

Maximal rank divisors on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$

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Abstract. We compute the class of the effective divisors on $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{g,n}$, which are set theoretically equal to the locus of moduli points $[C, p_1, \dots, p_n]$ where C lies on a quadric under the map given by the linear series $|K_C - p_1 - \dots - p_n|$. Using this divisor class we show that the moduli spaces $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{16,8}$ and $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{17,8}$ are of general type. We also note that the divisor classes computed in the papers [10] and [11] can be used to show that $\overline{\mathcal{M}}_{12,10}$ is of general type.

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