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## On $k$ -Very Ampleness of Tensor Products of Ample Line Bundles on Abelian Surfaces (\*).

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ABSTRACT - In this paper, we study abelian surfaces  $X$  and ample line bundles  $L_1, \dots, L_t$  such that  $L := L_1 + \dots + L_t$  is not  $k$ -very ample for  $t = k, k + 1$ . And we also study polarized abelian surfaces  $(X, L)$  such that  $(k - t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample with  $t \geq 1$  under some condition. As corollaries of the above results, we get the classification of  $(X, L)$  such that  $(k - t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample for  $t = -1, 0, 1$  and  $2$ .

### 0. Introduction.

Let  $X$  be an abelian variety over the complex number field  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $X$ . Then it is well-known that  $2L$  is spanned and  $3L$  is very ample. (See [LB].) In [BaSz1] and [BaSz2], Bauer and Szemberg studied a sufficient condition of  $k$ -very ampleness of  $L_1 + \dots + L_{k+1}$  for ample line bundles  $L_1, \dots, L_{k+1}$ . In particular, in [BaSz2], as a corollary, they proved that  $L_1 + \dots + L_{k+2}$  is  $k$ -very ample for any ample line bundles  $L_1, \dots, L_{k+2}$ .

Next the following question arises from the Bauer-Szemberg result;

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QUESTION. Let  $X$  be an abelian variety  $X$  and let  $L_1, \dots, L_s$  be ample line bundles on  $X$  for  $s \leq k + 1$ . Then classify  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_s)$  such that  $L_1 + \dots + L_s$  is not  $k$ -very ample.

Ohbuchi ([O]) studied polarized abelian varieties  $(X, L)$  such that  $2L$  is not very ample.

In sect. 2, we study abelian surfaces  $X$  and ample line bundles  $L_1, \dots, L_t$  such that  $L := L_1 + \dots + L_t$  is not  $k$ -very ample for  $t = k, k + 1$ .

In sect. 3, we study polarized abelian surfaces  $(X, L)$  such that  $(k - t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample with  $t \geq 1$  under some condition. In particular, we characterize  $(X, L)$  such that  $(k - t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample with  $t = 1$  or 2. (See Theorem 3.4 and Theorem 3.5.)

We work over the complex number field and we use the customary notation in algebraic geometry.

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## 1. Preliminaries.

DEFINITION 1.1. (See [BeSo].) – Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized surface. Then  $L$  is called  $k$ -very ample if for any 0-dimensional subscheme  $(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$  with length  $\mathcal{O}_Z = k + 1$ , the map

$$\Gamma(L) \rightarrow \Gamma(L \otimes \mathcal{O}_Z)$$

is surjective.

LEMMA 1.2. *Let  $X$  be an abelian surface. Assume that  $X$  contains a smooth elliptic curve  $D$ . Then there exists an elliptic fibration  $f: X \rightarrow C$  such that  $C$  is a smooth elliptic curve,  $D$  is a fiber of  $f$ , and any fiber of  $f$  is isomorphic to  $D$ .*

PROOF. By a translation of  $D$ , we may assume that  $D$  contains the origin of  $X$  and  $D$  is an abelian subvariety of  $X$ . Then there exist the quotient  $X/D$  and the surjective homomorphism  $f: X \rightarrow X/D$ . Then  $X/D$  is a smooth elliptic curve and every fiber of  $f$  is isomorphic to the fiber over the origin of  $X/D$  which is  $D$  by construction. ■

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $X$  be an abelian surface. Assume that there exist a smooth elliptic curve  $C$  and a surjective morphism  $f: X \rightarrow C$  with connected fibers such that  $f$  has a section  $S$ . Then  $X \cong C \times F$  and  $f$  is identified with the first projection via this isomorphism, and  $S$  is a fiber of the second projection, where  $F$  is a fiber of  $f$ .*

PROOF. We remark that  $f$  is an elliptic fibration such that any fiber of  $f$  is smooth since  $X$  is an abelian surface. Let  $S$  be a section of  $f$ . Then by Lemma 1.2, there exist a smooth elliptic curve  $C'$  and an elliptic fibration  $h: X \rightarrow C'$  such that any fiber of  $h$  is a smooth elliptic curve and  $S$  is a fiber of  $h$ . Moreover any fiber of  $h$  (resp.  $f$ ) is a section of  $f$  (resp.  $h$ ). In particular  $C' \cong F$ . Then there exists a morphism  $\pi: X \rightarrow C \times C'$  such that  $f = p_1 \circ \pi$  and  $h = p_2 \circ \pi$ , where  $p_1$  (resp.  $p_2$ ) is the projection  $C \times C' \rightarrow C$  (resp.  $C \times C' \rightarrow C'$ ). We remark that  $\pi$  is bijective by construction. Let  $F_f = f^*(x)$  and  $F_h = h^*(y)$ , where  $x \in C$  and  $y \in C'$ . Then  $F_f = \pi^* \circ p_1^*(x)$  and  $F_h = \pi^* \circ p_2^*(y)$ . Then

$$1 = F_f F_h = (\pi^* \circ p_1^*(x))(\pi^* \circ p_2^*(y)) = \deg(\pi)(p_1^*(x) p_2^*(y)).$$

Hence  $\pi$  is birational. Therefore by Zariski Main Theorem, we obtain that  $\pi$  is an isomorphism. ■

REMARK 1.3.1. Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface, and let  $D$  be an effective divisor on  $X$  such that  $LD = 1$ . Then  $D$  is irreducible and reduced. By Hodge index Theorem, we get that  $D^2 = 0$ . Moreover  $D$  is a smooth elliptic curve since  $X$  is an abelian surface and  $g(D) = 1$ . By Lemma 1.2, there exists a fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow C$  such that  $C$  is a smooth elliptic curve,  $D$  is a fiber of  $f$ , and any fiber of  $f$  is isomorphic to  $D$ . Since  $h^0(L) > 0$  and  $LD = 1$ , there exists a section of  $f$ . So by Lemma 1.3,  $X \cong C \times F$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f$ , and  $f$  is identified with the first projection via this isomorphism.

THEOREM 1.4 (Terakawa). *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. Then  $L$  is  $k$ -very ample if and only if  $L^2 \geq 4k + 6$  and there exists no effective divisor  $D$  satisfying the inequalities*

$$LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1.$$

PROOF. See Theorem 3.15 in [Te].

**THEOREM 1.5.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. If  $g(L) = 2$ , then  $(X, L)$  is one of the following:*

(I)  $X \cong J(B)$ , and  $L$  is the class of a translation of the theta divisor, where  $B$  is a smooth projective curve of genus two,  $J(B)$  is the jacobian variety of  $B$ .

(II)  $X \cong E_1 \times E_2$ , and  $L = p_1^* \mathcal{O}_1 \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{O}_2$ , where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are smooth elliptic curves,  $p_i: E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow E_i$  is the  $i$ -th projection, and  $\mathcal{O}_i \in \text{Pic}(E_i)$  with  $\deg \mathcal{O}_1 = \deg \mathcal{O}_2 = 1$ .

**PROOF.** See [OoU], [BeLP], or [Fj]. ■

**THEOREM 1.6.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface with  $L^2 \geq 2a$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume that there exists an irreducible reduced curve  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $LD = 2$  and  $D^2 = 0$ . Then  $(X, L)$  satisfies one of the following:*

(1)  $X \cong E_1 \times E_2$  and  $L = p_1^* \mathcal{B}_1 \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{B}_2$  with  $\deg \mathcal{B}_1 \geq 1$  and  $\deg \mathcal{B}_2 = 2$ , or  $\deg \mathcal{B}_1 = 2$  and  $\deg \mathcal{B}_2 \geq 1$ .

(2) *There exists a surjective morphism  $f: X \rightarrow C$  with connected fibers such that  $C$  is a smooth elliptic curve and any fiber of  $f$  is a smooth elliptic curve, and  $(X, L)$  is one of the following:*

(2-1) *There exists an ample spanned vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}$  of rank two on  $C$  such that  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}' \otimes \mathcal{N}_1$  with  $\deg \mathcal{N}_1 \geq [a/2]$ ,  $X$  is a double covering of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})$  whose branch locus is smooth and linearly equivalent to  $-2K_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}$ ,  $f = p \circ \pi$ , and  $L = \mathcal{O}(T) \otimes f^* \mathcal{N}_1$ ,*

(2-2)  $X \cong J(B)$  and  $L = \mathcal{O}_X(A) \otimes f^* \mathcal{N}_2$  such that  $A$  is a translation of the theta divisor,  $AF = 2$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f$ , and  $\deg \mathcal{N}_2 \geq [(a-1)/2]$ ,

(2-3)  $X \cong E_1 \times E_2$  and  $L = p_1^* \mathcal{O}_1 \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{O}_2 \otimes f^* \mathcal{N}_3$  such that any fiber of  $p_i$  is a section of  $f$  for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\deg \mathcal{O}_1 = \deg \mathcal{O}_2 = 1$ , and  $\deg \mathcal{N}_3 \geq [(a-1)/2]$ ,

where in (1) and (2-3)  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are smooth elliptic curves,  $p_i: E_1 \times E_2 \rightarrow E_i$  is the  $i$ -th projection,  $\mathcal{B}_i, \mathcal{O}_i \in \text{Pic}(E_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_3 \in \text{Pic}(C)$ , in (2-1)  $\mathcal{E}' = \mathcal{O}_C \oplus \mathcal{L}_1$  for  $\mathcal{L}_1 \in \text{Pic}(C)$  with  $\mathcal{L}_1 \not\cong \mathcal{O}_C$  and  $2\mathcal{L}_1 \cong \mathcal{O}_C$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_1 \in \text{Pic}(C)$ ,  $p: \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow C$  is the natural projection,  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})$  is the double covering, and  $T$  is a smooth elliptic curve with  $TF = 2$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f$ , and in (2-2)  $B$  is a smooth projective curve of genus

two,  $J(B)$  is the jacobian variety, and  $\mathfrak{N}_2 \in \text{Pic}(C)$ . (For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $[x]$  denotes the smallest integer which is greater than or equal to  $x$ .)

REMARK 1.6.1. In the case (2-2) in Theorem 1.6,  $B$  cannot be general. Actually if  $B$  is general, then the Néron-Severi group  $\text{NS}(X)$  is generated by the class of the theta divisor. In particular,  $X$  does not contain any elliptic curve.

PROOF. This can be proved by the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 2.2 in [Fk]. By assumption,  $D$  is a smooth elliptic curve. Hence by Lemma 1.2, there exists a surjective morphism  $f: X \rightarrow C$  such that  $C$  is a smooth elliptic curve,  $D$  is a fiber of  $f$ , and any fiber of  $f$  is smooth. Since  $LF = LD = 2$  for any fiber  $F$  of  $f$ , we get that  $f^* \circ f_*(L) \rightarrow L$  is surjective. Let  $\mathcal{E} := f_*L$ . Then  $\mathcal{E}$  is a locally free sheaf of rank two on  $C$ , and there exists a morphism  $\pi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})$  such that  $f = p \circ \pi$ , where  $p: \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow C$  is the bundle map. By construction,  $\pi$  is a double covering. Since  $X$  is an abelian surface, the branch locus  $B$  is smooth and linearly equivalent to  $-2K_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}$ . Furthermore  $L = \pi^*(H(\mathcal{E}))$  and  $\mathcal{E}$  is ample with  $\text{deg } \mathcal{E} \geq a$ , where  $H(\mathcal{E})$  is the tautological line bundle on  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})$ . Since  $|-2K_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}|$  has a smooth member, by the same argument as in the proof of Proposition 2.3 in [Fk1], we can prove that there exists a vector bundle  $\mathcal{E}'$  on  $C$  and a line bundle  $\mathfrak{N}$  on  $C$  such that  $\mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{E}' \otimes \mathfrak{N}$ , and  $\mathcal{E}'$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  satisfy one of the following three types;

(A)  $\mathcal{E}' \cong \mathcal{O}_C \oplus \mathcal{O}_C$  and  $\text{deg } \mathfrak{N} \geq [a/2]$ ,

(B)  $\mathcal{E}' \cong \mathcal{O}_C \oplus \mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\text{deg } \mathfrak{N} \geq [a/2]$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_1 \in \text{Pic}(C)$  with  $\mathcal{L}_1 \not\cong \mathcal{O}_C$  and  $2\mathcal{L}_1 \cong \mathcal{O}_C$ ,

(C) there exists a nontrivial extension

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow \mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow 0$$

and  $\text{deg } \mathfrak{N} \geq [(a-1)/2]$ , where  $\mathcal{L}_2 \in \text{Pic}(C)$  with  $\text{deg } \mathcal{L}_2 = 1$ .

Let  $\iota: \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}')$  be the isomorphism such that  $p = p' \circ \iota$ . Let  $\pi' = \iota \circ \pi$ .

(1) The case in which  $\mathcal{E}'$  is the type (A) or (B).

Let  $C_0 \in |H(\mathcal{E}')|$ . Then  $C_0$  is an irreducible reduced curve by Proposition 2.8 in [Ha, Ch. V]. Let  $B$  be the branch locus of  $\pi'$ . We remark that  $-2K_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}')} = 4H(\mathcal{E}')$ .

Since  $-2K_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}')}C_0 = 0$ , we get  $C_0 \subset B$  or  $C_0 \cap B = \emptyset$ .

(1-1) The case in which  $C_0 \subset B$ .

Then  $(\pi')^*(C_0) = 2B_1$ . Since  $LF = 2$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f$  and  $B_1$  is not contained in a fiber of  $f$ ,  $B_1$  is a section of  $f$ . Hence by Lemma 1.3,  $X \cong C \times F$  and  $f$  is identified with the first projection, and  $B_1$  is a fiber of the second projection  $h: C \times F \rightarrow F$ . So we get

$$\begin{aligned} L = \pi^* H(\delta) &\cong \pi^* \circ p^*(\mathcal{M}) \otimes (\pi')^* H(\delta') \cong \\ &\cong f^* \mathcal{M} \otimes (\pi')^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\delta')}(C_0) \cong f^* \mathcal{M} \otimes h^* \mathcal{P}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{P} \in \text{Pic}(F)$  with  $\deg \mathcal{P} = 2$ . Therefore we get the type (1) in Theorem 1.6.

(1-2) The case in which  $C_0 \cap B = \emptyset$ . Then we obtain one of the following:

$$(1-2-1) \quad (\pi')^*(C_0) = B_2,$$

$$(1-2-2) \quad (\pi')^*(C_0) = B_3 + B_4,$$

where  $B_i$  is an irreducible reduced curve for  $i=2, 3, 4$  with  $B_3 \neq B_4$ . First we consider the case (1-2-1).

CLAIM 1.7. *If  $(\pi')^*(C_0) = B_2$ , then  $\delta'$  is the type (B).*

PROOF. We remark that  $B_2$  is a smooth elliptic curve. Hence by Lemma 1.2, there exists a surjective morphism  $f_1: X \rightarrow C_1$  such that  $C_1$  is a smooth elliptic curve and  $B_2$  is a fiber of  $f_1$ . Hence  $h^0((\pi')^*(C_0)) = h^0(B_2) = 1$ . On the other hand, since  $\pi'$  is a double covering, we have  $h^0((\pi')^*(C_0)) = h^0(H(\delta'))$ . Hence  $h^0(H(\delta')) = 1$ . Therefore  $\delta'$  is the type (B). This completes the proof of Claim 1.7. ■

Since  $L = (\pi')^*(C_0) \otimes f^* \mathcal{M}$ , we obtain the type (2-1) in Theorem 1.6. We remark that  $B_2 F = 2$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f$ .

Next we consider the case (1-2-2).

If  $(\pi')^*(C_0) = B_3 + B_4$ , then we get  $B_3^2 = B_4^2 = 0$  and  $B_3 B_4 = 0$ . Since  $B_3$  and  $B_4$  are not contained in a fiber of  $f$ , we get that  $B_3 F = B_4 F = 1$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f$  because  $(\pi')^*(C_0) F = 2$ . Hence  $B_3$  and  $B_4$  are sections of  $f$ . Hence by Lemma 1.3, we get that  $X \cong C \times F$ ,  $f$  is identified with the first projection, and  $B_i$  is a fiber of the second projection  $h: X \rightarrow F$  for  $i = 3, 4$ . Hence by the same argument as the case (1-1), we obtain  $L = f^* \mathcal{M} \otimes h^* \mathcal{P}'$ , where  $\mathcal{P}' \in \text{Pic}(F)$  with  $\deg \mathcal{P}' = 2$ .

Therefore we get the type (1) in Theorem 1.6.

(2) The case in which  $\mathcal{E}'$  is the type (C).

Then  $H(\mathcal{E}')$  is ample with  $H(\mathcal{E}')^2 = 1$ . We put  $\mathcal{O}_X(A) = (\pi')^*(H(\mathcal{E}'))$ . Then  $AF = 2$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f$ . Since  $A^2 = 2$  and  $X$  is an abelian surface, we obtain  $g(A) = 2$  and we get that  $(X, A)$  is one of the type (I) or (II) in Theorem 1.5. We remark that  $L = (\pi')^*(H(\mathcal{E}')) \otimes f^* \mathcal{N} = \mathcal{O}_X(A) \otimes f^* \mathcal{N}$ . If  $(X, A)$  is the type (II) in Theorem 1.5, then any fiber of  $f$  is not contained in a fiber of  $p_i$  and any fiber of  $p_i$  is a section of  $f$  for  $i = 1, 2$  since  $AF = 2$ . Therefore if  $(X, A)$  is the type (I) (resp. (II)) in Theorem 1.5, then we get the type (2-2) (resp. (2-3)) in Theorem 1.6. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.6. ■

DEFINITION 1.8. Let  $X$  be an abelian surface and let  $L, L_1, \dots, L_n$  be ample line bundles on  $X$ .

(A) If  $(X, L)$  is the type (2-1) (resp. (2-2), (2-3)) in Theorem 1.6 with  $L^2 \geq 2a$ , then we say that  $(X, L)$  is the type (I;  $a$ ) (resp. (II;  $a$ ), (III;  $a$ )).

(B) If  $X \cong J(B)$  and  $L_i \equiv B$  for a smooth curve  $B$  of genus two and  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , then we call  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_n)$  the type (J), where  $\equiv$  denotes numerical equivalence.

(C) If  $X \cong E_1 \times E_2$  and  $L = p_1^*(\mathcal{O}_1) \otimes p_2^*(\mathcal{O}_2)$  with  $(\deg \mathcal{O}_1, \deg \mathcal{O}_2) = (a, b)$  or  $(\deg \mathcal{O}_1, \deg \mathcal{O}_2) = (b, a)$ , then we call  $(X, L)$  the type (P;  $\{a, b\}$ ), where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are smooth elliptic curves,  $p_i$  is the  $i$ -th projection, and  $\mathcal{O}_i \in \text{Pic}(E_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

(D) If  $X \cong E_1 \times E_2$  and  $L_i = p_t^*(\mathcal{O}_i) \otimes \mathcal{O}(S_i)$  with  $\deg \mathcal{O}_i = a_i$ , then we call  $(X, L)$  the type (PS;  $t; a_1, \dots, a_n$ ), where  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are smooth elliptic curves,  $p_t$  is the  $t$ -th projection,  $S_i$  is a section of  $p_t$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_i \in \text{Pic}(E_t)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**2. The case in which  $L_1 + \dots + L_t$  is not  $k$ -very ample for  $t = k + 1$  or  $k$ .**

THEOREM 2.1. Let  $X$  be an abelian surface, and let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be ample line bundles on  $X$ . We put  $L := L_1 + L_2$ . Then  $L$  is not very ample if and only if  $(X, L_1, L_2)$  satisfies one of the following:

- (1)  $(X, L_1, L_2)$  is the type (J),
- (2)  $(X, L_1, L_2)$  is the type (PS;  $t; a_1, a_2$ ) with  $a_1 > 0, a_2 > 0$ , and  $t = 1, 2$ .

PROOF. First we prove the «if» part.

If  $(X, L_1, L_2)$  is the type (1), then  $L^2 = (L_1 + L_2)^2 = 8$  and  $h^0(L) = L^2/2 = 4$ . If  $L$  is very ample, then  $X$  is a hypersurface of degree 8 in  $\mathbb{P}^3$ . But this is impossible because  $X$  is an abelian surface. Hence  $L$  is not very ample.

If  $(X, L_1, L_2)$  is the type (2), then  $LF_1 = 2$ , where  $F_1$  is a fiber of  $p_1$ . If  $L$  is very ample, then  $F_1 \cong \mathbb{P}^1$ . But this is impossible because  $X$  is an abelian surface.

Next we prove the «only if» part. Assume that  $L$  is not very ample. Then  $L^2 = (L_1 + L_2)^2 \geq 8$  because  $L_1^2 \geq 2$ ,  $L_2^2 \geq 2$ , and  $L_1L_2 \geq 2$ .

(A) The case in which  $L^2 = 8$ .

Then  $L_1L_2 = 2$  and  $L_1^2 = L_2^2 = 2$ . By Hodge index Theorem, we obtain that  $L_1 \equiv L_2$ . Since  $g(L_1) = 2$ , we get that  $(X, L_1)$  is the type (I) or (II) in Theorem 1.5.

If  $(X, L_1)$  is the type (I), then  $L_2 \equiv B$ .

If  $(X, L_1)$  is the type (II), then we can easily prove  $L_2 = p_1^* \mathcal{O}'_1 \otimes p_2^* \mathcal{O}'_2$ , where  $\mathcal{O}'_i \in \text{Pic}(E_i)$  with  $\deg \mathcal{O}'_1 = \deg \mathcal{O}'_2 = 1$ .

(B) The case in which  $L^2 \geq 10$ .

By Reider's Theorem, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $(LD, D^2) = (2, 0)$  or  $(1, 0)$  because the value of  $D^2$  is even. Since  $L = L_1 + L_2$  and  $L_i$  is ample for  $i = 1, 2$ , we get  $(LD, D^2) = (2, 0)$ . So we have  $L_iD = 1$  for each  $i$ . By Remark 1.3.1, there exists a fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow C$  such that  $C$  is a smooth elliptic curve,  $X \cong C \times F$ ,  $f$  is identified with the first projection via this isomorphism, and  $D$  is a fiber of  $f$ , where  $F$  is a fiber of  $f$ . Since  $L_iF = 1$  for each  $i$ , we obtain that  $L_i = f^* \mathcal{O}_i \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(S_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_i \in \text{Pic}(C)$  and  $S_i$  is a section of  $f$ . Since  $L_i$  is ample, we get  $L_iS_i > 0$ . Hence  $\deg \mathcal{O}_i > 0$  because  $S_i^2 = 0$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. ■

COROLLARY 2.1.1. *Let  $X$  be an abelian surface and let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $X$ . Then  $2L$  is not very ample if and only if  $(X, L)$  satisfies one of the following:*

- (1)  $(X, L)$  is the type (J),
- (2)  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a, b\}$ ) with  $a > 0$  and  $b = 1$ .

PROOF. We put  $L_1 = L$  and  $L_2 = L$ . Then we get the above result by Theorem 2.1. We remark that if  $X \cong E_1 \times E_2$ , then we use Lemma 1.3. ■

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be an abelian surface and let  $L_1, \dots, L_{k+1}$  be ample line bundles on  $X$ . Assume that  $k \geq 2$ . We put  $L := L_1 + \dots + L_{k+1}$ . Then  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_{k+1})$  is the type (PS;  $t; a_1, \dots, a_{k+1}$ ) with  $a_i > 0$  for any  $i$ , and  $t = 1, 2$ .*

PROOF. First we prove the «if» part. Let  $F_1$  be a fiber of  $p_1$ . Then  $LF_1 = k + 1$ . But by Theorem 1.4,  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample.

Next we prove the «only if» part. Then

$$\begin{aligned} L^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} L_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i>j} L_i L_j \geq 2(k+1) + 2 \times \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \times 2 = \\ &= 2k^2 + 4k + 2 \geq 6(k+1) = 4k + 2k + 6 \geq 4k + 10. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample. Then by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  such that

$$LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1.$$

Because  $LD = (L_1 + \dots + L_{k+1})D$ , there exists an ample line bundle  $L_i$  such that  $L_i D = 1$ . We may assume that  $i = 1$ . By Remark 1.3.1, there exists a fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow C$  such that  $C$  is a smooth elliptic curve,  $X \cong C \times F$ ,  $f$  is identified with the first projection via this isomorphism, and  $D$  is a fiber of  $f$ , where  $F$  is a fiber of  $f$ . On the other hand, by Theorem 1.4, we get  $LD \leq k + 1$  since  $g(D) = 1$ . Hence  $L_i D = 1$  for any  $i$ . Since  $D$  is a fiber of  $f$  and  $h^0(L_i) > 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k + 1$ , we get that  $L_i \cong f^* \mathcal{O}_i \otimes \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X}(S_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k + 1$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_i \in \text{Pic}(C)$ ,  $S_i$  is a section of  $f$ . Since  $L_i$  is ample, we get  $L_i S_i > 0$ . Hence  $\deg \mathcal{O}_i > 0$  because  $S_i^2 = 0$  for any  $i$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 2.2. ■

By Theorem 2.2, we can prove the following Corollary.

**COROLLARY 2.2.1.** *Let  $X$  be an abelian surface and let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $X$ . Then for  $k \geq 2$ ,  $(k + 1)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a, b\}$ ) with  $a > 0$  and  $b = 1$ . ■*

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be an abelian surface and let  $L_1, \dots, L_k$  be ample line bundles on  $X$ . Assume that  $k \geq 3$ . We put  $L := L_1 + \dots + L_k$ .*

Then  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_k)$  is one of the following:

- (1)  $k = 3$  and  $(X, L_1, L_2, L_3)$  is the type (J),
- (2)  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_{k-1})$  is the type (PS;  $t; a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$ ), and  $L_k = p_t^*(\mathcal{O}_k) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(T)$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_k \in \text{Pic}(E_t)$  with  $\deg \mathcal{O}_k \geq 0$ ,  $p_t$  is the  $t$ -th projection,  $T$  is a divisor on  $X$  with  $TF_t = 2$  for a fiber  $F_t$  of  $p_t$ ,  $a_i$  is a positive integer for  $i = 1, \dots, k-1$ , and  $t = 1, 2$ ,
- (3)  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_k)$  is the type (PS;  $t; a_1, \dots, a_k$ ) with  $a_i > 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ , and  $t = 1, 2$ .

PROOF. First we prove the «if» part.

If  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_k)$  is the type (1) in Theorem 2.3, then  $k = 3$ ,  $LB = (L_1 + L_2 + L_3)B = 6$ , and  $g(B) = 2$ . Then by Theorem 1.4,  $L$  is not 3-very ample.

If  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_k)$  is the type (2) or (3) in Theorem 2.3, then  $LF_1 \leq k + 1$  for a fiber  $F_1$  of  $p_1$ . Then by Theorem 1.4,  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample.

Next we prove the «only if» part.

We calculate  $L^2$ :

$$L^2 = (L_1 + \dots + L_k)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k L_i^2 + 2 \sum_{i>j} L_i L_j \geq 2k + 2 \times \frac{k(k-1)}{2} \times 2 = 2k^2.$$

Since  $k \geq 3$ , we get  $2k^2 \geq 4k + 6$ . So we have  $L^2 \geq 4k + 6$ . Assume that  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample. Then by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that

$$LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1.$$

We may assume that

$$L_1 D \leq L_2 D \leq \dots \leq L_k D.$$

Then we obtain that  $L_1 D \leq 2$ . By Hodge index Theorem, we get  $D^2 \leq 2$ .

(2.3.1) The case in which  $D^2 = 2$ .

Then  $L_1 D = 2$  and  $L_1 \equiv D$  by Hodge index Theorem. Since  $g(L_1) = 2$ , we obtain that  $(X, L_1)$  is the type (I) or (II) in Theorem 1.5. On the other hand, by  $g(D) = 2$ ,  $L_1 D = 2$ , and Theorem 1.4, we get

$$2k \leq (L_1 + \dots + L_k)D = LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 = k + 3.$$

Hence  $k = 3$  and  $L_1 D = L_2 D = L_3 D = 2$ . So by Hodge index Theorem, we get  $L_1 \equiv L_2 \equiv L_3 \equiv D$ . Therefore we get the type (1) or (3) in Theorem 2.3.

(2.3.2) The case in which  $D^2 = 0$ .

(2.3.2.1) The case in which  $L_1 D = 2$ .

Then by assumption, we have  $LD \geq 2k$ . Hence by Theorem 1.4, we get  $2k \leq LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 = k + 1$ . Therefore  $k \leq 1$  and this is a contradiction.

(2.3.2.2) The case in which  $L_1 D = 1$ .

By Remark 1.3.1, there exists a fiber space  $f: X \rightarrow C$  such that  $C$  is a smooth elliptic curve,  $X \cong C \times F$ ,  $f$  is identified with the first projection via this isomorphism, and  $D$  is a fiber of  $f$ , where  $F$  is a fiber of  $f$ . Since  $k \leq (L_1 + \dots + L_k) D \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 = k + 1$ , we get

$$(L_1 D, \dots, L_{k-1} D, L_k D) = (1, \dots, 1, 2) \text{ or } (1, \dots, 1, 1).$$

If  $(L_1 D, \dots, L_{k-1} D, L_k D) = (1, \dots, 1, 2)$ , then  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_k)$  is the type (2) in Theorem 2.3, and if  $(L_1 D, \dots, L_{k-1} D, L_k D) = (1, \dots, 1, 1)$ , then  $(X, L_1, \dots, L_k)$  is the type (3) in Theorem 2.3 by using the same argument as in the proof of the above Theorems. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3. ■

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $X$  be an abelian surface and let  $L$  be an ample line bundle on  $X$ . Then for  $k \geq 2$ ,  $kL$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if  $(X, L)$  is one of the following:*

- (1)  $k = 2$  or  $3$ , and  $(X, L)$  is the type (J),
- (2)  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a, b\}$ ) with  $a > 0$  and  $b = 1$ .

**PROOF.** For  $k \geq 3$ , this is a corollary of Theorem 2.3. Assume that  $k = 2$ . By the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 2.3, we can prove the «if» part. So we prove the «only if» part. Assume that  $L$  is not 2-very ample.

(2.4.1) The case in which  $L^2 \geq 4$ .

Then  $(2L)^2 \geq 16$ , and by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $(2L) D \leq 2g(D) + 1 \leq 5$ . If  $D^2 > 0$ , then by Hodge index Theorem, we get  $LD \geq 3$  and this is impossible. Hence  $D^2 = 0$  and  $g(D) = 1$ . Therefore  $2LD \leq 3$ , that is, we obtain  $LD = 1$ . So  $D$  is a smooth

elliptic curve. By Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 1.3, we can prove that  $(X, L)$  is the type  $(P; \{a, b\})$  with  $a > 0$  and  $b = 1$ .

(2.4.2) The case in which  $L^2 = 2$ .

Then  $(X, L)$  is one of the type in Theorem 1.5.

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.4. ■

### 3. The case in which $(n-t)L$ is not $k$ -very ample for $t=1$ and 2.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. Let  $(k, t)$  be a pair of integer which satisfies the following inequalities;*

(A)  $k \geq 3t + 1$ ,

(B)  $t \geq 1$ .

*Then  $(k-t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if one of the following types holds;*

(1)  $(k, t) = (4, 1), (5, 1),$  or  $(7, 2)$ , and  $(X, L)$  is the type (J),

(2)  $(X, L)$  is the type  $(P; \{a, b\})$  with  $a > 0$  and  $b = 1$ .

**PROOF.** First we remark that  $(k-t)^2 L^2 \geq 4k + 6$  unless  $(L^2, k, t) = (2, 4, 1)$ .

We prove the «if» part of Theorem 3.1. If  $(X, L)$  is the type (1) in Theorem 3.1, then  $(k-t)LB \leq 2g(B) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1$ . Hence by Theorem 1.4,  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample. If  $(X, L)$  is the type (2) in Theorem 3.1, then  $(k-t)LF_1 \leq 2g(F_1) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1$  for any fiber  $F_1$  of  $p_1$ . Hence  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample by Theorem 1.4.

Next we prove the «only if» part.

(3.1.1) The case in which  $L^2 \geq 4$ .

Since  $(k-t)^2 L^2 \geq 4k + 6$ , by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $(k-t)LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1$ .

Assume that  $D^2 > 0$ . Then, by Hodge index Theorem, we get  $LD \geq 3$ . Hence  $3(k-t) \leq (k-t)LD \leq 2k + 1$ , and we obtain  $k \leq 3t + 1$ . By hypothesis we have  $k = 3t + 1$  and  $LD = 3$ . So we get  $D^2 = 2$  and  $g(D) = 2$ . By Theorem 1.4, we have  $3(2t + 1) = (k-t)LD \leq k + 3 = 3t + 4$ , and so we have  $t \leq 1/3$ . But this is a contradiction.

Hence  $D^2 = 0$  and  $g(D) = 1$ . By Theorem 1.4, we obtain  $(k-t)LD \leq k + 1$ .

Assume that  $LD \geq 2$ . Then we get  $k - 1 \leq 2t$ . Since  $k \geq 3t + 1$ , we get  $3t \leq 2t$ . This is impossible because  $t \geq 1$ . Hence  $LD = 1$ .

Therefore  $D$  is a smooth elliptic curve and by the same method as in the proof of the above theorems, we get that  $(X, L)$  is the type  $(P; \{a, b\})$  with  $a > 0$  and  $b = 1$ .

(3.1.2) The case in which  $L^2 = 2$ .

Then by Theorem 1.5, we get that  $(X, L)$  is one of the types in Theorem 1.5.

In order to prove Theorem 3.1, it is sufficient to study the case in which  $X \cong J(B)$  and  $L \equiv B$ , where  $B$  is a smooth projective curve of genus 2 and  $J(B)$  is its jacobian variety. If  $(k, t) = (4, 1)$ , then  $(k - t)^2 L^2 < 4k + 6$  and  $(k - t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample by Theorem 1.4. So we assume that  $(k, t) \neq (4, 1)$ . Then  $(k - t)^2 L^2 \geq 4k + 6$ . Then by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $(k - t)LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1$ . Here we remark that we can prove  $LD \geq 2$  by Remark 1.3.1 since  $L \equiv B$ .

(3.1.2.1) The case in which  $LD \geq 3$ .

Then  $3k - 3t \leq (k - t)LD \leq 2k + 1$ . So we have  $k \leq 3t + 1$ . By hypothesis, we get  $k = 3t + 1$  and  $LD = 3$ . Since  $L^2 = 2$ , we obtain  $D^2 \leq 4$ . Hence  $2k - 5 \leq 3t$ . Since  $k = 3t + 1$ , we get  $2k - 5 \leq k - 1$  and  $k \leq 4$ . Because  $k = 3t + 1$ , we obtain  $(k, t) = (4, 1)$  and this is a contradiction.

(3.1.2.2) The case in which  $LD = 2$ .

If  $D^2 = 0$ , then  $g(D) = 1$ . So by Theorem 1.4, we get  $2(k - t) = (k - t)LD \leq k + 1$ . Hence  $k - 1 \leq 2t$ . Since  $k \geq 3t + 1$ , this is impossible because  $t \geq 1$ .

If  $D^2 > 0$ , then  $L \equiv D$  since  $LD = 2$  and  $L^2 = 2$ . By Theorem 1.4, we get  $2(k - t) = (k - t)LD \leq k + 3$ . Hence  $k - 3 \leq 2t$ . Since  $k \geq 3t + 1$ , we get  $3t - 2 \leq 2t$ . Therefore  $t \leq 2$ .

If  $t = 1$ , then  $2(k - 1) = (k - t)LD \leq k + 3$ . Hence  $k \leq 5$ . Because  $4 = 3t + 1 \leq k$ , we get  $k = 5$  by the assumption that  $(k, t) \neq (4, 1)$ .

If  $t = 2$ , then  $2(k - 2) = (k - t)LD \leq k + 3$ . Hence  $k \leq 7$ . Because  $7 = 3t + 1 \leq k$ , we get  $k = 7$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1. ■

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. Let  $(k, t)$  be a pair of integers with  $3t \geq k \geq 2t + 1$ ,  $t \geq 1$ , and  $(k, t) \neq (3, 1)$ . Then*

$(k-t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if one of the following holds:

- (1)  $(k, t) = (2t_1 + 1, t_1), (2t_2 + 2, t_2),$  or  $(2t_3 + 3, t_3)$  for  $t_1 \geq 2, t_2 \geq 2$  and  $t_3 \geq 3,$  and  $(X, L)$  is the type (J),
- (2)  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a, b\}$ ) with  $a \geq 1$  and  $b = 1,$
- (3)  $k = 2t + 1$  and  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a, b\}$ ) with  $a \geq 1$  and  $b = 2,$
- (4)  $k = 2t + 1$  and  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (I; 2), (II; 2), or (III; 2).

PROOF. First we prove the «if» part. If  $(X, L)$  is the type (1) in Theorem 3.2, then  $(k-t)LB \leq 2g(B) + k - 1 \leq 2k.$  Hence  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample by Theorem 1.4. If  $(X, L)$  is the type (2) or (3) in Theorem 3.2, then  $(k-t)LF_1 \leq 2g(F_1) + k - 1 \leq 2k$  for a fiber  $F_1$  of  $p_1.$  Hence  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample by Theorem 1.4. If  $(X, L)$  is the type (4) in Theorem 3.2, then  $(k-t)LF \leq 2g(F) + k - 1 \leq 2k$  for a fiber  $F$  of  $f.$  Hence  $L$  is not  $k$ -very ample by Theorem 1.4.

Next we prove the «only if» part.

(A) The case in which  $L^2 \geq 4.$

First we remark that  $(k-t)^2L^2 \geq 4k + 6$  by assumption. Hence by Theorem 1.4 there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $(k-t)LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1.$

If  $LD \geq 4,$  then  $4(k-t) \leq 2k + 1,$  that is,  $2k \leq 4t + 1.$  Since  $k \geq 2t + 1,$  we get that  $4t + 1 \geq 2k \geq 4t + 2.$  But this is impossible. Hence  $LD \leq 3.$

If  $LD = 3,$  then  $D^2 \leq 2$  since  $L^2 \geq 4.$  Therefore  $3(k-t) = (k-t)LD \leq k + 3$  because  $g(D) \leq 2.$  So we have  $2k \leq 3t + 3.$  Since  $k \geq 2t + 1,$  we obtain that  $3t + 3 \geq 4t + 2.$  Since  $t \geq 1,$  we have  $t = 1$  and  $k = 3.$  But by assumption this is a contradiction. Hence  $LD \leq 2$  and  $D^2 = 0.$

If  $LD = 1,$  or  $LD = 2$  such that  $D$  is not an irreducible reduced curve, then there exists an irreducible reduced curve  $B$  such that  $LB = 1.$  Then by Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 1.3, we get the type (2) in Theorem 3.2.

If  $LD = 2$  such that  $D$  is an irreducible curve, then  $D$  is a smooth elliptic curve. Then  $2(k-t) = (k-t)LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 = k + 1.$  Hence  $k \leq 2t + 1.$  By assumption  $k = 2t + 1$  in this case. Then by Theorem 1.6, we get the type (3) or (4) in Theorem 3.2.

(B) The case in which  $L^2 = 2.$

Then  $(X, L)$  is the type (I) or (II) in Theorem 1.5. If  $(X, L)$  is the type (II) in Theorem 1.5, then  $(X, L)$  is the type (2) in Theorem 3.2. So it is sufficient to study the case in which  $(X, L)$  is the type (I) in Theorem 1.5.

Assume that  $X \cong J(B)$  and  $L$  is the class of a translation of the theta divisor, where  $B$  is a smooth projective curve of genus 2 and  $J(B)$  is its jacobian variety. Then we remark that  $(k-t)^2 L^2 \geq 4k+6$  (resp.  $(k-t)^2 L^2 < 4k+6$ ) if  $t \geq 4$  (resp.  $t \leq 3$ ). If  $t \leq 3$ , then we get that  $(k-t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample by Theorem 1.4. Since  $3t \geq k \geq 2t+1$  and  $(k, t) \neq (3, 1)$ , we get that  $(k, t) = (9, 3), (8, 3), (7, 3), (6, 2)$  or  $(5, 2)$ .

Assume that  $t \geq 4$ . Then by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $(k-t)LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1$ .

If  $LD \geq 4$ , then this is impossible by the same argument as in the case (A). Hence  $LD \leq 3$ . We remark that  $LD \geq 2$  since  $L$  is the class of a translation of the theta divisor. Since  $L^2 = 2$ , we get that  $D^2 \leq 4$  and  $g(D) \leq 3$ .

If  $LD = 3$ , then  $3(k-t) \leq k+5$ . Hence  $2k \leq 3t+5$ . Since  $k \geq 2t+1$ , we get  $4t+2 \leq 2k \leq 3t+5$ , that is,  $t \leq 3$ . But this is a contradiction.

If  $LD = 2$ , then  $D^2 \leq 2$ . If  $D^2 = 2$ , then  $g(D) = 2$  and  $2(k-t) \leq k+3$ . Thus we have  $k \leq 2t+3$ . Hence  $k = 2t+1, 2t+2$ , and  $2t+3$ .

If  $D^2 = 0$ , then  $g(D) = 1$  and  $2(k-t) \leq k+1$ . Hence  $k \leq 2t+1$ . Since  $k \geq 2t+1$ , we get  $k = 2t+1$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.2. ■

**COROLLARY 3.3.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. Assume that  $k \geq 2t+4$  for  $(k, t) \in \mathbb{N}^{\oplus 2}$ . Then  $(k-t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a, b\}$ ) with  $a > 0$  and  $b = 1$ .*

**PROOF.** This is obtained by Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.2. ■

**THEOREM 3.4.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. Assume that  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \geq 3$ . Then  $(k-1)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if one of the following holds:*

- (1)  $k = 3, 4$ , or  $5$ , and  $(X, L)$  is the type (J),
- (2)  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a_1, a_2\}$ ) with  $a_1 > 0$  and  $a_2 = 1$ ,
- (3)  $k = 3$  and  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{b_1, b_2\}$ ) with  $b_1 \geq 1$  and  $b_2 = 2$ ,
- (4)  $k = 3$  and  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (I; 2), (II; 2), or (III; 2),
- (5)  $k = 3$  and  $L^2 = 4$ .

PROOF. We can easily prove the «if» part by Theorem 1.4. So we prove the «only if» part. If  $k \geq 4$ , then this is a corollary of Theorem 3.1, and  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (1) or (2) in Theorem 3.4. So we may assume that  $k = 3$ .

(A) The case in which  $L^2 \geq 6$ .

Then  $4L^2 = (k-1)^2 L^2 \geq 18 = 4k + 6$ . Hence by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $2LD \leq 2g(D) + 2 \leq 7$ . Hence  $LD \leq 3$ . Since  $L^2 \geq 6$  we get that  $D^2 = 0$  and  $g(D) = 1$ . Therefore  $2LD \leq 4$ , that is,  $LD \leq 2$ .

If  $LD = 1$ , or  $LD = 2$  and  $D$  is not irreducible and reduced, then there exists an irreducible and reduced curve  $B$  on  $X$  such that  $LB = 1$ . Hence by Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 1.3, we get that  $(X, L)$  is the type (2) in Theorem 3.4.

If  $LD = 2$  and  $D$  is irreducible and reduced, then by Theorem 1.6 we get that  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (3) or (4) in Theorem 3.4.

(B) The case in which  $L^2 = 2$ .

Then by Theorem 1.5, we get that  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (1) or (2) in Theorem 3.4.

(C) The case in which  $L^2 = 4$ .

Then  $(X, L)$  is the type (5) in Theorem 3.4.

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.4. ■

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. Assume that  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $k \geq 4$ . Then  $(k-2)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample if and only if one of the following holds:*

- (1)  $k = 4, 5, 6$ , or  $7$ , and  $(X, L)$  is the type (J),
- (2)  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{a_1, a_2\}$ ) with  $a_1 > 0$  and  $a_2 = 1$ ,
- (3)  $k = 4$  or  $5$ , and  $(X, L)$  is the type (P;  $\{b_1, b_2\}$ ) with  $b_1 \geq 1$  and  $b_2 = 2$ ,
- (4)  $k = 4$  or  $5$ , and  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (I; 2), (II; 2), or (III; 2),
- (5)  $k = 4$  and  $L^2 = 4$ .

PROOF. We can easily prove the «if» part by Theorem 1.4. So we prove the «only if» part. If  $k \geq 7$ , then this is a corollary of Theorem 3.1, and  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (1) or (2) in Theorem 3.5.

If  $6 \geq k \geq 5$ , then this is a corollary of Theorem 3.2, and  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (1), (2), (3) or (4) in Theorem 3.5. So we assume  $k = 4$ .

(A) The case in which  $L^2 \geq 6$ .

Then  $4L^2 = (k - 2)^2 L^2 \geq 22 = 4k + 6$ . Hence by Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $2LD \leq 2g(D) + 3 \leq 9$ . Hence  $LD \leq 4$ . Since  $L^2 \geq 6$  we get that  $D^2 \leq 2$  and  $g(D) \leq 2$ . Therefore  $2LD \leq 7$ , that is,  $LD \leq 3$ .

If  $LD = 3$ , then  $D^2 = 0$  since  $L^2 \geq 6$ . Hence  $2LD \leq 5$ , that is,  $LD \leq 2$ . This is a contradiction. Hence  $LD \leq 2$  and  $D^2 = 0$ .

If  $LD = 1$ , or  $LD = 2$  and  $D$  is not irreducible and reduced, then there exists an irreducible and reduced curve  $B$  on  $X$  such that  $LB = 1$ . Hence by Lemma 1.2 and Lemma 1.3, we get that  $(X, L)$  is the type (2) in Theorem 3.5.

If  $LD = 2$  and  $D$  is irreducible and reduced, then by Theorem 1.6 we get that  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (3) or (4) in Theorem 3.5.

(B) The case in which  $L^2 = 2$ .

Then by Theorem 1.5, we get that  $(X, L)$  is one of the type (1) or (2) in Theorem 3.5.

(C) The case in which  $L^2 = 4$ .

Then  $(X, L)$  is the type (5) in Theorem 3.5.

This completes the proof of Theorem 3.5. ■

In general, we can prove the following Theorem.

**THEOREM 3.6.** *Let  $(X, L)$  be a polarized abelian surface. Let  $(k, t, u) \in \mathbb{N}^{\oplus 3}$  with  $u \geq 2$  and  $k \geq \{(u + 3)t + 1\}/(u + 1)$ . Assume that  $(k - t)^2 L^2 \geq 4k + 6$ . If  $(k - t)L$  is not  $k$ -very ample, then  $L$  is not  $u$ -very ample.*

**PROOF.** If  $L^2 < 4u + 6$ , then by Theorem 1.4,  $L$  is not  $u$ -very ample. Hence we may assume that  $L^2 \geq 4u + 6$ .

By assumption and Theorem 1.4, there exists an effective divisor  $D$  on  $X$  such that  $(k - t)LD \leq 2g(D) + k - 1 \leq 2k + 1$ . We remark that  $g(D) \geq 1$ .

If  $g(D) = 1$ , then  $(k - t)LD \leq k + 1$ . Since

$$k \geq \frac{(u+3)t+1}{u+1} \geq \frac{(u+1)t+1}{u},$$

we get  $LD \leq (k+1)/(k-t) \leq u+1$ . Hence  $LD \leq u+1 = 2g(D) + u - 1 \leq 2u+1$ . Therefore  $L$  is not  $u$ -very ample.

Assume that  $g(D) \geq 2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} LD &\leq \frac{2g(D) + k - 1}{k - t} = 2g(D) + \frac{2g(D) + k - 1}{k - t} - 2g(D) \leq \\ &\leq 2g(D) + \frac{2g(D) + k - 1}{k - t} - 4 \leq 2g(D) + \frac{2k + 1}{k - t} - 4. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} u - 1 - \left( \frac{2k + 1}{k - t} - 4 \right) &= u + 3 - \frac{2k + 1}{k - t} = \\ &= \frac{1}{k - t} \{ (u + 1)k - (u + 3)t - 1 \} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $LD \leq 2g(D) + u - 1$ .

Hence it is sufficient to prove that  $2g(D) + u - 1 \leq 2u + 1$ .

If  $D^2 \leq u$ , then  $2g(D) + u - 1 \leq 2u + 1$ . Hence we may assume that  $D^2 > u$ . Since  $L^2 \geq 4u + 6$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (LD)^2 &\geq L^2 D^2 \geq (4u + 6)(u + 1) = 4u^2 + 10u + 6 = \\ &= 4(u + 1)^2 + 2u + 2 > 4(u + 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $LD \geq 2(u + 1) + 1$ .

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} 2(u + 1) - \frac{2k + 1}{k - t} &= \frac{1}{k - t} (2uk - 2(u + 1)t - 1) = \\ &= \frac{2u}{(k - t)} \left( k - \frac{(u + 1)}{u}t - \frac{1}{2u} \right) \geq \frac{2u}{(k - t)} \left( k - \frac{(u + 3)}{u + 1}t - \frac{1}{u + 1} \right) \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$LD \leq \frac{2k+1}{k-t} \leq 2(u+1).$$

But this is impossible. Therefore  $LD \leq 2g(D) + u - 1 \leq 2u + 1$ . By Theorem 1.4, we get that  $L$  is not  $u$ -very ample. ■

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