

EXTERIOR POWER OF STABLE VECTOR BUNDLE DESTABILIZED BY FROBENIUS PULL-BACK

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we prove that for any smooth projective curve C of genus $g \geq 2$ over an algebraically closed field of positive characteristic, there exists a stable vector bundle over C whose exterior power is not semi-stable.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let C be a smooth irreducible projective curve of genus $g > 0$ over an algebraically closed field k . As we know, when $\text{char}(k) = 0$, the semi-stability of vector bundles over C is preserved under the operations of tensor product, symmetric product and exterior product operations (cf. [2, 3]). However, this is not the case in positive characteristic. In fact, in [1] the author proves that, for any prime p and integer $g > 1$, there exists a smooth curve C of genus g in characteristic p and a semi-stable bundle E of rank 2 over C such that the Frobenius pullback $E^{(p)} := F^*E$ and thus the symmetric power $S^p(E)$ are not semi-stable. The examples of non-ample semi-stable bundles constructed by J.-P. Serre (cf. [3, Sect. 3]) and generally by H. Tango (cf. [8, Sect. 5, Exam. 3]), as well as the push-forward F_*E of a vector bundle E , possess the required property. For the case of the exterior product, we found no relevant assertions; therefore, in this note, we present a similar conclusion regarding the exterior power of semi-stable bundles in positive characteristic.

First, we adopt a computational approach to obtain the following result.

Theorem 1.1. (*Theorem 3.3*) *Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g \geq 2$ over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, and E be a vector bundle of rank r on C . Then $F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E$ is not semi-stable whenever $r > 1$, $p > 3$ or $n > 1$.*

Therefore, as a corollary, we derive a similar result in case of exterior power of a stable vector bundle.

Theorem 1.2. (*Corollary 3.3*) *Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g \geq 2$ defined over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, then there exists a stable vector bundle E on C , whose double exterior power is not semi-stable.*

By definition, cohomological stability implies stability in the usual sense. In characteristic zero, any exterior power of a semi-stable bundle is also semi-stable, so cohomological semi-stability is equivalent to semi-stability. However, in positive characteristic, since exterior product no longer preserves semi-stability, cohomological semi-stability is not equivalent to slope semi-stability. So we intended to find counterexamples of vector bundles that are semi-stable but not cohomologically semi-stable and we only confirm that stability is not equivalent to cohomological stability in positive characteristic.

Proposition 1.3. (*Proposition 3.4*) *Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g \geq 2$ defined over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, then there exists a vector bundle E which is stable but not cohomologically stable.*

Based on the above observation, we propose the following conjecture.

Conjecture 1.4. *Let C be a smooth projective curve defined over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, and E be a vector bundle over C . Then E is semi-stable if and only if E is cohomologically semi-stable.*

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2. PRELIMINARY

In this section, we recall some definitions and facts about the stability of vector bundles on curves.

2.1. Notation. Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g > 1$ over an algebraically closed field k of positive characteristic and Ω_C be the sheaf of 1-forms on C . The absolute Frobenius morphism $F : C \rightarrow C$ is defined by the map $f \rightarrow f^p$ in $\mathcal{O}_C$, and the n -th Frobenius morphism F^n is n -times composition of F , where $n \geq 0$. If $n = 0$, we mean $F^0 = Id$. Let B_1 denote the exact 1-form which sits in the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \xrightarrow{F^\#} F_*\mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow B_1 \rightarrow 0.$$

and is semi-stable of degree $(p-1)(g-1)$.

2.2. Stability.

Definition 2.1. Let E be a vector bundle on a smooth projective curve C . Recall that the *slope* of E is the rational number

$$\mu(E) = \frac{\deg E}{\operatorname{rk}(E)},$$

and E is called *stable* (resp. *semi-stable*) if

$$\mu(F) < \mu(E) \text{ (resp. } \mu(F) \leq \mu(E))$$

for every sub-bundle $F \subset E$ with $\operatorname{rk}(F) < \operatorname{rk}(E)$.

Moreover, E is called *cohomologically stable* (resp. *cohomologically semi-stable*) if for every line bundle A of degree a and every integer $t < \operatorname{rk}(E)$,

$$H^0(\wedge^t E \otimes A^{-1}) = 0$$

whenever $a \geq t\mu(E)$ (resp. $a > t\mu(E)$).

Let E be a vector bundle on C . Then there exists a unique filtration, which is called the *Harder-Narasimhan filtration*,

$$0 = E_0 \subset E_1 \subset \cdots \subset E_s = E$$

such that E_i/E_{i-1} is semi-stable of slope μ_i and

$$\mu_1 > \mu_2 > \cdots > \mu_s.$$

Proposition 2.2. *Let E be a vector bundle on C . Then*

$$\mu(F_*^n(E)) = \frac{\mu(E)}{p^n} + (1 - \frac{1}{p^n})(g-1).$$

Proof. Note that $\chi(F_*^n E) = \chi(E)$, then by the Riemann-Roch theorem we have $\deg(F_*^n E) = \deg(E) + \operatorname{rk}(E)(p^n - 1)(g-1)$ and hence the result. $\square$

2.3. A canonical filtration. Let E be a vector bundle on C . Then $V := F^*(F_*E)$ has a canonical connection

$$\nabla : V \rightarrow V \otimes \Omega_C$$

with zero p -curvature (cf. [5, Theorem 5.1]). So there is a canonical filtration

$$0 = V_p \subset V_{p-1} \subset \cdots \subset V_1 \subset V_0 = V \quad \#$$

where $V_1 = \ker(V = F^*F_*E \rightarrow E)$ and

$$V_{l+1} = \ker(V_l \xrightarrow{\nabla} V \otimes \Omega_C \rightarrow V/V_l \otimes \Omega_C)$$

when $l > 0$. Then we have the following lemma by a local calculation (cf. [7, Lem 2.1]).

Lemma 2.3. ([4, Theorem 5.3]) *Under the above assumption, we have*

- (1) $V_0/V_1 \cong E, \nabla(V_{l+1}) \subset V_l \otimes \Omega_C$ for $l > 0$,
- (2) $V_l/V_{l+1} \xrightarrow{\nabla} (V_{l-1}/V_l) \otimes \Omega_C$ is an isomorphism for $1 \leq l \leq p-1$, and
- (3) if $g \geq 2$ and E is semi-stable, then the canonical filtration ($\#$) is nothing but the Harder-Narasimhan filtration.

This lemma can be used to prove the following result (see [6] for the case of line bundles).

Lemma 2.4. ([7, Theorem 2.2]) *Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g \geq 1$. Then F_*E is semi-stable whenever E is semi-stable. If $g \geq 2$, then F_*E is stable whenever E is stable.*

2.4. Combination number modulo p .

Lemma 2.5. *Let $p > 0$ be a prime number. Then we have*

- $\binom{p-1}{h} \equiv (-1)^h \pmod{p}$, and
- $\binom{p-2}{h} \equiv (-1)^h(h+1) \pmod{p}$.

Proof. Note that

$$\binom{p-1}{h} = \frac{(p-1)!}{(p-1-h)!h!} = \binom{p-1}{h-1} \frac{p-h}{h} \equiv -\binom{p-1}{h-1} \pmod{p}$$

and

$$\binom{p-2}{h} = \frac{(p-2)!}{(p-2-h)!h!} = \binom{p-2}{h-1} \frac{p-h-1}{h} \equiv -\frac{h+1}{h} \binom{p-2}{h-1} \pmod{p}.$$

Then we obtain the result by iteration. □

3. INSTABILITY OF $F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E$

In this section, we first make the following observation: $F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E)$ admits a canonical subbundle. We then utilize this observation to derive our main result by computing the slopes of the bundles involved in the subsequent assertions.

Lemma 3.1. *Let C be a smooth projective curve defined over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, and E be a vector bundle of rank r on C . Then*

- (1) *when $r > 1$, there is a natural injection*

$$F_*^n(E \wedge E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E),$$

where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$;

- (2) *when $r = 1$ and $p > 2$, there is a natural injection*

$$F_*^n(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-2}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E),$$

where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$;

(3) when $r = 1$ and $p = 2$, there is a natural injection

$$F_*^{n-1}(B_1 \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*(E) \wedge F_*(E),$$

where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.3 there is a canonical filtration

$$0 = V_p \subset \cdots \subset V_1 \subset V_0 = F^*F_*(E) \quad (*)$$

with $V_i/V_{i+1} \cong E \otimes \Omega_C^i$. After tensoring the above filtration with E and pushing it forward by F_* , by projection formula we obtain the following filtration of $F_*E \otimes F_*E$:

$$0 = F_*(E \otimes V_p) \subset \cdots \subset F_*(E \otimes V_1) \subset F_*(E \otimes V_0) \cong F_*E \otimes F_*E$$

with $F_*(E \otimes V_i)/F_*(E \otimes V_{i+1}) \cong F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^i)$.

Next, we give a local basis of the first non-zero sub-bundle $F_*(E \otimes V_{p-1}) \cong F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-1})$. Since it is a local problem, we first reduce to the case $E = \mathcal{O}_C$ and $C = \text{Spec } k[[t]]$, then $F^*F_*\mathcal{O}_C = k[[t]] \otimes_{k[[s]]} k[[t]]$ where $s = t^p$. Set $I_0 = k[[t]] \otimes_{k[[s]]} k[[t]]$ and $I_1 = \ker(k[[t]] \otimes_{k[[s]]} k[[t]] \rightarrow k[[t]])$ which is also an ideal of the $k[[t]]$ -algebra $I_0 = k[[x]] \otimes_{k[[s]]} k[[x]]$. Set $\{\alpha := 1 \otimes t - t \otimes 1\}$, and it is easy to see that $\{\alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{p-1}\}$ is a basis of I_1 as $k[[t]]$ -module ($\alpha^p = 0$). Note that the filtration $(*)$ is defined by $I_{l+1} = \ker(I_l \xrightarrow{\nabla} I_0 \otimes \Omega_C \rightarrow I_0/I_l \otimes \Omega_C)$ and $\nabla(\alpha^l) = -l\alpha^{l-1} \otimes dt$. Thus, as a free $\mathcal{O}$ -module, I_l has a basis $\{\alpha^l, \alpha^{l+1}, \dots, \alpha^{p-1}\}$.

Now, we return to the case when $r > 1$ and suppose that locally $E = \mathcal{O} \cdot e_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathcal{O} \cdot e_r$. Then the local basis of $F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-1})$ consists of:

$$\begin{aligned} \{(e_i \otimes e_j) \cdot t^k \alpha^{p-1} &:= \sum_{h=0}^{p-1} \binom{p-1}{h} (-1)^h t^{k+h} e_i \otimes t^{p-1-h} e_j \\ &= \sum_{h=0}^{p-1} t^{k+h} e_i \otimes t^{p-1-h} e_j, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, r, k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1\} \end{aligned}$$

since $\binom{p-1}{h} \equiv (-1)^h \pmod{p}$ by Lemma 2.5. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} t^k \alpha^{p-1} &= \sum_{h=0}^{p-1} t^{k+h} \otimes t^{p-1-h} = \sum_{i=k}^{p-1+k} t^i \otimes t^{p-1+k-i} = \sum_{i=k}^{p-1} t^i \otimes t^{p-1+k-i} + \sum_{i=p}^{p-1+k} t^i \otimes t^{p-1+k-i} \\ &= \sum_{i=k}^{p-1} t^i \otimes t^{p-1+k-i} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} t^{p+j} \otimes t^{k-1-j} = \sum_{i=k}^{p-1} t^i \otimes t^{p-1+k-i} + s \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} t^j \otimes t^{k-1-j}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $t^k \alpha^{p-1}, k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ are all symmetric (if $m > n$, we mean $\sum_{i=m}^n a_i = 0$).

So the symmetric part of $F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-1})$ is generated by

$$\begin{aligned} &(e_i \otimes e_i) \cdot t^k \alpha^{p-1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, r, k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \text{ and} \\ &(e_i \otimes e_j + e_j \otimes e_i) \cdot t^k \alpha^{p-1}, i \neq j, k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \end{aligned}$$

which form a basis of the kernel of the natural map: $F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-1}) \rightarrow F_*(E \wedge E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-1})$ as $k[[s]]$ -module. Therefore, we obtain an injection

$$F_*(E \wedge E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*(E) \wedge F_*(E).$$

Moreover, by an n -times composition of the above map, we get the desired conclusion:

$$F_*^n(E \wedge E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E).$$

When $r = 1$, by the above argument, we see that the sections in the sub-bundle $F_*(E \otimes V_{p-1}) \subset F_*(E \otimes V_{p-2})$ are all symmetric. So we consider the second non-zero sub-bundle $F_*(E \otimes V_{p-2}) \subset F_*E \wedge F_*E$ and hence the local basis of the quotient $F_*(E \otimes V_{p-2})/F_*(E \otimes V_{p-1}) \cong F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-2})$.

Suppose that locally $E = \mathcal{O} \cdot e$. As the above argument, the local basis of $F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-2})$ consists of:

$$\begin{aligned} \{(e \otimes e) \cdot t^k \alpha^{p-2} &:= \sum_{h=0}^{p-2} \binom{p-2}{h} (-1)^h t^{k+h} e \otimes t^{p-2-h} e \\ &= \sum_{h=0}^{p-2} (h+1) t^{k+h} e \otimes t^{p-2-h} e, k = 0, 1, \dots, p-1\} \end{aligned}$$

since $\binom{p-2}{h} \equiv (-1)^h (h+1) \pmod{p}$ by Lemma 2.5. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} t^k \alpha^{p-2} &= \sum_{h=0}^{p-2} (h+1) t^{k+h} \otimes t^{p-2-h} = \sum_{i=k}^{p-2+k} (i-k+1) t^i \otimes t^{p-2+k-i} \\ &= \sum_{i=k}^{p-2} (i-k+1) t^i \otimes t^{p-2+k-i} + (p-k) t^{p-1} \otimes t^{k-1} + \sum_{i=p}^{p-2+k} (i-k+1) t^i \otimes t^{p-2+k-i} \\ &= \sum_{i=k}^{p-2} (i-k+1) t^i \otimes t^{p-2+k-i} + (p-k) t^{p-1} \otimes t^{k-1} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (j+p-k+1) t^{j+p} \otimes t^{k-2-j} \\ &= \sum_{i=k}^{p-2} (i-k+1) t^i \otimes t^{p-2+k-i} + (p-k) t^{p-1} \otimes t^{k-1} + s \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (j-k+1) t^j \otimes t^{k-2-j}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $t^k \alpha^{p-2}$ is symmetric if and only if $k = 0$ and $p = 2$. (Here, if $m > n$ and $a < 0$, we mean $\sum_{i=m}^n a_i = 0$ and $t^b \otimes t^a = 0$ respectively.) So when $p > 2$ the symmetric part of $F_*(E \otimes V_{p-2})$ is exactly the sub-bundle $F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-1})$. Therefore, we obtain an injection

$$F_*(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p-2}) \hookrightarrow F_*(E) \wedge F_*(E).$$

Moreover, by considering $E := F_* E$ which is of rank > 1 in (1), we have

$$F_*^n(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-2}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E).$$

When $p = 2$, note that $F_*(E) \wedge F_*(E) \cong B_1 \otimes E$ and by (1) again we have the required injection:

$$F_*^{n-1}(B_1 \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E)$$

□

Theorem 3.2. *Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g \geq 2$ defined over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, and E be a vector bundle of rank r on C then $F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E$ is not semi-stable when $r > 1$, $p > 3$ or $n > 1$.*

Proof. When $r > 1$, by Lemma 3.1, we have the following injection

$$F_*^n(E \wedge E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E).$$

After some computation of the slopes by using Proposition 2.2, we have:

$$\mu(F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E) = 2\mu(F_*^n E) = \frac{2}{p^n} \mu(E) + \frac{2(p^n - 1)(g - 1)}{p^n}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu(F_*^n(E \wedge E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1})) &= \frac{1}{p^n} \mu(E \wedge E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1}) + \frac{(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n} \\
&= \frac{1}{p^n} (2\mu(E) + \mu(\Omega_C^{p^n-1})) + \frac{(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n} \\
&= \frac{2}{p^n} \mu(E) + \frac{3(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n} \\
&> \mu(F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E).
\end{aligned}$$

So it is not semi-stable.

When $r = 1$ and $p > 2$, by Lemma 3.1, we have the following injection

$$F_*^n(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-2}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E).$$

After some computation of the slopes by using Proposition 2.2, we have:

$$\mu(F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E) = 2\mu(F_*^n E) = \frac{2}{p^n} \mu(E) + \frac{2(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu(F_*^n(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-2})) &= \frac{1}{p^n} \mu(E \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-2}) + \frac{(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n} \\
&= \frac{1}{p^n} (2\mu(E) + \mu(\Omega_C^{p^n-2})) + \frac{(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n} \\
&= \frac{2}{p^n} \mu(E) + \frac{(3p^n-5)(g-1)}{p^n} \\
&> \mu(F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E),
\end{aligned}$$

when $p > 3$ or $p = 3$ and $n > 1$. So $F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E$ is not semi-stable when $p > 3$ or $p = 3$ and $n > 1$.

When $r = 1$ and $p = 2$, by Lemma 3.1 we have the following injection

$$F_*^{n-1}(B_1 \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n(E) \wedge F_*^n(E).$$

After some computation of the slopes by using Proposition 2.2, we have:

$$\mu(F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E) = 2\mu(F_*^n E) = \frac{2}{p^n} \mu(E) + \frac{2(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu(F_*^{n-1}(B_1 \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1})) &= \frac{1}{p^{n-1}} \mu(B_1 \otimes E \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1}) + \frac{(p^{n-1}-1)(g-1)}{p^{n-1}} \\
&= \frac{1}{p^{n-1}} (\mu(B_1) + \mu(E) + \mu(\Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1})) + \frac{(p^{n-1}-1)(g-1)}{p^{n-1}} \\
&= \frac{2}{p^n} \mu(E) + \frac{(3p^n-4)(g-1)}{p^n} \\
&> \mu(F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E),
\end{aligned}$$

when $n > 1$. So $F_*^n E \wedge F_*^n E$ is not semi-stable when $n > 1$. $\square$

Corollary 3.3. *Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g \geq 2$ defined over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, then there exists a stable vector bundle E on C , whose double exterior product is not semi-stable.*

Proof. Take a line bundle L on C , then $E := F_*^n L$ is stable by Lemma 2.4. Thus by the above theorem we see that $E \wedge E$ is not semi-stable when $n > 1$. $\square$

Proposition 3.4. *Let C be a smooth projective curve of genus $g \geq 2$ defined over an algebraically closed field k of characteristic $p > 0$, then there exists a vector bundle E which is stable but not cohomologically stable.*

Proof. Take $E = F_*^n L$ for some line bundle L of degree d and some integer $n > 1$, then E is stable by Lemma 2.4. By Definition 2.1, we must prove that there is an integer $t < rk(E)$ and a line bundle A of degree $a \geq t\mu(E)$ satisfying $H^0(\wedge^t E_L \otimes A^*) \neq 0$. When $p = 2$ by Lemma 3.1 we have

$$F_*^{n-1}(B_1 \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n L \wedge F_*^n L.$$

We take the line bundle L of degree d such that $d + (p^n - 1)(g - 1)$ can be divided by p^{n-1} and then take a line bundle A of degree $\frac{d+(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^{n-1}}$ such that $A^{p^{n-1}} \cong B_1 \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1}$. Thus we have $\deg A \geq 2\mu(F_*^n L) = \frac{d+(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^{n-1}}$, but $h^0(F_*^n L \wedge F_*^n L \otimes A^{-1}) \geq h^0(F_*^{n-1}(B_1 \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1}) \otimes A^{-1}) = h^0(F_*^{n-1}(B_1 \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^{n-1}-1} \otimes A^{-p^{n-1}})) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_C) \neq 0$, which implies that $F_*^n L$ is not cohomologically stable.

When $p > 2$ by Lemma 3.1 we have

$$F_*^n(L \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1}) \hookrightarrow F_*^n L \wedge F_*^n L.$$

We take the line bundle L of degree d such that $2d + 2(p^n - 1)(g - 1)$ can be divided by p^n and then take a line bundle A of degree $\frac{2d+2(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n}$ such that $A^{p^n} \cong L \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1}$. Thus we have $\deg A \geq 2\mu(F_*^n L) = \frac{2d+2(p^n-1)(g-1)}{p^n}$. But $h^0(F_*^n L \wedge F_*^n L \otimes A^{-1}) \geq h^0(F_*^n(L \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1}) \otimes A^{-1}) = h^0(F_*^n(L \otimes L \otimes \Omega_C^{p^n-1} \otimes A^{-p^n})) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_C) \neq 0$, which implies that $F_*^n L$ is not cohomologically stable. $\square$

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