

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

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

More nice results about curves:  $X$  nonsingular complete  $/k$

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,  $= \text{Div}(\mathcal{L}(s))$

$$\Rightarrow \deg \operatorname{Div}(s) \geq 0$$

$$\mathcal{O}_X(D - \operatorname{Div}(s)) \cong \mathcal{O}_X \Rightarrow D - \operatorname{Div}(s) \text{ is principal}$$

$$\Rightarrow \deg D = \deg \operatorname{Div}(s) \geq 0.$$

If  $\deg D = 0$ , then  $D \sim \operatorname{Div}(s)$  effective of degree 0

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Div}(s) = 0 \Rightarrow D \sim 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D) \cong \mathcal{O}_X \quad \square.$$

Definition: For a projective curve, its arithmetic genus is defined to be  
( $X$  not necessarily nonsingular)

$$p_a := h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) := \dim H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

The geometric genus is defined to be

$$g := h^0(X, \Omega'_X).$$

When  $X$  is nonsingular, then  $\omega_X \cong \Omega^1_X$ , and, by Serre duality,  $\forall$  quasi-coherent sheaves  $\mathcal{F}$ :

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{F}) \cong \text{Ext}^1_X(\mathcal{F}, \omega_X)^*$$

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$\forall$   $\mathcal{F}$  is locally free of finite rank:

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Theorem: Riemann-Roch for curves:

$X$  complete nonsingular curve of genus  $g$ .

$D$  a divisor on  $X$ . Then

$$\chi(D) := h^0(D) - h^1(D) = \deg D + 1 - g.$$

Proof: Let  $P$  be any (closed) point of  $X$ .

We show that the theorem is true for  $D$  iff it is true for  $D - P$ . Starting from  $0$  and adding and subtracting points, this will prove the theorem for all divisors (for  $D = 0$ ,  $\chi(0) = h^0(\mathcal{O}_X) - h^1(\mathcal{O}_X) = 1 - g = \deg 0 + 1 - g$ ).

Recall that the ideal sheaf of  $P \subset X$  is isom. to  $\mathcal{O}_X(-P)$ .

This gives us the exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-P) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P \rightarrow 0$$

(abuse of notation  $i_* \mathcal{O}_P$   $i: P \hookrightarrow X$ )  
always done

twist by  $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$  to obtain:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D-P) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_P(D) \rightarrow 0$$

Note that  $\mathcal{O}_P(D) \cong \mathcal{O}_P$  because  $P \cong \text{Spec } k$   
= skyscraper sheaf supported at  $P$   
with group  $k$ .

From the long exact sequence of cohomology, we

obtain:  $\chi(D-P) = \chi(D) - 1$ .

Since we also have  $\deg(D-P) = \deg D - 1$ ,

we obtain  $\chi(D-P) - \deg(D-P) = \chi(D) - \deg D$ ,

and we are done.  $\square$

Corollary: The degree of the canonical sheaf  $\omega_X = \Omega_X^1$  is  $2g - 2$ .

Proof: Let  $K_X$  be a divisor s.t.  $\mathcal{O}_X(K_X) \cong \omega_X$ .

Then 
$$x(K_X) = \deg K_X + 1 - g$$

$$\begin{aligned} h^0(K_X) - h^1(K_X) &= h^0(\omega_X) - h^1(\omega_X) \\ \text{(Serre Duality)} &= \underbrace{h^1(\mathcal{O}_X)}_{=g} - h^0(\mathcal{O}_X) = g - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \deg K_X = g - 1 + g - 1 = 2g - 2 \quad \square$$

Def: A canonical divisor is a divisor  $K_X$  s.t.

$$\mathcal{O}_X(K_X) \cong \omega_X \cong \Omega'_X.$$

Definition: We say that  $D$  is special if  $h^1(D) \neq 0$ ,  
and  $D$  is non-special if  $h^1(D) = 0$ .

Remark: (1) If  $\deg D \geq 2g-1$ , then  $D$  is nonspecial.

$$\begin{aligned} \deg D \geq 2g-1 &\Rightarrow \deg(K_X - D) = \deg K_X - \deg D \\ &= 2g-2 - \deg D \leq -1 < 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow h^0(K_X - D) = 0$  by Lemma 3.

$= h^1(D)$  by Serre Duality.

(2) If  $D$  is special of degree  $2g-2$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_X(D) \cong \omega_X$ .

(apply Lemma 3 to  $K_X - D$ )

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Theorem: Kodaira vanishing (see Griffiths-Harris)

$X$  projective nonsingular of dim.  $n$  over  $\mathbb{C} = k$ .

$\mathcal{L}$  ample invertible sheaf on  $X$ .