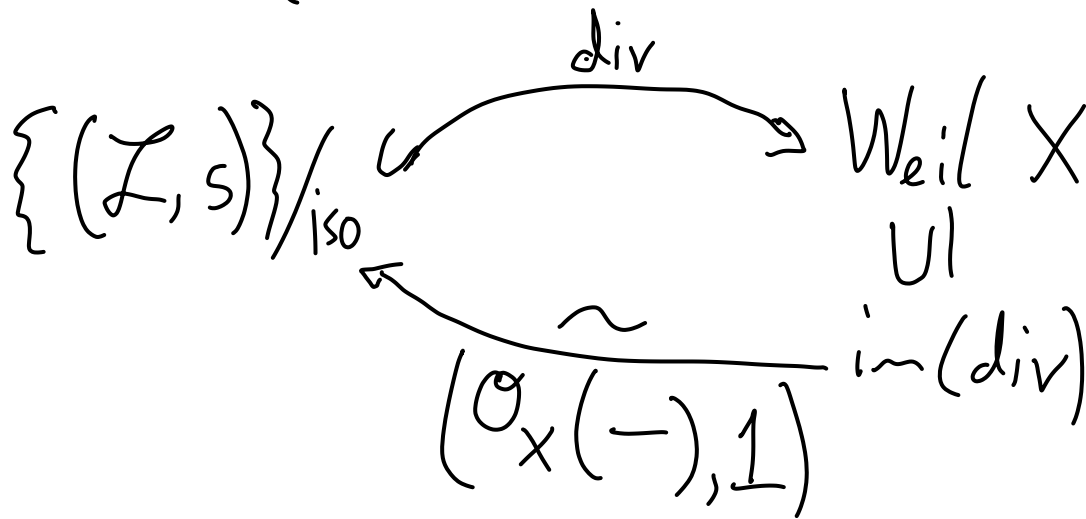


(apologies in advance - family emergency, potentially have to leave abruptly)

No office hours today.

Last time: (assuming  $X$  Noetherian and normal) (and  $X$  irred. for conveniences)



Defs: 1)  $D \in \text{Weil } X$  is principal if  $D = \text{div}(f)$  for  $f \in K(X)^\times$  (i.e. a rational section of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ )

2)  $D \in \text{Weil } X$  is locally principal if there is an open cover of  $X$  by opens  $U$  with  $D|_U$  principal.

Lemma:  $\text{in}(\text{div}) = \{\text{locally principal } D \in \text{Weil } X\}_F$   
 $\subseteq$  : follows from  $\mathcal{L}$  being locally iso to  $\mathcal{O}_U$ .

want: if  $D \in \text{Weil } X$  is loc. principal, then  
 $D = \text{div}(s)$  for some rat. section  $s$  of some line  
bundle.

1) Check that  $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$  is a line bundle  
- follows from  $\mathcal{O}_U(\text{div}(f)) \cong \mathcal{O}_U$  for

$U \subseteq X$ ,  $f \in K(U)$ ,  
open

2) Check that the rat. section  $1$  of  $\mathcal{O}_X(D)$   
has divisor  $D$ . (Again, check locally!).

At this point we can say

$$\text{Pic}(X) = \{\mathcal{L}\}/\text{iso} \cong \frac{\{(\mathcal{L}, s)\}/\text{iso}}{\{(\mathcal{O}_x, s)\}/\text{iso}}$$

$$\cong \frac{\{\text{locally principal Weil divisors}\}}{\{\text{principal Weil divisors}\}} \cdot$$

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Conditions under which every divisor is (locally) principal:

Lemma: Let  $A$  be a UFD (unique factorization domain, any elt can be written uniquely as a product of irred. elements, up to units).

Then every codim 1 prime ideal in  $A$  is principal.

(PF: given a nonzero prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$ , find an irred element  $x \in \mathfrak{p}$  (by factoring any elt in  $\mathfrak{p}$ ), and then  $\mathcal{O} \subset (x) \subseteq \mathfrak{p} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{p} \text{ has height } 1} \mathfrak{p} = (x)$ .  $\square$ )

Cor 1: If  $A$  is a UFD (e.g.  $k[t_1, \dots, t_n]$ ), then every Weil divisor in  $\text{Spec } A$  is principal, and thus  $\text{Pic}(\text{Spec } A) = 0$ .

Cor 2: If  $X$  is factorial (i.e. all stalks  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  are UFDs), then every  $D \in \text{Weil } X$  is locally principal.

Note: regular  $\Rightarrow$  factorial  $\Rightarrow$  normal  $\Rightarrow$  regular in codim 1.

Def: The (Weil) class group of  $X$  is

$$Cl X = \text{Weil } X / \{ \text{principal Weil divisors in } X \}$$

( $D_1 = D_2$  in  $Cl X$ : "linearly equivalent")

Summary: If  $X$  is Noetherian and factorial (e.g. regular),

$$\{(\mathcal{L}, s)\} / \text{iso} \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{Weil } X$$



$$\text{Pic } X = \{L\} / \text{iso} \xleftarrow{\sim} Cl X$$

$$L \longmapsto \text{div}(s) \text{ for any nonzero rat. section } s \text{ on } L$$

$$\mathcal{O}_X(D) \longleftarrow D$$

## Computations of $\text{Pic } X / \text{Cl } X$ :

1)  $\text{Pic}(A_k^n) = 0$  by the UFD criterion  
(since  $k[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  is a UFD)

2) two approaches to  $\text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}_k^n)$ :

a) Let  $H \in \text{Cl}(\mathbb{P}_k^n)$  be the class of the hyperplane  $V(x_0)$ . Then any irred divisor of  $\mathbb{P}_k^n$  is of the form  $V(f)$  for hom-og.  $f$  of deg  $d > 0$ ,

and we have

$$\text{div}\left(\frac{f}{x_0^d}\right) = [V(f)] - d[V(x_0)] \text{ is}$$

principal, so  $[V(f)] = dH$  in  $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{P}_k^n)$ .

Thus  $H$  generates  $\text{Cl}(\mathbb{P}_k^n)$ .

But we've used all the relations coming from principal divisors,

$$\text{so } \text{Cl}(\mathbb{P}_k^n) \cong \mathbb{Z}H.$$

b) More general tool: Suppose  $Y$  is an irred. divisor in  $X$ . Then there is an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \text{Weil } X \longrightarrow \text{Weil } (X \setminus Y) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 1 \longmapsto [Y] \quad \quad \quad |_{X \setminus Y}$$

so

$$\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(X \setminus Y) \longrightarrow 0$$

$$\quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$$

$$\quad \quad \quad 1 \longmapsto [Y] \quad \quad \quad |_{X \setminus Y}$$

is also exact ("excision")

Apply to  $X = \mathbb{P}_k^n$ ,  $Y = \{x_0 = 0\}$ , so  $X \setminus Y \cong \mathbb{A}_k^n$ , and immediately get  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  is generated by  $H = [Y]$  as before.

An independent argument that  $dH \neq 0$  in  $\mathcal{C}(X)$  for all  $d > 0$ :

check that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^n}(dH) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^n}(d)$

is nontrivial for  $d \neq 0$ , e.g. by computing global sections:

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{P}_k^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_k^n}(dH)) \cong k^{a_d}, \text{ where } a_d = 1 \iff d = 0.$$

3) More excision:  
 Let  $Z$  be an <sup>irred</sup> hypersurface of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}_k^n$ ,  
 i.e.  $Z = V(f)$  for  $f$  homog of deg  $d$ .

Then excision gives

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathbb{Z} & \longrightarrow & Cl(\mathbb{P}_k^n) & \longrightarrow & Cl(\mathbb{P}_k^n \setminus Z) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & \parallel & & & & \\ & & d\mathbb{Z} & & & & \end{array}$$

so  $\text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}_k^n \setminus Z) \cong \mathbb{Z}/d\mathbb{Z}$ , so it has  
 torsion for  $d > 1$ .

Note:  $\text{Pic}(Z)$  is much more complicated,  
 excision doesn't help as here directly.

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Recall: given a morphism  $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$ , we can  
 pull back  $q$ -coh sheaves from  $Y$  to  $X$ . The  
 pullback of a line bundle is a line bundle,  
 so get a group homomorphism  $\pi^*: \text{Pic}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X)$ .

Proben set will have a couple more examples of computing small Picard group. These examples might lead you to believe that  $\text{Pic}(X)$  tends to be "small", e.g. a f.g. abelian group.

This is false: in general  $\text{Pic}(X)$  is not f.g.  
(e.g.  $X$  a regular plane curve of degree  $\geq 3$ )

(Recall:  $\text{Pic}(X) \cong \underbrace{\text{Weil } X}_{\text{not f.g.}} / \{\text{principal divs}\}$  .