

Exercise 1 (14.2.B Vakil). Suppose \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} are locally free sheaves on X of rank m and n respectively. Show that $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ is a locally free sheaf of rank mn .

Answer

Observe that if \mathcal{F} is locally free of rank m then, there is a basis (U_i) of X such that $\mathcal{F}|_{U_i} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{U_i}^m$. Similarly $\mathcal{G}|_{V_j} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{V_j}^n$.

Now the collection $(U_i \cap V_j)_{i,j}$ is also a cover for X . From this we get that

$$\mathcal{F}|_{U_i \cap V_j} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{U_i \cap V_j}^m, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{G}|_{U_i \cap V_j} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{U_i \cap V_j}^n.$$

Observe now that for open sets $W \subseteq U_i \cap V_j$ we have that

$$\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})(W) = \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}|_W, \mathcal{G}|_W) \simeq \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{O}_W^m, \mathcal{O}_W^n) \simeq \mathcal{O}_W^{mn}.$$

This means that the Hom-sheaf locally looks like copies \mathcal{O} which means it's locally free.

Exercise 2 (14.2.C Vakil). If \mathcal{E} is a locally free sheaf on X of rank n , then $\mathcal{E}^\vee = \mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is also locally free of rank n . This is the dual of \mathcal{E} .

- i) Given transition functions for \mathcal{E} , describe the transition functions for \mathcal{E}^\vee .
 \llbracket Note that if \mathcal{E} is rank 1, i.e., invertible, the transition functions of the dual are the inverse of the transition functions of the original. \rrbracket
- ii) Show $\mathcal{E} \simeq \mathcal{E}^{\vee\vee}$. \llbracket Caution: your argument showing that there is a canonical isomorphism $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow (\mathcal{F}^\vee)^\vee$ better not also show that there is an isomorphism $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\vee$! We will see an example in 15.1 of a locally free \mathcal{F} that is not isomorphic to its dual: the invertible sheaf $\mathcal{O}(1)$ on \mathbb{P}^n . \rrbracket

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Exercise 3. Show that every invertible sheaf on \mathbb{P}_k^1 is of the form $\mathcal{O}(n)$ for some n . \llbracket Hint: Use the classification of finitely generated modules over a principal ideal domain to show that all invertible sheaves on \mathbb{A}_k^1 are trivial. Reduce to determining possible transition functions between the two open subsets in the standard cover of \mathbb{P}_k^1 . \rrbracket