

Integral arithmetically Buchsbaum curves in \mathbf{P}^3

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Introduction.

When a curve X (not assumed to be smooth nor reduced) in \mathbf{P}^3 has the property that its deficiency module $\bigoplus_n H^1(\mathcal{I}_X(n))$ is annihilated by the homogeneous coordinates x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 of \mathbf{P}^3 , it is called an arithmetically Buchsbaum curve. In [1], we defined a numerical invariant “basic sequence” of a curve in \mathbf{P}^3 (see [1; Definition 1.4]) and classified arithmetically Buchsbaum curves with nontrivial deficiency modules in terms of their basic sequences. But there, an important problem was left unconsidered; to find a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of integral arithmetically Buchsbaum curves with a given basic sequence. The aim of this paper is to give a complete answer to this problem in the case where the base field has characteristic zero. The existence theorems for some special cases, e. g. [1; Theorem 4.4], [2; Corollary 2.6], [3; Proposition 4.7] and [4; pp. 125-126], are now corollaries to our general theorem.

NOTATION AND CONVENTION. The base field k is algebraically closed. We do not assume that $\text{char}(k)=0$ except in the main theorem. The word “curve” means an equidimensional complete scheme over k of dimension one without any embedded points. Given a matrix Φ , $\Phi\left(\begin{smallmatrix} i \\ j \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ denotes the matrix obtained by deleting the i -th row and the j -th column from Φ . We say that a sequence of integers z_1, \dots, z_n is connected if $z_i \leq z_{i+1} \leq z_i + 1$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ or $n=0$ (i. e. the sequence is empty). The ideal sheaf of a curve X in \mathbf{P}^3 is denoted by \mathcal{I}_X and we set $I_{X,n} = H^0(\mathcal{I}_X(n))$, $I_X = \bigoplus_n I_{X,n} \subset R$, where $R = k[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$. For simplicity we abbreviate “arithmetically Buchsbaum” to “a. B.”.

§1. Preliminaries.

Given a curve X in \mathbf{P}^3 , we define the basic sequence of X to be the sequence of positive integers $(a; \nu_1, \dots, \nu_a; \nu_{a+1}, \dots, \nu_{a+b})$ ($b \geq 0$) which satisfies the conditions (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) below and denote it by $B(X)$ (see [1; §§ 1, 2]). Let x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 be generic homogeneous coordinates of \mathbf{P}^3 and set $R' = k[x_1, x_2, x_3]$, $R'' = k[x_3, x_4]$.