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Homework 8  
Due: Friday, March 30

1. Please read (at least the statements of) Liu, Chapter 5.1.4. See if the following interpretations make sense:

(a) 5.1.24: Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a line bundle on  $X$ ; let  $s \in \mathcal{L}(U)$  be a section; and let  $P \in U$ . Even though  $\mathcal{O}_{X,P} \cong \mathcal{L}_P$ , the isomorphism is noncanonical, and so it doesn't make sense to evaluate  $s$  at  $P$ . Still, the vanishing or nonvanishing of  $s$  at  $P$  *does* make sense.

In the special case where  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X$ ,  $X_s$  is the complement of the vanishing locus of  $s$ .

(b) 5.1.25: After twisting with a sufficiently high power of  $\mathcal{L}$ , a section which vanishes on some  $X_s$  is actually zero; and a section over some open set lifts.

(c) 5.1.26: A very ample sheaf on  $X$  depends on a choice of embedding of  $X$  into some projective space. It's the pullback of Serre's sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(1)$ .

(d) 5.1.31: If  $X$  is a scheme, and  $\mathcal{L}$  is an invertible sheaf generated by  $d + 1$  global sections, then  $\mathcal{L}$  determines a morphism into projective space.

Concretely, let  $s_0, \dots, s_d \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . Morally, one can define a morphism

$$X \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^d$$

$$P \longmapsto [s_0(P), \dots, s_d(P)]$$

(As noted before, something like  $s_0(P)$  doesn't really make sense. But, *choose* an isomorphism  $\mathcal{L}_P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,P}$ . Then  $s_i(P)/s_j(P)$  is well-defined, independently of this choice of isomorphism. See Liu for the actual definition of this morphism, which he defines locally on the open sets  $X_{s_i}$ .)

(e) 5.1.34 An ample sheaf is a line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  such that some tensor power  $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes m}$  defines a very ample sheaf.

(f) 5.1.36 A scheme is quasiprojective if and only if it admits an ample sheaf.

2. Liu 5.1.12.cd.

3. Let  $X$  be a noetherian scheme, and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a coherent sheaf on  $X$ . Consider the following function on  $X$ :

$$\rho(P) = \dim_{\kappa(P)} \mathcal{F}_P \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,P}} \kappa(P).$$

(a) Show that  $\rho$  is upper semi-continuous, i.e., for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the set  $\{P \in X : \rho(P) \geq n\}$  is closed. (HINT: *Nakayama!*)

(b) If  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally free, and if  $X$  is connected, show that  $\rho$  is a constant function.

4. (a) Let  $A$  be a ring, and let  $I \subset A$  be a principal ideal. Think of  $I$  as an  $A$ -module, and consider the sheaf of modules  $\tilde{I}$  on  $\text{Spec } A$ . Show that  $\tilde{I}$  is an invertible sheaf.

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(b) Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ , and let  $I = (2, 1 + \sqrt{-5})$ . (Note that  $I$  is not principal!) Show that  $\tilde{I}$  is an invertible sheaf on  $\text{Spec } A$ .

(HINT: It suffices to check this on stalks. Suppose  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec } A$ . On one hand, show that if  $I \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ , then  $I_{\mathfrak{p}} = R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . On the other hand, suppose  $I \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ . Show that  $2 \in I^2$ , and thus  $2 \in I_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Now use Nakayama's lemma to show that  $I_{\mathfrak{p}} = (1 + \sqrt{-5})_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .)

More generally, let  $A$  be a Dedekind ring (such as the ring of integers in a number field), with field of fractions  $K$ . A fractional ideal is a sub- $A$ -module  $M \subset K$  such that there exists some  $d \in A$  with  $dM \subseteq A$ . Every fractional ideal determines an invertible sheaf on  $\text{Spec } A$ . See, e.g., [Atiyah-Macdonald, Chapter 9]