

Proposition 2.3.4: The image of $\text{Div}(X) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(X)$

consists of those line bundles admitting non-trivial meromorphic sections.

Proof: Let $\{U_i, \psi_i: L|_{U_i} \rightarrow U_i \times \mathbb{C}\}$ be a trivialization of L over an open covering.

If L has a meromorphic non-zero section s , then $\psi_i(s)$ is a ^{non-zero} meromorphic function on U_i and its image in $K_{U_i}^* / \mathcal{O}_{U_i}^* \cong \text{Div}(U_i)$ is a divisor on U_i . These divisors agree on the overlaps $U_i \cap U_j = U_i \cap U_j$ and so define a global divisor (s) (Remark 2.3.24 (ii)).

The meromorphic functions $\psi_i(s) \in K(U_i)$ are "defining equations" for the divisor (s) on U_i and so the line bundle $\mathcal{O}(s)$ associated to the divisor (s) in the proof of Cor 2.3.10 is given by the cocycle

$$\left\{ g_{i_0 i_1} = \psi_{i_0}(s)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} \cdot \psi_{i_1}^{-1}(s)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} \right\}$$

On the other hand,

$$\psi_{i_0}(s)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} = \psi_{i_0}(s)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} \cdot \psi_{i_1}^{-1}(s)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}}, \text{ since } s \text{ is a global meromorphic section of } L.$$

Hence,

$$\psi_{i_0}(s)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} \cdot \psi_{i_1}^{-1}(s)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} = g_{i_0 i_1}.$$

Hence, $L \cong \mathcal{O}(s)$ (as claimed in Remark 2.3.24 (ii)).

We conclude that $L \in \text{Pic}(X)$ belong to the image of $\text{Div}(X)$.

Conversely, suppose that $L = \mathcal{O}(D)$, for some divisor $D = \sum a_i [X_i]$, X_i irreducible hypersurfaces, $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Write $D_+ := \sum_{a_i > 0} a_i [X_i]$, $D_- := \sum_{a_i < 0} a_i [X_i]$, so

that $D = D_+ - D_-$. Let s_+ be a holomorphic section of $\mathcal{O}(D_+)$ with divisor $Z(s_+) = D_+$ and s_- a holo section of $\mathcal{O}(D_-)$ with divisor $Z(s_-) = D_-$, as in Prop. 2.3.18 (ii).

Let $\{U_i\}$ be an open covering such that $\mathcal{O}(D_+)$ has trivializations $\psi_i: \mathcal{O}(D_+)|_{U_i} \rightarrow U_i \times \mathbb{C}$ and $\mathcal{O}(D_-)$ has " $\psi'_i: \mathcal{O}(D_-)|_{U_i} \rightarrow U_i \times \mathbb{C}$.

Then $\psi_i(s_+)/\psi'_i(s_-) \in K^*(U_i)$ is a meromorphic function on U_i with divisor $D = D_+ - D_-$ on U_i .

$$\psi_{i_0}(s_+)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} = \psi_{i_0 i_1} \cdot \psi_{i_1}(s_+)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}}$$

$$\psi'_{i_0}(s_-)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} = \psi'_{i_0 i_1} \cdot \psi'_{i_1}(s_-)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}}$$

$$\text{So } \psi_{i_0}(s_+)/\psi'_{i_0}(s_-)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} = \underbrace{\left(\psi_{i_0 i_1} / \psi'_{i_0 i_1} \right)}_{\text{cocycle of } \mathcal{O}(D_+) \otimes \mathcal{O}(D_-)^* \simeq \mathcal{O}(D_+ - D_-) = \mathcal{O}(D)} \left(\psi_{i_1}(s_+)/\psi'_{i_1}(s_-)|_{U_{i_0 i_1}} \right)$$

Hence, $\left\{ \psi_i(s_+)/\psi'_i(s_-) \right\}$ glues to a global meromorphic section of $\mathcal{O}(D)$ with divisor D . Hence, $L = \mathcal{O}(D)$ has a global meromorphic section. \square