

§4.2 Correspondence Cartier Divisors - Line Bundles

Let $D = \sum_V a_i V_i$ be a Cartier Divisor of X

Then it there exists an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ of X such that $V_i = (f_{i\alpha})$ on U_α . We can define

$$f_\alpha = \prod_i f_{i\alpha}^{a_i} \in \mathcal{U}^*(U_\alpha)$$

and f_α/f_β never vanishes on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$.

This means $\{(U_\alpha, f_\alpha)\}_\alpha \in Z^0(\underline{U}, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$
 $H^0(\underline{U}, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$

Conversely, given $\{(U_\alpha, f_\alpha)\}_\alpha \in H^0(\underline{U}, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$,
then $f_\alpha/f_\beta \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ and so

$$\text{ord}_V(f_\beta) = \text{ord}_V(f_\alpha)$$

This means we can define

$$D := \sum_V \text{ord}_V(f_\alpha) \cdot V$$

so $\text{Div}(X) = H^0(X, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})$.

Instead, it is easy to see that

$$\text{PDiv}(X) = \frac{H^0(X, \mathcal{U}^*)}{H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^*)}$$

Let D be a Cartier divisor of X , $D = (f_\alpha)_\alpha$,
 then we can define

$$f_{\alpha\beta} := \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$$

We observe that

$$f_{\beta\gamma} \cdot f_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1} \cdot f_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\beta}{f_\gamma} \cdot \frac{f_\gamma}{f_\alpha} \cdot \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} = 1$$

so $\{f_{\alpha\beta}\}$ is a cocycle of $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) = \text{Pic}(X)$

We have constructed a function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Div}(X) &\longrightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \\ D = (f_\alpha) &\longmapsto \{f_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta}\}_{\alpha\beta} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, this function is an homomorphism of groups. What is its kernel?

Let $D = (f_\alpha)$ be such that $\{f_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta}\}_{\alpha\beta}$
 is trivial in $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*)$.

Then $f_{\alpha\beta} = (\delta h)_{\alpha\beta}$ for $h \in C^0(\underline{U}, \mathcal{O}^*)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f_\alpha}{f_\beta} = \frac{h_\beta}{h_\alpha} \Rightarrow f_\alpha h_\alpha = h_\beta f_\beta \text{ on } U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$$

Thus, we consider the global meromorphic function

$$f := \{ (U_\alpha, f_\alpha h_\alpha) \}_\alpha \quad \text{on } X$$

and we observe that

$$\operatorname{div}(f) = \sum_V \underbrace{\operatorname{ord}_V(f)}_{\operatorname{ord}_V(f_\alpha h_\alpha) = \operatorname{ord}_V(f_\alpha) V} V = D$$

We have obtained an exact sequence of groups:

$$0 \rightarrow \underbrace{\operatorname{PDiv}(X)}_{\frac{H^0(X, \mathcal{U}^*)}{H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^*)}} \hookrightarrow \underbrace{\operatorname{Div}(X)}_{H^0(X, \frac{\mathcal{U}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*})} \rightarrow \operatorname{Pic}(X) \quad (*)$$

We are interested to understand when the right map is surjective. To understand this, we consider the exact sequence of sheaves

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^*/\mathcal{O}^* \rightarrow 0$$

which induces a long exact sequence in cohomology:

$$0 \rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{U}^*) \rightarrow H^0(X, \mathcal{U}^*/\mathcal{O}^*) \xrightarrow{\delta^*} \operatorname{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{U}^*) \rightarrow \dots$$

and so the exact sequence

$$\frac{H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^*)}{H^0(X, \mathcal{O}^*)} \hookrightarrow H^0(X, \frac{\mathcal{O}^*}{\mathcal{O}^*}) \xrightarrow{\delta^*} \text{Pic}(X) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \rightarrow \dots$$

As we can expect, δ^* is exactly the map (*)
so that it is surjective \Leftrightarrow
 $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*)$

is the trivial map.

Theorem (Chevalley-Lewis, "The sheaf of
nonvanishing meromorphic functions in the
projective algebraic case is NOT acyclic")

If X is a smooth projective variety, then
 $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*)$

is trivial, so

$$\text{Pic}(X) \cong \frac{\text{Div}(X)}{\text{PDiv}(X)}$$

Furthermore, $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \dim(X) = 1$
(so X is a Riemann Surface)

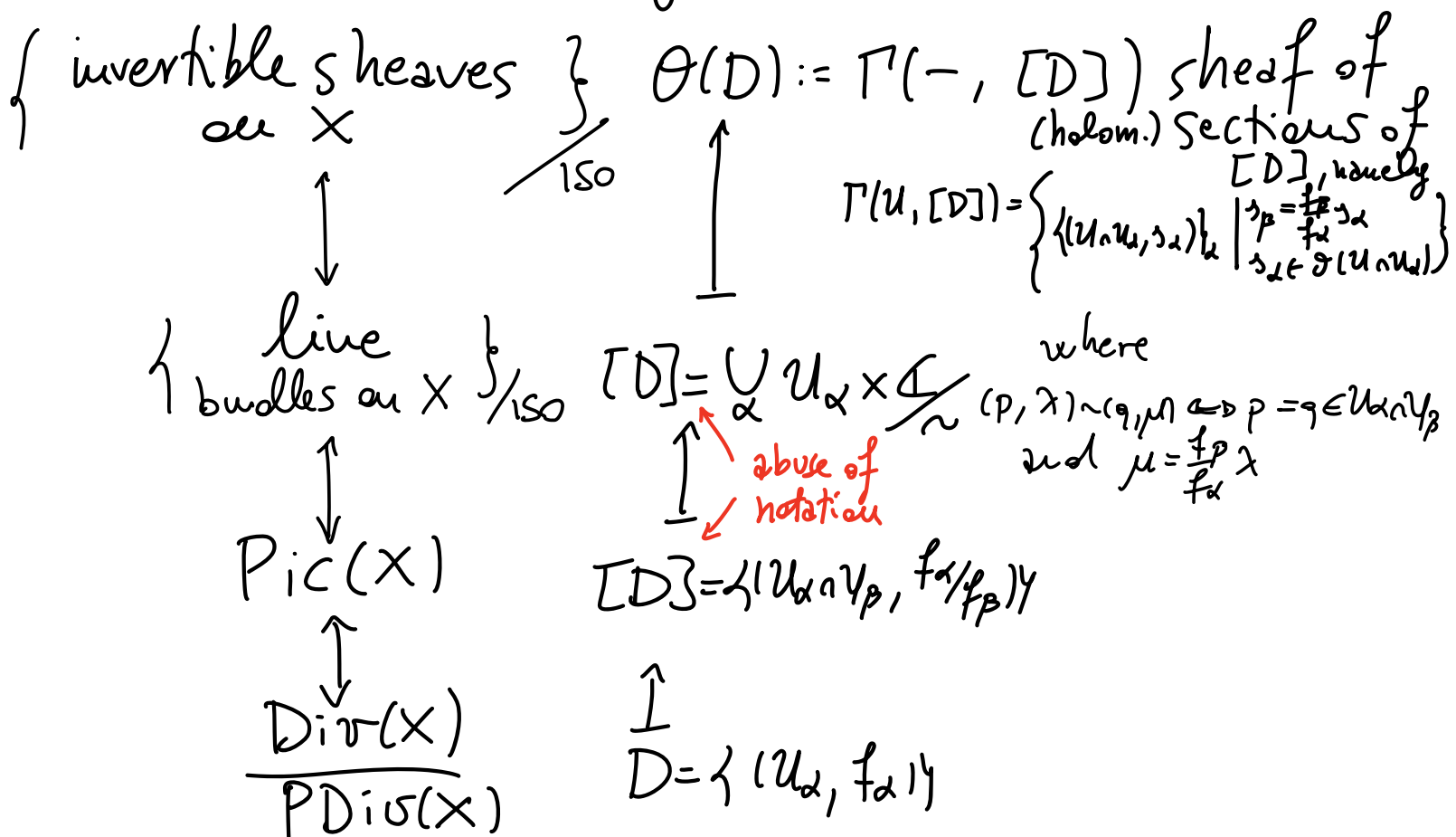
Warning! In the folklore, it was taken for
granted that, for smooth projective varieties,
the fact that every line bundle comes from a
divisor of X was a consequence of $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) = 0$.

This is FALSE unless X is a Riemann Surface
(i.e. $\dim(X) = 1$).

Def The equivalence relation induced by $\text{PDiv}(X)$ on $\text{Div}(X)$ is called linear equivalence relation:

$$D \sim D' \stackrel{\text{Def}}{\iff} D - D' = \text{div}(f) \text{ for some global merom. function } f.$$

We finally have proved the following isomorphisms of groups:



Example We have already studied the tautological bundle of \mathbb{P}^n , which is a line bundle with cocycles $\{g_{ji} = \frac{x_j}{x_i}\}_{j,i}$ on $U_{x_j} \cap U_{x_i}$.

We are interested to understand which is the class divisor D associated to this line bundle. Let us consider $H = (x_1 = 0) = (\mathcal{U}_{x_i}, \frac{x_1}{x_i})_i$.

Then the cocycles of H are $g_{ji} = \frac{\frac{x_1}{x_j}}{\frac{x_1}{x_i}} = \frac{x_i}{x_j}$ on $\mathcal{U}_{x_i} \cap \mathcal{U}_{x_j}$.

Thus, the cocycles of $-H$ are $g_{ji} = \frac{x_j}{x_i}$ on $\mathcal{U}_{x_i} \cap \mathcal{U}_{x_j}$. We have proved that the tautological bundle of \mathbb{P}^n is $[-H]$.

Thm $\text{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^n) = \mathbb{Z} \cdot H$ where H is an hyperplane section.

Def On X we always have the canonical bundle ω_X . We say that $D \in \text{Div}(X)$ is a canonical divisor if $[D] = \omega_X$.

The class of a canonical divisor in $\frac{\text{Div}(X)}{\text{PDiv}(X)}$ is denoted by K_X .

Example $X = \mathbb{P}^n$, ω_X has cocycles $\{\sigma(\frac{x_j}{x_i})\}_{ji}$ on $\mathcal{U}_{x_j} \cap \mathcal{U}_{x_i}$.

$$(-1)^{i+j} \left(\frac{x_j}{x_i} \right)^{n+1}$$

Thus, $\omega_{\mathbb{P}^n} = -(n+1)H$.

We need a constructive way to pass from a line bundle L to an associated divisor D with $[D] = L$.

Def Assume that L has cocycles $\{g_{\alpha\beta}\}$.

A local meromorphic section of L on U is a collection $\{(U \cap U_\alpha), s_\alpha\}_\alpha$ where s_α is a meromorphic function on $U \cap U_\alpha$ and
 $s_\beta = g_{\beta\alpha} s_\alpha$ on $U \cap U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$.

To any global meromorphic section s of L we can define the divisor

$$\text{div}(s) := \sum_V \text{ord}_V(s) \cdot V$$

invariant by s_α .

By construction, we have $[\text{div}(s)] = L$.

Given a line bundle L , we can always construct a meromorphic section s for which $[\text{div}(s)] = L$. Roughly speaking, if L has transition functions $\{g_{\alpha\beta}\}$ on $\mathcal{U} = \{U_\alpha\}$, then fix U_γ , we define a global meromorphic section $s := \{(U_\alpha, s_\alpha)\}_\alpha$ of L

where $s_\alpha(x) := g_{\alpha\gamma}(x)$ for $x \in U_\alpha$ (there is some theoretical problem here, but this usually works) (why $g_{\alpha\gamma}$ is mera on U_α ?)

Then, $\forall x \in U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$ we have $s_\beta(x) = g_{\beta\gamma}(x) = g_{\beta\alpha}(x) g_{\alpha\gamma}(x) = g_{\beta\alpha}(x) s_\alpha(x)$
 $\Rightarrow s$ is a global merom. form of L .

§4.3 Pullback of a divisor and Hurwitz formula

Let $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ be a morphism. As already discussed, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \{ \text{invertible sheaves of } Y \} & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \{ \text{invertible sheaves of } X \} \\
 \downarrow \text{iso} & & \downarrow \text{iso} \\
 \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & f^* \mathcal{F} \quad (\text{inverse image sheaf}) \\
 \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\
 \{ \text{line bundles on } Y \} / \text{iso} & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \{ \text{line bundles on } X \} / \text{iso} \\
 (E \rightarrow Y) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & f^* E \rightarrow X \quad (\text{pullback bundle}) \\
 \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\
 H^1(Y, \mathcal{O}^*) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & H^1(X, \mathcal{O}^*) \\
 \uparrow \{ \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \uparrow \{ \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \circ f \} \\
 \text{Div}(Y) / \text{PDiv}(Y) & \xrightarrow{f^*?} & \text{Div}(X) / \text{PDiv}(X) \quad \text{Pullback divisor?}
 \end{array}$$

A natural definition of $f^* D$ seems pretty easy:

$$f^* D = \{ (f^{-1} \mathcal{U}_\alpha), f_{\alpha} \circ f \}_{\alpha}$$

However, this definition does not make sense if $\text{Im}(f) \subseteq \text{supp}(D)$ as $f_{\alpha} \circ f$ becomes identically zero on X .

Notice that if f is dominant then $\text{Im}(f) \not\subseteq \text{supp}(D)$ so we can always define $f^* D$.

Instead, we can avoid in general this problem defining f^*D as the class divisor associated to $f^*[D]$.

Clearly, in this case we lose information as we can only construct a linearly equivalent class in $\frac{\text{Div}(X)}{\text{PDiv}(X)}$ and not a divisor in $\text{Div}(X)$ such as before.

Given a dominant morphism $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$, a natural question is to determine a relationship between K_X and π^*K_Y .

Theorem (Hurwitz Formula)

Let $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$ be a dominant morphism of smooth projective varieties with the same dimension n .

Let V_j be an irreducible prime divisor of X whose image with respect to π is an ir. prime divisor W_j .

Let us define the ramification index of V_j as the coefficient $e_j \geq 0$ of V_j appearing in π^*W_j .

Let E_i be the prime divisors of X contracted by π . Then $K_X = \pi^*K_Y + \underbrace{\sum_j (e_j - 1)V_j + \sum_i r_i E_i}_R$ for some $r_i \geq 0$.

The effective divisor R is called Ramification divisor of π .

proof: Let us consider a global meromorphic section w exhibiting w_Y as $w_Y = [\text{div}(w)]$.

We can construct an open cover $\{U_\alpha\}$ of Y such that it there exists an open cover $\{V_\alpha\}$ of X with $V_\alpha \subseteq \pi^{-1}(U_\alpha)$ for which

- $\pi_\alpha := \psi_\alpha \circ \pi \circ \varphi_\alpha^{-1}$ is holomorphic;
 - $w = \{ (U_\alpha, f_\alpha) \}_\alpha$ on Y , where f_α is merom.
- satisfying $f_\beta = \det(J^{-1} \psi_{\beta\alpha}) f_\alpha$ on $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$

We consider the collection $\{ (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \cdot \det(J\pi_\alpha) \}_\alpha$ on V_α and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (f_\beta \circ \pi) \det(J\pi_\beta) &= (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det(J^{-1} \psi_{\beta\alpha}) \det(J\pi_\beta) \\ &= (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det J(\psi_{\alpha\beta}) \det J\pi_\beta \cdot \frac{\det J\psi_{\beta\alpha}}{\det J\psi_{\beta\alpha}} \\ &= (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det(J\pi_\alpha) (\det J^{-1} \psi_{\beta\alpha}) \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow the above collection of merom. functions define cocycles $\{ \det J^{-1} \psi_{\beta\alpha} \} \Rightarrow$ it is a global meromorphic section of K_X :

$$K_X = \text{div} (\{ (f_\alpha \circ \pi) \det(J\pi_\alpha) \}_\alpha) =$$

$$= \operatorname{div} \{ \pi^* \mathcal{O}_Y \otimes \pi^* \mathcal{O}_X \} + \operatorname{div} \{ \det(\mathcal{I} \pi_*) \}$$

$\pi^* K_Y$ by def of pullback of a divisor

$$= \pi^* K_Y + \operatorname{div} \{ \det(\mathcal{I} \pi_*) \}$$

Let us consider a prime divisor V of X and its image W by π . Let e its ramification index. By Local Normal Form theorem it exists a local chart $\underline{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ around a point of V such that $V = (x_1 = 0)$ and $\pi: \text{open set of } \mathbb{A}^n \rightarrow \text{open set of } \mathbb{A}^n$

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (x_1^e, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \det \mathcal{I} \pi_{\underline{x}} = \det \begin{pmatrix} e x_1^{e-1} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} = e x_1^{e-1}$$

$e-1$ is the coefficient of V in the divisor R . 

§4.4 Maps to projective spaces

Def Let D be a divisor, we denote by $|D|$ the set of divisors of X lin. equivalent to D :

$$|D| := \left\{ D + \operatorname{div} \left(\frac{f}{g} \right) \mid \begin{array}{l} D + \operatorname{div}(f) \geq 0 \\ f \text{ global section on } X \end{array} \right\}$$

When X is compact, then $|D|$ corresponds to the projective space of $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D))$.

A linear system P of X is a subspace of $|D|$, namely the set associated to a vector subspace W of $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D))$. We say that P is complete if $P = |D|$.

The dim. of P is $\dim P := \dim W - 1$.

The identification of P as $\mathbb{P}(H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D)))$ can be constructed as follows. Let s_0 be a global merom. section of $[D]$. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |D| & \xrightarrow{s_0} & \mathbb{P}(H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D))) \\ D + \text{div}(f) & \longmapsto & f \cdot s_0 \end{array}$$

is a bijection (when X is compact)

Def We say that C is a fixed component of P if it is contained in any divisor D of P .

The fixed locus F of P is the biggest divisor contained in any divisor of P .

Clearly, for any $D \in P$, then $|D - F|$

has no fixed components.

Def A base point $x \in X$ of P is a point contained in every divisor of P .

The base locus of P , denoted as $Bs(P)$, is the schematic set of base points of P .

The codimension 1 - part of $Bs(P)$ is the fixed component F of P .

Thm We have the following correspondence:

$\{ \text{rational maps } \phi: X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n \text{ with } \phi(X) \text{ NOT contained in a hyperplane} \}$ / $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{proj.} \\ \text{transf.} \end{smallmatrix}$



$\{ \text{linear systems } P \text{ of } X \text{ without fixed part of dimension } n \}$

proof Let P be a linear system without fixed part; thus P is a projective subspace of $P(H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D_0)))$ for some div. D_0 . Let W be the associated vect. subsp. of P in $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D_0))$.

To any $x \in X$ we can associate the projective subspace of P of divisors passing on x :

$\{ D \in P : x \in D \}$ is the projectivization of $H_x := \text{Ker}(f_x) \subseteq W \subseteq H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X(D_0))$

where $f_x: W \longrightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$
 $\quad \quad \quad \downarrow \longmapsto \downarrow \quad s_x(x) \text{ for } x \in \mathcal{U}_\alpha$

(Notice that f_x depends by U_x but $\ker(f_x)$ does not!)

Clearly if x is not a base point, then f_x is surjective, so $\ker(f_x)$ is a hyperplane!

We have a (rational) map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \dashrightarrow & \{ \text{hyperplanes of } W \} \\ x & \longmapsto & H_x \end{array}$$

However, we well-know that the set of hyperpl. of a vect. space V is exactly $\mathbb{P}(V^\vee)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{ \text{hyperpl. of } V \} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{P}(V^\vee) \\ H = \ker(f) & \longmapsto & [f] \end{array}$$

Thus, we have a natural map:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \dashrightarrow & \mathbb{P}(W^\vee) \\ x & \longmapsto & [f_x] \end{array} \quad (*)$$

whose indeterminacy locus is the base locus of \mathcal{P} .

We can write this map in coordinates:

given a basis s_0, \dots, s_n of W , then

$$(*) \text{ is } \phi_P: \begin{array}{ccc} X & \dashrightarrow & \mathbb{P}^n \\ x & \longmapsto & [s_0(x) : \dots : s_n(x)] \end{array}$$

Notice that $\phi_P(X)$ is NOT contained in a hyperplane, otherwise if

$$\phi_P(X) \subseteq H \subseteq \{z : \sum a_i z_i = 0\}$$

then
$$\sum a_i s_i(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in X \setminus B_S(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in X$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum a_i s_i = 0 \quad \Rightarrow s_0, \dots, s_n \text{ is NOT a basis}$$

Clearly, if we change ϕ_P using another basis of W then we obtain just a map that is a composition of ϕ_P with a proj. transf. of \mathbb{P}^n .

Conversely, consider a rational map

$$\phi: X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n \text{ that is not contained}$$

in a hyperplane, namely ϕ^*H is well-defined.

We notice that ϕ^*H has no fixed part

because we can move hyperplane sections on

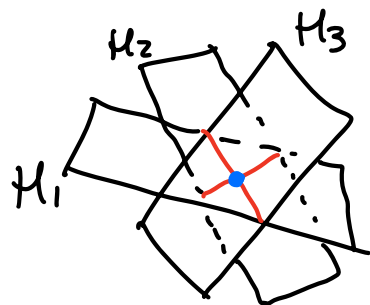
\mathbb{P}^n (and so their pullbacks on X) such that

two of them intersect in a codim. 2 subspace.

Finally, if $H_i = \{ (U_{x_j}, \frac{x_i}{x_j}) \}_j$, then

$$\phi^*H_i = \{ (\phi^{-1}(U_{x_j}), (\frac{x_i}{x_j} \circ \phi)) \}_j \text{ and}$$

they are lin. indep. global



holomorphic sections of $|\phi^*H| \Rightarrow$

$$\phi^*H : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$$

$$x \mapsto \left[\frac{x'_1}{x'_3} \circ \phi : \dots : \frac{x'_n}{x'_3} \circ \phi \right] \in \mathcal{U}_{x'_3}$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\phi(x)$$

Def Given a smooth prog. variety X , the map induced by $|K_X|$ is called CANONICAL MAP, when $\rho_g(X) \geq 2$:

- $\phi_{K_X} : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{\rho_g(X)-1}$
- A pluricanonical divisor is a divisor lin. equivalent to a multiple of a canonical divisor.

The pluricanonical class of X is nK_X in $\text{Pic}(X)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where K_X is the can. class.

The plurigenus of X is $P_n := h^0(X, nK_X)$

The pluricanonical map of X is the map induced by $|nK_X|$:

$$\phi_{nK_X} : X \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{P_n-1}$$

The structure of canonical and pluricanonical maps are studied a lot in the literature from seminal works of Enriques, Kodaira, Bombieri, ecc...

§4.5 Iitaka dimension of a Divisor

Def Let D be a divisor of $\overset{\text{smooth proj. variety}}{\downarrow} X$. If

$$h^0(X, mD) = 0 \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$$

then we say that the Iitaka dim. of D is $k(X, D) = -\infty$.

Otherwise, we say that

$$k(X, D) := \max_m \dim(\Phi_{mD}(X))$$

Rem $k(X, D) \in \{-\infty, 1, \dots, \dim(X)\}$.

Def D (or equivalently its associated line bundle $[D]$) is called big $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} k(X, D) = \dim(X)$.

Thm The Iitaka dimension $k = k(X, D) \neq -\infty$ is the smallest number for which

$$\limsup_{m \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{h^0(X, mD)}{m^k} < +\infty$$

Def $k(X) := k(X, K_X)$ is called Kodaira dimension of X .

FUN FACT: $k(X, D)$ is a birational invariant!

IMPORTANT In general, for a smooth
proj. variety X

$$q(X) = h^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X), \quad p_g(X) = h^0(X, K_X)$$

\uparrow irregularity \uparrow geom. genus

$$P_n := h^0(X, nK_X), n \geq 2 \quad K(X)$$

\uparrow n -th plurigenus \uparrow Kodaira dim.

are birational invariants.