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**0.** The goal of the present note is to give new explicit formulas for the fundamental classes of degeneracy loci associated with the following vector bundles homomorphisms.

For a given pair  $B \subset A$  of vector bundles, we denote by  $B \vee A$  (resp.  $B \wedge A$ ) the image of the canonical composition  $B \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes A \rightarrow S^2 A$  (resp.  $B \otimes A \rightarrow A \otimes A \rightarrow \Lambda^2(A)$ ).

Let now  $F^\vee \subset E^\vee$  be two vector bundles of ranks  $f$  and  $e$  over a scheme  $X$  over a field  $K$ . Let  $\varphi : F \rightarrow E^\vee$  be a morphism coming from a section of  $F^\vee \vee E^\vee$  (resp.  $F^\vee \wedge E^\vee$ ). Suppose that an integer  $0 \leq r \leq f$  is given. In this note, we describe the fundamental classes of the loci  $D_r(\varphi) = \{x \in X : \text{rank } \varphi(x) \leq r\}$  with the help of some explicitly given polynomials in the Chern classes of  $E$  and  $F$ .

When  $E = F$ , our formulas specialize to the ones given in [J-L-P], [H-T] and [P1].

When  $F = \bigoplus_{i=1}^f \mathcal{O}(n_i)$ ,  $E = \bigoplus_{i=1}^f \mathcal{O}(n_i) + \bigoplus_{j=1}^{e-f} \mathcal{O}(m_j)$  are two vector bundles over a projective space, some formulas for the degree of the above degeneracy loci were established by Bottaso in [Bo] by different tools. The present paper offers a modern version and a “compact” generalization of the results of [Bo].

The method used follows the second author’s paper [P1] and relies on the technique of “constructions with a nontrivial generic fiber” invented in Section 2 of loc. cit. This method is recalled in Theorem 1, where, in fact, an improvement of [P1, Section 2] is presented.

**1.** The most popular method to compute the fundamental class of a subscheme  $D \subset X$  tries to find a scheme  $X'$  mapping properly to  $X$ , on which one has a locus  $Z$  that maps birationally onto  $D$  and for which one can compute its class  $[Z]$ . Usually this is because  $[Z]$  is the zero locus of a section of some bundle whose rank is equal to  $\text{codim}_{X'} Z$  so the class  $[Z]$  is evaluated to be the top Chern class of the bundle. For example, this pattern was used in [J-L-P] and many other papers (see [F]).

To compute the fundamental classes of subvarieties, one can also use appropriate geometric constructions with a nontrivial generic fibre. This method was invented in [P1] in order to give a short proof of the formulas from [J-L-P] and [H-T], and is summarized and improved in the following simple theorem. In this theorem, we may assume that the Chow groups have rational coefficients. We follow [F] for all needed notions and notation from intersection theory.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $D$  be an irreducible (closed) subscheme of a scheme  $X$ . Let  $\pi : \mathbf{G} \rightarrow X$  be a proper morphism of schemes and  $W$  be a (closed) subscheme of  $\mathbf{G}$  such that  $\pi(W) = D$ . We have the following two instances:*

(i) *Suppose that  $\mathbf{G}$  is smooth. Assume that there exists*

$$\mathbf{g} \in A_{\dim \mathbf{G} + \dim D - \dim W}(\mathbf{G})$$

*and a point  $x$  in the smooth locus of  $D$  such that in  $A_*(\mathbf{G}_x)$ , where  $\mathbf{G}_x$  is the fibre of  $\pi$  over  $x$ , one has:*

$$i_x^*(\mathbf{g}) \cdot [W_x] = [\text{point}].$$

*Here,  $W_x$  is the fibre of  $W$  over  $x$  and  $i_x : \mathbf{G}_x \hookrightarrow \mathbf{G}$  is the inclusion. Then the following equality holds in  $A_*(X)$ :*

$$[D] = \pi_*(\mathbf{g} \cdot [W]).$$

(ii) *Suppose that there exists a family of vector bundles  $\{E^{(\alpha)}\}$  on  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $\mathbf{g} = P(\{c_i(E^{(\alpha)})\})$  - a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $\dim W - \dim D$  in the Chern classes of  $\{E^{(\alpha)}\}$  ( $\deg c_i(E^{(\alpha)}) = i$ ) with rational coefficients, such that in  $A_*(\mathbf{G}_x)$ ,*

$$P(\{c_i(i_x^*E^{(\alpha)})\}) \cap [W_x] = [\text{point}],$$

*where  $x$ ,  $\mathbf{G}_x$ ,  $W_x$  and  $i_x$  are as above. Then the following equality holds in  $A_*(X)$ :*

$$[D] = \pi_*(\mathbf{g} \cap [W]).$$

*Proof.* (i) Using a standard dimension argument, we can replace, in the assertion,  $D$  by its smooth part, i.e., we can assume  $D$  is smooth. Write  $\mathbf{G}_D = \mathbf{G} \times_X D$ ,  $W_D = W \times_X D$ ,  $\eta : \mathbf{G}_D \rightarrow D$  the projection induced by  $\pi$ , and  $k : \mathbf{G}_D \rightarrow \mathbf{G}$  - the inclusion. Then, the assertion is a consequence of the following identity in  $A_*(D)$ :

$$\eta_*(k^*(\mathbf{g}) \cdot [W_D]) = [D].$$

To prove the latter equation, we first remark that the assumptions imply

$$\eta_*(k^*(\mathbf{g}) \cdot [W_D]) = m[D],$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $x$  be a point in  $D$  and consider the fibre square:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{G}_x & \xrightarrow{j} & \mathbf{G}_D \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta \\ \{x\} & \xrightarrow{i} & D \end{array}$$

Using the assumptions on  $\mathbf{g}$  and [F, Theorem 6.2], we have

$$\begin{aligned} i^* \eta_*(k^*(\mathbf{g}) \cdot [W_D]) &= p_* \left( j^*(k^*(\mathbf{g}) \cdot [W_D]) \right) \\ &= p_*(i_x^*(\mathbf{g}) \cdot [W_x]) = p_*([\text{point}]) = [\text{point}] \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $m = 1$  and assertion (i) is proved.

The proof of (ii) is essentially the same.  $\square$

Using this method, we now generalize the formulas from [J-L-P], [H-T] and [P1] to a wider class of degeneracy loci including, in the case of matrices of homogeneous forms, those studied in [Bo].

2. We follow the notation from Section 0. In the definition of the loci  $D_r(\varphi)$  in the “ $\wedge$ -case”, we assume  $r$  to be even. A proper scheme structure on  $D_r(\varphi)$  is defined with the help of Schubert subschemes in Lagrangian (resp. orthogonal) Grassmannians. Let  $V \subset U$  be vector spaces of dimensions  $f$  and  $e$  respectively. Let  $X = \text{Spec } S^\bullet(V \vee U)$  (resp.  $X = \text{Spec } S^\bullet(V \wedge U)$ ). In this situation, there exists a tautological morphism  $\varphi : F = V_X \rightarrow (E = U_X)^\vee$ . For such a  $\varphi$ ,  $D_r(\varphi)$  is the restriction to the “opposite big cell”, of an appropriate Schubert variety in the Lagrangian (resp. orthogonal) Grassmannian of  $f$ -dimensional isotropic subspaces in  $K^{2e}$ . Hence, by results of [DC-L],  $D_r(\varphi)$  is irreducible, normal and Cohen-Macaulay; moreover its codimension  $c$  equals

$$(e - f)(f - r) + (f - r)(f - r + 1)/2 \text{ (resp. } (e - f)(f - r) + (f - r)(f - r - 1)/2).$$

In general,  $D_r(\varphi)$  can be obtained similarly as the scheme theoretic preimage of an open subset of a Schubert variety of a Lagrangian (resp. orthogonal) Grassmannian bundle. We omit the details of this fairly standard procedure. In the “ $\vee$ -case” the reduced scheme structure on  $D_r(\varphi)$  is defined by the ideal generated locally by  $(r + 1)$ -order minors of  $\varphi$ .

We now describe a certain geometric construction associated with  $\varphi$ . Let  $p$  be a natural number such that  $2p \leq f$  and let  $\pi_F : \mathbb{G}_F = G_{f-p}(F) \rightarrow X$ ,  $\pi_E : \mathbb{G}_E = G_{e-p}(E) \rightarrow X$  be the Grassmannian bundles parametrizing  $(f - p)$ -subbundles of  $F$  and  $(e - p)$ -subbundles of  $E$  respectively. Consider the fibre product

$$\pi : \mathbb{G} = \mathbb{G}_F \times_X \mathbb{G}_E \rightarrow X.$$

Let  $0 \rightarrow R_F \rightarrow F_{\mathbb{G}_F} \rightarrow Q_F \rightarrow 0$  and  $0 \rightarrow R_E \rightarrow E_{\mathbb{G}_E} \rightarrow Q_E \rightarrow 0$  be two tautological sequences of vector bundles on  $\mathbb{G}_F$  and  $\mathbb{G}_E$ . In  $\mathbb{G}$ , we have the “incidence” subvariety  $\mathcal{I}$  parametrizing the points where  $(R_F)_{\mathbb{G}} \subset (R_E)_{\mathbb{G}}$ . We define a locus  $W \subset \mathcal{I} \subset \mathbb{G}$  as the subscheme of zeros of the composite morphism:

$$(R_F)_{\mathcal{I}} \hookrightarrow F_{\mathcal{I}} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{\mathcal{I}}} E_{\mathcal{I}}^\vee \twoheadrightarrow (R_E^\vee)_{\mathcal{I}}.$$

Let  $D = D_{2p}(\varphi)$ . We have  $\pi(W) = D$ . Indeed, if  $w \in W$  then the matrix of  $\varphi$  over  $\pi(w)$  has the upper left  $(e - p) \times (f - p)$  rectangle consisting of zeros and every  $(2p + 1)$ -order minor of such a matrix vanishes (use the Laplace expansion w.r.t. the first  $p + 1$  columns).

We want now to get information about the generic fibre  $W_x =: \mathcal{F}$  of  $\pi|_W$  like that in Theorem 1. Let  $V \subset U$  be vector spaces of dimensions  $f$  and  $e$  respectively. Let  $\phi : V \rightarrow U^\vee$  be a morphism coming from a section of  $V^\vee \vee U^\vee$  (resp.  $V^\vee \wedge U^\vee$ ).

Since we are interested in a regular point  $\phi$  in the space of homomorphisms of rank  $\leq 2p$ , we assume that  $\text{rank } \phi = 2p$ . Then the fibre  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $\phi$  is identified with

$$\{(L, M) \in I \mid p_{M^\vee} \circ \phi \circ i_L = 0\},$$

where  $I = \{(L, M) \in G_{f-p}(V) \times G_{e-p}(U) \mid L \subset M\}$  and  $i_L : L \hookrightarrow V$  and  $p_{M^\vee} : U^\vee \rightarrow M^\vee$  are the canonical maps. We claim that the dimension of  $\mathcal{F}$  is equal to  $p(p-1)/2$  (resp.  $p(p+1)/2$ ) and thus it does not depend on  $f$  and  $e$ . This can be calculated by applying our construction to  $X$  being the affine space  $\text{Spec } S^\bullet(V \vee U)$  (resp.  $\text{Spec } S^\bullet(V \wedge U)$ ), endowed with the tautological homomorphism. In this case, looking at local coordinates, one easily checks that  $W \subset \mathcal{I}$  is a locally complete intersection of codimension equal to the rank of  $R_F \vee R_E$  (resp.  $R_F \wedge R_E$ ). Thus knowing the dimension of  $W$ , we get  $\dim \mathcal{F} = \dim W - \dim D_r(\phi) = p(p-1)/2$  (resp.  $\dim \mathcal{F} = p(p+1)/2$ ).

The following very simple fact is helpful to find the class  $\mathbf{g}$  satisfying the requirements of Theorem 1.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $i : Y' \hookrightarrow Y$  be a closed embedding of smooth varieties, let  $X \subset Y$  and  $X' \subset Y'$  be two subvarieties such that  $i(X') \subset X$  and  $\dim X' = \dim X$ . Assume that an element  $z \in A^*(X)$  satisfies  $[X'] \cdot i^*(z) = [\text{point}]$  in  $A^*(Y')$ . Then,  $[X] \cdot z = [\text{point}]$  in  $A^*(Y)$ .*

Indeed, we have  $i_*[X'] = [X]$ , and by the projection formula we infer  $[\text{point}] = i_*([X'] \cdot i^*(z)) = i_*[X'] \cdot z = [X] \cdot z$ , as claimed.

In the next proposition and in the following, we use the notation “ $s_I(E)$ ” for the Schur polynomial of a vector bundle  $E$  associated with a sequence of integers  $I$ , as defined in [P1,2]. In general, we refer the reader to [P2] for all unexplained here notions and notation concerning partitions and Schur polynomials. In particular, by  $\rho_p$  we understand the partition  $(p, p-1, \dots, 1)$ .

**Proposition 3.** *The class  $\mathbf{g} = 2^{-p} s_{\rho_{p-1}}((R_E^\vee)_{\mathcal{I}})$  (resp.  $\mathbf{g} = s_{\rho_p}((R_E^\vee)_{\mathcal{I}})$ ) satisfies the assumption of Theorem 1(ii), with  $\mathcal{I}$  playing the role of  $\mathbf{G}$ .*

*Proof.* We use the above description of the generic fibre  $\mathcal{F}$  as well as the above notation. Moreover, let  $R$  denote the tautological rank  $(e-p)$  bundle on  $G_{e-p}(U)$ .

1) Assume first that  $e = f = 2p$  so  $V = U$  and the corresponding bilinear form is nondegenerate. Then  $[\mathcal{F}]$  is evaluated as the top Chern class of the bundle  $S^2 R^\vee$  (resp.  $\Lambda^2(R^\vee)$ ). We get by [L] (see also [M, p.48])

$$[\mathcal{F}] = 2^p s_{\rho_p}(R^\vee) \quad (\text{resp. } [\mathcal{F}] = s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R^\vee).$$

The assertion now follows by taking the dual Schubert cycles in the Grassmannian  $G_p(U)$  (see [F, Chap.14]).

2) Let now  $2p < e = f$  (so again  $V = U$ ), and let  $U' \subset U$  be an inclusion of vector spaces of dimensions  $2p$  and  $e$ , respectively. Assume that  $U$  is endowed with a symmetric (resp. antisymmetric) form  $\phi$  of rank  $2p$  such that the form  $\phi|_{U'}$  is nondegenerate. We now use the lemma with the following data:  $Y' = G_p(U')$

and  $Y = G_{e-p}(U)$ ;  $i : G_p(U') \hookrightarrow G_{e-p}(U)$  being defined by  $L \mapsto L \oplus A$ , where  $U = U' \oplus A$ . Moreover,  $X$  and  $X'$  are the generic fibres under consideration and  $z = 2^{-p}s_{\rho_p}(R^\vee)$  (resp.  $z = s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R^\vee)$ ). Then part 1) and the lemma yield the desired assertion.

3) Finally, suppose that  $f < e$  and let  $U = V \oplus B$ , where  $\dim B = e - f$ . We now apply the lemma to the following embedding:

$$i : (Y' = G_{f-p}(V)) \hookrightarrow (Y = I)$$

where  $i(L) = (L, L \oplus B)$ . Moreover,  $X$  and  $X'$  are the generic fibres under consideration and  $z = 2^{-p}s_{\rho_p}(R_I^\vee)$  (resp.  $z = s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R_I^\vee)$ ). Then part 2) and the lemma yield the desired result.  $\square$

**3.** We need the following algebraic identity, where  $c_{top}(A)$  denotes the top Chern class of a bundle  $A$ .

**Proposition 4.** *If rank  $E = e$  and rank  $F = f$ , then, with  $n = e - f$ ,*

$$c_{top}(F \vee E) = 2^f s_{(e, e-1, \dots, n+2, n+1)}(F - z(E - F))$$

$$\text{and } c_{top}(F \wedge E) = s_{(e-1, e-2, \dots, n+1, n)}(F - z(E - F)),$$

where  $z$  is a (formal) element of rank 1 in the corresponding  $\lambda$ -ring, specialized here with  $z = -1$ . More explicitly, one has

$$c_{top}(F \vee E) = 2^f \sum_I s_{(e, e-1, \dots, n+2, n+1)/I}(E - F) s_{I \sim}(F),$$

where the sum runs over all  $I \subset (e, e-1, \dots, n+2, n+1)$ , and a similar expansion holds for  $c_{top}(F \wedge E)$ .

*Proof.* We give here the proof of the proposition for the bundle  $F \vee E$ . By the splitting principle, a (more general) question concerning the total Chern class of  $F \vee E$  leads to the calculation of the product:

$$\prod_{i \leq j} (1 + a_i + a_j) \prod_{i, j} (1 + a_i + b_j),$$

where, formally,  $c(F) = \prod_i (1 + a_i)$  and  $c(E/F) = \prod_j (1 + b_j)$ . Using a well-known formula for the resultant (see, e.g., [M, p.59]) and the already quoted formula from [L], this, in turn, is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{-N} \prod_{i \leq j} [(1 + 2a_i) + (1 + 2a_j)] \prod_{i, j} [(1 + 2a_i) + (1 + 2b_j)] \\ & = 2^{-N+f} s_{\rho_f}(A^+) s_{(n)f}(A^+ - zB^+) |_{z=-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $N = rk F \vee E$ ,  $A^+ = (1 + 2a_1, 1 + 2a_2, \dots, 1 + 2a_f)$ ,  $B^+ = (1 + 2b_1, \dots, 1 + 2b_n)$  and  $z$  is a (formal) element of rank 1 in an appropriate  $\lambda$ -ring. By the factorization formula (see, e.g. [M, p.59]), we can rewrite the latter expression as:

$$2^{-N+f} s_{(n+f, n+f-1, \dots, n+1)}(A^+ - zB^+) |_{z=-1},$$

the top-degree component of which gives the desired expression:

$$2^f s_{(e, e-1, \dots, n+1)}(A - zB) |_{z=-1}.$$

A computation for the bundle  $F \wedge E$  is quite similar.  $\square$

4. We are now ready to perform the main computation.

**Proposition 5.** *The following equality holds in  $A_*(X)$ :*

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi_* \left( c_{\text{top}}(R_F^\vee \vee R_E^\vee) \cdot c_{\text{top}}(R_F^\vee \otimes Q_E) \cdot 2^{-p} s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R_E^\vee) \cap [\mathbb{G}] \right) \\ &= 2^{f-2p} s_{(e-2p, e-2p-1, \dots, n+2, n+1)}(F^\vee - z(E^\vee - F^\vee)) |_{z=-1} \cap [X], \end{aligned}$$

and respectively

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi_* \left( c_{\text{top}}(R_F^\vee \wedge R_E^\vee) \cdot c_{\text{top}}(R_F^\vee \otimes Q_E) \cdot s_{\rho_p}(R_E^\vee) \cap [\mathbb{G}] \right) \\ &= s_{(e-2p-1, e-2p-2, \dots, n+1, n)}(F^\vee - z(E^\vee - F^\vee)) |_{z=-1} \cap [X], \end{aligned}$$

where  $n = e - f$  and  $z$  has the same meaning as in Proposition 4.

*Proof.* We treat the first case. We have by Proposition 4,

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi_* \left( c_{\text{top}}(R_F^\vee \vee R_E^\vee) \cdot c_{\text{top}}(R_F^\vee \otimes Q_E) \cdot 2^{-p} s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R_E^\vee) \cap [\mathbb{G}] \right) \\ &= 2^{f-2p} \pi_* \left( [s_{(e-p, e-p-1, \dots, n+2, n+1)}(R_F^\vee - z(R_E^\vee - R_F^\vee)) \right. \\ & \quad \left. \cdot s_{(f-p)^p}(Q_E - R_F) \cdot s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R_E^\vee)]_{z=-1} \cap [\mathbb{G}] \right). \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel we will denote the partition  $(e - p, e - p - 1, \dots, n + 2, n + 1)$  by  $T$ . Now using the addition/linearity formula, duality formula (see [M, p.72 and p.90]) and the following equality:  $[R_E^\vee] - [R_F^\vee] = [E^\vee] - [F^\vee]$  in the Grothendieck group of  $\mathcal{I}$  (where here, and in the following, we omit the pulback indices, for brevity), we rewrite the latter expression in the form:

$$\begin{aligned} & 2^{f-2p} \pi_* \left( \left[ \sum_I s_{T/I}(E^\vee - F^\vee) s_{I^\sim}(R_F^\vee) s_{(p)^{f-p}}(R_F^\vee - Q_E^\vee) s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R_E^\vee) \right] \cap [\mathbb{G}] \right) \\ &= 2^{f-2p} \sum_I s_{T/I}(E^\vee - F^\vee) \cap (\pi_E)_* \left( [s_{\rho_{p-1}} R_E^\vee \cdot (\pi_F \times 1)_* s_{(p)^{f-p+I^\sim}}(R_F^\vee - Q_E^\vee)] \cap [\mathbb{G}_E] \right) \\ &= 2^{f-2p} \sum_I s_{T/I}(E^\vee - F^\vee) \cap (\pi_E)_* \left( [s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R_E^\vee) s_{I^\sim}(F^\vee - Q_E^\vee)] \cap [\mathbb{G}_E] \right), \end{aligned}$$



where we have used the factorization formula quoted above and, e.g., [P2, Proposition 1.3] w.r.t.  $\pi_F$ . The latter expression can be rewritten with the help of the addition/linearity formula (quoted above) as follows:

$$2^{f-2p} \sum_I \sum_J s_{T/I}(E^\vee - F^\vee) s_{I \sim J}(F^\vee) \cap (\pi_E)_* \left( [s_{\rho_{p-1}}(R_E^\vee) \cdot s_J(-Q_E^\vee)] \cap [\mathbf{G}_E] \right).$$

Now, using [J-L-P, Proposition 1], we see that, in the above sum, there is only one partition  $J$  giving a non zero contribution while applying  $(\pi_E)_*$ : this is the partition  $J = (p)^{e-p}/\rho_{p-1} = (p, \dots, p, p-1, \dots, 1)$  (“ $p$ ” occurs  $e-2p+1$  times). Hence this sum equals:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{f-2p} \sum_I s_{(e-p, e-p-1, \dots, n+1)/I}(E^\vee - F^\vee) s_{(I/(e-p, e-p-1, \dots, e-2p+1))^\sim}(F^\vee) \cap [X] \\ = 2^{f-2p} \sum_K s_{(e-2p, e-2p-1, \dots, n+1)/K}(E^\vee - F^\vee) s_{K^\sim}(F^\vee) \cap [X], \end{aligned}$$

where the latter sum runs over all  $K \subset (e-2p, e-2p-1, \dots, n+1)$ . (Partitions  $I$  indexing the former sum are related to partitions  $K = (k_1, k_2, \dots)$  indexing the latter via the equality  $I = (e-p, e-p-1, \dots, e-2p+1, k_1, k_2, \dots)$ .) The latter expression is rewritten in the form:

$$2^{f-2p} s_{(e-2p, e-2p-1, \dots, n+2, n+1)}(F^\vee - z(E^\vee - F^\vee))|_{z=-1} \cap [X],$$

as desired.

The second case is treated in an analogous way.  $\square$

5. Here comes the main result.

**Theorem 6.** *If  $X$  is a pure-dimensional Cohen Macaulay scheme and  $D_r(\varphi)$  is of expected pure codimension  $c$  or empty, then, in the “ $\vee$ -case”, one has the equality:*

$$[D_r(\varphi)] = 2^{f-r} s_{(e-r, e-r-1, \dots, n+2, n+1)}(F^\vee - z(E^\vee - F^\vee))|_{z=-1} \cap [X],$$

and, in the “ $\wedge$ -case”, the following equality holds:

$$[D_r(\varphi)] = s_{(e-r-1, e-r-2, \dots, n+1, n)}(F^\vee - z(E^\vee - F^\vee))|_{z=-1} \cap [X].$$

*Proof.* We pass to the “generic case”. For a given morphism  $\varphi : F \rightarrow E^\vee$  of one of the two considered types, we define  $\overline{X} =: \text{Spec } S^\bullet(F \vee E)$  (resp.  $\overline{X} =: \text{Spec } S^\bullet(F \wedge E)$ ). Observe that  $\varphi$  induces a section  $s : X \rightarrow \overline{X}$ . On the other hand, there exists the tautological bundle homomorphism  $\overline{\varphi} : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^\vee$  where  $\mathbb{F} = F_{\overline{X}}$ ,  $\mathbb{E} = E_{\overline{X}}$  such that  $s^*(\overline{\varphi}) = \varphi$ . If  $X$  is Cohen-Macaulay, then so is  $D_r(\overline{\varphi})$  (cf. [DC-L]). Hence, if  $D_r(\varphi)$  is of pure codimension  $c$  in  $X$ , then by [F, Sect.6 and 7], we get  $[D_r(\varphi)] = s^*[D_r(\overline{\varphi})]$ . Now for  $D_r(\overline{\varphi}) \subset \overline{X}$  and  $r = 2p$  we can apply Theorem 1 to the above  $W$ ; the role of  $\mathbf{G}$  is now played by  $\mathcal{I}$  and the class  $\mathbf{g}$  is given in Proposition 3. Applying the formula of Theorem 1 leads to the calculation

performed in Proposition 5 where, however, we have “shifted” the computation from the bundle  $\mathcal{I} \rightarrow X$  to the bundle  $\pi : \mathbb{G} \rightarrow X$ . This proves the theorem for even values of  $r$ .

We compute now the class of  $D_r(\varphi)$  with an odd  $r$  (in the “ $\vee$ -case”). Namely, consider the following morphism  $\varphi' = \varphi \oplus 1 : F \oplus 1 \rightarrow (E \oplus 1)^\vee$  of vector bundles on  $X$ . Then the ideals defined by the minors of  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi'$  of respective orders  $2p - 1$  and  $2p$  are equal. In particular, the codimension of  $D_{2p}(\varphi')$  is expected. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} [D_{2p-1}(\varphi)] &= [D_{2p}(\varphi')] \\ &= 2^{f+1-2p} s_{(e+1-2p, e+1-2p-1, \dots, n+1)} \left( (F^\vee \oplus 1) - z(E^\vee - F^\vee) \right) \Big|_{z=-1} \cap [X] \\ &= 2^{f-(2p-1)} s_{(e-(2p-1), e-2p, \dots, n+1)} \left( F^\vee - z(E^\vee - F^\vee) \right) \Big|_{z=-1} \cap [X] \end{aligned}$$

by the addition/linearity formula quoted above.

The proof of the theorem is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 7.** (Revision and corrigenda to [P1].) Theorem 1 gives an improvement of [P1, Sect.2]. The class “ $\mathbf{g}$ ” in Theorem 1 corresponds to the class “ $\mathbf{F}^d$ ” in [P1, Proposition 2.1]. The assumptions on  $\mathbf{g}$  in Theorem 1 straighten an unprecise expression “the Poincaré dual of” from 5<sup>0</sup> in [P1, Proposition 2.1]. As a matter of fact, it was proved in [P1, Sect.3] that the classes  $\mathbf{F}^d$  choosen in loc.cit., satisfy the assumptions imposed on the class  $\mathbf{g}$  in Theorem 1; thus the computation in loc.cit. is complete. Moreover, the reference “Lemma 9 in [10]” on p.196 should be replaced by “[2, Sect.6 and 7]”.

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