

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
$$U := X \setminus \{Q_j\}, \quad U' := X \setminus \{P_i\}.$$

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

$\Rightarrow \exists$ 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

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

More nice results about curves: X nonsingular complete \mathbb{A}^1_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 $\chi(K_X) = \deg K_X + 1 - g$

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

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

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

$$\mathcal{O}_X(K_X) \cong \omega_X \cong \Omega^1_X$$

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 $K_X - D$)

Theorem: Kodaira vanishing (see Griffiths-Harris)

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

\mathcal{L} ample invertible sheaf on X .

The following equivalent statements hold:

$$(1) \quad H^i(X, \mathcal{L} \otimes \omega_X) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0$$

$$(2) \quad H^i(X, \mathcal{L}^{-1}) = 0 \quad \forall i < n.$$

Proof for curves: Write $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X(D)$. If D is ample, then a multiple is very ample.

In particular, $\exists m > 0$ s.t. $h^0(mD) \geq 2$.

$$\text{Lemma 3} \Rightarrow \deg D > 0 \Rightarrow \deg(K_D + D) \geq 2g - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow h^1(K_X + D) = 0, \text{ i.e., } K_X + D \text{ is nonspecial. } \square$$

We shall soon see that on a curve, a divisor is ample iff it has positive degree.

Definition: A variety is a separated integral scheme of finite type $/k$.

Two varieties X, Y are birational if \exists non empty open sets $U \subset X, V \subset Y$ s.t. $U \cong V$.

A variety X is called rational if it is birational to \mathbb{P}^n where $n = \dim X$. (This is equivalent to

$$K(X) \cong K(\mathbb{P}^n) \cong k(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

Proposition: A complete nonsingular curve X is rational iff it is isomorphic to \mathbb{P}^1 , iff it has genus 0.

Proof: If X has genus 0, then Riemann-Roch

becomes: $\chi(D) = \deg D + 1$.

Choose two distinct points $P, Q \in X$, then

$$\chi(P-Q) = 1 = h^0(P-Q) - h^1(P-Q)$$

$$\Rightarrow h^0(P-Q) > 0$$

Lemma 3 $\Rightarrow P-Q \sim 0$

Choose a rational function $f \in K(X)$ s.t.

$$\text{Div}(f) = P - Q.$$

As in the proof of the Corollary to Prop. 3,

f gives a morphism φ to \mathbb{P}^1 s.t. $\text{Div}(f) = \varphi^*([0] - [\infty])$

and $\varphi^*[0] = [P] \Rightarrow \deg \varphi = 1 \Rightarrow \varphi$ is an isom. \square .