

## Weil Divisors :-

### • Regular local ring :-

Let  $A$  be a noetherian local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  and the residue field  $k = A/\mathfrak{m}$ .  $A$  is said to be a regular local ring if

$$\dim_k \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 = \dim A.$$

• A scheme  $X$  is regular in codimension one if every local ring  $\mathcal{O}_x$  of  $X$  of dimension 1 is regular.

### Example 1 (

Non-singular varieties.)

### Example 2.

Noetherian normal schemes.

• A scheme  $X$  is normal if every local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{x,x}$  of  $X$  is integrally closed.

Prop 11.6 - (A.M. - Page 94) ✓

Let  $A$  be a noetherian local ring.

Let  $A$  be a local noetherian domain of dimension 1. Then

- i)  $A$  is integrally closed.
- ii)  $A$  is a regular local ring
- iii)  $A$  is a discrete valuation ring
- iv)  $\mathfrak{m}$  is a principal ideal (  $\mathfrak{m}$  - max. ideal of  $A$  ).

• Let  $X$  be a noetherian integral separated scheme which is regular in codimension 1. (\*)

Let  $X$  satisfy (\*).

A prime divisor on  $X$  is a closed integral subscheme  $Y$  of codimension one.

A Weil divisor is an element of the free abelian group  $\text{Div}(X)$ , generated by prime divisors.

So, we can write a Weil divisor

$$D = \sum n_i \gamma_i$$

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where,  $\gamma_i$  are prime divisors on  $X$   
 $n_i$  are integers & only finitely  
 many are non-zero.

▣ If  $n_i \geq 0 \forall i$  then  $D$  is  
 said to be effective.

▣ Let  $\gamma$  be a prime divisor.  
 &  $\eta$  be its generic point, i.e.,

$$\gamma = \overline{\{\eta\}}$$

If  $\gamma$  is a closed irr. subset of  
 a scheme  $X$ , then

$$\text{codim}(\gamma, X) = \dim(\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta})$$

Since,  $\gamma$  is a prime divisor.  
 codimension  $(\gamma, X) = 1$

$$= \dim(\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta})$$

From Prop(1), above.

we get  $\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta}$  is a DVR.

▣ Function field  $K(X)$  of a  
 scheme  $X$ .

$X$  be an integral scheme.  
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Let  $\mathcal{O}_X$  be the sheaf of regular functions on  $X$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is a field.  
This is called the function field of  $X$ , and denoted by  $K(X)$ .

Note that, if  $X = \text{Spec } A$ , then,  $K(X)$  is the quotient field of  $A$ .

• We can see that the quotient field of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is  $K(X)$ .

We call the corresponding discrete valuation  $v_\gamma$  the valuation of  $\gamma$ .

Now, since  $X$  is separated,  $\gamma$  is uniquely determined by its valuation.

Let  $f \in K(X)^*$  be any non-zero rational function on  $X$ .

Then  $v_\gamma(f) \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Lemma

Let  $f \in K(X)^*$

Let  $\chi$  satisfies (\*). & let  $\dots$   
 Then  $v_p(f) = 0$  for all but  
 finitely many prime divisors of  
 $\chi$ .

Proof:-

$$f \in K(X)^* = (\mathcal{O}_X, \varphi).$$

So, we can choose an affine  
 open subset  $U \in \text{Spec } A$  of  $X$   
 s.t.  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$ .

Then,  $Z = X - U$  is a proper  
 closed subset of  $X$ .

Now, if  $\text{codimension } Z \geq 2$ ,  
 then  $Z$  doesn't contain any  
 prime divisor of  $X$ .

If  $\text{codim } Z = 1$ , then, prime  
 divisors contained in  $Z$  are  
 its ~~cop~~ components.

Since  $X$  is noetherian  $Z$  can  
 contain at most finitely many  
 prime divisors of  $X$ .

That implies that all the other  
 must intersect  $U$ .

prime divisors

It is sufficient to show that there are finitely many prime divisors  $\gamma$  of  $U$  s.t.  $v_\gamma(f) \neq 0$ .

$\gamma$  - p.d. in  $R$   
 $\gamma \cap U$   
p.d. in  $U$

since,  $\mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$  is DVR,  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta$  - max. ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$  is a principal ideal.

Let,  $\mathfrak{m}_\eta = (m)$ .

Then, any element  $g \in \mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$  can be written uniquely as

$$g = um^k,$$

where  $u$  is a unit in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$

&  $k \geq 0$ .

We can define a map from

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,\eta} \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$
$$g \longmapsto k.$$

by

Now, then function field  $K(X)$  is quotient field of  $(A_\eta = \mathcal{O}_{X,\eta})$

So, for any element  $\frac{g}{h} \in K(X)$ ,  $g, h$  are in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,\eta}$ , we have.

$\mathfrak{g} = u_1 m^{k_1}, \quad h = u_2 m^{-k_2}$   
 $u_1, u_2$  - units in  $\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta}$  &  $k_1, k_2 \geq 0$ .  
 Then, we can extend the  
 above map. to.

$$\text{Frac}(\mathcal{O}_{X, \eta}) \setminus \{0\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{by } \frac{g}{h} \longmapsto k_1 - k_2.$$

Since,  $\gamma$  is uniquely determined  
 by its valuation,  
 we get that

$$v_\gamma(f) \geq 0.$$

Now,  $v_\gamma(f) > 0 \Leftrightarrow \gamma \subseteq v(f)$   
 $\langle f \rangle$  is an ideal in  $A$ .

$v_\gamma(f) > 0$ , only when,

$$f \in \mathcal{N}_\eta = \bigcup P A_P, \quad P\text{-prime in } A.$$

where  $\gamma = v(P) = \{P\}$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = v(P) \subseteq v(f).$$

But  $v(f)$  is a proper closed  
 subset of  $X$ , hence  $v(f)$  can  
 contain only finitely many  
 points of  $X$ .

prime divisor

Def<sup>o</sup>-

Let  $X$  satisfy (\*) &  $f \in K(X)^*$ .  
We define the divisor of  $f$ ,  
denoted by  $(f)$ , as

$$(f) = \sum v_{P_i}(f) \cdot P_i$$

Such a divisor is called a principal  
divisor of  $X$ .

There is a homomorphism.  
 $K(X)^* \longrightarrow \text{Div}(X)$  defined  
by  $f \longmapsto (f)$ .

Def<sup>o</sup>-

Two divisors  $D$  &  $D'$  are said  
to be linearly equivalent,  
denoted by  $D \sim D'$   
if  $D - D' = (f)$  for some  
 $f \in K(X)^*$ .

The group  $\text{Div}(X)$  divided by  
subgroup of principal  
divisors

The  $\dots$  is called the divisor class group,  $Cl(X)$ .

Question:  
 $Cl(\mathbb{A}_k^n) = ?$

$$Cl(\mathbb{A}_k^n) = 0.$$

This is given by a prop. which says that

For a noetherian domain,

$A$  is UFD  $\Leftrightarrow X = \text{Spec } A$  is normal +  $Cl(X) = 0$ .

See H. Prop. 6.2. (II)

Question:  $Cl(\mathbb{P}_k^n) = ?$

Theorem:

Let  $X = \mathbb{P}_k^n$ ,  $k$ -alg closed field.  
For any divisor  $D = \sum n_i \gamma_i$   
we define  $\deg D$  as

$$\deg D = \sum n_i \deg \gamma_i,$$

where,  $\deg \gamma_i$  is the degree of the hypersurface  $\gamma_i$ .

Let,  $H = \frac{V(f)}{\text{hyperplane in } \mathbb{P}^n}$ ,  $\mathbb{P}^n = \text{Proj } K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$

- (a) If  $D$  is any divisor of degree  $d$ , then  $D \sim dH$ .
- (b) For any  $f \in K^*$ ,  $\deg(f) = 0$
- (c) The degree function gives an isomorphism.
 
$$\deg: \text{Cl}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

Proof:-

Let  $S = K[x_0, \dots, x_n]$ . Let the homo. co-ordinate ring of  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

If  $\mathcal{D}$  is homo. of deg  $d$ .

then,  $\mathcal{D} = g_1^{m_1} \dots g_r^{m_r}$ .

$\Rightarrow \text{Cl}(\mathcal{D}) = \sum n_i \chi_i$ ,  $\chi_i = V(g_i)$ ,  $i=1, \dots, r$ .

Now, any  $f \in K(X)^*$  can be written as  $f = \frac{g}{h}$ , where  $g, h$  are homogeneous polynomial of same degree.

of same deg.

Given  $(f) = (g) - (h)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \text{deg}(f) = \text{deg}(g) - \text{deg}(h)$   
 $= 0$ ; — proves (b)

For (a)

Note that any divisor  $D$  of  $\text{deg } d$ . can be written as

$$D = D_1 - D_2$$

where  $D_1, D_2$  are effective divisors of degree  $d_1, d_2$  res.

Given,  $d = d_1 - d_2$ .

and  $D_1 = (g_1)$ ,  $D_2 = (g_2)$ .

Given,  $D - dH$   
 $= D_1 - D_2 - dH$   
 $= \left( \frac{g_1}{g_2 x^d} \right)$ .

$\Rightarrow D \sim dH$ .

Support  $D_1 = \sum n_i \gamma_{1i}$ .

$\gamma_{1i} = V(\sigma_{1i})$ .

$D_1 = (g_1)$   
 $g_1 = \sigma_{11}^{n_1} \dots \sigma_{1r}^{n_r}$

Proposition:-

Let  $X$  satisfy (\*). & let  $Z$  be any closed subset of  $X$ .

a proper

& let  $U = X - Z$ . Then,

(a) ~~the~~ there is a surjective  
homo.  $d(X) \rightarrow d(U)$ . Defined  
by  $D = \sum n_i \gamma_i \mapsto \sum n_i (\gamma_i \cap U)$ .

(b) If  $\text{codim}(Z, X) \geq 2$ .  
then  $d(X) \cong d(U)$ .

(c) If  $Z$  is irr. &  $\text{codim}(Z, X) = 1$ .  
then there is an exact seq.

$$\begin{array}{c} Z \rightarrow d(X) \rightarrow d(U) \rightarrow 0 \\ \perp \mapsto \perp \cdot Z \end{array}$$

Proof

Note that, if  $\gamma$  is a prime  
divisor in  $X$ , then,  $\gamma \cap U$  is either  
empty or a prime divisor on  $U$ .

For, If  $f \in K(X)^*$ , and

$$(f) = \sum n_i \gamma_i$$

then, we can consider  $f \in K(U)^*$   
& write,  $(f)_U = \sum n_i (\gamma_i \cap U)$ .

described above.

The homo,  $\alpha$  is surjective.

Hint, if  $D_U = \sum n_i (X_i)_U$  is a divisor in  $U$ . Then ~~consider~~ consider

$$D = \sum n_i \overline{(X_i)_U}$$

(b) left as exercise.

(c)  $\text{Codim}(Z, X) = 1$ .

$\text{Kernel}(\mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(U))$  consists of divisors supported at  $Z$ .

So, the kernel is a subgroup generated by  $\mathcal{O}(-Z)$ .

### Example

Let  $\gamma$  be an irr. curve of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ .

then,  $\mathcal{O}(\mathbb{P}^2 - \gamma) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{d\mathbb{Z}}$ .

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma \cap dH \\ H \text{ - hyperplane in } \mathbb{P}^2. \end{array} \right.$