

Last time:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{projective scheme} & \rightsquigarrow & \text{line bundle } \mathcal{O}_{\text{Proj } S}(1) \\ l: \text{Proj } S \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n & & \parallel \\ & & \mathcal{O}_X(X \cap \text{hyperplane}) \end{array}$$

Today: ① a bit more about pullbacks of quasicoherent sheaves  
② morphisms to  $\mathbb{P}^n$  via line bundles

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi: X \rightarrow Y & \left. \vphantom{\pi: X \rightarrow Y} \right] \rightsquigarrow \pi^* \mathcal{F} & \text{qcoh sheaf on } X, \\ \mathcal{F} \text{ qcoh sheaf } Y & & \end{array}$$

Previous description: if  $\text{Spec } A \subseteq \pi^{-1}(\text{Spec } B) \subseteq X$ ,  
take  $(\pi^* \mathcal{F})(\text{Spec } A) := \mathcal{F}(\text{Spec } B) \otimes_B A$   
(difficulty in making this into a rigorous def: show changing  
 $\text{Spec } B$  only affects  $\mathcal{F}(\text{Spec } B) \otimes_B A$  up to canon. isos)

Let's discuss a less affine-centric approach to defining  
 $\pi^*$ .

$\pi: X \rightarrow Y$

Idea:  $\pi_*: QCoh_X \rightarrow QCoh_Y$  <sup>cat. of qc coh sheaves on Y</sup>

$\pi^*: QCoh_Y \rightarrow QCoh_X$

assuming  $\pi$  is qcqs, or can use cats of  $O_Y$ -modules.

should form an adjoint pair, i.e.

$$\text{Hom}_{QCoh_Y}(\mathcal{F}, \pi_* \mathcal{G}) \cong \text{Hom}_{QCoh_X}(\pi^* \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$$

(Why? analogous to  $\text{Hom}_B(M, N) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M \otimes_B A, N)$ ,

where  $A$  is a  $B$ -algebra,  $M$  is a  $B$ -module,  
 $N$  is an  $A$ -module)

Approach: find similar adjoint pair in categories of sheaves,  
then move the result to  $O_Y$ -modules.

Def: Given a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $Y$  and a map  $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$ ,

let  $\pi^{-1}\mathcal{F}$  be the sheaf on  $X$  given as the  
sheafification of the presheaf  
 $((\pi^{-1})^{\text{pre}}\mathcal{F})(U) := \left\{ (V, s) \mid \begin{array}{l} V \subseteq Y \text{ open} \\ V \supseteq \pi(U) \\ s \in \mathcal{F}(V) \end{array} \right\} / \sim$  <sup>restriction</sup>

Claim:  $\pi_*: Sets_X \rightarrow Sets_Y$  and  $\pi^!: Sets_Y \rightarrow Sets_X$   
are an adjoint pair.

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module, then  $\pi^{-1}\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is just a  $(\pi^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y)$ -module, not an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module, but via adjointness, the structure morphism of  $\pi$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \pi^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X$  corresponds to a morphism  $\pi^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ .

Def: The pullback of an  $\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module  $\mathcal{F}$  along

$\pi: X \rightarrow Y$  is

$$\pi^*\mathcal{F} := (\pi^{-1}\mathcal{F}) \otimes_{\pi^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y} \mathcal{O}_X.$$

# Selected nice properties of pullback (by $\pi_1: X \rightarrow Y$ $\mathcal{F}$ = sheaf on $Y$ )

1)  $\pi^* \mathcal{O}_Y \cong \mathcal{O}_X$ , and hence if  $\mathcal{F}$  is a rank  $r$  vector bundle then so is  $\pi^* \mathcal{F}$ .

2) Fiber dimension is preserved, i.e.

$$(\pi^* \mathcal{F})|_x \cong (\mathcal{F}|_{\pi(x)}) \otimes_{k_{\pi(x)}} k_x$$

(follows from tensor products composing nicely).

3) distributes over tensor products, i.e.

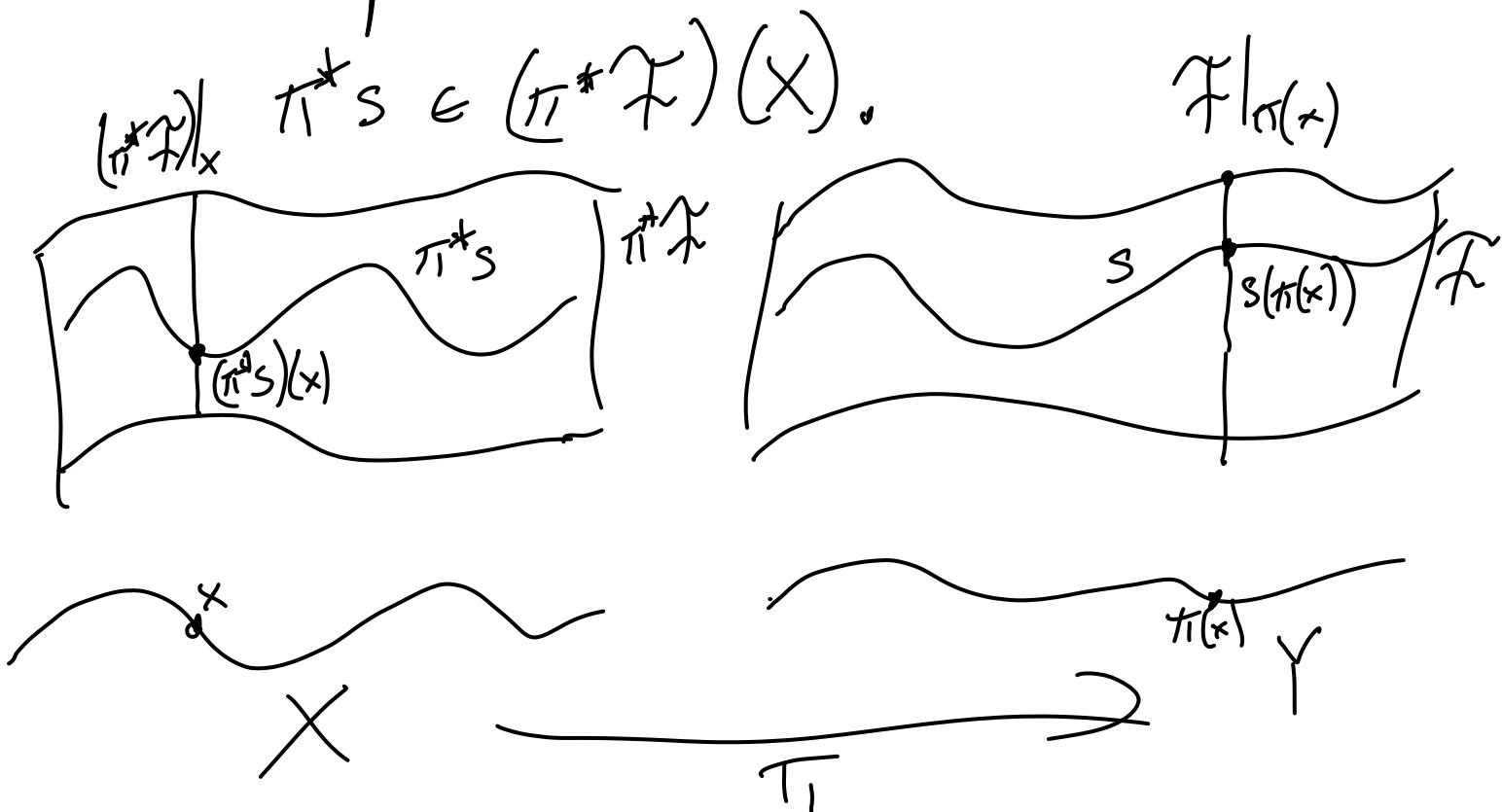
$$\pi^* (\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{G}) \cong (\pi^* \mathcal{F}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} (\pi^* \mathcal{G}),$$

so get group homomorphism  $\pi^*: \text{Pic}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X)$   
 (makes Pic into a functor  $\text{Sch} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ )

4) functorial on morphisms of sheaves, i.e.

$$\varphi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightsquigarrow \pi_1^* \varphi: \pi_1^* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \pi_1^* \mathcal{G}.$$

Since sections  $s \in \mathcal{F}(Y)$  correspond to morphisms  $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ , this means that we can pull back sections and define



Claim:  $(\pi_1^* s)(x) = s(\pi_1(x)) \otimes 1$  under the isomorphism of fibers from above.

(If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a line bundle, this is directly related to the analogous statement about values of pullbacks of functions since can pass to a trivialization  $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{O}$ )

In particular,  $\pi_1^* s$  vanishes at  $x$   
 $\iff s$  vanishes at  $\pi_1(x)$ .

Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a line bundle on  $Y$  and  $s \in \mathcal{L}(Y)$ , and  $X, Y$  are Noetherian + normal.

Then in general it is a little tricky to relate  $\text{div}(s) \in \text{Weil}/Y$  and  $\text{div}(\pi^* s) \in \text{Weil}/X$ .  
Thinking in terms of ideal sheaves (i.e. effective Cartier divisors), there's some discussion of this in Vakil 16.3.9; scheme-theoretically,  $V(\pi^* s)$  is not always equal to  $\pi^{-1}(V(s))$  (but often is).

But by preceding discussion today, these are at least equal as sets.  
Can compute mfts for Weil divisors  $\text{div}(s), \text{div}(\pi^* s)$  by hand usually.

## Morphisms to $P^n$ :

Thm: Let  $A$  be a ring. Let  $X$  be an  $A$ -scheme.  
 Let  $n \geq 0$ . Then there is a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{A-scheme morphisms} \\ X \rightarrow P_A^n \end{array} \right\} \xleftrightarrow{\sim} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (L, s_0, \dots, s_n) \\ | L \text{ line bundle on } X \\ s_i \in L(X) \\ \text{no simultaneous zeroes} \end{array} \right\}$$

$(\iff \text{the } s_i \text{ generate every fiber of } L)$

$$\pi \longmapsto (\pi^* \mathcal{O}_{P^n}(1), \pi^* x_0, \dots, \pi^* x_n)$$

$$[s_0(x) : \dots : s_n(x)] \longleftrightarrow (L, s_0, \dots, s_n)$$

$\overbrace{s_i(x) \in V = L|_x \cong k_x}^{\text{"}}$

PF: Idea: use the open cover of  $X$  by the

$$D(s_i) = \{x \in X \mid s_i(x) \neq 0\} = \pi^{-1}(D(x_i))$$

Given  $(L, s_0, \dots, s_n)$ , we have trivializations

$$\begin{aligned} (L|_{D(s_i)}, s_i) &\cong (\mathcal{O}_X|_{D(s_i)}, 1) \\ &\cong (\pi^* \mathcal{O}(1)|_{D(s_i)}, \pi^* x_i) \end{aligned}$$

can check  
transition functions  
(gluing data)  
are consistent.

