

**Proposition 6.4.** *The geometric cobordism in  $\mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j$  corresponding to the element  $x+y \in H^2(\mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j)$  is represented by the submanifold  $H_{ij}$ . In particular, the image of the fundamental class  $\langle H_{ij} \rangle$  in  $H_{2(i+j-1)}(\mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j)$  is Poincaré dual to  $x+y$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $x+y = c_1(p_1^*(\bar{\eta}) \otimes p_2^*(\bar{\eta}))$ . The classifying map  $f_{x+y}: \mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^\infty$  is the composition of the Segre embedding

$$\sigma: \mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^{i+j+i+j},$$

$$(z_0 : \dots : z_i) \times (w_0 : \dots : w_j) \mapsto (z_0 w_0 : z_0 w_1 : \dots : z_i w_l : \dots : z_i w_j),$$

and the embedding  $\mathbb{C}P^{i+j+i+j} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^\infty$ . The codimension 2 submanifold in  $\mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j$  corresponding to the cohomology class  $x+y$  is obtained as the inverse image  $\sigma^{-1}(H)$  of a generally positioned hyperplane in  $\mathbb{C}P^{i+j+i+j}$  (i.e. a hyperplane  $H$  transverse to the image of the Segre embedding). By its definition, the Milnor hypersurface is exactly  $\sigma^{-1}(H)$  for one such hyperplane  $H$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.5.** *We have*

$$s_{i+j-1}[H_{ij}] = \begin{cases} j, & \text{if } i = 0, \text{ i.e. } H_{ij} = \mathbb{C}P^{j-1}; \\ 2, & \text{if } i = j = 1; \\ 0, & \text{if } i = 1, j > 1; \\ -\binom{i+j}{i}, & \text{if } i > 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Let  $i = 0$ . Since the stably complex structure on  $H_{0j} = \mathbb{C}P^{j-1}$  is determined by the isomorphism  $\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{C}P^{j-1}) \oplus \mathbb{C} \cong \bar{\eta} \oplus \dots \oplus \bar{\eta}$  ( $j$  summands) and  $x = c_1(\bar{\eta})$ , we have

$$s_{j-1}[\mathbb{C}P^{j-1}] = jx^{j-1}\langle \mathbb{C}P^{j-1} \rangle = j.$$

Now let  $i > 0$ . Then

$$s_{i+j-1}(\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j)) = (i+1)x^{i+j-1} + (j+1)y^{i+j-1} = \begin{cases} 2x^j + (j+1)y^j, & \text{if } i = 1; \\ 0, & \text{if } i > 1. \end{cases}$$

Denote by  $\nu$  the normal bundle of the embedding  $\iota: H_{ij} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j$ . Then

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{T}(H_{ij}) \oplus \nu = \iota^*(\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j)).$$

Since  $c_1(\nu) = \iota^*(x+y)$ , we obtain  $s_{i+j-1}(\nu) = \iota^*(x+y)^{i+j-1}$ .

Assume  $i = 1$ . Then by (1) and the previous Proposition,

$$\begin{aligned} s_j[H_{1j}] &= s_j(\mathcal{T}(H_{1j}))\langle H_{1j} \rangle = \iota^*(2x^j + (j+1)y^j - (x+y)^j)\langle H_{1j} \rangle \\ &= (2x^j + (j+1)y^j - (x+y)^j)(x+y)\langle \mathbb{C}P^1 \times \mathbb{C}P^j \rangle = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } j = 1; \\ 0, & \text{if } j > 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Assume now that  $i > 1$ . Then  $s_{i+j-1}(\mathcal{T}(\mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j)) = 0$ , and we obtain from (1) and the previous Proposition that

$$s_{i+j-1}[H_{ij}] = -s_{i+j-1}(\nu)\langle H_{ij} \rangle = -\iota^*(x+y)^{i+j-1}\langle H_{ij} \rangle = -(x+y)^{i+j}\langle \mathbb{C}P^i \times \mathbb{C}P^j \rangle = -\binom{i+j}{i}.$$

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