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Some Properties of Vector Bundles on the Flag Variety Fl(r, s; n)

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Introduction

In this article we would like to begin to study vector bundles over flag varieties. It is well-known that every vector bundle over a projective line P_1 is a direct sum of line bundles. Thus for a given vector bundle over a variety F, after restricting it to each line contained in F, by examining which line bundles appear as direct summands, we can analyze its properties. This method was developed in Van de Ven [12], Barth [1], and Hartshorne [6], when F is a projective space.

In §1 in this article, we construct explicitly a component \hat{X} of the Hilbert scheme parametrizing "straight lines" in the flag variety $F = Fl(r, s; n) = \{(P_r, P_s) | P_r \subset P_s \subset P_n\} \ (0 \leq r \leq s < n)$. (In our case the union Q of two copies of P_1 intersecting transversally at one point appears over a divisor \hat{A} in \hat{X} as a deformation of the usual straight line. Thus it is necessary that we call Q "a line" as well. However, vector bundles over Q have simple properties and it is not an obstacle for our purposes.)

In §2 we give a theorem concerned with Schubert varieties in Fand \hat{X} . Now according to §1, we can define tautological homogeneous vector bundles not only on F but also on \hat{X} . We will show in Theorem 2.1 that there is a systematic correspondence between Chern classes of tautological vector bundles on F and those on \hat{X} .

Let $\hat{\Gamma}$ be the universal family of subvarieties of F over \hat{X} . We have a diagram



such that for every point $x \in \hat{X}$, $\hat{\beta}\hat{\alpha}^{-1}(x)$ is the subvariety corresponding to $x \in \hat{X}$. Let \mathscr{M} be a vector bundle on F with $c_1(\mathscr{M})=0$ such that Received January 11, 1983