

## ON THE EQUATIONS DEFINING SOME CURVES OF MAXIMAL REGULARITY IN $\mathbb{P}^5$

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ABSTRACT. For a nondegenerate projective variety, it is a classical problem to study its defining equations with respect to a given embedding. In this paper, we precisely determine minimal sets of generators of the defining ideals of some curves of maximal regularity in  $\mathbb{P}^5$ .

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper, we work over an algebraically closed field  $\mathbb{K}$  of arbitrary characteristic. Let  $\mathbb{P}^r$  and  $R := \mathbb{K}[X_0, X_1, \dots, X_r]$  be respectively the projective  $r$ -space over  $\mathbb{K}$  and the homogeneous coordinate ring of  $\mathbb{P}^r$ . Let  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^r$  be a nondegenerate irreducible curve and  $I_C$  be the homogeneous ideal of  $C$  in  $R$ . To understand the curve  $C$ , it is natural to study the defining equations of  $I_C$  and the syzygies among them. To the authors' knowledge, it should be one of the most difficult problems in projective algebraic geometry and several results are known. As the simplest case, the problems to guarantee that  $I_C$  is generated by quadrics and that the first few syzygy modules are generated by linear syzygies are establishing (see [1], [3], [4], [5], [15], [16] and so on). Also the defining equations of Veronese varieties, rational normal scrolls and Segre varieties are well understood (see [7]). In [8], [10] and [11], one of the authors in the present paper provided a complete description of defining equations of non-normal del Pezzo varieties.

In this line, we continue the study begun in [13] and [12] to describe a minimal set of generators of the defining ideal  $I_{C_d}$  of rational curves  $C_d \subset \mathbb{P}^r$ ,  $d \geq r$  parameterized as

$$C_d = \{[s^d(P) : s^{d-1}t(P) : s^{r-2}t^{d-r+2}(P) : s^{r-3}t^{d-r+3}(P) : \dots : st^{d-1}(P) : t^d(P)] \mid P \in \mathbb{P}^1\} \quad (1)$$

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where  $T := \mathbb{K}[s, t]$  be the homogeneous coordinate ring of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . In [13] and [12], the authors provide a complete description of defining equations for the cases where  $r = 3$  and  $r = 4$  in (1). The results are

**Theorem 1.1** ([13]). *Let  $C_d \subset \mathbb{P}^3$ ,  $d \geq 3$  be a curve defined as the parametrization*

$$C_d = \{[s^d(P) : s^{d-1}t(P) : st^{d-1}(P) : t^d(P)] \mid P \in \mathbb{P}^1\}.$$

*Then  $C_d$  is a smooth rational curve of degree  $d$  and of maximal regularity  $d - 1$ . In particular, the defining ideal  $I_{C_d}$  of  $C_d$  is minimally generated as follows:*

$$I_{C_d} = \langle X_0X_3 - X_1X_2, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{d-1} \rangle$$

*where  $F_i = X_0^{d-i-1}X_2^i - X_1^{d-i}X_3^{i-1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq d - 1$ .*

**Theorem 1.2** ([12]). *Let  $C_d \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ ,  $d \geq 4$  be a curve defined as the parametrization*

$$C_d = \{[s^d(P) : s^{d-1}t(P) : s^2t^{d-2}(P) : st^{d-1}(P) : t^d(P)] \mid P \in \mathbb{P}^1\}$$

*Then  $C_d$  is a smooth rational curve of degree  $d$  and of maximal regularity  $d - 2$ . In particular, the defining ideal  $I_{C_d}$  of  $C_d$  is minimally generated as follows: For  $n \geq 2$ ,*

(1) *If  $d = 2n$ , then*

$$I_{C_d} = \langle Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, G_1, G_2, H_n, H_{n+1}, \dots, H_{2n-2} \rangle.$$

(2) *If  $d = 2n + 1$ , then*

$$I_{C_d} = \langle Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, F_n, F_{n+1}, \dots, F_{2n-1} \rangle$$

*where*

$$Q_1 = X_0X_3 - X_1X_2, \quad Q_2 = X_0X_4 - X_1X_3, \quad Q_3 = X_2X_4 - X_3^2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$\begin{cases} G_i = X_1X_3^{i-1}X_4^{n-i} - X_2^{n+i-2}X_3^{2-i} & \text{for } i = 1, 2 \\ H_{n+j-1} = X_0^{2j-1}X_2^{n-j} - X_1^{2j}X_4^{n-j-1} & \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq n - 1 \\ F_{n+i-1} = X_0^{2i-2}X_2^{n-i+1} - X_1^{2i-1}X_4^{n-i} & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

As a next case, the main purpose of this article is to determine a minimal generating set of the defining ideal of rational curves parameterized as (1) for  $r = 5$ .

First we show that  $C_d$  is a smooth rational curve of degree  $d$  which is contained in the rational normal surface scroll  $S(1, 3)$  as a divisor  $H + (d - 4)F$  where  $H$  and  $F$  are respectively the hyperplane divisor and a ruling line (see Proposition 2.2). This observation enables us to obtain the exact structure of minimal generators of  $I_{C_d}$  in terms of graded Betti numbers thanks to [9, Theorem 1.2]. We also compute several examples by means of the Computer Algebra System SINGULAR [2] which pose the concrete expressions of minimal generators of  $I_{C_d}$  in Theorem 2.4. In our main result, Theorem 2.4 provides an explicit description of a set of minimal generators of the ideal  $I_{C_d}$  according to

the degree  $d = 3n - 1$ ,  $d = 3n$  and  $d = 3n + 1$  for  $n \geq 3$ . For  $d = 5, 6, 7$  we also obtain the minimal generating sets of the ideal  $I_{C_d}$  in Example 2.5.

### 2. Main Theorem

**Notation and Remarks 2.1.** (a) Let  $T := \mathbb{K}[s, t]$  be the homogeneous coordinate ring of  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . For each  $k \geq 1$ , we denote by  $T_k$  the  $k$ -th graded component of  $T$ .

(b) A rational normal curve  $\tilde{C} \subset \mathbb{P}^d$  of degree  $d$  parameterized as

$$\tilde{C} = \{[s^d(P) : s^{d-1}t(P) : \dots : st^{d-1}(P) : t^d(P)] \mid P \in \mathbb{P}^1\} \tag{2}$$

is defined by the common zero locus of the polynomials  $F_{i,j} = X_iX_j - X_{i-1}X_{j+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq d - 1$ . In particular, the defining ideal  $I_{\tilde{C}}$  of  $\tilde{C}$  is minimally generated by the set  $\{F_{i,j} \mid 1 \leq i \leq j \leq d - 1\}$ .

(c) A nondegenerate rational curve  $C \subset \mathbb{P}^r$  of degree  $d$  is given by a linear projection  $\pi_\Lambda : \tilde{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^r$  of  $\tilde{C} \subset \mathbb{P}^d$  from a linear subspace  $\Lambda \cong \mathbb{P}^{d-r-1}$  of  $\mathbb{P}^d$ . Indeed, the normalization of  $C$  can be realized as the rational normal curve  $\tilde{C}$ , hence it follows that there exists a subset  $\{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_r\} \subset T_d$  of  $\mathbb{K}$ -linearly independent forms of degree  $d$  in  $T$  such that  $C$  is a curve parameterized as

$$C = \{[f_0(P) : f_1(P) : \dots : f_r(P)] \mid P \in \mathbb{P}^1\}.$$

(d) A rational normal surface scroll  $S := S(a_1, a_2) \subset \mathbb{P}^r$  of degree  $a_1 + a_2$  parameterized as

$$S = \{[s^{a_1}(P) : s^{a_1-1}t(P) : \dots : t^{a_1}(P) : s^{a_2}(P) : s^{a_2-1}t(P) : \dots : t^{a_2}(P)] \mid P \in \mathbb{P}^1\}$$

is defined by  $(2 \times 2)$ -minors of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} X_0 & X_1 & \cdots & X_{a_1-1} & X_{a_1+1} & X_{a_1+2} & X_{a_1+a_2-1} \\ X_1 & X_2 & \cdots & X_{a_1} & X_{a_1+2} & X_{a_1+3} & X_{a_1+a_2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

For  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_2 = 3$ , the defining ideal  $I_S$  of  $S$  is minimally generated by the following set

$$\{X_0X_3 - X_1X_2, X_0X_4 - X_1X_3, X_0X_5 - X_1X_4, X_2X_4 - X_3^2, X_2X_5 - X_3X_4, X_3X_5 - X_4^2\}$$

In particular, a divisor of  $S$  is written by  $aH + bF$  where  $H$  and  $F$  are respectively the hyperplane divisor and a ruling line of  $S$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(e) Let  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^r$  be a nondegenerate projective variety. The graded Betti numbers, denoted by  $\beta_{i,j}(X)$ , of  $X$  are defined as

$$\beta_{i,j}(X) := \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \text{Tor}_i^R(I_X, \mathbb{K})_{i+j}.$$

Then we call  $\beta(X)$  the Betti table of  $X$  consists of  $\beta_{i,j}(X)$  as an entry in the  $i$ -th column and  $j$ -th row. In particular,  $\beta_{1,j}(X)$  corresponds to the number of minimal generators of degree  $j$  in the defining ideal  $I_X$  of  $X$ .

(f)  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^r$  is said to be  $m$ -regular if  $\beta_{i,m+1}(X) = 0$  for every  $i \geq 1$ . In particular,  $I_X$  is generated by forms of degree  $\leq m$ . The Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity (or simply the regularity) of  $X$ , denoted by  $\text{reg}(X)$ , is defined as the least integer  $m$  such that  $X$  is  $m$ -regular(cf. [14]). In [6], the authors proved that

$\text{reg}(X) \leq d-r+2$  for  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}}(X) = 1$ . They also provided a complete classification theory about curves of maximal regularity  $d - r + 2$ . It is interesting that if  $d \geq r + 2$  then  $X$  is a curve of maximal regularity if and only if it is a smooth rational curve which admits a  $(d - r + 2)$ -secant line  $\mathbb{L}$

Keeping the notation as above, let  $C_d \subset \mathbb{P}^5$  for  $d \geq 5$  be a curve described as 
$$C_d := \{[s^d(P) : s^{d-1}t(P) : s^3t^{d-3}(P) : s^2t^{d-2}(P) : st^{d-1}(P) : t^d(P)] \mid P \in \mathbb{P}^1\} \tag{3}$$

Let  $R := \mathbb{K}[X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5]$  be the homogeneous coordinate ring of  $\mathbb{P}^5$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $C_d$  be as above. Then,*

- (1)  $C_d$  is a smooth rational curve of degree  $d$ .
- (2)  $C_d$  is contained in the rational normal surface scroll  $S(1, 3)$  as a divisor linearly equivalent to  $H + (d - 4)F$  where  $H$  and  $F$  are the hyperplane divisor and a ruling line, respectively.
- (3)  $C_d$  is a curve of maximal regularity  $d - 3$  with a  $(d - 3)$ -secant line  $\mathbb{L}$  to  $C_d$ . In particular,  $\mathbb{L}$  is the minimal section  $S(1)$  of  $S(1, 3)$ .

*Proof.* (1) If  $d = 5$ , then it follows immediate from Notation and Remarks 2.1.(b). Now suppose that  $d > 5$  and let  $\tilde{C} \subset \mathbb{P}^d$  be the rational normal curve defined as in Notation and Remarks 2.1.(b). Let  $\Lambda$  be a  $(d - 6)$ -dimensional linear subspace of  $\mathbb{P}^d$  spanned by  $(d - 5)$  standard coordinate points

$$\{[0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0, 0], \dots, [0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0]\}$$

and consider the linear projection map  $\pi_{\Lambda} : \tilde{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^5$  of  $\tilde{C}$  from the center  $\Lambda$ . Then it holds that the projection image  $\pi_{\Lambda}(\tilde{C})$  is the curve  $C_d$  by the construction. In particular, the map  $\pi_{\Lambda}$  is an isomorphism since  $\Lambda \cap \tilde{C}^2 = \emptyset$  where  $\tilde{C}^2$  is the second join of  $\tilde{C}$  with itself. For details, we refer to the reader to see [17] or [12, Notation and Remarks 2.2].

(2) It is easy to see that the curve  $C_d$  satisfies the following six quadratic equations

$$\{X_0X_3 - X_1X_2, X_0X_4 - X_1X_3, X_0X_5 - X_1X_4, X_2X_4 - X_3^2, X_2X_5 - X_3X_4, X_3X_5 - X_4^2\}$$

which define the rational normal surface scroll  $S := S(1, 3)$ (see Notation and Remarks 2.1.(d)). Thus it holds that  $C_d \subset S$ , and hence  $C_d$  is linearly equivalent to a divisor  $H + (d - 4)F$  of  $S$ . Indeed, we may assume that  $C_d \equiv aH + bF$  for some integer  $a \geq 1$  and  $b$  since  $C_d$  is irreducible. Consider the long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{P}^r, \mathcal{I}_S(1)) \rightarrow H^1(\mathbb{P}^r, \mathcal{I}_{C_d}(1)) \rightarrow H^1(S, \mathcal{O}_S((1-a)H - bF)) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{P}^r, \mathcal{I}_S(1)) \rightarrow \dots$$

which is obtained from the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{C_d} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S(-aH - bF) \rightarrow 0.$$

Then it follows that

$$H^1(\mathbb{P}^r, \mathcal{I}_{C_d}(1)) \cong H^1(S, \mathcal{O}_S((1 - a)H - bF)) \tag{4}$$

since  $S$  is arithmetically Cohen-Macaulay. Now suppose that  $a \geq 2$ . Then it holds that  $H^1(S, \mathcal{O}_S((1-a)H - bF)) = 0$  and hence  $C_d$  is linearly normal by the isomorphism (4). This is a contradiction, and hence  $a = 1$  since the map  $\pi_\Lambda$  in the proof of (1) is an isomorphism. So  $C_d$  is linearly equivalent to a divisor  $H + bF$  of degree  $d$  on  $S(1, 3)$ . Thus we conclude that  $b = d - 4$ .

(3) It is well known that  $\text{reg}(C_d) \leq d - 3$  by [6]. On the other hand, the minimal section  $S(1)$  is a  $(d - 3)$ -secant line to  $C_d$  since  $\sharp(C_d \cap S(1)) = (H + (d - 4)F) \cdot (H - 3F) = d - 3$ . Thus  $\text{reg}(C_d) \geq d - 3$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.3.** *Let  $C_d$  be as in Proposition 2.2. Then the Betti table  $\beta(C_d)$  of  $C_d$  is described as following Table 1:*

$i$	1	2	3	4	5
$\beta_{i,d-3}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,d-4}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,d-5}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,d-6}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\beta_{i,n+3}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,n+2}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,n+1}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,n}$	4	12	12	4	0
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\beta_{i,3}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,2}$	6	8	3	0	0

$i$	1	2	3	4	5
$\beta_{i,d-3}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,d-4}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,d-5}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,d-6}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\beta_{i,n+3}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,n+2}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,n+1}$	1	4	10	6	1
$\beta_{i,n}$	2	4	0	0	0
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\beta_{i,3}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,2}$	6	8	3	0	0

$i$	1	2	3	4	5
$\beta_{i,d-3}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,d-4}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,d-5}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,d-6}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\beta_{i,n+3}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,n+2}$	1	4	6	4	1
$\beta_{i,n+1}$	0	6	8	3	0
$\beta_{i,n}$	1	0	0	0	0
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\beta_{i,3}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\beta_{i,2}$	6	8	3	0	0

TABLE 1.  $\beta(C_d)$  where  $d = 3n - 1$ ,  $d = 3n$  and  $d = 3n + 1$ , respectively.

*Proof.* We may consider the curve  $C_d$  as a divisor  $H + (d - 4)F$  on the rational normal surface scroll  $S(1, 3)$  by Proposition 2.2.(2). Then we get the desired Betti tables by applying the curve  $C_d$  to [9, Theorem 1.3].  $\square$

As in [13] and [12], we try to construct many examples of minimal generating sets of defining ideal  $I_{C_d}$  of  $C_d$  for small  $d \geq 5$  by means of the Computer Algebra System ‘‘SINGULAR’’ [2]. Our many computational examples and intuitions enable us to expect general shapes of the minimal generators of defining ideals  $I_{C_d}$  in Theorem 2.4.

To state our main theorem, we fix some notations for  $n \geq 3$  and  $j = -1, 0, 1$  as followings:

$$(i) \begin{cases} F_{[j,i]} = X_1 X_4^i X_5^{n-i-1} - X_2^{n+i+j-1} X_3^{1-j-i} & \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq 1 - j \\ G_{[j,k]} = X_0^{3k+2+j} X_2^{n-k-1} - X_1^{3(k+1)+j} X_5^{n-k-2} & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq n - 2 \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \begin{cases} Q_1 = X_0 X_3 - X_1 X_2, \quad Q_2 = X_0 X_4 - X_1 X_3, \quad Q_3 = X_0 X_5 - X_1 X_4 \\ Q_4 = X_2 X_4 - X_3^2, \quad Q_5 = X_2 X_5 - X_3 X_4, \quad Q_6 = X_3 X_5 - X_4^2 \end{cases}$$

and the set  $\Sigma = \{Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4, Q_5, Q_6\}$  is a minimal generating set of the defining ideal of  $S(1, 3)$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $C_d \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ ,  $d \geq 8$  be stated as in (3). Then  $C_d$  is a smooth rational curve of degree  $d$  and of maximal regularity  $d - 3$ . In particular, letting  $d = 3n + j$  for  $n \geq 3$  and  $j = -1, 0, 1$ , the following sets are minimal generating sets of defining ideal  $I_{C_d}$  of  $C_d$ :*

(1) *If  $d = 3n - 1$ , then*

$$\Sigma_{-1} = \Sigma \cup \{F_{[-1,0]}, F_{[-1,1]}, F_{[-1,2]}\} \cup \{G_{[-1,k]} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n - 2\}$$

*is a minimal generating set of  $I_{C_d}$ .*

(2) *If  $d = 3n$ , then*

$$\Sigma_0 = \Sigma \cup \{F_{[0,0]}, F_{[0,1]}\} \cup \{G_{[0,k]} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n - 2\}$$

*is a minimal generating set of  $I_{C_d}$ .*

(3) *If  $d = 3n + 1$ , then*

$$\Sigma_1 = \Sigma \cup \{F_{[1,0]}\} \cup \{G_{[1,k]} \mid 0 \leq k \leq n - 2\}$$

*is a minimal generating set of  $I_{C_d}$ .*

*Proof.* The first part of the theorem follows from Proposition 2.2. For the remaining parts of the proof, we will describe a minimal set of generators of the defining ideal  $I_{C_d}$  according to the degree  $d = 3n + j$  with  $n \geq 3$  and  $j = -1, 0, 1$  in turn. By construction of the set  $\Sigma_j$ , one can easily check that  $\Sigma_{-1}$  (resp.  $\Sigma_0$  and  $\Sigma_1$ ) is contained in  $I(S)$  when  $d = 3n - 1$  (resp.  $d = 3n$  and  $d = 3n + 1$ ). Thus by applying the sets  $\Sigma_j$  to Corollary 2.3, it suffices to show the following statements:

(i) When  $d = 3n - 1$ ,

(i.1) six quadratic equations in  $\Sigma$  are  $\mathbb{K}$ -linearly independent,

(i.2)  $F_{[-1,0]} \notin \langle \Sigma \rangle$ ,

(i.3)  $F_{[-1,1]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[-1,0]}\} \rangle$ ,

(i.4)  $F_{[-1,2]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[-1,0]}, F_{[-1,1]}\} \rangle$ ,

(i.5)  $G_{[-1,0]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[-1,0]}, F_{[-1,1]}, F_{[-1,2]}\} \rangle$ ,

(i.6)  $G_{[-1,k]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[-1,0]}, F_{[-1,1]}, F_{[-1,2]}, G_{[-1,0]}, \dots, G_{[-1,k-1]}\} \rangle$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ .

(ii) When  $d = 3n$ ,

(ii.1) six quadratic equations in  $\Sigma$  are  $\mathbb{K}$ -linearly independent,

(ii.2)  $F_{[0,0]} \notin \langle \Sigma \rangle$ ,

(ii.3)  $F_{[0,1]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[0,0]}\} \rangle$ ,

(ii.4)  $G_{[0,0]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[0,0]}, F_{[0,1]}\} \rangle$ ,

(ii.5)  $G_{[0,k]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[0,0]}, F_{[0,1]}, G_{[0,0]}, \dots, G_{[0,k-1]}\} \rangle$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n - 2$ .

(iii) When  $d = 3n + 1$ ,

(iii.1) six quadratic equations in  $\Sigma$  are  $\mathbb{K}$ -linearly independent,

(iii.2)  $F_{[1,0]} \notin \langle \Sigma \rangle$ ,

(iii.3)  $G_{[1,0]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[1,0]}\} \rangle$ ,

(iii.4)  $G_{[1,k]} \notin \langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[1,0]}, G_{[1,0]}, \dots, G_{[1,k-1]}\} \rangle$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n-2$ .

It is obvious that six quadratic equations in  $\Sigma$  are  $\mathbb{K}$ -linearly independent since they are minimal generators of the ideal  $I_{S(1,3)}$  of  $S(1,3)$ . Thus (i.1), (ii.1) and (iii, 1) are proved. Note that the degrees of  $F_{[j,0]}, F_{[j,0]}, F_{[j,2]}, G_{[j,1]}, \dots, G_{[j,k]}$  are at least 3 and the degrees of  $G_{[j,k]}$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n-2$  are strictly increasing. We shall finish the proof through the following two steps.

**Step1:** Suppose that  $F_{[j,0]}$  is in the ideal  $\langle \Sigma \rangle$  and  $F_{[j,i]}$  is in the ideal  $\langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[j,0]}, \dots, F_{[j,i-1]}\} \rangle$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Then  $F_{[j,0]}$  and  $F_{[j,i]}$  can be written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} F_{[j,0]} = \sum_{t=1}^6 A_{[j,t]} Q_t & \text{and} \\ F_{[j,i]} = \sum_{t=1}^6 A_{[j,t]} Q_t + \sum_{s=0}^{i-1} B_{[j,s]} F_{[j,s]} & \text{for } i = 1, 2 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $\{A_{[j,t]}\}$  for  $t = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  are homogeneous polynomials of degree  $n-2$  in  $R$  and  $\{B_{[j,s]}\}$  for  $0 \leq s \leq i-1$  are constants. Then for every points in the set  $\{[0, 0, X_2, X_3, 0, 0]\} \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ , the equations (5) yields respectively

$$\begin{cases} X_2^{n+j-1} X_3^{1-j} = 0 & \text{and} \\ X_2^{n+i+j-1} X_3^{1-j-i} = \sum_{s=0}^{i-1} B_{[j,s]} X_2^{n+s+j-1} X_3^{1-j-s} & \text{for } i = 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

which cannot occur. This shows that (i.2)  $\sim$  (i.4), (ii.3), (ii.4) and (iii, 2).

**Step2:** Suppose that  $G_{[j,0]}$  is contained in the ideal  $\langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[j,i]} | 0 \leq i \leq j-1\} \rangle$  and  $G_{[j,k]}$  is contained in the ideal

$$\langle \Sigma \cup \{F_{[j,i]} | 0 \leq i \leq j-1\} \cup \{G_{[j,0]}, \dots, G_{[j,k-1]}\} \rangle$$

for  $1 \leq k \leq n-2$ . Then  $G_{[j,k]}$  is written by the following combinations

$$\begin{cases} G_{[j,0]} = \sum_{t=1}^6 A_{[j,t]} Q_t + \sum_{i=0}^{1-j} B_{[j,i]} F_{[j,i]} & \text{and} \\ G_{[j,k]} = \sum_{t=1}^6 A_{[j,t]} Q_t + \sum_{i=0}^{1-j} B_{[j,i]} F_{[j,i]} + \sum_{s=0}^{k-1} C_{[j,s]} G_{[j,s]} & \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n-2 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where  $A_{[j,t]}$ ,  $B_{[j,i]}$  and  $C_{[j,s]}$  are respectively the homogeneous polynomials of degree  $n+2k+j-1$ ,  $2k+j+1$  and  $2(k-s)$  in  $R$ . For every points in the set  $\{[0, X_1, 0, 0, 0, X_5]\} \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ , the formulas in (6) will be rewritten as

$$\begin{cases} X_1^{3+j} X_5^{n-2} & = -B_{[j,0]} X_1 X_5^{n-1} & \text{and} \\ X_1^{3(k+1)+j} X_5^{n-k-2} & = -B_{[j,0]} X_1 X_5^{n-1} \\ & + \sum_{s=0}^{k-1} C_{[j,s]} X_1^{3(s+1)+j} X_5^{n-s-2} & \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n-2 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

It is clear that the equality  $X_1^{3+j} X_5^{n-2} + B_{[j,0]} X_1 X_5^{n-1} = 0$  cannot occur. Now consider the powers of  $X_5$  in the second equality (7). The powers of  $X_5$  on the right hand side are  $n-1$  and  $n-s-2$  for  $0 \leq s \leq k-1$  and those are strictly

bigger than its power  $n - k - 2$  on the left hand side. This is impossible. This complete the proof of (i.5), (i.6), (ii.4), (ii.5), (iii.3) and (iii.4).  $\square$

Finally, we finish this section by providing minimal generating sets of the defining ideal of  $C_d \subset \mathbb{P}^5$  for  $5 \leq d \leq 7$  by means of the Computer Algebra System SINGULAR [2].

**Example 2.5.** Let  $C_d \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ ,  $5 \leq d \leq 7$  be a curve stated as in (3). Then

- (i)  $d = 5$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{F_{[-1,0]}, F_{[-1,1]}, G_{[-1,0]}\} \cup \{X_1X_3 - X_2^2\}$  is a minimal generating set of  $I_{C_5}$ ,
- (ii)  $d = 6$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{F_{[0,0]}, F_{[0,1]}, G_{[0,0]}\}$  is a minimal generating set of  $I_{C_6}$ , and
- (iii)  $d = 7$  and  $\Sigma \cup \{F_{[1,0]}, G_{[1,0]}\}$  is a minimal generating set of  $I_{C_7}$ .

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