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13244-1150. *The Hyperelliptic Locus in  $\overline{\mathfrak{M}}_3$ .*

Using a map of vector bundles, combined with the Thom-Porteous formula, Harris and Morrison are able to compute the class of the locus of hyperelliptic curves in  $\text{Pic}_{fun}(\mathfrak{M}_3)$ . In this talk, we will look at how to extend this idea, using a technique due to Diaz for computing the class of the degeneracy locus of a map of coherent sheaves, combined with an Excess Porteous formula, in order to compute the class of the closure of the hyperelliptic locus in  $\text{Pic}_{fun}\overline{\mathfrak{M}}_3$ . (Received August 07, 2010)