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## V. Warm-Up: Algebraic Curves

### 0. Reminder: Dimension

Def The dimension of a scheme  $X$  is

$$\dim X := \sup \left\{ d \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists x_0, x_1, \dots, x_d \in |X| \\ \text{s.t. } \forall i: x_i \in \overline{\{x_{i+1}\}} \end{array} \right\}$$
$$= \sup \left\{ d \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists X_0 \subsetneq X_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq X_d \subset X \\ \text{w/ integral closed } X_i \subseteq X \end{array} \right\}$$

Rem a)  $\dim X$  only depends on  $|X|$  "Krull dim"

b) For  $X = \operatorname{Spec} R$  affine,  $\dim X = \dim R$ :

e.g.  $\dim \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{Z} = 1$ ,

$\dim A_{\mathbb{K}}^n = n$  for any field  $\mathbb{K}$ , etc

c) For any open cover  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ ,

have  $\dim X = \sup_{i \in I} \dim U_i$ .

(any finite chain of specializations lies in some  $U_i$ )

Lemma For  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  integral morphism,

we have  $\dim X \leq \dim Y$

& equality holds if  $f$  is dominant.

Pf. By c) above, wlog  $X = \operatorname{Spec} B$   
 $Y = \operatorname{Spec} A$  affine.

$f: Y \rightarrow X$  integral

$\Rightarrow \varphi = f^\#: A \rightarrow B$  integral

$\Rightarrow \varphi: A/\ker \varphi \hookrightarrow B$  integral & injective

$\Rightarrow \dim(A/\ker \varphi) = \dim(B)$  by "going up"

$\wedge$   
 $\dim(A)$  w/ equality if  $\ker \varphi = 0$

$\Rightarrow \dim X \leq \dim Y$  w/ equality if  $f$  is dominant.  $\square$

Cor  $X$  integral scheme of finite type over a field  $\mathbb{K}$

$\Rightarrow \dim X = \operatorname{trdeg}(\mathbb{K}(X)/\mathbb{K})$

$= \dim U$  for any nonempty open  $U \subseteq X$ .

Pf. Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } R$  affine

$R$  is a fin. gen.  $k$ -alg

$\Rightarrow$  Noether normalizat<sup>n</sup>: For some  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$\exists k[x_1, \dots, x_n] \hookrightarrow R$  finite extension.

$\Rightarrow \dim X = n = \text{trdeg}(k(x_1, \dots, x_n)/k)$

$$= \text{trdeg}(k(X)/k)$$

$k(x_1, \dots, x_n) \hookrightarrow \text{Quot}(R) = k(X)$  finite

Moreover  $k(X) = k(U)$  for any nonempty  $U \subseteq X$ .  $\square$

Def A function field in  $n$  variables over  $k$   
is a finite extension  $K$  of  $k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

Ex  $K = k(X)$  for an integral scheme  $X$   
of finite type over  $k$  w/  $\dim X = n$ .  
... and that's the only example:

Prop For any fct<sup>n</sup> field  $K$  in  $n$  variables /  $k$ ,

$\exists$  proper normal integral scheme  $X$  of finite type /  $k$   
w/  $\dim X = n$  sth  $k(X) \simeq K$ .

Note  $k(X) = k(\bar{X})$  for  $X \subset \bar{X}$  open dense  
 $k(X) = k(\tilde{X})$  for the normalizat<sup>n</sup>  $\tilde{X} \rightarrow X$

Pf.  $K/k$  fin. gen.  $\Rightarrow \exists m \in \mathbb{N}_0 \exists J = \sqrt{J} \trianglelefteq k[x_1, \dots, x_m]$   
sth  $K = \text{Quot}(R)$   
w/  $R = k[x_1, \dots, x_m]/J$

Let  $X_0 := V(J) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^m$

$X_1 := \overline{X_0} \subset \mathbb{P}_k^m$  (proper over  $k$ )

$X := \tilde{X}_1$  normalization of  $X_1$

$\Rightarrow X$  normal w/  $k(X) \simeq K$  & still proper /  $k$

since  $\tilde{X}_1 \rightarrow X_1$  is finite for  $X_1$  of finite type /  $k$   $\square$

## 1. Curves & function fields

Def A curve over a field  $k$

is a separated scheme  $C$  of finite type /  $k$

which is integral of dimension  $\dim C = 1$ .

Rem If  $C$  is a curve /  $k$  &  $p \in |C|$  a closed pt,  
then  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  is a 1-dim Noetherian local domain.

Hence  $\forall f \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$ :

a)  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  is normal

b)  $\mathfrak{m}_{C,p} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  is principal

c)  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  is a DVR

We call any element  $t \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  w/  $\mathfrak{m}_{C,p} = (t)$

a local parameter on  $C$  at the point  $p$

(intuitively: a "local coordinate fct" on  $C$ )



Pf of  $a) \Leftrightarrow b) \Leftrightarrow c)$ :

Let  $A$  be a 1-dim Noetherian local domain

Note:  $\text{Spec } A = \{0, \mathfrak{m}\}$ .

1)  $A$  normal  $\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m}$  principal:

$$a \in A \setminus (A^* \cup \{0\})$$

$$\Rightarrow V(a) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(a)} = \mathfrak{m}, \text{ i.e. } \exists n \in \mathbb{N} : \mathfrak{m}^n \subseteq (a) \quad (\text{use Noetherian})$$

Pick  $n$  minimal as above & let  $b \in \mathfrak{m}^{n-1} \setminus (a)$

Then  $x := \frac{b}{a} \in K = \text{Quot}(A)$  but  $x \notin A$

$A$  normal  $\Rightarrow x$  not integral over  $A$ ,

i.e.  $A[x]$  not finitely generated over  $A$

$$\Rightarrow x\mathfrak{m} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m} \quad (\text{else } A[x] \hookrightarrow \text{End}_A(\mathfrak{m}) \text{ finitely generated over } A)$$

$$\text{But } x\mathfrak{m} = \frac{b\mathfrak{m}}{a} \subseteq \frac{\mathfrak{m}^n}{a} \subseteq A$$

$$\Rightarrow x\mathfrak{m} = A \quad (\text{being a submodule of } A \text{ \& not } \subseteq \mathfrak{m})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m} = tA \text{ for } t := x^{-1} \quad (\text{in particular } t \in A)$$

2)  $m \trianglelefteq A$  principal  $\Rightarrow A$  DVR:

Say  $m = (t)$ . Note:  $\bigcap_{n \geq 0} (t^n) = 0$ :

$$a \in \bigcap_{n \geq 0} (t^n) \Rightarrow a \in (at) \Rightarrow \exists b \in R: a = abt$$

i.e.  $a \cdot \underbrace{(1-bt)}_{\in A \setminus m = A^*} = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$

For  $a \in A \setminus \{0\}$ , take  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  maximal w/  $a \in (t^n)$

$$\Rightarrow a = \varepsilon t^n \text{ w/ } \varepsilon = \frac{a}{t^n} \in A \setminus (t) = A^*$$

Check that  $A \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0, a \mapsto n$   
gives a discrete valuation  $K^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

3) DVR's are PID's, hence normal. □

Cor A curve  $C$  over  $k$  is normal

iff  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  is a DVR for all closed pts  $p \in |C|$ .



$C = V(y^2 - x^3)$  not normal:

$m_p = (x, y) \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  not principal (Exercise)

Prop ("extension of morphisms from curves")

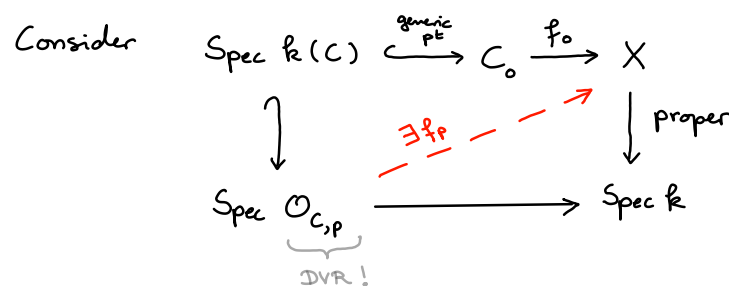
Let  $C$  be a normal curve /  $k$

&  $X$  a proper scheme /  $k$ .

$\Rightarrow$  any morphism  $f_0: C_0 \rightarrow X$   
on a nonempty open  $C_0 \subset C$   
extends to a unique  $f: C \rightarrow X$ .

Pf. Uniqueness clear as  $C$  reduced &  $X$  separated.

Existence: Let  $p \in |C| \setminus |C_0|$ .



Valuative criterion:  $\exists$  extension  $f_p: \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \rightarrow X$   
making the diagram commute

Now  $f_p$  extends to  $f_p: U_p \rightarrow X$  w/  $p \in U_p \subset C$  open  
(since  $X$  is of finite type over  $k$ )

By uniqueness these extensions glue to  $f: C \rightarrow X$ . □

Cor ("Unique compactification of curves")

For any affine normal curve  $C_0$  over  $k$ ,

$\exists!$  (up to iso) proper normal curve  $C$  over  $k$

with an open embedding  $C_0 \hookrightarrow C$ .

Pf. **Existence:** Pick an embedding  $C_0 \subset \mathbb{A}_k^n$

& let  $C := \text{normaliz}^n$  of the closure  $\overline{C_0} \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n$   
(see previous section)

**Uniqueness:** Let  $C_0 \hookrightarrow C_i$  w/  $C_i$  normal & proper  
open  $(i = 1, 2)$

By the previous proposition, can extend:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C_1 & \xrightarrow{\exists! \varphi} & C_2 \\ U & \searrow & \\ C_0 & \hookrightarrow & C_2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} C_2 & \xrightarrow{\exists! \psi} & C_1 \\ U & \searrow & \\ C_0 & \hookrightarrow & C_1 \end{array}$$

Uniqueness  $\Rightarrow \varphi \circ \psi = \text{id}$  &  $\psi \circ \varphi = \text{id} \Rightarrow C_1 \cong C_2$   $\square$

Ex Let  $f(x) \in k[x]$  monic &  $\text{char } k \neq 2$ .

By problem 9.2 (AG I),

$$C_0 := V(y^2 - f(x)) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^2$$

is normal iff  $f$  is square-free.

In this case,

a) describe the normal proper  $C$  w/  $C_0 \subset C$  open.

b) Show that  $\text{pr}: C_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1, (x, y) \mapsto x$   
extends to a finite morphism  $C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$ .

c) How many points are there in  $C \setminus C_0$ ?

We call  $C$  an elliptic curve if  $\deg f \in \{3, 4\}$ ,

and a hyperelliptic curve for  $\deg f \geq 5$ .

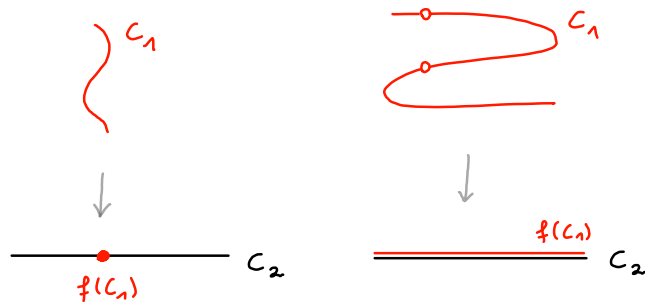
Lemma ("morphism between curves")

Let  $f: C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  be a morphism of curves /  $k$ .

Then

a) either  $f(C_1)$  is a single point,

b) or  $f$  is dominant.



Pf. Assume  $f(C_1)$  is not a single point.

Since  $C_1$  is irreducible, so is the closure  $\overline{f(C_1)} \subseteq C_2$

$\dim C_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \overline{f(C_1)} = C_2$  □

Rem If  $C_1$  is proper, we'll see that in b) the morphism  $f: C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  is finite.

Thm ("Curves = function fields")

The functor  $C \mapsto k(C)$  gives an equivalence of categories between

a) the category of normal proper curves /  $k$ , w/ dominant morphisms, and

b) the category of fct fields in one variable /  $k$ , w/ homomorphisms of  $k$ -algebras.

Pf. **Essentially surjective:** by previous section.

**Full:** Let  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{k\text{-alg}}(k(C_2), k(C_1))$ .

$$\Rightarrow \varphi^*: \underbrace{\text{Spec } k(C_1)}_{= \mathcal{O}_{C_1, \eta_1}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{Spec } k(C_2)}_{= \mathcal{O}_{C_2, \eta_2}} \rightarrow C_2$$

Extend to a morphism  $U \rightarrow C_2$  w/  $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq C_1$  open

(use that  $C_2$  is of finite type /  $k$ )

Prop. w/  $C_1$  normal &  $C_2$  proper  $\Rightarrow$  extends to  $C_1 \xrightarrow{\text{dominant}} C_2$

**Faithful:**  $f: C_1 \rightarrow C_2$  determined by  $f|_U$  for any open dense  $U \subset C_1$  (since  $C_1$  reduced,  $C_2$  separated), hence also by  $f^*: k(C_2) \rightarrow k(C_1)$ . □

Cor ("morphisms between proper curves")

Let  $f: C' \rightarrow C$  be a non-constant morphism between curves over  $k$ .

If  $C'$  is proper, then so is  $C$  and

then  $f$  is a finite surjective morphism.

Pf.  $C'$  proper /  $k$   
 $C$  separated /  $k \Rightarrow f$  proper (cancellation property)

$f$  non-constant & proper &  $C$  curve  $\Rightarrow f$  surjective  
 $\Rightarrow C$  also proper  
(AGI, problem 11.2)

Pick  $U = \text{Spec } A \subset C$  any open affine

$\Rightarrow A \subset k(C) \subset k(C')$

Put  $A' :=$  integral closure of  $A$  in  $k(C')$

AG1 (II.7)  $\Rightarrow A'$  is a finite  $A$ -module

Claim:  $\text{Spec } A' \simeq f^{-1}(U)$  over  $U$  ( $\Rightarrow f$  finite /  $U$ )

Indeed:

$U' := \text{Spec } A'$  affine normal curve

$\Rightarrow \exists!$  compactification  $U' \subset U''$   
open  
w/  $U''$  proper normal curve

But  $k(U'') = k(U') = \text{Quot}(A') = k(C')$

Uniqueness in previous thm  $\Rightarrow U'' \simeq C'$

$\Rightarrow U' = \text{Spec } A'$  is isomorphic to an open in  $C'$

By construction  $U' \subset f^{-1}(U)$

If  $U' \neq f^{-1}(U)$ , pick  $p \in f^{-1}(U) \setminus U'$

Let  $V = \text{Spec } B \subset f^{-1}(U)$  open nbhd of  $p$

Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V' \subset C' & & B \subset k(C') \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \uparrow \\ U \subset C & \text{gives} & A \subset k(C) \end{array}$$

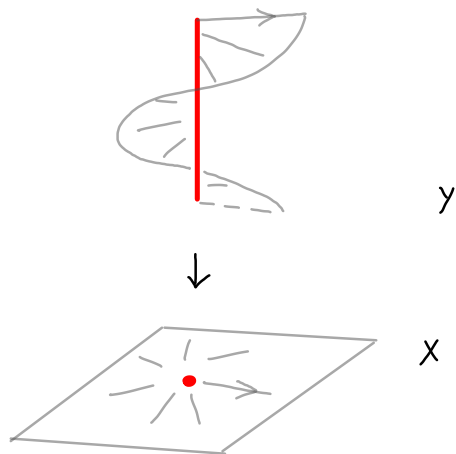
$\Rightarrow B \supset A'$  since  $B$  is normal & contains  $A$

$\Rightarrow V \subset U'$  but  $p \notin U' \nexists$

□

Upshot Proper normal curves  
are "the same thing" as  
fct<sup>n</sup> fields in one variable !

Rem For  $\dim X > 1$ ,  $k(X)$  doesn't determine  $X$  :  
e.g.  $X = \mathbb{P}^2_k$  and  $Y = \text{Bl}_p(X)$   
are both normal (even smooth)  
w/  $k(X) \simeq k(Y)$  but  $X \neq Y$  (exercise)



→ birational geometry ...



## 2. Divisors & the Picard group

Motivation Control zeros & poles of rat<sup>e</sup> fct<sup>s</sup>!

Def Let  $C$  be a normal curve over a field  $k$ .

A divisor on  $C$  is an element of the free abelian gp

$$\text{Div}(C) := \bigoplus_{\substack{p \in |C| \\ \text{closed pt}}} \mathbb{Z} \cdot [p]$$

We write such divisors as  $D = \sum_p n_p \cdot [p]$   
with  $n_p = n_p(D) \in \mathbb{Z}$  almost all zero, and  
put

$$\text{Supp}(D) := \{p \in |C| : n_p \neq 0\}.$$

We call  $D$  an effective divisor if it lies in  
the semigroup

$$\text{Div}^+(C) = \{D \in \text{Div}(C) \mid \forall p: n_p(D) \geq 0\}.$$

We write  $D \geq D'$  if  $D - D' \in \text{Div}^+(C)$ .

Ex For any closed pt  $p \in |C|$ ,  
we know  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  is a DVR.

Let  $v_p: k(C)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be the unique

valuation of  $k(C) = \text{Quot}(\mathcal{O}_{C,p})$

w/  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p} = \{f \in k(C)^* \mid v_p(f) \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$ .

For any rat<sup>e</sup> fct  $f \in k(C)^*$  we define its  
divisor of zeros & poles by

$$\text{div}(f) := \sum_p v_p(f) \cdot [p]$$

Divisors of the form  $\text{div}(f)$  w/  $f \in k(C)^*$   
are called principal divisors.

We get a group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div}: k(C)^* &\longrightarrow \text{Div}(C) \\ f &\longmapsto \text{div}(f) \end{aligned}$$

Q What's its kernel & cokernel?

Lemma  $\ker(\operatorname{div}: k(C)^* \rightarrow \operatorname{Div}(C)) = \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C)^*$

Pf. Any  $f \in k(C)^*$  corresponds to a rational map  $f: C \dashrightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$  and for  $p \in |C|$  closed we have:

$$\begin{aligned} v_p(f) \geq 0 &\iff f \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \\ &\iff f: C \dashrightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1 \text{ is defined at } p \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C) &= \operatorname{Hom}_k(C, \mathbb{A}_k^1) \\ &= \{f \in k(C)^* \mid \operatorname{div}(f) \geq 0\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C)^* &= \{f \in k(C)^* \mid f, f^{-1} \in \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C)\} \\ &= \{f \in k(C)^* \mid \operatorname{div}(f) \geq 0 \text{ \& } \underbrace{\operatorname{div}(f^{-1})}_{= -\operatorname{div}(f)} \geq 0\} \\ &= \{f \in k(C)^* \mid \operatorname{div}(f) = 0\} \\ &= \ker(\operatorname{div}: k(C)^* \rightarrow \operatorname{Div}(C)). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Rem If  $C$  is proper &  $k$  alg closed,  
then  $\Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C) = k$  (exercise).

For  $\operatorname{coker}(\operatorname{div})$  we need more work:

Def Let  $D = \sum_p n_p \cdot [p] \in \operatorname{Div}(C)$ .

Define  $\mathcal{O}_C(D) \in \operatorname{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_C)$  by

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_C(D)) := \{f \in k(C) \mid \forall p \in |U|: v_p(f) \geq -n_p\},$$

formally put  $v_p(f) = \infty$   
for the zero function  $f=0$

ie for  $f \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_C(D))$ :

- $n_p \geq 0 \Rightarrow f$  has a pole of order  $\leq n_p$  at  $p$
- $n_p < 0 \Rightarrow f$  has a zero of order  $\geq -n_p$  at  $p$

Ex  $C = \mathbb{P}_k^1$  &  $p = [1:0] \in |C|$

$\Rightarrow$  For  $D = n \cdot [p]$  w/  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

we recover

$$\mathcal{O}_C(D) = \mathcal{O}(n):$$

$$\dots \subset \mathcal{O}_C(-[p]) \subset \mathcal{O}_C \subset \mathcal{O}_C([p]) \subset \dots$$

For any normal curve  $C/k$  we have:

Lemma For any  $D \in \text{Div}(C)$ ,

$\mathcal{O}_C(D)$  is a line bundle.

Pf. Let  $D = \sum_p n_p \cdot [p]$ .

For any closed point  $p$ , pick  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$  w/  $v_p(f) = |n_p|$

Pick  $U \xrightarrow{\text{open}} C$  w/  $p \in U$ ,

$f \in \mathcal{O}_C(U)$ ,

$\text{Supp}(D) \cap U = \text{Supp}(\text{div}(f)) \cap U = \{p\}$ .

Then  $\mathcal{O}_C|_U \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_C(D)|_U$ :

$\begin{matrix} \psi \\ s \end{matrix} \mapsto \begin{matrix} \psi \\ f^e \cdot s \end{matrix}$  w/  $e := \text{sgn}(n_p) \in \{\pm 1\}$

For any  $V \subset U$  &  $s \in k(C)$ ,

$t \in (\mathcal{O}_C(D))(V) \iff \forall q \in V: v_q(t) \geq -n_q = e \cdot v_q(f)$

$\iff \forall q \in V: v_q(t/f^e) \geq 0$

$\iff s := t/f^e \in \mathcal{O}_C(V)$  □

Lemma For any  $D, D' \in \text{Div}(C)$ ,

$\exists$  iso

$$\mathcal{O}_C(D) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_C} \mathcal{O}_C(D') \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_C(D+D').$$

Pf. For  $U \subset C$  open, have a homom.

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_C(D)) \otimes \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_C(D')) \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_C(D+D'))$$

$$f \otimes g \longmapsto \begin{matrix} f \cdot g \\ \uparrow \\ \text{product in } k(C) \end{matrix}$$

since

$v_p(fg) = v_p(f) + v_p(g)$  for all closed pts  $p \in |C|$ .

These homom. are compatible w/ restriction, hence pass to sheafification. Being an iso can be checked on stalks:

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{O}_C(D)_p}_{t^{-n_p} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{C,p}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{C,p}} \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_C(D')_p}_{t^{-n'_p} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{C,p}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_C(D+D')_p}_{t^{-n_p-n'_p} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{C,p}}$$

□

Cor  $\text{Div}(C) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(C), D \mapsto \mathcal{O}_C(D)$

is a group homomorphism.

Prop  $\text{Div}(C) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(C)$  is surjective.

Pf. Let  $\eta \in C$  generic pt

$\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(C) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_\eta$  is a 1-dim vspace  
over  $K := \mathcal{O}_{C,\eta} = k(C)$

Fix  $s \in \mathcal{L}_\eta$  w/  $\mathcal{L}_\eta = K \cdot s$ .

For any closed  $p \in |C|$ ,

$\mathcal{L}_p \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L}_\eta = K \cdot s$  free  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$ -submodule of rk 1,

say  $\mathcal{L}_p = \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \cdot fs$  for some  $f \in K$   
 $= \{gs \mid g \in K, v_p(g) \geq -n_p\}$  w/  $n_p = -v_p(f)$

Claim:  $n_p = 0$  for almost all  $p$ :

Let  $\emptyset \neq U \subset C$  open w/  $s \in \mathcal{L}(U) \subset \mathcal{L}_\eta$ .

Shrinking  $U$  may assume  $\forall$  closed pts  $p \in |U|$ :

$$s(p) \neq 0 \in \mathcal{L}_p \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{C,p}} K(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall p \in |U| : n_p = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{D} := \sum_p n_p \cdot [p] \text{ is a divisor}$$

and by construct<sup>n</sup>  $\mathcal{O}_C(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}$   
 $f \mapsto f \cdot s$

□

Thm The following sequence is exact:

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C)^* \rightarrow k(C)^* \rightarrow \text{Div}(C) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(C) \rightarrow 0$$

$$f \mapsto \text{div}(f) \\ \mathcal{D} \mapsto \mathcal{O}_C(\mathcal{D})$$

Pf. Only remains to show:

$$\mathcal{O}_C(\mathcal{D}) \simeq \mathcal{O}_C \iff \exists f \in k(C)^* : \mathcal{D} = \text{div}(f)$$

$$"\Leftarrow" : \text{For } \mathcal{D} = \text{div}(f) \text{ get } \mathcal{O}_C(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_C \\ s \mapsto f \cdot s$$

$$"\Rightarrow" : \text{For } \mathcal{D} \in \text{Div}(C) \text{ w/ } \mathcal{O}_C(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_C,$$

consider the induced iso on generic stalks

$$(\mathcal{O}_C(\mathcal{D}))_\eta \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{C,\eta}$$

canonically  
since  
 $\eta \in C \setminus \text{Supp}(\mathcal{D})$

$$\mathcal{O}_{C,\eta}$$

multiply<sup>n</sup> by some  $f \in K^* = \mathcal{O}_{C,\eta}^*$   
(automorphism of a 1-dim vspace)

Then  $\text{div}(f) = \mathcal{D}$  by construction.

□

Upshot  $\text{Pic}(C) \cong \text{Div}(C) / \sim$

where  $\sim$  is linear equivalence

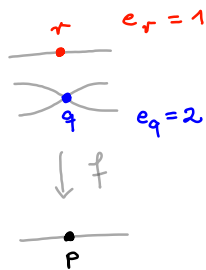
of divisors, defined by

$$D \sim D' : \iff \exists f \in k(C)^* : D - D' = \text{div}(f).$$

Functoriality?

Def Let  $f: C' \rightarrow C$  be a dominant morphism of normal curves/ $k$ . For closed pts  $p \in |C|$ , pick a local parameter  $t \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$ . The ramification index of  $f$  at a point  $q \in f^{-1}(p)$  is

$$e_q(f) := v_q(f^{\#}(t)) \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$



We define a gp homom.

$$f^*: \text{Div}(C) \rightarrow \text{Div}(C')$$

$$\text{by } f^*([p]) := \sum_{q \mapsto p} e_q(f) \cdot [q].$$

Exercise Have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k(C)^* & \rightarrow & \text{Div}(C) & \rightarrow & \text{Pic}(C) \\ f^* \downarrow & & f^* \downarrow & & f^* \downarrow \\ k(C')^* & \rightarrow & \text{Div}(C') & \rightarrow & \text{Pic}(C') \end{array}$$

The group  $\text{Div}(C)$  has a "discrete" part:

Def For  $D = \sum_p n_p \cdot [p] \in \text{Div}(C)$  consider the degree

$$\deg(D) := \sum_p n_p \cdot \underbrace{[K(p) : k]}_{\text{degree of residue field of the pt } p}$$

(see next proposition)

We get a homomorphism  $\deg: \text{Div}(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

Prop Let  $f: C' \rightarrow C$  be a finite morphism of normal curves/ $k$ . Then for any divisor  $D \in \text{Div}(C)$ , we have

$$\deg(f^*D) = \deg(f) \cdot \deg(D).$$

Pf. Wlog  $D = [p]$  &  $C = \text{Spec } A$   
 $C' = \text{Spec } A'$

Localize  $A \hookrightarrow A'$  at  $S := A \setminus \mathfrak{m}_p$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \hookrightarrow S^{-1} A' =: B \subset k(C')$$

$B$  is a torsion free module over the PID  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{free of rank } r = \deg(f)$$

$\Rightarrow$  for a local parameter  $t \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$ ,

$B/tB$  is a vector space of dim  $r$  over  $K(p)$

$$\text{But } \text{Spec } B/tB = C' \times_C \text{Spec } K(p) = f^{-1}(p)$$

$$= \bigsqcup_{q \mapsto p} \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{C',q} / (f^*(t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\dim_{K(p)} B/tB}_{= \deg(f)} &= \sum_{q \mapsto p} \underbrace{\dim_{K(p)} \mathcal{O}_{C',q} / (f^*(t))}_{= e_q(f) \cdot [K(q):K(p)]} \\ &= \deg(f) \cdot [K(p):K] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \deg(f) \cdot \deg(D) &= \deg(f) \cdot [K(p):K] \\ &= \sum_{q \mapsto p} e_q(f) \cdot [K(q):K] \\ &= \deg(f^* D). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Let  $\text{Div}^0(C) := \ker(\deg: \text{Div}(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z})$

then we get:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Div}^0(C) & \hookrightarrow & \text{Div}(C) \\ \exists! f^* \downarrow & & \downarrow f^* \\ \text{Div}^0(C') & \hookrightarrow & \text{Div}(C') \end{array}$$

Cor Let  $C$  be a proper normal curve /  $k$ .

Then principal divisors on  $C$  have degree zero:

For all  $f \in k(C)^*$  we have

$$\text{div}(f) \in \text{Div}^0(C).$$

Pf. If  $f \in k(C)^*$  is not constant,

it gives a dominant morphism  $f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1$ .

By construction  $\text{div}(f) = f^*([0] - [\infty])$

$$\Rightarrow \deg(\text{div}(f)) = \deg(f) \cdot \deg([0] - [\infty]) = 0 \quad \square$$

Cor Get induced homom

$$\deg: \text{Pic}(C) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}_k^1) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{iso} \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi \\ \mathcal{O}(n) & \longmapsto & n \end{array}$$

Thus  $\forall p, q \in |\mathbb{P}_k^1|$  closed points,  
we have  $[p] \sim [q]$ .

Rem For any proper normal curve  $C$  over  $k$

w/  $C \neq \mathbb{P}_k^1$  we have

$$\text{Pic}^0(C) := \ker(\deg: \text{Pic}(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}) \neq 0.$$

For  $C(k) \neq \emptyset$  we get

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Pic}^0(C) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

⚡  
"continuous part"

⚡  
"discrete part"

( $\rightarrow$  underlies an  
abelian variety...)

### 3. Riemann - Roch

$C$  normal proper curve /  $k = \text{alg closed field}$

$\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(D) \in \text{Pic}(C)$  w/  $D \in \text{Div}(C)$

Def  $h^0(C, D) := h^0(C, \mathcal{L}) := \dim_k \Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}) < \infty$

Rem a) For  $\deg D < 0$  always  $h^0(C, D) = 0$

b) For  $\deg D = 0$  we have:

$$h^0(C, D) > 0 \iff \mathcal{O}_C(D) \simeq \mathcal{O}_C$$

$$\iff D \sim 0$$

ie  $\exists f \in k(C)^* : D = \text{div}(f)$

Pf.  $\Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}) = \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C(D))$

$$= \{ f \in k(C)^* \mid \text{div}(f) \geq -D \} \cup \{0\}$$

for  $\deg D < 0$ : impossible

for  $\deg D = 0$ : equivalent to  $\text{div}(f) = -D$

(using that  $\deg \text{div}(f) = 0$ )

□

since  $C$   
is proper,  
see later...

Ex Let  $p \in C$  be a closed point. Then

$$h^0(C, [p]) > 1 \iff C \simeq \mathbb{P}_k^1.$$

Pf.  $\Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C([p])) = \{ f \in k(C)^* \mid \text{div}(f) \geq -[p] \} \cup \{0\}$

$$\supseteq \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C)$$

proper inclusion  $\iff f \in k(C)^*$  w/  $\text{div}(f) = [q] - [p]$

for some point  $q \neq p$

$$\iff f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^1 \text{ w/ } f^*([ \infty ]) = [p]$$

ie  $\deg f = 1$

ie  $f$  isomorphism

□

Ex For  $C = \mathbb{P}_k^1$ , any divisor  $D \in \text{Div}(C)$

satisfies  $D \sim \deg(D) \cdot [p]$  for any  $p \in C$

$$\Rightarrow h^0(C, D) = \begin{cases} \deg(D) + 1 & \text{if } \deg(D) \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } \deg(D) < 0. \end{cases}$$

What about divisors of degree  $\deg D > 0$ ?

For other curves we need to introduce one more notion:



## Outlook: Kähler differentials

Def Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -algebra (for any ring  $k$ )

We define the module of Kähler differentials as the  $A$ -module

$$\Omega_{A/k}^1 := \bigoplus_{x \in A} A \cdot dx \quad \bigg/ \quad \langle a), b), c) \rangle$$

formal basis vectors

w/ the relations a)  $dc = 0 \quad \forall c \in k$

$$b) d(x+y) = dx + dy \quad \forall x, y \in A$$

$$c) d(xy) = xdy + ydx \quad \forall x, y \in A$$

Ex  $\Omega_{k[t]/k}^1 = k[t] \cdot dt$  for any field  $k$ ,

here

$$d\left(\sum_n c_n t^n\right) = \left(\sum_n n c_n t^{n-1}\right) \cdot dt.$$

Caution:  $d(t^p) = 0$  if  $\text{char } k = p$ .

Exercise a) For any multiplicative set  $S \subset A$ ,

$$\exists \text{ natural iso } \Omega_{S^{-1}A/k}^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} S^{-1} \Omega_{A/k}^1.$$

b) For any scheme  $X$  over  $k$ ,

$$\exists \text{ qcoh sheaf } \Omega_{X/k}^1 \in \text{Qcoh}(X)$$

sth  $\forall$  open affine  $U = \text{Spec } A \subset X$ :

$$\Gamma(U, \Omega_{X/k}^1) \simeq \Omega_{A/k}^1.$$

Ex  $X = \mathbb{P}_k^1 = U_0 \cup U_\infty$  w/  $U_0 = \text{Spec } k[z_0]$  glued via  
 $U_\infty = \text{Spec } k[z_\infty]$   $z_\infty = 1/z_0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \Gamma(U_0, \Omega_{X/k}^1) &= k \cdot dz_0 \\ \Gamma(U_\infty, \Omega_{X/k}^1) &= k \cdot dz_\infty \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{red arrow} \\ dz_\infty = d(1/z_0) \\ = -\frac{1}{z_0^2} \cdot dz_0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{X/k}^1 \simeq \mathcal{O}_X(-2)$$

Lemma For any normal curve  $C/k$ , the sheaf  $\Omega_{C/k}$  is a line bundle. Its stalk at a closed pt  $p \in C$  is

$$\Omega_{C/k, p}^1 = \mathcal{O}_{C, p} \cdot dt$$

for any local parameter  $t \in \mathcal{O}_{C, p}$  at the point  $p$ .

Pf. Consider  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p} \cdot dt \hookrightarrow \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k},p}^1$   
 & the quotient  $M := \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k},p}^1 / \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \cdot dt$   $\curvearrowright$  fin. gen. over  $\mathcal{O}_{C,p}$

Claim:  $M \simeq 0$

Nakayama: Enough to show  $mM = M$  w/  $m = (t) \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$ .

For this pick any  $df \in \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k},p}^1$  (here  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$ ).

Put

$$c_0 := f(p) \in \kappa(p) = \mathcal{O}_{C,p} / m \stackrel{\substack{= \mathbb{k} \\ \uparrow \text{ since } \mathbb{k} \text{ is alg. closed}}}{=} \mathbb{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow f - c_0 \in m = (t),$$

$$\text{say } f = c_0 + gt \text{ w/ } g \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$$

$$\Rightarrow df = \underbrace{dc_0}_{=0 \text{ since } c_0 \in \mathbb{k}} + \underbrace{g dt}_{=0 \text{ in } M} + \underbrace{t dg}_{\in mM} \in mM$$

Hence  $M \simeq 0$  & so  $\Omega_{C/\mathbb{k},p}^1 \simeq \mathcal{O}_{C,p} \cdot dt$  free of rk 1

True for all  $p \Rightarrow \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k}}^1$  locally free of rk 1 □

Def For any proper normal curve  $C$  over  $\mathbb{k}$ ,  
 its genus is  $g := h^0(C, \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k}}^1)$ .

Ex  $C = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{k}}^1$  has genus  $g = h^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(-2)) = 0$ .

Thm (Riemann-Roch) Let  $C$  be a proper normal curve of genus  $g$  over  $\mathbb{k}$ . Then  $\forall \mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(C)$ ,  
 we have

$$h^0(C, \mathcal{L}) - h^0(C, \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k}}^1 \otimes \mathcal{L}^\vee) = \deg \mathcal{L} + 1 - g.$$

Rem a) Taking  $\mathcal{L} = \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k}}^1$  & using  $h^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C) = 1$ ,  
 we get  $\deg \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k}}^1 = 2g - 2$ .

b) Hence  $\deg(\Omega_{C/\mathbb{k}}^1 \otimes \mathcal{L}^\vee) = 2g - 2 - \deg \mathcal{L}$

$\Rightarrow$  For  $\deg \mathcal{L} > 2g - 2$

the "error term"  $h^0(C, \Omega_{C/\mathbb{k}}^1 \otimes \mathcal{L}^\vee)$  vanishes

& we get  $h^0(C, \mathcal{L}) = \deg \mathcal{L} + 1 - g$ .

Pf of RR (outlook)

① True for  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_C$  by our definition of  $g$ .

② Now add / subtract points:

For  $p \in C$  closed pt, put  $\mathcal{L}(-p) := \mathcal{L} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_C} \mathcal{O}_C(-p)$

& consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(-p) \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \underbrace{i_* \mathcal{O}_{\{p\}}}_{\substack{\text{skyscraper sheaf arising} \\ \text{via } i: \text{Spec } k(p) \hookrightarrow X}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}(-p)) \rightarrow \Gamma(C, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \Gamma(\{p\}, \mathcal{O}_{\{p\}})$$

$$\rightarrow H^1(C, \mathcal{L}(-p)) \rightarrow H^1(C, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow 0$$

(see later: Sheaf cohomology!)

$\Rightarrow$  For  $\chi(C, -) := \dim_k \Gamma(C, -) - \dim_k H^1(C, -)$   
we get:

$$\chi(C, \mathcal{L}) = \chi(C, \mathcal{L}(-p)) + 1.$$

③ Serre duality:

$$H^1(C, \mathcal{E}) \simeq (\Gamma(C, \Omega_{C/k}^1 \otimes \mathcal{E}^\vee))^\vee \quad \forall \text{ loc. free } \mathcal{E} \in \text{Coh}(C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi(C, \mathcal{E}) = \Gamma(C, \mathcal{E}) - \Gamma(C, \Omega_{C/k}^1 \otimes \mathcal{E}^\vee)$$

By step ② then

$$\text{RR for } \mathcal{L} \iff \text{RR for } \mathcal{L}(-p)$$

& therefore we reduce inductively to ① □

Ex Let  $C$  be a normal proper curve of genus  $g$  over  $k$ .

a)  $g = 0$ :

$$\Rightarrow h^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C([p])) \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists f \in \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C([p])) \setminus \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ iso } f: C \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{P}_k^1$$

$\hookrightarrow$  since  $\deg f = \deg [p] = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  "Genus 0 = rational curves"!

b)  $g = 1$ :

$$RR \Rightarrow h^0(C, \mathcal{L}) = \deg \mathcal{L} \text{ for } \deg \mathcal{L} > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Fix  $p \in C$  closed pt, then  $\exists x, y$  sth

$$H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(p)) = \langle 1 \rangle$$

$$H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(2p)) = \langle 1, x \rangle$$

$$H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(3p)) = \langle 1, x, y \rangle$$

Now

$$\bullet \dim_{\mathbb{K}} H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(6p)) = 6$$

$$\bullet \underbrace{1, x, x^2, x^3, xy, y, y^2}_{7 \text{ sections}} \in H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(6p))$$

$\Rightarrow$  linearly dependent!

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ relation } y^2 + axy + by = f(x)$$

$$\text{w/ } \deg(f) = 3 \text{ (since } 1, x, x^2, xy, y \text{ lin. indep.)}$$

$\Rightarrow$  morphism

$$\varphi: C \longrightarrow V_+(F) \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{K}}^2$$

$$\text{w/ a homogenous cubic } F \in \mathbb{K}[x, y, z]$$

Fact:  $\varphi$  is an embedding: "Genus 1 = elliptic curves"!

What's next?

\* embeddings  $\varphi: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{K}}^n$

via sections of line bundles

$\rightarrow$  ample bundles, linear series & divisors

\* sheaf cohomology & Serre duality

\* sheaves of differentials, smoothness...

global

local

## VI. More about line bundles & divisors

### 1. Coherent sheaves on $\text{Proj}(A)$

Recall  $R = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} R_n$  graded ring

$\rightsquigarrow$  scheme  $X := \text{Proj}(R)$  w/ basis of open charts

given by  $D_+(f) := \text{Spec}(R_{f,0})$  for homogenous  $f \in R$   
 $\uparrow$   
 degree zero part  
 of localized  $R_f$

Def For a graded  $R$ -module  $M = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} M_n$ ,  
 $\hookrightarrow$  (ie  $R_k \cdot M_l \subset M_{k+l} \forall k, l \geq 0$ )

define  $\tilde{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  on the above basis

by  
 $\tilde{M}(D_+(f)) := M_{f,0}$  ( $:=$  degree zero part of  $M_f$ )

Rem a) Get exact fctor  $\text{GrMod}(R) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ ,  $M \mapsto \tilde{M}$

b) The stalk of  $\tilde{M}$  at a point (=homog.-prime ideal)  $\mathfrak{p} \in X$   
 is  $(\tilde{M})_{\mathfrak{p}} \simeq (M_{\mathfrak{p}})_0$

c)  $R$  Noetherian &  $M$  fin.gen. /  $R \Rightarrow \tilde{M} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ .

Caution: a)  $M \mapsto \tilde{M}$  is NOT faithful:

For a converse  
 see  $\Gamma$  Ha, exer. II.5.9]

For  $M = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} M_d \in \text{GrMod}(R)$  & any  $d_0 \geq 0$ ,

put  $N := \bigoplus_{d \geq d_0} N_d \in \text{GrMod}(R)$ . Then  $\tilde{M} \simeq \tilde{N}$ .

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{M}(D_+(f)) = \left\{ \frac{m}{f^k} \mid f \in R_d, m \in M_{kd} \right\} \\ \parallel \\ \frac{mf^e}{f^{k+e}} : \text{so it suffices to consider } M_d \\ \text{for } d \text{ as large as we want} \end{array} \right]$$

b) In particular, in general  $\Gamma(X, \tilde{M}) \neq M_0$ .

We can generalize the sheaves  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(n)$  as follows:

Def For  $M \in \text{GrMod}(R)$  &  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

define  $M(n) \in \text{GrMod}(R)$  by  $(M(n))_d := M_{n+d}$ .

Put  $\mathcal{O}_X(n) := \widetilde{M(n)} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ .

Ex  $X = \mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{k}} = \text{Proj } \mathbb{k}[s, t]$

degree 1 piece

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(D_+(s), \mathcal{O}_X(1)) = \mathbb{k}[s, t]_{s,1} = \mathbb{k}\left[\frac{t}{s}\right] \cdot s \ni \frac{s}{s} \downarrow$$

$$\Gamma(D_+(t), \mathcal{O}_X(1)) = \dots = \mathbb{k}\left[\frac{s}{t}\right] \cdot t \ni \frac{s}{t} \cdot t$$

transition fct  
for  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$

Caution: Let  $R = k[x_1, x_2, x_3]$   
w/  $R_0 := k$  &  $\deg x_i := i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Exercise: On  $X = \text{Spec } R$ ,

a)  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$  is NOT a line bundle,

b)  $\mathcal{O}_X(1) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(1) \neq \mathcal{O}_X(2)$ .

Hint: Compute on the open  $U = D_+(x_3) \subset X$   
& look at fibers in a suitable point of  $U$

But:

Lemma Let  $X = \text{Proj}(R)$ . Then for  $f \in R_d$  homogenous  
of degree  $d > 0$ , we have

$$\mathcal{O}_X(nd)|_{D_+(f)} \cong \mathcal{O}_{D_+(f)} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Pf.  $\mathcal{O}_X(m)|_{D_+(f)} = \text{qcoh sheaf on } D_+(f) = \text{Spec}(R_{f,0})$   
w/  $M := (R(m))_{f,0} \in \text{Mod}(R_{f,0})$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{For } m = nd \text{ we have } R_{f,0} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & R(m)_{f,0} \\ x & \longmapsto & f^n \cdot x \end{array} \quad \square$$

Def We say  $R$  is generated in degree 1

if  $R \cong R_0[x_0, \dots, x_n]/J$  w/  $\deg x_i = 1 \forall i$ .

Cor Let  $X = \text{Proj } R$  w/  $R$  generated in degree 1.

a)  $\mathcal{O}_X(n) \in \text{Pic}(X)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

b) For  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \exists$  natural iso

$$\mathcal{O}_X(m) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_X(m+n).$$

c) For all  $M \in \text{GrMod}(R)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\exists \text{ iso } \tilde{M} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(n) \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{M}(n).$$

Pf. a)  $R \cong R_0[x_0, \dots, x_n]/J \Rightarrow X = \bigcup_i D_+(x_i)$   
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(n)$  line bundle by the  
lemma w/  $f = x_i$ ,  $\deg f = 1$

b) & c):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \exists \text{ always natural morphisms } & \mathcal{O}_X(m) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(n) & \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(m+n) \\ & \tilde{M} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(n) & \rightarrow \tilde{M}(n) \end{array}$$

& on charts  $D_+(x_i)$  w/  $\deg x_i = 1$  they are an iso (exercise).  $\square$

## 2. Morphisms to $\mathbb{P}_A^n$

Motivation Any proper normal curve  $C$  over an alg closed field  $k$  of genus  $g = 1$  is isomorphic to a cubic in  $\mathbb{P}_k^2$ :

$$\exists x, y \in \Gamma(C, \mathcal{O}_C(3p)) \text{ w/}$$

$$f := [1 : x : y] : C \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{cubic} \subset \mathbb{P}_k^2.$$

Here  $1, x, y$  "generate"  $\mathcal{O}_C(3p) \simeq f^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1)$ .

To explain this construction more generally, we need:

Def Let  $X$  be a scheme &  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ .

We say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is generated by global sections

if the following equivalent conditions hold:

a)  $\exists$  family  $(s_i)_{i \in I}$  of sections  $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(X)$

$$\text{sth } \bigoplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{F} \text{ is an epimorphism.}$$

$$(f_i) \mapsto \sum_i f_i s_i$$

( $\Leftrightarrow \forall p \in |X|$ , the  $s_{i,p}$  generate  $\mathcal{F}_p$  as  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ -module)

b) the morphism  $\mathcal{F}(X) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  is an epimorphism.

c)  $\mathcal{F}$  is a quotient of a free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module.

Ex a)  $X$  affine  $\Rightarrow$  every  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{QCoh}(X)$  is generated by global sections

b)  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^1}(n)$  is generated by global sections iff  $n > 0$

c)  $X$  proper normal curve over a field  $k$  &  $D \in \text{Div}_+(C)$ , then TFAE:

↑  
effective!

i)  $\mathcal{O}_C(D)$  gen. by global sections

ii)  $\forall p \in \text{Supp}(D): h^0(C, D-p) < h^0(C, D)$ .

Prop Let  $X$  be a scheme over a ring  $R$ .

a) For any  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^n = \text{Proj } R[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  over  $R$ ,

the line bundle  $\mathcal{L} := f^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$  is generated

by the global sections  $s_i := f^*(x_i)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

b) Conversely, given  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  which is generated by global sections  $s_0, \dots, s_n \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ ,

$\exists! f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^n$  w/  $f^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1) \simeq \mathcal{L}$

&  $f^*(x_i) = s_i$

We also write  $f = [s_0 : \dots : s_n]$ .

Pf. a) Consider  $f^*: \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}(1)) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, f^* \mathcal{O}(1))$   
 $\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$   
 $x_i \longmapsto s_i$   $\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{=: \mathcal{L}}$

Let  $x \in X$  and  $p = f(x) \in \mathbb{P}^n$ .

$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$  is generated by  $x_0, \dots, x_n \in \Gamma(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}(1))$ .

$$\Rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))_p = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n, p} \cdot x_0 + \dots + \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n, p} \cdot x_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_x &= (f^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))_x = (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1))_p \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n, p}} \mathcal{O}_{X, x} \\ &= \mathcal{O}_{X, x} \cdot s_0 + \dots + \mathcal{O}_{X, x} \cdot s_n \end{aligned}$$

b)  $\mathcal{L}$  generated by  $s_0, \dots, s_n$

$$\Rightarrow X = \bigcup_{i=0}^n D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i) \text{ for the open subsets}$$

$$D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i) := \{p \in X \mid s_i(p) \neq 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{L}_p \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, p}} \kappa(p)\}$$

(else  $\exists p \in X$  w/  $s_{i,p} \in \mathfrak{m}_p \cdot \mathcal{L}_p$  for all  $i$ ,

but then  $s_{0,p}, \dots, s_{n,p}$  cannot generate  $\mathcal{L}_p$   $\nsubseteq$ )

$$\text{Now define } D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i) \longrightarrow D_+(x_i) = \text{Spec } R[\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i}]$$

$$\cap \qquad \qquad \cap$$

$$X \qquad \qquad \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$$

by the ring homom.  $R[\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i}] \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D(s_i))$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\frac{x_j}{x_i} \longmapsto f_{ij} \text{ w/ } s_j = f_{ij} \cdot s_i$$

$\Rightarrow$  morphisms  $D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$  & these glue to  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$ .

Uniqueness: Exercise. □

Rem Let  $X$  be a scheme /  $R$  &  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  generated

by  $s_0, \dots, s_n \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$ , then TFAE:

a)  $f := [s_0 : \dots : s_n]: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$  is a closed immersion

b) For all  $i$ , the open subset  $D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i) \subset X$  is affine

and the  $R$ -algebra  $\mathcal{O}_X(D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i))$  is generated by

the  $f_{ij}$  defined by  $s_j = f_{ij} \cdot s_i$  on  $D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i)$ .

Pf. Clear since  $D_{\mathcal{L}}(s_i) = f^{-1}(D_+(x_i))$  &  $f_{ij} = f^{\#}(\frac{x_j}{x_i})$ . □



Let's take a look at the case when  $R = k$  is a field.

First a coordinate-free reformulation:

Def A linear series on a scheme  $X$  over  $k$  is a pair  $(\mathcal{L}, V)$  where  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  and  $0 \neq V \subset \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$  a vector subspace of finite dim /  $k$ .

We also call  $|V| := \mathbb{P}V \subset \mathbb{P}\Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$  a linear series. For  $V = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$  we put  $|\mathcal{L}| := |V|$  and call it a complete linear series.

The base locus of a linear series  $(\mathcal{L}, V)$  is the set

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bs}(V) &:= X \setminus \bigcup_{s \in V} \mathbb{D}_{\mathcal{L}}(s) \\ &= \{p \in X \mid \forall s \in V: s_p \in m_p \cdot \mathcal{L}_p\} \end{aligned}$$

We call  $V$  base-point free if  $\text{Bs}(V) = \emptyset$ . In

that case the proposition gives a morphism

$$\varphi_{\mathcal{L}, V}: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}V^* \quad \text{w/ } V^* = \text{Hom}_k(V, k).$$

Prop Assume  $k$  is algebraically closed.

Let  $X$  be a proper scheme /  $k$

&  $(\mathcal{L}, V)$  a basept-free linear series.

Then  $\varphi_{\mathcal{L}, V}: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}V^*$  is a closed immersion iff the following two conditions hold:

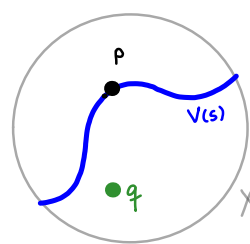
a)  $V$  separates points:

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ closed pts } p \neq q \in X, \\ &\exists s \in V \text{ w/ } s(p) = 0 \quad (\Leftrightarrow \quad \begin{matrix} s_p \in m_p \mathcal{L}_p \\ s_q \notin m_q \mathcal{L}_q \end{matrix}) \\ &\quad \quad \quad s(q) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

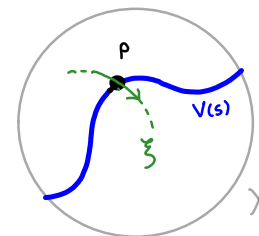
b)  $V$  separates tangent vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \text{ morphism } \xi: \text{Spec } k[t] \rightarrow X \quad \left( \begin{matrix} k[t] := k[t]/(t^2) \\ \xi := t \bmod t^2 \end{matrix} \right) \\ &\quad \quad \quad \downarrow \text{closed pt} \mapsto p \end{aligned}$$

$$\exists s \in V \text{ w/ } s(p) = 0 \text{ and } \xi^*(s) \neq 0.$$



$s$  doesn't vanish at  $q$



$s$  doesn't vanish along  $\xi$

Pf.  $\Rightarrow$ : Exercise

$\Leftarrow$ : Let  $\varphi := \varphi_{X,V}$ .

$X$  proper /  $k \Rightarrow \varphi$  proper  
 $\Rightarrow \varphi$  has closed image

Point separation a)  $\Rightarrow \varphi$  injective on closed pts  
 $\Rightarrow \text{diag: } X \rightarrow X \times_{\mathbb{P}V} X$  surjective  
on  $k$ -points = closed points,  
 $\uparrow$   $k$  alg closed  
hence surjective (by properness)  
 $\Rightarrow \varphi$  injective (also on nonclosed pts)

Thus  $|\varphi|: |X| \rightarrow |\mathbb{P}V^*|$  is an injective closed  
map, hence  $|X|$  has the subspace topology from  $|\mathbb{P}V|$ .

Remains to show:

$\varphi^\#: \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}V^*} \rightarrow \varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X$  is surjective.

Enough to check this on stalks at closed points.

So let  $p \in X$  be a closed pt &  $w := \varphi(p) \in \mathbb{P}V$

Want:

$$\varphi_p^\#: \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}V^*, w} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, p} \text{ epi.}$$

Note that  $\varphi$  is proper w/ finite fibers  $\Rightarrow$  finite

So we can use:

Let  $f: R \rightarrow S$  be a local hom. of local rings  
sth  $S$  is finite /  $R$ . Suppose  $f$  induces on

i) iso  $R/\mathfrak{m}_R \xrightarrow{\sim} S/\mathfrak{m}_S$

ii) epi  $\mathfrak{m}_R/\mathfrak{m}_R^2 \twoheadrightarrow \mathfrak{m}_S/\mathfrak{m}_S^2$

Then  $f: R \twoheadrightarrow S$  is surjective.

[ Pf. By Nakayama /  $R$  we only need  $R/\mathfrak{m}_R \twoheadrightarrow S/\mathfrak{m}_R S$ .  
By i) this becomes  $S/\mathfrak{m}_S \twoheadrightarrow S/\mathfrak{m}_R S$ , ie  $\mathfrak{m}_R S = \mathfrak{m}_S$ .  
By Nakayama /  $S$  this becomes  $\mathfrak{m}_R S/\mathfrak{m}_R \mathfrak{m}_S \twoheadrightarrow \mathfrak{m}_S/\mathfrak{m}_S^2$   
which holds by ii). ]

Check the conditions in our case:

$$i) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1, \omega}^* / m_\omega & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{O}_{X, p} / m_p \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ k(\omega) & & k(p) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{since } k(\omega) = k(p) = k \\ \text{for } k \text{ algebraically closed} \end{array}$$

$$ii) \quad m_\omega / m_\omega^2 \longrightarrow m_p / m_p^2 \text{ surjective:}$$

If not, then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f_1|_{m_p} \in \text{Hom}_k(m_p/m_p^2, k) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_k(m_\omega/m_\omega^2, k) \text{ not injective} \\ \uparrow & \parallel & \parallel \\ f_0 + \varepsilon f_1 \in \text{Hom}_k(\mathcal{O}_{X, p}, k[\varepsilon]) & & \text{Hom}_k(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1, \omega}, k[\varepsilon]) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{Hom}_{\text{at } p}(\text{Spec } k[\varepsilon], X) & & \text{Hom}_{\text{at } \omega}(\text{Spec } k[\varepsilon], \mathbb{P}^1) \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi \\ \exists 0 \neq \xi & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \varphi \circ \xi = 0 \end{array}$$

Tangent separation b)  $\Rightarrow \exists s \in V: \xi^*(s) \neq 0$

$$\text{But } s = \varphi^*(\text{a section of } \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}^*(1)) \Rightarrow \xi^*(s) = 0 \\ \text{since } \varphi \circ \xi = 0 \quad \nexists$$



Def Let  $X$  be a scheme over a ring  $R$ .

A line bundle  $L \in \text{Pic}(X)$  is very ample

if  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \exists s_0, \dots, s_n \in \Gamma(X, L)$  giving a locally closed immersion

$$\varphi = [s_0 : \dots : s_n]: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^n.$$

Cor Let  $k$  be an alg closed field

&  $C$  a proper normal curve /  $k$ .

a) Let  $D \in \text{Div}_+(C)$  be an effective divisor

sth  $\forall$  closed  $p, q \in C$  (not necessarily distinct):

$$h^0(C, D - p - q) < h^0(C, D - p) < h^0(C, D)$$

Then  $\mathcal{O}_C(D)$  is very ample.

b) In particular: Any  $L \in \text{Pic}(C)$  w/

$\deg L > 2g$  is very ample.

$\hookrightarrow$  genus of  $C$

Pf. a) The definitions show that:

$$H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(D-p)) = \{s \in H^0(C, \mathcal{O}(D)) \mid s_p \in \mathfrak{m}_p \mathcal{L}_p\}$$

For  $p \neq q$ :

$$H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(D-p-q)) = \left\{ s \in H^0(C, \mathcal{O}(D)) \mid \begin{array}{l} s_p \in \mathfrak{m}_p \mathcal{L}_p \\ s_q \in \mathfrak{m}_q \mathcal{L}_p \end{array} \right\}$$

For  $p = q$ :

$$H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(D-2p)) = \{s \in H^0(C, \mathcal{O}_C(D)) \mid s_p \in \mathfrak{m}_p^2 \mathcal{L}_p\}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \updownarrow \\ \xi^*(s) = 0 \\ \forall \xi: \text{Spec } k[t] \rightarrow C \\ \text{w/ } \xi(\text{closed pt}) = p \end{array}$$

Thus

$$h^0(D-p) < h^0(D) \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C(D) \text{ basepoint-free}$$

$$h^0(D-p-q) < h^0(D-p) < h^0(D):$$

$$p \neq q \Rightarrow \text{separation of pts}$$

$$p = q \Rightarrow \text{separation of tangent vectors}$$

$\Rightarrow$  claim follows from proposition.

b) follows from a) via Riemann-Roch.

$$\text{Note: } h^0(C, \mathcal{L}) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{writing } \mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(D'), \exists f \in k(C)^*: \text{div}(f) \geq -D'$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{div}(f) = -D' + D \text{ for some } D \in \text{Div}_+(C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ effective } D \in \text{Div}_+(C) \text{ w/ } \mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{O}_C(D) \quad \square$$

Ex  $C$  of genus  $g = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C(3p) \text{ very ample}$$

$$(\text{as } \deg \mathcal{O}_C(3p) = 3 > 2g = 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\mathcal{O}_C(3p)|: C \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^2 \text{ immersion}$$

as claimed at the beginning!

$\parallel$   
[1:x:y]

### 3. Ample line bundles

Recall For  $X \in \text{Sch}_R$ , we say  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  is very ample if  $\exists s_0, \dots, s_n \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$  sth the morphism  $[s_0 : \dots : s_n] : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^n$  is a locally closed immersion.

Rem • Notion depends on  $X \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$ ,

eg take  $X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$  and  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}(1) \in \text{Pic}(X)$ :

$$[x_0 : \dots : x_n] : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^n \begin{cases} \text{iso for } R = \mathbb{C}, \\ \text{NOT an immersion} \\ \text{for } R = \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

•  $\forall m \geq 1: \mathcal{L} \text{ very ample} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m} \text{ very ample}$



eg  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_C(p)$  on a curve of genus  $g > 0$  is NOT very ample but  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  is for  $m > g$ .

Q: Weaker, more flexible notion

which is "absolute" & for which " $\Leftrightarrow$ " holds?

Idea: Tensor powers have more sections!

Def Let  $X$  be a scheme. We say  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  is ample if  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \exists m_0, \dots, m_n \geq 1 \exists s_i \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m_i})$  sth for  $D(s_i) := \{p \in X \mid s_i, p \notin m_p \cdot \mathcal{L}_p^{\otimes m_i}\}$  we have

$$X = \bigcup_{i=0}^n D(s_i) \text{ \& each } D(s_i) \text{ is affine.}$$

Equivalently:

- $X$  is quasicompact, and
- $\forall p \in X \exists m \geq 1 \exists s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$  sth  $D(s)$  is affine & contains  $p$ .

Rem • definition doesn't involve a base ring  $R$

•  $\mathcal{L} \text{ ample} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m} \text{ ample for any } m \geq 1$

Main Thm. For  $X$  of fin. type over a Noeth. ring  $R$

$$\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X) \text{ ample} \Leftrightarrow \exists m \geq 1: \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m} \text{ very ample / } R$$

Slogan:  $X$  is quasiprojective iff  $\exists$  ample  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ !

Some preliminary remarks:

Lemma Let  $X$  be a scheme.

a) For any  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  & any  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  
the inclusion  $\mathcal{D}(s) \hookrightarrow X$  is an affine morphism.

b) If  $X$  is affine, then every  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  is ample

c) If  $\exists$  ample  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ , then  $X$  is qcqs.

d) Let  $X$  be qcqs &  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$ ,  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ .

$\Rightarrow \forall M \in \text{Qcoh}(X)$ :

$$\Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s), M) \simeq$$

$$\text{colim} \left( \Gamma(X, M) \xrightarrow{s} \Gamma(X, M \otimes \mathcal{L}) \xrightarrow{s} \Gamma(X, M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes 2}) \xrightarrow{s} \dots \right)$$

"localization of  $\Gamma(X, M)$  at  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$ "

OR: " $\forall f \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s), M) \exists m \geq 1: s^m f \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s), M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$  extends to  $X$ "

e) Let  $X$  be qc &  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ . Then TFAE:

- $\mathcal{L}$  is ample
- the  $\mathcal{D}(s)$  w/ varying  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$   
& varying  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  form a nbhd basis of  $X$ .

Pf. a) Claim is local on  $X$

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $X \simeq \text{Spec } A$ ,  $\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{O}_X$

$\Rightarrow s \in A^{\otimes m} \simeq A \otimes_A \dots \otimes_A A \simeq A$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{D}(s) = \text{Spec } A_s \hookrightarrow X = \text{Spec } A$  affine morphism

b)  $X = \text{Spec } A$  affine &  $\mathcal{L} = \tilde{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$

$\Rightarrow \forall p \in X \exists s \in L = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}): p \in \mathcal{D}(s) \leftarrow$  affine by a)

(lift a generator of  $\mathcal{L}_p \otimes k(p) \simeq L \otimes_A k(p)$ )

$\Rightarrow \exists$  finite cover of  $X$  by such opens as  $X$  is qc

c)  $\mathcal{L}$  ample  $\Rightarrow X$  qc by def<sup>n</sup>

Check quasiseparatedness:

Let  $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^n \mathcal{D}(s_i)$  w/  $s_i \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m_i})$

sth  $\mathcal{D}(s_i)$  is affine

$$\mathcal{D}(s_i) \cap \mathcal{D}(s_j) = \mathcal{D}(s_i s_j) \xrightarrow{\text{affine morphism by a)}} \mathcal{D}(s_i)$$

for  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes (m_i + m_j)}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{D}(s_i) \cap \mathcal{D}(s_j)$  again affine, hence qc

$\Rightarrow X$  qc

d)  $X \text{ qcqs} \Rightarrow \exists \text{ finite open cover } X = \bigcup_i U_i \text{ w/ } \mathcal{L}|_{U_i} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{U_i}$

sth

- $U_i \simeq \text{Spec } A_i$  affine, and
- $U_i \cap U_j = \bigcup_{\text{finite}} U_{ijk} \text{ w/ } U_{ijk} = \text{Spec } A_{ijk} \text{ affine}$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s), \mathcal{M})$$

$$= \lim_i \left( \underbrace{\bigoplus \Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s) \cap U_i, \mathcal{M})}_{\substack{\text{colim}_m \Gamma(U_i, \mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) \\ \text{because } U_i \text{ is affine} \\ (\text{localization wrt the basic} \\ \text{open } \mathcal{D}(s) \subset \text{Spec } A_i)}} \Rightarrow \bigoplus_{i,j,k} \underbrace{\Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s) \cap U_{ijk}, \mathcal{M})}_{\substack{\text{colim}_m \Gamma(U_{ijk}, \mathcal{M} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) \\ \text{because } U_{ijk} \text{ is affine} \\ (\text{localization wrt the basic} \\ \text{open } \mathcal{D}(s) \subset \text{Spec } A_{ijk})}} \right)$$

General fact: Filtered colim commute w/ finite lim  $\Rightarrow$  claim

e) " $\Rightarrow$ ": Let  $p \in U \subset X$  open.

$$\mathcal{L} \text{ ample} \Rightarrow \exists s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}): p \in \mathcal{D}(s) \simeq \text{Spec } A$$

Pick  $f \in A$  sth the basic open  $V = \text{Spec } A_f \subset \text{Spec } A = \mathcal{D}(s)$

satisfies  $p \in V \subset U \cap \mathcal{D}(s)$ . Now  $f \in \Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s), \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

$$\text{By c), d) } \exists g \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes r}): f = \frac{g}{s^r}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \mathcal{D}(g) \cap \mathcal{D}(s) = \mathcal{D}(gs) \text{ open affine } \ni p$$

$$\xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{s} \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes(m+r)})$$

" $\Leftarrow$ ": Exercise.

Cor  $\varphi: X \hookrightarrow Y$  locally closed immersion, then:

$$\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(Y) \text{ ample} \Rightarrow \varphi^*(\mathcal{L}) \in \text{Pic}(X) \text{ ample.}$$

Pf.  $\varphi = j \circ i$  w/  $j$  open immersion,  $i$  closed immersion

$\Rightarrow$  left with two cases:

a)  $\varphi = j$  open immersion:

Then  $\varphi^*\mathcal{L}$  is ample by part d) of the lemma.

b)  $\varphi = i$  closed immersion:

$$\text{Let } s_0, \dots, s_n \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) \text{ w/ } Y = \bigcup_i \mathcal{D}(s_i) \text{ \& all } \mathcal{D}(s_i) \text{ affine}$$

For  $t_i := \varphi^* s_i \in \Gamma(X, \varphi^*(\mathcal{L})^{\otimes m})$  we get:

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{D}(t_i) & \hookrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \varphi \\ \text{affine } \mathcal{D}(s_i) & \hookrightarrow & Y \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \text{closed imm,} \\ \text{hence affine} \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{D}(t_i) \text{ affine} \\ (\& X = \bigcup_i \mathcal{D}(t_i)) \\ \Rightarrow \varphi^*\mathcal{L} \text{ ample} \end{array}$$



Pf of main thm.

" $\Leftarrow$ ":  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  very ample (over  $R$ )

$\Rightarrow \exists \varphi: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^r$  l.c. closed

w/  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes m} \simeq \varphi^*(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^r}(1))$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  ample by previous corollary

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  ample

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Let  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  be ample,

say  $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{D}(s_i)$  w/  $s_i \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m_i})$

&  $\mathcal{D}(s_i) \simeq \text{Spec } A_i$  affine. Wlog all  $m_i = 1$   
(replace  $\mathcal{L}$  &  $s_i$  by powers)

By part d) of the lemma,

$$A_i = \Gamma(\mathcal{D}(s_i), \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq \text{colim} \left( \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes 2}) \rightarrow \dots \right)$$

$\uparrow$

finite type /  $R$  (since  $X$  is so),

say generated by  $x_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ ) as  $R$ -algebra

$$\Rightarrow \exists m \exists \tilde{x}_{ij} \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) \text{ w/ } x_{ij} = \frac{\tilde{x}_{ij}|_{\mathcal{D}(s_i)}}{s_i^m}.$$

Consider

$$\varphi := [s_0^m : \dots : s_r^m : \tilde{x}_{1,1} : \dots : \tilde{x}_{r,n_r}] : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^N$$

$$\text{w/ } N = r + n_1 + \dots + n_r$$

1)  $\varphi$  is everywhere defined:

$s_0^m, \dots, s_r^m$  already generate  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  since  $X = \bigcup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{D}(s_i^m)$ .

2)  $\varphi$  is a locally closed immersion:

$$\text{Let } \mathbb{P}_R^N = \text{Proj } R[z_0, \dots, z_N] \text{ w/}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^*(z_0) &= s_0^m \\ &\vdots \\ \varphi^*(z_r) &= s_r^m \\ \varphi^*(z_{r+1}) &= \tilde{x}_{1,1} \\ &\vdots \\ \varphi^*(z_N) &= \tilde{x}_{r,n_r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } X = \bigcup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{D}(s_i^m)$$

$$= \bigcup_{i=0}^r \varphi^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_+(z_i)),$$

we have a factorization

$$\varphi: X \rightarrow \mathcal{U} := \bigcup_{i=0}^r \mathcal{D}_+(z_i) \xrightarrow{\text{open}} \mathbb{P}_R^N$$



Claim:  $\varphi: X \rightarrow U$  is a closed immersion.

Check on open charts  $D_+(z_i) \subset U$  w/  $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$ :  
(enough charts for  $U$ !)

For  $i \leq r$  we have:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D_+(z_i) = \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{R} \left[ \frac{z_0}{z_i}, \dots, \frac{z_N}{z_i} \right] & \xrightarrow{\frac{z_\alpha}{z_i} \text{ (some } \alpha \text{)}} & \\ \uparrow & \downarrow & \\ \varphi^{-1}(D_+(z_i)) = \underset{i \leq r}{D(s_i^m)} \simeq \operatorname{Spec} A_i & \xrightarrow[\frac{s_i^m]{\tilde{x}_{ij}/D(s_i)} = x_{ij}} & \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow k \left[ \frac{z_0}{z_i}, \dots, \frac{z_N}{z_i} \right] \twoheadrightarrow A_i \text{ surjective}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}(D_+(z_i)) \hookrightarrow D_+(z_i) \text{ closed immersion.} \quad \square$$

$\exists$  another useful characterization of ampleness:

Thm Let  $X$  be a Noetherian scheme. For  $L \in \operatorname{Pic}(X)$ , TFAE:

a)  $L$  is ample

b)  $\forall M \in \operatorname{Coh}(X) \exists m > 0: M \otimes L^{\otimes m}$  globally generated

c)  $\forall$  coherent ideal sheaves  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X \exists m > 0: \mathcal{I} \otimes L^{\otimes m}$  g.g.

b')  $\forall M \in \operatorname{Coh}(X) \exists m_0 > 0 \forall m \geq m_0: M \otimes L^{\otimes m}$  g.g.

c')  $\forall$  coherent  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X \exists m_0 > 0 \forall m \geq m_0: \mathcal{I} \otimes L^{\otimes m}$  g.g.

Pf. We show

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} a) & \Rightarrow & b) & \Rightarrow & b') \\ & \nearrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & c) & \Leftarrow & c') \end{array}$$

a)  $\Rightarrow$  b):

$$L \text{ ample} \Rightarrow \exists m \geq 1 \exists s_0, \dots, s_r \in \Gamma(X, L^{\otimes m})$$

$$\text{w/ } D(s_i) \text{ affine \& } X = \bigcup_{i=0}^r D(s_i)$$

Wlog  $m = 1$  (replace  $L$  by a power)

Write  $U_i := D(s_i) \simeq \text{Spec } A_i$ .

$M \in \text{Coh}(X) \Rightarrow M_i := \Gamma(U_i, M)$  fin. gen.  $A_i$ -module

$$\text{say } = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} A_i \cdot m_{ij}$$

Lemma d) shows  $M_i = \text{colim}_{m, s_i} \Gamma(X, M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$

$$\Rightarrow \exists m \ \forall i, j \ \exists \tilde{m}_{ij} \in \Gamma(X, M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}): m_{ij} = \frac{\tilde{x}_{ij}|_{U_i}}{s_i^m}$$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{m}_{i,1}, \dots, \tilde{m}_{i,n_i}$  generate  $(M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})|_{U_i}$

$\Rightarrow \tilde{m}_{1,1}, \dots, \tilde{m}_{r,n_r}$  generate  $M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$

b)  $\Rightarrow$  c): trivial

c)  $\Rightarrow$  a):

$X$  Noetherian  $\Rightarrow X$  qc

Let  $p \in X$  & pick an affine neighborhood  $p \in U = \text{Spec } A \subset X$ .

Write  $i: Z := (X \setminus U)^{\text{red}} = V(J) \xrightarrow{\text{closed}} X$  w/  $J \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_X$ .

By c)  $\exists m \geq 1: J \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  globally generated.

Thus  $\exists s \in \Gamma(X, J \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}): s(p) \neq 0$  in  $(\dots)_p^{\otimes K(p)}$

Let  $t := \text{image}(s) \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$   
via  $J \xrightarrow{\text{ind}} \mathcal{O}_X$

$\Rightarrow Z \subset V(t) := X \setminus D(t)$  by construction

$\Rightarrow D(t) \subset U$

& clearly  $t(p) \neq 0$  (as  $s(p) \neq 0$  &  $J \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$  iso over  $U$ )

Moreover  $D(t)$  is affine (basic open in  $U = \text{Spec } A$ )

Thus:  $\forall p \exists t \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}): D(t) \underset{p}{\text{affine}}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  ample

b)  $\Rightarrow$  b'):

$\mathcal{L}$  ample (using b)  $\Rightarrow$  a)), say  $X = \bigcup_i D(s_i)$   $\swarrow$  affine

w/  $s_i \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes r})$

$M \in \text{Coh}(X) \Rightarrow \forall j \in \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\} \exists m_j:$

$$\underbrace{(M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes j})}_{=: M_j} \otimes \underbrace{(\mathcal{L}^{\otimes r})^{\otimes m_j}}_{=: L_j \text{ (ample, hence satisfies b')}} \text{ globally gen.}$$

Then  $\forall m \geq m_0 := \max \{j + r m_j\}$ ,

$M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  is globally generated:

$\exists j \in \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$  w/  $m - j = r \cdot (m_j + s)$   
 & then w/  $s \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m} = \underbrace{M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes j} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes r m_j}}_{\substack{\text{globally generated} \\ \text{by previous page}}} \otimes \underbrace{\mathcal{L}^{\otimes r} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes r}}_{\substack{s \text{ factors } \mathcal{L}^{\otimes r} \\ \text{each globally gen.} \\ \text{by } s_0, \dots, s_r}}$$

$\Rightarrow M \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  g.g. (as a tensor product of g.g. bundles)

b')  $\Rightarrow$  c')  $\Rightarrow$  c): trivial. □

Cor  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^n$  locally closed subscheme,  $M \in \text{coh}(X)$

$\Rightarrow$  epi  $\mathcal{O}_X(-d)^{\oplus N} \twoheadrightarrow M$  for  $N, d \gg 0$ .

Pf. Pick  $d$  sth  $M \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(d)$  is globally generated,

and tensor  $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus N} \rightarrow M \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(d)$  by  $\mathcal{O}_X(-d)$ . □

#### 4. Divisors & line bundles

Let  $X$  be a loc. Noetherian integral scheme

Def a) A prime divisor on  $X$  is an integral

closed subscheme  $Z \hookrightarrow X$  w/

$$\text{codim}(Z, X) := \dim(\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z}) = 1$$

$\uparrow$  Krull dim       $\uparrow$   $\eta_Z := \text{generic pt of } Z$

$$\mathcal{P}(X) := \{ \text{prime divisors } Z \subset X \}$$

b) A Weil divisor on  $X$  is a formal sum

$$D = \sum_{Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)} n_Z \cdot [Z]$$

which is locally finite, ie.  $\forall p \in X \exists \text{ open } U \overset{p}{\cap} U \subset X$ :

$n_Z = 0$  for almost all  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  w/  $Z \cap U \neq \emptyset$

c) Notation:

$$\text{Div}(X) := \{ \text{Weil divisors on } X \} \leftarrow \text{ab. gp}$$

$$\text{Div}^+(X) := \{ \sum_Z n_Z [Z] \mid \text{all } n_Z \geq 0 \} \leftarrow \text{effective Weil divisors}$$

$$D \geq D' : \Leftrightarrow D - D' \in \text{Div}^+(X)$$

Ex Let  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

For  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z}$  put

$$v_Z(f) := \text{length}_{\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z}}(\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z} / (f))$$

One easily sees  $v_Z(ab) = v_Z(a) + v_Z(b)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  well-defined group homom.

$$v_Z: k(X)^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$

$$f = \frac{g}{h} \mapsto v_Z(f) := v_Z(g) - v_Z(h)$$

For  $f \in k(X)^*$  its Weil divisor of zeros & poles is defined by

$$\text{div}(f) := \sum_{Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)} v_Z(f) \cdot [Z] \in \text{Div}(X).$$

Such divisors are called principal divisors.

We get a gp homom.  $\text{div}: k(X)^* \rightarrow \text{Div}(X)$

& put  $\text{Cl}(X) := \text{Div}(X) / \sim$  "Weil class gp"

where  $D \sim D' : \Leftrightarrow D - D'$  is principal.

Caut In general, for  $f \in k(X)^*$  we have:

$$f \in \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z} \implies v_Z(f) \geq 0$$

~~$\implies$~~   
Converse NOT true!

e.g. for the nodal cubic

$$X = V(y^2 - x^2(x+1)) \subset \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x, y]$$

$$\text{the rat}^e \text{ fct}^n f := \frac{y}{x} \in k(X)^*$$

is not defined at  $p = (0, 0)$ ,

ie  $f \notin \mathcal{O}_{X, p}$ . Nevertheless

$$v_p(f) = \underbrace{v_p(y)}_{=2} - \underbrace{v_p(x)}_{=2} = 0$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{eg } v_p(y) = \text{length } \mathbb{C}[x, y]_{(x, y)} / (y, y^2 - x^2(x+1)) \\ = \text{length } \mathbb{C}[x]_{(x)} / (x^2) = 2 \end{array} \right]$$

But: If  $X$  is **normal**, then  $\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z}$  is a **DVR**

and  $v_Z : k(X)^* = \text{Quot}(\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z})^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$   
is the discrete valuation w/ valuation ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z}$ .

$$\text{Then } v_Z(f) \geq 0 \iff f \in \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z}.$$

Cor If  $X$  is normal, then

$$\ker(\text{div} : k(X)^* \rightarrow \text{Div}(X)) = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^*$$

Pf. " $\geq$ " always true.

" $\leq$ ": Let  $f \in k(X)^*$  w/  $v_Z(f) = 0$  for all  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)$

$$\implies f, f^{-1} \in \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z} \subseteq k(X) \text{ for all } Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)$$

(since  $X$  is normal)

$$\implies f, f^{-1} \in \bigcap_{Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta_Z} \subseteq k(X)$$

$\implies$  for any open affine  $U = \text{Spec } A \subset X$ ,

$$f|_U, f^{-1}|_U \in \bigcap_{\substack{p \in \text{Spec } A \\ \text{ht}(p)=1}} A_p = A \subseteq \text{Quot}(A)$$

for  $A$  a normal Noetherian domain  
(see comm. algebra)

$$\implies f|_U, f^{-1}|_U \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \text{ for all open affine } U \subseteq X$$

$$\implies f, f^{-1} \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \text{ by glueing.} \quad \square$$

More generally, can replace  $\mathcal{O}_X$  by line bundles:

Def A rational section of  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  is a germ  $s \in \mathcal{L}_\eta$  of the stalk at the generic pt  $\eta \in X$ .

For  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  we then define the order of vanishing  $\nu_{Z,X}(s) \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $s \neq 0$  as follows:

Let  $\xi \in Z$  be the generic pt of  $Z$

$\mathcal{L}_\xi$  is a free module of rk 1 over  $\mathcal{O}_{X,\xi}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists t_\xi \in \mathcal{L}_\xi \text{ w/ } \mathcal{L}_\xi = \mathcal{O}_{X,\xi} \cdot t_\xi$$

Represent  $t_\xi$  by  $t \in \mathcal{L}(U)$  on some open  $U \ni \xi$

& consider the stalk  $t_\eta \in \mathcal{L}_\eta = \mathcal{O}_{X,\eta} \cdot s_\eta$ .

$$\Rightarrow \exists! f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}^* = k(X)^*: s = f \cdot t_\eta.$$

Put 
$$\nu_{Z,X}(s) := \nu_Z(f) \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Lemma  $\nu_{Z,X}(s)$  is well-defined.

Pf. Let  $\tilde{t}_\xi \in \mathcal{L}_\xi$  be another generator:  $\mathcal{L}_\xi = \mathcal{O}_{X,\xi} \cdot \tilde{t}_\xi$ .

Let  $\tilde{t} \in \mathcal{L}(U)$  represent the germ  $\tilde{t}_\xi$ .

$$\Rightarrow t = u \cdot \tilde{t} \text{ with } u \in \mathcal{O}_{X,\xi}^* \subset k(X)^*$$

$$\Rightarrow s = f \cdot t_\eta = \underbrace{u f}_{=: \tilde{f}} \cdot \tilde{t}_\eta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \nu_Z(f) &= \text{length}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,\xi}}(\mathcal{O}_{X,\xi}/(f)) \\ &= \text{length}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,\xi}}(\mathcal{O}_{X,\xi}/(u f)) = \nu_Z(\tilde{f}). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Def For  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  & a rational section  $0 \neq s \in \mathcal{L}_\eta$  we put

$$\text{div}(s) := \sum_{Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)} \nu_{Z,X}(s) \cdot [Z] \in \text{Div}(X).$$

Rem For any two rational sections  $s, s' \in L_\eta \setminus \{0\}$ ,

$$\exists f \in k(X)^* : s = f \cdot s'$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{div}(s) \sim \operatorname{div}(s')$$

Thus we get a homom.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{cl}: \operatorname{Pic}(X) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}(X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{L} & \longmapsto & \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{L}) := (\operatorname{div}(s) \bmod \sim) \end{array}$$

any rational section  $s \in L_\eta \setminus \{0\}$

Prop If  $X$  is normal, then

$\operatorname{cl}: \operatorname{Pic}(X) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  is injective.

Pf. Let  $\mathcal{L} \in \operatorname{Pic}(X)$  w/  $\operatorname{cl}(\mathcal{L}) = 0$ .

Pick any rat<sup>l</sup> section  $0 \neq s \in L_\eta \Rightarrow \operatorname{div}(s) \sim 0$

$$\Rightarrow \exists f \in k(X)^* : \operatorname{div}(s) = \operatorname{div}(f)$$

Replace  $s$  by  $\frac{1}{f} \cdot s \Rightarrow \operatorname{wlog} \operatorname{div}(s) = 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  by normality:  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L})$  &  $\mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}$  via  $f \mapsto fs$

(claim local, so reduces to the case  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X$

where we have seen this in the above corollary) □

Rem Even if  $X$  is normal,  $\operatorname{cl}: \operatorname{Pic}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$  need NOT be surjective:

If  $D = \operatorname{div}(s)$  for some rat sect  $s \in L_\eta$ ,

then  $D$  is locally principal: Let  $X = \bigcup_i U_i$

sth  $\exists$  iso  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}|_{U_i}$ ,  $1 \mapsto s_i$ . Then

$\exists! f_i \in k(X)^*$  w/  $s|_{U_i} = f \cdot s_i$  and

$$\operatorname{div}(s)|_{U_i} = \operatorname{div}(f_i) \sim 0 \text{ in } \operatorname{Div}(U_i).$$

Ex Let  $X = V(z^2 - x^2 - y^2) \subset \operatorname{Spec} \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$

$\Rightarrow X$  is normal

&  $Z := V(z - x, y) \in \mathcal{P}(X)$

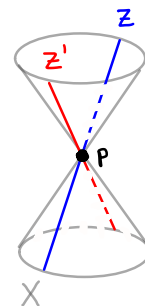
but  $[Z]$  is NOT locally principal

(hint: for any linear form  $\ell(x, y, z)$ ,

$$\operatorname{div}(\ell) = [Z] + [Z']$$

&  $Z'$  determines  $\ell$  up to a scalar.

Only  $2 \cdot [Z]$  becomes principal...)



So we need a better notion of divisors.

This doesn't even need  $X$  to be integral or loc. Noeth:

Def Let  $X$  be any scheme.

For  $U = \text{Spec } A \subset X$  open affine,

let  $S := \{a \in A \mid \forall b \in A \setminus \{0\}: ab \neq 0\}$

and put  $\mathcal{K}_X^{\text{pre}}(U) := S^{-1}A$ .

Let  $\mathcal{K}_X :=$  sheafification of  $(U \mapsto \mathcal{K}_X^{\text{pre}}(U))$ ,

the sheaf of total quotient rings of  $X$ .

We have  $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_X & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{K}_X \\ \cup & & \cup \\ \mathcal{O}_X^* & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{K}_X^* \end{array}$   $\leftarrow$  sheaves of rings  
 $\leftarrow$  sheaves of unit gps

A Cartier divisor on  $X$  is an element of the

group  $\text{CaDiv}(X) := \Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^* / \mathcal{O}_X^*)$ .

We call it principal if it is in the image of the

homom.  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^*) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^* / \mathcal{O}_X^*)$ .

We write  $D \sim D' : \Leftrightarrow D - D'$  is principal

and put  $\text{CaCl}(X) := \text{CaDiv}(X) / \sim$ .

Rem a) Explicitly, a Cartier divisor  $D \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^* / \mathcal{O}_X^*)$

can be described by giving

- an open cover  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$
- rational fct's  $f_i \in \Gamma(U_i, \mathcal{K}_X^*) \stackrel{\text{for } U_i \text{ integral \& small enough}}{=} k(U_i)^*$

sth  $\forall i, j \in I: \frac{f_i}{f_j} \in \Gamma(U_i \cap U_j, \mathcal{O}_X^*)$

b) If  $X$  is loc. Noetherian & integral so that we can talk about Weil divisors, we have by construction a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{ (f_i, U_i) \}_{i \in I} & \longmapsto & D \text{ with } D|_{U_i} = \text{div}(f_i) \\ \cap & & \cap \\ \text{CaDiv}(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Div}(X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{CaCl}(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Cl}(X) \end{array}$$

where the image of the horizontal arrows are precisely the "locally principal Weil divisors".



Def Let  $X$  be any scheme.

For  $D \in \text{CaDiv}(X)$  given by  $\{(f_i, U_i)\}_{i \in I}$

as above, define a subsheaf

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X(D) \subset \mathcal{K}_X$$

$$\text{by } \mathcal{L}|_{U_i} := \mathcal{O}_{U_i} \cdot \bar{f}_i^{-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_X|_{U_i}$$

(well-defined as  $f_i/f_j \in \mathcal{O}_{U_i \cap U_j}^*$  on overlaps)

Prop a)  $\mathcal{L}(D) \in \text{Pic}(X)$

b) We get a bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{CaDiv}(X) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \{\text{invertible subsheaves of } \mathcal{K}_X\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D & \longmapsto & \mathcal{O}_X(D) \end{array}$$

which induces an injective gp homom

$$\text{CaCl}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Pic}(X).$$

c) If  $X$  is integral, this is an iso.

"Cartier divisors compute the Picard group!"

Pf. a) Clear since  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}|_{U_i}$  via  $1 \mapsto \bar{f}_i^{-1}$ .

b) From the subsheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X(D) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$  we can

recover  $D$  by taking a cover  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$

sth  $\exists$  iso  $\varphi_i: \mathcal{O}_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}|_{U_i}$  & taking  $f_i := \varphi_i(1)^{-1}$ ,

as then  $\{(f_i, U_i)\}_{i \in I} = D$  in  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^* / \mathcal{O}_X^*)$ .

For  $D_1 = \{(f_i, U_i)\}$  &  $D_2 = \{(g_i, U_i)\}$ ,

wlog with the same open  $U_i$  (else refine covers),

we have  $D_1 - D_2 = \{(f_i g_i^{-1}, U_i)\}$  and

so

$$\mathcal{O}_c(D_1 - D_2) = \underbrace{\mathcal{O}_c(D_1) \cdot \mathcal{O}_c(D_2)^{-1}}_{\simeq \mathcal{O}_c(D_1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_c(D_2)^{-1}} \subset \mathcal{K}_X \quad (*)$$

It remains to show:

$$D_1 \sim D_2 \iff \mathcal{O}_c(D_1) \simeq \mathcal{O}_c(D_2)$$

Passing to  $\mathcal{D} := \mathcal{D}_1 - \mathcal{D}_2$  and using (\*),

we are reduced to:

$$\mathcal{D} \text{ principal} \iff \mathcal{O}_c(\mathcal{D}) \simeq \mathcal{O}_c.$$

If  $\mathcal{D}$  is principal, defined by  $f \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^*)$

then  $\mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_X(\mathcal{D})$  via  $1 \mapsto f^{-1}$

Conversely, if  $\exists$  iso  $\varphi: \mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_X(\mathcal{D})$ ,

then  $\mathcal{D}$  is principal, defined by  $f := (\varphi(1))^{-1}$ .

c) Want:  $\forall \mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X) \exists$  embedding  $\mathcal{L} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$ .

$X$  integral  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$  constant sheaf w/ fiber  $K = \mathbb{k}(X)$ .

Given  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ , consider  $\mathcal{M} := \mathcal{L} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{K}_X$ .

$\forall$  open  $U \subset X$  with  $\mathcal{L}|_U \simeq \mathcal{O}_U$ , have  $\mathcal{M}|_U \simeq \mathcal{K}_X|_U$   
constant sheaf.

$X$  irreducible  $\Rightarrow$  a sheaf on  $X$  is constant  
if it is so on each open of some cover

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  constant, hence  $\mathcal{M} \simeq \mathcal{K}_X$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{K}_X = \mathcal{M} \simeq \mathcal{K}_X$  as wanted.  $\square$

Back to Weil divisors:

Let  $X$  be integral & locally Noetherian.

We have shown:

$$\text{Cl}(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic}(X) \xrightarrow{\quad} \mathcal{C}(X)$$

injective if  $X$  normal

Recall normality of  $X$  does NOT imply  $\text{Pic}(X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$ ,

as shown by  $X = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x, y, z] / (z^2 - x^2 - y^2)$ . But

we can now say precisely what is needed:

Thm For  $X$  integral & locally Noetherian, TFAE:

a)  $X$  is normal and  $\text{Pic}(X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$

b)  $X$  is locally factorial,

ie all local rings of  $X$  are UFD's.

$\hookrightarrow$  not only codim 1 ...

For the proof we reduce to the local case:

Def Let  $X$  be an integral locally Noetherian scheme.

For  $U \subset X$  open &  $p \in U$  consider the homom.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Div}(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Div}(U) & \longrightarrow & \text{Div}(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{C}(X) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}(U) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p}) \end{array}$$

defined on prime divisors  $Z$  by

$$[Z] \mapsto \begin{cases} [Z \cap U] & \text{if } Z \cap U \neq \emptyset \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

resp

$$[Z] \mapsto \begin{cases} [Z \cap \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p}] & \text{if } p \in Z \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Lemma For  $Z \in \text{Div}(X)$ , TFAE:

a)  $D \in \text{im}(\text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X))$ .

b)  $\forall p \in X \exists \text{ open } U \subset X \text{ w/ } p \in U$   
sth  $D \cap U = 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}(U)$ .

c)  $\forall p \in X$  we have  $D \cap \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p} = 0$ .

(ie "Cartier divisors  $\hat{=}$  locally principal Weil divisors")

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b)  $\Rightarrow$  c) clear from

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Pic}(X) & \longrightarrow & \text{Pic}(U) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{C}(X) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{C}(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p}) \end{array}$$

since line bundles are locally trivial:

$$\forall L \in \text{Pic}(X) \quad \forall p \in X \quad \exists \underset{U_p}{U} \subset X \text{ open} : L|_U \cong \mathcal{O}_U.$$

c)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Let  $p \in X$ .

Suppose  $D \cap \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p} = 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p})$

$$\Rightarrow \exists f_p \in \text{Quot}(\mathcal{O}_{X,p})^* = k(X)^* :$$

$$D \cap \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p} = \text{div}(f_p) \text{ in } \text{Div}(\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p})$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \underset{p}{U_p} \subset X \text{ open} : \underbrace{\text{div}(f_p) \cap U_p}_{\substack{\text{seen in } \text{Div}(X) \\ \text{via } f_p \in k(X)^*}} = D \cap U_p$$

If this holds for all  $p \in X$ :

Pick  $(p_i)_{i \in I}$  sth  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_{p_i}$  & let  $f_i := f_{p_i}$

$$\Rightarrow \{(f_i, U_i)\}_{i \in I} \in \text{CaDiv}(X) \text{ induces } D \in \text{Div}(X). \quad \square$$

We are left with the affine case:

Prop Let  $X = \text{Spec } A$  w/ a **normal** Noetherian domain  $A$ .

Then for prime divisors  $Z \subset X$ , TFAE:

- a)  $[Z] \sim 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$ .
- b)  $\exists f \in A : [Z] = \text{div}(f)$ .

Pf. b)  $\Rightarrow$  a) trivial

a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): Let  $f \in k(X)^* = \text{Quot}(A)^* : [Z] = \text{div}(f)$

$$\Rightarrow \forall W \in \mathcal{P}(X): \quad \sigma_W(f) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } W=Z \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Each  $W$  is  $= V(\mathfrak{p})$  w/  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$  of  $\text{ht } \mathfrak{p} = 1$ ,

&  $X$  normal implies  $\mathcal{O}_{X,W} = A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  DVR w/ valuation  $\sigma_W$

$\Rightarrow \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$  of  $\text{ht } \mathfrak{p} = 1: f \in A_{\mathfrak{p}}$

$\Rightarrow f \in \bigcap_{\text{ht } \mathfrak{p}=1} A_{\mathfrak{p}} = A$   
↑ since  $A$  is a normal Noetherian domain

Let  $\mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec } A$  w/  $V(\mathfrak{q}) = Z$

$\Rightarrow$  for any  $g \in \mathfrak{q}$ , one gets  $\frac{g}{f} \in A$  as above

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{q} = (f)$  & hence  $Z = \text{div}(f)$  □

Cor 1 Let  $X = \text{Spec } A$  w/ a Noetherian domain  $A$ .

Then TFAE:

- a)  $X$  is normal &  $\mathcal{C}(X) = 0$
- b)  $A$  is a UFD

Pf.  $A$  UFD

$\Leftrightarrow$  all prime ideals of  $\text{ht } 1$  in  $A$  are p'pal (see appendix)

$\Leftrightarrow X$  normal, and  $\forall Z \in \mathcal{P}(X): [Z] \sim 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$   
by the proposition □

Ex For any UFD  $R$ ,  $\text{Pic}(A_R^n) = \mathcal{C}(A_R^n) = 0$ .

Cor 2 For  $X$  integral & loc Noetherian, TFAE:

- a)  $X$  is normal &  $\text{Pic}(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{C}(X)$
- b)  $X$  is locally factorial.

Pf.  $X$  loc. factorial  $\Leftrightarrow \forall p \in X: \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  UFD

cor 1  $\Leftrightarrow \forall p \in X: \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  normal w/  $\mathcal{C}(\dots) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow X$  normal &  $\forall D \in \mathcal{P}(X) \forall p \in X: D \cap \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p} \sim 0$   
lemma  $\Leftrightarrow X$  normal &  $\forall D \in \mathcal{P}(X): D \in \text{im}(\text{Pic } X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X))$   
 $\Leftrightarrow X$  normal &  $\text{Pic } X \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)$ . □

Ex  $X = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_K$  w/ a number field  $K$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Pic } X = \text{Cl } X = \text{ideal class gp of } K$$

Same for any Dedekind domain.

Warning In general,  $X$  locally factorial

~~⋈~~  $\Rightarrow \exists$  open cover  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  w/  $U_i = \text{Spec UFD}$  !

Ex  $X$  normal proper curve of genus  $g > 0$  over  $\mathbb{C}$

$\Rightarrow$  open sets:  $U = X \setminus \Sigma$  w/  $\Sigma \subset X$  finite set of closed points

$\Rightarrow$  exact sequence (exercise):

$$\bigoplus_{P \in \Sigma} \mathbb{Z} \cdot [P] \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(U) \rightarrow 0$$

countable                  uncountable since  
\$\{ \text{closed pts of } X \} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}(X)\$  
for curves of genus \$g > 0\$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(U) \neq 0$  even though  $U$  is affine for  $\Sigma \neq \emptyset$

Here  $U = \text{Spec}(\text{Dedekind domain})$ ,

but  $\mathcal{C}(U)$  is NOT finitely generated!

Some more examples:

Recall: For  $X$  integral loc Noetherian,

$$\text{Pic}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(X).$$

mono if  $X$  normal  
iso if  $X$  loc. factorial

Ex For any UFD  $R$ ,

$$\text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}_B^n) \cong \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{P}_B^n) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot [H]$$

for any hyperplane  $H = V_+(x_i) \subset \mathbb{P}_{R,n}^n$ .

Pf.  $X = \mathbb{P}_R^n$  is locally factorial, so  $\text{Pic } X \cong \mathcal{C} X$ .

For  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic } X \quad \exists \text{ iso } \mathcal{L}|_U \simeq \mathcal{O}_U \text{ on } U = X \setminus H \simeq \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$

because  $\text{Pic } U \cong \text{Pic } \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^n = 0$ . Then  $1 \in \mathcal{O}_u(U)$

gives a rational section  $s \in L_\eta$  w/  $\text{div}(s) \in \mathbb{Z} \cdot [H]$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} &\longrightarrow \text{Pic } X \simeq \mathcal{C}l X \\ m &\longmapsto \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n_R}(m) \longmapsto m \cdot [H] \end{aligned}$$

Mono via pullback to any  $\mathbb{P}_R^1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_R^n$  (apply deg on  $\mathbb{P}_R^1$ )  $\square$

More generally, Weil class groups satisfy "excision":

Lemma Let  $X$  be an integral loc Noeth scheme  
&  $U = X \setminus Z$  for a proper closed  $Z \subset X$ .

Then

- a)  $\exists$  epi  $\mathcal{C}l(X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{C}l(U)$ ,  $D \mapsto D \cap U$ .
- b) For  $\text{codim}(Z, X) \geq 2$  this is an iso.
- c) For  $Z$  irreducible of  $\text{codim}(Z, X) = 1$ ,  
 $\exists$  exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{C}l(X) & \rightarrow & \mathcal{C}l(U) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ m & \mapsto & m \cdot [Z] & & & & \\ & & D & \mapsto & D \cap U & & \end{array}$$

(needn't be injective, eg take  $\text{Pic } X = 0$ )

( $Z$  needn't be Cartier)

Pf. a)  $W \subset X$  prime divisor  $\Rightarrow W \cap U$  prime divisor or  $= \emptyset$

So we get  $\text{Div}(X) \rightarrow \text{Div}(U)$  &  $\mathcal{C}l(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}l(U)$ .

Epi:  $W = W \cap U$  for any  $W \in \mathcal{P}(U)$  w/ closure  $\bar{W} \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ .

b) If  $\text{codim}(Z, X) > 1$ , then  $\mathcal{P}(X) = \mathcal{P}(U)$ .

c) If  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , then  $\ker(\mathcal{C}l(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}l(U)) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot [Z]$ .  $\square$

Ex For  $f \in k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  irred & homog of degree  $d = \deg f$

&  $U = \mathbb{P}_k^n \setminus V_+(f)$ , we get:

$$\text{Pic}(U) \simeq \mathcal{C}l(U) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}.$$

Ex For  $X = \text{Spec } k[x, y, z]/(z^2 - xy)$

and  $Z = V(y, z) \subset X$  we get

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbb{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{C}l(X) & \rightarrow & \mathcal{C}l(U) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ m & \mapsto & m \cdot [Z] & & & & \end{array}$$

where  $U = X \setminus Z$

$$= X \setminus V(y)$$

$$= \text{Spec } \underbrace{k[x, y, z, y^{-1}]/(z^2 - xy)}_{\simeq k[y, y^{-1}, z] \text{ UFD}}$$

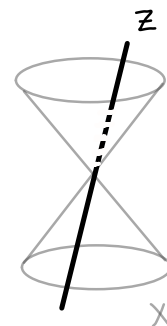
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}l(U) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{C}l(X), m \mapsto m[Z] \text{ epi}$$

Moreover  $2[Z] \sim 0$  but  $[Z] \not\sim 0$  (since not Cartier)

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}l(X) \simeq \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Pic}(X) \simeq 0 \text{ (since } \hookrightarrow^+ \mathcal{C}l(X))$$



Weil class groups are also "homotopy invariant":

Prop Let  $X$  be an integral locally Noetherian scheme.

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}l(X) \simeq \mathcal{C}l(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$$

Pf. Let  $\pi: X \times \mathbb{A}^1 \rightarrow X$  be the projection, and

define  $\pi^*: \text{Div}(X) \longrightarrow \text{Div}(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$

$$D = \sum_{\mathbb{Z}} n_{\mathbb{Z}} \cdot [\mathbb{Z}] \mapsto \sum_{\mathbb{Z}} n_{\mathbb{Z}} \cdot [\pi^{-1} \mathbb{Z}]$$

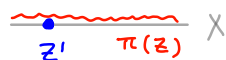
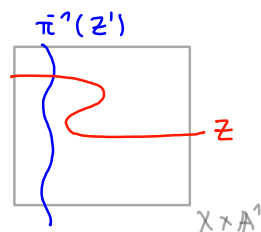
$\Rightarrow$  descends to  $\pi^*: \mathcal{C}l(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}l(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$

Now  $\exists$  only two types of prime divisors  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$ :

• "vertical":  $Z = \pi^{-1}(Z')$

for some  $Z' \in \mathcal{P}(X)$

• "horizontal":  $\pi: Z \rightarrow X$  dominant



(for  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$  the generic fiber

of  $\pi: Z \rightarrow X$  is either  $\mathbb{A}^1$  or finite)

Therefore  $\pi^*: \mathcal{C}l(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}l(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$  is

• injective:  $\pi^*(D) = \text{div}(f)$ ,  $f \in k(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)^* = K(t)^*$   
with  $K := k(X)$

$\Rightarrow \text{div}(f)$  has no horizontal cpt

$\Rightarrow f \in K^* \subset K(t)^*$  &  $D = \text{div}(f)$  principal

• surjective: Say  $Z \in \mathcal{P}(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$  is horizontal.

$\Rightarrow$  Localize at generic pt  $\eta \in X$

to get  $Z_{\eta} \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{A}^1_K)$  ( $K = k(X) = \mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$ )

corresponding to a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spm } K[t]$

$K[t] \text{ PID} \Rightarrow \exists f \in K[t] \setminus \{0\}: \mathfrak{p} = (f)$

$\Rightarrow \text{div}(f) = [Z_{\eta}] - \text{vertical divisors}$

$\Rightarrow [Z_{\eta}] \sim \text{vertical divisor} \in \text{image}(\pi^*) \quad \square$

Ex For  $X := \mathbb{P}_R^1 \times_R \mathbb{P}_R^1$  (any UFD  $R$ ),  
 one has  $\text{Pic } X \simeq \mathcal{C} X \simeq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$   
 (use excision & homotopy invariance w/  $X = \mathbb{P}_R^1$ )

Rem a) Similarly one can show  
 $\text{Pic}(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic}(X \times \mathbb{A}^1)$  for  $X$  normal.

Normality is needed:

E.g.  $X = \text{Spec } R$  w/  $R = (k[s, t]/(s^2 - t^3))_{(s, t)}$

has  $\text{Pic } X = 0$  (since  $R$  is a local ring)

but  $\text{Pic } X \times \mathbb{A}^1 \neq 0$  (exercise... )!

b) For any proper normal curve of genus  $g > 0$   
 over a field one can show

$$\text{Pic}(X \times X) \neq \text{Pic}(X) \times \text{Pic}(X)$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Pic}(\dots)$  (and  $\mathcal{C}(\dots)$ ) usually

NOT compatible w/ products!

## Appendix

For any Noetherian domain  $A$ , we have:

i)  $A$  is a UFD

ii) every ht 1 prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$  is principal.

Pf. i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii): Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$  w/  $\text{ht } \mathfrak{p} = 1$ .

Pick  $f \in \mathfrak{p} \setminus \{0\}$  & write  $f = f_1 \cdots f_r$  w/  $\text{irred } f_i \in A$ .

$\mathfrak{p}$  prime  $\Rightarrow \exists i: f_i \in \mathfrak{p}$

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \supseteq (f_i) \leftarrow$  prime since  $\text{irred}$  in UFD  
 $\uparrow$   
 $\text{ht}=1 \Rightarrow \mathfrak{p} = (f_i)$

ii)  $\Rightarrow$  i): Assume every ht 1 prime  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq A$  is principal.

$A$  Noetherian  $\Rightarrow$  every  $f \in A \setminus (A^\times \cup \{0\})$  is a finite prod of  $\text{irred}$ .

Want: Every  $\text{irreducible } f \in A$  is prime.

Let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$  be a minimal prime containing  $f$

$\Rightarrow \text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) \leq 1$  by Krull's principal ideal thm

$\Rightarrow$  By assumption  $\exists g \in A: (g) = \mathfrak{p} \supseteq (f)$

$\Rightarrow f$   $\text{irreducible}$  forces  $\mathfrak{p} = (f)$





## VII. Smoothness & differentials

### 0. Motivation

For  $f \in \mathbb{C}[x, y]$  consider the plane curve

$$X := V(f) \subset \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^2 = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x, y].$$

Implicit function thm: Let  $p \in X(\mathbb{C})$ .

$$\text{If } \vec{\nabla} f(p) := \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)(p) \neq (0, 0),$$

then  $\exists$  analytic neighborhood  $p \in U \subset \mathbb{C}^2$

$\exists$  biholomorphic map

$$\varphi: U \cap X(\mathbb{C}) \xrightarrow{\sim} V \subset \mathbb{C}$$

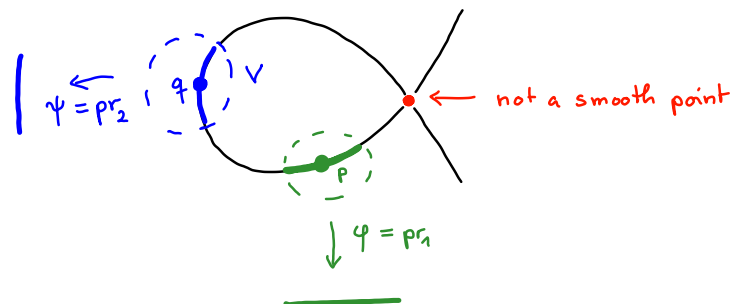
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Thus  $X_0 := \{p \in X(\mathbb{C}) \mid \vec{\nabla} f(p) \neq 0\}$  is a  
cplx submanifold of  $\mathbb{C}^2$  w/ tangent  
spaces

$$T_p X_0 = \ker \vec{\nabla} f(p)$$

$$= \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} \in T_p \mathbb{C}^2 \mid u \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(p) + v \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(p) = 0 \right\}$$

Ex  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2(x+2)$ :



$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^{-1}(x) &= (x, x \cdot \underbrace{\sqrt{x+2}}_{= 1 + \frac{x+1}{2} - \frac{(x+1)^2}{8} + \dots}) \\ &= 1 + \frac{x+1}{2} - \frac{(x+1)^2}{8} + \dots \\ &\text{holomorphic near } x = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Q Algebraic analogue?

NO "local inverse":

- analytic open  $\neq$  Zariski open
- power series  $\neq$  polynomial

BUT: Over any field  $k$ , can still  
talk about  $df \in \Gamma(X, \Omega_{X/k}^1)$ !

$\rightarrow$  Kähler differentials

## 1. Kähler differentials

Let  $R$  be a commutative ring.

Def A derivation of an  $R$ -algebra  $A$

w/ values in an  $R$ -module  $M$

is an  $R$ -linear map  $d: A \rightarrow M$

satisfying the "Leibniz rule"

$$d(fg) = f dg + g df \quad \forall f, g \in A$$

We denote by  $\text{Der}_R(A, M) \in \text{Mod}(R)$

the  $R$ -module of such derivations.

Rem The elements of  $R \cdot 1 \subset A$  are "constant"

ie  $d(r \cdot 1) = 0$  for all  $r \in R$

(  $d(r \cdot 1) = r \cdot d(1)$  by  $R$ -linearity

and  $d(1) = d(1 \cdot 1) = d(1) + d(1)$

by Leibniz so that  $d(1) = 0$  )

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \text{Ex } A = \mathcal{C}^\infty(U) \rightarrow M = \mathcal{C}^\infty(U) \times \dots \times \mathcal{C}^\infty(U) & U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \\ f \mapsto \vec{\nabla} f = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right) & R = \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

There is a "universal derivation":

Prop For any  $R$ -algebra  $A$ ,  $\exists!$  pair  $(\Omega_{A/R}^1, d_{A/R})$  ↖ up to canonical iso  
w/  $\Omega_{A/R}^1 \in \text{Mod}(A)$  &  $d_{A/R} \in \text{Der}_R(A, \Omega_{A/R}^1)$

sth  $\forall M \in \text{Mod}(A)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{"algebra"} & \text{Hom}_A(\Omega_{A/R}^1, M) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Der}_R(A, M) & \text{"calculus"} \\ & \varphi \mapsto \varphi \circ d_{A/R} & \end{array}$$

Pf. Take  $\Omega_{A/R}^1 := \bigoplus_{f \in A} A \cdot df \bigg/ N$  ↖ formal basis vector

where  $N$  is the submodule generated by the

$$\text{relations } \begin{cases} d(af+g) = a df + dg \\ d(fg) = f dg + g df \end{cases} \quad \text{for } a \in R, f, g \in A.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  natural map  $d: A \rightarrow \Omega_{A/R}^1, f \mapsto df$   
which is an  $R$ -linear derivation & has  
the universal property ( $\Rightarrow$  uniqueness). □

Def We call  $\Omega_{A/R}^1$  the module of Kähler differentials,

$d = d_{A/R} : A \rightarrow \Omega_{A/R}^1$  the differential of  $A/R$ .

Ex  $A = R[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  polynomial ring

$\Rightarrow \Omega_{A/R}^1 \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n A \cdot dt_i$  free module

w/  $d : A \rightarrow \Omega_{A/R}^1 \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n A \cdot dt_i$

$f \mapsto df = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_i} \cdot dt_i$

In general, formal symbols  $df$  & relations between them can be avoided:

Prop Let  $A$  be an  $R$ -algebra,  $\mu : A \otimes_R A \rightarrow A$

its multiplication and  $J := \ker(\mu) \trianglelefteq A \otimes_R A$ .

Then

$$(\Omega_{A/R}^1, d) \simeq (J/J^2, \delta)$$

w/  $\delta : A \rightarrow J/J^2, a \mapsto a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a$ .

Pf. 0) The  $A$ -module structure on  $J/J^2$ :

$J$  is an  $A \otimes_R A$ -module

$\Rightarrow$  comes with TWO  $A$ -module structures,

either via  $A \rightarrow A \otimes_R A, a \mapsto a \otimes 1$

or via  $A \rightarrow A \otimes_R A, a \mapsto 1 \otimes a$ .

But for any  $x \in J$  we have:

$$(a \otimes 1) \cdot x - (1 \otimes a) \cdot x = (a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a) \cdot x \in J^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  both  $A$ -module structures agree on  $J/J^2$

1)  $\delta \in \text{Der}_R(A, J/J^2)$ :

For  $a \in A$  we have  $a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a \in J = \ker \mu$

$\Rightarrow \delta(a) \in J/J^2$  well-defined

The map  $\delta : A \rightarrow J/J^2$  is  $R$ -linear:

For  $r \in R, a, b \in A$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta(ra+b) &= (ra+b) \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes (ra+b) \\ &= ra \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes ra + b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b \\ &= r \cdot \delta(a) + \delta(b) \quad (\text{since } \otimes \text{ is over } R) \end{aligned}$$

Leibniz rule for  $\delta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(fg) &= fg \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes fg \\ &= (f \otimes 1)(g \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes g) + (1 \otimes g)(f \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes f) \\ &= \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{module structure of } \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2}}{f} \cdot \delta(g) + g \cdot \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{module structure of } \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2}}{\delta(f)}\end{aligned}$$

2) Claim:  $\mathcal{J}$  is generated as an  $(A \otimes_R 1)$ -module  
by elements  $(a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a)$  w/  $a \in A$ .

Indeed, let  $a_i, b_i \in A$  w/  $\sum_i a_i \otimes b_i \in \mathcal{J} \trianglelefteq A \otimes_R A$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i a_i b_i = 0 \text{ in } A$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i a_i b_i \otimes 1 = 0 \text{ in } A \otimes A$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i a_i \otimes b_i = \sum_i (a_i \otimes 1) \cdot (1 \otimes b_i - b_i \otimes 1)$$

3)  $(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2, \delta)$  has the universal property:

Let  $d: A \rightarrow M$  be any  $R$ -linear derivation.

Have an  $A \otimes 1$ -linear map

$$\varphi: A \otimes_R A \rightarrow M, \quad x \otimes y \mapsto x \cdot d(y).$$

We have  $\varphi(\mathcal{J}^2) = 0$ : By 2) this follows from

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi((a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a)(b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b)) \\ &= \varphi(ab \otimes 1) - \varphi(a \otimes b) - \varphi(b \otimes a) + \varphi(1 \otimes ab) \\ &= ab \cdot d(1) - a \cdot d(b) - b \cdot d(a) + d(ab) \\ &= 0 \\ &\quad \uparrow \text{since } d \text{ is a derivation}\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  get induced map  $\bar{\varphi} := \varphi|_{\mathcal{J}}: \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2 \rightarrow M$

sth

$$d = \bar{\varphi} \circ \delta \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2 \\ & \searrow d & \downarrow \exists! \bar{\varphi} \\ & & M \end{array}$$

By 2) the map  $\delta$  is surjective, so  $\bar{\varphi}$  is unique

& by the above it is  $A$ -linear (as  $\varphi$  is  $A \otimes 1$ -linear)  $\square$

Cor If  $R \rightarrow A$  is a categorical epimorphism

(e.g.  $A = S^{-1}R$  for some multiplicative set  $S$ ),

then

$$\Omega_{A/R}^1 \cong 0$$

Pf. By step 2) above,

$\mathcal{J}$  is generated as  $A \otimes 1$ -module by

elements  $a \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes a$  with  $a \in A$ .

But the ring homom.  $i_\nu : A \rightarrow A \otimes_R A$  w/  $i_1(a) = a \otimes 1$   
 $i_2(a) = 1 \otimes a$

satisfy

$$i_1 \circ \varphi = i_2 \circ \varphi \quad \text{for the map } \varphi : R \rightarrow A.$$

If  $\varphi$  is epi, we get  $i_1 = i_2$

$$\Rightarrow a \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes a$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J} = 0 \quad \& \quad \text{so } \Omega_{A/R}^1 \cong \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2 = 0. \quad \square$$

The description via  $\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2$  sheafifies nicely:

Def Let  $X$  be a scheme over a scheme  $S$ .

The diagonal  $\Delta : X \rightarrow X \times_S X$  is a locally

closed immersion, say  $X \xrightarrow[\text{closed}]{\Delta} W \xrightarrow[\text{open}]{} X \times_S X$ .

Let  $\mathcal{J} = (\text{vanishing ideal of } \Delta(X)) \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_W$ .

Define the sheaf of Kähler differentials on  $X/S$

by

$$\Omega_{X/S}^1 := \Delta^*(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2) \in \mathcal{Q}(\text{Coh}(\mathcal{O}_X))$$

(by def<sup>n</sup> of sheaf-theoretic inverse image this

doesn't depend on the chosen open  $W$ )

and let

$$d_{X/S} : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \Omega_{X/S}^1$$

$$f \longmapsto (\text{pr}_2^* f - \text{pr}_1^* f) \in \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2$$

for the projections  $\text{pr}_i : X \times_S X \rightrightarrows X$ .

The universal property also has a sheaf version:

Def Let  $\varphi: X \rightarrow S$  be a morphism of schemes.

An  $S$ -derivation of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  w/ values in an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  is a  $\varphi^* \mathcal{O}_S$ -linear morphism  $d: \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  satisfying the "Leibniz rule"

$$d(fg) = f dg + g df \quad \forall f, g \in \mathcal{O}_X$$

We put

$$\text{Der}_S(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{M}) := \{S\text{-derivations } \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}\}.$$

Cor  $\exists$  natural  $S$ -derivation  $d_{X/S}: \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \Omega_{X/S}^1$  which is universal, i.e.  $\forall \mathcal{M} \in \text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_{X/S}^1, \mathcal{M}) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Der}_S(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{M}) \\ \varphi &\longmapsto \varphi \circ d_{X/S} \end{aligned}$$

Pf. Glue previous results on affine pieces. □

Concretely:  $\forall$  affine open  $U = \text{Spec } A \subset X$   
 $\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$   
 $V = \text{Spec } R \subset S$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \exists! \text{ iso } \Omega_{X/S}^1|_U & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \widetilde{\Omega_{A/R}^1} \\ d_{X/S} \uparrow & & \uparrow \tilde{d}_{A/R} \\ \mathcal{O}_U & \xlongequal{\quad} & \tilde{A} \end{array}$$

Ex For  $X = \mathbb{A}_S^n = S \times \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z} [t_1, \dots, t_n]$

we have

$$\Omega_{X/S}^1 \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_X \cdot dt_i \quad \text{trivial bundle of rk } n.$$

We can then compute  $\Omega_{Y/S}^1$  for any affine scheme  $Y \xrightarrow[\text{closed}]{} X = \mathbb{A}_S^1$  using functoriality of Kähler differentials (see next section)...

Ex For  $X = \mathbb{P}_R^1$  one has  $\Omega_{X/R}^1 \simeq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^1}(-2)$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{since } \Omega_{X/R}^1|_{U_0} &= \mathcal{O}_{U_0} \cdot dt \\ \Omega_{X/R}^1|_{U_\infty} &= \mathcal{O}_{U_\infty} \cdot ds \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{glued via} \\ ds = -\frac{1}{t^2} dt \end{array}$$

For higher-dimensional projective space we have:

Thm (Euler sequence)  $\exists$  exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}_R^n/R}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n}(-1)^{\oplus(n+1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n} \rightarrow 0$$

Pf. Write  $\mathbb{P}_R^n = \text{Proj } R[x_0, \dots, x_n]$

& consider the surjective morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n}(-1)^{\oplus(n+1)} & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (s_0, \dots, s_n) & \mapsto & \sum_{i=0}^n s_i x_i \end{array}$$

Claim:  $\exists$  natural morphism  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}_R^n/R}^1 \xrightarrow{g} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n}(-1)^{\oplus(n+1)}$

We construct  $g$  first on affine charts,

say on  $U_0 = \text{Spec } R[y_1, \dots, y_n]$  w/  $y_i = \frac{x_i}{x_0}$ :

Idea: On  $\mathbb{A}_R^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$  we have

$$d\left(\frac{x_i}{x_0}\right) = -\frac{x_i}{x_0^2} dx_0 + \frac{1}{x_0} dx_i = \frac{1}{x_0} \cdot \left(-\frac{x_i}{x_0} dx_0 + dx_i\right)$$

Thus we define an  $\mathcal{O}_{U_0}$ -linear map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Omega_{\mathbb{P}_R^n/R}^1|_{U_0} & \xrightarrow{g_0} & (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n}(-1)^{\oplus(n+1)})|_{U_0} \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{U_0} \cdot dy_i & & \frac{1}{x_0} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{U_0}^{\oplus(n+1)} \end{array}$$

$$\text{by } dy_i \mapsto \frac{1}{x_0} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} -y_i & 0 & \dots & 1 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow \\ 0 \quad \quad i \end{array}$$

( $i = 1, \dots, n$ )

A direct computation shows  $\text{im}(g_0) = \ker(h|_{U_0})$ .

Similarly one defines for  $j = 1, \dots, n$

$$g_j: \Omega_{\mathbb{P}_R^n/R}^1|_{U_j} \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n}(-1)^{\oplus(n+1)})|_{U_j}$$

w/  $\text{im}(g_j) = \ker(h|_{U_j})$  on the chart  $U_j \subset \mathbb{P}_R^n$ .

Exercise: These maps agree on overlaps,

hence glue to  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}_R^n/R}^1 \xrightarrow{g} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_R^n}(-1)^{\oplus(n+1)}$

□

## 2. Functoriality

To control  $\Omega^1_{X/S}$  for more general  $X \in \text{Sch}_S$ , we must understand behaviour under various functors.

Prop ("Pullback of differentials")

For any commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S' & \rightarrow & S \end{array}$$

$\exists$  natural morphism

$$df: f^* \Omega^1_{X/S} \rightarrow \Omega^1_{X'/S'}$$

For Cartesian diagrams this is an iso.

Pf. Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X' = V(\mathcal{J}') \hookrightarrow W' & \xrightarrow{\text{open}} & X' \times_{S'} X' \\ p \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X = V(\mathcal{J}) \hookrightarrow W & \xrightarrow{\text{open}} & X \times_S X \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ natural morphism } p^* \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'$$

Claim: The induced morphism  $p^*(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}'/\mathcal{J}'^2$   
is an iso if  $X' \simeq X \times_S S'$ .

Check on affine charts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Wlog } X = \text{Spec } A & \longleftarrow & X' = \text{Spec } A' \quad \text{w/ } A' = A \otimes_R R' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S = \text{Spec } R & \longleftarrow & S' = \text{Spec } R' \end{array}$$

Consider  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J} \rightarrow A \otimes_R A \xrightarrow{\mu} A \rightarrow 0$   
 $\swarrow \quad \searrow$   
 split via  $a \otimes 1 \mapsto a$

$(-)_R \otimes_R R'$  gives:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J} \otimes_R R' & \rightarrow & A \otimes_R A \otimes_R R' & \rightarrow & A \otimes_R R' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow^2 & & \parallel \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}' & \rightarrow & A' \otimes_{R'} A' & \rightarrow & A' \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J} \otimes_R R' \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{J}' \text{ iso}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J}^2 \otimes_R R' \twoheadrightarrow (\mathcal{J}')^2 \text{ surjective}$$

We get:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{J}^2 \otimes_R R' & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J} \otimes_R R' & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2 \otimes_R R' & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow^2 & & \downarrow \sim \text{hence iso} & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & (\mathcal{J}')^2 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}' & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}'/(\mathcal{J}')^2 \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

□



Prop ("Relative cotangent sequence")

Any morphism  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  of schemes over  $S$   
induces a short exact sequence

$$f^* \Omega_{X/S}^1 \xrightarrow{df} \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Y/X}^1 \rightarrow 0.$$

Pf. The morphisms in the sequence arise from the  
previous proposition applied to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S & = & S \end{array} \quad \text{resp} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & Y \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \rightarrow & S \end{array}$$

Exactness of the sequence can then be checked locally,

so wlog  $\begin{array}{l} Y = \text{Spec } B \\ X = \text{Spec } A \\ S = \text{Spec } R. \end{array}$

Claim: The sequence of  $B$ -modules

$$\Omega_{A/R}^1 \otimes_A B \rightarrow \Omega_{B/R}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{B/A}^1 \rightarrow 0 \text{ is exact.}$$

Equivalently (using left exactness of  $\text{Hom}$ ),

$\forall M \in \text{Mod}(B)$  the following sequence is exact:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(\Omega_{B/A}^1, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_B(\Omega_{B/R}^1, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_B(\Omega_{A/R}^1 \otimes_A B, M) \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ 0 \rightarrow \text{Der}_A(B, M) & \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} & \text{Der}_R(B, M) & & \text{Hom}_A(\Omega_{A/R}^1, M) \\ & & \searrow (-)|_A & & \parallel \\ & & & & \text{Der}_R(A, M) \end{array}$$

Clearly  $\text{incl}$  is injective &  $(\text{incl}(-))|_A = 0$ .

Conversely, let  $D \in \text{Der}_R(B, M)$  w/  $D|_A = 0$ ,

then  $D$  is  $A$ -linear:

$$\forall a \in A, b, c \in B:$$

$$D(ab+c) = aD(b) + D(c) + \underbrace{bD(a)}_{=0 \text{ for } D|_A=0}$$

□

Ex a)  $f = \text{pr}_1: Y = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^2 \rightarrow X = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^1, (x, y) \mapsto x$

$$\Rightarrow f^* \Omega_{X/\mathbb{R}}^1 \xrightarrow{df} \Omega_{Y/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Y/X}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\parallel \qquad \parallel \qquad \parallel$$

$$\mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dx \quad \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dx \oplus \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dy \quad \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dy$$

$\Rightarrow \Omega_{Y/X}^1 = \text{coker}(df)$  "relative differential forms"

b)  $f = \text{incl}: Y = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^1 \hookrightarrow X = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^2, y \mapsto (0, y)$

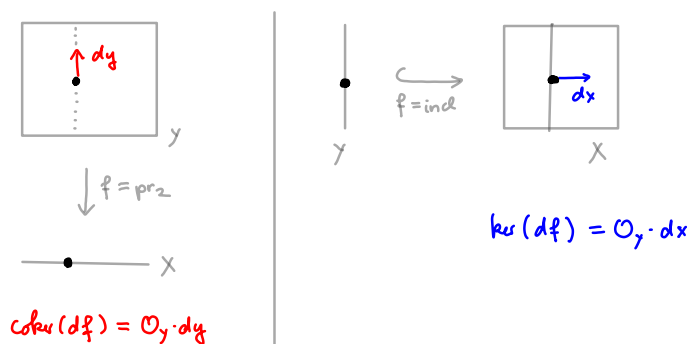
$$\Rightarrow f^* \Omega_{X/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Y/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Y/X}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\parallel \qquad \parallel \qquad \parallel$$

$$\mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dx \oplus \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dx \quad \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dy \quad 0$$

$\Rightarrow df: f^* \Omega_{X/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Y/\mathbb{R}}^1$  NOT injective,

$\ker(df) = \text{"conormal vectors to } Y \hookrightarrow X \text{"}$



Generalizing b) above, we can for any closed  $Y \xrightarrow{i} X$  compute  $\Omega_{Y/S}^1$  as a quotient of  $i^* \Omega_{X/S}^1$ :

Prop ("Conormal sequence")

Let  $i: Y = V(\mathcal{J}) \hookrightarrow X$  be a closed immersion defined by an ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{J} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_X$ .

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{Y/X}^1 = 0 \text{ and } \exists \text{ exact sequence}$$

$$\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2 \xrightarrow{\exists \varphi} i^* \Omega_{X/S}^1 \xrightarrow{di} \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

Pf. Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } A, S = \text{Spec } \mathbb{R}$   
and  $Y = \text{Spec } B$  with  $B = A/\mathcal{J}$

Have  $d_{A/\mathbb{R}}: A \rightarrow \Omega_{A/\mathbb{R}}^1$

Leibniz rule  $\Rightarrow d_{A/\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{J}^2) \subset \mathcal{J} \cdot \Omega_{A/\mathbb{R}}^1$

$\Rightarrow$  get induced homom of  $B$ -modules

$$\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2 \xrightarrow{\varphi} \Omega_{A/\mathbb{R}}^1 / \mathcal{J} \cdot \Omega_{A/\mathbb{R}}^1 = \Omega_{A/\mathbb{R}}^1 \otimes_A B$$

Consider the sequence

$$\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2 \xrightarrow{\varphi} \Omega_{A/R}^1 \otimes_A B \xrightarrow{di} \Omega_{B/R}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

- $di$  is surjective since  $\Omega_{B/A}^1 = 0$   
( $A \twoheadrightarrow B$  is surjective, hence an epimorphism)
- $\ker(di) \subset \text{im}(\varphi)$ :

For  $a \in \mathcal{J}$  w/ class  $\bar{a} := (a \bmod \mathcal{J}^2) \in \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2$   
we have

$$\varphi(\bar{a}) = da \otimes 1 \in \Omega_{A/R}^1 \otimes_A B$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (di)(\varphi(\bar{a})) &= (di)(a \otimes 1) \\ &= d(i^\# a) \otimes 1 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{since } i^\# a = 0 \in B \\ &\quad \text{for } a \in \mathcal{J} = \ker(A \rightarrow B) \end{aligned}$$

• Thus we get  $\Omega_{B/R}^1 \simeq \frac{\Omega_{A/R}^1 \otimes_A B}{\ker(di)} \twoheadrightarrow \text{coker}(\varphi)$

Claim: This is an iso

Indeed:

$$\text{coker}(\varphi) = \bigoplus_{a \in A} B \cdot da \otimes 1 / \dots$$

$\uparrow$   
 $B$ -submodule generated  
 by the relations  
 $(d(ra+a') - rda + da') \otimes 1$   
 $(d(aa') - ada' + a'da) \otimes 1$   
 w/  $a, a' \in A, r \in R$   
 AND  $dc \otimes 1$  w/  $c \in \mathcal{J}$

$\Rightarrow \exists$   $R$ -linear derivation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \delta: B \simeq A/\mathcal{J} & \rightarrow & \text{coker}(\varphi) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \bar{a} = (a \bmod \mathcal{J}) & \mapsto & da \end{array}$$

& one easily checks that  $(\text{coker}(\varphi), \delta)$

has the universal property of  $(\Omega_{B/R}^1, d)$ .  $\square$

Cor For  $Y = V(f_1, \dots, f_m) \hookrightarrow A_R^n = \text{Spec } R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ :

$$\Omega_{Y/R}^1 = \text{coker}(\text{Jac}(f_1, \dots, f_m)) \quad \text{for the Jacobian}$$

matrix  $\text{Jac}(f_1, \dots, f_m) := \left( \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \Big|_Y \right) \in \text{Mat}_{n \times m}(\mathcal{O}_Y).$

Ex a)  $Y = V(y - x^2) \subset \mathbb{A}_R^2 = \text{Spec } R[x, y]$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{Y/R}^1 = (\mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dx \oplus \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dy) / \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot \underbrace{d(y - x^2)}_{= dy - 2x dx =: \xi}$$

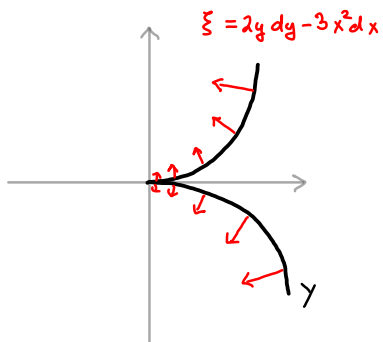
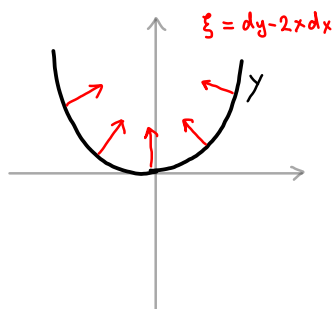
locally free of rank 1,  
spanned by  $dx \bmod \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot \xi$

b)  $Y = V(y^2 - x^3) \subset \mathbb{A}_R^2 = \text{Spec } R[x, y]$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{Y/R}^1 = (\mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dx \oplus \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot dy) / \mathcal{O}_Y \cdot \underbrace{d(y^2 - x^3)}_{= 2y dy - 3x^2 dx =: \xi}$$

locally free of rk 1 on  $Y \setminus \{(0,0)\}$

but NOT locally free at  $p = (0,0)$ !



Def For a closed subscheme  $Y = V(\mathcal{I}) \hookrightarrow^i X$ ,  
we call  $\mathcal{L}_{Y/X} := \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \in \text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$   
the conormal sheaf to  $Y$  in  $X$ . Thus  
for  $X \in \text{Sch}_S \exists$  exact sequence  
 $\mathcal{L}_{Y/X} \rightarrow i^* \Omega_{X/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \rightarrow 0$ .

### 3. Smooth, unramified & étale morphisms

Recall A morphism  $f: X \rightarrow S$  of smooth manifolds is called an immersion / submersion / local diffeomorphism

if  $\forall p \in X$  the map on tangent spaces

$T_p f: T_p X \rightarrow T_{f(p)} S$  is a mono- / epi- / isomorphism

ie  $\forall v \in T_{f(p)} S$ ,

$\exists$  at most / at least / precisely one lift  $w \in T_p X$ .

Def For schemes  $X$  over a field  $k$ , we define the tangent space to  $X$  at  $p \in X(k)$  by

$$T_p X := \{ \varphi \in \text{Hom}_k(\text{Spec } k[\varepsilon], X) \mid \varphi(0) = p \}$$

$$= \text{Hom}_{k\text{-alg}}(\mathcal{O}_{X,p}, k[\varepsilon])$$



$$\text{w/ } k[\varepsilon] := k[t]/(t^2), \quad \varepsilon := (t \bmod t^2).$$

Here  $Z = \text{Spec } k[\varepsilon]$  is a "first order thickening" of  $Z_0 = \text{Spec } k$ .

More generally:

Def Let  $Z_0$  be any scheme &  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

An  $n$ -th order thickening of  $Z_0$  is a closed immersion  $Z_0 = V(\mathcal{I}) \xrightarrow{i} Z$  given by an ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_Z$  with  $\mathcal{I}^n = (0)$ .

Ex We call it split if  $\exists s: Z \rightarrow Z_0$  w/  $s \circ i = \text{id}_{Z_0}$ ,  
 $\exists$  bijection of sets

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{split 1st order} \\ \text{thickenings of } Z_0 \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{QCoh}(Z_0)$$

$$(i: Z_0 = V(\mathcal{I}) \hookrightarrow Z) \longmapsto \mathcal{M} := \mathcal{I}$$

$$Z := \text{Spec}_{\mathcal{O}_{Z_0}}(\mathcal{O}_{Z_0}[\mathcal{M}]) \longleftarrow \mathcal{M}$$

relative spectrum of the  $\mathcal{O}_{Z_0}$ -algebra

$$\mathcal{O}_{Z_0}[\mathcal{M}] := \mathcal{O}_{Z_0} \oplus \mathcal{M} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_{Z_0})$$

$$\text{w/ multiplicat}^n (a \oplus m)(b \oplus n) := (ab \oplus (an + bn))$$

$$\text{Notation: } a + m\varepsilon := a \oplus m \in \mathcal{O}_{Z_0}[\mathcal{M}]$$

e.g.  $\text{Spec } k \hookrightarrow \text{Spec } k[\varepsilon]$  split

$\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}/p \hookrightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}/p^2$  not split

Def A morphism  $f: X \rightarrow S$  of schemes is called

a) formally unramified / smooth / étale at  $p \in X$

if  $\exists$  open  $S' \subset S$ ,  $X' \subset f^{-1}(S')$  w/  $p \in X'$

sth  $\forall$  first order thickening  $i: Z_0 \hookrightarrow Z = \text{Spec } R$

$\forall$  commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z_0 & \xrightarrow{u_0} & X' \\ i \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! u & \downarrow f \\ Z & \xrightarrow{u} & S' \end{array}$$

↑  
affine!

$\exists$  at most / at least / precisely one  $u$  w/  $u \circ i = u_0$ ,  $f \circ u = \varphi$ .

b) formally unramified / smooth / étale if it is so at all  $p \in X$ .

c) unramified / smooth / étale if it is formally so

and moreover lft / lfp / lfp. Here

lft / lfp := locally of finite type / presentation

i.e.  $\forall p \in X \exists$  open  $U \subset X$

sth

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U = V(\mathcal{I}) & \xrightarrow{\text{closed}} & \mathbb{A}_S^n \\ & \searrow f|_U & \downarrow \text{pr} \\ & & S \end{array}$$

w/  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}_S^n}$   
finitely generated

Ex a) If  $X, S \in \text{Sch}_k$  for a field  $k$ , then

$f: X \rightarrow S$  unramified / smooth / étale

$\Rightarrow \forall p \in X: T_p f: T_p X \rightarrow T_{f(p)} S$  mono / epi / iso.

b) Open immersions  $j: U \hookrightarrow S$  are étale:

Here a morphism  $v: Z \rightarrow S$  factors over  $j: U \hookrightarrow S$

iff  $v(|Z|) \subset |U|$ , hence the claim follows

since  $|Z| = |Z_0| \forall$  first order thickening  $Z_0 \hookrightarrow Z$ .

c) Closed immersions  $i: X \hookrightarrow S$  are

- unramified since they satisfy  $X(Z) \hookrightarrow S(Z)$  for any scheme  $Z$ .

← this is why we only imposed lft, not lfp ...

- in general NOT formally smooth:

think of  $Z_0 = X \hookrightarrow Z = S$

any non-split first order thickening...

Thus unramified  $\not\Rightarrow$  smooth!

$$d) X = \mathbb{A}_R^n \rightarrow S = \operatorname{Spec} R$$

- smooth (by universal property of  $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ )
- NOT unramified (generators  $x_i$  can map anywhere)

Thus smooth  $\nRightarrow$  unramified!

e) More geometric example for c):

$$X = V(y^2 - x^3) \hookrightarrow S = \operatorname{Spec} k[x, y]$$

Here existence of lifts fails for the morphisms  $u_0, v$  given by  $x \mapsto 0$  &  $y \mapsto t$  in the diagram below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z_0 = \operatorname{Spec} k[t]/(t^2) & \xrightarrow{u_0} & X = \operatorname{Spec} k[x, y]/(y^2 - x^3) \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists? u & \downarrow \\ Z = \operatorname{Spec} k[t]/(t^3) & \xrightarrow{v} & S = \operatorname{Spec} k[x, y] \end{array}$$

Note: This cannot be seen by taking only

$$Z_0 = \operatorname{Spec} k \hookrightarrow Z = \operatorname{Spec} k[t]/(t^3) \text{ as test scheme!}$$

(Tangent spaces don't see enough if source is singular)

$$f) X = \operatorname{Spec} k[t] \xrightarrow{f} S = \operatorname{Spec} k[x] \text{ w/ } f^\#(x) = t^n$$

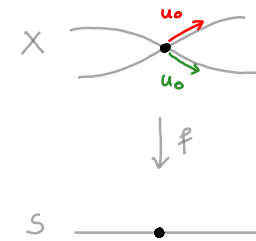
is

- étale for  $n = \pm 1$ ,
- unramified but not smooth for  $n = 0$ ,
- neither smooth nor unramified for  $n \neq 0, \pm 1$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{Spec} k & \xrightarrow{u_0} & \operatorname{Spec} k[t] \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists? u & \downarrow \\ \operatorname{Spec} k[t] & \xrightarrow{v} & \operatorname{Spec} k[x] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} t^n \\ \uparrow \\ x \end{array}$$

take  $v^\#(x) := \varepsilon \Rightarrow$  no  $u$  exists

take  $v^\#(x) := 0 \Rightarrow u$  not unique



$$f(u_0) = 0$$

for all  $u_0 \in T_p X$

Rem a) Our definition only uses "local" 1<sup>st</sup> order lifting properties near each  $p \in X$ , hence smoothness can be checked on an open cover. In fact "global" 1<sup>st</sup> order lifting then follows, but that's non-trivial.

b) Could as well take  $n$ -th order thickenings (induction).

Lemma a) The class of (formally) unramified / smooth / étale morphisms is stable under

- base change
- products
- composition.

b) For  $Y \xrightarrow{g} X \xrightarrow{f} S$  w/  $f$  (formally) unramified we have the "cancellation property":  
 $f \circ g$  (formally) unramified / smooth / étale  
 $\Rightarrow g \quad \text{-----} //$

Pf. a) Exercise. b) Say  $f \circ g$  is formally smooth.

Consider a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z_0 & \xrightarrow{u_0} & Y \\ i \downarrow \nearrow \exists u' & & \downarrow g \\ Z & \xrightarrow{u} & X \\ \parallel & & \downarrow f \\ Z & \xrightarrow{w} & S \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{w/ } Z_0 \hookrightarrow Z \\ \text{first order thickening.} \end{array}$$

$f \circ g$  formally smooth  $\Rightarrow \exists u$  with  $\begin{cases} i \circ u = u_0 \\ f \circ g \circ u = w \end{cases}$

$f$  formally unramified  
 $\Rightarrow g \circ u = v$  by looking at

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z_0 & \xrightarrow{u_0} & X \\ \downarrow & \nearrow g \circ u & \downarrow f \\ Z & \xrightarrow{w} & S \end{array}$$

If we drop "formally" it remains to check:

$$f \text{ lft} \ \& \ f \circ g \text{ lfp} \Rightarrow g \text{ lfp}$$

Wlog  $S = \text{Spec } A$   
 $X = \text{Spec } B$   
 $Y = \text{Spec } C$

Let  $A \xrightarrow{\alpha := f^\#} B \xrightarrow{\beta := g^\#} C$  w/  $\alpha$  fin. type,  $\beta \circ \alpha$  fin. pres.

Write

$\beta : B \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \beta \alpha} B \otimes_A C \xrightarrow{\quad} C$

base change of the finpres morphism  $\beta \alpha \Rightarrow$  fin. pres.

base change of  $B \otimes_A B \xrightarrow{\mu} B$  which is fin. pres for  $A \rightarrow B$  fin type, since  $\ker(\mu)$  is gen. by  $b \otimes 1 - 1 \otimes b$  for  $b \in B$

$\Rightarrow \beta$  fin. presented





Prop For any smooth morphism  $f: X \rightarrow S$ ,

$\Omega_{X/S}^1$  is locally free of finite rank.

Pf. Properties local

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $f: X = \text{Spec } B \rightarrow S = \text{Spec } A$

& 1<sup>st</sup> order lifting property holds on  $X' = X$  and  $S' = S$

Note that  $\Omega_{X/S}^1$  is a *locally finitely presented*  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module

since  $f: X \rightarrow S$  is lfp.

Thus:

$\Omega_{X/S}^1$  locally free

$\Leftrightarrow \Omega_{B/A}^1$  projective  $B$ -module

$\Leftrightarrow \forall$  surjection  $M \twoheadrightarrow N$  in  $\text{Mod}(B)$ :

$$\text{Hom}_B(\Omega_{B/A}^1, M) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Hom}_B(\Omega_{B/A}^1, N)$$

$$\parallel \quad \parallel$$

$$\text{Der}_A(B, M) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Der}_A(B, N)$$

surjectivity follows from 1<sup>st</sup> order lifting property of  $\text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$

applied to the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } B[N] & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec } B \\ \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } B[M] & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec } A \end{array}$$

(use remark a) below)



Rem a) We have

$$\text{pr}: B[M] \rightarrow B$$

$$\text{Der}_A(B, M) \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ \varphi \in \text{Hom}_A(B, B[M]) \mid \text{pr} \circ \varphi = \text{id} \}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \omega & & \omega \\ \delta & \longmapsto & \varphi := \text{id} + \delta \end{array}$$

$$\text{Indeed: } \delta(ab) = a\delta(b) + b\delta(a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 + \delta(ab) = (1 + \delta(a))(1 + \delta(b)) \quad (\text{as } M^2 = 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b)$$

b) Converse of the proposition is not true:

$\Omega_{X/S}^1$  locally free of finite rk  $\not\Rightarrow X \rightarrow S$  smooth!

e.g. closed immersions  $X \hookrightarrow S$  are NOT smooth

but have  $\Omega_{X/S}^1 \simeq 0$  locally free.

not flat

e.g.  $X = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_p[t]) \rightarrow S = \text{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_p[t^p])$

is NOT smooth but has  $\Omega_{X/S}^1 = \mathcal{O}_X \cdot dt$  free.

wrong rank (insep)

[ BUT for irreducible schemes  $X$  over a field  $k$ , we will see later:

$$X \rightarrow \text{Spec } k \text{ smooth} \Leftrightarrow \Omega_{X/k}^1 \text{ loc free of rk} = \dim X$$

(automatic if  $\text{char } k = 0$ )

First order lifts are controlled by derivations (generalizing remark a)):

Lemma Consider for an ideal  $\mathcal{J} \trianglelefteq R$  w/  $\mathcal{J}^2 = 0$

a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } R/\mathcal{J} & \xrightarrow{u_0} & \text{Spec } B \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! u & \downarrow f \\ \text{Spec } R & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec } A \end{array} \quad (*)$$

Then the set  $\text{Lifts}(u_0) := \{u \mid (*) \text{ commutes}\}$

is a torsor under the group  $\text{Der}_A(B, \mathcal{J})$ .

More precisely:  $\forall \exists u \in \text{Lifts}(u_0)$ , then the

$B$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{J}$  via  $u^\# : B \rightarrow R$

only depends on  $u_0$  (not on  $u$ ) and

for fixed  $u$  we get a bijection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Der}_A(B, \mathcal{J}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Lifts}(u_0) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \delta & \longmapsto & u + \delta \end{array}$$

Pf. We look at ring homom.  $\varphi = u^\# : B \rightarrow A$  sth  
the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & R \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \varphi & \downarrow \\ B & \longrightarrow & R/\mathcal{J} \end{array} \quad (**)$$

Given  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 : B \rightarrow R$  making  $(**)$  commute,

we have  $\varphi_1(b) - \varphi_2(b) \in \mathcal{J}$  for all  $b \in B$

$$\Rightarrow (\varphi_1(b) - \varphi_2(b)) \cdot c = 0 \quad \text{for all } c \in \mathcal{J} \quad \text{since } \mathcal{J}^2 = (0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi_1(b) \cdot c = \varphi_2(b) \cdot c \quad \text{---#---}$$

Thus if  $\exists$  any  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_A(B, R)$  making  $(**)$  commute,

we get a  $B$ -module structure (independent of  $\varphi$ )

$$\mathcal{J} \in \text{Mod}(B) \text{ via } b \cdot c := \varphi(b) \cdot c \quad \text{for } b \in B, c \in \mathcal{J}.$$

Given any such  $\varphi$  &  $\delta \in \text{Der}_A(B, \mathcal{J}) \subset \text{Der}_A(B, R)$ ,

the map  $\psi := \varphi + \delta: B \rightarrow R$  also makes (\*\*)

commute & it is a ring homom: For  $b, c \in B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(bc) &= \varphi(bc) + \delta(bc) \\ &= \varphi(b)\varphi(c) + b\delta(c) + c\delta(b) \\ &= (\varphi(b) + \delta(b)) \cdot (\varphi(c) + \delta(c)) = \psi(b)\psi(c) \\ &\quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \text{since } \delta(b) \cdot \delta(c) \in \mathcal{J}^2 = (0)\end{aligned}$$

Conversely: Given  $\varphi, \psi \in \text{Hom}_A(B, R)$  which

both make (\*\*) commute, then  $\delta := \varphi - \psi$

takes values in  $\mathcal{J} = \ker(R \rightarrow R/\mathcal{J})$  and is

an  $A$ -linear derivation:

- $A$ -linear by construction
- derivation since for  $b, c \in B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\delta(bc) &= \varphi(bc) - \psi(bc) \\ &= \varphi(b)\varphi(c) - \psi(b)\psi(c) \\ &= \varphi(b) \cdot (\varphi(c) - \psi(c)) + \psi(c) \cdot (\varphi(b) - \psi(b)) \\ &= b \cdot \delta(c) + c \cdot \delta(b)\end{aligned}$$

□

Cor  $X \rightarrow S$  is formally unramified iff  $\Omega_{X/S}^1 \simeq 0$ .

Pf. Consider  $\begin{array}{ccc} Z_0 & \xrightarrow{u_0} & X \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \exists! u & \downarrow f \\ Z & \xrightarrow{v} & Y \end{array}$  w/  $Z_0 \hookrightarrow Z$   
first order thickening

$f$  formally unramified:  $\iff$  uniqueness of  $u$   
for all such diagrams,  
all 1<sup>st</sup> order  $Z_0 \hookrightarrow Z$   
w/ image in suitable open  
covering subsets  $S' \subset S$   
and  $X' \subset f^{-1}(S')$

Thus wlog  $X = \text{Spec } B \xrightarrow{f} S = \text{Spec } A$ . Then:

$$\Omega_{X/S}^1 \simeq 0 \iff \text{Der}_S(B, M) = 0 \quad \forall M$$

$\iff f$  formally unramified  
(any  $M$  arises as  $M = \mathcal{J}$   
for the 1<sup>st</sup> order  $R = A[\mathcal{J}]$ ) □

previous lemma

#### 4. Splitting of the cotangent sequence & local coordinates

Recall for  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y \xrightarrow{g} S$  we had the cotangent sequence

$$0 \xrightarrow{?} f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/Y}^1 \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

Prop ("splitting of the cotangent sequence")

a) If  $f$  is formally smooth, then  $(*)$  is **exact**  
(ie  $f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \hookrightarrow \Omega_{X/S}^1$  injective) and locally split.

b) Conversely, if  $g \circ f$  is formally smooth  
&  $(*)$  is exact and locally split,  
then  $f$  is formally smooth.

Pf. Conditions are local

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{wlog } X &= \text{Spec } C \\ Y &= \text{Spec } B \\ S &= \text{Spec } A. \end{aligned}$$

a) Assume  $f: \text{Spec } C \rightarrow \text{Spec } B$  formally smooth.

Goal: The cotangent sequence is split exact:

$$0 \rightarrow C \otimes_B \Omega_{B/A}^1 \xrightarrow{df^\#} \Omega_{C/A}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{C/B}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

$\nwarrow \quad \nearrow$   
 $\exists \text{ splitting } s$   
 $\text{w/ } s(c \cdot d(f^\#(b))) = c \otimes db$   
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{df^\#(c \otimes db)}$

To find  $s$ , use formal smoothness of  $f$ . After a localization:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xleftarrow{\text{id}} & C \\ \uparrow \text{pr} & \nearrow \exists \eta & \uparrow f^\# \\ C[M] & \xleftarrow{f^\# \otimes (1 \otimes db/A)} & B \end{array} \quad \text{w/ } M := C \otimes_B \Omega_{B/A}^1 \in \text{Mod}(C)$$

$\uparrow$  this is  $A$ -linear (not  $B$ -linear!)

$$\Rightarrow \exists \eta = \text{id} \otimes \delta \in \text{Hom}_A(C, C[M])$$

$$\text{w/ } \delta \in \text{Der}_A(C, M)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \parallel$$

$$\text{Define: } s \in \text{Hom}_C(\Omega_{C/A}^1, M) \Rightarrow s(dc) = \delta(c) \quad \forall c \in C$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow s(c \cdot d(f^\#(b))) &= c \cdot s(d(f^\#(b))) \\ &= c \cdot \delta(f^\#(b)) = c \otimes b \quad \text{as wanted.} \end{aligned}$$

b) Conversely, assume  $g \circ f$  is formally smooth and

$0 \rightarrow C \otimes_B \Omega_{B/A}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{C/A}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{C/B}^1 \rightarrow 0$  is split exact.

Goal:  $f$  is formally smooth.

For this consider any diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R/J & \xleftarrow{\gamma_0} & C \\
 \uparrow p & \nearrow \exists \gamma & \uparrow f^\# \\
 R & \xleftarrow{\beta} & B \\
 \parallel & & \uparrow g^\# \\
 R & \xleftarrow{\alpha} & A
 \end{array}$$

w/  $J \trianglelefteq R$   
 $J^2 = (0)$

& put  
 $\alpha := \beta \circ g^\#$

$g \circ f$  formally smooth  $\Rightarrow \exists \gamma' : C \rightarrow R$  w/  $p \circ \gamma' = \gamma_0$   
 $\gamma' \circ f^\# \circ g^\# = \alpha$

We look for  $\delta \in \text{Der}_A(C, J)$  sth  $\gamma := \gamma' + \delta$

satisfies  $\gamma \circ f^\# = \beta$ ,

ie.  $\beta - \gamma' \circ f^\# = \delta \circ f^\#$ .

Existence of such  $\delta$  follows from the fact that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Der}_A(C, J) & \xrightarrow{\delta \mapsto \delta \circ f^\#} & \text{Der}_A(B, J) \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 \text{Hom}_C(\Omega_{C/A}^1, J) & \xrightarrow{\text{red}} & \text{Hom}_C(C \otimes_B \Omega_{B/A}^1, J)
 \end{array}$$

is **surjective**, using the splitting of the cotangent sequence.  $\square$

Cor 1 ("étale morphisms & differentials")

If  $f \in \text{Hom}_S(X, Y)$  is formally étale,

then  $f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{X/S}$  is an iso.

Pf. Epi because  $\Omega_{X/Y}^1 = 0$  for  $f$  formally unramified.

Mono by the proposition a) for  $f$  formally smooth.  $\square$

Cor 2 ("uniformizing parameters / étale coordinates")

A morphism  $h: X \rightarrow S$  of schemes is smooth at a point  $p \in X$  iff  $\exists$  open  $p \in U \subset X$

$\exists f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$  giving an étale morphism  $f := (f_1, \dots, f_n): U \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_S^n$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{A}_S^n \\ & \searrow h|_U & \downarrow g = \text{pr} \\ & & S \end{array}$$

← étale

Pf. " $\Leftarrow$ ":  $h|_U = \text{pr} \circ f = \text{smooth} \circ \text{étale}$   
implies that  $h|_U$  is smooth

" $\Rightarrow$ ": For  $h$  smooth we know  $\Omega_{X/S}^1$  locally free,  
say locally  $\Omega_{X/S}^1|_U = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_U \cdot df_i$  w/  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$ .

Then for  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n): U \rightarrow Y = \mathbb{A}_S^n$  we get:

$$f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_U \cdot dx_i \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{X/S}^1|_U = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_U \cdot df_i$$

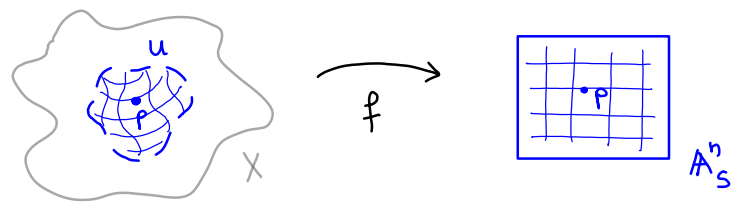
$$dx_i \mapsto df_i$$

So the cotangent sequence

$$0 \rightarrow f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{U/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{U/Y}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is trivially split exact. Since  $g \circ f|_U = h|_U$  is smooth, prop. b) implies  $f|_U$  is smooth.  $\square$

Def We call  $(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  local uniformizing parameters  
or étale-local coordinates on  $X \in \text{Sch}_S$ .



Caution In general  $U$  is NOT a local isomorphism!

e.g.  $f: \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^1 \setminus \{0\}, z \mapsto z^2$  is étale

but has no local inverse using polynomials: We

need power series, eg  $\sqrt{1+x} = 1 + \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} + \dots \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$ .

Def For a scheme  $X$  and  $p \in X$ , consider the complete

local ring

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X,p} := \varprojlim \mathcal{O}_{X,p}/\mathfrak{m}_p^n.$$

Lemma Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be formally étale

and  $x \in X, y = f(x) \in Y$  w/  $\kappa(x) \simeq \kappa(y)$ .

$\Rightarrow f^\#$  induces an isomorphism

$$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{Y,y} \xrightarrow{\sim} \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X,x}$$

Pf. Put  $k := \kappa(x)$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}_n$  be the category w/

• objects:  $(R, z)$  where  $R$  is a local ring w/  $\mathfrak{m}_R^n = (0)$

&  $z: k \xrightarrow{\sim} R/\mathfrak{m}_R$  is an iso.

• morphisms: local ring homom.  $\varphi: R \rightarrow R'$  inducing

a comm. diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k & \xrightarrow{z} & R/\mathfrak{m}_R \\ & \searrow z' & \downarrow \bar{\varphi} \\ & & R'/\mathfrak{m}_{R'} \end{array}$$

Have representable functors

$$F_n = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_n}(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_x^n, -) : \mathcal{C}_n \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$

$$G_n = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}_n}(\mathcal{O}_{Y,y}/\mathfrak{m}_y^n, -) : \mathcal{C}_n \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$

and a natural trafo  $F_n \Rightarrow G_n, \varphi \mapsto \varphi \circ f^\#$ .

Goal: This is an iso for all  $n$

(so by Yoneda  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,y}/\mathfrak{m}_y^n \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_x^n$  for all  $n$ ).

Use induction:

•  $n=1$  by assumption  $\kappa(y) \simeq \kappa(x)$ .

• Assume claim for  $n-1$ . Then for  $A \in \mathcal{C}_n$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 := A/\mathfrak{m}_A^{n-1} \in \mathcal{C}_{n-1} &\Rightarrow F_n(A_0) = F_{n-1}(A_0) \\ &= G_{n-1}(A_0) = G_n(A_0) \end{aligned}$$

↑  
induction

$\Rightarrow F_n(A) = G_n(A)$  since for  $f$  formally étale we have

unique lifting in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_0 & \xleftarrow{u_0} & \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \\ \uparrow & \nearrow \text{dashed } \exists! u & \uparrow \\ A & \xleftarrow{u} & \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \end{array}$$

□

Here is an example how to use this:

Cor Let  $X$  be a scheme over a field  $k$  and  $p \in X$   
a closed point at which  $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} k$  is smooth.

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{k(p)} \Omega_{X/k}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}} k(p) = \dim_p X$$

( where  $\dim_p X := \dim \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is the "Krull dim of  $X$  at  $p$ " )

Pf. Base change from  $k$  to  $k(p) \Rightarrow \text{wlog } k(p) = k$

( exercise: This doesn't change  $\dim_p X$  ... e.g. use Noether normalization )

• Since  $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} k$  is smooth at  $p$ ,

$\exists$  open  $U \subset X$   $\exists$  étale coordinate system  $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^n$ .  
 $\underset{p}{\cup}$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{X/k}^1|_U \simeq (f^* \Omega_{\mathbb{A}_k^n/k}^1)|_U \text{ loc. free of rank } n$$

• Moreover  $k(p) = k = k(f(p))$  implies  $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X,p} \simeq \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{A}_k^n, f(p)}$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_p X = \dim \mathcal{O}_{X,p} = \dim \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{X,p} = \dim \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{\mathbb{A}_k^n, f(p)} = n.$$

$\dim A = \dim \hat{A}$  for any Noetherian local ring  $A$

(see e.g. Atiyah-MacDonald, cor. 11.19)





## 5. Splitting of the conormal sequence & the Jacobian criterion

Now consider a closed immersion in Schs

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X = V(J) & \hookrightarrow & Y \\ & \searrow h & \downarrow g \\ & & S \end{array}$$

w/ conormal sequence

$$0 \xrightarrow{?} J/J^2 \rightarrow i^* \Omega_{X/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \rightarrow 0 \quad (**)$$

Prop ("splitting of the conormal sequence")

a) If  $h$  is formally smooth, then  $(**)$  is **exact**  
(ie  $J/J^2 \hookrightarrow i^* \Omega_{X/S}^1$  injective) and locally split.

b) Conversely, if  $g$  is formally smooth  
&  $(**)$  is exact and locally split,  
then  $h$  is formally smooth.

Pf. Again wlog  $S = \text{Spec } A$   
 $Y = \text{Spec } B$   
 $X = \text{Spec } C$  w/  $C = B/J$ .

a) Want a section  $s$  of  $d: J/J^2 \rightarrow C \otimes_B \Omega_{B/A}^1$ .

Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} B/J & \xleftarrow{\text{id}} & B/J & \xleftarrow{p} & B \\ \uparrow & \swarrow \exists \varphi & & \uparrow h^\# & \\ B/J^2 & \xleftarrow{g^\# \bmod J^2} & A & & \end{array}$$

$h$  smooth  $\Rightarrow \exists \varphi$  making the diagram commute

But then  $\varphi \circ p$  & the quotient map  $q: B \rightarrow B/J^2$   
both lift  $p: B \rightarrow B/J$ . Hence we can put

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \delta := q - \varphi \circ p \in \text{Der}_A(B, J/J^2) & & \\ \downarrow & \parallel & \\ & \text{Hom}_B(\Omega_{B/A}^1, J/J^2) & \\ & \parallel & \\ s := \text{image}(\delta) \in \text{Hom}_C(C \otimes_B \Omega_{B/A}^1, J/J^2) & & \end{array}$$

By construction, for  $b \in J$  w/ image  $\bar{b} \in J/J^2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} s(d\bar{b}) &= s(1 \otimes db) = \delta(b) \\ &= q(b) - \varphi(\underbrace{p(b)}_{=0}) = \bar{b}. \end{aligned}$$

b) To show  $h$  is formally smooth, we need to solve a lifting problem

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R/J & \xleftarrow{u_0} & C = B/J \\ \uparrow & \nearrow \exists! \bar{u} & \uparrow h^\# \\ R & \xleftarrow{\quad} & A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{w/ } J \trianglelefteq R \\ J^2 = (0) \end{array}$$

By assumption  $g$  is formally smooth, hence  $\exists \bar{v}$  as shown below:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} R/J & \xleftarrow{u_0} & C = B/J & \xleftarrow{i^\#} & B \\ \uparrow & \nearrow \exists! \bar{u} & \nearrow \exists \bar{v} & \nearrow g^\# & \\ R & \xleftarrow{\quad} & A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \end{array}$$

Idea: Modify  $\bar{v}$  sth  $J \subseteq \ker(\bar{v})$ !

Any other lift has the form  $\bar{v} + \delta$  w/  $\delta \in \text{Der}_A(B, J)$ .

We want  $\delta$  with  $\delta|_J = -\bar{v}|_J$ . This exists since

$$\text{Der}_A(B, J) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Hom}_B(J/J^2, J) \text{ is surjective,}$$

"  $\parallel$  "

$$\text{Hom}_C(C \otimes_B \Omega_{B/A}^1, J)$$

because by assumption the sequence  $(**)$  splits.



Cor ("Jacobian criterion") Let  $i: Z \hookrightarrow A_R^n = \text{Spec } R[z_1, \dots, z_n]$  a closed immersion which is locally of finite presentation.

Then for any  $p \in Z$ , TFAE:

a)  $Z \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$  is smooth at  $p$

b)  $\exists U \subset A_R^n \underset{p}{\ni} \exists f_1, \dots, f_r \in \mathcal{O}_{A_R^n}(U)$  sth

•  $Z \cap U = V(f_1, \dots, f_r)$ , and

•  $\text{rk} \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_i}(p) \right) = r$

"Jacobian matrix has maximal rank"

Pf. b)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Put  $\text{Jac} := \left( \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial z_i} \right) \in \text{Mat}_{n \times r}(\mathcal{O}_U)$ .

Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_{j=1}^r \mathcal{O}_{Z \cap U} & \xrightarrow{\text{Jac}} & \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{Z \cap U} \cdot dz_i \\ \downarrow (f_1, \dots, f_r) & & \downarrow \bar{v} \\ J/J^2|_{Z \cap U} & \xrightarrow{d} & i^*(\Omega_{A_R^n/R}^1)|_{Z \cap U} \rightarrow \Omega_{Z/R}^1 \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

By assumption:

- $Z \cap U = V(f_1, \dots, f_r)$

$$\Rightarrow (f_1, \dots, f_r): \mathcal{O}_{Z \cap U}^{\oplus n} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2|_U \text{ epi}$$

- $\text{rk}(\text{Jac})(p) = r$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Jac}: \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \cdot dz_i \text{ mono}$$

The diagram then gives:

$$(f_1, \dots, f_r): \mathcal{O}_{Z,p}^{\oplus n} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)_p \text{ iso}$$

$$\& d: (\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)_p \hookrightarrow i^*(\Omega_{A_{\mathbb{R}}^n/\mathbb{R}}^1)_p \text{ split mono}$$

(exercise: For a local ring  $A$  w/ residue field  $k = A/\mathfrak{m}$

and any  $M \in \text{Mat}_{n \times r}(A)$ , we have:

$$A^r \xrightarrow{M} A^n \text{ split injective} \iff k^r \xrightarrow{M} k^n \text{ injective})$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \rightarrow i^*\Omega_{A_{\mathbb{R}}^n/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Z/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is locally split exact at  $p$ , so proposition (part b))

implies that  $h: Z \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$  is smooth at  $p$

a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): Assume  $h: Z \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$  is smooth at  $p$ .

By the proposition (part a)) then

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \rightarrow i^*\Omega_{A_{\mathbb{R}}^n/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{Z/\mathbb{R}}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is split exact at  $p$ . Hence  $\exists U \ni p \exists f_1, \dots, f_r \in \mathcal{I}(U)$ :

$$(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)|_{Z \cap U} \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{Z \cap U} \cdot \bar{f}_i \quad \text{w/ } \bar{f}_i := f_i \bmod \mathcal{I}^2.$$

The same diagram as above then shows

$$\bigoplus_{j=1}^r \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \xrightarrow{\left(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial z_i}\right)} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \cdot dz_i \text{ mono}$$

$$\text{Hence } \text{rk}\left(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial z_i}(p)\right) = r.$$

Moreover, shrinking  $U$  we may assume  $Z \cap U = V(f_1, \dots, f_r)$

by Nakayama:

$$M := (\mathcal{I}/(\mathcal{I}^2, f_1, \dots, f_r))_p \text{ fin gen. module over } \mathcal{O}_{Z,p}$$

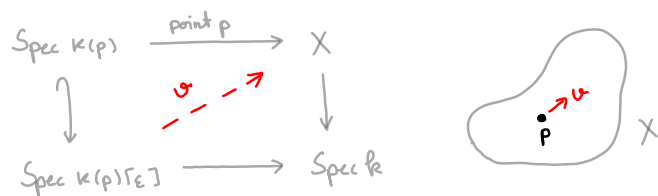
$$M/\mathfrak{m}_p M = ((\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)/(\bar{f}_1, \dots, \bar{f}_r))_p = 0 \xRightarrow{\substack{\text{ } \\ \mathfrak{I} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}_p}} M = 0 \quad \square$$

## 6. Smoothness and Regularity

Recall For a scheme  $X$  over a field  $k$  and  $p \in X$  we define the tangent space to  $X$  at  $p$  by

$$T_p X := \{ \psi \in \text{Hom}_k(\text{Spec}(k(p)[\varepsilon]), X) \mid \psi(0) = p \}$$

ie the set of lifts making the following diagram commute:



Lemma We have a natural identification

$$T_p X \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}}(\Omega_{X/k,p}^1, k(p))$$

Pf. Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  by localizing. Then the set of lifts in the diagram is in bijection with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Der}_k(\mathcal{O}_{X,p}, (\varepsilon)) &= \text{Der}_k(\mathcal{O}_{X,p}, k(p)) \\ &= \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}}(\Omega_{X/k,p}^1, k(p)). \end{aligned}$$

□

Cor a)  $T_p X$  is a vector space over  $k(p)$

b) If  $k(p)$  is a finite separable extension of  $k$ , we have an isomorphism of vector spaces

$$T_p X \cong (m_p/m_p^2)^{\vee} := \text{Hom}_{k(p)}(m_p/m_p^2, k(p)).$$

Pf. a) clear from the lemma.

b) The lemma says

$$T_p X \cong \text{Hom}_{k(p)}(\Omega_{X/k,p}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}} k(p), k(p))$$

The claim follows since

$$d_{X/k}: m_p/m_p^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{X/k,p}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}} k(p) \text{ is an iso,}$$

by the conormal sequence for

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } k(p) = V(m_p) & \hookrightarrow & X \\ & \searrow h & \downarrow \\ & & \text{Spec } k \end{array}$$

if  $k(p) \supset k$  is finite separable, then  $h$  is étale (see appendix)

$$\Rightarrow \text{conormal sequence split exact \& } \Omega_{k(p)/k}^1 = 0$$

□

Def Let  $X$  be a scheme and  $p \in X$ . We call

$T_p^\vee X := m_p / m_p^2$  the cotangent space and

$T_p X := \text{Hom}_{\kappa(p)}(T_p^\vee X, \kappa(p))$  the tangent space to  $X$  at  $p$ .

Ex Let  $k$  be a field,  $f_1, \dots, f_m \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

and  $X = V(f_1, \dots, f_m) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^n$ .

For  $p \in X(k)$  then

$$T_p X = \bigcap_{i=1}^m (\vec{\nabla} f_i(p))^\perp$$

$$= \left\{ (\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) \in \mathbb{A}_k^n \mid \forall i: \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \xi_j = 0 \right\}$$

↑ "dual coordinates"

Pf. We know  $\Omega_{X/k}^1 \simeq \text{coker} \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\left( \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \right)} \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_X \right)$ .

Since  $\kappa(p) = k$  is separable over  $k$ , the previous corollary gives

$$T_p X = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}}(\Omega_{X/k}^1, \kappa(p))$$

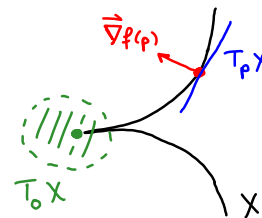
$$\simeq \ker \left( \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\left( \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i} \right)} \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \mathcal{O}_X \right)$$

□

Ex a) For the cusp  $X = V(y^2 - x^3) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^2$

and  $p = (x, y)$ ,

$T_p X = \{(\xi, \eta) \mid 2y\eta = 3x^2\xi\}$  has  $\dim = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \neq 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } p = 0 \end{cases}$

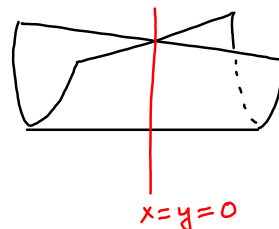


b) For the Whitney umbrella  $X = V(x^2 - y^2 z) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^3$

and  $p = (x, y, z)$ ,

$T_p X = \{(\xi, \eta, \zeta) \mid 2x\xi = y \cdot (2z\eta + y\zeta)\}$  has

$\dim = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 3 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$



Lemma For any locally Noetherian scheme  $X$ , we have

$$\dim_{k(p)} T_p X \geq \dim_p X := \dim \mathcal{O}_{X,p} \quad \forall p \in X.$$

Pf. Put  $A = \mathcal{O}_{X,p} \supseteq m = m_p$ .

Nakayama: The ideal  $m \trianglelefteq A$  can be generated

by  $n := \dim_{A/m} (m/m^2)$  elements.

Krull's principal ideal thm (inductively) then

implies  $\dim A = \text{ht}(m) \leq n$ . □

Def We call  $p \in X$  a regular (or nonsingular) point

if  $\dim_{k(p)} T_p X = \dim \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ , i.e. if  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$

is a regular local ring.

↳ a Noetherian local ring  $A$  satisfying the following equivalent conditions:

a)  $\dim A = \dim_{A/m} (m/m^2)$ ,

b)  $m$  can be generated by  $\dim A$  elements.

A scheme  $X$  is called regular if it is locally

Noetherian and regular at all points  $p \in X$ .

Lemma For a locally Noetherian scheme  $X$ , TFAE:

a)  $X$  is regular

b)  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is a regular local ring for all closed points  $p \in X$ .

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b) by definition.

For b)  $\Rightarrow$  a) use:

• If a local Noetherian ring  $A$  is regular, then  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is regular for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$ .

• Any locally Noetherian scheme has closed points. □

Rem a) Any regular scheme  $X$  is reduced & normal.

(since by commutative algebra,

Noetherian regular local rings are UFD

& UFD are reduced & integrally closed).

b) A Noetherian scheme  $X$  with  $\dim X = 1$

is regular iff it is normal

(for Noetherian local rings of  $\dim = 1$

we have  $\text{UFD} \Leftrightarrow \text{DVR} \Leftrightarrow \text{normal}$ ).

## Regularity vs smoothness?

- Smoothness is a relative property (of morphisms).

Regularity is an absolute property (of schemes).

- Regularity is not stable under base change:

e.g.  $X = V(x^p - y^p - a) \subset \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{F}}^2$  w/  $\text{char } \mathbb{F} = p$ ,  $\sqrt[p]{a} \notin \mathbb{F}$

$\Rightarrow X$  regular but  $X_{\overline{\mathbb{F}}}$  not regular

(and  $X \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{F}$  not smooth)

(exercise)

- But regularity is useful in mixed characteristic,

e.g.  $X = \mathbb{Z}[x, y] / (xy - p)$  w/  $p$  prime

$\Rightarrow X$  regular (but not smooth over any base) (exercise)

Prop Let  $X$  be a scheme of finite type over a field  $k$ ,  
and let  $p \in X$  be a closed point. TFAE:

a)  $X \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$  is smooth at  $p$ .

b)  $\dim_{K(p)} \Omega_{X/k, p}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, p}} K(p) \leq \dim_p X$ .

c)  $\dim_{K(p)} \Omega_{X/k, p}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, p}} K(p) = \dim_p X$ .

If  $K(p) \supset k$  is separable, these are equivalent to:

d)  $p$  is a regular point of  $X$ .

Slogan: Over perfect fields, smooth  $\Leftrightarrow$  regular

Pf. ① Assume first  $K(s) \supset k$  is separable.

Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } A$  affine. Have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y = \text{Spec } K(p) = V(m_p) & \hookrightarrow & X \\ & \searrow h & \downarrow \\ & & S = \text{Spec } k \end{array}$$

$K(p)/k$  finite (since  $p$  closed &  $X$  finite type /  $k$ )

& separable (by assumption)  $\Rightarrow h$  étale (see appendix)

$\Rightarrow$  conormal sequence for  $Y \hookrightarrow X$  gives

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \xrightarrow{\quad} A/\mathfrak{m} \otimes_A \Omega_{A/\mathbb{k}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{K(p)/\mathbb{k}}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

$\uparrow$  injective since  $h$  is smooth  
 $\parallel$  since  $h$  is unramified

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \simeq A/\mathfrak{m} \otimes_A \Omega_{A/\mathbb{k}}^1$$

$\hookrightarrow$   
 $\dim_{K(p)}(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2) \geq \dim_p X$ ,  
 with equality iff  $X$  is regular at  $p$

Thus:  $a) \Rightarrow b) \Leftrightarrow c) \Leftrightarrow d)$   
 $\downarrow$  via étale coord<sup>s</sup>       $\downarrow$  for  $K(p)/\mathbb{k}$  separable

② Next we show  $c), d) \Rightarrow a)$  for  $\mathbb{k} = \bar{\mathbb{k}}$  alg closed:

In that case  $K(p) = \mathbb{k}$

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $\exists$  closed immersion

$$X = V(J) \hookrightarrow Z = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{k}}^n$$

with  $\begin{matrix} \psi \\ p \end{matrix} \mapsto \bar{\sigma}$

We now reduce to  $X \hookrightarrow Z$  being a "complete intersection":

We have an exact sequence

$$J/\mathfrak{m}_{Z,p} \cdot J \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathfrak{m}_{Z,p}/\mathfrak{m}_{Z,p}^2 \xrightarrow{\beta} \underbrace{\mathfrak{m}_{X,p}/\mathfrak{m}_{X,p}^2}_{\dim_{\mathbb{k}} = \dim_p X} \rightarrow 0$$

since  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is regular by d)

$\Rightarrow$  For  $d := \dim_p X$

and  $c := n - d$ ,

$\exists f_1, \dots, f_c \in J$  whose images in  $\mathfrak{m}_{Z,p}/\mathfrak{m}_{Z,p}^2$   
 generate the kernel  $\ker(\beta)$  as  $\mathcal{O}_{Z,p}$ -module

Put  $J' := (f_1, \dots, f_c) \subset J$  &  $X' := V(J') \subset Z$ .

Still get exact sequence

$$J'/\mathfrak{m}_{Z,p} \cdot J' \xrightarrow{\alpha'} \mathfrak{m}_{Z,p}/\mathfrak{m}_{Z,p}^2 \xrightarrow{\beta'} \mathfrak{m}_{X',p}/\mathfrak{m}_{X',p}^2 \rightarrow 0$$

where  $\text{im}(\alpha') = \text{im}(\alpha)$  by choice of  $J'$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{\mathbb{k}} \mathfrak{m}_{X',p}/\mathfrak{m}_{X',p}^2 = \dim_{\mathbb{k}} \mathfrak{m}_{X,p}/\mathfrak{m}_{X,p}^2 = d$$

$\swarrow$  again by d)



But also  $\dim \mathcal{O}_{X',p} \geq \dim \mathcal{O}_{X,p} = d$  since  $\mathcal{O}_{X',p} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$

$$(X = V(J) \hookrightarrow X' = V(J'))$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \mathcal{O}_{X',p} \geq \dim_{\mathbb{K}} \mathfrak{m}_{X',p} / \mathfrak{m}_{X',p}^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  equality holds &  $\mathcal{O}_{X',p}$  is regular of dim  $d$

Thus  $X \xrightarrow[\text{closed}]{} X'$  w/  $\dim_p X = \dim_p X'$  &  $\mathcal{O}_{X',p}$  reduced

$\Rightarrow$  Shrinking  $X$  &  $X'$  we may assume  $X = X'$

Upshot: wlog  $X = V(f_1, \dots, f_c) \subset \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{K}}^n$

where  $c = n - d$  ("complete intersection")

Now by assumption c),

$$\Omega_{X/\mathbb{K},p}^1 \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_{X,p} \cdot dx_i / \text{span}(df_1, \dots, df_c)$$

has  $\dim_{\mathbb{K}} \Omega_{X/\mathbb{K},p}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}} \mathbb{K}(p) = d = n - c$

$$\Rightarrow \text{rank}(df_1, \dots, df_c)(p) = c$$

$\Rightarrow X$  smooth /  $\mathbb{K}$  at  $p$  by Jacobian criterion

③ Finally we deduce  $a) \Leftrightarrow b) \Leftrightarrow c)$  for ANY  $\mathbb{K}$  &  $\mathbb{K}(p)$ :

Pick  $K \supset \mathbb{K}$  sth  $\exists \bar{p} \in \bar{X}(K)$  above  $p$ , where  $\bar{X} := X_K$ .

Then:

$$\bullet \dim_{\mathbb{K}(p)} \Omega_{X/\mathbb{K},p}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}} \mathbb{K}(p) = \dim_K \Omega_{\bar{X}/K,\bar{p}}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\bar{X},\bar{p}}} K$$

$$\bullet \dim_p X = \dim_{\bar{p}} \bar{X} \quad (\text{exercise})$$

$$\bullet X \text{ smooth / } \mathbb{K} \text{ at } p \Leftrightarrow \bar{X} \text{ smooth / } K \text{ at } \bar{p}$$

$\nearrow$  see lemma below



Lemma ("descent of smoothness").

Let  $X$  be a scheme of finite type /  $\mathbb{K}$ .

Then for any field extension  $K \supset \mathbb{K}$  we have:

$$X \text{ smooth / } \mathbb{K} \Leftrightarrow X_K \text{ smooth / } K.$$

Pf.

wlog  $\exists$  closed immersion  $i: X = V(J) \hookrightarrow Y = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{K}}^n$ .

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X \text{ smooth}/\mathbb{k} &\iff 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \rightarrow i^* \Omega_{Y/\mathbb{k}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/\mathbb{k}}^1 \rightarrow 0 \\
 &\text{is exact \& locally split} \\
 &\iff d: \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \rightarrow i^* \Omega_{Y/\mathbb{k}}^1 \text{ injective} \\
 &\text{and } \Omega_{X/\mathbb{k}}^1 \text{ locally free.}
 \end{aligned}$$

Likewise:

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_K \text{ smooth}/K &\iff d_K: \mathcal{I}_K/\mathcal{I}_K^2 \rightarrow i_K^* \Omega_{Y_K/K}^1 \text{ injective} \\
 &\text{and } \Omega_{X_K/K}^1 \text{ locally free}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Write } Y &= \text{Spec } R \text{ w/ } R = \mathbb{k}[x_1, \dots, x_n], \\
 X &= \text{Spec } S \text{ w/ } S = R/\mathcal{I}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d: \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 &\rightarrow \Omega_{R/\mathbb{k}}^1 \otimes_R S, \\
 d_K = d \otimes \text{id}: \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} K &\rightarrow \Omega_{R/\mathbb{k}}^1 \otimes_R S \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} K.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hence } d \text{ injective} &\iff d_K \text{ injective} \\
 &(\text{since } \mathbb{k} \hookrightarrow K \text{ faithfully flat})
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Omega_{X/\mathbb{k}}^1 &\text{ locally free } \mathcal{O}_X\text{-module} \\
 &\iff \Omega_{S/\mathbb{k}}^1 \text{ flat } S\text{-module} \quad (\text{for finitely presented modules,} \\
 &\quad \text{loc. free} \iff \text{flat (see next sect.)})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\iff \Omega_{S/\mathbb{k}}^1 \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} K \text{ flat } S \otimes_{\mathbb{k}} K\text{-module} \quad (\text{since } \mathbb{k} \hookrightarrow K \text{ is faithfully flat})$$

$$\iff \Omega_{X_K/K}^1 \text{ locally free } \mathcal{O}_{X_K}\text{-module}$$

□

Cor Let  $X$  be a scheme over a field  $\mathbb{k}$ . Then TFAE:

- $f: X \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{k}$  is smooth.
- $\forall$  alg. closed  $K \supset \mathbb{k}$ :  $X_K$  is regular.
- $\exists$  alg. closed  $K \supset \mathbb{k}$ :  $X_K$  is regular.

Slogan: Over any field, smooth  $\iff$  geometrically regular

Pf. Clear by the prop & the lemma.

□

## Appendix: Separable field extensions

We have used several times:

Thm Let  $K/k$  be a fin. gen. field extension.

Then TFAE:

- a)  $K/k$  is finite & separable.
- b)  $\text{Spec } K \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$  is étale
- c)  $\text{---} \# \text{---}$  is unramified.

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): Write  $K \cong k[x]/(p(x))$

w/  $p(x) \in k[x]$  separable

(possible by thm of primitive element)

Then  $X = \text{Spec } K \rightarrow Y = \text{Spec } k$  is

- unramified as  $\Omega_{X/Y}^1 = K \cdot dx / K \cdot dP(x)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cong & k[x] & \\ \uparrow & / & \\ dP = P'(x) dx & (P(x), P'(x)) & \uparrow \\ & & (P, P') = 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} = 0 \\ \\ \end{array}$$

- Smooth by Jacobian criterion for  $X = V(P) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}_k^1$ .

b)  $\Rightarrow$  c): trivial

c)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Since  $K/k$  is a fin. gen. field extension,  
 $\exists t_1, \dots, t_n \in K$  algebraically independent over  $k$   
 sth  $K \supset K' = k(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  is a finite extension.

Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X = \text{Spec } K & \xrightarrow{f} & Y = \text{Spec } K' & \xrightarrow{g} & S = \text{Spec } k \\ & & \searrow & \nearrow & \\ & & h := g \circ f & & \end{array}$$

By assumption,  $h$  is unramified, so  $\Omega_{X/S}^1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/Y}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

implies  $\Omega_{X/Y}^1 = 0$ , so  $f$  is unramified

Claim: Then  $K \supset K'$  is separable:

If not,  $\exists K \supset K'' \supset K'$  w/  $K \supset K''$  purely inseparable

Wlog  $K = K''[x]/(P(x))$  w/  $P'(x) = 0$  in  $K''(x)$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{X/\text{Spec } K''}^1 \cong K \cdot dx / K \cdot dP \cong K \cdot dx \neq 0$$

$\Rightarrow X \rightarrow \text{Spec } K''$  not unramified  $\nRightarrow f$  unramified!

Thus  $K \supset K'$  is (finite and) separable

By the already known implication  $a) \Rightarrow b)$  (for  $K \supset K'$ )

then  $f: X = \text{Spec } K \rightarrow Y = \text{Spec } K'$  is étale

$$\Rightarrow f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \xrightarrow{\sim} \Omega_{X/S}^1 \text{ iso}$$

But we had  $\Omega_{X/S}^1 = 0$  by unramifiedness of  $h$

$$\Rightarrow f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{Y/S}^1 = 0 \text{ since } f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ surjective}$$

On the other hand:

$$Y = \text{Spec } K' \text{ w/ } K' = k(t_1, \dots, t_n) \text{ \& } S = \text{Spec } k$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^n K' \cdot dt_i$$

This vanishes only if  $n=0$ ,

ie if  $K' = k$ , and then  $K \supset k$  is finite separable.



## 7. Generic smoothness

Def A scheme  $X$  over a field  $k$  is said to be geometrically reduced if  $X_{\bar{k}} = X \times_k \bar{k}$  reduced.

Thm ("Generic smoothness over fields")

Let  $X$  be a geom. reduced scheme of fin. type /  $k$

$\Rightarrow \exists U \subset X$  open dense w/  $U \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$  smooth.

Pf. Wlog  $X$  integral. Then:

(exercise in field theory)

$X$  geom. reduced  $\Rightarrow k(X) \otimes_k k$  reduced  $\Rightarrow k(X) \supset k$  separable

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{k(X)} \Omega_{k(X)/k}^1 = \text{trdeg}(k(X)/k)$$

(similar computation as in appendix to § 6)

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{k(\eta)} \Omega_{X/k, \eta}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta}} k(\eta) = \dim X$$

$\Rightarrow \exists U \subset X$  open dense  $\forall p \in U$ :

$$\dim_{k(p)} \Omega_{X/k, p}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, p}} k(p) = \dim X$$

(look at a local presentat<sup>n</sup> of  $\Omega_{X/k}^1$ )

$\Rightarrow U \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$  smooth by proposition in § 6.  $\square$

Rem The thm applies to any integral scheme  $X$

of finite type over a perfect field  $k$ ,

since over perfect fields  $k(X) \supset k$  is

always separable. Separability is needed:

e.g.  $X = \text{Spec } k[s]/(s^p - t)$  over  $k = \mathbb{F}_p(t)$

has  $X \simeq \text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_p(t^{1/p})$  reduced,

but  $X_{\bar{k}} \simeq \text{Spec } \bar{\mathbb{F}}_p[s]/(s - t^{1/p})^p$  non-reduced

$\Rightarrow X$  has NO point where it is smooth /  $k$

Thm ("Generic smoothness on the source")

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a dominant morphism between

integral schemes of finite type over a field  $k$ .

Then TFAE:

a)  $\exists$  open dense  $U \subset X$  w/  $f|_U: U \rightarrow Y$  smooth.

b) the extension  $k(X) \supseteq k(Y)$  is separable.

Pf. General case can be done by a "spreading out" argument (see exercises, or Poonen, Rational pts on varieties, §3.2).

Alternative argument for  $X, Y$  geom. reduced (eg  $k$  perfect, or  $X, Y$  smooth):

Then, by previous thm wlog  $X$  smooth /  $k$  (shrink  $X$ ).

Consider  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$   
 $\searrow \downarrow g$   
 $S = \text{Spec } k$

We have:

$$f \text{ smooth} \xLeftrightarrow[\text{gof smooth}] 0 \rightarrow f^* \Omega_{Y/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/S}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/Y}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

exact and locally split

$$\xLeftrightarrow[\text{eg smooth}] \Omega_{X/Y}^1 \text{ loc free of rank } \dim X - \dim Y = \text{trdeg}(k(X)/k(Y))$$

This condition holds on an open dense subset of  $X$

$$\text{iff } \dim_{k(X)} \Omega_{k(X)/k(Y)}^1 = \text{trdeg}(k(X)/k(Y)),$$

ie. iff  $k(X) \supset k(Y)$  is separable. □

Ex Why separability is needed:

$$f: X = A^1_{\mathbb{F}_p} \rightarrow Y = A^1_{\mathbb{F}_p}, \quad t \mapsto t^p$$

is a dominant morphism of integral schemes /  $\mathbb{F}_p$

but nowhere smooth:

$$df: f^* \Omega_{Y/\mathbb{F}_p}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{X/\mathbb{F}_p}^1 \text{ is the zero map!}$$

Thm ("Generic smoothness on the target")

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism between smooth schemes of finite type over a perfect field  $k$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists$  open dense  $U \subset Y$  w/  $f^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$  smooth.

Pf. Wlog  $X, Y$  integral.

Since  $X, Y$  are smooth /  $k$ , we have:

$$f: X \rightarrow Y \text{ smooth at } p \in X \iff \Omega_{X/Y, p}^1 \text{ free of rank } \dim X - \dim Y \text{ over } \mathcal{O}_{X, p}$$

(as in previous proof)

For closed pts  $p \in X(k)$  (wlog, else pass to an extension field)

this is equivalent to surjectivity of  $T_p f : T_p X \rightarrow T_p Y$

In general, for  $r \in \mathbb{N}_0$  consider the loci

$$X_r := \{ \text{closed pts } p \in X \mid \text{rk}(T_p X \rightarrow T_p Y) \leq r \}.$$

Claim:  $\dim \overline{f(X_r)} \leq r$ .

↑ closure of  $f(X_r)$  inside  $Y$

( $\Rightarrow$  for  $d = \dim Y$  we get  $\overline{f(X_{d-1})} \neq Y$

hence  $U := Y \setminus \overline{f(X_{d-1})}$  will work)

To check the claim, pick an irred cpt  $\gamma_r \in \overline{f(X_r)}$

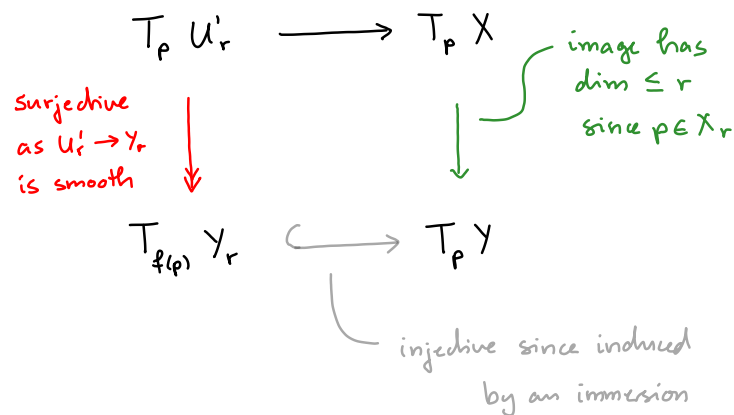
Let  $X'_r \subset \overline{X_r}$  be an irred cpt dominating  $\gamma_r$ .

$k$  perfect  $\Rightarrow k(X'_r) \supset k(\gamma_r)$  separable

$\Rightarrow$  By previous theorem

$\exists$  open dense  $U'_r \subset X'_r$  w/  $U'_r \rightarrow \gamma_r$  smooth.

For closed points  $p \in U' \cap X_r$  we have:



$$\Rightarrow \dim T_{f(p)} Y_r \leq r$$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \gamma_r \leq r$$

This works for all cpts  $\gamma_r \in \overline{f(X_r)}$

$$\Rightarrow \dim \overline{f(X_r)} \leq r$$

□

Another dimension counting argument shows:

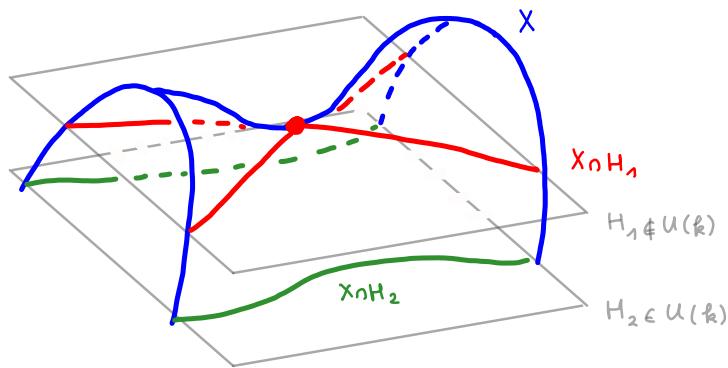
Thm (Bertini) Let  $k$  be an alg closed field,

$X \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n = \mathbb{P}V$  smooth irred. closed subscheme

Then  $\exists$  open dense

$U \subset \mathbb{P}V^\vee = \{\text{hyperplanes in } \mathbb{P}V\}$

sth  $\forall H \in U(k)$ :  $X \cap H$  is smooth.



Pf. For  $p \in X(k)$ , consider the set of "bad" hyperplanes

$$\mathcal{B}_p := \{ H \in \mathbb{P}V^\vee(k) \mid X \cap H \text{ is singular at } p, \\ \text{or } X \subseteq H \}$$

Pick  $f_0 \in V^\vee = \Gamma(\mathbb{P}V, \mathcal{O}(1))$  sth  $H_0 := V_+(f_0) \nsubseteq p$ .

$$\Rightarrow \varphi: V^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}V}(\mathbb{P}V \setminus H_0)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f & \longmapsto & \frac{f}{f_0} \end{array}$$

$\searrow \mathcal{D}_+(f_0)$

Put  $\varphi_p(f) := [\varphi(f)|_{X \setminus H_0}] \in \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$

For  $H = V_+(f)$  we have:

$$\bullet \quad p \in X \cap H \iff \varphi_p(f) \in \mathfrak{m}_p$$

$\bullet \quad \forall \varphi_p(f) \neq 0$ , then

$$p \in \text{Sing}(X \cap H) \iff \mathcal{O}_{X \cap H, p} = \mathcal{O}_{X, p} / \varphi_p(f) \text{ not regular}$$

$$\iff \varphi_p(f) \in \mathfrak{m}_p^2$$

$\bullet \quad \forall \varphi_p(f) = 0$ , then  $\exists W \subset \mathbb{P}V$  open w/  $X \cap W \subset H$ ,  
 $\downarrow$   
 $p$  hence  $X \subset H$  by irreducibility

Thus writing  $\bar{\varphi}_p = (\varphi_p \bmod \mathfrak{m}_p^2): V^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, p} / \mathfrak{m}_p^2$ , we have:

$$\mathcal{B}_p = \{ H = V_+(f) \mid f \in \ker \bar{\varphi}_p \}.$$



Count dimensions:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bar{\varphi}_p : V^\vee \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,p}/m_p^2 & \text{epi} & \text{since } m_p/m_p^2 \text{ is spanned} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \text{by linear forms in the} \\ \dim_{\bar{k}}(\dots) = n+1 & \dim_{\bar{k}}(\dots) = d+1 & \text{coordinates \& } \bar{k} = \bar{k} \end{array}$$

for  $d := \dim_p X$   
since  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is regular &  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}/m_p \cong \bar{k}$

$$\Rightarrow \dim_{\bar{k}} \ker \bar{\varphi}_p = n - d$$

$$\Rightarrow B_p \subset \mathbb{P}V^\vee = |\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)| \text{ linear series of dim } n - d - 1$$

Now vary the point  $p$ :

$$B := \{(p, H) \mid H \in B_p\} \subset X \times \mathbb{P}V^\vee$$

closed subset, which we endow w/ reduced subscheme structure.

$$\text{Have seen: } \text{pr}_1 : B \twoheadrightarrow X \text{ surjective w/ fibers } \cong \mathbb{P}^{n-d-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow B \text{ irreducible w/ } \dim B = d + (n - d - 1) = n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{pr}_2 : B \rightarrow \mathbb{P}V^\vee \text{ not surjective } (\dim \mathbb{P}V^\vee = n)$$

But  $\text{pr}_2(B) \subset \mathbb{P}V^\vee$  is closed by properness of  $\text{pr}_2$

$$\Rightarrow U := \mathbb{P}V^\vee \setminus \text{pr}_2(B) \text{ works.}$$



## 8. Flatness

Motivation a)  $f: X \rightarrow S$  w/ smooth fibers:

$$X_p \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} \kappa(p) \text{ smooth } \forall p \in S$$

$\Rightarrow f$  smooth

$$\text{e.g. } X = V(xy) \subset \mathbb{A}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} S = \mathbb{A}^1$$

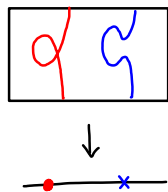
$$\text{or } X = \mathbb{B}_p S \rightarrow S = \mathbb{A}^2 \text{ etc}$$

BUT we'll see:

$$f \text{ smooth} \Leftrightarrow f \text{ flat w/ smooth fibers}$$

b) Flatness is a very general notion, e.g.

- any dominant morphism  $f: X \rightarrow S$   
w/  $X, S$  integral &  $\dim S = 1$  is flat.



- flat families may have singular fibers

$\rightarrow$  important for moduli!

## 8.1. Algebraic definition of flatness

Def Let  $A$  be a ring.

a) An  $A$ -module  $M$  is flat if the functor

$$(-) \otimes_A M: \operatorname{Mod}(A) \rightarrow \operatorname{Mod}(A) \text{ is exact.}$$

b) A ring homom.  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  is flat

if  $B$  is a flat  $A$ -module via  $\varphi$ .

Ex

- free modules  $M \simeq \bigoplus_{i \in I} A$  are flat
- over fields  $A = k$ , every module is flat
- localizations  $A \rightarrow B = S^{-1}A$  are flat

Ex

Quotients  $A \rightarrow B = A/\mathfrak{J}$  by an ideal  $\mathfrak{J} \trianglelefteq A$

w/  $\mathfrak{J}/\mathfrak{J}^2 \neq 0$  are NOT flat:

$\mathfrak{J} \hookrightarrow A$  is injective but

$$\mathfrak{J} \otimes_A A/\mathfrak{J} \rightarrow A \otimes_A A/\mathfrak{J} \text{ is NOT injective}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathfrak{J}/\mathfrak{J}^2 & \xrightarrow{\circlearrowleft} & A/\mathfrak{J} \end{array}$$

Lemma An  $A$ -module  $M$  is flat iff  $\forall$  ideal  $\mathfrak{J} \trianglelefteq A$

the map  $\mathfrak{J} \otimes_A M \rightarrow M$  is injective.

$$a \otimes m \mapsto a \cdot m$$

Pf. If  $M$  is flat over  $A$ , consider  $\text{incl} : J \hookrightarrow A$

$\Rightarrow \text{incl} \otimes_A M : J \otimes_A M \rightarrow A \otimes_A M = M$  injective by flatness

Conversely, assume  $J \otimes_A M \rightarrow M$  injective  $\forall J \trianglelefteq A$ .

$(-)\otimes_A M$  is always right exact (exercise),

so we only need to show it preserves injections.

Let  $N' \hookrightarrow N$  be an injection of  $A$ -modules.

① Reduction to free modules  $N$ :

Pick a surjection  $p : \tilde{N} := \bigoplus_{i \in I} A \twoheadrightarrow N$  ( $I$  may be infinite)

& let  $\tilde{N}' := p^{-1}(N')$ . We get diagrams w/ exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \ker(p) & \rightarrow & \tilde{N}' & \rightarrow & N' & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \ker(p) & \rightarrow & \tilde{N} & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

right  
exactness  
of  $\otimes M$   
~~~~~

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \ker(p) \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & \tilde{N}' \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & N' \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \tilde{\varphi} & & \downarrow \varphi & & \\ \ker(p) \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & \tilde{N} \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & N \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

Snake lemma: If  $\tilde{\varphi}$  is injective, then so is  $\varphi$ .

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $N = \tilde{N}$  free (of any rank)

② Reduction to finite rank free modules  $N$ :

Now,  $\forall x \in N' \otimes_A M \exists$  direct summand  $N_0 \subset N$  of finite rk

sth  $x \in \text{im}((N' \cap N_0) \otimes_A M \rightarrow N' \otimes_A M)$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ N_0 \otimes_A M & \hookrightarrow & N \otimes_A M \\ & \wr & \end{array}$$

injective because  $N_0 \hookrightarrow N$  is split

$\Rightarrow$  enough to show  $(N' \cap N_0) \otimes_A M \hookrightarrow N_0 \otimes_A M$

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $N = N_0$  free of finite rank

③ Induction on  $r = \text{rk}(N)$ :

$r = 1$ : by our assumption that  $J \otimes_A M \hookrightarrow M$

$r > 1$ : Write  $N = N_1 \oplus N_2$  w/  $\text{rk } N_1, \text{rk } N_2 < r$

Put  $N'_1 := N' \cap N_1$  &  $N'_2 := \text{im}(N' \rightarrow N_2 = N/N_1)$ .

We have a diagram w/ exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} N'_1 \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & N' \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & N'_2 \otimes_A M & & \\ \downarrow \sim \text{injective by ind'n} & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \sim \text{injective by ind'n} & & \\ N_1 \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & N \otimes_A M & \rightarrow & N_2 \otimes_A M & & \\ & \wr & & & & & \\ & \text{injective since } N_1 \hookrightarrow N \text{ split} & & & & & \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow N' \otimes_A M \hookrightarrow N \otimes_A M$  injective

□

Cor For any domain  $A$  &  $M \in \text{Mod}(A)$ :

a)  $M \text{ flat } / A \Rightarrow M \text{ torsion-free}$   
(ie  $am \neq 0 \ \forall a \in A \setminus \{0\}, m \in M \setminus \{0\}$ )

b) If  $A$  is a PID, then the converse also holds.

Pf. For principal ideals  $0 \neq J = (a) \trianglelefteq R$ , the map  $J \otimes_A M \rightarrow M$  is injective iff  $M = A \otimes_A M \xrightarrow{\sim} J \otimes_A M \rightarrow M$  is injective,

$$m = 1 \otimes m \mapsto a \otimes m \mapsto am$$

ie iff  $am \neq 0$  for all  $m \neq 0$ . Now apply the lemma.  $\square$

To "globalize" the notion of flatness to schemes we need:

Lemma For  $M \in \text{Mod}(A)$  (resp a ring hom  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$ ),  
TFAE:

a)  $M$  is flat /  $A$  (resp  $B$  is flat /  $A$ )

b)  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is flat /  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} \ \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$ .

(resp  $B_{\mathfrak{q}}$  is flat /  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} \ \forall \mathfrak{q} \in \text{Spec } B, \mathfrak{p} = \varphi^{-1}(\mathfrak{q})$ )

c)  $M_m$  is flat /  $A_m \ \forall m \in \text{Spm } A$ .

(resp  $B_n$  is flat /  $A_n \ \forall n \in \text{Spm } B, n = \varphi^{-1}(m)$ )

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): localization is exact. b)  $\Rightarrow$  c): trivial

c)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Let  $N' \xrightarrow{i} N$  be an injection in  $\text{Mod}(A)$ .

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \ker(i \otimes \text{id}_M) \rightarrow N' \otimes_A M \rightarrow N \otimes_A M \text{ exact}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \ker(i \otimes \text{id}_M)_m \rightarrow (N' \otimes_A M)_m \rightarrow (N \otimes_A M)_m \text{ exact}$$

$\parallel$

$\parallel$

$$N'_m \otimes_{A_m} M_m \hookrightarrow N_m \otimes_{A_m} M_m$$

injective by assumption  
since  $N'_m \hookrightarrow N_m$  and  
since  $M_m$  is flat /  $A_m$

$$\Rightarrow \ker(i \otimes \text{id}_M)_m = 0$$

for all  $m \in \text{Spm } A$

$$\Rightarrow \ker(i \otimes \text{id}_M) = 0$$

Proof for ring hom.  $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$  works the same.  $\square$

Cor If  $A$  is a Dedekind domain, then

$M \in \text{Mod}(A)$  is flat  $\Leftrightarrow M$  is torsion-free.

So any injective hom  $A \hookrightarrow B$  to a domain  $B$  is flat.

Pf. For  $A$  Dedekind, all  $A_m$  are DVR's. Thus

$$M \text{ flat } / A \Leftrightarrow \forall m: M_m \text{ flat } / A_m \quad (\text{by the lemma})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall m: M_m \text{ torsionfree } / A_m \quad (\text{by cor. b})$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M \text{ torsionfree}$$

$\square$

Prop Let  $A$  be a ring &  $M \in \text{Mod}(A)$ .

a)  $M$  free  $\Rightarrow M$  projective  $\Rightarrow M$  flat.

b) Conversely, if  $A$  is a **local** ring, then  
any **fin. generated** flat  $A$ -module  $M$  is free.

Pf. a)  $M \simeq \bigoplus_{i \in I} A$  free

$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(M, -) \simeq \prod_{i \in I} \text{Hom}_A(A, -)$   
exact, i.e.  $M \in \text{Mod}(A)$  projective

$M$  projective  $\Rightarrow M$  direct summand in a free module  
(pick an epi  $\bigoplus_{i \in I} A \rightarrow M$ , for  $M$  projective it splits)  
 $\Rightarrow M \otimes_A (-)$  exact, i.e.  $M$  flat.

b) Let  $\mathfrak{m} \subseteq A$  be the max. ideal &  $K := A/\mathfrak{m}$ .

Pick  $\vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_n \in M$  sth  $\bar{\vartheta}_1, \dots, \bar{\vartheta}_n \in M/\mathfrak{m}M = M \otimes_A K$   
are linearly independent over  $K$ .

Claim:  $\vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_n \in M$  are linearly independent over  $A$ .

Let  $a \cdot \vartheta^t := \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \vartheta_i = 0$  w/  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in A^n$   
 $\vartheta = (\vartheta_1, \dots, \vartheta_n) \in M^n$

Put  $f: A^n \rightarrow A$ ,  $b \mapsto b \cdot a^t$ .

By flatness of  $M$  we get exactness of

$$0 \rightarrow \ker(f) \otimes_A M \rightarrow M^n \xrightarrow{f \otimes \text{id}_M} M \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$\vartheta \mapsto 0$$

$\Rightarrow \vartheta \in \ker(f) \otimes_A M$ ,

i.e.  $\exists b_\alpha \in \ker(f), \omega_\alpha \in M: \vartheta = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N b_\alpha \otimes \omega_\alpha$ .

But  $\vartheta_i \notin \mathfrak{m}M \Rightarrow \exists \alpha: b_\alpha = (b_{\alpha 1}, \dots, b_{\alpha n}) \notin \mathfrak{m} \cdot A^n$

Say  $b_{\alpha 1} \notin \mathfrak{m}$ . Then  $b_\alpha \in \ker(f)$  implies

$$a_1 + a_2 \cdot c_2 + \dots + a_n c_n = 0 \text{ w/ } c_i := \frac{b_{\alpha i}}{b_{\alpha 1}} \in A.$$

If  $n=1$  then  $a_1 = 0$ .

If  $n > 1$  then multiplying by  $\vartheta_1$  & subtracting  $a \cdot \vartheta^t = 0$

$$\text{we get } a_2(c_2 \vartheta_1 - \vartheta_2) + \dots + a_n(c_n \vartheta_1 - \vartheta_n) = 0$$

By induction on  $n$  then  $a_2 = \dots = a_n = 0$ , hence  $a_1 = 0$ .

This proves the claim.

Now let  $\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_n$  be a basis of  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$  over  $K$ .

$$\Rightarrow N := \underbrace{Av_1 + \dots + Av_n}_{\simeq A^n \text{ by the claim}} \subset M$$

It only remains to show  $N = M$ .

Indeed  $Q := M/N \in \text{Mod}(A)$  is fin. gen.

$$\& Q \otimes_A K = M \otimes_A K / N \otimes_A K = 0 \text{ by construction}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 0 \text{ by Nakayama.} \quad \square$$

Exercise a) Is  $M = \mathbb{Q} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{Z})$  free / projective / flat?

$$b) \text{ Let } A = \prod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{F}_2.$$

Show that  $M = A / \{ (a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \mid a_i = 0 \text{ for almost all } i \}$

is fin. generated & flat but NOT projective over  $A$ .

## 8.2. Geometric notion of flatness

Def A morphism  $f: X \rightarrow S$  is flat at  $p \in X$  if the ring extension  $f^\#: \mathcal{O}_{S, f(p)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, p}$  is flat.

We call  $f$  flat if it is so at all points  $p \in X$ .

Ex a) Open immersions are flat.

b) flat morphisms are stable under composition, base change and fiber products.

c) A morphism of affine schemes  $f: \text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$  is flat iff the ring homom.  $f^\#: A \rightarrow B$  is flat.

Ex Closed immersions are not flat, unless they are also open (= iso on a connected cpt)

Lemma Let  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  be a flat morphism to an irreducible scheme  $X$ . Then every open subset  $\emptyset \neq U \subset Y$  dominates  $X$ , i.e. has dense image  $f(U) \subset X$ .

Pf. Wlog  $U = \text{Spec } B \rightarrow X = \text{Spec } A$ .

$Y$  flat over  $X$  &  $U \subset Y$  open  $\Rightarrow B$  flat over  $A$

$$\underbrace{B / \text{Rad}(A) \cdot B}_{\text{nilradical of } A} = B \otimes_A A^{\text{red}} \xrightarrow[\text{by flatness}]{} B \otimes_A \text{Quot}(A^{\text{red}}) = B \otimes_A k(\eta)$$

where  $\eta := \text{generic pt of } X$

If  $\eta \notin f(U)$ , then  $U_\eta = \emptyset$ , hence  $B \otimes_A k(\eta) = 0$   
and hence  $B = \text{Rad}(A) \cdot B$  would be nilpotent, so  $B = 0 \nless$

Thus  $\eta \in f(U)$  &  $f|_U: U \rightarrow X$  is dominant. □

Converse holds over Dedekind schemes (eg smooth curves):

Def A scheme  $C$  is a Dedekind scheme if  $\exists$  open cover  
 $C = \bigcup_i U_i$  w/  $U_i \cong \text{Spec}(\text{Dedekind domain})$ .

Cor Let  $f: Y \rightarrow C$  be a morphism from a reduced  $Y$   
to a Dedekind scheme  $C$ . TFAE:

- a)  $f$  is flat
- b) every irred cpt of  $Y$  dominates  $C$ .

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b) always true by lemma.

b)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Let  $p \in Y$  and  $q = f(p) \in C$ .

- $q = \eta \in C$  generic pt  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{C,q} = k(C)$  a field  
 $\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Y,p}$  flat /  $\mathcal{O}_{C,q}$

- $q \in C$  a closed pt &  $\mathfrak{m}_q = (\pi) \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_{C,q}$ :

Since every irred cpt of  $Y$  dominates  $C$ , we know  
 $\forall$  minimal prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p} \trianglelefteq \mathcal{O}_{Y,p}$ :  $f^\#(\pi) \notin \mathfrak{p}$ .

$\Rightarrow f^\#(\pi)$  not a zero divisor in  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,p}$

(exercise, use that  $Y$  is reduced)

$\Rightarrow M = \mathcal{O}_{Y,p}$  torsion-free over  $\mathcal{O}_{C,q}$

So  $\mathcal{O}_{C,q}$  Dedekind implies  $M$  is flat /  $\mathcal{O}_{C,q}$ . □

Ex Any non-constant morphism from an integral scheme  
to a Dedekind scheme is flat.

Ex Dominant but non-flat morphisms:

- $X = \text{Bl}_p Y \rightarrow Y = \mathbb{A}^2_{\mathbb{R}}$  (note:  $Y$  not Dedekind)

- $X = \text{Spec } k[x,y]/(x^2, y^2) \rightarrow Y = \text{Spec } k[x]$

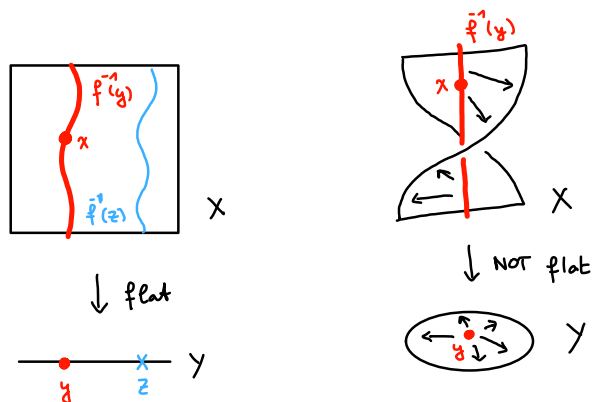
(note:  $X$  not reduced)

Flat morphisms of irreducible Noeth. schemes have constant fiber dimension, more precisely:

Thm (Flatness & fiber dim) Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a morph. of loc. Noeth. schemes. Then for all  $x \in X$  &  $y = f(x) \in Y$  we have:

a)  $\dim_x f^{-1}(y) + \dim_y Y \geq \dim_x X.$

b) If  $f$  is flat, then equality holds.



Pf. Recall  $\dim_y Y = \dim \mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$  etc.

Base change under  $\text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \rightarrow Y$  preserves the local rings

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  w/  $A$  Noetherian local,  $y$  closed pt

Put  $X_y = f^{-1}(y)$ . We use induction on  $\dim Y$ :

•  $\dim Y = 0$ :  $Y$  is a "fat point", so  $(X_y)^{\text{red}} = X^{\text{red}} \Rightarrow \dim X_y = \dim X$

•  $\dim Y \geq 1$ :

Replace  $Y$  by  $Y^{\text{red}}$  &  $X$  by  $X_x, Y^{\text{red}}$

(doesn't change local dimension, and it preserves flatness)

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  reduced

Let  $t \in A$  not a zero divisor & not a unit

$\Rightarrow \dim A/tA = \dim A - 1$  (by Krull's p-ideal thm)

$\dim B/tB \geq \dim B - 1$  for  $B := \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ .

$\uparrow$  ("=" if  $f$  is flat, since then  $t$  is not a zero divisor in  $B$ )

Let  $Y' := \text{Spec } A/tA$  &  $X' := X_x, Y'$

By induction  $\dim_x X'_y + \dim_y Y' \geq \dim_x X'$  w/ equality if  $f$  is flat

Here  $X'_y = X_y$ ,  $\dim_y Y' = \dim_y Y - 1$

and  $\dim_x X' \geq \dim_x X - 1$  w/ equality if  $f$  is flat.  $\square$



Thm (Generic flatness) Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  of finite type  
with  $S$  integral & Noetherian.

$\Rightarrow \forall \mathcal{E} \in \text{Coh}(X) \exists$  open dense  $U \subset S$ :

$f: f^{-1}(U) \rightarrow U$  is flat and

$\mathcal{E}|_{f^{-1}(U)}$  is flat over  $\mathcal{O}_U$

(ie  $\mathcal{E}_x$  flat over  $\mathcal{O}_{U, f(x)}$   $\forall x \in f^{-1}(U)$ )

Pf. Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } B \rightarrow S = \text{Spec } A$ .

Goal:  $\forall$  fin. gen  $M \in \text{Mod}(B) \exists f \in A \setminus \{0\}: M_f$  free /  $A_f$ .

$B_K := B \otimes_A K$  fin. type algebra over  $K := \text{Quot}(A)$ .

Use induction on  $d = \dim(B_K)$  (Krull dim, which is  $< \infty$ )

$M$  fin. gen /  $A \Rightarrow \exists$  filtration  $0 \subset M_1 \subset \dots \subset M_n = M$

w/  $M_i / M_{i-1} \simeq B / \mathfrak{p}_i$  ( $\mathfrak{p}_i \in \text{Spec } B$ )

$\dim((B/\mathfrak{p}_i)_K) \leq \dim(B_K)$

& extensions of free  $A_f$ -modules are free

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $M = B$   
&  $B$  a domain  
(replace by  $B/\mathfrak{p}_i$ )

If  $\exists 0 \neq f \in \ker(A \rightarrow B)$ , then  $B_f \simeq 0$  & we're done.

Hence wlog  $A \hookrightarrow B$  injective.

Noether normalization:  $\exists f \in A$  w/  $A_f \hookrightarrow A_f[x_1, \dots, x_n] \xrightarrow{\text{finite}} B_f$

wlog  $f = 1$  (replace  $A, B$  by  $A_f, B_f$ )

Pick a basis  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in B$  of  $\text{Quot}(B)$  over  $K(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ .

$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow A[x_1, \dots, x_n]^{\oplus m} \xrightarrow{\varphi} B \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$   
 $(p_1, \dots, p_m) \mapsto \sum_i p_i b_i$

w/  $Q := \text{coker}(\varphi) \in \text{Mod}(A[x_1, \dots, x_n])$  fin. gen.

and  $\text{Supp}(\tilde{Q}) \xrightarrow[\text{closed}]{\neq} \text{Spec}(A[x_1, \dots, x_n])$

$\Rightarrow Q \in \text{Mod}(S')$  w/  $S' = A[x_1, \dots, x_n]/(g)$ , some  $g \neq 0$

But  $\dim(S'_K) < d$ , so by induction  $\exists f \in A: Q_f$  free /  $A_f$

$\Rightarrow$  by  $(*)$  then  $B_f$  is free over  $A_f$  & we're done.  $\square$

Rem Over non-reduced bases generic flatness may fail:

e.g.  $f: X = \text{Spec } k \rightarrow S = \text{Spec } k[t]/(t^2) \dots$

Thm (fiberwise smoothness criterion) Let  $f: X \rightarrow S$  be a fin. type morphism between Noetherian schemes. Then TFAE:

a)  $f$  is smooth

b)  $f$  is flat w/ smooth fibers

(ie  $\forall s \in S: X_s \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} k(s)$  smooth)

c)  $f$  is flat w/ smooth geometric fibers

(ie  $\forall \operatorname{Spec} K \rightarrow S$  w/  $K$  alg closed field, the morphism  $X_K \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec} K$  is smooth)

Pf. b)  $\Leftrightarrow$  c) by descent of smoothness over fields.

a)  $\Rightarrow$  b):

$f$  smooth  $\Rightarrow$  fibers are smooth by base change

Goal:  $f$  is also flat.

Claim local on  $X$ , so wlog  $X = V(f_1, \dots, f_c) \subset \mathbb{A}_S^n$

w/  $\operatorname{rk}(df_1, \dots, df_c)(p) = c$  at a given  $p \in X$

(Jacobian criterion for smoothness).

Put  $X_i := V(f_1, \dots, f_i) \subset \mathbb{A}_S^n$  ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, c$ )

Jacobian criterion  $\Rightarrow X_i$  smooth /  $S$  for all  $i$

Now show flatness by descending induction on  $i$ :

•  $X_0 = \mathbb{A}_S^n$  flat /  $S$

• Assume now  $W := X_{i+1}$  flat /  $S$  for some  $i$ .

Goal: Then  $Z := X_i$  is also flat /  $S$ .

Note:  $Z = V(f) \subset W$  w/  $f := f_i|_W$ .

By construction  $f(p) = 0$  &  $df \neq 0$  in  $\Omega_{W/S}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{W,p}} k(p)$ .

We'll use the local flatness criterion:

$A$  local Noeth. ring &  $M \in \operatorname{Mod}(A)$ ,

then  $M$  flat /  $A \iff m_A \otimes_A M \rightarrow M$  injective.

So we want to show:

$$m_{S,s} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{S,s}} \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \text{ injective} \quad (s := f(p))$$

Consider  $\mathcal{K} := \ker(\mathcal{O}_{W,p} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Z,p})$ .

We have a diagram w/ exact rows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} m_{S,s} \otimes \mathcal{K} & \rightarrow & m_{S,s} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{W,p} & \rightarrow & m_{S,s} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} & \rightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow \varphi' & & \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \varphi'' & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{K} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{O}_{W,p} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Here  $\ker \varphi = 0$  since  $W$  is flat /  $S$  (by induction).

Snake lemma:

$\Rightarrow$  only need to show  $\text{cok } \varphi' \rightarrow \text{cok } \varphi$  is injective!

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathcal{K} / m_{S,s} \cdot \mathcal{K} & & \mathcal{O}_{W_s,p} \\ & & (W_s = f^{-1}(s) \cap W) \end{array}$$

For this use

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{O}_{W,p} & \xrightarrow{\cdot \bar{f}} & \mathcal{O}_{W,p} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{O}_{Z,p} \rightarrow 0 \\ & \searrow & \nearrow & & \\ & \mathcal{K} & & & \end{array}$$

Modulo  $m_{S,s}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_{W_s,p} & \xrightarrow{\cdot \bar{f}} & \mathcal{O}_{W_s,p} = \text{cok}(\varphi) \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & \text{cok}(\varphi') & \end{array}$$

By b),  $W_s$  is smooth /  $K(s)$

$\Rightarrow$  regular, hence  $\mathcal{O}_{W_s,p}$  is a domain and thus  $0 \neq \bar{f} \in \mathcal{O}_{W_s,p}$  is not a zero divisor!

$\Rightarrow \text{cok}(\varphi') \hookrightarrow \text{cok}(\varphi)$  injective

b)  $\Rightarrow$  a):

Locally may assume  $X = \text{Spec } A \rightarrow S = \text{Spec } R$ ,

w/  $A = B/J$  for  $B = R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ .

Let  $p \in X$  &  $s = f(p) \in S$ . Put  $A_s := A \otimes_R K(s)$   
 $B_s := B \otimes_R K(s)$

$X \text{ flat / } S \Rightarrow J_s := \ker(A_s \rightarrow B_s) \stackrel{!}{=} J \otimes_R K(s)$

By right exactness of  $\otimes$  then  $(J/J^2) \otimes_R K(s) = J_s/J_s^2$ .

By assumption  $X_s \rightarrow \text{Spec } K(s)$  is smooth

$\Rightarrow$  locally split exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & J_s/J_s^2 & \rightarrow & A_s \otimes_{B_s} \Omega_{B_s/K(s)}^1 & \rightarrow & \Omega_{A_s/K(s)}^1 \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \text{flatness} \rightsquigarrow \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ & & (J/J^2) \otimes_R K(s) & & (A \otimes_B \Omega_{B/R}^1) \otimes_R K(s) & & \Omega_{A/R}^1 \otimes_R K(s) \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow J/J^2 \rightarrow A \otimes_B \Omega_{B/R}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{A/R}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

is also locally split exact near  $p$  (Nakayama) □

## VIII. Sheaf cohomology

Motivation: For top spaces  $S$ , the functor

$$H^0(S, -) : \text{Sh}(S) \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

$$\mathcal{F} \mapsto \mathcal{F}(S)$$

is only left exact: For a short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'' \rightarrow 0$$

in  $\text{Sh}(S)$ , we only get exactness of the black sequence below:

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(S, \mathcal{F}') \rightarrow H^0(S, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^0(S, \mathcal{F}'')$$


$$\rightarrow H^1(S, \mathcal{F}') \rightarrow H^1(S, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \dots$$

Goal: Extend to a long exact sequence in a "minimal / universal" way, using just homological algebra!

## 8.1. Derived functors

Recall A category  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be preadditive if

- $\exists$  object  $0 \in \mathcal{A}$  that is both initial & final,
- $\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{A} \exists$  coproduct  $X \sqcup Y$  & product  $X \times Y$  and the morphism

$$(\text{id} \times 0) \sqcup (0 \times \text{id}) : X \sqcup Y \rightarrow X \times Y \text{ is an iso.}$$

$$\text{We then write } X \oplus Y := X \times Y = X \sqcup Y.$$

Rem Any preadditive category  $\mathcal{A}$  is "enriched in monoids":

- $\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ , define  $0 \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y)$  as the composite  $0 := (X \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow Y)$ .

- For  $f, g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y)$  define

$$f + g : X \xrightarrow{\text{diag}} X \oplus X \simeq X \sqcup X \xrightarrow{f \sqcup g} Y$$

- This makes  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y)$  an abelian monoid, and  $\circ : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Y, Z) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Z)$  is a monoid homomorphism (exercise).

Def An additive category is a preadditive category  $\mathcal{A}$  where all the monoids  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y)$  are groups.

An abelian category is an additive category  $\mathcal{A}$  sth  $\forall X, Y \in \mathcal{A} \quad \forall f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(X, Y)$ :

- $\exists \ker(f) := \lim \left( \begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y \\ & \searrow f & \\ X & & \end{array} \right) \in \mathcal{A}$
- $\exists \text{cok}(f) := \text{colim} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 0 \\ & \searrow f & \\ & & Y \end{array} \right) \in \mathcal{A}$
- the natural morphism

$\text{coim}(f) \rightarrow \text{im}(f)$  is an iso.

Here  $\text{coim}(f) := \text{cok}(\ker(f) \rightarrow X)$ ,

$\text{im}(f) := \ker(Y \rightarrow \text{cok}(f))$ .

Ex  $\mathcal{A}$  = abelian gps,  $R$ -modules, sheaves of abgps on a space, quasicoherent sheaves on a scheme, coherent sheaves on a Noetherian scheme, etc.

Rem  $\mathcal{A}$  being abelian is a property, not extra structure!

We have:  $\mathcal{A}$  abelian  $\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{op}}$  abelian.

Def Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  be abelian categories.

A functor  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is additive if

- $F(0) \simeq 0$
- $F(X \oplus Y) \simeq F(X) \oplus F(Y)$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{A}$ .

It then preserves split exact sequences:

Def We say a sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \xrightarrow{i} Y \xrightarrow{p} Z \rightarrow 0$  splits if the following equivalent conditions hold:

- $\exists$  section  $s \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Z, Y)$  w/  $g \circ s = \text{id}$
- $\exists$  retraction  $p \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Y, X)$  w/  $p \circ f = \text{id}$
- $\exists$  iso

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y & \xrightarrow{p} & Z \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow s & & \parallel \\ 0 & \rightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} & X \oplus Z & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} & Z \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Def An object  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  is injective if every mono  $i: X \rightarrow Y$  splits, or equivalently if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(-, X)$  is exact.

An object  $Z \in \mathcal{A}$  is projective if every epi  $p: Y \rightarrow Z$  splits, or equivalently if  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(Z, -)$  is exact.

Ex a) An abelian gp  $M$  is injective iff it is divisible.

b) Any abelian gp  $M$  embeds in a divisible ab gp  $\tilde{M}$ .

Pf. a)  $M$  injective

$\Rightarrow$  the injection  $\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{n} \mathbb{Z}$  induces a surjection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, M) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}, M) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \tilde{M} & \xrightarrow{n} & \tilde{M} \end{array} \Rightarrow M \text{ divisible}$$

Conversely, assume  $M$  divisible. Let  $N \hookrightarrow \tilde{N}$  be any injection of abelian gps. We want to show

$\text{Hom}(\tilde{N}, M) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Hom}(N, M)$  is surjective.

Given any  $f \in \text{Hom}(N, M)$ , consider the set of pairs

$(N', f')$  w/  $N \subset N' \subset \tilde{N}$  and  $f' \in \text{Hom}(N', M)$ ,  $f'|_N = f$ .

These are partially ordered & Zorn's lemma gives a maximal pair  $(N', f')$ . If  $N' \neq \tilde{N}$ , pick  $a \in \tilde{N} \setminus N'$ .

Consider  $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \tilde{N}$ ,  $n \mapsto n \cdot a$ .

and write  $\varphi^{-1}(N') = m\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Z}$  (some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

Now

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} m & \mapsto & ma \\ \cap & & \cap \\ m\mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & N' & \xrightarrow{f'} & M \\ \cap & & & & \\ \mathbb{Z} & \dashrightarrow & & \nearrow & \\ & & \exists f & & \end{array}$$

(for  $m=0$  trivially, for  $m \neq 0$  we only need to pick  $u \in M$  w/  $mu = f'(ma)$  using  $M$  is divisible)

$\Rightarrow$  extension of  $f': N' \rightarrow M$

to  $f'': N'' := N' + \mathbb{Z} \cdot a \rightarrow M$   $\swarrow$

b) Let  $M$  be any abelian gp.

Let  $0 \neq a \in M \Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cdot a \subset M$  is  $\simeq \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cdot a \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Q}/n\mathbb{Z} =: \tilde{M}(a)$$

$\uparrow$   
divisible, hence injective!

$\tilde{M}(a)$  injective

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \cdot a \hookrightarrow \tilde{M}(a)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cap & & \nearrow \\ M & \dashrightarrow & \exists f_a \text{ (maybe not injective)} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{a \in M \setminus \{0\}} f_a: M \hookrightarrow \tilde{M} := \prod_{a \in M \setminus \{0\}} \tilde{M}(a) \text{ works. } \square$$

Def We say an abelian cat  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives if

$\forall X \in \mathcal{A} \exists \text{ mono } X \hookrightarrow \tilde{X} \text{ w/ } \tilde{X} \text{ injective.}$

What about non-split sequences?

Def An additive functor  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  of abelian categories is left exact if for all short exact sequences  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  the sequence  $0 \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow F(Y) \rightarrow F(Z)$  is exact.

Ex •  $F = \text{Hom}_R(R, -)$  on  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Mod}(R)$   
•  $F = \Gamma(S, -)$  on  $\mathcal{A} = \text{Sh}(S)$ , etc.

We want to remedy the failure of right exactness in a minimal way:

Def Let  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be left exact.

A cohomological  $\delta$ -functor extending  $F$  is a sequence of additive functors  $F^i: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  w/  $F^0 = F$  together with natural boundary maps  $\delta: F^i(Z) \rightarrow F^{i+1}(X)$  for each exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ , ...

... sth  $\forall$  such sequences we get a long exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F^0 X \rightarrow F^0 Y \rightarrow F^0 Z \xrightarrow{\delta} F^1 X \rightarrow F^1 Y \rightarrow F^1 Z \xrightarrow{\delta} \dots$$

The cohomological  $\delta$ -functors extending  $F$  form a category.

By a universal cohomological  $\delta$ -functor extending  $F$  we mean an initial object of this category.

Q Do they exist? How to construct them?

The key is the following notion:

Def An additive functor  $G: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is effaceable if  $\forall X \in \mathcal{A} \exists \text{ mono } X \hookrightarrow \tilde{X} \text{ w/ } G(\tilde{X}) = 0$ .

Rem a)  $G$  effaceable  $\Rightarrow G(X) = 0 \forall$  injective  $X \in \mathcal{A}$   
b) If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives, then  $\Leftrightarrow$  holds.

Pf. a) Let  $X \hookrightarrow \tilde{X}$  w/  $G(\tilde{X}) = 0$ .

If  $X$  is injective, then  $\tilde{X} \cong X \oplus (\dots)$ , hence  $G(X) = 0$ .

b) Follows from a). □

Def A cohomological  $\delta$ -functor  $(F^i)_{i \geq 0}$  is effaceable

if  $G := F^i$  is so  $\forall i > 0$  (we don't include  $i=0$ ).

Thm a) Any effaceable cohomological  $\delta$ -functor is universal.

b) If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives, then any left exact functor  $F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  extends to an effaceable,

hence universal cohomological  $\delta$ -functor  $(R^i F)_{i \geq 0}$ .

We call  $R^i F: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  the  $i$ th right derived functor of  $F$ .

Pf. a) Let  $(F^i)_{i \geq 0}$  be effaceable  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ (G^i)_{i \geq 0} \text{ any coh. } \delta\text{-functor} \end{array} \right\} \text{extending } F$ .

Construct natural trafs  $\varphi_i: F^i \rightarrow G^i$  inductively:

For  $i=0$  have  $\varphi_0: F^0 = F \xrightarrow{\text{id}} G^0 = F$  by assumption.

For  $i > 0$ : Suppose we already have  $\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_{i-1}$ .

Given  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $\exists \tilde{X} \in \mathcal{A}$  w/  $F^i(\tilde{X}) = 0$ .

We get

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}) & \rightarrow & F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}/X) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & F^i(X) \rightarrow F^i(\tilde{X}) = 0 \\ \downarrow \varphi_{i-1} & & \downarrow \varphi_{i-1} & & \downarrow \exists! \varphi_i \\ G^{i-1}(\tilde{X}) & \rightarrow & G^{i-1}(\tilde{X}/X) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & G^i(X) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F^i(\tilde{X}) = 0 &\Rightarrow F^i(X) = \text{cok}(F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}) \rightarrow F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}/X)) \\ &\Rightarrow \exists! \varphi_i \text{ as shown} \end{aligned}$$

Check that  $\varphi_i$  is independent of the chosen  $\tilde{X}$ :

Given another mono  $X \hookrightarrow \tilde{X}'$  w/  $F^i(\tilde{X}') = 0$ ,

also have  $X \xrightarrow{\text{diag}} \tilde{X} \oplus \tilde{X}'$  w/  $F^i(\tilde{X} \oplus \tilde{X}') = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{wlog } \tilde{X} \hookrightarrow \tilde{X}'$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Then } 0 & \rightarrow & X & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{X} & \rightarrow & \tilde{X}/X \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & X & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{X}' & \rightarrow & \tilde{X}'/X \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{gives } F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}) & \rightarrow & F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}/X) & \rightarrow & F^i(X) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & \downarrow & & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ & F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}') & \rightarrow & F^{i-1}(\tilde{X}'/X) & \rightarrow & F^i(X) & \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

& similarly for  $G^i$ , hence  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{X}'$  induce the same  $\varphi_i$ .

Exercise: These  $(\varphi_i)_{i \geq 0}$  give a morphism of  $\delta$ -functors.



b) First let's find a candidate for an effaceable  $(R^i F)_{i \geq 0}$ ,  
in fact there is no choice:

Let  $X \in \mathcal{A}$ . Pick  $X \hookrightarrow J^0$  w/  $J^0$  injective,

and let  $X^1 := J^0 / X^0$ .

$$\Rightarrow F(J^0) \rightarrow F(X^1) \rightarrow R^1 F(X) \rightarrow 0 = R^1 F(J^0)$$

$\Rightarrow$  necessarily since  $R^1 F$  effaceable  
and  $J^0$  injective

$$F^1(X) \simeq \text{cok}(F(J^0) \rightarrow F(X^1)).$$

Proceed inductively:

Pick  $X^1 \hookrightarrow J^1$  w/  $J^1$  injective,  $X^2 := J^1 / X^1 \hookrightarrow J^2$  etc

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow J^0 \rightarrow J^1 \rightarrow J^2 \rightarrow \dots \text{ exact}$$

w/ all  $J^i \in \mathcal{A}$  injective (an "injective resolution  $X \rightarrow J^\bullet$ ")

$$\text{Put } X^i := \text{cok}(J^{i-2} \rightarrow J^{i-1}) = J^{i-1} / X^{i-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow R^i F(X) &\simeq R^{i-1} F(X^1) \simeq \dots \simeq R^1 F(X^{i-1}) \\ &\simeq \text{cok}(F(J^{i-1}) \rightarrow F(X^i)) \\ &= H^i(F(J^\bullet)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$H^i(F(J^\bullet)) := \frac{\ker(F(J^i) \rightarrow F(J^{i+1}))}{\text{im}(F(J^{i-1}) \rightarrow F(J^i))}.$$

Upshot: To compute  $R^i F(X)$ ,

pick an injective resolution  $X \rightarrow J^\bullet$

& take its cohomology of the complex  $F(J^\bullet)$ .

We need to check:

\* this is independent of the chosen injective resolut<sup>n</sup>  $X \rightarrow J^\bullet$

\* the sequence  $(R^i F)_{i \geq 0}$  forms a cohom.  $\delta$ -functor.

See the two propositions below.

Effaceability is then automatic:

For  $X$  injective, take  $X \xrightarrow{\text{id}} J^\bullet$  w/  $J^i = \begin{cases} X, & i=0 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$   
then

$$R^i F(X) = 0 \text{ for all } i > 0.$$

□

## 2. Injective resolutions & homotopy categories

Q Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an ab cat w/ enough injectives.

For every  $X \in \mathcal{A} \exists$  injective resolution  $X \rightarrow J^\bullet$

but there is no natural choice for it. How to make the assignment  $X \mapsto J^\bullet$  functorial?

Def Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an additive cat.

a)  $C(\mathcal{A}) :=$  category of cochain complexes in  $\mathcal{A}$ , ie

• objects:

$$X^\bullet = ( \dots \rightarrow X^i \xrightarrow{d^i} X^{i+1} \xrightarrow{d^{i+1}} X^{i+2} \rightarrow \dots )$$

$$\text{w/ } d^{i+1} \circ d^i = 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z},$$

• morphisms:

$$f = (f^i: X^i \rightarrow Y^i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \quad \text{w/ } d^i \circ f^i = f^{i+1} \circ d^i \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Subcategories of bounded complexes:

$$C^{\geq 0}(\mathcal{A}) := \{X^\bullet \mid \forall i < 0: X^i = 0\} \subset C(\mathcal{A}),$$

$$C^+(\mathcal{A}) := \{X^\bullet \mid \exists i_0 \forall i < i_0: X^i = 0\} \subset C(\mathcal{A}).$$

b) Two morphisms  $f, g: X^\bullet \rightarrow Y^\bullet$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$  are called chain homotopic if  $\exists (h^i: X^i \rightarrow Y^{i-1})_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  sth

$$f^i - g^i = h^{i+1} \circ d^i - d^{i-1} \circ h^i \quad \text{for all } i \in \mathbb{Z}:$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \dots & \rightarrow & X^{i-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{i-1}} & X^i & \xrightarrow{d^i} & X^{i+1} \rightarrow \dots \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow & \swarrow h^i & \downarrow & \swarrow h^{i+1} & \downarrow \\ \dots & \rightarrow & Y^{i-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{i-1}} & Y^i & \xrightarrow{d^i} & Y^{i+1} \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

We write  $f \sim g$  and call  $(h^i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  a chain homotopy.

c) The homotopy category of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the category  $K(\mathcal{A})$  w/ the same objects as  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , but morphisms up to chain homotopy:

$$\text{Hom}_{K(\mathcal{A})}(X^\bullet, Y^\bullet) := \text{Hom}_{C(\mathcal{A})}(X^\bullet, Y^\bullet) / \sim$$

This is still an additive category. We define

$K^{\geq 0}(\mathcal{A}), K^+(\mathcal{A}) \subset K(\mathcal{A})$  the subcategories of objects which are in  $C^{\geq 0}(\mathcal{A}), C^+(\mathcal{A})$ .

**Note:** These are not stable under iso in  $K(\mathcal{A})$ !

Lemma ("homotopy invariance of cohomology")

For  $\mathcal{A}$  abelian, the cohomology functor

$$H^i : C(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A},$$

$$X^\bullet \mapsto H^i(X^\bullet) := \frac{\ker(X^i \rightarrow X^{i+1})}{\operatorname{im}(X^{i-1} \rightarrow X^i)}$$

factors over the homotopy category:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C(\mathcal{A}) & \xrightarrow{H^i} & \mathcal{A} \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \exists! H^i \\ & K(\mathcal{A}) & \end{array}$$

Pf. Let  $f, g \in \operatorname{Hom}_{C(\mathcal{A})}(X^\bullet, Y^\bullet)$  w/  $f \sim g$ .

Pick a chain homotopy  $(h^i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  between  $f$  and  $g$ .

$$\text{Let } Z^i(X^\bullet) := \ker(d^i : X^i \rightarrow X^{i+1}),$$

$$B^i(X^\bullet) := \operatorname{im}(d^{i-1} : X^{i-1} \rightarrow X^i), \text{ ditto for } Y^\bullet$$

$$\Rightarrow f^i - g^i = d^{i-1} \circ h^i + h^{i+1} \circ d^i$$

maps  $Z^i(X^\bullet)$  into  $B^i(Y^\bullet)$  since  $d^i(Z^i(X^\bullet)) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow H^i(f - g) = 0 : H^i(X^\bullet) \rightarrow H^i(Y^\bullet)$$

$$\Rightarrow H^i(f) = H^i(g)$$

□

Prop ("Functorial injective resolutions")

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian cat w/ enough injectives.

Let  $\operatorname{Inj}(\mathcal{A})$  be the category of injectives in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

and consider the full subcategory

$$\mathcal{C} := \{X^\bullet \mid \forall i \neq 0 : H^i(X^\bullet) = 0\} \subset K^{\geq 0}(\operatorname{Inj}(\mathcal{A}))$$

Then  $H^0 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is an equivalence of categories.

$$(\Rightarrow \exists \text{ quasi-inverse } \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}, X \mapsto J^\bullet)$$

Pf.  $H^0 : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  essentially surjective

since every  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  has an injective resolution  $X \rightarrow J^\bullet$

( $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives) & then  $J^\bullet \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $H^0(J^\bullet) \simeq X$ .

For full faithfulness we must check:

Given  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  & inj. res  $X \rightarrow J^\bullet$ ,  $Y \rightarrow J^\bullet$ ,

$\exists f^\bullet : J^\bullet \rightarrow J^\bullet$  in  $C(\mathcal{A})$ , unique up to chain homotopy,

$$\text{sth } 0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow J^0 \rightarrow J^1 \rightarrow J^2 \rightarrow \dots$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & f & \downarrow & f^0 \downarrow & f^1 \downarrow & f^2 \downarrow & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Y & \rightarrow & J^0 & \rightarrow & J^1 & \rightarrow & J^2 & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array} \quad \text{commutes.}$$

Existence:

$J^0$  injective  $\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(-, J^0)$  exact

$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}(J^0, J^0) \twoheadrightarrow \text{Hom}(X, J^0)$  surjective

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \psi & & \psi \\ \exists f^0 & \mapsto & (X \xrightarrow{f} Y \rightarrow J^0) \end{array}$$

Proceed inductively:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \dots \rightarrow J^n \rightarrow J^{n+1} & & \text{Hom}(J^{n+1}, J^{n+1}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(J^n, J^{n+1}) \\ f^n \downarrow & \text{red } \downarrow \exists f^{n+1} & \psi \\ \dots \rightarrow J^n \rightarrow J^{n+1} & & \exists f^{n+1} \mapsto (J^n \xrightarrow{f^n} J^n \rightarrow J^{n+1}) \end{array}$$

Uniqueness up to homotopy:

Given two solutions  $(f^n)_{n \geq 0}$  and  $(g^n)_{n \geq 0}$ , put  $\varphi^n := f^n - g^n$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & X & \xrightarrow{d^{-1}} & J^0 & \xrightarrow{d^0} & J^1 & \xrightarrow{d^1} & J^2 & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & 0 \downarrow & \text{red } \swarrow f^0 & \varphi^0 \downarrow & \text{red } \swarrow f^1 & \varphi^1 \downarrow & \text{red } \swarrow f^2 & \varphi^2 \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & Y & \xrightarrow{d^{-1}} & J^0 & \xrightarrow{d^0} & J^1 & \xrightarrow{d^1} & J^2 & \rightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Goal:  $\exists (h^n)_{n \geq 0}$  w/  $\varphi^i = h^{i+1} \circ d^i - d^{i-1} \circ h^i$ .

Put  $h^0 := 0$ .

By induction, suppose we have  $\varphi^{n-1} = h^n \circ d^{n-1} - d^{n-2} \circ h^{n-1}$

in the diagram below (for the induction start we put

$J^{-1} = X, J^{-1} = Y$  and  $J^m = J^m = 0$  for  $m < -1$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} J^{n-2} & \xrightarrow{d^{n-2}} & J^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} & J^n & \xrightarrow{d^n} & J^{n+1} \\ \varphi^{n-2} \downarrow & \text{red } \swarrow h^{n-1} & \varphi^{n-1} \downarrow & \text{red } \swarrow h^n & \varphi^n \downarrow & \text{red } \swarrow \exists h^{n+1} ? & \\ J^{n-2} & \xrightarrow{d^{n-2}} & J^{n-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{n-1}} & J^n & & \end{array}$$

Goal:  $\exists h^{n+1}$  with  $\varphi^n + d^{n-1} \circ h^n = h^{n+1} \circ d^n$

By injectivity of  $J^n$  it suffices to construct  $h^{n+1}$  on  $\text{im}(d^n) \subset J^{n+1}$

(extension to  $h^n: J^{n+1} \rightarrow J^n$  is then automatic).

But  $\text{im}(d^n) \simeq J^n / \text{im}(d^{n-1})$

$\Rightarrow$  enough to show  $(\varphi^n + d^{n-1} \circ h^n) \circ d^{n-1} = 0$

This is trivial:

- $\varphi^n \circ d^{n-1} = d^{n-1} \circ \varphi^{n-1}$

- $d^{n-1} \circ h^n \circ d^{n-1} = d^{n-1} \circ (\varphi^{n-1} + d^{n-2} \circ h^{n-1})$  by induction  
 $= d^{n-1} \circ \varphi^{n-1}$  as  $d^{n-1} \circ d^{n-2} = 0$



Upshot If  $\mathcal{A}$  has enough injectives,

$\exists$  functor  $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow K^{\geq 0}(\text{Inj } \mathcal{A})$ ,  $X \mapsto \mathcal{I}^\bullet = \mathcal{I}_X^\bullet$

sending  $X$  to an injective resolution of  $X$ .

$\Rightarrow$  For a left exact functor  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ , we get well-defined functors

$$R^i F_* : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$$

using  $F : K^{\geq 0}(\text{Inj } \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow K^{\geq 0}(\mathcal{B})$

$$X \mapsto H^i(F(\mathcal{I}_X^\bullet))$$

We also know  $R^i F_*(X) = 0$  for  $X$  injective &  $i > 0$ .

To check  $(R^i F_*)_{i \geq 0}$  form a universal cohomological  $\delta$ -functor, we only need the long exact sequence.

Lemma  $\mathcal{A}$  ab. cat w/ enough injectives

$0 \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow 0$  exact in  $\mathcal{A}$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  injective resolutions

$$\begin{array}{c} X \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^\bullet \\ Y \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet \\ Z \rightarrow \mathcal{K}^\bullet \end{array}$$

sth the following diagram commutes and has exact rows and columns:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 0 & & 0 & & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & X & \rightarrow & Y & \rightarrow & Z \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{I}^0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}^0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{K}^0 \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{I}^1 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{J}^1 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{K}^1 \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \end{array}$$

Pf (outline).

- Pick an injective resolution  $X \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^\bullet$
- Construct an injective resolution  $Y \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$  w/  $\mathcal{J}^\bullet \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^\bullet$  sth moreover  $\mathcal{J}^\bullet \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^\bullet$  is a monomorphism in each degree
- Put  $K^i := \mathcal{J}^i / \mathcal{I}^i$

Note:  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^i \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^{i+1} \rightarrow K^{i+1} \rightarrow 0$  split since  $\mathcal{J}^i$  injective

$\Rightarrow K^i$  direct summand of  $\mathcal{J}^{i+1}$ , hence injective



Rem All rows except the first one split, since the  $J^n$  are injective.

$\Rightarrow$  For any additive functor  $F: A \rightarrow B$ , still get exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow F(J^\bullet) \rightarrow F(J^\bullet) \rightarrow F(K^\bullet) \rightarrow 0$$

hence a long exact cohomology sequence

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdots \rightarrow H^i(F(J^\bullet)) \rightarrow H^i(F(J^\bullet)) \rightarrow H^i(F(K^\bullet)) \\ \searrow \hspace{10em} \nearrow \\ \rightarrow H^{i+1}(F(J^\bullet)) \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

(diagram chase using snake lemma)

$\Rightarrow$  For  $F$  left exact this reads:

$$\begin{array}{c} \cdots \rightarrow R^i F(X) \rightarrow R^i F(Y) \rightarrow R^i F(Z) \\ \searrow \hspace{10em} \nearrow \\ \rightarrow R^{i+1}(X) \rightarrow \cdots \end{array}$$

so  $(R^i F)_{i \geq 0}$  is a univ. coh.  $\delta$ -functor extending  $F$ .

### 3. Sheaf cohomology

Recall  $A$  ab cat w/ enough injectives

$F: A \rightarrow B$  left exact fctor

to another abelian cat  $B$ ,

then for  $i \geq 0$  we get functors

$$R^i F: A \rightarrow B$$

$$K \mapsto H^i(F(J^\bullet))$$

w/  $K \rightarrow J^\bullet$  inj. res.

sth for any short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \rightarrow L \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0$$

we get a long exact sequence

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & FK & \rightarrow & FL & \rightarrow & FM \\ & & & & & & \uparrow \delta \\ & & & & & & R^1 FK \rightarrow R^1 FL \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Def ("sheaf cohomology")

$X$  top space

$A = \text{Sh}(X) :=$  sheaves of ab gps on  $X$

$B = \text{AbGps} :=$  abelian groups

$$F = \Gamma_{\text{Sh}(X)}(X, -): \text{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \text{AbGps}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow H^i_{\text{Sh}(X)}(X, -) := R^i \Gamma_{\text{Sh}(X)}(X, -)$$

Def ("cohomology of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules")

$X$  **ringed** space

$$A = \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

$$B = \text{AbGps}$$

$$F = \Gamma_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X}(X, -): \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \text{AbGps}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow H^i_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X}(X, -) := R^i \Gamma_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X}(X, -)$$

Goal For  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ ,

$\exists$  natural iso

$$H^i_{\text{Sh}(X)}(X, \mathcal{F}) \cong H^i_{\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)}(X, \mathcal{F}).$$

Recall:

$$a) H_{\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)}^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = H^i(\mathcal{J}^\bullet(X))$$

where  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$  is a resolution

by injective objects  $\mathcal{J}^k$  in  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$

$$b) H_{\text{Sh}(X)}^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = H^i(\mathcal{J}^\bullet(X))$$

where  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$  is a resolution

by injective objects  $\mathcal{J}^k$  in  $\text{Sh}(X)$

Obvious attempt:

Pick  $\mathcal{J}^\bullet$  as in a)

Take  $\mathcal{J}^\bullet := \text{forget}(\mathcal{J}^\bullet)$  in b)

w/  $\text{forget} : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(X)$ .

Clearly  $H^i(\text{forget}(\mathcal{J}^\bullet)(X)) \simeq H^i(\mathcal{J}^\bullet(X))$ .

BUT: In general forget does NOT  
send injectives to injectives !!!

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad X = \text{pt}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_X(X) = k \text{ a field of char } p > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_k(-, k) \text{ exact,}$$

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{AbGrps}}(-, k) \text{ not exact } (k, +) \text{ not divisible}$$

$$\Rightarrow k \text{ injective in } \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X),$$

but NOT in  $\text{Sh}(X)$ .

$\leadsto$  replace injectives by a larger class of objects:

Def Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an ab cat w/ enough injectives  
and  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  a left exact functor.

An object  $\mathcal{J} \in \mathcal{A}$  is F-acyclic

if  $R^i F(\mathcal{J}) \simeq 0$  for all  $i > 0$ .

Lemma Let  $K \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $K \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$  a resolution  
by F-acyclic objects  $\mathcal{J}^k \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  
 $R^i F(K) \simeq H^i(F(\mathcal{J}^\bullet))$  for all  $i$ .



Pf. As in the uniqueness proof for effaceable  $\delta$ -functors:

Put  $\mathcal{J}^{-1} := K$ ,  $\mathcal{J}^k := 0$  for  $k < -1$ ,

and

$$\begin{aligned} C^k &:= \operatorname{im}(\mathcal{J}^{k-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^k) \\ &= \ker(\mathcal{J}^k \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{From } 0 \rightarrow C^k \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^k \rightarrow C^{k+1} \rightarrow 0$$

&  $F$ -acyclicity of  $\mathcal{J}^k$  we get for all  $i > 0$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} R^i F(\mathcal{J}^{k-1}) & \rightarrow & R^i F(C^k) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & R^{i+1} F(C^{k-1}) & \rightarrow & R^{i+1} F(\mathcal{J}^{k-1}) \\ \parallel & & & & & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow R^i F(K) = R^i F(C^0)$$

$$\simeq R^{i-1} F(C^1)$$

$\vdots$

$$\simeq R^1 F(C^{i-1})$$

$$\simeq \operatorname{cok}(F(\mathcal{J}^i) \rightarrow F(C^i))$$

$$F(C^i)$$

$$= \ker(F(\mathcal{J}^i) \rightarrow F(\mathcal{J}^{i+1}))$$

as  $F$  is left exact

$$\simeq H^i(F(\mathcal{J}^\bullet))$$



Back to sheaves:

Def Let  $X$  be a top space.

A sheaf  $\mathcal{F} \in \operatorname{Sh}(X)$  is flabby

(or flasque, german = welk)

if  $\forall$  open  $U \subset V \subset X$  the restriction map  $\mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$  is surjective.

Prop a) On any ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ ,  
injective  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules are flabby sheaves.

b) On any top space  $X$ ,  
flabby sheaves on  $X$  are acyclic  
for  $\Gamma_{\operatorname{Sh}(X)}(X, -) : \operatorname{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \operatorname{AbGps}$ .

Pf. a) Consider open subsets  $U \xrightarrow{j_U} X$   
 $U \xrightarrow{j_V} V \xrightarrow{j_V} X$

For  $\mathcal{F} \in \operatorname{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  we have

$$\mathcal{F}(U) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_U}(\mathcal{O}_U, j_U^* \mathcal{F}) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(j_{U!} \mathcal{O}_U, \mathcal{F})$$

$$\mathcal{F}(V) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_V}(\mathcal{O}_V, j_V^* \mathcal{F}) \simeq \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(j_{V!} \mathcal{O}_V, \mathcal{F})$$

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is injective in  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ , then

applying  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(-, \mathcal{F})$  to  $j_{V!}\mathcal{O}_V \xrightarrow{\text{red}} j_{U!}\mathcal{O}_U$

we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(j_{U!}\mathcal{O}_U, \mathcal{F}) & \xrightarrow{\text{red}} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(j_{V!}\mathcal{O}_V, \mathcal{F}) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathcal{F}(U) & & \mathcal{F}(V) \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$  is flabby.

b) Assume  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$  is flabby.

Claim:  $\forall$  exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \rightarrow 0$

the map  $\mathcal{G}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(X)$  is surjective.

Indeed: Let  $h \in \mathcal{H}(X)$ .

Pick a maximal pair  $(U, g)$

w/  $U \subset X$  open &  $g_U \in \mathcal{G}(U)$  lifting  $h|_U \in \mathcal{H}(U)$

(such pairs exist since  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ ; now use Zorn's lemma).

If  $U \neq X$ , pick  $p \in X \setminus U$

Pick  $V \ni p$  sth  $\exists g_V \in \mathcal{G}(V)$  lifting  $h|_V$ .

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_W := U \cap V$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s &:= g_U|_W - g_V|_W \in \mathcal{F}(W) \\ &= \ker(\mathcal{G}(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(W)) \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{F}$  flabby  $\Rightarrow \exists f \in \mathcal{F}(X): f|_W = s$

$\Rightarrow g_U$  and  $\tilde{g}_V := g_V - s|_V$

agree on  $W = U \cap V$ , hence glue

to a section  $g_{U \cup V} \in \mathcal{G}(U \cup V)$

lifting  $h|_{U \cup V} \nless \text{maximality} \nless$

This proves the claim:

$$\mathcal{G}(X) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{H}(X).$$

Now embed  $\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}$  in an injective  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{Sh}(X)$ ,  
and put  $\mathcal{H} := \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{F}$ . Consider

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{surjective by the above}} \mathcal{H}(X) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \cdots$$

$\parallel$   
 $\circ$  since injective obj. are acyclic

$$\Rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0$$

$$\text{and } H^i(X, \mathcal{H}) \simeq H^{i+1}(X, \mathcal{F}) \quad \forall i \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 1 \text{ by induction,}$$

since  $\mathcal{H}$  is again flabby:

- $\mathcal{G}$  injective in  $\text{Sh}(X) = \text{Mod}(\mathbb{Z}_X)$ ,  
hence flabby by part a)
- for  $V \hookrightarrow U \hookrightarrow X$  open then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G}(U) & \rightarrow & \mathcal{H}(U) \\ \downarrow \text{epi since } \mathcal{G} \text{ flabby} & & \downarrow \text{hence epi} \\ \mathcal{G}(V) & \xrightarrow{\text{epi by claim}} & \mathcal{H}(V) \end{array}$$

□

Cor For any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ ,

$\exists$  natural iso

$$H_{\text{Sh}(X)}^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \simeq H_{\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)}^i(X, \mathcal{F}).$$

Pf. Pick  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$  injective resolut<sup>n</sup> in  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ .

$$\text{Put } \mathcal{J}^k := \text{forget}(\mathcal{J}^k) \in \text{Sh}(X).$$

$$\text{Prop b)} \Rightarrow \mathcal{J}^k \text{ flabby}$$

$$\text{Prop a)} \Rightarrow \mathcal{J}^k \text{ acyclic wrt } \Gamma(X, -)$$

$$\text{So } \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet \text{ acyclic resolution in } \text{Sh}(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{Sh}(X)}^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \simeq H^i(\mathcal{J}^\bullet(X)) \text{ by above lemma}$$

$$\simeq H^i(\mathcal{J}^\bullet(X)) \text{ as forget is exact}$$

$$\simeq H_{\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)}^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \quad \square$$

Notation:  $H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) := H_{\text{Sh}(X)}^i(X, \mathcal{F})$

Rem a) For a ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  &  $R := \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ ,  
can also derive  $\Gamma(X, -): \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(R)$ .

Since  $\text{forget}: \text{Mod}(R) \rightarrow \text{AbGps}$  is exact,

we get a commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) & & \\ \exists \downarrow & \searrow H^i(X, -) & \\ \text{Mod}(R) & \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} & \text{AbGps} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{F})$  are naturally  $R$ -modules

b) If  $X$  is a scheme, the abelian category  $\text{QCoh}(X)$  of quasicoh. sheaves has enough injectives by a result of Gabber (see e.g. Stacks 077K)

$\Rightarrow$  can also derive

$$\Gamma_{\text{QCoh}(X)}(X, -): \text{QCoh}(X) \rightarrow \text{AbGps}.$$

If  $X$  is **Noetherian**, then any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{QCoh}(X)$

has a resolution  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$  by **quasicohherent flabby**

sheaves  $\mathcal{J}^k \in \text{QCoh}(X)$

(take a finite cover  $X = \bigcup_\alpha U_\alpha$  w/  $U_\alpha = \text{Spec } R_\alpha$ ,

let  $M_\alpha := \mathcal{F}(U_\alpha) \in \text{Mod}(R_\alpha)$ , pick an

embedding  $M_\alpha \hookrightarrow \mathcal{J}_\alpha$  w/  $\mathcal{J}_\alpha$  injective  $R_\alpha$ -module

then  $\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet := \bigoplus_\alpha j_{\alpha*} \tilde{\mathcal{J}}_\alpha$

&  $\mathcal{J}^\bullet$  is flabby and qcch [Hartshorne, cor. III.3.6])

$\Rightarrow$  For  $X$  **Noetherian** we get a comm. diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{QCoh}(X) & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow R^i \Gamma_{\text{QCoh}(X), -} & \\ \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) & \xrightarrow{H^i(X, -)} & \text{AbGps} \end{array}$$

Caution: • This can fail for  $X$  not Noetherian.

- Even for  $X$  Noetherian, usually  $\text{Coh}(X)$  does NOT have enough injectives.

That's why we defined sheaf cohomology on all of  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ ...

#### 4. Serre vanishing on affine schemes

Goal: QCoh sheaves on affine schemes  
have no higher cohomology!

We follow Kempf (1980): No Noetherian assumption,  
yet neither spectral sequences nor Cech cohomology needed...

Prop Let  $X$  be a top space and  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$ .  
Assume  $\exists$  nbhd basis  $\mathcal{B}$  for  $X$   $\exists n \geq 1$   
sth  $\forall U \in \mathcal{B}$ :  
 $H^i(U, \mathcal{F}) = 0$  for all  $0 < i < n$ .

Then for any  $\alpha \in H^n(X, \mathcal{F})$ ,

$\exists$  cover  $X = \bigcup_v U_v$  by subsets  $U_v \in \mathcal{B}$

sth  $\forall v$ :

$$\alpha \in \ker(H^n(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^n(X, j_{v*} \mathcal{F}|_{U_v}))$$

$\searrow$   
induced by  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow j_{v*} j_v^* \mathcal{F}$  w/  $j_v: U_v \hookrightarrow X$

Pf. Let  $\alpha \in H^n(X, \mathcal{F})$ .

Goal:  $\forall p \in X \exists$  nbhd  $V \in \mathcal{B}$  of  $p$

sth  $\alpha \mapsto 0 \in H^n(X, j_* \mathcal{F}|_V)$ ,  $j: V \hookrightarrow X$ .

We use induction on  $n$ :

Pick an embedding  $\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}$  w/  $\mathcal{G}$  flabby,

put  $\mathcal{F}' := \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{F}$  and consider

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{F} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{G} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & j_* \mathcal{F}|_V & \rightarrow & j_* \mathcal{G}|_V & \rightarrow & \cancel{j_* \mathcal{F}'|_V} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & & & & & \mathcal{K} \end{array}$$

w/  $\mathcal{K} := \text{image}(\mathcal{F}' \rightarrow j_* \mathcal{F}'|_V)$

$$= \text{image}(j_* \mathcal{G}|_V \rightarrow j_* \mathcal{F}'|_V).$$

If  $n = 1$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \exists \alpha' \mapsto \alpha & & \\
 \cap & & \cap \\
 H^0(X, \mathcal{F}') & \xrightarrow[\text{epi since } \mathcal{G} \text{ flabby}]{\sim} & H^1(X, \mathcal{F}) \\
 \varphi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\
 H^0(X, j_* \mathcal{G}|_V) & \longrightarrow & H^0(X, \mathcal{K}) \longrightarrow H^1(X, j_* \mathcal{F}|_V) \\
 \cup & & \cup \\
 \exists \gamma \mapsto \beta := \varphi'(\alpha') & & \\
 (\text{shrinking } V) & & 
 \end{array}$$

$j_* \mathcal{G}|_V \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  sheaf surjective

$\Rightarrow$  shrinking  $V$  we can assume  $\exists \gamma \in H^0(X, j_* \mathcal{G}|_V)$   
 $w/ \gamma \mapsto \beta$

$\Rightarrow \beta \mapsto 0 \in H^1(X, j_* \mathcal{F}|_V)$

$\Rightarrow \alpha \in \ker(\varphi)$  as required

Induction step for  $n > 1$ :

By assumpt<sup>n</sup>  $H^1(U, \mathcal{F}) = 0$  for all  $U \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Fixing  $V \xrightarrow{i} X$ , we get for any  $U \in \mathcal{B}$

w/  $U \subset V$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{G}(U) & \xrightarrow{\text{epi}} & \mathcal{F}'(U) \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 (j_* \mathcal{G}|_V)(U) & & (j_* \mathcal{F}'|_V)(U)
 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{K} = j_* \mathcal{F}'|_V$  by varying  $U \subset V$  (\*)

Now consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \exists \alpha' \mapsto \alpha & & \\
 \cap & & \cap \\
 H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{F}') & \xrightarrow[\text{iso since } \mathcal{G} \text{ flabby}]{\sim} & H^n(X, \mathcal{F}) \\
 \varphi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\
 H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{K}) & \xrightarrow[\text{iso since } j_* \mathcal{G}|_V \text{ flabby}]{\sim} & H^n(X, j_* \mathcal{F}|_V) \\
 \text{by (*)} \searrow & & \\
 & \parallel & \\
 & H^{n-1}(X, j_* \mathcal{F}'|_V) & 
 \end{array}$$

We have:

$$\alpha \in \ker(\varphi) \iff \alpha' \in \ker(\varphi')$$

So we're done by induction,

replacing  $\mathcal{F}$  by  $\mathcal{F}'$  and  $\alpha$  by  $\alpha'$

Assumptions on  $\mathcal{F}'$  hold for  $n' := n-1$ , since

$$H^i(U, \mathcal{F}') \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{i+1}(U, \mathcal{F}) = 0$$

for all  $0 < i < n-1$  & all  $U \in \mathcal{B}$ .  $\square$

Thm (Serre vanishing on affine schemes)

For  $X$  affine, any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{QCoh}(X)$  satisfies

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \text{ for all } i > 0.$$

Pf. Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be the nbhd basis of the open subsets  $D(f) \subset X = \text{Spec } A$  ( $f \in A$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  For  $j: D(f) \hookrightarrow X$  we have

$$j_* \mathcal{F}|_{D(f)} \simeq \tilde{M} \text{ w/ } M := \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F})_f \in \text{Mod}(A).$$

By induction, assume  $H^i(Y, \mathcal{G}) = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n-1$ , all affine schemes  $Y$  and all  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{QCoh}(Y)$ .

Let  $\alpha \in H^n(X, \mathcal{F})$ .

Proposit<sup>n</sup>  $\Rightarrow \exists$  cover  $X = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_p$

by basic open subsets  $V_k \xrightarrow{j_k} X$  in  $\mathcal{B}$

sth  $\alpha \mapsto 0 \in H^n(X, \underbrace{\bigoplus_k j_{k*} \mathcal{F}|_{V_k}}_{=: \mathcal{G}})$ .

The long exact sequence of

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \rightarrow 0 \text{ w/ } \mathcal{H} := \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{F}$$

gives

$$\alpha \in \text{image} \left( H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{H}) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^n(X, \mathcal{F}) \right).$$

But for  $n > 1$  we have  $H^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{H}) = 0$

by induction, since  $\mathcal{H}$  is still quasicoherent;

and for  $n = 1$  we have  $\delta = 0$  since the sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(X) \rightarrow 0$  is exact ( $\Gamma(X, -)$  being exact on quasicoherent sheaves because  $X$  is affine).

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 0$  in all cases

Since  $\alpha \in H^n(X, \mathcal{F})$  was arbitrary,

we get  $H^n(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0$ .

□

Cor Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be an affine morphism of schemes and  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{QCoh}(X)$ . Then

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \simeq H^i(Y, f_* \mathcal{F}) \text{ for all } i \geq 0.$$

Pf. Take a resolution  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^\bullet$  w/ all  $\mathcal{G}^k$  flabby.

For  $V \subset Y$  open affine,  $U := f^{-1}(V) \subset X$  is affine.

Same vanishing for  $\mathcal{F}|_U \in \text{QCoh}(U)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^0(U) & \xrightarrow{d^0} & \mathcal{G}^1(U) & \xrightarrow{d^1} & \mathcal{G}^2(U) & \xrightarrow{d^2} & \dots \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ (f_* \mathcal{F})(V) & & (f_* \mathcal{G}^0)(V) & & (f_* \mathcal{G}^1)(V) & & (f_* \mathcal{G}^2)(V) \end{array}$$

is exact, since  $\ker(d^i) / \text{im}(d^{i-1}) = H^i(U, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \forall i > 0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $V$  can be arbitrarily small, we get that

$f_* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{G}^\bullet$  is exact,

i.e. a flabby resolution of  $f_* \mathcal{F}$



$$\Rightarrow H^i(\gamma, f_* \mathcal{F})$$

$$\simeq H^i((f_* \mathcal{G}^0)(\gamma) \rightarrow (f_* \mathcal{G}^1)(\gamma) \rightarrow \dots)$$

$$\simeq H^i(\mathcal{G}^0(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^1(X) \rightarrow \dots)$$

$$\simeq H^i(X, \mathcal{F}).$$



Serre vanishing in fact characterizes affine schemes:

Thm (Serre criterion for affinity) For any qcqs scheme  $X$ , the following are equivalent:

a)  $X$  is affine.

b)  $\forall \mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{O}_X) \forall i > 0: H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0.$

c)  $\forall$  ideal sheaves  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X: H^1(X, \mathcal{I}) = 0.$

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b) is Serre vanishing, b)  $\Rightarrow$  c) trivial.

We show c)  $\Rightarrow$  a):

Let  $A = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X).$

Have a natural morphism  $g: X \rightarrow \text{Spec } A.$

Claim:  $\exists f_1, \dots, f_n \in A$  sth

- $(f_1, \dots, f_n) = (1)$  (unit ideal in  $A$ )
- $\mathcal{D}_X(f_i) \subset X$  is affine for all  $i$

(since  $\mathcal{D}_X(f_i) = g^{-1}(\mathcal{D}_{\text{Spec } A}(f_i))$  it then follows that the morphism  $g$  is affine, hence  $X$  is affine)

To prove the claim, let  $p \in X$  be a closed pt

Pick an affine open neighborhood  $p \in U \subset X.$

For  $Z := X \setminus U$  we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_{Z \cup \{p\}} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_Z \rightarrow i_* \kappa(p) \rightarrow 0$$

where  $i: \text{Spec } \kappa(p) \hookrightarrow X$  is the inclusion.

We get

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{I}_Z) \rightarrow H^0(X, i_* \kappa(p)) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{I}_{Z \cup \{p\}})$$

hence epi
||
0 by assumpt<sup>n</sup> c)

$$\Rightarrow \exists f \in H^0(X, \mathcal{I}_Z) : f(p) = 1 \in \kappa(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow p \in D_X(f) = D_U(f)$$

$\uparrow$   
 since  $Z \subset V(f)$

Now  $D_U(f)$  is affine (principal open in the affine  $U$ )

$$\Rightarrow D_X(f) \text{ affine nbhd of } p$$

$X$  qc  $\Rightarrow$  can take finitely many such  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A$   
 (for finitely many closed pts  $p_1, \dots, p_n \in X$ ,  
 recalling any qcqs scheme has closed pts)

sth

$$D_X(f_i) \text{ affine \& } X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n D_X(f_i).$$

Still need to show  $(f_1, \dots, f_n) = (1)$  unit ideal in  $A$ .

Since  $X = \bigcup_i D_X(f_i)$ , we have epi

$$\varphi: \mathcal{O}_X^n \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X, (a_1, \dots, a_n) \mapsto \sum_i a_i f_i.$$

Put  $\mathcal{F} := \ker \varphi$ . We get:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X^n) & \rightarrow & H^0(\mathcal{O}_X) & \rightarrow & H^1(X, \mathcal{F}) \\ \parallel & & \parallel & & \\ A^n & \longrightarrow & A & & \\ (a_1, \dots, a_n) & \longmapsto & \sum_i a_i f_i & & \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{enough to show that } H^1(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0.$$

For this consider  $0 = \mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{F}_n = \mathcal{F}$

$$\text{where } \mathcal{F}_i := \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{O}_X^i \text{ via } \mathcal{O}_X^i \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^n$$

$$(a_1, \dots, a_i) \mapsto (a_1, \dots, a_i, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{J}_i := \mathcal{F}_i / \mathcal{F}_{i-1} \subset \mathcal{O}_X^i / \mathcal{O}_X^{i-1} \simeq \mathcal{O}_X$$

is a sheaf of ideals, hence  $H^1(X, \mathcal{J}_i) = 0 \forall i$

$$\Rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0$$



Example Recall an infinitesimal thickening of a scheme  $X_0$  is a scheme  $X$  sth  $X_0 = V(\mathcal{I}) \hookrightarrow X$  for some ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$  w/  $\mathcal{I}^n = 0$  for  $n \gg 0$ .

We can now show:

If  $X_0$  is affine, then so is  $X$ .

Pf. Consider  $X_0 = V(\mathcal{I}) \hookrightarrow V(\mathcal{I}^2) \hookrightarrow \dots \hookrightarrow V(\mathcal{I}^n) = X$

$\Rightarrow$  Wlog  $i: X_0 \hookrightarrow X$  is a 1<sup>st</sup> order thickening, ie  $X_0 = V(\mathcal{I}) \hookrightarrow X$  with  $\mathcal{I}^2 = (0)$ .

But then we have  $\mathcal{I} = i_*(\mathcal{I}_0)$  for the ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}_0 = \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{X_0}$  on  $X_0$ .

$X_0$  affine  $\Rightarrow H^1(X_0, \mathcal{I}_0) = 0$  by Serre

$\parallel \leftarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{I})$   $\leftarrow i: X_0 \hookrightarrow X$  closed immersion, hence an affine morphism

More generally, for any  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$  we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow i_*(\mathcal{I}_0) \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \rightarrow i_*(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}_0) \rightarrow 0$$

with  $\mathcal{I}_0 := \frac{\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{I}}{\mathcal{I} \cdot (\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{I})} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{X_0}$ .

Thus

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H^1(X_0, \mathcal{I}_0) & \rightarrow & H^1(X, \mathcal{I}) & \rightarrow & H^1(X_0, \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}_0) \\ \parallel & & & & \parallel \\ 0 & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{I}) = 0$$

This holds for all  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ , so  $X$  is affine by Serre's criterion. □

Upshot Higher cohomology is useful even when it all vanishes!

## 5. Čech cohomology

Goal Compute sheaf cohomology  
in terms of open covers!

Motivation Let  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$

$$\Rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{F}) = \{(s_i)_{i \in I} \in \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}(U_i) :$$

$$s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j} \forall i, j\}$$

$$= \ker \left( \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}(U_i) \rightarrow \prod_{i, j \in I} \mathcal{F}(U_i \cap U_j) \right)$$

extend this to a complex computing  
sheaf cohomology in all degrees!

Def Let  $X$  be a top space w/ an open cover

$$X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i. \text{ Fix a well-ordering } < \text{ on } I.$$

For  $i_0, \dots, i_p \in I$  put  $U_{i_0, \dots, i_p} := U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_p}$ .

The Čech complex of a sheaf  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$

wrt the cover  $\mathcal{U} = (U_i)_{i \in I}$  is

$$\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := [C^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{d^0} C^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{d^1} \dots]$$

where

$$\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := \prod_{i_0 < \dots < i_p} \mathcal{F}(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p})$$

and

$$(d^p \alpha)_{i_0, \dots, i_{p+1}} :=$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p+1} (-1)^k \cdot \alpha_{i_0, \dots, \hat{i}_k, \dots, i_{p+1}} |_{U_{i_0, \dots, i_{p+1}}}$$

↑  
omitted

We have  $d^{p+1} \circ d^p = 0$

$\Rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$  is a complex

We define the Čech cohom of  $\mathcal{F}$  wrt  $\mathcal{U}$  by

$$\check{H}^i(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := H^i(\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})).$$

Ex a)  $\check{H}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = H^0(X, \mathcal{F}).$

b) For the trivial cover  $\mathcal{U} = (X),$

$$\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = [\mathcal{F}(X) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \dots]$$

Here

$$\check{H}^n(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = \begin{cases} H^0(X, \mathcal{F}), & n=0 \\ 0, & n>0 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  short exact sequences of sheaves  
in general need NOT induce a  
long exact sequence in Čech coh!

Q When does Čech coh agree w/ sheaf cohom?

Def For  $i_0, \dots, i_p \in I$ , consider the inclusion

$$j_{i_0, \dots, i_p}: \mathcal{U}_{i_0, \dots, i_p} \hookrightarrow X. \text{ We define}$$

the "sheaf version"  $\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$  of the  
Čech complex by

$$\mathcal{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) := \prod_{i_0 < \dots < i_p} j_{i_0, \dots, i_p}^* (\mathcal{F}|_{\mathcal{U}_{i_0, \dots, i_p}})$$

w/ differentials

$$d^p: \mathcal{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{p+1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$$

given by same formula as above.

Rem By construction

$$\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \simeq \Gamma(X, \check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}))$$

$$:= [\Gamma(X, \mathcal{C}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})) \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{C}^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}))$$

$$\rightarrow \dots]$$

Prop  $\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$  is a resolution of  $\mathcal{F}$ ,  
 ie  $\exists$  sheaf hom  $\varepsilon: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \check{C}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$   
 giving an exact sequence  
 $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \check{C}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{d^0} \check{C}^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{d^1} \dots$

Pf. Let  $\varepsilon$  be the product of the adjunction  
 morphisms  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow j_{i*}(\mathcal{F}|_{U_i})$  ( $i \in I$ ).  
 $\Rightarrow \ker(d^0) = \text{im}(\varepsilon)$  by sheaf axioms.

Exactness in degrees  $p \geq 1$ :

Check on stalks at  $x \in X$ . Say  $x \in U_j$  ( $j \in I$ ).

Consider  $h^p: \check{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})_x \rightarrow \check{C}^{p-1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})_x$   
 $\alpha_x \xrightarrow{\quad} \beta_x$

w/  $\alpha_x$  represented by  $\alpha \in \Gamma(V, \check{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}))$ , some  $V \subset U_j$

$\rightsquigarrow \beta \in \Gamma(V, \check{C}^{p-1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}))$  defined by

$$\beta_{i_0, \dots, i_{p-1}} := \alpha_{j, i_0, \dots, i_{p-1}}$$

Here we use the convention

$$\beta_{j, i_0, \dots, i_{p-1}} := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j \in \{i_0, \dots, i_{p-1}\} \\ (-1)^{\text{sgn } \sigma} \cdot \beta_{\sigma(j), \sigma(i_0), \dots, \sigma(i_{p-1})} & \text{if } \exists \text{ permutation} \\ & \sigma \in \text{Sym}(\{j, i_0, \dots, i_{p-1}\}) \\ & \text{w/ } \sigma(j) < \sigma(i_0) < \dots < \sigma(i_{p-1}) \end{cases}$$

One computes for  $p \geq 1$

$$h^{p+1} \circ d^p + d^{p-1} \circ h^p = \text{id}_{\check{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})_x}$$

$\Rightarrow$   $h$  chain homotopy

$$\Rightarrow H^p(\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})_x) = 0 \quad \forall p \geq 1$$

$\Rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$  exact in all degrees  $\geq 1$  □

Cor If  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$  is flabby, then

$$\check{H}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad (= H^p(X, \mathcal{F}))$$

for all  $p \geq 1$ .

Pf.  $\mathcal{F}$  flabby  $\Rightarrow j_*(\mathcal{F}|_U)$  flabby  $\forall j: U \hookrightarrow X$

$$\Rightarrow \check{C}^p(U, \mathcal{F}) \text{ flabby } \forall p \geq 0$$

Prop  $\Rightarrow$  flabby resol<sup>n</sup>  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(U, \mathcal{F})$

$$\Rightarrow H^p(X, \mathcal{F}) \simeq H^p(\Gamma(X, \check{C}^\bullet(U, \mathcal{F})))$$

$$\simeq H^p(\underbrace{\check{C}^\bullet(U, \mathcal{F})}_{=0 \text{ in all degrees } \neq 0})$$

$=0$  in all degrees  $\neq 0$



Back to arbitrary  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$ :

Rem For any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$ , all  $p \geq 0$ ,

$\exists$  natural map  $\check{H}^p(U, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^p(X, \mathcal{F})$ .

Pf. Pick an injective resolution  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$

Extension property for injective resolutions gives

$$\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(U, \mathcal{F})$$

$$\parallel \quad \downarrow \exists \text{ (unique up to homotopy)}$$

$$\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet \quad \text{Now apply } \Gamma(X, -). \quad \square$$

Thm ("Leray's thm")

Suppose for all  $q > 0$  & all  $i_0, \dots, i_p \in I$  ( $p \geq 0$ )

$$\text{that } H^q(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}, \mathcal{F}) = 0.$$

Then the above morphism is an iso

$$\check{H}^p(U, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^p(X, \mathcal{F}) \quad \forall p \geq 0.$$

Pf.  $p=0$  known already. General case:

Pick embedding  $\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G}$  w/  $\mathcal{G}$  flabby,

and put  $\mathcal{F}' := \mathcal{G} / \mathcal{F}$ .

By assumpt<sup>n</sup> we have for all  $U = U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}$

$$\text{w/ } i_0, \dots, i_p \in I: \quad H^1(U, \mathcal{F}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'(U) \rightarrow 0 \text{ exact}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(U, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(U, \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(U, \mathcal{F}') \rightarrow 0$$

exact

$\Rightarrow$  get long exact sequence of Čech cohomology

But  $\mathcal{G}$  is flabby

$$\Rightarrow \check{H}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{G}) = 0 \quad \forall p > 0 \quad \text{by corollary}$$

So we get exact sequences:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } 0 \rightarrow \check{H}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \check{H}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \check{H}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}') \\ \searrow \\ \check{H}^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b) } \check{H}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}') \xrightarrow{\sim} \check{H}^{p+1}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \quad \forall p \geq 1.$$

Compare a) with long exact sequence in sheaf cohomology to get  $\check{H}^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(X, \mathcal{F})$ .

For higher degrees proceed by induction:

Use b) and replace  $\mathcal{F}$  by  $\mathcal{F}'$ .

Note: We still know  $H^q(\mathcal{U}_{i_0, \dots, i_p}, \mathcal{F}') = 0$   
for all  $q > 0$  since  $H^q(-, \mathcal{F}') \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{q+1}(-, \mathcal{F})$   
using that  $\mathcal{G}$  is flabby.  $\square$

Cor Let  $X$  be a separated scheme  
and  $\mathcal{U} = (U_i)_{i \in I}$  a cover  
by affine open subsets  $U_i \subset X$ .

Then for any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Qcoh}(X)$ ,

$$\check{H}^q(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^q(X, \mathcal{F}) \quad \forall q \geq 0.$$

Pf.  $X$  separated & all  $U_i$  affine

$$\Rightarrow U_{i_0, \dots, i_p} \text{ affine } \quad \forall i_0, \dots, i_p \in I$$

$$\Rightarrow H^q(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall q > 0$$

by Serre vanishing, so thm applies.  $\square$

$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad H^*(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{A}^1}^1, \mathcal{F}) \quad \text{for } \mathcal{F} = \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^1/\mathbb{A}^1}^1 ?$$

By the above, we only need to compute

$$\check{H}^*(\mathcal{U}, \Omega^1) \quad \text{for the cover } \mathcal{U} = \{U_0, U_\infty\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{w/ } U_0 &= \text{Spec } k[x] \\ U_\infty &= \text{Spec } k[y] \end{aligned} \quad \text{glued via } x = \frac{1}{y}.$$



- $\check{C}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{U}_0, \mathcal{F}) \oplus \Gamma(\mathcal{U}_\infty, \mathcal{F})$   
 $= k[x]dx \oplus k[y]dy$

- $\check{C}^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{U}_0 \cap \mathcal{U}_\infty, \mathcal{F})$   
 $= k[x, x^{-1}]dx$

- $d: \check{C}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \longrightarrow \check{C}^1(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x)dx &\longmapsto f(x)dx \\ g(y)dy &\longmapsto g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)d\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{x^2}g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)dx \end{aligned}$$

- $\ker(d) = \{ (f(x)dx, g(y)dy) \mid$   
 $\left. f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \} = 0$

- $\operatorname{im}(d) = \{ (f(x) - \frac{1}{x^2}g(\frac{1}{x}))dx \mid f, g \in k[x] \}$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{coker}(d) \simeq k \cdot \frac{1}{x}dx$$

Thus

$$H^i(\mathbb{P}_k^1, \Omega_{\mathbb{P}_k^1}^1) \simeq \begin{cases} k & \text{for } i=1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Similarly

$$H^i(\mathbb{P}_k^1, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^1}) \simeq \begin{cases} k & \text{for } i=0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$\leadsto$  as expected from Serre duality ...

## 6. Cohomology of line bundles on $\mathbb{P}^n$

### and Serre vanishing on projective schemes

The following computation will be the key to most later thms about cohomology:

Thm Let  $X = \mathbb{P}_A^n$  for a Noetherian ring  $A$ , and let  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

a)  $H^i(X, \mathcal{O}_X(d)) \simeq 0$  for all  $i \notin \{0, n\}$ .

b)  $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(d)) \simeq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } d < 0 \\ S_d & \text{for } d \geq 0 \end{cases}$   
 $\uparrow$  (degree  $d$  part of  $S$ )

w/  $S := A[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ .

c)  $H^n(X, \mathcal{O}_X(d)) \simeq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } d > 0 \\ M_d & \text{for } d \leq 0 \end{cases}$   
 $\uparrow$  (degree  $d$  part of  $M$ )

w/  $M := \frac{1}{x_0 \dots x_n} \cdot A\left[\frac{1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n}\right]$ .

Pf. Leray's thm:

$$H^*(X, \mathcal{O}_X(d)) \simeq \check{H}^*(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{O}_X(d))$$

for the standard cover

$$\mathcal{U} = (U_i)_{i=0, \dots, n} \text{ w/ } U_i = D_+(x_i) \subset X.$$

For  $i_0 < \dots < i_p$  we have:

$$U_{i_0, \dots, i_p} = D_+(x_{i_0} \dots x_{i_p})$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(d)(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}) \simeq \left( A[x_0, \dots, x_n, \frac{1}{x_{i_0} \dots x_{i_p}}] \right)_d$$

$$\Rightarrow \check{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{O}_X(d)) \simeq \prod_{i_0 < \dots < i_p} \left( A[x_0, \dots, x_n, \frac{1}{x_{i_0} \dots x_{i_p}}] \right)_d$$

w/  $d: \check{C}^p \rightarrow \check{C}^{p+1}$  given by

$$(ds)_{i_0, \dots, i_{p+1}} := \sum_{k=0}^{p+1} (-1)^k s_{i_0, \dots, \hat{i}_k, \dots, i_{p+1}}$$

Each  $\check{C}^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{O}_x(d)) = \prod_{i_0 < \dots < i_p} (A[x_0, \dots, x_n, \frac{1}{x_{i_0} \dots x_{i_p}}])_d$

is  $\mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$ -graded by the multidegree of Laurent polynomials:

$$\deg(x_0^{e_0} \dots x_n^{e_n}) := (e_0, \dots, e_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$$

Since  $d: \check{C}^p \rightarrow \check{C}^{p+1}$  preserves this grading, the

Čech complex decomposes as

$$\check{C}^\bullet = \bigoplus_{\substack{e \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} \\ e_0 + \dots + e_n = d}} \check{C}^\bullet(e).$$

$$\Rightarrow H^p(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{O}_x(d)) = \bigoplus_{\substack{e \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} \\ e_0 + \dots + e_n = d}} H^p(\check{C}^\bullet(e))$$

$\Rightarrow$  enough to compute cohomology of each  $\check{C}^\bullet(e)$

Fix  $e = (e_0, \dots, e_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}$

Let  $N(e) := \{i \mid e_i < 0\}$  (indices of negative exponents),

then by definition  $\check{C}^p(e) = \bigoplus_{\substack{i_0 < \dots < i_p \\ N(e) \subset \{i_0, \dots, i_p\}}} A \cdot x_0^{e_0} \dots x_n^{e_n}.$

Case 1:  $N(e) = \{0, \dots, n\}$ :

$$\Rightarrow \check{C}^p(e) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \neq n \\ A \cdot \frac{1}{x_0^{-e_0} \dots x_n^{-e_n}} & \text{if } p = n \end{cases}$$

$\parallel$   
 $H^p(\check{C}^\bullet(e))$

Direct sum over all these gives

$$H^n(X, \mathcal{O}_x(d)) \cong \left( \frac{1}{x_0 \dots x_n} \cdot A\left[\frac{1}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{1}{x_n}\right] \right)_d$$

Case 2:  $N(e) = \emptyset$ :

$$\Rightarrow \check{C}^p(e) = \bigoplus_{i_0 < \dots < i_p} A \cdot x_0^{e_0} \dots x_n^{e_n} \simeq \bigoplus_{i_0 < \dots < i_p} A$$

$$\Rightarrow \check{C}^\bullet(e) \simeq \check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{O}_Y)$$

for  $Y = \text{Spec } A$

$$\& \mathcal{V} = (V_i)_{i=0, \dots, n} \text{ w/ } V_i := Y \ \forall i$$

$$\Rightarrow H^p(\check{C}^\bullet(e)) \simeq H^p(\check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{O}_Y))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \simeq & H^p(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) & \simeq \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Leray thm} & & Y = \text{Spec } A \text{ affine} \end{array} \begin{cases} A, & p=0 \\ 0, & p>0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{More explicitly } H^0(\check{C}^\bullet(e)) = A \cdot x_0^{e_0} \dots x_n^{e_n}.$$

Direct sum over all these gives

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(d)) \supseteq (A[x_0, \dots, x_n])_d$$

(as we knew before of course)

Case 3:  $\emptyset \neq N(e) \neq \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ :

Pick  $i_q \notin N(e)$  ( $q$  fixed)

Define  $h: \check{C}^{p+1}(e) \rightarrow \check{C}^p(e)$  by

$$h(s)_{i_0, \dots, i_p} := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i_q \in \{i_0, \dots, i_p\} \\ \text{sgn}(\sigma) \cdot s_{i_{\sigma(q)}, i_{\sigma(0)}, \dots, i_{\sigma(p)}} & \text{else,} \\ & \text{w/ } \sigma \in \text{Sym} \{ \sigma(q), \sigma(0), \dots, \sigma(p) \} \\ & \text{sth } i_{\sigma(q)} < i_{\sigma(0)} < \dots < i_{\sigma(p)}. \end{cases}$$

Computation shows  $hd + dh = \text{id}$

$$\Rightarrow H^p(\check{C}^\bullet(e)) = 0 \text{ for all } p$$

Upshot In steps 1 & 2 the inclusion is equality,

$$\text{hence } H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(d)) \simeq \dots$$



Cor ("Serre vanishing on projective schemes")

Let  $X$  be a proper scheme / Noether ring  $A$   
and  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$  an ample line bundle on  $X$

$\Rightarrow \forall \mathcal{E} \in \text{Coh}(X) \exists m_0 \in \mathbb{Z} \forall m \geq m_0:$

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = 0 \text{ for all } i > 0.$$

Pf.  $\mathcal{L}$  ample &  $X$  proper over  $A$

$\Rightarrow \exists n > 0 \exists$  closed immersion

$$i: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_A^N \text{ w/ } \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n} \simeq i^* \mathcal{O}(1).$$

Wlog  $n=1$ , ie  $\mathcal{L} \simeq i^* \mathcal{O}(1)$  (replace  $\mathcal{L}$  by  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$ ).

$\Rightarrow$  For any  $m$ ,

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = H^i(X, \mathcal{E} \otimes i^* \mathcal{O}(m))$$

$$= H^i(\mathbb{P}_A^N, \underbrace{i_* (\mathcal{E} \otimes i^* \mathcal{O}(m))}_{\simeq i_* (\mathcal{E}) \otimes \mathcal{O}(m)})$$

since  $i$  is an affine morphism  $\nearrow$

(projection formula, see sheaf exercises)

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $X = \mathbb{P}_A^N$  and  $\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

We show by descending induction on  $i$  that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall i > 0 \quad \forall \mathcal{E} \in \text{Coh}(X) \exists m_0 \forall m \geq m_0: \\ H^j(X, \mathcal{E}(m)) = 0 \text{ for all } j \geq i \end{array} \right\} (*)_i$$

• For  $i > N$  this is clear from the Čech complex for the affine cover of  $X = \mathbb{P}_A^N$  by  $N+1$  charts.

• Now assume  $(*)_{i+1}$  holds for some  $i$ .

We must show that then also  $(*)_i$  holds:

Pick  $\ell$  sth  $\mathcal{E}(\ell)$  is globally generated,  
say

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_A^N}^{\oplus r} \xrightarrow{\exists \varphi} \mathcal{E}(\ell) \rightarrow 0$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\text{ker } \varphi$

By induction  $\exists n_0 \geq 0 \forall n \geq n_0$ :

$$H^j(X, \mathcal{Y}(n)) = 0 \text{ for all } j \geq i+1.$$

Looking at

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(\ell+n) \rightarrow 0$$

we get

$$\underbrace{H^j(X, \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}(n))}_{\substack{= 0 \text{ for } j \geq i > 0 \\ \text{by the theorem,} \\ \text{as } X = \mathbb{P}_A^N \text{ \& } n > 0}} \rightarrow H^j(X, \mathcal{E}(\ell+n)) \rightarrow \underbrace{H^{j+1}(X, \mathcal{Y}(n))}_{\substack{= 0 \text{ for } j \geq i \\ \text{by induction} \\ \text{assumption}}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  claim follows.  $\square$

As in Serre's affinity criterion,

$\exists$  also a sort of converse to this:

Prop Let  $X$  be a Noetherian scheme &  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ . If

$$\forall \text{ coherent } \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X \exists m > 0 : H^1(X, \mathcal{J} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = 0,$$

then  $\mathcal{L}$  is ample.

Pf. We show  $X$  can be covered by open affine subsets of the form  $D(s)$  w/  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m})$ .

Let  $p \in X$  be any closed pt (exists since  $X$  qcqs)

w/ inclusion  $i_p : \text{Spec } k(p) \hookrightarrow X$

& open nbhd  $U \ni p$ ,  $Z := X \setminus U$ .

$$\text{From } 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_{Z \cup \{p\}} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_Z \rightarrow i_{p*} k(p) \rightarrow 0$$

we get

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} H^0(X, \mathcal{J}_Z \otimes \mathcal{L}^m) & \rightarrow & H^0(X, i_{p*} k(p)) & \rightarrow & H^1(X, \mathcal{J}_{Z \cup \{p\}} \otimes \mathcal{L}^m) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ev}_p & & \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{coherent} \\ \text{since } X \text{ Noeth.} \\ = 0 \text{ for } m \gg 0 \\ \text{by assumption}}} \\ H^0(X, \mathcal{L}^m) & \rightarrow & k(p) & & \\ \Rightarrow \exists s \mapsto 1 & & \uparrow & & \end{array}$$

$\square$

Cor Let  $X$  be a proper scheme / Noetherian ring  $A$ .

Then for  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(A) \nVdash \mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(A)$ :

a)  $\mathcal{L}$  is ample.

b)  $\forall$  coherent  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X \quad \exists m > 0$ :

$$H^1(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}) = 0.$$

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): Serre vanishing.

b)  $\Rightarrow$  a): Previous proposition. □

Note Properness of  $X$  is needed for a)  $\Rightarrow$  b),

eg for  $X = \mathbb{A}_k^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\}$  we have:

- $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X$  ample as  $X = D(x) \cup D(y)$
- $H^1(X, \mathcal{L}^m) = H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \neq 0 \quad \nabla$

## 7. Finiteness theorems

Motivation  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_A^n$  closed

$\Rightarrow X$  covered by  $n+1$  affine charts

$\Rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{E}) = 0 \ \forall i > n \ \forall \mathcal{E} \in \text{Coh}(X)$

We can do much better:

Thm ("cohomological dimension of schemes")

Let  $X$  be a Noetherian scheme. Then for any sheaf of abelian gps  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$ , we have

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \text{ for all } i > \dim X.$$

Pf. Induction on  $(d, m) := (\dim X, \# \text{irred cpts of } X)$ :

①  $(d, m) = (0, 1)$ :

Then  $X = \{\text{pt.}\}$  & claim is trivial.

① Induct<sup>n</sup> step  $(d, m-1) \rightarrow (d, m)$ :

Say  $X = Z_1 \cup \dots \cup Z_m$  w/ irred cpts  $Z_\alpha \subset X$

By induct<sup>n</sup> claim holds for  $Z := Z_1$

and also for  $X' := Z_2 \cup \dots \cup Z_m$ .

Consider the inclusions  $i: Z \hookrightarrow X$ ,

$$j: U := X \setminus Z \hookrightarrow X.$$

$$\text{From } 0 \rightarrow j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow i_* i^{-1} \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0$$

we get

$$\dots \rightarrow H^k(X, j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^k(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^k(X, i_* i^{-1} \mathcal{F})$$

Now for any  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{Sh}(Z)$ :

$$H^k(X, i_* \mathcal{G}) \simeq H^k(Z, \mathcal{G}) \quad (\text{exercise, use that } i \text{ is a closed immersion})$$

$$\simeq 0 \text{ for all } k > \dim Z$$

(by induction assumption the claim holds for  $Z$ )



$$\Rightarrow H^k(X, j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F}) \twoheadrightarrow H^k(X, \mathcal{F}) \text{ epi } \forall k > \dim Z$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{enough to show } H^k(X, j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall k > \dim Z$$

$$\text{For this use } j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F} \simeq i'_* i'^{-1} j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F}$$

$$\text{w/ } i': X' \hookrightarrow X \text{ closed: } \begin{array}{ccc} U & \xrightarrow{j} & X \\ & \searrow & \nearrow i' \\ & X' & \end{array}$$

Apply  $i'_* i'^* (-)$  to the previous sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow i'_* i'^{-1} j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F} \rightarrow i'_* i'^{-1} \mathcal{F} \rightarrow i'_* i'^{-1} i'_* i'^1 \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\parallel$$

$$i''_* i''^{-1} \mathcal{F} \text{ with } i'': Z' := Z \cap X' \hookrightarrow X$$

We get

$$H^{k-1}(X, i''_* i''^{-1} \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^k(X, i''_* i''^{-1} j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^k(X, i''_* i''^{-1} \mathcal{F})$$

$$\parallel$$

$$H^{k-1}(Z', i''^{-1} \mathcal{F})$$

vanishes for  $k-1 > \dim Z'$   
by induction on dimension,  
because  $\dim Z' < \dim Z$

$$\parallel$$

$$H^k(X, j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F})$$

$$\parallel$$

$$H^k(X', i'^{-1} \mathcal{F})$$

vanishes for  $k > \dim X'$   
by induction on  $m$ ,  
since  $X'$  has only  $m-1$   
irreducible components

$$\Rightarrow H^k(X, j_! j^{-1} \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall k > \dim X$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{wlog } X \text{ irreducible, ie } m = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Induct}^n \text{ step } (d-1, ?) \rightarrow (d, 1):$$

Let  $X$  be irreducible of dimension  $d = \dim X$ .

Let  $I := \{(U, s) \mid U \subset X \text{ open, } s \in \mathcal{F}(U)\}$ .

Each  $(U, s)$  gives a morphism  $j_! \mathbb{Z}_U \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

by adjunction, and we get an epi

$$\bigoplus_{(U, s) \in I} j_{U!} \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F} = \text{colim}_S \mathcal{F}_S$$

where  $S$  runs over all finite subsets of  $I$

$$\text{and } \mathcal{F}_S := \text{im} \left( \bigoplus_{(U, s) \in S} j_{U!} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \right).$$

Cohomology commutes w/ filtered colim (exercise)

$$\Rightarrow H^*(X, \mathcal{F}) \simeq \operatorname{colim}_S H^*(X, \mathcal{F}_S)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{wlog } \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_S \text{ for some finite } S \subset I.$$

Next we inductively reduce to  $|S| = 1$ :

Pick  $s_0 \in S$  and consider

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{S \setminus \{s_0\}} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow 0$$

$\parallel$   $\parallel$   
 $\mathcal{F}$  cokernel, generated by  
a single section  $s_0$ ,  
ie  $\mathcal{F}' = (\mathcal{F}')_{\{s_0\}}$

We get

$$H^k(X, \mathcal{F}_{S \setminus \{s_0\}}) \rightarrow H^k(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^k(X, \mathcal{F}')$$

$\Rightarrow$  By induction on  $|S|$ ,

will be enough to deal w/ the case  $|S| = 1$ ,

ie wlog  $\exists \text{ epi } j! \mathbb{Z} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  (some  $j: U \hookrightarrow X$ ).

$$\text{Consider then } 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow j! \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\exists s} \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0$$

$\parallel$   
 $\ker(s)$

Recall  $X$  irreducible  $\Rightarrow \exists!$  generic pt  $\eta \in X$

$$\text{Let } d \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } \mathcal{G}_\eta = d\mathbb{Z} \subset (j! \mathbb{Z})_\eta = \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\text{If } d = 0, \text{ then } \mathcal{G}_\eta = 0, \text{ hence } \mathcal{G} = 0$$

(since  $\mathcal{G}$  embeds in constant sheaf on irreducible  $X$ ).

If  $d > 0$ , we get

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{\text{incl}} j!(d\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow 0$$

$\parallel$   $\parallel$   
 $j! \mathbb{Z}$   $\text{cok}(\text{incl})$

where  $\text{incl}$  is an iso on stalks at the generic pt  $\eta$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}'_\eta = 0, \text{ so } \mathcal{F}' \simeq i_* i^{-1} \mathcal{F}' \text{ for some}$$

proper closed subset  $i: Z \xrightarrow{\neq} X$ .

$$H^{k-1}(X, i_* i^{-1} \mathcal{F}') \rightarrow H^k(X, \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow H^k(X, j! \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \dots$$

$\parallel$   $\underbrace{\hspace{100pt}}$

$H^{k-1}(Z, \mathcal{F}') = 0 \forall k > d$   
by induction on  $d = \dim X$

hence enough to show  
this vanishes  $\forall k > d$

Upshot Suffices to prove  $H^k(X, j_! \mathbb{Z}) = 0$   
for  $X$  irred,  $j: U \hookrightarrow X$  open & all  $k > \dim X$ .

For this consider  $i: Z := X \setminus U \hookrightarrow X$ .

From

$$0 \rightarrow j_! \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow i_* \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$$

we get

$$H^{k-1}(X, i_* \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^k(X, j_! \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow H^k(X, \mathbb{Z})$$

$\parallel$

$$H^{k-1}(Z, \mathbb{Z})$$

vanishes  $\forall k > d$

by ind<sup>n</sup> on  $d = \dim X$

(note:  $\mathbb{Z} \in \text{Sh}(Z)$

needn't be flabby

as  $Z$  need not be  
irreducible ...)

$\parallel$   
0

because for  $X$  irred  
the constant sheaf  
 $\mathbb{Z} \in \text{Sh}(X)$  is flabby



Thm ("finiteness of cohomology")

Let  $X$  be a proper scheme / Noeth ring  $A$ .

$\Rightarrow$  For any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ , all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$H^k(X, \mathcal{F})$  is a fin.gen.  $A$ -module.

Pf. ① Assume first that  $X$  is projective /  $A$ ,

ie  $\exists$  closed immersion  $i: X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_A^n$ .

Then  $H^k(X, \mathcal{F}) \simeq H^k(\mathbb{P}_A^n, i_* \mathcal{F})$

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $X = \mathbb{P}_A^n$

We know  $H^k(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall k > n$

By decreasing induction, assume  $H^k(X, \mathcal{F}) = 0$

$\forall k > k_0$  (some  $k_0 > 1$ ).

We want to show vanishing also for  $k = k_0$ .

Pick  $N \gg 0$  sth  $\mathcal{F}(N)$  is globally generated.

$\Rightarrow \exists$  exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-N)^{\oplus r} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0$$

We get

$$\underbrace{H^{k_0}(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-N))}_{\text{fin. gen. over } A \text{ by our computation in §6}} \rightarrow H^{k_0}(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \underbrace{H^{k_0+1}(X, \mathcal{Y})}_{\text{fin. gen. over } A \text{ by induction on } k} \rightarrow \dots$$

$\Rightarrow H^{k_0}(X, \mathcal{F})$  fin. gen. over  $A$  as required

② Reduction to the projective case:

Chow's lemma (§ III.5):

$X$  proper /  $A \Rightarrow \exists \pi: X' \rightarrow X$   
 proper & iso over an open dense  $U \subset X$   
 w/  $X'$  projective over  $A$ ,  
 ie  $\exists$  closed imm.  $i: X' \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_A^n$ .

Consider the derived functors of  $\pi_*$ , ie. the functors

$$R^i \pi_*: \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_{X'}) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X).$$

Exercise Let  $\pi: Y \rightarrow Z$  be a proper morphism of separated schemes. Given an ample line bundle  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(Y)$ , then  $\forall$  open

affine cover  $Z = \bigcup_i U_i \exists m > 0$ :

a)  $H^k(\pi^{-1}(U_i), \mathcal{L}^m) = 0 \quad \forall k > 0$

(use that  $V_i := \pi^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow U_i$  is proper and  $\exists$  ample  $\mathcal{L}|_{V_i}$ , hence  $V_i \rightarrow U_i$  is projective)

b)  $\pi_*(\mathcal{L}^m) \in \text{Coh}(Z)$  by ① and  $R^k \pi_*(\mathcal{L}^m) = 0$  for all  $k > 0$  (check on  $U_i$ )

c)  $H^k(Z, \pi_* \mathcal{L}^m) \simeq H^k(Y, \mathcal{L}^m) \quad \forall k \geq 0.$

We apply this to our  $\pi: Y = X' \rightarrow Z = X$ .

Replace  $\mathcal{L}$  by a power  $\Rightarrow$  wlog  $m = 1$

Now pick  $U \subset X$  w/  $\pi: U' = \pi^{-1}U \xrightarrow{\sim} U$ .

Given  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ , may shrink  $U$  sth

wlog  $\exists$  epi  $\mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus N} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_U$ .

Can also assume (again shrinking  $U' \xrightarrow{\sim} U$ )

that  $\mathcal{L}|_{U'} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{U'}$ , hence  $\pi_* \mathcal{L}|_U \simeq \mathcal{O}_U$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists \varphi: (\pi_* \mathcal{L})|_U^{\oplus N} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_U$ .

Now:

$$\underbrace{\ker(\varphi)}_{\text{subsheaf}} \subset \underbrace{(\pi_* \mathcal{L}^{\oplus N})}_{\in \text{Coh}(X)}|_U$$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  coherent subsheaf

$$\mathcal{H} \subset \pi_* \mathcal{L}^{\oplus N} \text{ w/ } \mathcal{H}|_U = \ker \varphi.$$

Upshot:

$$\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} := \pi_* \mathcal{L}^{\oplus N} / \mathcal{H} \text{ both } \in \text{Coh}(X)$$

and  $\exists$  open dense  $U \subset X$  w/  $\mathcal{F}|_U \simeq \mathcal{G}|_U$ .

Pick a coherent subsheaf  $\mathcal{H} \subset \mathcal{F} \oplus \mathcal{G}$

w/  $\mathcal{H}|_U = \text{graph}(\mathcal{F}|_U \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{G}|_U)$

Put  $\mathcal{Q} := (\mathcal{F} \oplus \mathcal{G}) / \mathcal{H}$ .

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \varphi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \\ \psi: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \end{array} \text{ iso on } U$$

$\Rightarrow$  By ind<sup>n</sup> on support dim,

$\ker \varphi, \text{coker } \varphi, \ker \psi, \text{coker } \psi$

have  $H^*(X, -)$  fin gen /  $A$

$\Rightarrow$  To show  $H^*(X, \mathcal{F})$  fin gen /  $A$ ,

enough to show  $H^*(X, \mathcal{G})$  fin gen /  $A$

But  $\mathcal{Y} \simeq (\pi_* \mathcal{L}^{\oplus N}) / \mathcal{H}$

We get

$$\cdots \rightarrow H^k(X, \pi_* \mathcal{L}^{\oplus N}) \rightarrow H^k(X, \mathcal{Y}) \rightarrow \underbrace{H^{k+1}(X, \mathcal{H})}_{\text{fin gen / A by descending induction on } k} \rightarrow \cdots$$

exercise  
part c)  $\leadsto$  ||

$$H^k(X', \mathcal{L}^{\oplus N})$$

fin. gen. / A by ①  
(the projective case)

fin gen / A  
by descending  
induction on  $k$

$$\Rightarrow H^k(X, \mathcal{Y}) \text{ fin gen / A}$$



## 8. A few remarks about Ext sheaves

Recall A abelian cat w/ enough inj.

For  $M \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we define

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{A}}^i(M, -) := R^i \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(M, -).$$

For Serre duality we want a sheaf version:

Def  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  ringed space,  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$

For  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  we define:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(\mathcal{F}, -) &:= R^i \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, -): \\ &\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(\mathcal{F}, -) &:= R^i \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, -): \\ &\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \end{aligned}$$

Lemma Let  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ .

a) For any open  $U \subset X$ ,

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})|_U \simeq \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_U}^i(\mathcal{F}|_U, \mathcal{G}|_U).$$

b) For  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X$  we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{G}) \simeq \begin{cases} \mathcal{G}, & i=0 \\ 0, & i \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{G}) \simeq H^i(X, \mathcal{G}).$$

c) Any exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'' \rightarrow 0$

gives

$$\cdots \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}'', \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}', \mathcal{G})$$

$$\searrow \text{Ext}^{i+1}(\mathcal{F}'', \mathcal{G}) \rightarrow \cdots$$

and similarly for Ext.

Pf. a) clear for  $i=0$ .

For  $i > 0$  both sides are  $\delta$ -functors in  $\mathcal{G}$   
and effaceable (for  $\mathcal{G}$  injective also  $\mathcal{G}|_U$  is injective),  
hence universal  $\Rightarrow$  naturally isomorphic

b) Similar, w/  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^0(\mathcal{O}_X, -) = \text{id}$ ,  
 $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^0(\mathcal{O}_X, -) = H^0(X, -)$ .

c) Pick an injective resolution  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$

Since each  $\text{Hom}(-, \mathcal{J}^k)$  is exact, we get  
an exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}^\bullet, \mathcal{J}^\bullet) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{J}^\bullet) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}', \mathcal{J}^\bullet) \rightarrow 0$$

hence a long exact sequence on Ext groups.

Similarly for Ext sheaves.  $\square$

Note  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  usually doesn't have enough  
projectives, so our definition of right derived functors  
does NOT apply to

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(-, \mathcal{G}) : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)).$$

But if  $X$  is quasiprojective / Noeth ring  $A$ ,  
then every  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  has a locally free  
resolution and that's enough to compute:

Lemma For any resolution  $\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{-1} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$   
by loc. free sheaves  $\mathcal{L}_k$  of finite rank,

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \simeq H^i(\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{L}_\bullet, \mathcal{G})).$$

Pf. True for  $i=0$  by left exactness of  $\mathcal{H}\text{om}(-, \mathcal{G})$ .

For  $i > 0$  use that both sides are  $\delta$ -functors in  $\mathcal{G}$   
and effaceable ( $\mathcal{H}\text{om}(-, \mathcal{G})$  is exact for  $\mathcal{G}$  injective).  $\square$

Exercise For  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  loc free of finite rk  
w/ dual  $\mathcal{L}^\vee := \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and  
any  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  we have:

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{G}) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{G}),$$

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{G}) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{G}) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \otimes \mathcal{L}^\vee$$



In passing to stalks we need some care:

Ex Let  $i: \{p\} \xrightarrow{\neq} X$  a closed pt  
and  $j: U := X \setminus \{p\} \hookrightarrow X$ .

Take  $\mathcal{O}_X = \mathbb{Z}_X$ , so  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) = \text{Sh}(X)$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})_p \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}}(\mathcal{F}_p, \mathcal{G}_p)$  is

- not epi for  $\mathcal{F} = i_{p*} \mathbb{Z}$  &  $\mathcal{G} = \mathbb{Z}_X$
- not mono for  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G} = j_! \mathbb{Z}_U$ .

Lemma Let  $X$  be a Noetherian scheme and  $p \in X$ .

For any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$

and all  $i \geq 0$  we have:

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})_p \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}}^i(\mathcal{F}_p, \mathcal{G}_p)$$

Pf. Question local, so wlog  $X$  affine.

$\Rightarrow \exists$  free resolution  $\mathcal{L}_\bullet \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

$\Rightarrow$  free resolution  $\mathcal{L}_{\bullet,p} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_p$  & claim follows.  $\square$

Serre vanishing also shows:

Prop  $X$  projective scheme / Noeth ring  $A$   
w/ very ample line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_X(1)$

Then  $\forall \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \text{Coh}(X) \forall i \geq 0$

$\exists n_0 > 0$  sth  $\forall n \geq n_0$ :

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(n)) \simeq \Gamma(X, \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(n))).$$

Pf.  $i = 0$ : Trivial for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

So assume  $i > 0$ .

① For  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X$  have

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(n)) = H^i(X, \mathcal{G}(n)) \stackrel{\text{Serre vanishing}}{=} 0 \text{ for } n \gg 0, i > 0$$

and  $\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(n)) = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}, i > 0$ .

② For  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{L}$  loc. free of finite rank, reduce to case ①  
via

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{G}) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{G}),$$

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{G}) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{L}^\vee \otimes \mathcal{G}).$$

③ For arbitrary  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Ch}(X)$ , reduce to case ② by taking an epi  $p: \mathcal{E} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  w/  $\mathcal{E}$  loc free of finite rank. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{F}' & \rightarrow & \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{p} & \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & \text{ii} & & & & \\ & & \ker p & & & & \end{array}$$

gives for  $n \gg 0$  by step ②:

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(n)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{G}(n)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}', \mathcal{G}(n)) \\ \searrow \\ \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(n)) \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

and

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}', \mathcal{G}(n)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Ext}^{i+1}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}(n)) \quad \text{for } i > 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$  Claim by induction on  $i$ .



## 9. Cohen-Macaulay schemes

Setup  $R$  Noetherian ring,  $I \triangleleft R$  proper ideal

What is the "codimension" of

$$Z := V(I) \subset X := \operatorname{Spec}(R) ? \quad \begin{array}{l} \nearrow \text{height} \\ \searrow \text{depth} \end{array}$$

Def 1  $\operatorname{codim}_X(Z) := \operatorname{codim}_R(I) := \min_{\substack{\mathfrak{p} \supseteq I \\ \mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec} R}} \operatorname{ht}(\mathfrak{p})$

for the height

$$\operatorname{ht}_R(\mathfrak{p}) := \sup \left\{ n \geq 0 \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists \text{ chain of primes} \\ \mathfrak{p}_0 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \mathfrak{p}_n = \mathfrak{p} \end{array} \right\} = \dim R_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

Rem For any  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq I$ ,  $\operatorname{codim}_R(I) \leq \dim R_{\mathfrak{p}} < \infty$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $(R_{\mathfrak{p}} \text{ local Noetherian ring})$

Ex •  $I = (x^2) \triangleleft R = k[x]$  has  $\operatorname{codim} = 1$ .

•  $I = (zx, zy) \triangleleft R = k[x, y, z]$  has  $\operatorname{codim} = 1$ .

• It can happen that  $\operatorname{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) + \dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) \neq \dim(R)$ ,

e.g.  $\mathfrak{p} = (pt - 1) \triangleleft R = \mathbb{Z}_p[t]$  has

$$\operatorname{ht}(\mathfrak{p}) + \dim(R/\mathfrak{p}) = 1 + 0 \neq 2 = \dim(R).$$

$\parallel$   
 1 by Krull

$$\hookrightarrow = \operatorname{Quot}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

Def 2 a) For  $M \in \operatorname{Mod}(R)$ , a sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$  is called an M-sequence or M-regular if

i)  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot M \neq M$ , and

ii)  $\forall i: x_i$  is not a zero divisor in  $M/(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M$

For  $M = R$  we call  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  a regular sequence.

b) For  $I \triangleleft R$  w/  $I \cdot M \neq M$  we put

$$\operatorname{depth}_M(I) := \sup \left\{ n \mid \exists \text{ M-sequence } x_1, \dots, x_n \in I \right\}$$

$$= \sup \left\{ n \mid \exists x_1, \dots, x_n \in I \text{ satisfying ii) above} \right\}$$

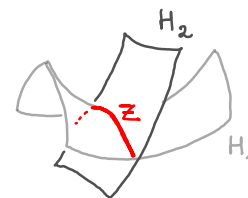
Geometric interpretation:

$H_i := V(x_i) \subset X = \operatorname{Spec} R$  hypersurfaces

For  $M := R$  we have:

i)  $\Rightarrow H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_n \neq \emptyset$

ii)  $\Rightarrow H_i$  does not contain any  
 irred. component of  $H_1 \cap \dots \cap H_{i-1}$ .



$$x_i \in I \Rightarrow Z := V(I) \subset H_i.$$

More precisely:

Lemma For  $M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  fin gen &  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in R$  with (ii),

$$\dim \text{Supp } M/(x_1, \dots, x_n) \leq \dim \text{Supp } M - n.$$

Pf. Wlog  $n = 1$  by induction.

$M$  fin gen / Noetherian ring  $R$

$$\Rightarrow \{ \text{zerodivisors of } M \} = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)} \mathfrak{p}$$

for the set of associated primes

$$\text{Ass}(M) := \{ \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R \mid \exists m \in M : \mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}(m) \}.$$

$$\Rightarrow x := x_1 \notin \mathfrak{p} \text{ for all } \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M).$$

$$\text{But } \text{Supp } M = V(\text{Ann } M) = \bigcup_{i=1}^N V(\mathfrak{p}_i)$$

w/  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_N \in \text{Ass}(M)$  the minimal associated primes

(= minimal primes containing  $\text{Ann } M$ )

$$\Rightarrow \text{Supp } M/xM = \text{Supp}(M) \cap V(x) \text{ has } \dim < \dim \text{Supp } M. \quad \square$$

Ex For  $IM \neq M$ , have  $\text{depth}_M(I) \leq \dim \text{Supp } M$ .

Rem The notion of regular sequence depends on the order:

For  $R = k[x, y, z]$  we have

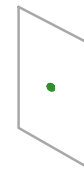
a)  $x, y(1-x), z(1-x)$   $R$ -sequence



$$V(x)$$



$$V(x, y(1-x)) \\ = V(x, y)$$



$$V(x, y(1-x), z(1-x)) \\ = V(x, y, z)$$

b)  $y(1-x), z(1-x), x$  NOT an  $R$ -sequence



$$V(y(1-x))$$



$$V(y(1-x), z(1-x)) \\ = V(1-x) \cup V(y, z)$$



$$V(y(1-x), z(1-x), x) \\ = V(x, y, z)$$

Lemma If  $R$  is **local**, then for  $M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  fin gen

and any permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  TFAE:

a)  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathfrak{m}_R$  form an  $M$ -sequence

b)  $x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(n)}$  //

Pf.  $S_n$  generated by transpositions of adjacent elements

$$\Rightarrow \text{wlog } \sigma = (i, i+1) \text{ for some } i$$

Replace  $M$  by  $M / (x_1, \dots, x_{i-1})M \Rightarrow$  wlog  $i=1, n=2$

Goal: If  $x_1, x_2$  is an M-sequence, then so is  $x_2, x_1$ .

1)  $x_2$  is not a zero divisor on  $M$ :

$$\text{Let } N := \{m \in M \mid x_2 \cdot m = 0\} \subset M$$

Since  $x_2$  is a nonzerodivisor on  $M/x_2M$

but acts trivially on  $N$ , we must

have  $N/x_1 N = 0 \subset M/x_1 M$ .

$\Rightarrow N = 0$  by Nakayama

2)  $x_1$  is not a zero divisor on  $M/x_2M$ :

Let  $[m] \in M/x_2 M$  w/  $x_1 \cdot [m] = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 m = x_2 m' \text{ for some } m' \in M$$
$$\Rightarrow x_2 \cdot [m'] = 0 \text{ in } M/x_2 M$$

$\Rightarrow [m'] = 0$  since  $x_1, x_2$  form an M-sequence

$$\Rightarrow \exists m'' \in M : m' = x_1 m''$$
$$\Rightarrow x_1 \cdot (m - x_2 m'') = 0 \quad \text{since } x_1 m = x_2 m'$$

$\Rightarrow m = x_2 m''$  since  $x_1$  is a nonzerodivisor on  $M$

$$\Rightarrow [m] = 0 \text{ in } M/x_2 M$$

Cor Assume  $R$  is local,  $M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  fin. gen.

and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  is an  $M$ -sequence.

$\Rightarrow$  For any  $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$x_1^{e_1}, \dots, x_n^{e_n}$  form an  $M$ -sequence.

Pf. Enough to do the case where  $\exists! i: e_i \neq 1$ .

By the lemma we may assume  $i = n$ .

Then the claim is trivial:

$$x_n \text{ nonzerodivisor on } M/(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$$
$$\Rightarrow x_n^{ei}$$
$$\underline{\text{Ex}} \quad \text{depth}_M(\sqrt{I}) = \text{depth}_M(I) \quad \forall I \triangleleft R$$

w/  $IM \neq M$

Recall  $\text{depth}_M(I) \leq \dim \text{Supp } M$  for  $I \trianglelefteq R$  w/  $IM \neq M$ .

We may have  $\dim \text{Supp } M = \infty$ . But using the above we can do better:

Lemma For  $M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  fingen &  $I \trianglelefteq R$  w/  $IM \neq M$  we have

$$\text{depth}_M(I) < \infty.$$

More precisely: For any prime  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq I$  and any maximal (ie non-refinable) chain of primes

$$\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_n \supsetneq \cdots \supsetneq \mathfrak{p}_0 \quad \text{w/ } \mathfrak{p}_0 \in \text{Ass}(M),$$

we have

$$\text{depth}_M(I) \leq n.$$

Pf. Wlog  $I = \mathfrak{p}$  (enlarge  $I$  if needed).

For  $n = 0$ , the claim is trivial as then  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)$ ,

hence  $\mathfrak{p} \subset \{\text{zero divisors on } M\}$  &  $\text{depth}_M(\mathfrak{p}) = 0$ .

We now proceed by induction on  $n$ .

Any  $M$ -sequence in  $\mathfrak{p}$  is also an  $M_{\mathfrak{p}}$ -sequence

(by flatness of  $R \rightarrow R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $R$  local w/ max ideal  $\mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_0$ .

$\Rightarrow$  may permute elements in  $M$ -sequences in  $\mathfrak{p}$  & replace them by arbitrary powers

Let  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in \mathfrak{p} = \mathfrak{p}_n$  be any  $M$ -sequence.

We must show that  $m \leq n$ .

Case 1:  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in \mathfrak{p}_{n-1}$  (not just  $\in \mathfrak{p}_n$ )

Then  $m \leq \text{depth}_M(\mathfrak{p}_{n-1}) \leq n-1$  by induction

Case 2:  $\exists i$  with  $x_i \in \mathfrak{p}_n \setminus \mathfrak{p}_{n-1}$

By permutation wlog  $i = 1$ .

Since  $\mathfrak{p}_n \supsetneq \cdots \supsetneq \mathfrak{p}_0$  is a maximal chain,

the prime  $\mathfrak{p}_n$  is minimal  $\supseteq \mathfrak{p}_{n-1} + (x_1)$

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_n$  is the unique prime  $\supseteq \mathfrak{p}_{n-1} + (x_1)$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{p}_n := p_n \cdot \bar{R} \triangleleft \bar{R} := R / (p_{n-1} + (x_1)) \text{ nilpotent}$$

Replace  $x_2, \dots, x_m$  by powers

$$\Rightarrow \text{wlog } x_2, \dots, x_m \in p_{n-1} + (x_1)$$

Subtract from  $x_2, \dots, x_m$  suitable  $R$ -multiples of  $x_1$  (which still keeps  $x_1, \dots, x_m$  an  $M$ -sequence)

$$\Rightarrow \text{wlog } x_2, \dots, x_m \in p_{n-1}$$

Then  $m-1 \leq \text{depth}_M(p_{n-1}) \leq n-1$   
by induction, so we're done.  $\square$

In particular, for  $R = M$  we get:

Cor For any  $I \triangleleft R$  we have

$$\text{depth}_R(I) \leq \text{codim}_R(I)$$

Def A Noetherian ring  $R$  is Cohen-Macaulay

$$\text{if } \text{depth}_R(m) = \text{codim}_R(m) \quad \forall m \in \text{Spm } R.$$

Ex a)  $\dim R = 0 \Rightarrow R$  is CM (trivially)

b)  $R$  regular local ring of  $\dim R = n$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x_1, \dots, x_n \in R \text{ w/ } m_R = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

& these form an  $R$ -sequence

$$\Rightarrow \text{depth}_R(m_R) \geq n = \dim R = \text{codim}_R(m_R)$$

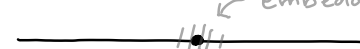
$\uparrow$   
 $m_R$  unique max ideal

$\Rightarrow$  equality by the corollary, so  $R$  is CM

c)  $R = k[x, y] / (xy, y^2)$  is NOT CM:

For  $m := (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \triangleleft R$  we have

- $\text{depth}_R(m) = 0$  since  $m \subset \{\text{zero divisors of } R\}$
- $\text{codim}_R(m) = 1$  by taking  $p_1 = m \not\supseteq p_2 = (\bar{y})$ .

$\text{Spec } R$  

Before giving more examples, it will be useful to understand the notion of depth more conceptually.

We start with the notion of zero divisors:

Key observation For  $0 \neq L, M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  fin. gen.

$$\neg \exists A \in :$$

a)  $\text{Hom}_R(L, M) = 0$ .

b)  $\exists x \in \text{Ann}(L)$  which is

NOT a zero divisor on  $M$ .

Pf.  $b) \Rightarrow a)$ : Take  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x} M \rightarrow M/xM \rightarrow 0$   
 $\downarrow$   
 injective since  $x$  is not a zero divisor on  $M$ !

Apply  $\text{Hom}_R(L, -)$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(L, M) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Hom}_R(L, M) \rightarrow \dots$$

Zero morphism, since  $x \in \text{Ann}(L)$ !

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(L, M) = 0$$

$$\neg b) \Rightarrow \neg a):$$

By assumption

$$\text{Ann } L \subset \{\text{zero divisors of } M\} = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)} \mathfrak{p}$$

Prime avoidance  $\Rightarrow \exists \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M): \text{Ann } L \subset \mathfrak{p}$

$L$  fin. gen  $\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(L, M)_\mathfrak{p} \simeq \text{Hom}_{R_\mathfrak{p}}(L_\mathfrak{p}, M_\mathfrak{p})$ ,  
so enough to show RHS is  $\neq 0$ .

So wlog  $R$  local and  $K := R/\mathfrak{p} \hookrightarrow M$ .

$$L \neq 0 \Rightarrow L/\mathfrak{p}L \neq 0 \text{ (Nakayama)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ nonzero hom. } L/\mathfrak{p}L \rightarrow R/\mathfrak{p} \hookrightarrow M$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(L, M) \neq 0 \text{ as required.}$$

It follows that all maximal  $M$ -sequences in a given ideal  $I$  have the same length:



Thm Let  $L, M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  fin generated

a) For any  $M$ -sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \text{Ann}(L)$ ,

$$\text{Ext}_R^i(L, M) \simeq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \\ \text{Hom}_R(L, M/(x_1, \dots, x_n)M) & \text{for } i = n. \end{cases}$$

b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ann}(L) \cdot M \neq M &\iff \text{Ann}(L) + \text{Ann}(M) \neq R \\ &\iff \text{Ext}_R^1(L, M) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

If these conditions hold, then

$$\text{depth}_M(\text{Ann } L) = \min \{ r \mid \text{Ext}_R^r(L, M) \neq 0 \} \quad (< \infty)$$

and any  $M$ -sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_s \in \text{Ann}(L)$  can be

extended to an  $M$ -sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \text{Ann}(L)$

of length  $n = \text{depth}_M(\text{Ann } L)$ .

Pf. a) Use induction on  $n$ .

$n = 1$ :  $x_1 \in \text{Ann}(L)$  nonzerodivisor on  $M$

$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(L, M) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_R(L, M/x_1 M)$  — hence iso!  
 $\parallel$   
 $\circ$   
 by the key observation  
 $\rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(L, M) \xrightarrow{x_1} \text{Ext}_R^1(L, M)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 zero since  $x_1 \in \text{Ann}(L)$

Induction step  $n-1 \rightarrow n$ : Let  $\bar{M} := M/x_1 M$ .

Then  $0 \rightarrow M \xrightarrow{x_i} M \rightarrow \bar{M} \rightarrow 0$  gives

$$\text{Ext}^{i-1}(L, M) \xrightarrow{\sigma} \text{Ext}^{i-1}(L, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^{i-1}(L, \bar{M}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(L, M) \xrightarrow{\sigma} \dots$$

hence iso!

where by induction

$$\text{Ext}_R^{i-1}(L, \bar{M}) = \begin{cases} 0, & i < n \\ \text{Hom}_R(L, \underbrace{\bar{M}/(x_2, \dots, x_n)\bar{M}}_{M/(x_2, \dots, x_n)M}), & i = n \end{cases}$$

b)  $\text{Ann}(L) + \text{Ann}(M) = R$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ann}(L) \cdot M = (\text{Ann}(L) + \text{Ann}(M)) \cdot M = M$$

Conversely:

$$\text{Ann}(L) \cdot M = M$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists r \in \text{Ann}(L): (1-r) \cdot M = 0 \quad (\text{Nakayama})$$

$$\Rightarrow s := 1-r \in \text{Ann}(M) \text{ has } r+s=1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ann}(L) + \text{Ann}(M) = R$$

If these conditions hold, i.e.  $\text{Ann}(L) + \text{Ann}(M) = R$ ,

then  $\text{Ext}_R^i(L, M) = 0$ :

Indeed  $\text{Ext}_R^i(L, M)$  is killed both by  $\text{Ann}(L)$  &  $\text{Ann}(M)$

since  $\text{Ext}_R^i(-, -)$  is  $R$ -linear in both variables.

On the other hand, if  $\text{Ann}(L) + \text{Ann}(M) \neq R$ ,

then  $\text{Ann}(L) \cdot M \neq M$  by the above. Hence

this case we have  $\text{depth}_M(\text{Ann}(L)) < \infty$ .

$\Rightarrow$  any  $M$ -sequence  $x_1, \dots, x_s \in \text{Ann}(L)$

can be extended to  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \text{Ann}(L)$

for some  $n \geq s$  sth:

- $x_1, \dots, x_n$  is an  $M$ -sequence

- $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}$  is NOT an  $M$ -sequence for any  $x_{n+1} \in \text{Ann}(L)$ .

Since  $\text{Ann}(L)M \neq M$ , condition (i) in the definition of an  $M$ -sequence is automatic for  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} \in \text{Ann}(L)$ , so we get:

Every  $x_{n+1} \in \text{Ann}(L)$  is a zerodivisor on  $\bar{M} := M / (x_1, \dots, x_n)M$ .

Our key observation then implies  $\text{Hom}_R(L, \bar{M}) \neq 0$

Part a) gives

$$\text{Ext}_R^i(L, M) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, n \\ \text{Hom}_R(L, \bar{M}) \neq 0 & \text{for } i = n. \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \min \{ r \mid \text{Ext}_R^r(L, M) \neq 0 \}$$

independent of chosen  $M$ -sequence in  $\text{Ann}(L)$ ,

hence also  $= \text{depth}_M(\text{Ann}(L))$ . □

Cor Let  $M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  fingen &  $I \triangleleft R$  w/  $IM \neq M$ .

a)  $\forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$  w/  $I \subset \mathfrak{p}$ ,

$$\text{depth}_M(I) \leq \text{depth}_{M_{\mathfrak{p}}}(I_{\mathfrak{p}}).$$

Equality holds for at least one  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spm } R$ .

b) In particular  $\text{depth}_R(m) = \text{depth}_{R_m}(mR_m)$   
for all  $m \in \text{Spm}(R)$ .

Pf. By the thm,

$$\text{depth}_M(I) = \min \{ r \mid \text{Ext}_R^r(R/I, M) \neq 0 \}$$

$$\text{depth}_{M_{\mathfrak{p}}}(I_{\mathfrak{p}}) = \min \{ r \mid \text{Ext}_{R_{\mathfrak{p}}}^r(R_{\mathfrak{p}}/I_{\mathfrak{p}}, M_{\mathfrak{p}}) \neq 0 \}$$

$$\stackrel{||}{=} (\text{Ext}_R^r(R/I, M))_{\mathfrak{p}} \quad \square$$

Cor If  $R$  is CM, then

$$\text{depth}_R(I) = \text{codim}_R(I) \text{ for all } I \triangleleft R.$$

Pf. We must show  $\text{depth}_R(I) \geq \text{codim}_R(I)$ .

By the corollary, localize at a maximal  $m \supset I$   
without changing depth of  $I$  and of  $m$

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $R$  local and  $I \subset m$ .

Recall  $\text{depth}_R(I) = \text{depth}_R(\sqrt{I})$ ,

$$\text{codim}_R(I) = \text{codim}_R(\sqrt{I}).$$

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\sqrt{I} = m$  we're done since

$$\text{depth}_R(m) = \text{codim}_R(m) \quad (\text{as } R \text{ is CM})$$

So assume  $\sqrt{I} \neq m$ .

$\Rightarrow m$  is not a minimal prime  $\supset I$

(else  $m$  would be the unique such prime  
and hence equal to the radical  $\sqrt{I}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  By prime avoidance,

$\exists x \in m$  sth  $x$  does not lie in any minimal  $\mathfrak{p} \supset I$

$$\Rightarrow \text{codim}_R(I + (x)) \geq \text{codim}_R(I) + 1$$

$\wedge$  (by Noetherian induction)

$$\text{depth}_R(I + (x))$$

$$\wedge \leftarrow \text{depth}_R(I) + 1$$

$x \notin$  minimal prime above  $I$   
 $\Rightarrow x$  nonzerodivisor on  $R/I$   
 $\Rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_n$  max. R-seq in  $I$   
iff  $x_1, \dots, x_n, x \dashv$  in  $I + (x)$   
and all max R-seq. have  
length =  $\text{depth}_R(-)$  by thm.

$\square$

Cor For any Noetherian ring  $R$ , TFAE:

- a)  $R$  is CM.
- b)  $\forall p \in \text{Spec } R: R_p$  is CM.
- c)  $\forall m \in \text{Spm } R: R_m$  is CM.

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b):

$R$  CM,  $p \in \text{Spec } R$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{codim}_{R_p}(pR_p) &= \text{codim}_R(p) && \text{by def.} \\ &= \text{depth}_R(p) && \text{since } R \text{ is CM} \\ &\leq \text{depth}_{R_p}(pR_p) && (I=p \text{ in previous cor.}) \\ &\leq \text{codim}_{R_p}(pR_p) && \text{by earlier cor.} \\ &\leq \text{codim}_{R_p}(pR_p) && \text{always} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  equality, hence  $R_p$  is also CM.

b)  $\Rightarrow$  c): trivial.

c)  $\Rightarrow$  a): By earlier corollary, any  $m \in \text{Spm } R$

$$\text{has } \text{depth}_{R_m}(mR_m) = \text{depth}_R(m)$$

$\Rightarrow$  claim since also  $\text{codim}_{R_m}(mR_m) = \text{codim}_R(m)$ .  $\square$

Def A scheme  $X$  is Cohen-Macaulay

if  $\forall p \in X \exists$  affine open  $p \in U \subset X$

sth  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  is Noetherian & CM

( $\Leftrightarrow X$  locally Noetherian &  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  CM  $\forall p \in X$ )

Ex a) Any 0-dim loc. Noeth scheme is CM.

b) Any regular scheme  $X$  is CM

c) Complete intersections:

$Y = \text{Spec } R$  regular scheme (more generally CM)

$X = V(f_1, \dots, f_n) \hookrightarrow Y$  w/  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  an  $R$ -sequence

$\Rightarrow X$  is CM

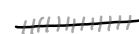
eg any hypersurface  $X = V(f) \subset \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$  is CM,

no matter how singular it is.

eg  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x, y]/(y^2 - x^2(x+1))$



$\text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[x, y]/(y^2)$



Pf of c)  $I = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$  generated by an R-sequence

Pick a max. ideal  $m \supseteq I$ .

Extend  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  to a max. R-sequence  $f_1, \dots, f_{n+e} \in m$ .

$\Rightarrow f_{n+1}, \dots, f_{n+e}$  is a max.  $R/I$ -sequence in  $m$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \ell &= \text{depth}_{R/I}(m/I) && \text{by the thm b)} \\ &\leq \text{codim}_{R/I}(m/I) && \text{since depth} \leq \text{codim} \\ &\leq \text{codim}_R(m) - \text{codim}_R(I) && \text{by def of codim} \\ &= \text{depth}_R(m) - \text{depth}_R(I) && \text{since } R \text{ is CM} \\ &= (n+e) - n = e && \text{by the thm b)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{depth}_{R/I}(m/I) = \text{codim}_{R/I}(m/I)$$

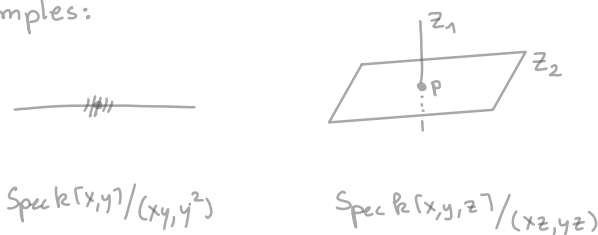
$\Rightarrow R/m$  is CM.



Upshot Any local complete intersection is CM.

$\downarrow$   
( $\because$  scheme  $X$  which is locally embeddable  
as a complete intersection in a regular scheme)

Non-examples:



$\text{Spec } k[x, y]/(x, y^2)$

$\text{Spec } k[x, y, z]/(xz, yz)$

Lemma Let  $X$  be a CM scheme. Then

a)  $X$  has no embedded pts

b)  $X$  is locally equidimensional:

$\forall p \in X \ \forall \text{ irred cpts } Z_1, Z_2 \subset X \text{ w/ } p \in Z_1 \cap Z_2$   
we have  
 $\dim_p Z_1 = \dim_p Z_2$ .

Pf. Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } R$ . Have

$\text{Min}(R) := \{ \text{minimal primes } \mathfrak{p} \trianglelefteq R \}$

$\cap$

$\text{Ass}(R) := \{ \text{associated primes } \mathfrak{p} \trianglelefteq R \}$

and

- irred cpts of  $X$  are given by primes  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Min}(R)$
- embedded pts  $\text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(R) \setminus \text{Min}(R)$

So we must show that if  $R$  is CM, then

a)  $\text{Ass}(R) = \text{Min}(R)$

b)  $\forall q_1, q_2 \in \text{Min}(R), p \in \text{Spec}(R) \text{ w/ } q_1 + q_2 \subseteq p$

we have  $\dim R_p/q_1 R_p = \dim R_p/q_2 R_p$ .

Since  $\text{Min}(R) \subseteq \text{Ass}(R)$ , it suffices to show:

b')  $\forall q_1, q_2 \in \text{Ass}(R), p \in \text{Spec}(R) \text{ w/ } q_1 + q_2 \subseteq p$

we have  $\dim R_p/q_1 R_p = \dim R_p/q_2 R_p$ .

(this implies a) by taking for any  $q_1 \in \text{Ass}(R)$

a minimal prime  $q_2 \subseteq q_1$  & taking  $p := q_1$ :

From b') we get  $q_1 = q_2$ , hence  $p$  is minimal)

To show c), let  $q \in \text{Ass}(R), q \subseteq p$  (for us,  $q = q_1, q_2$ ).

Know

$\text{depth}_R(p) \leq \max \{n \mid \exists \text{ primes } p = p_n \supseteq \dots \supseteq p_0 = q\}$

||

$\dim R_p$  as  $R$  is CM

$= \dim R_p/q R_p \leq \dim R_p$

$\Rightarrow \dim R_p/q R_p = \dim R_p$  independent of  $q \in \text{Ass}(R) \text{ w/ } q \subseteq p$



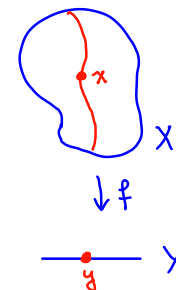
The CM property is also related to flatness.

Recall:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  morphism of schemes of finite type

$\Rightarrow \forall x \in X, y = f(x):$

a)  $\dim_x(X) \leq \dim_y(Y) + \dim_x(f^{-1}(y))$ .

b) Equality holds if  $f$  is flat at  $x$ .



Pf. Locally  $X = \text{Spec } S, Y = \text{Spec } R, x = q, y = p$ .

a) Let  $d = \dim R_p \Rightarrow \exists x_1, \dots, x_d \in R_p$

w/  $\dim R_p/(x_1, \dots, x_d) = 0$

ie.  $\sqrt{(x_1, \dots, x_d)} = p R_p$

Let  $e = \dim S_q/p S_q \Rightarrow \exists y_1, \dots, y_e \in S_q$

w/  $\sqrt{(y_1, \dots, y_e) + p S_q} = q S_q$

Then  $\sqrt{(x_1, \dots, x_d, y_1, \dots, y_e)} = q S_q$

$\Rightarrow \dim S_q \leq d + e = \dim R_p + \dim S_q/p S_q$

b) Flat ring homom. satisfy "going down":

Any prime chain  $p = p_n \supseteq p_{n-1} \supseteq \dots$  in  $R$  comes from  $S$ . □

CM gives a converse to b):

Thm ("miracle flatness") Let  $\varphi: R \rightarrow S$  be a local

homom. between local Noetherian rings

sth 1)  $R$  is regular

2)  $S$  is CM

3)  $\dim S = \dim R + \dim S/\mathfrak{m}_R S$ .

Then  $\varphi$  is flat.

Pf. Induction on  $\dim R$ .

•  $\dim R = 0$ : trivial, then  $R$  is a field by 1).

•  $\dim R > 0$ : Then  $\dim S > 0$  by 3)

Let  $\mathfrak{q}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{q}_r$  be the minimal prime ideals in  $S$ .

$$\Rightarrow \dim S/\mathfrak{q}_i = \dim S > \dim S/\mathfrak{m}_R S$$

$\uparrow$   
 $S \text{ CM}$

$\uparrow$   
 $3)$

$$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_i := \mathfrak{q}_i \cap R \neq \mathfrak{m}_R$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists x \in \mathfrak{m}_R \setminus (\mathfrak{m}_R^2 \cup \mathfrak{p}_i) \quad (\text{variant of prime avoidance})$$

Now  $x \notin \bigcup_i \mathfrak{q}_i$ , hence  $x$  is not a zero divisor on  $S$

(again since  $S$  is CM, so it has no embedded primes).

$$\Rightarrow S/xS \text{ still CM \& } \dim S/xS = \dim S - 1,$$

$$R/xR \text{ still regular \& } \dim R/xR = \dim R - 1.$$

By induction then  $R/xR \rightarrow S/xS$  is flat.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^{R/xR}(R/\mathfrak{m}_R, S/xS) = 0$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\text{Tor}_1^R(R/\mathfrak{m}_R, S) \text{ since } x \text{ is } R\text{-regular \& } S\text{-regular} \quad (*)$$

$\Rightarrow S$  flat over  $R$  by "local flatness criterion":

$$M \in \text{Mod}(R) \text{ flat} \Leftrightarrow \text{Tor}_1^R(R/\mathfrak{m}_R, M) = 0$$



For (\*) we used:

Rem  $R$  any ring,  $M, N \in \text{Mod}(R)$

$x$  nonzerodivisor on  $R$  and on  $N$ , with  $xM = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  For all  $n \geq 0$

$$\text{Tor}_n^R(M, N) \simeq \text{Tor}_n^{R/xR}(M, N/xN).$$

Pf.  $x$  is  $R$ -regular

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow R \xrightarrow{x} R \rightarrow R/x \rightarrow 0 \text{ free resolut}^n$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Tor}_n^R(R/x, N) = 0 \quad \forall n > 0$$

(for  $n=1$  using that  $x$  is  $N$ -regular)

$\Rightarrow$  For any free resolution  $L_\bullet \rightarrow N$ ,

$$L_\bullet \otimes_R R/x \rightarrow N/x \rightarrow 0 \text{ is still exact } (**)$$

(since its homology computes  $\operatorname{Tor}_n^R(R/x, N)$ ,  $n > 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Tor}_n^R(M, N) = H_n(M \otimes_R L_\bullet)$$

$$= H_n(M \otimes_{R/x} R/x \otimes_R L_\bullet)$$

$$= H_n(M \otimes_{R/x} (L_\bullet \otimes_R R/x))$$

$$= \operatorname{Tor}_n^{R/x}(M, N/xN) \text{ by } (**) \quad \square$$

Cor  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  morph. of finite type between

locally Noetherian schemes,  $x \in X$ ,  $y := f(x)$ .

Assume  $X$  is CM at  $x$  &  $Y$  is regular at  $y$ .

Then  $f$  is flat at  $x$  iff

$$\dim(\mathcal{O}_{x,x}) = \dim(\mathcal{O}_{y,y}) + \dim(\mathcal{O}_{x,x} \otimes_{\kappa(y)} \kappa(y)).$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{!!} \\ \dim_x X \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{!!} \\ \dim_y Y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{!!} \\ \dim_x f^{-1}(y) \end{array}$$

Ex Any finite dominant morphism between smooth irreducible varieties over a field is flat.

eg.  $X$  smooth scheme /  $\mathbb{F}_p$

$\Rightarrow$  Frob:  $X \rightarrow X$  is flat, etc.

Note In the miracle flatness corollary,

$Y$  needs to be regular, not just CM:

e.g. normalization of cuspidal cubic

$$X = \mathbb{P}_k^1 \rightarrow Y = \{y^2z = x^3\} \subset \mathbb{P}_k^2$$

has  $X, Y$  CM of pure dim = 1,

all fibers of pure dim = 0,

yet is NOT flat

(since  $k[t^2, t^3] \hookrightarrow k[t]$  not integral).



## Appendix: Serre's conditions

Q: Relation between regular / normal / reduced / CM / ... ?

Def Let  $k \geq 0$ . A locally Noetherian scheme  $X$  satisfies

Serre's condition

$$\downarrow = \text{ht}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,p}}(\mathfrak{m}_p) = \text{codim}_X(\overline{\{p\}})$$

$(R_k)$  if  $\forall p \in X$  w/  $\dim(\mathcal{O}_{X,p}) \leq k$ ,

the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is regular

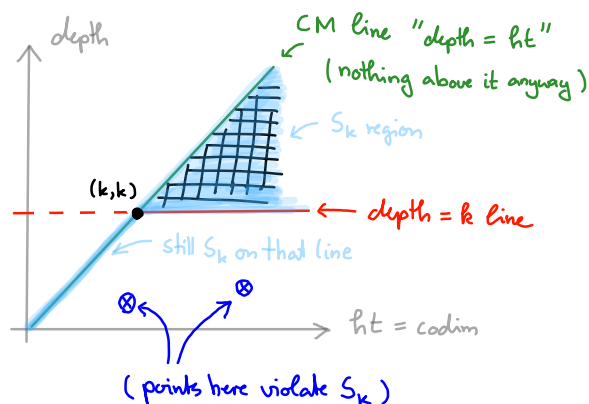
... ie if  $X$  is "regular in codim  $\leq k$ ".

$(S_k)$  if  $\forall p \in X$ ,

$\text{depth}(\mathcal{O}_{X,p}) \geq \min\{k, \dim(\mathcal{O}_{X,p})\}$

... ie if  $X$  is "CM in codim  $\leq k$ ,

and has depth  $\geq k$  in codim  $> k$ "



Ex Let  $X$  be a loc. Noetherian scheme. Then:

- $X$  regular  $\iff (R_k)$  for all  $k \geq 0$ .
- $X$  CM  $\iff (S_k)$  for all  $k \geq 0$ .

Prop  $X$  reduced  $\iff (R_0)$  and  $(S_1)$ .

Pf. Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } R$  w/  $R$  Noetherian. Then:

$(S_1) \iff X$  has no embedded points, i.e.

every associated prime in  $R$  is minimal  
 $\hookrightarrow \text{depth} = 0$   $\hookrightarrow \text{ht} = 0$

Hence

$(R_0)$  and  $(S_1) \iff \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(R),$

$R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a **field** (= 0-dim **regular** local ring)

$\iff R$  is reduced

$\Rightarrow$ : Any Noetherian ring  $R$  has  $R \hookrightarrow \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(R)} R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  injective:

If  $0 \neq a \in \ker(\varphi)$ , take any  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(M)$  for  $M := a \cdot R$ ,  
 then  $\frac{a}{1} \neq 0$  in  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  but also  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}(R)$  since  $M \subset R \not\subseteq$

$\Leftarrow$ : Let  $\mathfrak{p} = \text{Ann}(r) \in \text{Ass}(R)$  w/  $r \in R$ . If  $R$  is reduced, then  $r^2 \neq 0$   
 so  $r \notin \mathfrak{p}$ . So  $\mathfrak{p} \cdot r = 0$  gives  $\mathfrak{p} R_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$ , ie  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a field. □

Thm (Serre criterion)  $X \text{ normal} \iff (R_1) \text{ and } (S_2)$

Pf. Wlog  $X = \text{Spec } R$  w/  $R$  Noetherian.

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Assume  $R$  normal.

For  $(S_2)$ , let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$  w/  $\text{depth}_R \mathfrak{p} = 1$ . Goal:  $\text{ht}_R \mathfrak{p} = 1$ .

$\text{depth}_R \mathfrak{p} = 1 \Rightarrow \exists f \in R$  nonzerodivisor w/  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(R/fR)$ .

Localize  $\Rightarrow$  wlog  $R$  local w/ max ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ .

$\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(R/fR) \Rightarrow \exists g \in R$  w/  $g \notin fR$ :

$$\mathfrak{p} = \{x \in R \mid xg \equiv 0 \pmod{fR}\}$$

← "total ring of fractions"

Put  $y := \frac{g}{f} \in K(R) := S^{-1}R$

( $S := \text{nonzerodivisors} \subset R$ )

If  $y\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ , then  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a faithful fingen module over  $R[y]$ ,

hence  $y$  integral over  $R$  & thus  $y \in R$  by normality,

but then  $g \in fR \nsubseteq$

←  $y\mathfrak{p} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$  by construction

So  $y\mathfrak{p} = R$ , ie  $\mathfrak{p} = \frac{f}{g}R$  (hence  $\frac{f}{g} \in R$ ), so  $\text{ht}_R \mathfrak{p} = 1$   
by Krull.

For  $(R_1)$ , let  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } R$  w/  $\text{ht}_R \mathfrak{p} = 1$ . Goal:  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  regular.

Localize  $\Rightarrow$  wlog  $R$  local w/ max ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$

Same argument as above shows  $\mathfrak{p}$  is a principal ideal

$\Rightarrow R$  1-dim local domain whose max. ideal is p'pal,

ie  $R$  is a regular local ring (of dim 1)

" $\Leftarrow$ ": Assume  $R$  satisfies  $(R_1)$  and  $(S_2)$ .

In particular  $(R_0)$  and  $(S_1)$ , so  $R$  is reduced.

Let  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r$  be the min. primes in  $R$ .

Consider the total ring of fractions

$$K := S^{-1}R \quad \text{w/} \quad S := R \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i.$$

$\Rightarrow \mathfrak{p}_1 K \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{p}_r K = 0$  (since  $R$  is reduced)

$\mathfrak{p}_i K + \mathfrak{p}_j K = K \quad \forall i \neq j$  (since  $\mathfrak{p}_1 K, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r K$   
are all max. ideals of  $K$ )

$\Rightarrow K \simeq K(\mathfrak{p}_1) \times \dots \times K(\mathfrak{p}_r)$  by CRT

$$\text{w/ } K(\mathfrak{p}_i) := K/\mathfrak{p}_i K \simeq \text{Quot}(R/\mathfrak{p}_i) \simeq R_{\mathfrak{p}_i}.$$

$\Rightarrow \exists e_i \in K(p_i) \subseteq K$  idempotent w/  $e_i e_j = 0 \ \forall i \neq j$ ,  
 $e_1 + \dots + e_r = 1$

Each  $e_i \in K$  is integral over  $R \subseteq K$  (being idempotent).

If we can show  $R$  is integrally closed in  $K$ ,

then  $e_i \in R$  & hence  $R \simeq \prod_i R e_i$  is a product of integrally closed domains, i.e. normal as required.

Remains to show:  $R$  integrally closed in  $K$ .

For this let  $f, g, a_i \in R$ ,  $g$  nonzerodivisor,  
 sth

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)^n + a_1 \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0.$$

We want to show that  $f \in gR$ .

- Each  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(R/gR)$  has  $\text{depth}_R(\mathfrak{p}) = 1$ ,  
 hence by  $(S_2)$  it has  $\text{ht}_R(\mathfrak{p}) = 1$ .
- By  $(R_1)$  then  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is a 1dim regular local ring = DVR,  
 hence  $R_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is integrally closed
- Thus  $\frac{f}{g} \in R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , i.e.  $\frac{f}{1} \in gR_{\mathfrak{p}} \ \forall \mathfrak{p} \in \text{Ass}_R(R/gR)$ .

Now take a primary decomposition

$$(*) \quad gR = \bigcap_i \mathfrak{q}_i \quad \text{w/ } \mathfrak{q}_i \triangleleft R \text{ primary}$$

$\Rightarrow$  For any fixed  $i$ ,

$$\mathfrak{p} := \sqrt{\mathfrak{q}_i} \in \text{Ass}_R(R/gR)$$

By the above then  $\frac{f}{1} \in g \cdot R_{\mathfrak{p}} \subseteq \mathfrak{q}_i R_{\mathfrak{p}}$

$\Rightarrow f \in \mathfrak{q}_i$  (use  $\mathfrak{q}_i = R \cap (\mathfrak{q}_i R_{\mathfrak{p}})$  for  $\mathfrak{p}$ -primary  $\mathfrak{q}_i$ )

Since this works for all  $i$ , we get  $f \in gR$  by  $(*)$ .  $\square$

For instance, normal surfaces are CM:

Ex  $X$  loc. Noetherian scheme of  $\dim \leq 2$

then:  $X$  is CM  $\iff X$  is normal.

## 10. Serre duality

Motivation Poincaré duality:

$X$  compact connected ~~oriented~~  $\mathbb{R}$ -mfd of dim  $n$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  **canonical** perfect pairing

$$H^i(X, \mathbb{R}) \times H^{n-i}(X, \text{or} \otimes \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\cup} H^n(X, \text{or} \otimes \mathbb{R}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{R}$$
$$(\alpha, \beta) \longmapsto \int_X \alpha \cup \beta$$

w/  $\text{or} :=$  "orientation bundle of  $X$ "

(fixing one of the two orientations gives an iso  $\text{or} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{R}_X$ )

& any locally constant sheaf  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathbb{R}_X)$  of finite rk

w/ dual  $\mathcal{F}^\vee := \mathcal{H}om_{\mathbb{R}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathbb{R}_X)$ .

Goal: Analog for coherent sheaves:

$X \rightsquigarrow$  smooth proj scheme /  $k$  of pure dim  $= n$

$\mathcal{F} \rightsquigarrow$  coherent sheaf on  $X$

w/ dual  $\mathcal{F}^\vee := \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{O}_X)$

$\text{or}_X \rightsquigarrow$  canonical sheaf  $\omega_X := \wedge^n \Omega_{X/k}^1$

We start with the case  $X = \mathbb{P}_k^n$  (any field  $k$ ):

Thm Let  $X = \mathbb{P}_k^n$  &  $\omega_X := \wedge^n \Omega_{X/k}^1$ .

a)  $\exists$  **canonical** iso  $\text{tr}: H^n(X, \omega_X) \xrightarrow{\sim} k$ .

b) Fixing **any** such iso, we get for all  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$

and all  $i \geq 0$  perfect pairings

$$\underbrace{\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X) \times H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{F})}_{\rightarrow k}$$

( $\simeq H^i(X, \mathcal{F}^\vee \otimes \omega)$  if  $\mathcal{F}$  is loc. free of finite rank)

Pf. a) Try to stay coordinate-free:

Write  $X = \mathbb{P}V = \text{Proj Sym}^\bullet(V^*)$  with  $V := k^n$

$\Rightarrow$  Have natural iso  $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1)) \xrightarrow{\sim} V^*$

For bases  $x_0, \dots, x_n \in H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$ , we denote

the induced basis of  $V^*$  and the dual basis of  $V$

by

$$dx_0, \dots, dx_n \in V^* \quad \& \quad \partial_0, \dots, \partial_n \in V$$

Euler sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^n/\mathbb{C}}^1 \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-1) \otimes V^* \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n} \rightarrow 0$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\omega \quad \quad \quad \omega$   
 $\sum f dx_i \quad \mapsto \quad \sum f x_i$

Contraction w/ the Euler field  $\sum x_i \partial_i$

Taking top wedge power  $\wedge^{n+1}(\dots)$  we get:

$$\omega_{\mathbb{P}^n} := \wedge^n \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^n/\mathbb{C}}^1 \xrightarrow[\exists! \text{ iso}]{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-n-1) \otimes \wedge^{n+1}(V^*)$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \parallel$$

$$\wedge^n \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^n/\mathbb{C}}^1 \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n} \qquad \wedge^{n+1}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-1) \otimes V^*)$$

$$\uparrow \text{id} \otimes \varepsilon \qquad \nearrow \iota \wedge \text{id}$$

$$\wedge^n \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^n/\mathbb{C}}^1 \otimes (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-1) \otimes V^*)$$

(One computes that the above  $\alpha$  is the differential form

$$\alpha = \frac{x_0^n}{x_1 \cdots x_n} d\left(\frac{x_1}{x_0}\right) \wedge \cdots \wedge d\left(\frac{x_n}{x_0}\right) \text{ given in Hartshorne III.7})$$

For the standard cover  $\mathcal{U} = (U_i)_{i=0, \dots, n}$  w/  $U_i = D_+(x_i)$  we have

$$\alpha \in \Gamma(U_0 \cap \dots \cap U_n, \omega_X) = \check{C}^n(\mathcal{U}, \omega_X)$$

Our computation of Čech cohom. of  $X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n$  more precisely shows  $\exists!$  iso  $\text{tr}: \check{H}^n(X, \omega_X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$  w/  $\text{tr}(\alpha) = 1$ .

Note: For the Čech computation we had to choose an open cover, corresponding to our choice of a basis of  $V \simeq H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(1))$ . But one can show that the obtained iso  $H^1(X, \omega_X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{C}$  does not depend on the chosen basis of  $V$ , see [Hartshorne, Residues and Duality, cor. 10.2].

b) For  $i=0$  define

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{F}^\vee \otimes \omega_X) \otimes H^n(X, \mathcal{F}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$\parallel \qquad \qquad \qquad \uparrow \text{tr}$$

$$\text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X) \otimes H^n(X, \mathcal{F}) \longrightarrow H^n(X, \omega_X)$$

$$\downarrow \omega \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \omega$$

$$f \otimes \gamma \longmapsto f_*(\gamma)$$

We want to show the induced morphism

$$\varphi: \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X) \longrightarrow H^n(X, \mathcal{F})^\vee \text{ is an iso.}$$

If  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X(d)$  for some  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , this follows from

our Čech computation:

$$\bullet H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(d)) \simeq (k[x_0, \dots, x_n])_d = \text{Sym}^d(V^*)$$

$$\bullet H^n(X, \omega_X(-d)) \simeq \left( \frac{1}{x_0 \cdots x_n} \cdot k\left[\frac{x}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x}{x_n}\right] \right)_{-n-1-d}$$

$$= \text{Sym}^d(V) \otimes \alpha$$

$$\text{w/ } \alpha \hat{=} \frac{dx_0 \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_n}{x_0 \cdots x_n} \text{ as above}$$

For arbitrary  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ , write  $\mathcal{F} = \text{coker}(\mathcal{E}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_0)$

for suitable  $\mathcal{E}_i = \bigoplus_j \mathcal{O}_X(d_{ij})$  w/  $d_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Left exactness of  $\text{Hom}(-, \omega_X)$  and  $H^n(X, -)^\vee$  gives

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(\mathcal{E}_0, \omega_X) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}(\mathcal{E}_1, \omega_X) \\ & & \varphi \downarrow & & s \downarrow & & s \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & H^n(X, \mathcal{F})^\vee & \rightarrow & H^n(X, \mathcal{E}_0)^\vee & \rightarrow & H^n(X, \mathcal{E}_1)^\vee \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi$  is an iso

It remains to show that for all  $i > 0$ ,

$\exists$  natural iso

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{F})^\vee.$$

Both sides are  $\delta$ -functors & agree for  $i=0$  (by above),

so we only need to show coexactability:

$\forall \mathcal{F} \exists \text{ epi } \mathcal{G} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  from some  $\mathcal{G} \in \text{Coh}(X)$

w/

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{G}, \omega_X) = H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{G})^\vee = 0.$$

Indeed we can take  $\mathcal{G} = \bigoplus_{i \in \mathbb{I}} \mathcal{O}_X(-d)$  w/  $d \gg 0$ :

• For  $d \gg 0$  Serre vanishing gives

$$\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{O}_X(-d), \omega_X) = H^i(X, \omega_X(d)) = 0$$

• For  $i > 0$  and any  $d > 0$ ,

$$H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-d))^\vee = 0.$$

□

To generalize this to arbitrary proper schemes  $X$  over  $k$ , we make the following definition:

Def Let  $X$  be a proper scheme of  $\dim n$  over  $k$ .

A dualizing sheaf on  $X$  is a coherent

sheaf  $\omega_X^\circ \in \text{Coh}(X)$  together with a

morphism  $\text{tr}: H^n(X, \omega_X^\circ) \rightarrow k$

sth  $\forall \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  the pairing

$$\text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X^\circ) \times H^n(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^n(X, \omega_X^\circ) \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} k$$

induces an iso

$$\text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X^\circ) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^n(X, \mathcal{F})^\vee$$

Rem If it exists, a dualizing sheaf is unique:

For any two such  $(\omega_X^\circ, \text{tr})$  and  $(\tilde{\omega}_X^\circ, \tilde{\text{tr}})$ ,

$$\exists! \text{ iso } \varphi: \omega_X^\circ \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{\omega}_X^\circ$$

w/

$$\text{tr} = \tilde{\text{tr}} \circ H^n(\varphi).$$

Pf. By definition  $(\omega_X^\circ, \text{tr})$  represents the functor  $\text{Coh}(X) \rightarrow \text{Vect}(k), \mathcal{F} \mapsto H^n(X, \mathcal{F})^\vee$ .  $\square$

For existence we need:

Lemma Let  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P} := \mathbb{P}_k^N$  be closed &  $r := N - \dim(X)$ .

$$a) \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^i(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) \cong 0 \quad \forall i < r.$$

b) For any  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \exists$  natural iso

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^r(\mathcal{F}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) \\ \cong \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^r(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_{\mathbb{P}})) \end{aligned}$$

Pf. a) Passing to stalks, this follows from the characterization of depth via  $\text{Ext}$  in §9, since  $\mathbb{P}$  is CM so that  $\text{codim} = \text{depth}$ .

b) Use the spectral sequence

$$\begin{aligned} E_2^{pq} &:= \text{Ext}_X^p(\mathcal{F}, \underbrace{\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^q(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_X)}_{=0 \text{ for } q < r \text{ by a)}) \Rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^{p+q}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) \\ &= 0 \text{ for } q < r \text{ by a)} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, argue by hand:

Let  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \subset \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}})$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{P}}(\mathcal{F}, -) = \text{Hom}_X(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_X, -))$$

Plug in an injective resolution  $0 \rightarrow \omega_{\mathbb{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^i(\mathcal{F}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) = H^i(\text{Hom}_X(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{J}^\bullet))$$

$$\text{w/ } \mathcal{J}^\bullet = \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{J}^\bullet)$$

By a) the complex  $\mathcal{J}^\bullet$  is exact in all degrees  $< r$

$$\text{Claim: } H^r(\mathcal{J}^\bullet) \simeq \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_X, H^r(\mathcal{J}^\bullet))$$

$$(=: \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^r(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}))$$

(Indeed injectivity of  $\mathcal{J}^{r-1}$  gives splitting  $\mathcal{J}^{r-1} \simeq \ker(d^{r-1}) \oplus \text{im}(d^{r-1})$ )

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet \simeq \mathcal{J}_1^\bullet \oplus \mathcal{J}_2^\bullet \text{ w/ the "truncations"}$$

$$\mathcal{J}_1^\bullet := [\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{J}^{r-2} \rightarrow \ker(d^{r-1}) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \cdots]$$

$$\mathcal{J}_2^\bullet := [\cdots \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow \text{im}(d^{r-1}) \rightarrow \mathcal{J}_2^r \rightarrow \cdots]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{J}^\bullet \simeq \underbrace{\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{J}_1^\bullet)}_{H^r(\cdots) = 0} \oplus \underbrace{\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{J}_2^\bullet)}_{H^r(\cdots) = \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_X, H^r(\mathcal{J}^\bullet))}$$

$$\text{since } \mathcal{J}_1^r = 0$$

$$\text{by left exactness of } \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_X, -)$$



Prop Any projective scheme  $X$  over  $k$

has a dualizing sheaf  $(\omega_X^\circ, \text{tr})$ .

Pf. Choose embedding  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P} := \mathbb{P}_k^N$

& put

$$\omega_X^\circ := \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^r(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) \text{ w/ } \begin{matrix} r := N - n \\ n := \dim X. \end{matrix}$$

Then  $\forall \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  get iso

$$\varphi: \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X^\circ) \simeq \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^r(\mathcal{F}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) \text{ (by the lemma)}$$

$$\simeq H^n(\mathbb{P}, \mathcal{F})^\vee \text{ (by Serre duality on } \mathbb{P})$$

The trace map is obtained by taking  $\mathcal{F} := \omega_X^\circ$ :

$$\text{Hom}(\omega_X^\circ, \omega_X^\circ) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^n(\mathbb{P}, \omega_X^\circ)^\vee$$

$$= \text{Hom}_k(H^n(\mathbb{P}, \omega_X^\circ), k)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \psi \\ \text{id} \nearrow \quad \quad \quad \searrow \psi \\ \quad \quad \quad \text{tr} \end{matrix}$$

By naturality then  $\varphi(f) = \text{tr} \circ H^n(X, f)$ .





Thm (Serre duality) Let  $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^N$  w/  $\dim X = n$

and fix a dualizing sheaf  $(\omega_X^\circ, \tau)$  on  $X$ . Then:

a)  $\forall \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X) \forall i \geq 0 \exists$  natural maps

$$\theta^i: \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X^\circ) \rightarrow H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{F})^\vee$$

b) the following are equivalent:

1)  $\theta^i$  is an iso  $\forall i \forall \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ .

2)  $\forall$  loc. free  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ ,

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{F}(-q)) \forall i < n \forall q \gg 0.$$

3)  $X$  is CM and equidimensional.

Pf. a) Pick an epi  $\mathcal{E} := \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \mathcal{O}_X(-q) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  w/  $q \gg 0$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{E}, \omega_X^\circ) \simeq \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes \omega_X^\circ) \quad (\mathcal{E} \text{ loc free})$$

$$= H^i(X, \bigoplus_{j=1}^m \omega_X^\circ(q)) \quad (\text{by def of } \mathcal{E})$$

$$= 0 \text{ for } q \gg 0, i > 0 \quad (\text{Serre vanishing})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(-, \omega_X^\circ) \text{ coexactable for all } i > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{universal } \delta\text{-factor \& claim follows from the case } i=0$$

b) 1)  $\Rightarrow$  2): For  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  locally free,

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{F}(-q)) \simeq \text{Ext}^{n-i}(\mathcal{F}(-q), \omega_X^\circ)^\vee \quad \text{by 1)}$$

$$\simeq H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{F}^\vee \otimes \omega_X(q)) \quad \text{as } \mathcal{F} \text{ is loc. free}$$

$$= 0 \quad \forall i < n \quad \forall q \gg 0 \quad \text{by Serre vanishing}$$

2)  $\Rightarrow$  1):

$\text{Ext}^i(-, \omega_X^\circ)$  form a universal  $\delta$ -factor by proof of a)

$\Rightarrow$  only need to show the same for  $H^{n-i}(X, -)^\vee$

(because of uniqueness of universal  $\delta$ -functors)

$\Rightarrow$  enough to show  $H^{n-i}(X, -)^\vee$  coexactable  $\forall i > 0$ ,  
but that's clear by our assumption 2)

3)  $\Rightarrow$  2): Recall  $X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P} := \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^N$

$X$  CM of pure  $\dim = n$

$\Rightarrow \forall$  loc free  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X) \forall$  closed pt  $x \in X$ :

$$\text{depth } \mathcal{F}_x = n$$

Here  $\text{depth } \mathcal{F}_x := \text{depth}_{\mathcal{F}_x}(\mathfrak{m}_{X,x}) = \text{depth}_{\mathcal{F}_x}(\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbb{P},x})$   
 $:= \text{max length of an } \mathcal{F}_x\text{-sequence in } \mathfrak{m}_{X,x}$   
 $\dots \text{ or, equivalently, in } \mathfrak{m}_{\mathbb{P},x}$

Now recall the Auslander - Buchsbaum formula:

$\forall$  Noetherian local ring  $R$ ,  $\swarrow$  smallest length of a proj. resol. of  $M$   
 $\forall$  fin gen  $0 \neq M \in \text{Mod}(R)$  w/  $\text{pd}_R(M) < \infty$ :  
 $\text{depth}(M) = \text{depth}(R) - \text{pd}_R(M)$

(Using derived categories, this follows from

$$\text{RHom}_R(k, M) \simeq \text{RHom}_R(k, R) \otimes_k^{\mathbb{L}} (k \otimes_R^{\mathbb{L}} M)$$

by taking the smallest degree where cohomology is  $\neq 0$ .)

Apply to  $R = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P},x}$ ,  $M = \mathcal{F}_x$ :

$$\Rightarrow \text{pd}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P},x}} \mathcal{F}_x = \underbrace{\text{depth } \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P},x}}_{= \dim \mathbb{P} = N \text{ since } \mathbb{P} \text{ is CM of pure dim } N} - \underbrace{\text{depth } \mathcal{F}_x}_{= n \text{ by above}}$$

Upshot:  $\text{pd}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \mathcal{F} = N - n = r \quad \forall \text{ closed pts } x \in X$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^i(\mathcal{F}, -) = 0 \quad \forall i > r$$

Then 2) follows:

$$\begin{aligned} H^i(X, \mathcal{F}(-q)) &\simeq \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^{N-i}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}(q))^{\vee} \quad \text{by Serre duality on } \mathbb{P} \\ &\simeq \Gamma(\mathbb{P}, \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^{N-i}(\mathcal{F}, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}(q)))^{\vee} \quad \text{always true for } q \gg 0 \\ &= 0 \quad \text{since } \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^{N-i}(\mathcal{F}, -) = 0 \text{ for } i < n \end{aligned}$$

2)  $\Rightarrow$  3): Reading the above backwards for  $\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{O}_x$ ,

from 2) we get  $\text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^{N-i}(\mathcal{O}_x, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) = 0 \quad \forall i < n$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P},x}}^{N-i}(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P},x}) = 0 \quad \forall i < n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{pd}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P},x}}(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}) \leq N - n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{depth}(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}) \geq n \text{ by Auslander - Buchsbaum}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{depth}(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}) = n \text{ since } \dim X = n$$

$$\Rightarrow X \text{ is CM}$$



Cor (Serre duality for locally free sheaves)

For  $X$  projective /  $\mathbb{k}$ , CM of pure dim  $n$ ,  
and any locally free sheaf  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ ,  
] natural iso

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{F}^\vee \otimes \omega_X^\circ) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{F})^\vee \quad \forall i \geq 0.$$

Pf.  $\mathcal{F}$  loc free

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X^\circ) \simeq H^i(X, \mathcal{F}^\vee \otimes \omega_X^\circ) \quad \square$$

$\uparrow$

NB This reformulation of Serre duality only works  
for  $\mathcal{F}$  locally free: For instance, in the  
case  $\dim \text{Supp } \mathcal{F} < n = \dim X$  always  
 $\mathcal{F}^\vee := \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0$  and hence  
 $H^i(X, \mathcal{F}^\vee \otimes \omega_X^\circ) = 0$  for all  $i$ , even  
if  $\text{Ext}^i(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X^\circ) \simeq H^{n-i}(X, \mathcal{F}) \neq 0!$

Q: How to compute  $\omega_X^\circ$  explicitly?

Def For a smooth variety  $X$  of pure dim  $n$  over  $\mathbb{k}$   
we define its canonical bundle to be the line  
bundle  $\omega_X := \bigwedge^n \Omega_{X/\mathbb{k}}^1 \in \text{Pic}(X)$ .

Example ("adjunction formula on  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{k}}^N$ ")

For any effective Cartier divisor  $D \subset \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{k}}^N$   
we have:

$$a) \quad \omega_D^\circ \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(D)|_D.$$

$$b) \quad \text{If } D \text{ is smooth, then } \omega_D^\circ \simeq \omega_D.$$

Pf. Let  $D = V_+(f)$  w/  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(d)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  locally free resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(-d) \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_D \rightarrow 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \omega_D^\circ &:= \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^1(\mathcal{O}_D, \omega_{\mathbb{P}}) \\ &\simeq \text{cok}(\omega_{\mathbb{P}} \xrightarrow{f} \omega_{\mathbb{P}}(d)) = \omega_{\mathbb{P}}(d)|_D. \end{aligned}$$

If  $D$  is smooth, then also  $\omega_D \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}}(d)|_D$  by the  
conormal sequence  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}/\mathbb{k}}^1|_D \rightarrow \Omega_{D/\mathbb{k}}^1 \rightarrow 0$   
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$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(-d)|_D \rightsquigarrow \text{dual gives } \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(d)|_D \quad \square$$

More generally:

Thm Let  $X = V(J) \subset \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_k^N$  be a local complete intersection of codimension  $r$ , then

$$a) \omega_X^\circ \cong \omega_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \Lambda^r(J/J^2)^\vee$$

$$b) \text{ If } X \text{ is smooth, then } \omega_X^\circ \cong \omega_X.$$

Pf. Let  $U = \text{Spec } A \subset \mathbb{P}$  be any open affine

sth  $\exists$  regular sequence  $f_1, \dots, f_r \in A$  w/

$$J|_U = (f_1, \dots, f_r).$$

Free resolution  $K_\bullet \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X|_U$ ?

$$\text{eg } r=2: K_\bullet = [\mathcal{O}_U \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} f_2 \\ -f_1 \end{pmatrix}} \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus 2} \xrightarrow{(f_1, f_2)} \mathcal{O}_U]$$

For arbitrary  $r$  take "Koszul resolution":

$$0 \rightarrow K_r \rightarrow K_{r-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K_1 \rightarrow K_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X|_U$$

$$\text{w/ } K_0 := \mathcal{O}_U$$

$$K_1 := \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus r}$$

$$K_p := \Lambda^p(K_1) \text{ for } p \in \{2, 3, \dots, r\}$$

$$d: K_p \longrightarrow K_{p-1}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_p} & \mapsto & \sum_{v=1}^p (-1)^v e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{e}_{i_v} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_p} \end{matrix}$$

Exercise:  $K_\bullet$  is a resolution of  $\mathcal{O}_X|_U$ .

$$\Rightarrow \omega_X^\circ|_U := \text{Ext}_{\mathbb{P}}^r(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_{\mathbb{P}})|_U$$

$$\cong H^r(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{P}}(K^\bullet, \omega_U))$$

$$\cong \omega_U \otimes \underbrace{\text{cok}(\Lambda^{k-1}(\mathcal{O}_U) \rightarrow \Lambda^k(\mathcal{O}_U))}_{\cong \mathcal{O}_U / (f_1, \dots, f_r)\mathcal{O}_U = \mathcal{O}_X|_U}$$

$$\cong \mathcal{O}_U / (f_1, \dots, f_r)\mathcal{O}_U = \mathcal{O}_X|_U$$

Note: The above iso depends on the choice of  $f_1, \dots, f_r$ .

Passing to another regular sequence  $\tilde{f}_1, \dots, \tilde{f}_r$  we can

write  $\tilde{f}_i = \sum_j c_{ij} f_j$  w/  $c_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}_U$ . We get a

morphism of their Koszul complexes  $K_\bullet \rightarrow \tilde{K}_\bullet$  given in

$$\text{degree } \bullet = r \text{ by } \det(c_{ij}): \Lambda^r(\mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus r}) \rightarrow \Lambda^r(\mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus r})$$

Compare w/ conormal sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2|_U \rightarrow \Omega_{\mathbb{P}/k}^1|_{X \cap U} \rightarrow \Omega_{X \cap U/k}^1 \rightarrow 0$$

$$\uparrow \scriptstyle (f_1, \dots, f_r)$$

$$\mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus r} \quad (\text{since } f_1, \dots, f_r \text{ form a regular sequence})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{get iso } \Lambda^r(\mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus r}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \Lambda^r(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)|_U$$

which also transforms via  $\det(c_{ij})$  under change of basis

$$\Rightarrow \text{iso } \omega_X^\circ|_U \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \Lambda^r(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)|_U \quad \checkmark \leftarrow \text{dualize!}$$

independent of chosen regular sequence, hence glues to a global iso

$$\omega_X^\circ \xrightarrow{\sim} \omega_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \Lambda^r(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)^\vee$$

Conormal sequence also shows

$$\omega_{\mathbb{P}} \simeq \Lambda^r(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2) \otimes \underbrace{\Lambda^n(\Omega_{X/k}^1)}_{=: \omega_X \text{ for } X \text{ smooth}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_X \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \Lambda^r(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)^\vee \simeq \omega_X^\circ \quad \square$$

Rem Same proof shows for any  $X = V(\mathcal{I}) \subset \mathbb{P} = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}}^N$ :

If  $U \subset \mathbb{P}$  is any open dense subset such that  $U \cap X \subset U$  is a local complete intersection, then  $\omega_X^\circ|_U \simeq \omega_{\mathbb{P}} \otimes \Lambda^r(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)^\vee|_U \simeq \omega_{X \cap U}$ .

Cor Any projective variety  $X$  over  $k$  satisfies

$$\omega_X^\circ|_{\text{Sm}(X)} \simeq \omega_{\text{Sm}(X)}$$

Pf. If  $X \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}}^N$  is smooth at a point, then it is a complete intersection in a nbhd of that point e.g. by the Jacobian criterion.  $\square$

Cor ("adjunction formula on smooth varieties")

Let  $X$  be a smooth proj. variety /  $k$ .

Then for any effective Cartier divisor  $D \subset X$

we have

$$\omega_D^\circ \simeq \omega_D \simeq \omega_X \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(D)|_D.$$

Pf.  $X \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}}^N$  lci  $\Rightarrow D \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{P}}^N$  lci. Now use the thm.  $\square$

Example  $X$  smooth proj surface /  $k$   
 $C \subset X$  smooth irreducible curve of genus  $g$

$$\Rightarrow 2g - 2 = \deg(\omega_X(C)|_C)$$

e.g. for  $X = \mathbb{P}_k^2$  and  $C$  of degree  $d$

we recover the well-known formula:

$$2g - 2 = \deg(\mathcal{O}_X(d-3)|_C) = d(d-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow g = \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2}$$

Example For a smooth projective variety  $X$  over  $k$   
 we define the Hodge numbers  $h^{p,q} := \dim_k H^q(X, \Omega_X^p)$

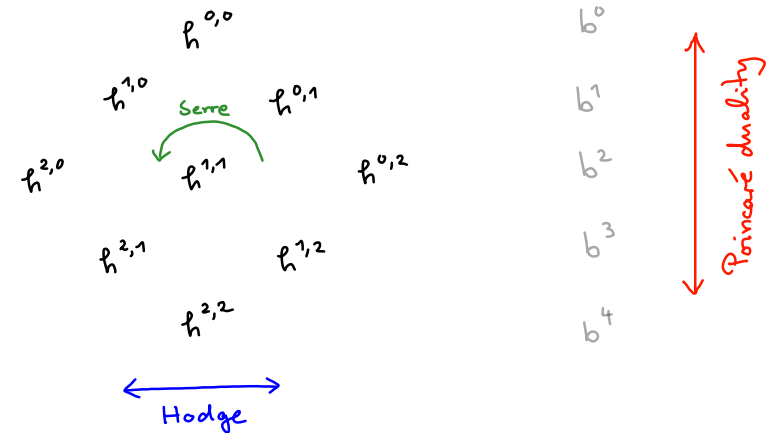
For  $X$  of pure dim  $n$ , Serre duality

gives

$$h^{p,q}(X) = h^{n-p, n-q}(X)$$

since  $\Omega_X^{n-p} \simeq (\Omega_X^p)^\vee$  (exercise).

They are often pictured by a "Hodge diamond",  
 e.g. for  $n = 2$ :



Over  $k = \mathbb{C}$  they compute the topological Betti numbers via Hodge theory:

$$b^i := \dim_{\mathbb{Q}} H^i(X^{an}, \mathbb{Q}) = \sum_{p+q=i} h^{p,q}$$

Basic symmetries:

- Serre duality  $\hat{=}$  rotation by  $\pi$  ( $h^{p,q} = h^{n-p, n-q}$ )

- For char  $k = 0$  one also has:

Hodge symmetry  $\hat{=}$  reflection at y-axis ( $h^{p,q} = h^{q,p}$ )

Caution: Hodge symmetry can fail if char  $k > 0$  (Serre '58)!

These are all the symmetries:

Thm All linear relations between  $h^{p,q}(X)$ 's that hold for all smooth proj.  $X$  over  $k$  are generated by

- Serre duality & Hodge symmetry  
if  $\text{char } k = 0$  (Kottschick-Schreieder 2013)
  - Serre duality if  $\text{char } k > 0$   
(van Dobben de Bruyn 2020)
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## Residues of differentials

We've constructed  $\text{tr}: H^n(X, \omega_X^\circ) \rightarrow k$  abstractly via homological algebra of Ext.

There's also a concrete approach via residues of differentials. We explain it here only for smooth projective curves  $X = C$  over  $k = \bar{k}$ :

Let  $K := k(C)$  be the function field of  $C$ .

For  $p \in C(k)$ , fix a local parameter  $x \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$

and define the residue of rational differential forms at  $p$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_{p,t}: \underbrace{\Omega_{K/k}^1}_{\omega} &= K \cdot dx \xrightarrow{\quad} \underbrace{k}_{\omega} \\ \omega = f(x) dx &\longmapsto c_{-1}(f) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f(x) = \sum_{i < 0} c_i(f) \cdot x^i + g(x) \quad \begin{array}{l} c_i(f) \in k \\ \text{w/ almost all zero,} \\ \text{and } g \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}. \end{array}$$

Over  $k = \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$\text{res}_{p,x} (f(x) dx) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=\varepsilon} f(x) dx$$

& this does not depend on the choice of the local coordinate  $x$  at  $p$  (by Cauchy's thm / homotopy invariance of path integral).

For  $k$  of arbitrary characteristic we still have:

Prop For any two local parameters  $x, y \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}$ , we have

$$\text{Res}_{p,x} = \text{Res}_{p,y}.$$

Pf. Enough to show:

$$\text{Res}_y \left( \frac{1}{x^a} dx \right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a=1, \\ 0 & \text{if } a > 1. \end{cases}$$

For the case  $a=1$ , write  $y = h \cdot x$  w/  $h \in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}^*$

$$\Rightarrow dy = h dx + x dh$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{y} &= \frac{dx}{x} + \underbrace{\frac{x}{y} dh}_{\in \Omega_{C/k,p}^1 \subset \Omega_{K/k}^1} \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Res}_{p,y} \left( \frac{dx}{x} \right) = \text{Res}_{p,y} \left( \frac{dy}{y} \right) = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Res}_{p,y} (\dots) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

For the case  $a > 1$  note  $\text{Res}_{p,y} (df) = 0 \quad \forall f \in K = k(C)$ ,

so if  $p := \text{char}(k) \nmid (a-1)$ , we're done by writing

$$\frac{dx}{x^a} = df \quad \text{w/} \quad f := -\frac{1}{a-1} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{a-1}}.$$

Hence assume  $p \mid (a-1)$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists$  iso ("inverse Cartier operator")

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varphi: \Omega_{K/k}^1 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \Omega_{K/k}^1 / dK \\ \omega & & \omega \\ f(x) dx & \longmapsto & f(x)^p \cdot x^{p-1} \cdot dx \end{array}$$

of  $\mathcal{O}$ -spaces over  $K$ , where the RHS is regarded as a  $\mathcal{O}$ -space over  $K$  via Frob:  $K \rightarrow K, f \mapsto f^p$ .

(check after passage to completion  $\hat{\mathcal{O}}_{C,p} = k[[x]]$ ,

$$\text{then } \hat{K} := K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{C,p}} \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{C,p} = \left\{ \sum_{i \geq i_0} c_i x^i \mid i_0 \in \mathbb{Z}, c_i \in k \right\}$$

and

$$\hat{K} \cdot dx = \left\{ \sum_{i \geq i_0} c_i x^i \cdot dx \mid i_0 \in \mathbb{Z}, c_i \in k \right\}$$

$$\cup \left\{ \sum_{\substack{i \geq i_0 \\ i \equiv -1 \pmod{p}}} \dots \right\}$$



This iso  $\varphi$  is independent of the chosen parameter  $x$ ,  
in fact it can be constructed alternatively as the  
unique group hom  $\varphi: \Omega_{K/\mathbb{k}}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{K/\mathbb{k}}^1 / dK$  sth  
 $\forall a \in K, \omega \in \Omega_{K/\mathbb{k}}^1$ :

$$i) \quad \varphi(a \cdot \omega) = a^p \cdot \varphi(\omega)$$

$$ii) \quad \varphi(da) = a^{p-1} da$$

(Uniqueness is clear, for existence one has to note that  
 $(ab)^{p-1} \cdot d(ab) = a^p \cdot b^{p-1} db + b^p \cdot a^{p-1} da$  and  
 $(a+b)^{p-1} \cdot d(a+b) \equiv a^{p-1} da + b^{p-1} db \pmod{dK}$   
difference is  $d\left(\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \frac{1}{p} \binom{p}{i} \cdot a^i b^{p-i}\right)$

$$\text{The rules i), ii) imply } \varphi\left(\frac{dy}{y}\right) = \frac{dy}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Res}_y(\varphi(\omega)) = (\text{Res}_y(\omega))^p$$

$$\text{Now for } a = pe + 1 \text{ w/ } e \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \frac{dx}{x^a} = \varphi\left(\frac{dx}{x^{e+1}}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Res}_y\left(\frac{dx}{x^a}\right) = \underbrace{\left(\text{Res}_y\left(\frac{dx}{x^{e+1}}\right)\right)^p}_{=0 \text{ by ind}^n \text{ on } a} = 0$$



Upshot For each  $p \in C(\mathbb{k})$ , get well-defined residue  
map

$$\text{Res}_p: \Omega_{K/\mathbb{k}}^1 / dK \rightarrow \mathbb{k}$$

sth for any local parameter  $x$  at  $p$ ,

$$\text{Res}_p\left(\underbrace{\sum_{i \geq 0} c_i \cdot x^i}_{\substack{\text{finite sum,} \\ c_i \in \mathbb{k}}} + \underbrace{h(x)}_{\in \mathcal{O}_{C,p}}\right) dx = c_{-1}.$$

More work shows the residue theorem:

$$\sum_{p \in C(\mathbb{k})} \text{res}_p(\omega) = 0 \quad \forall \omega \in \Omega_{K/\mathbb{k}}^1.$$

$\Rightarrow$  get a well-defined "residue map"

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{tr}: \left( \bigoplus_{p \in C(\mathbb{k})} \Omega_{K/\mathbb{k}}^1 / \Omega_{C,p}^1 \right) & \xrightarrow{\substack{\text{diagonally embedded} \\ \omega}} & \mathbb{k} \\ \downarrow \omega & & \downarrow \omega \\ (\omega_p)_{p \in C(\mathbb{k})} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \sum_p \text{Res}_p(\omega_p) \end{array}$$

Claim: This "is" our trace map from Serre duality!

More precisely consider

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_C \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_C/\mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow 0$$

$\parallel$   
 constant sheaf w/ stalks  $K$

This is a flabby resolution of  $\mathcal{O}_C$ , and

$$\mathcal{K}_C/\mathcal{O}_C \simeq \bigoplus_{p \in C(k)} i_{p*}(K/\mathcal{O}_{C,p}) \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_C)$$

$\uparrow$  inclusion  $i_p: \{p\} \hookrightarrow C$

Tensor w/  $\Omega_{C/k}^1$  to get a flabby resolution

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_{C/k}^1 \rightarrow \Omega_{C/k}^1 \otimes \mathcal{K}_C \rightarrow \bigoplus_{p \in C(k)} i_{p*}(\Omega_{K/k}^1/\Omega_{C,p}^1) \rightarrow 0$$

Taking cohomology gives:

$$\Omega_{K/k} \rightarrow \bigoplus_p \Omega_{K/k}^1/\Omega_{C,p}^1 \rightarrow H^1(C, \Omega_{C/k}^1) \rightarrow 0$$

$\searrow \Sigma \text{ Res}_p$   
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## IX. Direct images and base change

How does cohomology vary in families?

### 1. Higher direct images

Recall Any continuous map  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  of top spaces gives a left exact functor

$$f_*: \text{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y), (f_* \mathcal{F})(U) := \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}U).$$

Since  $\text{Sh}(X)$  has enough injectives, we may consider for  $i \geq 0$  its derived functors:

$$R^i f_*: \text{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y).$$

Prop Let  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$ . Then for all  $i \geq 0$ ,

$R^i f_* \mathcal{F}$  = sheafification of the presheaf

$$U \mapsto H^i(f^{-1}U, \mathcal{F}|_{f^{-1}U})$$

Pf. Let

$$\tilde{R}^i f_* \mathcal{F} := \text{sheafification of } (U \mapsto H^i(f^{-1}U, \mathcal{F}|_{f^{-1}U})).$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{both } R^i f_*, \tilde{R}^i f_*: \text{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y)$$

are  $\delta$ -functors & agree for  $i = 0$ ,

so we only need to show effaceability:

For  $\mathcal{J} \in \text{Sh}(X)$  injective and any  $i > 0$ ,

$$\bullet R^i f_* \mathcal{J} = 0 \text{ since } R^i f_* \text{ is a derived functor}$$

$$\bullet \tilde{R}^i f_* \mathcal{J} = 0 \text{ since } H^i(f^{-1}U, \underbrace{\mathcal{J}|_{f^{-1}U}}_{\text{injective!}}) = 0.$$



Cor a) For any open  $U \subseteq Y$  and  $f_U: f^{-1}U \rightarrow U$  we have

$$(R^i f_* \mathcal{F})|_U \simeq R^i f_{U*} \mathcal{F}|_{f^{-1}U}$$

b) If  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$  is flabby, then

$$R^i f_* \mathcal{F} = 0 \text{ for all } i > 0.$$



Rem For  $i > 0$  sheafification is needed,  
the presheaf

$$\mathcal{G}: U \mapsto H^i(f^{-1}U, \mathcal{F})$$

need not be a sheaf. In fact,  
both sheaf axioms may fail:

a)  $\mathcal{G}$  needn't be separated:

$$\text{Take } f = \text{id}: X \rightarrow Y = X$$

for any space  $X$  and  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Sh}(X)$

sth

- $H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \neq 0$ , but

- $\exists$  open cover  $X = \bigcup_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}$

$$\text{w/ } H^i(U_{\alpha}, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists 0 \neq s \in \mathcal{G}(X)$$

$$\text{w/ } s|_{U_{\alpha}} = 0 \text{ for all } \alpha$$

b) Gluing may fail:

Take the Hopf fibration

$$f: S^3 = \{(z, w) \in \mathbb{C}^2 \mid |z|^2 + |w|^2 = 1\} \rightarrow S^2 = \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \psi & & \psi \\ (z, w) & \longmapsto & [z:w] \end{array}$$

$$\text{For } \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) = U_0 \cup U_{\infty} \text{ w/ } U_{\alpha} := \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \{\alpha\}$$

one has

$$f^{-1}U_{\alpha} \cong S^1 \times U_{\alpha}.$$

$$\text{Pick } 0 \neq s_{\alpha} \in H^1(f^{-1}U_{\alpha}, \mathbb{Z}) \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{w/ } s_0|_{U_0 \cap U_{\infty}} = s_{\infty}|_{U_0 \cap U_{\infty}} \quad (\text{use } \pi_1(S^2) = 0)$$

Then  $s_0 \in \mathcal{G}(U_0)$ ,  $s_{\infty} \in \mathcal{G}(U_{\infty})$  are sections

of the presheaf  $\mathcal{G}: U \mapsto H^1(f^{-1}U, \mathbb{Z})$

which are nonzero & agree on  $U_0 \cap U_{\infty}$  but  
don't glue because

$$\mathcal{G}(S^2) = H^1(S^3, \mathbb{Z}) = 0.$$

Back from topology to geometry:

Prop  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  morphism of ringed spaces

$\Rightarrow$  The right derived functor  $R^i f_*$

of  $f_*: \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$

is compatible with the previous one

via the forget functors:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) & \xrightarrow{R^i f_*} & \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Sh}(X) & \xrightarrow{R^i f_*} & \text{Sh}(Y) \end{array}$$

Pf. As in comparison between sheaf cohomology on ringed spaces & underlying top spaces:

- Injective objects in  $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  are flabby
- Flabby sheaves are acyclic for  $R^i f_*: \text{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(Y)$ .

□

For schemes we have:

Prop Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a qcqs morphism of schemes and  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{QCoh}(X)$ . Then  $\forall i \geq 0$ :

$$R^i f_*(\mathcal{F}) \in \text{QCoh}(Y)$$

Pf. Claim is local on  $Y$ , so wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  affine.

For  $i=0$  we know  $f_*$  preserves  $\text{QCoh}$  for  $f$  qcqs

(as we checked in § IV.2 - this needed qcqs,

e.g.  $g: X := \coprod_{i \in \mathbb{N}} Y \rightarrow Y$  has  $g_* \mathcal{O}_X \notin \text{QCoh}(Y)$ )

For  $i > 0$  proceed in two steps:

a) If  $f$  is qc & separated:

Pick an open cover  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$  w/  $n$  minimal

(possible since  $f$  qc &  $Y$  affine  $\Rightarrow X$  qc)

$n = 1$ : Then  $X$  is affine

$\Rightarrow f$  is affine

$\Rightarrow \forall$  open affine  $U \subset Y$ ,

$f^{-1}(U)$  is affine

& hence  $H^i(f^{-1}(U), \mathcal{F}) = 0$  for  $i > 0$

(Serre vanishing for qcoh sheaves on affines)

$\Rightarrow R^i f_* (\mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0$  by sheafification

$n > 1$ : Use induction. Put

$$U := \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} U_i \xleftarrow{j_U} X \xleftarrow{j_V} V := U_n$$

$$U \cap V = \underbrace{(U_1 \cap V)}_{\text{affine}} \cup \dots \cup \underbrace{(U_{n-1} \cap V)}_{\text{affine}} \quad (\text{since } X \text{ separated})$$

$\Rightarrow$  by induction on  $n$ ,

$$R^i f_{U*} \mathcal{F}|_U, R^i f_{V*} \mathcal{F}|_V \in \text{Qcoh}(Y) \quad \forall i$$

where  $f_U := f \circ j_U$  and  $f_V := f \circ j_V$ .

Now use relative Mayer-Vietoris:

$$0 \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow f_{U*} \mathcal{F}|_U \oplus f_{V*} \mathcal{F}|_V \rightarrow f_{U \cap V*} \mathcal{F}|_{U \cap V} \rightarrow R^1 f_* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \dots$$

(exercise - works for any morphism of ringed spaces, using injective resolution  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\bullet$  &  $\mathcal{F}|_U \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\bullet|_U$  etc)

$\Rightarrow R^i f_* \mathcal{F} \in \text{Qcoh}(X)$  for all  $i$

b) Now assume  $f$  qcqs (maybe not separated).

Again write  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^n U_i$  w/  $U_i$  open affine,  $n$  minimal.

$n = 1$ : Then  $f$  is affine, hence separated.

$n > 1$ : As before let  $U := \bigcup_{i=1}^{n-1} U_i$  &  $V := U_n$ .

By ind<sup>n</sup> on  $n$ , claim holds for  $U$  &  $V$

It also holds on  $U \cap V$  by a), since  $U \cap V$  is separated (open in the affine  $U$ )

$\Rightarrow$  Done by relative Mayer-Vietoris. □

Cor Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be qcqs &  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{Q}\text{Coh}(X)$ .

a) For  $U = \text{Spec } A \subset Y$  open affine,

$$(R^i f_* \mathcal{F})|_U \cong \tilde{M}$$

is the quasicoherent sheaf associated to

$$M := H^i(f^{-1}U, \mathcal{F}) \in \text{Mod}(A).$$

b) In particular, if  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  is affine,

$$\text{then } H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = H^0(Y, R^i f_* \mathcal{F}).$$

Pf. b) Leray spectral sequence:

$$E_2^{pq} = H^p(Y, \underbrace{R^q f_* \mathcal{F}}_{\substack{\text{qcoh by} \\ \text{proposit}^n}}) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(X, \mathcal{F})$$

$= 0$  for all  $p > 0$   
by Serre vanishing

a) claim local  $\Rightarrow$  wlog  $Y = U = \text{Spec } A$ .

Since  $R^i f_* \mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{Q}\text{Coh}(Y)$ , we're done by b).  $\square$

For coherence of direct images we need stronger assumptions, generalizing the finiteness thm for cohomology:

Thm  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  proper morphism w/  $Y$  Noetherian &  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ , then

a)  $R^i f_* \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(Y)$  for all  $i \geq 0$ .

("finiteness thm for direct images")

b) If  $f$  is projective, ie factors <sup>locally on  $Y$</sup>  over  $X \xrightarrow[\text{closed}]{\exists i} \mathbb{P}_Y^n$ ,

then the twists  $\mathcal{F}(n) := \mathcal{F} \otimes i^* \mathcal{O}(n)$  satisfy

for  $n \gg 0$ :

- $f^* f_* (\mathcal{F}(n)) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}(n)$  epi
- $R^i f_* (\mathcal{F}(n)) = 0$  for all  $i > 0$

("relative Serre vanishing")

Pf. Wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  w/  $A$  Noetherian. Then by the above, the claim holds by the corresponding result for  $H^i(X, -)$ .  $\square$

## 2. Flat base change

Next we want to discuss "base change properties"

for direct images. For a morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  take

its base change under a morphism  $g: Y' \rightarrow Y$  as in

the Cartesian diagram below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xrightarrow{g'} & X \\ f' \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow f \\ Y' & \xrightarrow{g} & Y \end{array} \quad \text{w/ } X' := Y' \times_Y X.$$

Lemma For  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \exists$  natural morphisms

$$\varphi_i: g^* R^i f_* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow R^i f'_* g'^* \mathcal{F} \text{ for all } i \geq 0.$$

Pf. Pick injective resolutions  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^\bullet$

$$g'^* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}'^\bullet$$

Consider

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{\text{adjunction}} & g'_* g'^* \mathcal{F} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{I}^\bullet & \xrightarrow{\text{---}} & g'_* \mathcal{I}'^\bullet \end{array}$$

$\exists \alpha$  since  $g'_* \mathcal{I}'^\bullet$  is a cplx of injectives and  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}^\bullet$  is exact

We get

$$\beta: g^* f_* \mathcal{I}^\bullet \xrightarrow{g^* f_*(\alpha)} g^* f_* g'_* \mathcal{I}'^\bullet \approx g^* g_* f'_* \mathcal{I}'^\bullet \xrightarrow{\text{adjunction for } g} f'_* \mathcal{I}'^\bullet$$

Apply  $H^i(\dots)$  to define  $\varphi_i$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^i(g^* f_* \mathcal{I}^\bullet) & \xrightarrow{H^i(\beta)} & H^i(f'_* \mathcal{I}'^\bullet) \\ \exists \gamma \uparrow & & \parallel \sim \mathcal{I}'^\bullet \text{ inj. res. of } g'^* \mathcal{F} \\ g^* H^i(f_* \mathcal{I}^\bullet) & & R^i f'_* g'^* \mathcal{F} \\ \parallel \sim \mathcal{I}^\bullet \text{ inj. res. of } \mathcal{F} & & \\ g^* R^i f_* \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{\varphi_i} & \end{array}$$

Here  $\gamma$  comes from the "FHHF thm":

$\mathcal{F}$  right exact fctor  $\Rightarrow \exists$  natural morphism  $\mathcal{F} H^i \mathcal{C}^\bullet \rightarrow H^i \mathcal{F} \mathcal{C}^\bullet$

(& same for  $\mathcal{F}$  left exact w/ morphism in opposite direct<sup>n</sup>)





Ex a) For  $f$  affine,  $\varphi_i$  is an iso:

For  $i > 0$  both sides are zero, so wlog  $i = 0$ .

Wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  & then  $X = \text{Spec } B$  (since  $f$  affine)

Wlog  $Y' = \text{Spec } A'$  & then  $X' = \text{Spec } B'$  w/  $B' = A' \otimes_A B$ .

$\Rightarrow$  For  $M \in \text{Mod}(B)$  we have as  $A'$ -modules:

$$\varphi: B' \otimes_B M = (A' \otimes_A B) \otimes_B M \xrightarrow{\sim} A' \otimes_A M$$

b) For  $f$  not affine usually  $g^* f_* \mathcal{F} \neq f'_* g'^* \mathcal{F}$

even for  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X$ :

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' = f'^{-1}(0) & \hookrightarrow & X = V(xy - z) \setminus \{(0,0,0)\} \subset \text{Spec } k[x,y,z] \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow f \\ Y' = \{0\} & \hookrightarrow & Y = \text{Spec } k[z] \end{array}$$

↖ disconnected!

The reason for problems is:

•  $f_*, f'_*$  are only **left** exact (unless  $f$  affine)

•  $g^*, g'^*$  are only **right** exact (unless  $g$  flat)

↗ see above

↘ see below

Thm ("flat base change")

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be qcqs &  $g: Y' \rightarrow Y$  **flat**.

Then for all  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{QCoh}(X)$  we have:

a) The morphism

$$\varphi_i: g^* R^i f_* \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\sim} R^i f'_* g'^* \mathcal{F}$$

is an isomorphism for all  $i \geq 0$ .

b) In particular, if  $Y' = \text{Spec } A' \rightarrow Y = \text{Spec } A$  is a morphism between affine schemes, then

$$H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \otimes_A A' \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(X', g'^* \mathcal{F})$$

Pf. Claim is local on  $Y'$

$\Rightarrow$  wlog  $Y' = \text{Spec } A' \rightarrow Y = \text{Spec } A$

$\Rightarrow$  enough to show b)

Recall  $f: X \rightarrow Y = \text{Spec } A$  is qcqs.  $\Rightarrow X$  qcqs

- If  $X$  is separated:

Pick an affine open cover  $\mathcal{U}: X = \bigcup_{\alpha=1}^n U_{\alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow \check{H}^i(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \simeq H^i(X, \mathcal{F})$$

Moreover  $X' = X \times_y Y'$  is still separated

w/ open affine cover  $\mathcal{U}': X' = \bigcup_{\alpha=1}^n U_{\alpha} \times_y Y'$

$$\Rightarrow \check{H}^i(\mathcal{U}', g'^* \mathcal{F}) \simeq H^i(X', g'^* \mathcal{F})$$

$$\text{Now } \check{C}(\mathcal{U}', g'^* \mathcal{F}) \simeq \check{C}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \otimes_A A'.$$

Take  $H^i(\dots)$  & use that  $A'$  is flat over  $A$

$$\Rightarrow \check{H}^i(\mathcal{U}', g'^* \mathcal{F}) \simeq \check{H}^i(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) \otimes_A A'$$

- If  $X$  is not separated:

Use Mayer-Vietoris & induction on  $n$ .



Ex  $X$  scheme /  $k$  and  $k \hookrightarrow K$  field extension

$$\Rightarrow H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) \otimes_k K \simeq H^i(X_K, \mathcal{F}_K).$$

### 3. Semicontinuity & Grauert's thm

Q Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be proper &  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ .

How does  $H^i(X_y, \mathcal{F})$  vary with  $y \in Y$ ?

$$\hookrightarrow := X_y^* \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_y} k(y)$$

In general  $\varphi_i: R^i f_* (\mathcal{F}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_y} k(y) \rightarrow H^i(X_y, \mathcal{F})$

need not be an isomorphism, e.g. let  $E$  be an

elliptic curve & take

$$f = \text{pr}_1: X = E \times E \rightarrow Y = E$$

$$\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{O}_X(\Delta - Z) \in \text{Pic}(X)$$

w/  $\Delta \subset E \times E$  diagonal,

$Z = 0 \times E$  zero section.

$$\Rightarrow H^0(X_y, \mathcal{F}) \neq 0 \text{ for } y = 0,$$

but  $f_* \mathcal{F} \simeq 0$  (exercise)!

Recall Given  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ , we say  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$

is  $f$ -flat or flat over  $Y$  if  $\forall x \in X$ ,

$\mathcal{F}_x$  is flat as a module over  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$ .

The key to understanding cohomology of fibers will be:

Thm ("base change & cohomology")

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism

of Noetherian schemes w/  $Y = \text{Spec } A$ .

Then for any  $f$ -flat  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ ,

$$\exists \text{ finite cplx } K^\bullet = [0 \rightarrow K^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K^n \rightarrow 0]$$

of fin. gen. projective  $A$ -modules w/

isomorphisms

$$H^p(X_B, \mathcal{F}_B) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^p(K^\bullet \otimes_A B)$$

functorial in the  $A$ -algebra  $B$ .

Pf. ① Let  $\mathcal{U} = (U_i)_{i \in I}$  be a finite open affine cover of  $X$ . Then  $C^\bullet := \check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$  is a finite complex of flat  $A$ -modules. For any  $A$ -algebra  $B$  we have  $C^\bullet \otimes_A B = \check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}_B, \mathcal{F}_B)$  and hence

$$H^p(X_B, \mathcal{F}_B) \cong H^p(C^\bullet \otimes_A B)$$

functorially in  $B$ . But:  $C^i$  needn't be fin. gen. /  $A$ ...

- ② Claim: Let  $C^\bullet$  be any complex of  $A$ -modules
- \*  $C^p \neq 0$  at most for  $0 \leq p \leq n$
  - \*  $H^p(C^\bullet)$  fin. gen. /  $A$  for all  $p$ .

$\Rightarrow \exists$  quasi-iso  $K^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$  where  $K^\bullet$  is a complex of fin. gen.  $A$ -modules sth

- \*  $K^p \neq 0$  at most for  $0 \leq p \leq n$ ,
- \*  $K^p$  free  $A$ -module for  $1 \leq p \leq n$ ,

and if all  $C^p$  are flat, then so is  $K^0$ .

We construct  $K^\bullet$  by descending induction on degrees:

Put  $K^p := 0$  for  $p > n$ .

Inductively consider diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & K^m & \xrightarrow{\partial^m} & K^{m+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial^{m+1}} & K^{m+2} \xrightarrow{\partial^{m+2}} \dots \\ & \varphi^m \downarrow & & & \downarrow \varphi^{m+1} & & \downarrow \varphi^{m+2} \\ \dots \rightarrow & C^m & \xrightarrow{\partial^m} & C^{m+1} & \xrightarrow{\partial^{m+1}} & C^{m+2} & \rightarrow \dots \end{array}$$

Suppose we have constructed  $(K^p, \partial^p, \varphi^p)$  for all  $p \geq m+1$  in such a way that  $\forall p \geq m+1$ :

- i)  $\partial^p \varphi^p = \varphi^{p+1} \partial^p$
- ii)  $\partial^{p+1} \circ \partial^p = 0$

iii)  $K^p$  free of finite rank /  $A$

and moreover

- iv)  $H^q(K^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^q(C^\bullet)$  iso  $\forall q > m+1$ ,  
and  $\ker(\partial^{m+1}) \twoheadrightarrow H^{m+1}(C^\bullet)$  epi.

Goal: Find  $(K^m, \partial^m, \varphi^m)$  w/ i), ii), iii) for  $p = m$ .

For  $m \geq 0$ :

Pick surjections  $\pi', \pi''$ :

$$K' := A^{\oplus n'} \xrightarrow{\pi'} B^{m+1} := \ker(\ker \partial^{m+1} \rightarrow H^{m+1}(C^\bullet)) \subseteq K^{m+1}$$

$$K'' := A^{\oplus n''} \xrightarrow{\pi''} H^m(C^\bullet)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \uparrow \\ \exists \text{ left } \lambda & \dashrightarrow & \\ \text{(not unique)} & & Z^m(C^\bullet) := \ker \partial^m \subseteq C^m \end{array}$$

$$\text{Let } \varphi'' := \text{inclusion} \circ \lambda: K'' \rightarrow C^m$$

$$\text{Put } K^m := K' \oplus K''$$

$$\partial^m := \pi' \oplus 0: K^m = K' \oplus K'' \rightarrow K^{m+1}$$

By definition  $\varphi^{m+1}(B^{m+1}) \subseteq \partial C^m$  & we pick  $\varphi^m$

as shown:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K' & \xrightarrow{\exists \varphi^m} & C^m \\ \pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial \\ B^{m+1} & \longrightarrow & \partial C^m \\ \cap \downarrow & & \cap \downarrow \\ K^{m+1} & \xrightarrow{\varphi^{m+1}} & C^{m+1} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow (K^m, \partial^m, \varphi^m)$  satisfies i), ii), iii).

For  $m = -1$ :

Have  $(K^p, \partial^p, \varphi^p)$  w/ i), ii), iii)  $\forall p \geq 0$

Replace  $K^0$  by  $K^0 / \ker(\partial^0) \cap \ker(\varphi^0)$

$$\text{Get } K^\bullet = [0 \rightarrow K^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K^n \rightarrow 0]$$

w/ quasi-iso  $\varphi: K^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet$ .

Remains to check:  $K^0$  is flat if all  $C^p$  are flat.

Take the cone  $C(\varphi)^\bullet$  defined by

$$C(\varphi)^p := K^{p+1} \oplus C^p \quad \text{w/ } \partial^p := \begin{pmatrix} -\partial_K^p & 0 \\ \varphi^p & \partial_C^p \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  exact sequence of complexes

$$0 \rightarrow C^\bullet \rightarrow C(\varphi)^\bullet \rightarrow K[1]^\bullet \rightarrow 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Since  $\varphi: H^p(K^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^p(C^\bullet)$  iso  $\forall p$ ,

long exact sequence gives  $H^p(C(\varphi)^\bullet) \simeq 0 \quad \forall p$ .

$$\Rightarrow 0 \rightarrow C(\varphi)^0 \rightarrow C(\varphi)^1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow C(\varphi)^n \rightarrow 0$$

$\parallel$   
 $K^0$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{all flat } A\text{-modules}}$

$\Rightarrow K^0$  flat  $A$ -module (use induction on  $n$ )

③ Back to our application:

Get  $K^\bullet$  cplx of fin gen proj.  $A$ -modules  $K^p$   
w/  $K^p \neq 0$  at most for  $0 \leq p \leq n$ , and a

qiso  $K^\bullet \rightarrow C^\bullet := \check{C}^\bullet(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$ ,

so  $H^p(K^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^p(X, \mathcal{F}) \quad \forall p \geq 0$ .

Claim: For any  $A$ -algebra  $B$ ,

$$H^p(K^\bullet \otimes_A B) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^p(X_B, \mathcal{F}_B) \quad \forall p \geq 0.$$

Indeed:

$C(\varphi)^\bullet$  exact finite cplx of flat  $A$ -modules

$\Rightarrow Z^p := \ker((C(\varphi)^p \xrightarrow{\varphi} C(\varphi)^{p+1}))$  also flat /  $A$

$\Rightarrow C(\varphi)^\bullet \otimes_A B$  still exact

||

$C(\varphi_B)^\bullet$  w/  $\varphi_B := \varphi \otimes \text{id}: K^\bullet \otimes_A B \rightarrow C^\bullet \otimes_A B$

$$\Rightarrow H^p(K^\bullet \otimes_A B) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^p(C^\bullet \otimes_A B) = H^p(X_B, \mathcal{F}_B)$$

□

Cor 1 ("semicontinuity thm")

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of  
Noetherian schemes &  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  flat over  $Y$ .

a) For all  $p \geq 0$  the fct<sup>n</sup>

$$h_{\mathcal{F}}^p: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z},$$

$$y \mapsto h_{\mathcal{F}}^p(y) := \dim_{k(y)} H^p(X_y, \mathcal{F}_y)$$

is upper semicontinuous, i.e.  $\forall c \in \mathbb{R}$  the

set  $\{y \in Y \mid h_{\mathcal{F}}^p(y) \geq c\} \subseteq Y$  is closed.

b) The Euler characteristic fct<sup>n</sup>

$$\chi_{\mathcal{F}}: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z},$$

$$y \mapsto \chi_{\mathcal{F}}(y) := \sum_{p \geq 0} (-1)^p h_{\mathcal{F}}^p(y)$$

is locally constant on  $Y$ .

Pf. Claim local on  $Y \Rightarrow$  wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  finite cplx  $K^\bullet$  as in the thm,

w/  $K^p \in \text{Mod}(A)$  projective  $\leadsto$  wlog free (shrink  $Y$ )

Consider  $d^p: K^p \rightarrow K^{p+1}$  & put  $\dim := \dim_{K(y)}$

$$\Rightarrow \dim H^p(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{x_y})$$

$$= \dim \ker(d^p \otimes K(y)) - \dim \operatorname{im}(d^{p-1} \otimes K(y))$$

$$(*) \quad \underbrace{\dim \ker(d^p \otimes K(y))}_{\rightarrow = \dim K^p \otimes K(y)} - \dim \operatorname{im}(d^p \otimes K(y))$$

$$\Rightarrow \chi_{\mathcal{F}}(y) = \sum_{p=0}^n (-1)^p \dim H^p(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{x_y})$$

$$= \sum_{p=0}^n (-1)^p \dim K^p \otimes K(y)$$

independent of  $y$ !

For upper semicontinuity of  $\dim H^p(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{x_y})$ ,

suffices by  $(*)$  to show  $y \mapsto \dim \operatorname{im}(d^p \otimes K(y))$

is lower semicontinuous for all  $p$ .

For this note for  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$S_r := \{y \in Y \mid \operatorname{rk}(d^p \otimes K(y)) < r\}$$

$$= \{y \in Y \mid \wedge^r(d^p) \otimes K(y) = 0\}$$

$$\text{for } \wedge^r(d^p): \wedge^r K^p \rightarrow \wedge^r K^{p+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_r \subset Y \text{ closed}$$

(given by vanishing of entries  
of matrix describing  $\wedge^r(d^p)$ )

□

Non-example  $f: X = \operatorname{Bl}_0(\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^2) \rightarrow Y = \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{R}}^2$

$$\mathcal{F} := \mathcal{O}_X(\mathcal{E}) \text{ w/ } \mathcal{E} := f^*(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow h^0(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{x_y}) = h^0(X_y, \mathcal{O}_{x_y}) = 1 \quad \forall y \neq 0$$

$$\text{but } h^0(X_0, \mathcal{F}|_{x_0}) = h^0(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{E}}(-1)) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \mapsto h^0(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{x_y}) \text{ not upper semicont.}$$

(however, here  $\mathcal{F}$  is not flat over  $Y$ )

Cor 2 ("Grauert's thm")

Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a proper morphism of Noetherian schemes, w/  $Y$  reduced and connected.

Let  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  be flat over  $Y$ . Then  $\forall p \geq 0$ ,

TFAE:

a)  $h_{\mathcal{F}}^p: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}, y \mapsto \dim_{k(y)} H^p(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{X_y})$

is a constant function.

b)  $\mathcal{E} := R^p f_* \mathcal{F}$  is locally free on  $Y$

and for all  $y \in Y$ ,

$$\mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} k(y) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^p(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{X_y})$$

Moreover, if these hold, then  $R^{p-1} f_* (\mathcal{F})$  is

also locally free and for all  $y \in Y$ ,

$$R^{p-1} f_* (\mathcal{F}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} k(y) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{p-1}(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{X_y}).$$

Pf. b)  $\Rightarrow$  a) trivial.

a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): Wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$ .

Let  $K^\bullet$  be the cplex given by the thm. Since

$$h_{\mathcal{F}}^p(y) = \dim \ker d^p \otimes k(y) - \dim \text{im } d^{p-1} \otimes k(y)$$

$$= \dim K^p \otimes k(y) - \dim \text{im } d^p \otimes k(y) - \dim \text{im } d^{p-1} \otimes k(y)$$

is constant by assumption, semicontinuity of the summands implies

$\dim \text{im } d^p \otimes k(y)$  &  $\dim \text{im } d^{p-1} \otimes k(y)$  are constant.

Fact:  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  reduced Noetherian affine

$\varphi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  hom. of loc. free coherent  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -mod

w/  $\dim_{k(y)} \text{im}(\varphi \otimes k(y))$  locally constant

$$\Rightarrow \exists \text{ splittings } \mathcal{F} \simeq \mathcal{F}_1 \oplus \mathcal{F}_2, \mathcal{G} \simeq \mathcal{G}_1 \oplus \mathcal{G}_2$$

sth

$$\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \psi \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{w/ } \psi: \mathcal{F}_2 \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{G}_1.$$

(use  $\dim_{k(y)} \text{coker}(\varphi) \otimes k(y)$  loc. cst &  $Y$  reduced  $\Rightarrow \text{coker}(\varphi)$  loc free,

hence projective on affine charts ... see Mumford, AV, p. 51/52)



In our case, get

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K^{p-1} & \xrightarrow{d^{p-1}} & K^p & \xrightarrow{d^p} & K^{p+1} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Z^{p-1} \oplus \bar{K}^{p-1} & & B^p \oplus H^p \oplus \bar{K}^p & & B^{p+1} \oplus \bar{K}^{p+1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w/ \quad Z^{p-1} &= \ker(d^{p-1}), & B^p \oplus H^p &= \ker(d^p), \\ d^{p-1}: \bar{K}^{p-1} &\xrightarrow{\sim} B^p, & d^p: \bar{K}^p &\xrightarrow{\sim} B^{p+1}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow H^p(K^\bullet \otimes_A B) \simeq H^p \otimes_A B \simeq H^p(K^\bullet) \otimes_A B \quad \forall B$$

$$\text{and } H^{p-1}(K^\bullet \otimes_A B) \simeq Z^{p-1} \otimes_A B / \text{im}(d^{p-2} \otimes B)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^{p-1}(K^\bullet) \otimes_A B \\ \uparrow \\ \otimes \text{ right exact} \end{array}$$

□

$$\text{Ex } \textcircled{1} \quad X = \mathbb{P}_Y^1 \xrightarrow{f} Y = \text{Spec } k[t]$$

Define  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  by

$$\text{Ext}_X^1(\mathcal{O}_X(-2), \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-2)) \simeq H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^\vee \simeq k[t]$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ (0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-2) \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0) \xrightarrow{\quad} t \end{array}$$

Then  $\mathcal{F}$  is loc. free on  $X$ , hence flat over  $Y$ . We have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 \rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{E}) \rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(-2)) & \rightarrow & H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) & \rightarrow & \dots \\ & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ & & k[t] & \xrightarrow{\cdot t} & k[t] \end{array}$$

& similarly for  $X_y = X \times_{k[t]} k[t]/(t-y)$ :

$$H^0(X_y, \mathcal{E}|_{X_y}) = \ker(k[t]/(t-y) \xrightarrow{\cdot t} k[t]/(t-y))$$

By a)  $\Rightarrow$  b) we see  $f_*(\mathcal{F})|_U$  locally free on  $U = Y \setminus \{0\}$   
(but not locally free at  $0 \in Y$ )

② Reducedness of  $Y$  is needed: Take

$$X = \mathbb{P}_Y^1 \xrightarrow{f} Y = \text{Spec } k[t]/(t^2)$$

$$\mathcal{F} \cong t \in \text{Ext}_X^1(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X(-2)) \simeq k[t]/(t^2)$$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  loc free on  $X$ , hence flat over  $Y$

$$f_*(\mathcal{F}) = \ker(k[t]/(t^2) \xrightarrow{\cdot t} k[t]/(t^2)) \simeq t \cdot k[t]/(t^2)$$

NOT locally free although  $h_{\mathcal{F}}^0: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$

is constant (since  $Y$  is a singleton), equal to zero.

#### 4. Hilbert polynomials

Def Let  $X \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n$  be a projective scheme over a field  $k$ . For  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  we call

$$p_{\mathcal{F}} : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \\ d \mapsto \chi(X, \mathcal{F}(d)) = \sum_i (-1)^i \dim_k H^i(X, \mathcal{F}(d))$$

the Hilbert polynomial of  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ .

We call  $p_X := p_{\mathcal{O}_X}$  the Hilbert polynomial of  $X$ .

Lemma  $p_{\mathcal{F}}$  is a polynomial  $\in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  of degree  $\leq \dim X$ .

Pf. Induction on  $n$  with  $X \subset \mathbb{P}_k^n$ :

$n=0$ :  $X = \text{Spec } k$  &  $\mathcal{F}(d) = \mathcal{F}$

$n>0$ : Consider  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(d-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(d) \rightarrow i_* \mathcal{G}(d) \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{w/ } i : X \cap \mathbb{P}_k^{n-1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_k^n. \quad \underbrace{i_* \mathcal{G}(d)}_{\in \text{Coh}(\mathbb{P}_k^{n-1})}$$

$\Rightarrow p_{\mathcal{F}}(d) - p_{\mathcal{F}}(d-1)$  polynomial of degree  $\leq \dim X - 1$   
in  $d$  by induct<sup>n</sup>

Claim: Then  $p_{\mathcal{F}}(d)$  is a polynomial in  $d$ ...

Claim: Then  $p_{\mathcal{F}}(d)$  is a polynomial in  $d$  of degree  $\leq \dim X$ :

Indeed:

$p(x) - p(x-1)$  is a numerical polynomial,  
i.e. polynomial taking integer values at all integers

Exercise: The numerical polynomials form a free abelian grp with  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis given by the polynomials

$$x \mapsto \binom{x}{i} := \frac{1}{i!} \cdot x(x-1) \cdots (x-i), \quad i \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Our case:

$$\text{Let } p(x) - p(x-1) = \sum_{i=0}^r a_i \cdot \binom{x}{i} \quad (a_i \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$\swarrow r \leq \dim X - 1$

$$\text{Put } q(x) := p(x) - \sum_{i=0}^r a_i \cdot \binom{x+1}{i+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) - q(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q(x) = \text{const} =: a_{-1}$$

$\swarrow$  polynomial of degree  $\leq \dim X$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = a_{-1} + \sum_{i=0}^r a_i \binom{x+1}{i+1} \in \mathbb{Q}[x] \quad \square$$

Ex a) For  $X = \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$  we get

$$p_X(m) = \binom{m+n}{n} = \frac{1}{n!} \cdot m^n + \dots$$

enough to check this for  $m \gg 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(X, \mathcal{O}(m)) &= \dim_{\mathbb{R}} H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(m)) \\ &= \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{R}[x_0, \dots, x_n]_m = \binom{m+n}{n} \end{aligned}$$

b) For hypersurfaces  $X = V_+(f) \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$ ,  $\deg f = d$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} p_X(m) &= \binom{m+n}{n} - \binom{m+n-d}{n} \\ &= \frac{d}{(n-1)!} \cdot m^{n-1} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{from } 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-d) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0.$$

Def The degree of a subscheme  $X \subset \mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{R}}^n$  is

$$\deg(X) := (\dim X)! \cdot \text{leading coeff of } p_X.$$

$$(\rightarrow \text{Bezout's thm: } \deg(X \cap V_+(f)) = \deg(X) \deg(f) \dots)$$

Next we want to relate Hilbert polynomials to flatness.

Prop  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  projective morphism of Noeth. schemes

then for  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  TFAE:

a)  $\mathcal{F}$  is flat over  $Y$

b)  $\forall m \gg 0$ ,  $f_*(\mathcal{F}(m))$  is locally free.

Pf. Wlog  $Y = \text{Spec } A$  and  $X = \mathbb{P}_Y^n = \text{Proj } A[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ .

" $\Rightarrow$ ": Assume  $\mathcal{F}$  flat /  $Y$

Relative Serre vanishing:

$$R^i f_*(\mathcal{F}(m)) = 0 \quad \forall m \gg 0 \quad \forall i > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Pick an open affine cover  $\mathcal{U} = (U_i)_{i \in I}$  of  $X$   
then

$$f_* \check{\mathcal{E}}^0(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}(m)) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow f_* \check{\mathcal{E}}^n(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}(m)) \rightarrow 0$$

is a resolution of  $f_*(\mathcal{F}(m)) \quad \forall m \gg 0$ .

Resolution is finite & all terms are flat over  $A$

$\Rightarrow f_*(\mathcal{F}(m))$  flat over  $A$

(ie locally free on  $Y = \text{Spec } A$ )

" $\Leftarrow$ ": Assume  $f_*(\mathcal{F}(m))$  locally free  $\forall m \gg 0$

$$\text{Write } \mathcal{F} = \tilde{M} \text{ w/ } M := \bigoplus_{d \gg 0} \underbrace{H^0(X, \mathcal{F}(d))}_{\text{flat over } A \text{ by assumption}}$$

$\Rightarrow M$  flat  $A$ -module

$\Rightarrow M_{x_i}$  flat  $A$ -module  $\forall i$

$\Rightarrow M_{x_i,0} = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{D}_+(x_i))$  flat  $/A \forall i$

(a direct summand in a flat  $A$ -module) □

Cor  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  proj morphism of Noetherian schemes,

with  $Y$  reduced. Then for  $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X)$  TFAE:

a)  $\mathcal{F}$  is flat over  $Y$

b) The Hilbert polynomial  $p_{\mathcal{F}|_{X_y}}(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$

is locally constant on  $Y$ .

Pf. a)  $\Rightarrow$  b): Base change (see previous section)

$$b) \Rightarrow a): p_{\mathcal{F}|_{X_y}}(m) = \chi(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{X_y}(m)) = \underbrace{h^0(X_y, \mathcal{F}|_{X_y}(m))}_{\text{for } m \gg 0 \text{ (Serre vanishing)}}$$

If this is locally constant,

then  $f_* \mathcal{F}(m)$  is loc. free by Grauert's thm (as  $Y$  is reduced)

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  flat over  $Y$  by previous proposition. □

## Outlook: Hilbert schemes

Given  $f: X \rightarrow S$  fin. type w/  $S$  Noetherian

parametrize closed subschemes  $Y \subset X$  flat over  $S$ .

More generally: Given  $\mathcal{E} \in \text{Coh}(X)$ ,

parametrize quotients  $\mathcal{E} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  w/  $\mathcal{F}$  flat over  $S$

(for the case of closed subschemes take  $\mathcal{E} := \mathcal{O}_X$ ).

Def A family of quotients of  $\mathcal{E}$  parametrized by  $T \in \text{Sch}_S$

is a pair  $(\mathcal{F}, q)$  w/

- $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(X_T)$  flat over  $T$  w/  $\text{Supp } \mathcal{F} \rightarrow T$  proper
- $q: \mathcal{E}_T \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$  epi of  $\mathcal{O}_{X_T}$ -modules.

We write  $(\mathcal{F}, q) \simeq (\mathcal{F}', q')$  if  $\ker(q) = \ker(q')$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  contravariant functor

$$\text{Quot}_{X/S, \mathcal{E}}: \text{Sch}_S^{\text{pf}} \longrightarrow \text{Sets}$$

$$T \longmapsto \{ \text{families of quotients of } \mathcal{E} \text{ over } T \} / \simeq$$

loc. Noeth. schemes /  $S$

Special case:  $\text{Hilb}_{X/S} := \text{Quot}_{X/S, \mathcal{O}_X}$ .

Fixing  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$ , we get for any  $s \in S$  a

Hilbert polynomial  $p_{\mathcal{F}|_{X_s}, \mathcal{L}}(m) := \chi(X_s, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}|_{X_s})$

which is loc cst in flat families

$$\Rightarrow \text{Quot}_{X/S, \mathcal{E}} = \coprod_{p \in \mathbb{Q}[x]} \text{Quot}_{X/S, \mathcal{E}}^{p, \mathcal{L}}$$

$$\text{ii} \quad \{(\mathcal{F}, q) \mid p_{\mathcal{F}|_{X_s}, \mathcal{L}}(m) = p(m) \forall m\}$$

Ex a)  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^n = \text{Quot}_{S/S, \mathcal{O}_S^{n+1}}^{1, \mathcal{O}_S} \quad \text{w/ } S := \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z} :$

$$\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{Z}}^n(T) = \{ \mathcal{O}_T^{n+1} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F} \text{ w/ } \mathcal{F} \text{ line bundle} \} / \simeq$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F} \in \text{Coh}(T) \text{ line bundle} &\Leftrightarrow \text{flat over } T \text{ w/ 1-dim fibers} \\ &\Leftrightarrow p_{\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{L}}(x) \equiv 1 \text{ for } \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_S \end{aligned}$$

b) More generally, Grassmannians:

$$G(r, d) = \text{Quot}_{S/S, \mathcal{O}_S^d}^{r, \mathcal{O}_S} \quad \text{w/ } S := \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}.$$

Thm (Grothendieck) Let  $S$  be Noetherian,

$f: X \rightarrow S$  projective &  $\mathcal{L} \in \text{Pic}(X)$

relatively very ample. Then  $\forall \mathcal{E} \in \text{Coh}(X)$

$\forall p \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ , the functor  $\text{Quot}_{X/S, \mathcal{E}}^{p, \mathcal{L}}$  is representable by a projective  $S$ -scheme.