



Pfaffian quartic surfaces and representations of Clifford algebras

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Given a nondegenerate ternary form $f=f(x_1,x_2,x_3)$ of degree 4 over an algebraically closed field of characteristic zero, we use the geometry of K3 surfaces and van den Bergh's correspondence between representations of the generalized Clifford algebra \mathbb{C}_f associated to f and Ulrich bundles on the surface $X_f:=\{w^4=f(x_1,x_2,x_3)\} \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$ to construct a positive-dimensional family of irreducible representations of \mathbb{C}_f .

The main part of our construction, which is of independent interest, uses recent work of Aprodu-Farkas on Green's Conjecture together with a result of Basili on complete intersection curves in \mathbb{P}^3 to produce simple Ulrich bundles of rank 2 on a smooth quartic surface $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}^3$ with determinant $\mathcal{O}_X(3)$. This implies that every smooth quartic surface in \mathbb{P}^3 is the zerolocus of a linear Pfaffian, strengthening a result of Beauville-Schreyer on general quartic surfaces.

Comments: This paper contains a proof of the main result claimed in the erroneous preprint [arXiv:1103.0529](https://arxiv.org/abs/1103.0529). We also extend this result to all smooth quartic surfaces

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