

## Proof of the main lemma:

We have the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow I_Y \rightarrow S \rightarrow S(Y) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (A) \quad 0 \rightarrow \tilde{I}_Y \rightarrow \tilde{S} \rightarrow \tilde{S}(Y) \rightarrow 0$$

and the exact sequence

$$(B) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow i_* \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow 0$$

where  $i: Y \hookrightarrow X = \mathbb{P}_R^{\tilde{n}} = \text{Proj } S$ .

First, by the fact that  $\Gamma_*(\mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{F}$  for coherent sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$ , we have  $\tilde{I}_Y \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{I}_Y$  and  $\tilde{S} \cong \mathcal{O}_X$

and  $I_Y \hookrightarrow S$  is the global sections of  $\mathcal{I}_Y \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$

$$\Rightarrow \text{we have the commutative} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{I}_Y & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{S} \\ \parallel & \cong & \parallel \\ \mathcal{I}_Y & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{O}_X \end{array}$$



$\Rightarrow$  we can form the commutative diagram  
with exact rows

$$(A) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \widetilde{I}_Y \longrightarrow \widetilde{S} \longrightarrow \widetilde{S(Y)} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \cong \quad \downarrow \cong \quad \Rightarrow \quad \downarrow \cong$$

$$(B) \quad 0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{I}_Y \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow i_* \mathcal{O}_Y \longrightarrow 0$$

First consequence:  $\text{Support}(\widetilde{S(Y)}) = \text{Support}(i_* \mathcal{O}_Y) = Y$

Claim:  $\text{Support}(\widetilde{S(Y)}) = \{p \in X \mid \mathfrak{p} \supseteq I_Y\}$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Support}(\widetilde{S(Y)}) &= \{p \in X \mid \widetilde{S(Y)}_p \neq 0\} \\ &= \{p \in X \mid (S(Y)_p)_0 \neq 0\} \\ &= \{p \in X \mid S(Y)_p \neq 0\} \\ &= \{p \in X \mid (S/I_Y)_p \neq 0\} \end{aligned}$$



Now:  $(S/I_Y)_p = 0 \Leftrightarrow S_p = (I_Y)_p$

$\Leftrightarrow I_Y \not\subset p \neq \phi$

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hence  $\text{Support}(S(\tilde{Y})) = \{p \in X \mid I_Y \subset p\}$

$\Rightarrow Y = \text{Support}(S(\tilde{Y})) = \{p \in X \mid p \supseteq I_Y\}$

$= \text{Proj}(S(Y)) \xrightarrow[\text{natural}]{j} \text{Proj} S$

and  $i_{Y*} \mathcal{O}_Y \cong S(\tilde{Y}) \cong j_* \mathcal{O}_{\text{Proj}(S(Y))}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \uparrow & & \uparrow \\
 \mathcal{O}_X & \cong & \mathcal{O}_X
 \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow Y = \text{Proj} S(Y) \hookrightarrow \text{Proj} S \quad \square$



Divisors: The Zariski topology is coarse:  
algebraic subvarieties of an algebraic variety carry a lot  
of information about the ambient variety. So we want to  
study them. The simplest of these are those that  
have codimension 1: these give rise to the notion of  
Weil divisors. The ideal sheaves of codim. 1 subvarieties  
give rise to the notion of Cartier divisors.

These also help us understand morphisms from one  
scheme to another: we can pull back Cartier divisors,  
we can push forward Weil divisors.

Cartier divisors are closely related to invertible sheaves.



From now on, we will assume  $X$  is an integral and noetherian scheme, separated over  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$ .

Def: An integral or prime Weil divisor is a closed subscheme  $Y$  of  $X$  which is integral of codimension 1.

Note:  $Y$  is the closure of its generic point, say  $y \in X$ .

Lemma: The local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$  has dimension 1.

Proof: Choose an open affine  $\text{Spec } A \subset X$  s.t.

$$Y \cap \text{Spec } A \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow y \in \text{Spec } A$$

$Y \cap \text{Spec } A \subset \text{Spec } A$  is a closed subscheme, integral and of codim. 1.

$$y \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{p} \subset A \quad \text{prime of height 1.}$$



$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{p} \rightarrow A \rightarrow A/\mathfrak{p} \rightarrow 0$$

and localize at  $\mathfrak{p}$ :  $0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow A_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow (A/\mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow 0$

$\downarrow$  local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X,y}$        $\parallel$  residue field of  $y$

any chain of prime ideals of  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is contained in

$\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} \Rightarrow \exists$  only one chain  $0 \subset \mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  ( $\mathfrak{p}$  has height 1)

$\Rightarrow A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  has dim. 1.

□

So integral Weil divisors in  $X$  are in 1-to-1 correspondence with the points of  $X$  whose local rings have dim. 1.

Def: A Weil divisor on  $X$  is a formal linear combination of integral Weil divisors with integer coefficients. The set of all Weil divisors is the free abelian group with basis



all the integral Weil divisors:

$$\text{Div}(X) := \left\{ \sum_{\text{finite}} n_Y [Y] \mid \begin{array}{l} n_Y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ Y \subset X \text{ integral} \\ \text{Weil div.} \end{array} \right\}$$

Example: If  $X$  has dimension 1, then integral Weil divisors are the closed points of  $X$ . Weil divisors are of

the form  $\sum_{\substack{P \in X \\ \text{closed pt}}} n_P [P]$ .

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We need to impose more restriction on  $X$ , in order to have a nice relation between Weil and Cartier divisors.

We need a fundamental result in commutative algebra:

Nakayama's lemma.



Def: The Jacobson radical  $J(A)$  of a ring  $A$  is the intersection of all the maximal ideals of  $A$ .

Proposition (Nakayama's lemma):  $\mathfrak{a} \subset A$  an ideal, suppose  $\mathfrak{a} \subset J(A)$ .  $\forall M$  finitely generated  $A$ -module,

if  $\mathfrak{a}M = M$ , then  $M = 0$ .

Consequence 1: If  $N \subset M$  is a submodule,

$M = \mathfrak{a}M + N \Rightarrow M = N$  (apply the prop. to  $M/N$ )

Consequence 2: If  $A$  is a local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are elements of  $M$ , then if the images of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  in  $M/\mathfrak{m}M$  generate it,  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

generate  $M$ .



We will have a nice relation between Weil and Cartier divisors when  $X$  is "regular in codim. 1".

This means all the 1-dim. local rings of  $X$  are "regular"

Def: A finite dimensional noetherian local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  is regular if  $\dim R$  is equal to the minimal number of generators of  $\mathfrak{m}$ .

Equivalently, by consequence 2,  $\dim R = \dim_k \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2$

where  $k = R/\mathfrak{m}$

$$\left( \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 \cong \mathfrak{m} \otimes_R R/\mathfrak{m} \cong \mathfrak{m} \otimes_R k \right)$$

Def: A discrete valuation ring (DVR) is a noetherian regular local ring of dim. 1.



Facts: If  $R$  is a DVR, then  $\mathfrak{m}$  is principal.

A generator  $\pi$  of  $\mathfrak{m}$  is called a uniformizer.

Any ideal of  $R$  is a power of  $\mathfrak{m} \Rightarrow R$  is a PID.

For any  $f \in R$ ,  $\exists n \geq 0$  and  $u \in R^\times$  (unit)  
s.t.  $f = u \pi^n$

If  $K := \text{Frac}(R)$ , then  $\forall g \in K$ ,  $\exists u \in R^\times$   
and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $g = u \pi^n$ .

The map  $g \mapsto v_R(g) := n$  is a valuation of  $K$   
 $\in \mathbb{Z}$   
with valuation ring  $R$ : this is a discrete valuation.

Hypothesis (\*):  $X$  is noetherian, integral, separated, regular in codim. 1.



In particular, all the 1-dim. local rings of  $X$  are DVRs.

We define an equivalence relation on Weil divisors.

Let  $K$  be the function field of  $X$ : this is the local ring of the generic point of  $X$  and the field of fractions of the ring  $A$  of any affine open  $\text{Spec } A \subset X$ .

We refer to the elements of  $K$  as rational functions on  $X$ .