

§4.2 Correspondence Cartier Divisors - Line Bundles

Let $D = \sum_i a_i V_i$ be a Cartier divisor of X

Then it there exists an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ of X such that $V_i = (f_{i\alpha})$ on U_α . We can define

$$f_\alpha = \prod_i f_{i\alpha}^{a_i} \in \mathcal{U}^*(U_\alpha)$$

and f_α/f_β never vanishes on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$.

This means $\{(U_\alpha, f_\alpha)\}_\alpha \in \mathcal{Z}^0(\underline{U}, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$
 $H^0(\underline{U}, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$

Conversely, given $\{(U_\alpha, f_\alpha)\}_\alpha \in H^0(\underline{U}, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$, then $f_\alpha/f_\beta \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ and so

$$\text{ord}_V(f_\beta) = \text{ord}_V(f_\alpha)$$

This means we can define

$$D := \sum_V \text{ord}_V(f_\alpha) \cdot V$$

so $\text{Div}(X) = H^0(X, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$

Instead, it is easy to see that

$\text{PDiv}(X) = \frac{H^0(X, \mathcal{U}^*)}{H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^*)}$

Let D be a Cartier divisor of X , $D = (f_\alpha)_\alpha$, then we can define

$$f_{\alpha\beta} := \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$$

We observe that

$$f_{\beta\gamma} \cdot f_{\gamma\alpha}^{-1} f_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\beta}{f_\gamma} \cdot \frac{f_\gamma}{f_\alpha} \cdot \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} = 1$$

so $\{f_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\alpha\beta}$ is a cocycle of $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) = \text{Pic}(X)$

We have constructed a function

$$\text{Div}(X) \longrightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*)$$

$$D = (f_\alpha) \longmapsto \{f_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta}\}_{\alpha\beta}$$

Clearly, this function is an homomorphism of groups. What is its kernel?

Let $D = (f_\alpha)$ be such that $\{f_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta}\}_{\alpha\beta}$

is trivial on $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*)$.

Then $f_{\alpha\beta} = (\delta h)_{\alpha\beta}$ for $h \in C^0(U, \mathcal{O}^*)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} = \frac{h_\beta}{h_\alpha} \Rightarrow f_\alpha h_\alpha = h_\beta f_\beta \text{ on } U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$$

Thus, we consider the global meromorphic function

$$f := \{(U_\alpha, f_\alpha h_\alpha)\}_\alpha \quad \text{on } X$$

and we observe that

$$\text{div}(f) = \sum_V \underbrace{\text{ord}_V(f)}_{\text{ord}_V(f_\alpha h_\alpha) = \text{ord}_V(f_\alpha)V} V = D$$

We have obtained an exact sequence of groups:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{PDiv}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Div}(X) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X) \quad (*)$$

$$\frac{H^0(X, \mathcal{M}^*)}{H^0(X, \Theta^*)} \quad H^0(X, \frac{\mathcal{M}^*}{\Theta^*})$$

We are interested to understand when the right map is surjective. To understand this, we consider the exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \rightarrow \Theta^* \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^*/\Theta^* \rightarrow 0$$

which induces a long exact sequence in cohomology:

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(X, \Theta^*) \rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{M}^*) \rightarrow H^0(X, \frac{\mathcal{M}^*}{\Theta^*}) \rightarrow \dots$$

δ^*

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{M}^*) \rightarrow \dots$$

and so the exact sequence

$$\frac{H^0(X, \mathcal{M}^*)}{H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^*)} \hookrightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{M}^*/\mathcal{O}^*) \xrightarrow{\delta^*} \text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{M}^*) \rightarrow \dots$$

As we can expect, δ^* is exactly the map (*)
so that it is surjective \Leftrightarrow
 $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{M}^*)$
is the trivial map.

Theorem (Chen-Kerr-Lewis, "The sheaf of non-vanishing meromorphic functions in the projective algebraic case is NOT acyclic")

If X is a smooth projective variety, then
 $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{M}^*)$

is trivial, so

$$\text{Pic}(X) \cong_{\delta^*} \frac{\text{Div}(X)}{\text{PDiv}(X)}$$

Furthermore, $H^1(X, \mathcal{M}^*) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \dim(X) = 1$
(so X is a Riemann Surface)

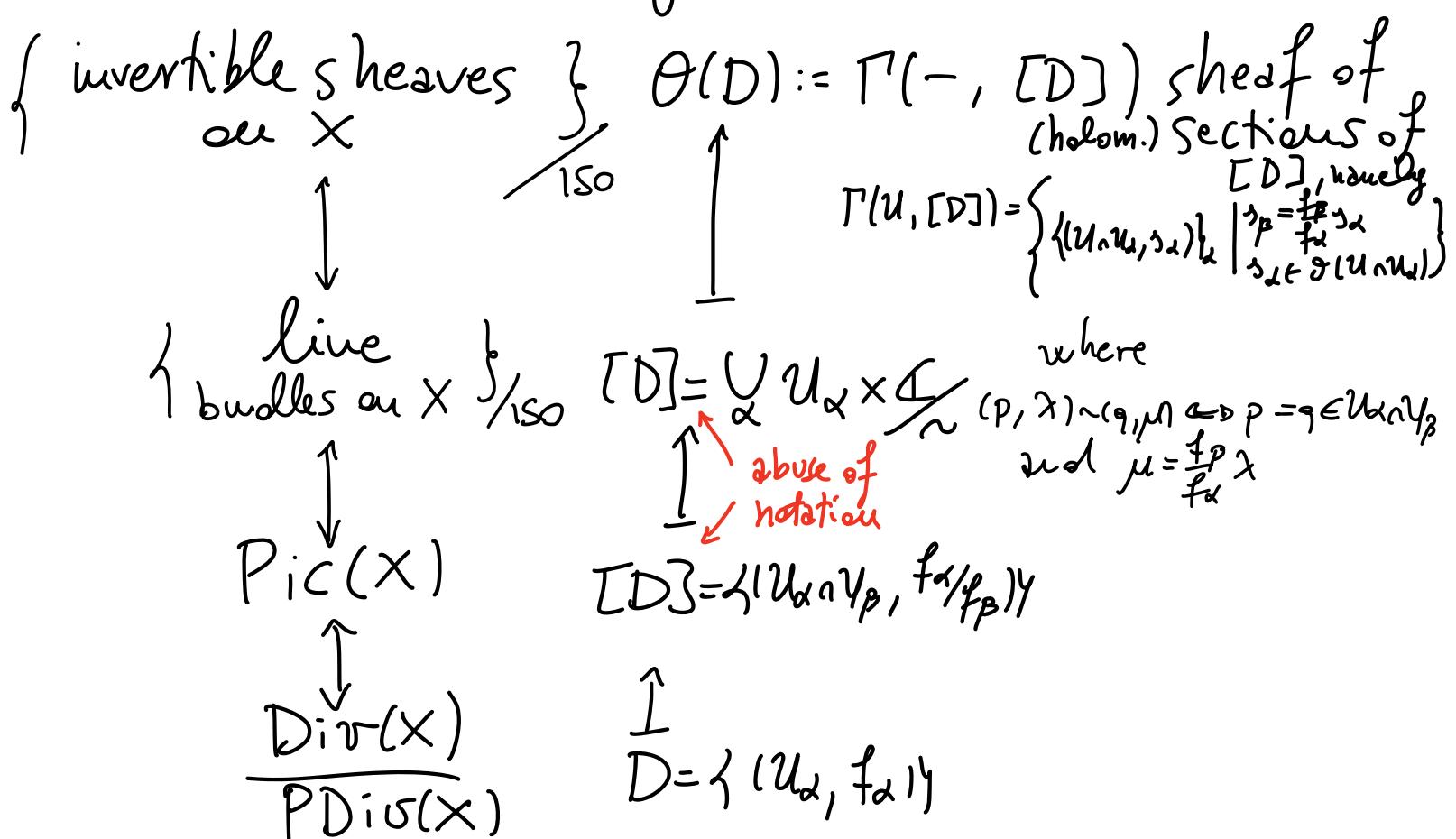
Warning! In the folklore, it was taken for granted that, for smooth projective varieties, the fact that every line bundle comes from a divisor of X was a consequence of $H^1(X, \mathcal{M}^*) = 0$.

This is FALSE unless X is a Riemann Surface
(i.e. $\dim(X) = 1$).

Def The equivalence relation induced by $\text{PDiv}(X)$ or $\text{Div}(X)$ is called linear equivalence relation:

$$D \sim D' \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} D - D' = \text{div}(f) \text{ for some global merom. function } f.$$

We finally have proved the following isomorphisms of groups:



Example We have already studied the tautological bundle of \mathbb{P}^n , which is a line bundle with cocycles $\{g_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{x_\beta}{x_\alpha}\}_{\alpha, \beta}$ on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$.

We are interested to understand which is the class divisor D associated to this line bundle.
 Let us consider $H = (x_i = 0) = (U_{x_i}, \frac{x_i}{x_j})_i$.

Then the cocycles of H are $g_{ij} := \frac{x_i}{x_j} = \frac{x_i}{x_j} \text{ on } U_{x_i} \cap U_{x_j}$.

Thus, the cocycles of $-H$ are $g_{ij} = \frac{x_j}{x_i} \text{ on } U_{x_i} \cap U_{x_j}$.
 We have proved that the tautological bundle of \mathbb{P}^n is $[-H]$.

Thus $\text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^n) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot H$ where H is a hyperplane section.

Def On X we always have the canonical bundle ω_X . We say that $D \in \text{Div}(X)$ is a canonical divisor if $[D] = \omega_X$.

The class of a canonical divisor in $\frac{\text{Div}(X)}{\text{PDiv}(X)}$ is denoted by K_X .

Example $X = \mathbb{P}^n$, ω_X has cocycles let $\tilde{J}(\varphi_j \circ \varphi_i^{-1})\}_{ji}$ on $U_{x_3} \cap U_{x_i}$.

$$(-1)^{i+j} \left(\frac{x_j}{x_i} \right)^{n+1}$$

Thus, $\omega_{\mathbb{P}^n} = -(n+1)H$.

We need a constructive way to pass from a line bundle L to an associate divisor D with $[D] = L$.

Def Assume that L has cocycles $\{g_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\alpha\beta}$.

A local meromorphic section of L on U is a collection $\{(U_\alpha, s_\alpha)\}_\alpha$ where s_α is a meromorphic function on U_α and $s_\beta = g_{\beta\alpha} s_\alpha$ on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$.

To any global meromorphic section s of L we can define the divisor

$$\text{div}(s) := \sum_V \text{ord}_V(s_\alpha) \cdot V \quad \text{invariant by } s_\alpha.$$

By construction, we have $[\text{div}(s)] = L$.

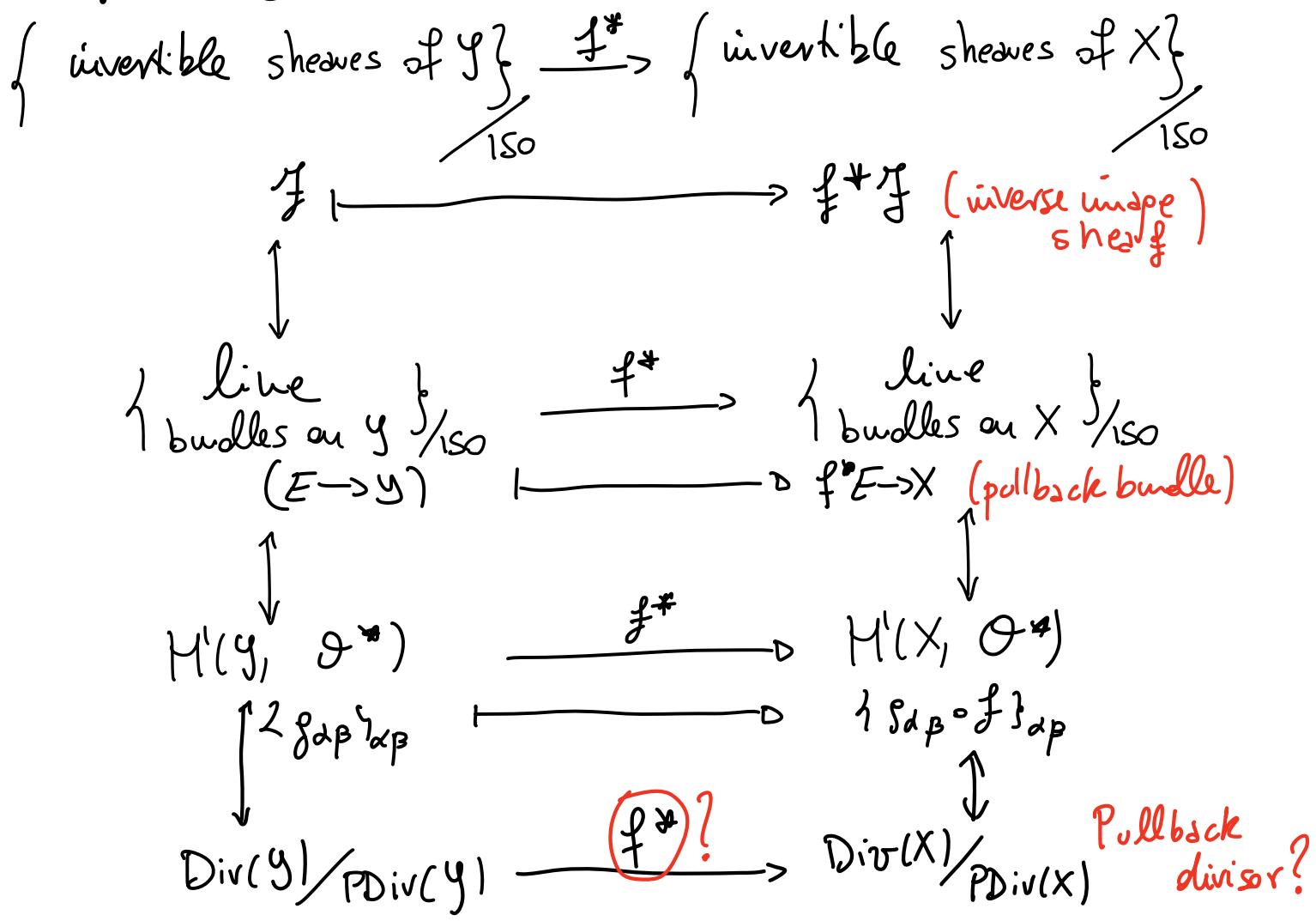
Given a line bundle L , we can always construct a meromorphic section s for which $[\text{div}(s)] = L$. Roughly speaking, if L has transition functions $\{g_{\alpha\beta}\}_{\alpha\beta}$ on $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}_\alpha$, then fixed U_β , we define a global meromorphic section $s := \{(U_\alpha, s_\alpha)\}_\alpha$ of L

where $s_\alpha(x) := g_{\alpha\beta}(x)$ for $x \in U_\alpha$ (there is some theoretical problem here, but this usually works)
(why s_α is mero. on U_α ?)

Then, $\forall x \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$ we have $s_\beta(x) = g_{\beta\gamma}(x) = g_{\beta\alpha}^{(x)} g_{\alpha\gamma}^{(x)} = g_{\beta\alpha}(x) \cdot s_\alpha(x)$
 $\Rightarrow s$ is a global mero. form of L .

§4.3 Pullback of a divisor and Hurwitz formula

Let $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ be a morphism. As already discussed, we have



A natural definition of f^*D seems pretty easy:

$$f^*D = \{ (f^{-1}(U_\alpha), f_\alpha \circ f) \}_\alpha$$

However, this definition does not make sense if $\text{Im}(f) \subseteq \text{supp}(D)$ as $f_\alpha \circ f$ becomes identically zero on X .

Notice that if f is dominant then $\text{Im}(f) \not\subseteq \text{supp}(D)$ so we can always define f^*D .

Instead, we can avoid in general this problem defining f^*D as the class divisor associated to $f^*[D]$.

Clearly, in this case we lose information as we can only construct a linearly equivalent class in $\overline{\text{Div}(X)}$ and not a divisor in $\text{Div}(X)$ such as before.

Given a dominant morphism $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$, a natural question is to determine a relationship between K_X and π^*K_Y .

Theorem (Hurwitz Formula)

Let $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$ be a dominant morphism of smooth projective varieties with the same dimension n .

Let V_j be a irreducible prime divisor of X whose image with respect to π is a ir. prime divisor W_j .

Let us define the ramification index of V_j as the coefficient $e_j \geq 0$ of V_j appearing on π^*W_j .

Let E_i be the prime divisors of X contracted by π . Then $K_X = \pi^*K_Y + \sum_j (e_j - 1)V_j + \sum_i r_i E_i$ for some $r_i \geq 0$.

The effective divisor R is called Ramification divisor of π .

proof: Let us consider a global meromorphic section w exhibiting w_y as $w_y = [\text{div}(w)]$.

We can construct an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ of Y such that it there exists an open cover $\{V_\alpha\}$ of X with $V_\alpha \subseteq \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ for which

- $\pi_X := \Psi_\alpha \circ \pi \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1}$ is holomorphic;
 - $w = h(U_\alpha, f_\alpha) \mathfrak{f}_\alpha$ on Y , where f_α is merom.
- satisfying $f_\beta = \det(J^{-1}\Psi_{\beta\alpha}) f_\alpha$ on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$

We consider the collection $\{(f_\alpha \circ \pi) \cdot \det(J\pi_\alpha)\}_\alpha$ on V_α and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (f_\beta \circ \pi) \det(J\pi_\beta) &= (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det(J\Psi_{\beta\alpha}) \det(J\pi_\beta) \\ &= (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det J(\Psi_{\alpha\beta}) \det J\pi_\beta \cdot \frac{\det J\Psi_{\beta\alpha}}{\det J\Psi_{\alpha\beta}} \\ &= (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det(J\pi_\alpha) (\det J\Psi_{\beta\alpha}) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow the above collection of merom. functions define cocycles $\{\det J\Psi_{\beta\alpha}\}$ \Rightarrow it is a global meromorphic section of K_X :

$$K_X = \text{div}((f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det(J\pi_\alpha)) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{div} \left(\frac{1}{\det J\pi_{\alpha}} \right) + \text{div}(\det(J\pi_{\alpha})) \\
 &\quad \text{by def of pullback of a divisor} \\
 &= \pi^* K_Y + \text{div}(\det(J\pi_{\alpha}))_Y
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider a prime divisor V of X and its image W by π ; let e its ramification index. By 'Local Normal' form theorem it there exist a local chart $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ around a point of V such that $V = (x_1 = 0)$ and $\pi: \text{open set of } \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \text{open set of } \mathbb{C}^n$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1^{e-1}, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det J\pi_{\underline{x}} = \det \begin{pmatrix} ex_1^{e-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & \ddots & -1 \end{pmatrix} = ex_1^{e-1}$$

$e-1$ is the coefficient of V in the divisor R . □

§ 4.4 Maps to projective spaces

Def Let D be a divisor, we denote by $|D|$ the set of divisors of X lin. equivalent to D :

$$|D| := \left\{ D + \text{div}(f) \mid \begin{array}{l} D + \text{div}(f) \geq 0 \\ f \text{ global merom. on } X \end{array} \right\}$$

When X is compact, then $|D|$ corresponds to the projective space of $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D))$.

A linear system P of X is a subspace of $|D|$, namely the set associated to a vector subspace W of $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D))$. We say that P is complete if $P = |D|$.

The dim. of P is $\dim P := \dim W - 1$.

The identification of P as $P(H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D)))$ can be constructed as follows. Let s_0 be a global merom. section of $|D|$. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |D| & \xrightarrow{\cdot s_0} & P(H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D))) \\ D + \text{div}(f) & \longmapsto & f \cdot s_0 \end{array}$$

is a bijection (when X is compact)

Def We say that C is a fixed component of P if it is contained in any divisor D of P .

The fixed locus F of P is the biggest divisor contained in any divisor of P .

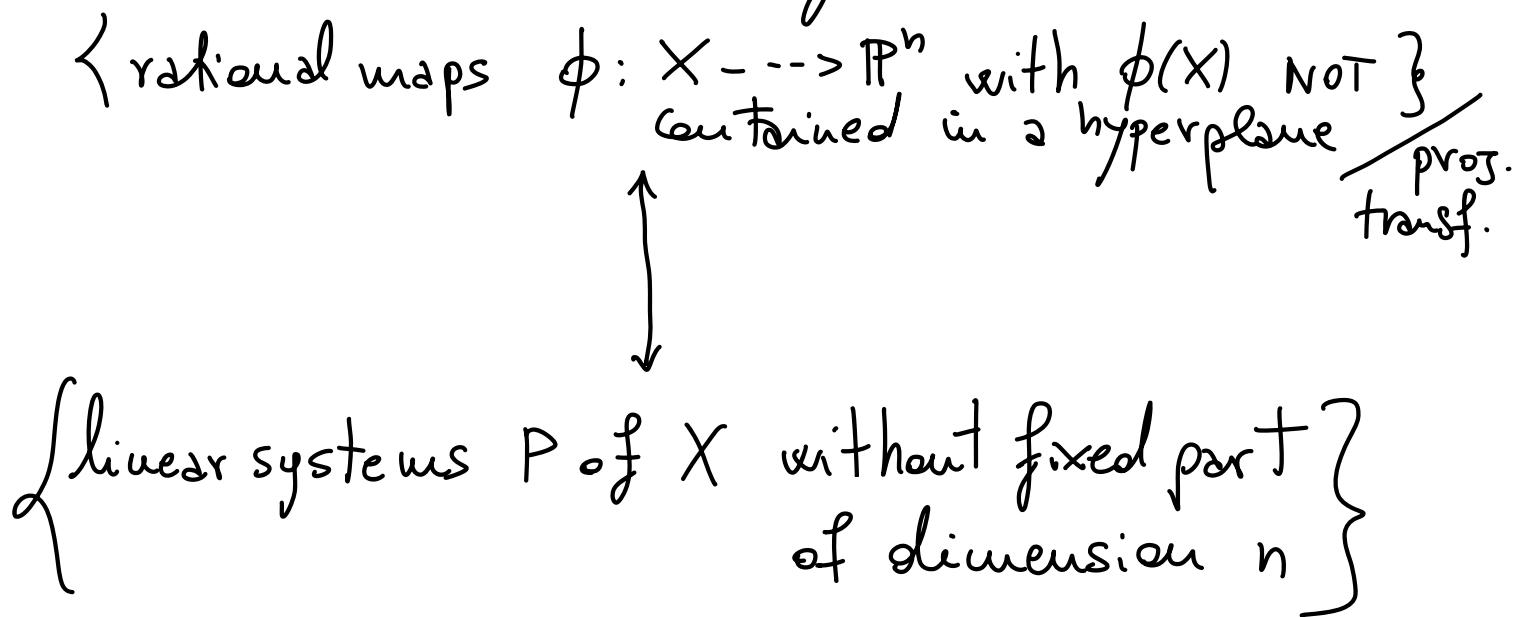
Clearly, for any $D \in P$, then $(D - F)$ has no fixed components.

Def A base point $x \in X$ of P is a point contained in every divisor of P .

The base locus of P , denoted as $\text{Bs}(P)$, is the schematic set of base points of P .

The codimension 1-part of $Bs(P)$ is the fixed component \overline{F} of P .

Then We have the following correspondence:



proof Let P be a linear system without fixed part; $H \subset P$ is a projective subspace of $P(M^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D)))$ for some div. D . Let

thus P is a projective subspace of $P(H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D_0)))$ for some div. D_0 . Let W be the associated vect. subsp. of P in $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D_0))$.

To any $x \in X$ we can associate the projective subspace of P of divisors passing on x :

$\{D \in P : x \in D\}$ is the projectivization of $H_x := \text{Ker}(f_x) \subseteq W \subseteq H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D_0))$

where $f_x: W \rightarrow U$
 $\delta \mapsto g_x(\delta)$ for $x \in U_\alpha$

(Notice that f_x depends by u_α but $\ker(f_\alpha)$ does not !)

Clearly if x is not a base point, then f_x is surjective, so $\ker(f_x)$ is an hyperplane !
We have a (rational) map

$$X \dashrightarrow \{ \text{hyperplanes of } W \} \\ x \longmapsto f_x$$

However, we well-know that the set of hyperpl. of a vect. space V is exactly $P(V^\vee)$:

$$\{ \text{hyperpl. of } V \} \longrightarrow P(V^\vee) \\ H = \ker(f) \longmapsto [f]$$

Thus, we have a natural map :

$$X \dashrightarrow P(W^\vee) \\ x \longmapsto [f_x] \quad (*)$$

whose indeterminacy locus is the base locus of P .

We can write this map in coordinates : given a basis $\gamma_0, \dots, \gamma_n$ of W , then
 $(*)$ is $\phi_P: X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$
 $x \longmapsto [\gamma_0(x) : \dots : \gamma_n(x)]$

Notice that $\phi_p(X)$ is NOT contained in a hyperplane, otherwise if

$$\phi_p(X) \subseteq \{z : \sum_{i=1}^n z_i = 0\}$$

then $\sum_i a_i s_i(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in X \setminus B_S(x)$
 $\Rightarrow \forall x \in X$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i a_i s_i = 0 \Rightarrow s_0, \dots, s_n \text{ is NOT a basis}$$

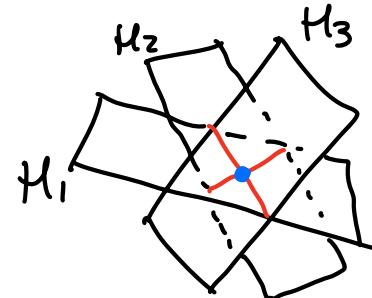
Clearly, if we change ϕ_p using another basis of W then we obtain just a map that is a composition of ϕ_p with a proj. transf. of P^n .

Conversely, consider a rational map

$\phi: X \dashrightarrow P^n$ that is not contained in a hyperplane, namely $\phi^* H$ is well-defined. We notice that $\phi^* H$ has not fixed part because We can move hyperplane sections on P^n (and so their pullbacks on X) such that two of them intersect in a codim. 2 subspace.

Finally, if $H_i = \{(U_{X_3}, \frac{x_i}{x_3}\}_{j=1}^n$, then

$\phi^* H_i = \{(\phi^{-1}(U_{X_3}), (\frac{x_i}{x_3}) \circ \phi)\}_{j=1}^n$ dual
 they are lin. indep. global



Holomorphic sections of $|\phi^* H| \Rightarrow$

$$\phi_{\phi^* H} : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$$
$$x \longmapsto [\frac{x_1}{x_s} \circ \phi : \dots : \frac{x_{i-1}}{x_s} \circ \phi : \dots : \frac{x_n}{x_s} \circ \phi]_{\alpha \cup x_j}$$
$$\phi(x)$$
 □

Def Given a smooth proj. variety X , the map induced by $|K_X|$ is called CANONICAL MAP, when $p_g(X) \geq 2$:

$$\phi_{K_X} : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{p_g(X)-1}$$

- A pluricanonical divisor is a divisor lin. equivalent to a multiple of a canonical divisor.

The pluricanonical class of X is $n K_X$ in $\text{Pic}(X)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where K_X is the can. class.

The pluri genus of X is $P_n := h^0(X, n K_X)$

The pluricanonical map of X is the map induced by $|n K_X|$:

$$\phi_{n K_X} : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{P_n-1}$$

The structure of Canonical and pluricanonical maps are studied lot in the literature from several works of Enriques, Kodaira, Boubier, ecc...

§4.5 Iitaka dimension of a Divisor

Def Let D be a divisor of X . If $\text{smooth proj. variety}$

$$h^0(X, mD) = 0 \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$$

then we say that the Iitaka dim. of D is $k(X, D) = -\infty$.

Otherwise, we say that

$$k(X, D) := \max_m \dim(\oplus_{mD}(X))$$

Rem $k(X, D) \in \{-\infty, 1, \dots, \dim(X)\}$.

Def D (or equivalently its associated line bundle $[D]$) is called big $\Leftrightarrow k(X, D) = \dim(X)$.

Thm The Iitaka dimension $k = k(X, D) \neq -\infty$ is the smallest number for which

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{h^0(X, mD)}{m^k} < +\infty$$

Def $k(X) := k(X, K_X)$ is called Kodaira dimension of X .

FUN FACT: $k(X, D)$ is a birational invariant!

IMPORTANT In general, for a smooth
proj. variety X

$$q(X) = h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X), \quad p_g(X) = h^0(X, k_X)$$

↑
irregularity

↑
geom. genus

$$P_n := h^0(X, n k_X), n \geq 2$$

↑
n-th plurigenus

$$k(X)$$

↑
Kodaira dim.

are birational invariants.