

By construction, $\mathcal{O}_X(D) \cong \mathcal{O}_X \Leftrightarrow D$ is principal

Also note: multiplication of Cartier divisors

\Leftrightarrow tensor product of invertible sheaves

(locally: $\mathcal{O}_{U_i} f_i^{-1} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{U_i}} \mathcal{O}_{U_i} g_i^{-1} \cong \mathcal{O}_{U_i} f_i \cdot g_i^{-1}$ = a subsheaf of \mathcal{K}_{U_i})

$-D$ represented by $\{(f_i^{-1}, U_i)\}$ if D is rep. by $\{(f_i, U_i)\}$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(-D)$ is locally $\mathcal{O}_{U_i} f_i$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D) \cong \mathcal{O}_X(D') \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(D')^{-1} \cong \mathcal{O}_X$

$\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D) \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-D') \cong \mathcal{O}_X \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D - D') \cong \mathcal{O}_X$

$\Leftrightarrow D - D'$ is principal $\Leftrightarrow D$ is linearly eq. to D' .

We have $\text{Pic}(X) :=$ group of invertible sheaves on X
modulo isomorphism.

$\text{Pic}^{\text{rat}}(X) :=$ group of invertible subsheaves
of \mathcal{K}_X modulo isomorphism

$\text{Cl}(X) :=$ group of Cartier divisors on X
modulo linear equivalence.

We just saw that $\text{Cl}(X) \cong \text{Pic}^{\text{rat}}(X)$
($\hookrightarrow \text{Pic}(X)$)

Lemma: If X is integral, then
 $\text{Pic}^{\text{rat}}(X) = \text{Pic}(X)$.

Proof: We need to show that every invertible sheaf is
isomorphic to an invertible subsheaf of \mathcal{K}_X .

Let \mathcal{L} be an invertible sheaf.

$$\mathcal{O}_X \hookrightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}_X \otimes \mathcal{L}$$

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Claim $\mathcal{K}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{L} \cong \mathcal{K}_X$, because

X is integral $\Rightarrow \mathcal{K}_X$ is the constant sheaf with
group $K(X) = \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta}$ $\eta = \text{generic point}$

we verify that $\mathcal{K}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{L}$ is also the constant sheaf

with group $K(X)$.

On any open set U where \mathcal{L} is trivial,

we have $(\mathcal{K}_X \otimes \mathcal{L})|_U \cong \mathcal{K}_X|_U \otimes \mathcal{L}|_U \cong \mathcal{K}_X|_U \cong \mathcal{K}_U$

\mathcal{K}_U is the constant sheaf on U with group $K(U) = K(X)$.

If $V \subset X$ is any open set, then $V = \bigcup_{i \in I} V \cap U_i$
where U_i is affine and $\mathcal{L}|_{U_i} \cong \mathcal{O}_{U_i}$.

Then if $s \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{K}_X \otimes \mathcal{L})$

$$s \iff \{ s_i := s|_{V \cap U_i} \}$$

$$s_i|_{V \cap U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{V \cap U_i \cap U_j} = s|_{V \cap U_i \cap U_j} \in K(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow s \in K(X)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{K}_X \otimes \mathcal{L}(V) = K(X).$$

$$K(V \cap U_i \cap U_j).$$

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Cartier versus Weil divisors.

Proposition: Suppose X is integral, separated, locally factorial (i.e., all local rings of X are UFD).

Then, the additive group $\text{Div}(X)$ is isomorphic to the multiplicative group $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^* / \mathcal{O}_X^*)$.

Under this isomorphism, principal divisors map to principal divisors, i.e., $\text{Cl}(X) \cong \text{CaCl}(X) (\cong \text{Pic}(X))$

Proof: We construct morphisms of groups

$$D: \Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^* / \mathcal{O}_X^*) \longrightarrow \text{Div}(X)$$

$$F: \text{Div}(X) \longrightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{K}_X^* / \mathcal{O}_X^*)$$

which are inverses of each other and send principal divisors to principal divisors.

Definition of D : X is integral, so \mathcal{K}_X is the constant sheaf with group $\mathcal{K}(X)$. Let C be a Cartier divisor represented by $\{(f_i, U_i), X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i, f_i \in \mathcal{K}(X)\}$

$$D(C) := \sum_{\substack{Y \subset X \\ \text{integral divisor, } i \text{ s.t. } Y \cap U_i \neq \emptyset}} v_Y(f_i) [Y]$$

this is well-defined because if $Y \cap U_i \cap U_j \neq \emptyset$, then

$$\frac{f_i}{f_j} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_i \cap U_j) \Rightarrow v_Y(f_i/f_j) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_Y(f_i) = v_Y(f_j)$$

the sum is finite because X is noetherian: we can cover X with a finite number of the U_i and on each U_i , only a finite # of $v_Y(f_i)$ are nonzero. Note: we only used X integral noetherian.

Definition of F : We first need the following lemma:

Lemma: Suppose X is integral and locally factorial.

Then every integral Weil divisor γ on X is locally principal. In other words, every $x \in X$ has an affine neighborhood $U = \text{Spec } A$ s.t. the ideal of $\gamma \cap U$ in U is principal.

Proof of the lemma: If $x \notin \gamma$, then we can find $U = \text{Spec } A$ s.t. $U \cap \gamma = \emptyset$, then $I_{\gamma \cap U} = A$ is principal.

Suppose $x \in \gamma$ and let a_1, \dots, a_n be a generating set for $I_{\gamma \cap U}$. Let $\mathfrak{o}_x \subset A$ be the prime ideal corresponding to x .

Then $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} = A_{\mathfrak{o}_x}$.

Since γ is an integral Weil divisor, $I_{\gamma \cap U}$ is prime of height 1. The germs $a_1(x), \dots, a_r(x)$ generate $\mathfrak{p} := I_{\gamma \cap U} A_{\mathcal{O}_\gamma}$ which is also prime of height 1.

Since $A_{\mathcal{O}_\gamma}$ is a UFD, the $a_i(x)$ are products of irreducible elements. $\forall i$ one of the irreducible factors of $a_i(x)$, say b_i , belongs to \mathfrak{p} . $\langle b_i \rangle \subset \mathfrak{p}$

\uparrow prime, \mathfrak{p} has height 1

$\Rightarrow \langle b_i \rangle = \mathfrak{p} \quad \forall i$ and $a_i(x) = \text{unit} \cdot b_i$

$\Rightarrow \exists g_i, h_i, d \in A \setminus \mathcal{O}_\gamma, c \in A$ s.t. $a_i(x) = \frac{g_i}{h_i} \frac{c}{d} \quad \forall i$

Replacing A with $A[g_i^{-1}, h_i^{-1}, d^{-1}]_{\text{all } i}$, we obtain

that $I_{\gamma \cap U} = \langle c \rangle$ is principal. \square

Back to the definition of F :

Let $W = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i \gamma_i$ be a Weil divisor. We will find a Cartier divisor $\{(U, \nu)\}$ whose associated Weil divisor is W .

Let $x \in X$ be a point. Choose an affine neighborhood $U = \text{Spec } A$ of x s.t. if $x \notin \gamma_i$, then $U \cap \gamma_i = \emptyset$.

By the lemma, we can also choose U small enough so that the ideals $I_{\gamma_i \cap U}$ are principal $\forall i$,

$$\text{say } I_{\gamma_i \cap U} = \langle a_i \rangle = A a_i$$

We have that $W \cap U = \sum_{i=1}^m m_i [\gamma_i \cap U]$

is the divisor of $f_U := \prod_{i=1}^m a_i^{m_i}$, i.e., $W \cap U = D(f_U)$.

Because: the image of a_i in the local ring of the generic point of γ_i generates the maximal ideal of \mathcal{O}_{X, η_i}

because $(a_i) = \mathcal{I}_{\gamma_i \cap U}$ $(a_i) A_{(a_i)} = \mathcal{M}_{X, \eta_i}$.

We have a well-defined Cartier divisor $\check{V}^{F(W)}$ represented by $\{(U, f_U)\}$, because, for two affine open sets U, V

as above, f_U / f_V is invertible: $U \cap V$ is affine

because X is separated, f_U and f_V generate the

same ideal in the ring of $U \cap V$.

By construction the maps D and F are inverses to each other and principal divisors go to principal divisors (think about this a little bit at home). \square

Remark: The morphism D is well-defined without assuming X locally factorial.

The proof above shows that we can think of Cartier divisors as locally principal Weil divisors (i.e., every point has a neighborhood on which the Weil divisor is principal).

What we proved is that when X is locally factorial, all Weil divisors are locally principal.

This is "the same" as saying that $\mathcal{C}(\text{Spec } A) = 0$ when A is a UFD.