

$$f^*: \mathcal{O}(Y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}(X).$$

This coincides with pull-backs of invertible sheaves and the pull-back $f^*: \text{CaCl}(Y) \rightarrow \text{CaCl}(X)$ under the identifications $\mathcal{O}(X) = \text{CaCl}(X) = \text{Pic}(X)$.

(2) Proposition 3: Suppose $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a finite morphism of nonsingular curves. Then, for any divisor D on Y , we have $\deg(f^*D) = (\deg f)(\deg D)$, where $\deg f := \deg K(X)/K(Y)$

$$\text{and } \deg(\sum n_p [P]) = \sum n_p$$

Proof: By linearity, we need to show that, \forall closed $Q \in Y$, $\deg f^*Q = \deg f$.

Let $V = \text{Spec } B$ be an open neighborhood of Q , and
put $V = \text{Spec } A := f^{-1}(V)$.

Repeating the argument in the proof of Prop. 2,
we know that A is the integral closure of B in $K(X)$.

Let m be the maximal ideal of B corresponding
to Q . Localize A and B at m :

$$\mathcal{O}_{Y, Q} = B_m \quad A' := A \otimes_B B_m$$

Since B_m is a DVR (in particular it is a PID) and A' is torsion-free, we obtain that A' is a free B_m -module of finite rank. The rank of A' over B_m is $r := \deg f$ because if we further localize B_m and A' at all nonzero elements of B_m we obtain the field extension $K(Y) \subset K(X)$. (the localization of A' is a finite ring extension of $K(Y)$ which is an integral domain \Rightarrow it is a field $= K(X) = \text{Frac}(A')$).
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Furthermore, if t is a uniformizer at \mathcal{Q} , then

$A'/_t A'$ is a vector space over $\mathcal{O}_{Y,\mathcal{Q}}/_t \mathcal{O}_{Y,\mathcal{Q}} = k(\mathcal{Q}) = k$ of dim. r .

The points P_i of X mapping to Q are in one-to-one correspondence with the maximal ideals of A pulling back to m_i , i.e., containing $m \subset B \subset A$, these are in bijection with the maximal ideals m_i of A' .

Now: $A' = \bigcap_i A'_{m_i}$ because A' is an integrally closed domain.

$$\Rightarrow tA' = \bigcap_i (tA'_{m_i} \cap A')$$

By the Chinese remainder theorem:

$$A' / tA' \cong \bigoplus_i A' / tA'_{m_i} \cap A' = \bigoplus_i A'_{m_i} / tA'_{m_i}$$

(map $A' \rightarrow A'_{m_i} \rightarrow A'_{m_i} / tA'_{m_i}$ and factor through $tA'_{m_i} \cap A'$ to get the second isom.)

$$= \bigoplus_i \mathcal{O}_{P_i} / t \mathcal{O}_{P_i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \deg f = n = \text{rank } A' &= \dim_k A' / tA' = \sum_i \dim \mathcal{O}_{P_i} / t \mathcal{O}_{P_i} \\ &= \sum_i \nu_{P_i}(t) \\ &= \deg f^* Q \text{ by def.} \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary: The degree of a principal divisor is 0 (on a complete nonsingular curve).

Proof: Let $f \in K(X)$. If $f \in k$, then $\text{Div}(f) = 0$ and we are done. If $f \notin k$, then, since k is algebraically closed, f is transcendental over k , hence

f defines a nonconstant morphism $\varphi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$
 as follows:

Write
$$\text{Div}(f) = \sum_i m_i P_i - \sum_j n_j Q_j$$

where all the integers m_i and n_j are nonnegative
 and $\{P_i\} \cap \{Q_j\} = \emptyset$.
 Put $U := X \setminus \{Q_j\}$, $U' := X \setminus \{P_i\}$.

$\forall P \in U, f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,P} \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{O}_X(U) = \bigcap_{P \in U} \mathcal{O}_{X,P}$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ morphism $\varphi_U: U \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$

defined by $\mathcal{O}_X(U) \xleftarrow{f} k[x]$

$f \xleftarrow{\varphi_U} x$

Similarly define $\varphi_{U'}: U' \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ using $\frac{1}{f}$

These glue to $\varphi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1$. $X = U \cup U'$

We have $\text{Div}(f) = \varphi^* (\{0\} - \{\infty\})$

has degree $0 = (\text{deg } \varphi) \text{deg} (\{0\} - \{\infty\})$. \square

Exercise: In the proof above, show that

$$\varphi^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_X \left(\sum_i m_i P_i \right) \cong \mathcal{O}_X \left(\sum_j n_j Q_j \right).$$

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Lemma 3: D a divisor on X . If $h^0(D) := \dim_k H^0(D) \neq 0$,

then $\text{deg } D \geq 0$. If $h^0(D) \neq 0$ and $\text{deg } D = 0$, then

$D \sim 0$, i.e., $\mathcal{O}_X(D) \cong \mathcal{O}_X$.

Proof: If $h^0(D) \neq 0$, then for $s \in H^0(D)$, $s \neq 0$

$\text{Div}(s)$ is an effective divisor, $= \text{Div}(\mathcal{L}(s))$