L) \cong (\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)).$

Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.1)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 8, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 16, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 12, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 4, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 4.

(vii.2) X is the blowing up of \mathbb{P}^3 at a point and $L = \pi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)) - E$, where $\pi : X \to \mathbb{P}^3$ is its birational morphism and E is the exceptional divisor. Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.2)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 7, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 14, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 12, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 4, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 4.

(vii.3) (X, L) is either

$$(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \otimes_{i=1}^3 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)), (\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \otimes_{i=1}^2 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)) \text{ or } (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2}), H(T_{\mathbb{P}^2}))$$

where p_i is the *i*th projection and $T_{\mathbb{P}^2}$ is the tangent bundle of \mathbb{P}^2 .

(vii.3.1) The case where $(X, L) \cong (\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \bigotimes_{i=1}^3 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)).$ Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.3.1)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 6, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 12, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 12, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 4, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 4.

(vii.3.2) The case where $(X, L) \cong (\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \bigotimes_{i=1}^2 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)).$ Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.3.2)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 6, & \text{if } i = 0\\ 12, & \text{if } i = 1\\ 12, & \text{if } i = 2\\ 6, & \text{if } i = 3\\ 3, & \text{if } i = 4 \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 3.

(vii.3.3) The case where $(X, L) \cong (\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(T_{\mathbb{P}^2}), H(T_{\mathbb{P}^2})).$ Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.3.3)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 6, & \text{if } i = 0\\ 12, & \text{if } i = 1\\ 12, & \text{if } i = 2\\ 6, & \text{if } i = 3 \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 6.

(vii.4) The case where (X, L) is a linear section of the Grassmann variety Gr(5, 2) parametrizing lines in \mathbb{P}^4 , embedded in \mathbb{P}^9 via the Plücker embedding. Then $3 \le n \le 6$ and $L^n = 5$. By [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.4)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 5, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 10, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 12, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 10, & \text{if } i = 3, \\ 5, & \text{if } i = 4 \text{ and } 4 \le n \le 6 \\ 0, & \text{if } i = 5 \text{ and } 5 \le n \le 6 \\ 0, & \text{if } i = 6 \text{ and } n = 6. \end{cases}$$

In this case, if n = 6 (resp. 5, 4, 3), then def(X, L) = 2 (resp. 1, 0, 0) and codeg(X, L) = 5 (resp. 5, 5, 10).

(vii.5) The case where (X, L) is a complete intersection of two hyperquadrics in \mathbb{P}^{n+2} . Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.5)] we have

$$\operatorname{cl}_i(X,L) = 4i + 4.$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 4n + 4.

(vii.6) The case where X is a hypercubic in \mathbb{P}^{n+1} and $L = \mathcal{O}_X(1)$. Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.6)] we have

$$\mathrm{cl}_i(X,L) = 3 \cdot 2^i.$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and $codeg(X, L) = 3 \cdot 2^n$. In general, the following holds by Definitions 3.5, 3.6 and [17, Lemma 3.3] (see also [20, (9) Proposition in II]).

Proposition 4.1 If X is a hypersurface of degree m in \mathbb{P}^{n+1} , then

 $cl_i(X,L) = m(m-1)^i$, def(X,L) = 0 and $codeg(X,L) = m(m-1)^n$.

(vii.7) The case where X is a double covering of \mathbb{P}^n branched along a smooth hypersurface of degree 4, and L is the pull-back of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$.

Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.7)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 4 \cdot 3^{i-1}, & \text{if } i \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and $codeg(X, L) = 4 \cdot 3^{n-1}$.

In general, we can prove the following by using [17, Lemma 3.4].

Proposition 4.2 If X is a double covering of \mathbb{P}^n branched along a smooth hypersurface of degree m, and L is the pull back of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$, then for $i \geq 1$ we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = m(m-1)^{i-1}, \ def(X,L) = 0 \ and \ codeg(X,L) = m(m-1)^{n-1}$$

(vii.8) The case where (X, L) is a weighted hypersurface of degree 6 in the weighted projective space $\mathbb{P}(3, 2, 1, \dots, 1)$.

Then by [17, Example 3.7 (3.7.8)] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 2, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 12 \cdot 5^{i-2}, & \text{if } i \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = 0 and $codeg(X, L) = 12 \cdot 5^{n-2}$.

(viii) The case where (X, L) is a hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve C. Here we use notation in Definition 2.1 (ii). Then by [17, Example 3.8] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 2e+b, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 6e+4b+4(g(C)-1), & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 8e+4ib+4(g(C)-1), & \text{if } i \ge 2. \end{cases}$$

Here we consider a lower bound of $cl_i(X, L)$ for $i \ge 1$.

Proposition 4.3 Let (X, L) be a hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve C. If $i \ge 1$, then $cl_i(X, L) \ge 4$.

Proof. Then we use the following inequalities.

$$2e + b > 0 \tag{7}$$

$$2e + (n+1)b \geq 0 \tag{8}$$

(A) First we consider the case i = 1. Then $g(X, L) \ge 2$ holds because (X, L) is a hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve. Hence by definition we have $cl_1(X, L) = 2(g(X, L) + L^n - 1) \ge 4$. (B) Next we consider the case $i \ge 2$. (B.1) If b < 0, then by (8) we have

$$2e + ib = 2e + (n + 1)b - (n + 1 - i)b$$

$$\geq -(n + 1 - i)b$$

$$\geq n + 1 - i.$$
(9)

Hence

$$cl_i(X, L) = 8e + 4ib + 4(g(C) - 1)$$

= 4(2e + ib) + 4(g(C) - 1)
$$\geq 4(n + 1 - i) + 4(g(C) - 1)$$

= 4(n - i) + 4g(C)
$$\geq 0.$$

If $cl_i(X, L) = 0$, then i = n and g(C) = 0. Then by (8) we have $0 = cl_i(X, L) = 4(2e + (n + 1)b) - 4b - 4 \ge -4b - 4 \ge 0$ and we get 2e + (n + 1)b = 0 and b = -1. Since g(C) = 0, we see that \mathcal{E} can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{E} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n} \mathcal{O}(e_i).$$

We may assume that $e_0 \leq \cdots \leq e_n$. Since b = -1, we see that $e_0 \geq 1$ by the same argument as in the proof of [5, Lemma (3.19)]. Hence

$$e = \sum_{i=0}^{n} e_i \ge n+1.$$

But this is impossible because

$$e = -\frac{(n+1)}{2}b = \frac{(n+1)}{2}.$$

Hence $cl_i(X, L) > 0$ in this case.

(B.2) If $b \ge 0$, then by (7) we have $2e + ib = 2e + b + (i-1)b \ge 1 + (i-1)b$. Hence

$$cl_i(X, L) = 8e + 4ib + 4(g(C) - 1)$$

 $\geq 4(i - 1)b + 4g(C)$
 $\geq 0.$

If $cl_i(X, L) = 0$, then b = 0 and g(C) = 0. Then we have $cl_i(X, L) = 8e - 4$. But since $cl_i(X, L) = 0$, we have $e = \frac{1}{2}$ and this is impossible. Therefore $cl_i(X, L) > 0$ holds in this case, too.

Since $cl_i(X, L)$ for $i \ge 2$ is divided by 4, we see that $cl_i(X, L) \ge 4$.

Hence we see from Proposition 4.3 that def(X, L) = 0 and codeg(X, L) = 8e + 4nb + 4(g(C) - 1).

(ix) The case where (X, L) is a scroll over a smooth curve C with $n = \dim X \ge 3$. Then there exists an ample vector bundle \mathcal{E} on C of rank n such that $X = \mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E})$ and $L = H(\mathcal{E})$. Then by [17, Example 3.9] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} s_1(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 2g(C) - 2 + 2c_1(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 1, \\ c_1(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \ge 3. \end{cases}$$

In this case, def(X, L) = n - 2 and $codeg(X, L) = c_1(\mathcal{E})$.

(x) The case where (X, L) is $(\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where S is a smooth surface and \mathcal{E} is an ample vector bundle of rank n - 1. Then by [17, Example 3.10] we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} s_2(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 0, \\ (s_1(\mathcal{E}) + K_S)s_1(\mathcal{E}) + 2s_2(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 1, \\ c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 2c_2(\mathcal{E}) + (c_1(\mathcal{E}) + K_S)c_1(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 3, \\ c_2(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 4 \text{ and } n \ge 4, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \ge 5 \text{ and } n \ge 5. \end{cases}$$

(x.1) Assume that $K_S + c_1(\mathcal{E})$ is not nef. Here we note that rank $\mathcal{E} \geq 2 = \dim S$. Then by a result of [34, Theorem 1] we see that $(S, \mathcal{E}) \cong (\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$. In this case, $c_2(S) = 3$, $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 4$, $K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = -6$, $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 1$, $s_2(\mathcal{E}) = 3$. So we get the following.

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 4, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 3, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 0, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

Hence in this case def(X, L) = 1 and codeg(X, L) = 3.

Remark 4.1 Here we note that if $(S, \mathcal{E}) \cong (\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$, then $(X, L) = (\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$ is a scroll over \mathbb{P}^1 .

(x.2) Next we consider the case where $K_S + c_1(\mathcal{E})$ is nef. Then the following holds.

Claim 4.1 $cl_i(X, L) > 0$ for every $0 \le i \le \min\{4, n\}$.

Proof. First of all, since \mathcal{E} is ample, we see from [19, Example 12.1.7] and Remark 2.2 that $cl_0(X,L) = s_2(\mathcal{E}) > 0$. Next we consider the case of $i \ge 1$. $(K_S + c_1(\mathcal{E}))c_1(\mathcal{E}) \ge 0$ because $K_S + c_1(\mathcal{E})$ is nef. Moreover $c_2(\mathcal{E}) > 0$ since \mathcal{E} is ample. Hence $cl_1(X,L) > 0$, $cl_3(X,L) > 0$ and $cl_4(X,L) > 0$ for $n \ge 4$. (Here we note that $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = s_1(\mathcal{E})$.) Finally we consider the case of $cl_2(X,L)$. We note the following.

- (a) If $\kappa(S) \ge 0$, then $c_2(S) \ge 0$.
- (b) If $\kappa(S) = -\infty$ and q(S) = 0, then $c_2(S) \ge 3$.
- (c) If $\kappa(S) = -\infty$ and $q(S) \ge 1$, then $c_2(S) \ge 4(1 q(S))$.

So if $\kappa(S) \ge 0$ or $\kappa(S) = -\infty$ and q(S) = 0, then

$$cl_2(X,L) = c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E})$$

$$\geq c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 > 0.$$

If $\kappa(S) = -\infty$ and $q(S) \ge 1$, then

$$cl_2(X,L) = c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E})$$

$$\geq c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 4(g(S,c_1(\mathcal{E})) - q(S)).$$

Since $\kappa(S) = -\infty$, we have $g(S, c_1(\mathcal{E})) \ge q(S)$ by [8, Theorem 2.1]. Therefore we get $cl_2(X, L) \ge c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 > 0$.

Therefore, in this case, we get $def(X, L) = max\{0, 4 - n\}$ and

$$\operatorname{codeg}(X,L) = \begin{cases} 2c_2(\mathcal{E}) + (c_1(\mathcal{E}) + K_S)c_1(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } n = 3, \\ c_2(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } n \ge 4. \end{cases}$$

In general, if X is a projective bundle over a smooth projective variety Y of dimension m with $\dim X \ge 2m$ and L is the tautological line bundle $H(\mathcal{E})$, then we can calculate $\operatorname{def}(X, L)$ and $\operatorname{codeg}(X, L)$.

Proposition 4.4 Let X be an n-dimensional projective bundle $P_Y(\mathcal{E})$ over a smooth projective variety Y of dimension m and let $H(\mathcal{E})$ be the tautological line bundle. Assume that $n \ge 2m$. Then $def(X, H(\mathcal{E})) = n - 2m$ and $codeg(X, H(\mathcal{E})) = c_m(\mathcal{E})$.

Proof. If
$$j - 2 \ge 2m - 1$$
, that is, $j \ge 2m + 1$, then by [15, Theorem 3.1 (3.1.1)] we have

$$cl_{j}(P_{Y}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})) = (-1)^{j}(e_{j}(P_{Y}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})) - 2e_{j-1}(P_{Y}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})) + e_{j-2}(P_{Y}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})))$$

$$= (-1)^{j}((j-m+1)c_{m}(Y) - 2(j-m)c_{m}(Y) + (j-m-1)c_{m}(Y))$$

$$= 0.$$

If j = 2m, then by [15, Theorem 3.1 (3.1.1) and (3.1.2)]

$$cl_{2m}(P_Y(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})) = (-1)^{2m} (e_{2m}(P_Y(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})) - 2e_{2m-1}(P_Y(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})) + e_{2m-2}(P_Y(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))) = ((m+1)c_m(Y) - 2mc_m(Y) + (m-1)c_m(Y) + c_m(\mathcal{E})) = c_m(\mathcal{E}) > 0.$$

Hence by Definition 3.8 we have

$$def(X, H(\mathcal{E})) = \min\{ i \mid cl_{n-i}(X, H(\mathcal{E})) \neq 0 \} = n - 2m.$$

$$codeg(X, H(\mathcal{E})) = c_m(\mathcal{E}).$$

This completes the proof.

Assume that (X, L) is a \mathbb{P}^{n-3} -bundle over a smooth projective variety Y with $n \geq 4$ and $\dim Y = 3$. Let \mathcal{E} be an ample vector bundle on Y such that $X \cong \mathbb{P}_Y(\mathcal{E})$ and $L = H(\mathcal{E})$. Then by [15, Theorem 3.1] $cl_i(X, L)$ is the following.

$$cl_{i}(X,L) = \begin{cases} s_{3}(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 3s_{3}(\mathcal{E}) + (s_{1}(\mathcal{E}) + K_{Y})s_{2}(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 3s_{3}(\mathcal{E}) + 12(s_{1}(\mathcal{E}) + K_{Y})s_{2}(\mathcal{E}) \\ + (s_{1}(\mathcal{E}) + K_{Y})s_{1}(\mathcal{E})^{2} + c_{2}(Y)s_{1}(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 2, \\ -c_{3}(Y) + 2c_{3}(\mathcal{E}) - 2c_{1}(\mathcal{E})c_{2}(\mathcal{E}) + 4c_{1}(\mathcal{E})^{3} \\ + 3K_{Y}c_{1}(\mathcal{E})^{2} + 2c_{2}(Y)c_{1}(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 3, \\ 3c_{3}(\mathcal{E}) + 12(c_{1}(\mathcal{E}) + K_{Y})c_{2}(\mathcal{E}) \\ + (c_{1}(\mathcal{E}) + K_{Y})c_{1}(\mathcal{E})^{2} + c_{2}(Y)c_{1}(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 4, \\ 3c_{3}(\mathcal{E}) + (c_{1}(\mathcal{E}) + K_{Y})c_{2}(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 5 \text{ and } n \ge 5, \\ c_{3}(\mathcal{E}), & \text{if } i = 6 \text{ and } n \ge 6, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \ge 7 \text{ and } n \ge 7. \end{cases}$$

By considering the above results, we can propose the following conjecture.

Conjecture 4.1 Assume that (X, L) is a \mathbb{P}^{n-m} -bundle over a smooth projective variety Y with dim Y = m. Let \mathcal{E} be an ample vector bundle on Y such that $X \cong \mathbb{P}_Y(\mathcal{E})$ and $L = H(\mathcal{E})$. Assume that $n \ge 2m$. For any integer i with $0 \le i \le m$ we set

$$F_i(s_1(\mathcal{E}),\ldots,s_m(\mathcal{E})) := \mathrm{cl}_i(X,L).$$

Then for any integer j with $m \leq j \leq 2m$ we have

$$\operatorname{cl}_j(X,L) = F_{2m-j}(c_1(\mathcal{E}),\ldots,c_m(\mathcal{E})).$$

In particular

$$F_m(s_1(\mathcal{E}),\ldots,s_m(\mathcal{E}))=F_m(c_1(\mathcal{E}),\ldots,c_m(\mathcal{E})).$$

Remark 4.2 This conjecture is true for the case where m = 1, 2 and 3.

By looking at the above examples, we see that $cl_{i+1}(X, L) = 0$ if $cl_i(X, L) = 0$. So we can propose the following problem.

Problem 4.1 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension n and let i be an integer with $0 \le i \le n-1$. Is it true that $cl_{i+1}(X, L) = 0$ if $cl_i(X, L) = 0$?

Remark 4.3 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$. Assume that L is spanned and $g(X, L) \le q(X) + 2$. Then (X, L) is one of the following types (see [9], [10] and [11]).

- (a) $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)).$
- (b) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1)).$
- (c) A scroll over a smooth curve.
- (d) A Del Pezzo manifold.
- (e) X is a double covering of \mathbb{P}^n branched along a smooth hypersurface of degree 6, and L is the pull-back of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$.
- (f) A scroll over a smooth surface S and (X, L) satisfies one of the types (2-1), (2-2) and (2-3) in [11, Theorem 3.3].
- (g) A hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve C and (X, L) satisfies one of the types (3-1) and (3-2) in [11, Theorem 3.3].

Here we calculate the *i*th sectional class of the above (X, L).

If (X, L) is the type (a) (resp. (b), (c) and (d)), then we have already calculated the *i*th sectional classes (see Example 4.1 (i), (ii), (vii), (ix)).

If (X, L) is the type (e), then by (vii.7) in Example 4.1, we have

$$\mathrm{cl}_i(X,L) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 2, & \quad \mathrm{if} \ i=0, \\ 6\cdot 5^{i-1}, & \quad \mathrm{if} \ i\geq 1. \end{array} \right.$$

Next we consider the case (f). Here we use the same notation as in [11, Theorem 3.3]. First we assume that (X, L) is the type (2-1) in [11, Theorem 3.3]. Then we have $K_S = -2H_\alpha - 2H_\beta$, $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 2H_\alpha + 3H_\beta$ and $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = (H_\alpha + 2H_\beta)(H_\alpha + H_\beta) = 3$. Hence $K_S^2 = 8$, $K_S c_1(\mathcal{E}) = -10$, $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 12$ and $L^n = s_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 9$. On the other hand since $c_2(S) = 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - K_S^2 = 4$, by [15, Corollary 3.1 (3.1.2)] we have

$$e_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 9, & \text{if } i = 0\\ -2, & \text{if } i = 1\\ 7, & \text{if } i = 2\\ 8, & \text{if } i = 3 \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 9, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 20, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 20, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 8, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

Next we consider the type (2-2) in [11, Theorem 3.3]. Then $K_S = -3H + E$ and $\mathcal{E} = (2H - E)^{\oplus 2}$. Hence $K_S^2 = 8$, $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = (4H - 2E)^2 = 12$, $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = (2H - E)^2 = 3$, $K_S c_1(\mathcal{E}) = -10$ and $s_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 9$. We also note that $c_2(S) = 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - K_S^2 = 4$. Hence we have

$$e_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 9, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ -2, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 7, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 8, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 9, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 20, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 20, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 8, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

Next we consider the type (2-3) in [11, Theorem 3.3]. Then $K_S = -2H(\mathcal{F}) + c_1(\mathcal{F})F = -2H(\mathcal{F}) + F$, $\mathcal{E} = H(\mathcal{F}) \otimes p^*\mathcal{G}$, $\deg \mathcal{G} = 1$ and $H(\mathcal{G})^2 = 1$. Hence $K_S^2 = 4H(\mathcal{F})^2 - 4 = 0$, $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = (2H(\mathcal{F}) + F)^2 = 8$, $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_2(p^*\mathcal{G}) + H(\mathcal{G})c_1(p^*\mathcal{G}) + H(\mathcal{G})^2 = 2$, $K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = -4H(\mathcal{G})^2 = -4$ and $s_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 6$. We also note that $c_2(S) = 12\chi(\mathcal{O}_S) - K_S^2 = 0$. Hence we have

$$e_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 6, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ -4, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 2, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 0, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

Therefore

$$\mathrm{cl}_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 6, & \text{ if } i = 0, \\ 16, & \text{ if } i = 1, \\ 16, & \text{ if } i = 2, \\ 8, & \text{ if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

Finally we consider the case (g).

First we assume that (X, L) is the type in the type (3-1) in [11, Theorem 3.3]. Then by Example 4.1 (viii) we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} 6, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 16, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 16, & \text{if } i = 2, \\ 8, & \text{if } i = 3. \end{cases}$$

Next we consider the type (3-2) in [11, Theorem 3.3]. Then e = d - 3 and b = 6 - d. So by Example 4.1 (viii) we have

$$cl_i(X,L) = \begin{cases} d, & \text{if } i = 0, \\ 2d + 2, & \text{if } i = 1, \\ 4(6-d)(i-1) + 4(d-1), & \text{if } 2 \le i \le n. \end{cases}$$

Here we note that $3 \le d \le 9$ holds in this case, and if d = 8 (resp. $d \ne 8$), then $3 \le n \le 4$ (resp. n = 3).

Remark 4.4 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$. Assume that q(X) = 0, L is spanned and g(X, L) = 3. Then (X, L) is one of (I-2), (III), (IV), (IV') and (V) in [18, Theorem 2.1]. Here we calculate the second sectional class of (X, L), which will be used in Theorem 6.3.

(A) First we consider the case (I-2) in [18, Theorem 2.1]. Then by Example 4.1 (viii) we have $cl_2(X, L) = 8e + 8b + 4(g(C) - 1) = 8e + 8b - 4 = 28$.

(B) Next we consider the case (III) in [18, Theorem 2.1].

(B.1a) If (X, L) is the type (III-1a), then n = 5 and $cl_2(X, L) = c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = 27$ by Example 4.1 (x).

(B.1b) If (X, L) is the type (III-1b), then n = 4. If $(S, \mathcal{E}) = (\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)^{\oplus 2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(2))$, then by Example 4.1 (x) we have $cl_2(X, L) = c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = 27$.

If $(S, \mathcal{E}) = (\mathbb{P}^2, T_{\mathbb{P}^2} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$, then by Example 4.1 (x) we have $cl_2(X, L) = c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = 27$.

(B.1c) If (X, L) is the type (III-1c), then $S \cong \mathbb{P}^2$, rank $\mathcal{E} = 2$ and $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(4)$. Hence $cl_2(X, L) = c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = 27$.

(B.2) If (X, L) is the type (III-2), then S is a Del Pezzo surface with $K_S^2 = 2$ and \mathcal{E} is an ample vector bundle of rank two on S with $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 8$ and $K_S c_1(\mathcal{E}) = -4$. Hence $c_2(X, L) = c_2(S) + 3c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 + 2K_S c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 26$.

(C) Next we consider the case (IV) in [18, Theorem 2.1]. By Proposition 4.1 we have $cl_2(X, L) = 4 \cdot 3^2 = 36$.

(D) Next we consider the case (IV') in [18, Theorem 2.1]. Since $cl_2(X, L)$ and $cl_3(X, L)$ are invariant under simple blowing ups by Corollary 3.3, we have $cl_2(X, L) = 4 \cdot 3^2 = 36$.

(E) Next we consider the case (V) in [18, Theorem 2.1].

(E.1) If (X, L) is the type (V-1), then by Proposition 4.2 we have $cl_2(X, L) = 8 \cdot 7^1 = 56$. (E.2) If (X, L) is the type (V-2), then (X, L) is a Mukai manifold, that is, $\mathcal{O}_X(K_X + (n-2)L) = \mathcal{O}_X$. Hence by [12, Example 2.10 (7)] we have $g_2(X, L) = 1$ and $\chi_2^H(X, L) = 1 - h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + g_2(X, L) = 2$, where $\chi_2^H(X, L)$ is the second sectional H-arithmetic genus of (X, L) (see [13, Definition 2.2 and Remark 2.1 (5)]). Furthermore by [14, Proposition 3.1] we have

$$h_2^{1,1}(X,L) = 10\chi_2^H(X,L) - (K_X + (n-2)L)^2 L^{n-2} + 2h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

= 20.

Here $h_2^{1,1}(X, L)$ denotes the second sectional Hodge number of type (1, 1) (see [13, Definition 3.1 (3)]). Hence by [13, Theorem 3.1 (3.1.1), (3.1.3) and (3.1.4)] we get $b_2(X, L) = 2g_2(X, L) + h_2^{1,1}(X, L) = 22$. Since $b_1(X, L) = 2g_1(X, L) = 6$ and $b_0(X, L) = L^n$, we have

$$e_{2}(X,L) = 2b_{0}(X) - 2b_{1}(X) + b_{2}(X,L)$$

$$= 2 - 2 \cdot 0 + 22 = 24,$$

$$e_{1}(X,L) = 2b_{0}(X) - b_{1}(X,L)$$

$$= 2 - 6 = -4,$$

$$e_{0}(X,L) = b_{0}(X,L)$$

$$= 4.$$

Therefore we get $cl_2(X, L) = 24 - 2(-4) + 4 = 36$.

Remark 4.5 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$ such that $h^0(L) \ge n+1$ and $L^n \le 2$. Then we see that $\Delta(X, L) \le 1$, and (X, L) is one of the following types.

- (i) $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)).$
- (ii) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1)).$
- (iii) X is a double covering of \mathbb{P}^n whose branch locus is of degree 2g(X, L) + 2 and L is the pull back of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$. In this case we see that $g(X, L) \ge 1$, and if g(X, L) = 1, then (X, L) is a Del Pezzo manifold.

Here we calculate $cl_i(X, L)$. If (X, L) is the type (i) (resp. (ii)), then we get values of $cl_i(X, L)$ from Example 4.1 (i) (resp. Example 4.1 (ii)).

If (X, L) is the type (iii), then by Proposition 4.2 we have $cl_i(X, L) = (2g(X, L) + 2)(2g(X, L) + 1)^{i-1}$ for $i \ge 1$ and $cl_0(X, L) = 2$.

5 The case where i = 1

In this section, we consider the case where i = 1. Here we assume that $n \ge 3$. In this case we have

$$cl_1(X,L) = -e_1(X,L) + 2e_0(X,L)$$
(10)
= 2g_1(X,L) - 2 + 2Lⁿ.

Since $g_1(X,L) \ge 0$ and $L^n \ge 1$, we see that $cl_1(X,L) \ge 0$. We also note that $c_1(X,L)$ is even.

Next we consider a classification of (X, L) with small $cl_1(X, L)$.

(1) First we consider the case where $cl_1(X, L) = 0$.

Proposition 5.1 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$. If $cl_1(X, L) = 0$, then (X, L) is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$.

Proof. If $cl_1(X, L) = 0$, then we have $g_1(X, L) = 0$ and $L^n = 1$ from (10). Therefore we see from [7, (12.1) Theorem and (5.10) Theorem] that (X, L) is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$.

(2) Next we consider the case where $cl_1(X, L) = 2$.

Proposition 5.2 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$. If $cl_1(X, L) = 2$, then (X, L) is one of the following types.

- (a) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1)).$
- (b) A Del Pezzo manifold and $L^n = 1$.
- (c) A scroll over an elliptic curve and $L^n = 1$.

Proof. Then by (10) we have $(g_1(X, L), L^n) = (0, 2)$ or (1, 1). If (X, L) is the first type, then by [7, (12.1) Theorem and (5.10) Theorem] (X, L) is the type (a) above. If (X, L) is the last type, then we see from [7, (12.3) Theorem] that (X, L) is either the type (b) or the type (c) above. \Box

(3) Next we consider the case where $cl_1(X, L) = 4$.

Proposition 5.3 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$. If $cl_1(X, L) = 4$, then (X, L) is one of the following types.

- (a) $(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E})), \text{ where } \mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1).$
- (b) A Del Pezzo manifold and $L^n = 2$.
- (c) A scroll over an elliptic curve and $L^n = 2$.
- (d) $K_X = (3 n)L$ and $L^n = 1$.
- (e) (X, L) is a simple blowing up of (M, A), where M is a double covering of \mathbb{P}^n with branch locus being a smooth hypersurface of degree 6 and $A = \pi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$, where $\pi : M \to \mathbb{P}^n$ is its double covering.
- (f) $(\mathbb{P}_{S}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where (S, \mathcal{E}) is one of the types 1), 2-i) and 4-b) in [6, (2.25) Theorem].
- (g) A hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve C. In this case C is one of the following types (here we use the notation in Definition 2.1 (ii)):
 - (g.1) C is an elliptic curve, b = 1 and e = 0.
 - (g.2) C is \mathbb{P}^1 and $\mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(-1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ and b = 5.
- (h) $(\mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where C is a smooth curve of genus two and \mathcal{E} is an ample vector bundle of rank n on C with $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 1$.

Proof. By (10) we have $(g_1(X,L),L^n) = (0,3)$, (1,2) or (2,1). If $(g_1(X,L),L^n) = (0,3)$, then by [7, (12.1) Theorem and (5.10) Theorem] (X,L) is the type (a) above. If $(g_1(X,L),L^n) =$ (1,2), then we see from [7, (12.3) Theorem] that (X,L) is either the type (b) or (c) above. If $(g_1(X,L),L^n) = (2,1)$, then by using a list of a classification of polarized manifolds with $g_1(X,L) =$ 2 and $L^n = 1$ (see [5, (1.10) Theorem, (3.7) and (3.30) Theorem]) we see that (X,L) is one of the types from (c) to (h) above.

6 The case where i = 2

If i = 2 and $\kappa(X) \ge 0$, then we can get the following lower bound.

Theorem 6.1 Let X be a smooth projective variety of dimension n with $\kappa(X) \geq 0$ and Let $L_1, \ldots, L_{n-2}, A_1, A_2$ be ample line bundles on X. Then the following inequality holds.

$$cl_{2}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}; A_{1}, A_{2}) \geq \frac{1}{2n} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_{j} \right)^{2} L_{1} \cdots L_{n-2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_{j}^{2} \right) L_{1} \cdots L_{n-2} + (L_{1} + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_{1}) L_{1} \cdots L_{n-2} A_{1} + (L_{1} + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_{2}) L_{1} \cdots L_{n-2} A_{2} + L_{1} \cdots L_{n-2} A_{1} A_{2}.$$

Proof. First we note that

$$cl_{2}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}; A_{1}, A_{2})$$

$$= b_{2}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}) - b_{0}(X) + b_{1}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}, A_{1}) - b_{1}(X)$$

$$+ b_{1}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}, A_{2}) - b_{1}(X) + b_{0}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}, A_{1}, A_{2}) - b_{0}(X)$$

$$= e_{2}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}) + 2g_{1}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}, A_{1})$$

$$+ 2g_{1}(X, L_{1}, \dots, L_{n-2}, A_{2}) + L_{1} \dots L_{n-2}A_{1}A_{2} - 4.$$

From [16, Theorem 5.3.1], we have

$$e_2(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-2}) \ge \frac{1}{2n} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j\right)^2 L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j^2\right) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{cl}_2(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-2}; A_1, A_2) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2n} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j \right)^2 L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j^2 \right) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} \\ & + 2g_1(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-2}, A_1) + 2g_1(X, L_1, \dots, L_{n-2}, A_2) + L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_1 A_2 - 4 \\ & = \frac{1}{2n} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j \right)^2 L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j^2 \right) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} \\ & + (K_X + L_1 + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_1) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_1 \\ & + (K_X + L_1 + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_2) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_2 + L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_1 A_2 \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2n} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j \right)^2 L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-2} L_j^2 \right) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} \\ & + (L_1 + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_1) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_1 + (L_1 + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_2) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_1 \\ & + (L_1 + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_1) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_1 + (L_1 + \dots + L_{n-2} + A_2) L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_2 \\ & + L_1 \cdots L_{n-2} A_1 A_2. \end{split}$$

Therefore we get the assertion.

Here we classify polarized manifolds (X, L) such that L is spanned and $cl_2(X, L) \leq 15$.

Theorem 6.2 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold (X, L) with dim $X = n \ge 3$. Assume that L is spanned and $cl_2(X, L) \le 15$. Then (X, L) is one of the following.

- (a) $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$. In this case $cl_2(X, L) = 0$.
- (b) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1))$. In this case $cl_2(X, L) = 2$.
- (c) A scroll over a smooth curve. In this case $3 \leq cl_2(X,L) \leq 15$.
- (d) $(\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where $(S, \mathcal{E}) \cong (\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$. In this case $cl_2(X, L) = 3$.
- (e) A Del Pezzo manifold (X, L). In this case $cl_2(X, L) = 12$.

Proof. We note that

$$cl_2(X,L) = e_2(X,L) - 2e_1(X,L) + e_0(X,L) = b_2(X,L) - b_0(X) + 2(b_1(X,L) - b_1(X)) + b_0(X,L) - b_0(X) = (b_2(X,L) - b_2(X)) + (b_2(X) - b_0(X)) + 4(g_1(X,L) - h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)) + (b_0(X,L) - b_0(X)).$$

We also note that $b_0(X,L) \ge 1 = b_0(X)$ and $b_2(X) \ge b_0(X)$. Since L is spanned, we have $b_2(X,L) \ge b_2(X)$ and $g_1(X,L) \ge h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ by [13, Proposition 3.3 (2)] and [2, Theorem 7.2.10]. Hence we get the following.

- If $0 \leq \operatorname{cl}_2(X, L) \leq 3$, then $g_1(X, L) = h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ holds.
- If $4 \leq \operatorname{cl}_2(X, L) \leq 7$, then $g_1(X, L) \leq h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 1$ holds.
- If $8 \le cl_2(X, L) \le 11$, then $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 2$ holds.
- If $cl_2(X, L) = 12$, then $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 2$ or $L^n = 1$ holds.
- If $cl_2(X, L) = 13$, then $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 2$ or $L^n \le 2$ holds.
- If $cl_2(X, L) = 14$, then $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 2$ or $L^n \le 2$ or $b_2(X, L) = b_2(X)$ holds.
- If $cl_2(X, L) = 15$, then $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 2$ or $L^n \le 2$ or $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1$ holds.

Hence by [14, Theorem 4.1], Theorem 9.1 below, Remarks 4.3, 4.5, and Example 4.1, we get the assertion. $\hfill \Box$

Next we consider the case where $cl_2(X, L) = 16$.

Theorem 6.3 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold (X, L) with dim $X = n \ge 3$. Assume that L is spanned and $cl_2(X, L) = 16$. Then (X, L) is one of the following.

- (a) A scroll over a smooth curve with $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 16$.
- (b) A hyperquadric fibration over an elliptic curve with e = 4, b = -2 and \mathcal{E} is ample. (Here we use the notation in Definition 2.1 (ii)).
- (c) $(\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$ and $(S, \mathcal{E}) \cong (\mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{F}), \pi^*(\mathcal{G}) \otimes H(\mathcal{F}))$, where *C* is an elliptic curve, \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are indecomposable vector bundles of rank two on *C* with deg $\mathcal{F} = 1$ and deg $\mathcal{G} = 1$, and $\pi : \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{F}) \to C$ is the projection map.

Proof. By the same argument as the proof of Theorem 6.2, one of the following types occurs.

- (i) $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 2.$
- (ii) $L^n \leq 2$.
- (iii) $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1.$

(iv) $g_1(X,L) = h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 3$, $L^n = 3$ and $b_2(X,L) = b_2(X) + 2$.

If (X, L) satisfies one of the cases (i), (ii), or (iii), then we see from [14, Theorem 4.1], Theorem 9.1, Remarks 4.3 and 4.5, and Example 4.1 that (X, L) is one of the types (a), (b) and (c) in Theorem 6.3. So we may assume that the case (iv) occurs. Then $\Delta(X, L) = n + L^n - h^0(L) \leq n + 3 - (n+1) \leq 2$.

Claim 6.1 $h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = 0$ holds.

Proof. If $\Delta(X, L) \leq 1$, then by [7, (5.10) Theorem and (6.7) Corollary] we get the assertion. So we may assume that $\Delta(X, L) = 2$. Since L is spanned, $h^0(L) = n+1$ and $L^n = 3$, the morphism $X \to \mathbb{P}^n$ defined by |L| is a triple covering. So by [27, Theorem 7.1.15], we get the assertion. \Box

Hence $g_1(X, L) = 3$. Since $Bs|L| = \emptyset$, we see from Remark 4.4 that this case (iv) cannot occur. \Box

7 The case where i = 3

Here we consider a classification of (X, L) such that L is spanned and $cl_3(X, L) \leq 8$.

Theorem 7.1 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold with dim $X = n \ge 3$. Assume that L is spanned and $cl_3(X, L) \le 8$. Then (X, L) is one of the following.

- (a) $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$. In this case $\operatorname{cl}_3(X, L) = 0$.
- (b) A scroll over a smooth curve. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 0$.
- (c) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1))$. In this case $\operatorname{cl}_3(X, L) = 2$.
- (d) $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2))$. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 4$.
- (e) A simple blowing up of $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2))$. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 4$.
- (f) $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \bigotimes_{i=1}^3 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 4$.
- (g) $(\mathbb{P}^2 \times \mathbb{P}^2, \bigotimes_{i=1}^2 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$. In this case $\operatorname{cl}_3(X, L) = 6$.
- (h) A hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve C.
 - (h.1) g(C) = 1, n = 3, $L^3 = 6$, e = 4, b = -2, and \mathcal{E} is ample. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 8$.
 - (h.2) $g(C) = 0, n = 3, L^3 = 9, e = 6, b = -3 \text{ and } \mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(2)$ (see [5, (3.30) Theorem 9)]). In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 8$.
- (i) $(\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$ and (S, \mathcal{E}) is one of the following.
 - (i.1) $(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 0$.
 - (i.2) $(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2))$. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 4$.
 - (i.3) $(\mathbb{Q}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^2}(1))$. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 4$.
 - (i.4) S is a double covering $f: S \to \mathbb{P}^2$ branched along a smooth hypersurface of degree 2, and $\mathcal{E} = f^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)) \oplus f^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$. In this case $\operatorname{cl}_3(X, L) = 4$.
 - (i.5) $(\mathbb{P}^2, T_{\mathbb{P}^2})$. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 6$.
 - (i.6) $(\mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{F}), \pi^*(\mathcal{G}) \otimes H(\mathcal{F}))$, where C is an elliptic curve, \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are indecomposable vector bundles of rank two on C with deg $\mathcal{F} = 1$ and deg $\mathcal{G} = 1$, and $\pi : \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{F}) \to C$ is the projection map. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 8$.

- (i.7) S is a double covering $f: S \to \mathbb{P}^2$ branched along a smooth hypersurface of degree 4, and $\mathcal{E} \cong f^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)) \oplus f^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$. In this case $\operatorname{cl}_3(X, L) = 8$.
- (i.8) $(\mathbb{P}^1_{\alpha} \times \mathbb{P}^1_{\beta}, [H_{\alpha} + 2H_{\beta}] \oplus [H_{\alpha} + H_{\beta}])$ and H_{α} (resp. H_{β}) is the ample generator of $\operatorname{Pic}(\mathbb{P}_{\alpha})$ (resp. $\operatorname{Pic}(\mathbb{P}_{\beta}))$. In this case $\operatorname{cl}_3(X, L) = 8$.
- (i.9) S is the blowing up of \mathbb{P}^2 at a point and $\mathcal{E} \cong [2H E]^{\oplus 2}$, where H is the pull back of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$ and E is the exceptional divisor. In this case $cl_3(X, L) = 8$.

Proof. We note that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{cl}_3(X,L) &= -e_3(X,L) + 2e_2(X,L) - e_1(X,L) \\ &= b_3(X,L) - b_1(X) + 2(b_2(X,L) - b_2(X)) + b_1(X,L) - b_1(X) \\ &= (b_3(X,L) - b_3(X)) + (b_3(X) - b_1(X)) + 2(b_2(X,L) - b_2(X)) + 2(g_1(X,L) - h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)). \end{aligned}$$

We also note that $cl_3(X, L)$ is even and $b_3(X) \ge b_1(X)$. Since L is spanned, we have $b_3(X, L) \ge b_3(X)$, $b_2(X, L) \ge b_2(X)$ and $g_1(X, L) \ge h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ by [13, Proposition 3.3 (2)] and [2, Theorem 7.2.10]. Hence we get the following.

- If $0 \le cl_3(X, L) \le 2$, then $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1$ holds.
- If $cl_3(X, L) = 4$, then $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1$ or $g_1(X, L) = h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)$ holds.
- If $cl_3(X, L) = 6$, then $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1$ or $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 1$ holds.
- If $cl_3(X, L) = 8$, then $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1$ or $g_1(X, L) \le h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) + 2$ holds.

By [14, Theorem 4.1], Theorem 9.1 below, Remarks 4.3, 9.2 below and Example 4.1 we get the assertion¹. $\hfill \Box$

8 The case where i = 4

Here we consider a classification of (X, L) such that L is spanned (resp. very ample) and $cl_4(X, L) \le 1$ (resp. $cl_4(X, L) = 2$).

Theorem 8.1 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold (X, L) with dim $X = n \ge 4$. Assume that L is spanned and $cl_4(X, L) \le 1$. Then (X, L) is one of the following.

- (a) $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))$. In this case $cl_4(X, L) = 0$.
- (b) A scroll over a smooth curve. In this case $cl_4(X, L) = 0$.

Proof. We note that the following equality holds.

$$cl_4(X,L) = b_4(X,L) - b_2(X) + 2(b_3(X,L) - b_3(X)) + b_2(X,L) - b_2(X)$$

= $b_4(X,L) - b_4(X) + (b_4(X) - b_2(X)) + 2(b_3(X,L) - b_3(X)) + b_2(X,L) - b_2(X).$

Since L is spanned, we see from [13, Proposition 3.3 (2)] that $b_4(X, L) \ge b_4(X)$, $b_3(X, L) \ge b_3(X)$ and $b_2(X, L) \ge b_2(X)$ hold. Furthermore by the strong Lefschetz theorem, we have $b_4(X) \ge b_2(X)$. Hence if $cl_4(X, L) \le 1$, then $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1$. Since $n \ge 4$, we can easily check that (X, L) is one of the above types by [14, Theorem 4.1], Theorem 9.1 below and Example 4.1.

Remark 8.1 If L is spanned, then there does not exists (X, L) with $cl_4(X, L) = 1$.

¹We note that the type (2-1) (resp. (2-2), (2-3), (3-1) and (3-2)) in [11, Theorem 3.3] corresponds to (i.8) (resp. (i.9), (i.6), (h.1) and (h.2)).

Theorem 8.2 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold (X, L) with dim $X = n \ge 5$. Assume that L is very ample and $cl_4(X, L) = 2$. Then (X, L) is $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1))$.

Proof. By the same argument as above, (X, L) with $cl_4(X, L) = 2$ satisfies one of the following types.

- (I) $b_2(X, L) \le b_2(X) + 1$.
- (II) $b_4(X, L) = b_4(X)$.

(I) If $b_2(X, L) \leq b_2(X) + 1$ holds, then by [14, Theorem 4.1], Theorem 9.1 below and Example 4.1 we see that (X, L) with $cl_4(X, L) = 2$ is $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1))$.

(II) Next we assume that $b_4(X, L) = b_4(X)$ holds. Then by [14, Theorem 4.2], we see that (X, L) is one of the following types since we assume that $n \ge 5$.

- (II.1) $(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)).$
- (II.2) A scroll over a smooth projective curve.
- (II.3) $(\mathbb{P}_{S}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where S is a smooth projective surface and \mathcal{E} is an ample vector bundle of rank n-1 on S.
- (II.4) X is the Plücker embedding of G(2,5) and $L = \mathcal{O}_X(1)$. In this case n = 6.
- (II.5) X is a nonsingular hyperplane section of the Plücker embedding of G(2,5) in \mathbb{P}^9 and $L = \mathcal{O}_X(1)$. In this case n = 5.

Then by calculating $cl_4(X, L)$, we see from Example 4.1 that $cl_4(X, L) = 0$ (resp. 0, $c_2(\mathcal{E})$, 5 and 5) if (X, L) is the type (II.1) (resp. (II.2), (II.3), (II.4) and (II.5)). Hence we find that the type (II.3) is possible and in this case $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 2$. But by [29, Theorem 6.1] and [23], the rank of \mathcal{E} is two and so we have n = 3. This contradicts the assumption that $n \geq 5$. So we get the assertion.

9 Appendix: Classifications of polarized manifolds by the second sectional Betti numbers

Here we prove the following theorem which was used when we classify polarized manifolds (X, L) by the sectional classes in Sections 6, 7 and 8.

Theorem 9.1 Let (X, L) be a polarized manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$. Assume that L is spanned. If $b_2(X, L) = h^2(X, \mathbb{C}) + 1$, then (X, L) is one of the following types.

- (a) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1)).$
- (b) $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)).$
- (c) A simple blowing up of (X, L) of type (b).
- (d) $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \bigotimes_{i=1}^3 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$, where p_i is the *i*th projection.
- (e) $(\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where S is a smooth projective surface and \mathcal{E} is an ample vector bundle of rank two on S with $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 2$. In particular (S, \mathcal{E}) is one of the following.
 - (e.1) $(\mathbb{P}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)).$
 - (e.2) $(\mathbb{Q}^2, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^2}(1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^2}(1)).$

- (e.3) $(\mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{F}), \pi^*(\mathcal{G}) \otimes H(\mathcal{F}))$, where C is an elliptic curve, \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are indecomposable vector bundles of rank two on C with deg $\mathcal{F} = 1$ and deg $\mathcal{G} = 1$, and $\pi : \mathbb{P}_C(\mathcal{F}) \to C$ is the projection map.
- (e.4) S is a double covering $f: S \to \mathbb{P}^2$ of \mathbb{P}^2 and $\mathcal{E} \cong f^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)) \oplus f^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1))$.

Proof. Since $b_2(X,L) = 2g_2(X,L) + h_2^{1,1}(X,L)$, $g_2(X,L) \ge h^2(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and $h_2^{1,1}(X,L) \ge h^{1,1}(X)$, we see that $g_2(X,L) = h^2(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and $h_2^{1,1}(X,L) = h^{1,1}(X) + 1$ by the Hodge theory. Since L is spanned and $g_2(X,L) = h^2(\mathcal{O}_X)$, by [12, Corollary 3.5] we infer that (X,L) is one of the types from (1) to (7.4) in Theorem 2.1. Since $b_2(X,L) = h^2(X,\mathbb{C}) + 1$, by using [14, Example 3.1], we see that (X,L) is one of the following types.

- (i) $(\mathbb{Q}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^n}(1)).$
- (ii) $(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(2)).$
- (iii) A simple blowing up of (X, L) of type (ii).
- (iv) $(\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1, \bigotimes_{i=1}^3 p_i^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1))$, where p_i is the *i*th projection.
- (v) A hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve.
- (vi) $(\mathbb{P}_{S}(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$, where S is a smooth projective surface and \mathcal{E} is an ample vector bundle on S with $c_{2}(\mathcal{E}) = 2$.
- (vii) A reduction (M, A) of (X, L) is a Veronese fibration over a smooth curve C, that is, M is a \mathbb{P}^2 -bundle over C and $A|_F = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)$ for every fiber of it.

(A) If (X, L) is one of the types (i) (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vi), then we see that $b_2(X, L) = h^2(X, \mathbb{C}) + 1$. First we consider the case of (vi). By [23] and [29, Theorem 6.1], we see that (S, \mathcal{E}) is one of the types from (e.1) to (e.4) in Theorem 9.1.

(B) Next we consider the case of (v) and we use notation in Definition 2.1 (ii). Since $b_2(X, L) = h^2(X, \mathbb{C}) + 1$ and $h^2(X, \mathbb{C}) = 2$, we see from [14, Example 3.1 (5)] that 2e + 3b = 1. On the other hand, from the fact that $L^n = 2e + b > 0$ and $2e + (n+1)b \ge 0$, we get the following.

Claim 9.1 n = 3, e = 2 and b = -1.

Proof. If b > 0, then $2e + 3b = 2e + b + 2b \ge 3$ and this is impossible. So we have $b \le 0$. If b = 0, then 2e = 1 and this is also impossible. Therefore we get b < 0. Then $1 = 2e + 3b = 2e + (n+1)b - (n-2)b \ge -(n-2)b \ge (n-2)$. So we have n = 3. Since $1 + b = 2e + 4b \ge 0$, we have b = -1. Hence e = 2 because 2e + 3b = 1.

Hence $L^3 = 2e + b = 3$. Since L is ample and spanned, we have $h^0(L) \ge n + 1 = 4$. Hence $\Delta(X, L) = 3 + L^3 - h^0(L) \le 2$. Now since g(X, L) > 0, we see that $\Delta(X, L) \ge 1$ holds.

(B.1) If $\Delta(X, L) = 1$, then by a result of Fujita [7, (6.7) Corollary] we see that (X, L) is a hypercubic in \mathbb{P}^4 . But then $\operatorname{Pic}(X) \cong \operatorname{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^4)$ by the Lefschetzs theorem. Hence $\operatorname{Pic}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z}$. But this is impossible because X is a hyperquadric fibration over a smooth curve.

(B.2) If $\Delta(X, L) = 2$, the there exists a triple covering $\pi : X \to \mathbb{P}^3$ such that $L = \pi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^3}(1))$. By a Barth's theorem (see [27, Theorem 7.1.15]) we have $H^1(\mathbb{P}^4, \mathbb{C}) \cong H^1(X, \mathbb{C})$. In particular we have q(X) = 0. Hence g(C) = 0. Let $\mathcal{E} := f_*(L)$. Then \mathcal{E} is decomposable and we set $\mathcal{E} := \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_1) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_2) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_3) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(a_4)$. Here we may assume that $a_1 \ge a_2 \ge a_3 \ge a_4$. Here we note that $h^0(\mathcal{E}) = h^0(L) = 4$ and $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 = e = 2$. But this is impossible.

(C) Finally we consider the case (vii). We use notation in Notation 2.1. From [14, Example 3.1 (7.4)] we have

$$2e + 3b = 1\tag{11}$$

because $b_2(X, L) = h^2(X, \mathbb{C}) + 1$. Here we note that by [14, Remark 2.6]

$$g_1(M, A) = 2e + 2b + 1. \tag{12}$$

Here we note that $g_1(M, A) \geq 2$ in this case because $K_M + 2A$ is ample. Hence by (12) we have

$$e + b \ge 0. \tag{13}$$

We also note that by [14, Remark 2.6]

$$e + 2b + 2g(C) - 2 = 0. (14)$$

Hence we see from (11) and (14)

$$b = 3 - 4g(C),$$
 (15)

$$e = 6g(C) - 4.$$
 (16)

By (13), (15) and (16), we get $2g(C) - 1 = b + e \ge 0$, that is, $g(C) \ge 1$.

Assume that (X, L) is not isomorphic to (M, A). Then $L^3 \leq 3$ because $A^3 = 8e + 12b = 4$. If $L^3 \leq 2$, then $\Delta(X, L) \leq 1$ and we can prove that q(X) = 0. But this is impossible because $q(X) \geq 1$ in this case. If $L^3 = 3$, then $\Delta(X, L) \leq 2$ and by the same argument as (B.2) above we can prove that q(X) = 0 and this is also impossible. Therefore we see that (X, L) is isomorphic to (M, A). So we have $L^3 = 4$ and $\Delta(X, L) \leq 3$. Since $g_1(X, L) \geq 1$, we have $\Delta(X, L) \geq 1$.

If $\Delta(X, L) = 1$, then we see from [7, (6.8) Corollary] that X is a complete intersection of (2, 2) in \mathbb{P}^5 . Hence q(X) = 0 and this is impossible.

If $\Delta(X, L) = 2$, then there exist a projective variety W of dimension 3 and a surjective morphism $\rho: X \to W \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ such that one of the following holds:

(C.1) deg
$$\rho = 1$$
 and deg $W = 4$.

(C.2) deg
$$\rho = 2$$
 and deg $W = 2$.

First we consider the case (C.1) above. Then by [7, (10.8.1) in Chapter I] we see that $g_1(X, L) \leq 3$. We also note that $g_1(X, L) \geq 2$ in this case. Moreover if $g_1(X, L) = 3$, then we can prove that W is normal by [7, (10.8.1) in Chapter I]. Hence by Zariski's Main Theorem we infer that X is isomorphic to W and is a hypersurface of degree 4 in \mathbb{P}^4 . In particular q(X) = 0 and this is impossible. If $g_1(X, L) = 2$, then we have 2e + 2b + 1 = 2, that is, 2e + 2b = 1. But this is also impossible.

Next we consider the case (C.2). Then W becomes smooth if $n \ge 3$ by [7, (10.8.2) in Chapter I]. We note that $\operatorname{Pic}(W) \cong \mathbb{Z}$ because $\operatorname{Pic}(W) \cong \operatorname{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^4)$ by the Lefschetz theorem. Let $\mathcal{O}_W(1)$ be the ample generator of $\operatorname{Pic}(W)$. Then $K_W = \mathcal{O}_W(-3)$. Hence $K_X = \rho^*(\mathcal{O}_W(b-3))$ and $L = \rho^*(\mathcal{O}_W(1))$, where $B = \mathcal{O}_W(b)$ is the branch locus of ρ . But since the nef value of L is equal to 3/2, we have $b - 3 + (3/2) \cdot 1 = 0$. But this is impossible.

Therefore we get the assertion.

Remark 9.1 In the type (c) of Theorem 9.1, L is very ample.

Proof. In this case (X, L) is a Del Pezzo manifold. Hence $g_1(X, L) = 1$ and $\Delta(X, L) = 1$. Moreover since X is smooth, we see that L has a ladder (see [7, (6.1.3) and (6.1.4)]). Since $L^3 = 7$, we have $L^3 > 2\Delta(X, L)$. Therefore these enable us to prove that L is very ample by using [7, (3.5) Theorem 3)].

Remark 9.2 Here we calculate $cl_i(X, L)$ if (X, L) is the type (e) in Theorem 9.1. (i) If (S, \mathcal{E}) is the type (e.1), then $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(3)$, $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 9$, $c_2(S) = 3$, $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 2$, $K_S^2 = 9$, $K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = -9$ and $s_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 7$. Hence by Example 4.1 (x)

i	0	1	2	3
$\operatorname{cl}_i(X,L)$	7	14	12	4

In this case, $(X, L) = (\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$ is a Del Pezzo manifold with $L^3 = 7$.

(ii) If (S, \mathcal{E}) is the type (e.2), then $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}^2}(2)$, $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 8$, $c_2(S) = 4$, $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 2$, $K_S^2 = 8$, $K_S c_1(\mathcal{E}) = -8$ and $s_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 6$. Hence by Example 4.1 (x)

i	0	1	2	3
$\operatorname{cl}_i(X,L)$	6	12	12	4

In this case, $(X, L) = (\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$ is a Del Pezzo manifold with $L^3 = 6$.

(iii) If (S, \mathcal{E}) is the type (e.3), then $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = 2H(\mathcal{F}) + \pi^* c_1(\mathcal{G}), c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 8, c_2(S) = 0, c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 2, K_S^2 = 0, K_S c_1(\mathcal{E}) = -4 \text{ and } s_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 6.$ Hence by Example 4.1 (x)

i	0	1	2	3
$\operatorname{cl}_i(X,L)$	6	16	16	8

(iv) Assume that (S, \mathcal{E}) is the type (e.4). Then there exists a line bundle $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2b)$ such that the branch locus $C \in |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2b)|$. Hence by Example 4.1 (x) $c_1(\mathcal{E}) = f^*\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(2)$, $c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 = 8$, $c_2(S) = 2c_2(\mathbb{P}^2) + 2g(C) - 2 = 4b^2 - 6b + 6$, $c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 2$, $K_S^2 = 2(b-3)^2$, $K_Sc_1(\mathcal{E}) = 4(b-3)$ and $s_2(\mathcal{E}) = c_1(\mathcal{E})^2 - c_2(\mathcal{E}) = 6$. Hence by Example 4.1 (x)

i	0	1	2	3
$\operatorname{cl}_i(X,L)$	6	4b + 8	$4b^2 + 2b + 6$	4b

If b = 1, then $(X, L) = (\mathbb{P}_S(\mathcal{E}), H(\mathcal{E}))$ is a Del Pezzo manifold with $L^3 = 6$.

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