

Let X be a projective variety, and L a line bundle on X .
The section ring of L is the graded \mathbb{C} -algebra

$$R(L) = \bigoplus_{m \geq 0} H^0(L^{\otimes m})$$

L is finitely generated if $R(L)$ is finitely generated as a \mathbb{C} -algebra.

Basic example: If $X = \mathbb{P}^n$, $L = \mathcal{O}(1)$, then $R(L) = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$.

Recall: It follows from semiample fibration theorem (+ some work)
that if L is a globally generated line bundle on a normal variety X ,
then \exists an integer $m_0 > 0$ s.t. the multiplication maps

$$H^0(L^{\otimes a}) \otimes H^0(L^{\otimes b}) \rightarrow H^0(L^{\otimes(a+b)})$$

are surjective when $a, b \geq m_0$

In fact, one can show that for any coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on X ,

$$H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes L^{\otimes a}) \otimes H^0(L^{\otimes b}) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{F} \otimes L^{\otimes(a+b)})$$

is surjective for L globally generated and $a, b \gg 0$.

This implies a thm of Zariski:

Thm: If L is semiample on a normal projective variety, then L
is finitely generated.

Pf: Suppose $L^{\otimes k}$ is globally generated. Then for m sufficiently large,

write $m = (a+b)k + c$, $a, b \gg 0$

$$\Rightarrow H^0(L^{\otimes c} \otimes L^{\otimes a}) \otimes H^0(L^{\otimes b}) \rightarrow H^0(L^{\otimes m}). \quad \square$$

A partial converse to the previous theorem also holds:

Prop: Let L be a finitely generated line bundle on a normal projective variety X . Then there's an integer $p > 0$, and a projective birational map $\nu: X' \rightarrow X$ with X' normal and N' effective on X' s.t.

$$L' := \nu^*(L^{\otimes p}) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{X'}(-N')$$

is globally generated and $R(X, L)^{(p)} = R(X', L')$.

Pf: Exercise (see example 2.1.31 in Pos I).

Rmk: By the above prop, $\text{vol}(L') = \text{vol}(pL)$. L' is globally generated,

$$\text{so } \text{vol}(L) = \frac{(L')^n}{p^n}.$$

Thus, if L is finitely generated, $\text{vol}(L)$ is rational.

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Zariski's construction

Goal: Produce an example of a big and nef divisor D on a surface s.t. D is not finitely generated (and thus, in particular, not semiample).

Let $C_0 \subset \mathbb{P}^2$ be a smooth cubic curve,
and $l \in \mathbb{P}^2$ the class of a line.

Choose $P_1, \dots, P_{12} \in C_0$ general so that

$\eta := \mathcal{O}_{C_0}(P_1 + \dots + P_{12} - 4l) \in \text{Pic}^0(C_0)$ is non-torsion.

Let $X = \text{Bl}_{\{P_1, \dots, P_{12}\}} \mathbb{P}^2$ and $\mu: X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ the blowup,

and $E = \sum_{i=1}^{12} E_i$ the exceptional divisor, $H = \mu^*l$.

Let $C \stackrel{\text{C}_0}{\equiv} \lim_{\text{lin}} 3H - E$ be the strict transform of C_0 .

Consider the divisor $D = 4H - E \stackrel{\text{lin}}{\equiv} H + C$,

① D is big + nef:

H is big, C effective $\Rightarrow D$ is big

$\mathcal{O}_C(D) = \eta^*$, so $D \cdot C = 0$.

If $C' \subset X$ is another irred. curve, then H is nef, so

$D \cdot C' \geq 0 \Rightarrow D$ is big and nef.

② $C \in \text{Bs}|mD|$

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(mD - C) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(mD) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C(mD) \rightarrow 0$$

\parallel
 $\eta^{\otimes -m} \leftarrow \text{No sections}$

So $H^0(\mathcal{O}_X(mD - C)) \cong H^0(\mathcal{O}_X(mD)) \Rightarrow C$ is in the base locus.

③ $|mD - C|$ is base point free

First of all, $D \equiv_{\text{lin}} H + C \Rightarrow D - C \equiv H$ is b.p.f.

Assume $(m-1)D - C$ is b.p.f.

Then $mD - C = (m-1)D + H$ and we have

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \left(\underbrace{(m-1)D + H - C}_{\text{bpf} + \text{bpf}} \right) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \left(\underbrace{(m-1)D + H}_{\beta} \right) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C \left(\underbrace{(m-1)D + H}_{\gamma} \right) \rightarrow 0$$

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 $\text{deg } 3 \text{ on } C \Rightarrow \text{b.p.f.}$
 \parallel
 $2g+1$

Exercise: $H^1((m-1)D + H - C) = 0$. (induction)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \text{Thus} & 0 & \rightarrow & H^0(\alpha) & \rightarrow & H^0(\beta) & \rightarrow & H^0(\gamma) & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & 0 & \rightarrow & \alpha & \rightarrow & \beta & \rightarrow & \gamma & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

so $|mD - C|$ is b.p.f.

④ $\mathcal{R}(D)$ is not finitely generated

Claim: If $|mD|$ is finitely generated, then the multiplicity of a base

curve must go to infinity as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

However $|\mathcal{B}s|mD| = C$, with multiplicity, so D is not finitely generated

To prove the claim, we need a little more background:

Base loci of Big + Nef Divisors

Wilson's Theorem: Let X be an irreducible projective variety of $\dim n$, D big and nef. Then $\exists m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ and N effective s.t.

$$|mD - N| \text{ is b.p.f. for } m \geq m_0$$

Pf: D big \Rightarrow For any B v. ample, $\exists m_0 > 0$ and effective N with

$$m_0 D \equiv_{\text{lin}} (n+1)B + N$$

So for $m \geq m_0$, $mD - N \equiv (m - m_0)D + (n+1)B \equiv B + nB + \text{nef}$

Thus, for $i = 1, \dots, n$, we have

$$mD - N - iB \equiv kB + P \text{ with } k > 0, P \text{ nef}$$

So if we choose B to be a suff. large multiple of ample,

Fujita vanishing $\Rightarrow h^i(mD - N - iB) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0$

i.e. $mD - N$ is D -regular w.r.t. B .

So, by a previous exercise, $|mD - N|$ is b.p.f. for $m \geq m_0$. \square

Def: Let $D \in \text{Div}(X)$. Fix $|V| \in |D|$ a linear subsystem and $x \in X$. The multiplicity of $|V|$ at x , $\text{mult}_x |V|$ is the multiplicity at x of a general divisor in $|V|$.

In other words, $\text{mult}_x |V| = \min_{D' \in |V|} \{ \text{mult}_x D' \}$

Rmk: $x \in \text{Bs}|V| \Leftrightarrow \text{mult}_x |V| > 0$.

Cor: Let D be big and nef. Then \exists a constant $C > 0$ s.t.

$$\text{mult}_x |mD| \leq C \quad \forall x \in X, m \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (C \text{ doesn't depend on } x, m)$$

[We'll see later that this can fail for D nef but not big.]

Pf: Wilson's thm $\Rightarrow \exists$ effective N s.t. $|mD - N|$ is b.p.f. $\forall m > m_0$

So $\forall x \in X, \text{mult}_x |mD - N| = 0$.

Choose $A \in |mD - N|$ s.t. $\text{mult}_x A = 0$. Then

$$\text{mult}_x |mD| \leq \text{mult}_x (A + N) = \text{mult}_x N, \text{ which is finite, and bounded above when varying } x. \quad \square$$

Lemma: Let X be normal, D a finitely generated divisor w/ $K(D) \geq 0$. Then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}(D)$ s.t.

$$\text{mult}_x |kD| = k \cdot \text{mult}_x |D| \quad \forall k \geq 1, x \in X.$$

Pf: Let $E \in |D|$ s.t. $\text{mult}_x |D| = \text{mult}_x E$.

Then for $k \geq 1$, $kE \in |kD|$

$$\Rightarrow \text{mult}_x |kD| \leq \text{mult}_x (kE) = k \text{mult}_x E = k \cdot \text{mult}_x |D|$$

For the other inequality, D finitely generated \Rightarrow

there's some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ^{st.} $H^0(\mathcal{O}_X(nD))$ generates $R(D)^{(n)}$ (can check)

So if $k > 0$, $H^0(kD)$ is a degree k polynomial in sections of $\mathcal{O}_X(nD)$. i.e. $H^0(nD)^{\otimes k} \rightarrow H^0(kD)$ is surjective.

Notice: If $f, g \in H^0(kD)$, then $\text{mult}_x (f+g) \geq \min\{\text{mult}_x f, \text{mult}_x g\}$.

Thus, for $E \in |kD|$, and each $x \in X$, there is some

$$E_x \in |kD| \text{ s.t. } E_x = \sum_{i=1}^k F_i \text{ with } F_i \in |D| \text{ and}$$

$$\text{mult}_x E \geq \text{mult}_x E_x \geq \sum \text{mult}_x F_i \geq k \text{mult}_x |D|$$

$\Rightarrow \text{mult}_x |kD| \geq k \cdot \text{mult}_x |D|$ for each $x \in X, k \geq 1$. \square

Rmk: Going back to Zariski's construction, take $x \in C$.

Then $\text{mult}_x |kD| = \text{mult}_x C$ for $k \geq 1$.

and $k \text{mult}_x |D| = k \cdot \text{mult}_x C$. $\forall k \geq 1$.

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Thus, lemma implies that D is not finitely generated.

In fact...

Thm: Let X be normal, projective, and let $D \in \text{Div}(X)$ be big and nef. Then D is finitely generated \Leftrightarrow it's semiample.

Pf: We already know " \Leftarrow ".

Assume D is finitely generated.

Then Lemma $\Rightarrow \exists h \in \mathbb{N}(D)$ s.t.

$$\text{mult}_x |knD| = k \text{mult}_x |hD|.$$

But LHS is bounded above $\forall k, x$, by corollary above.

$$\Rightarrow \text{mult}_x |hD| = 0 \quad \forall x$$

$$\Rightarrow |hD| \text{ is b.p.f.} \Rightarrow D \text{ is semiample.} \quad \square$$