

**THE PICARD GROUP OF THE CANONICAL RESOLUTION  
 OF A 3-DIMENSIONAL SIMPLE SINGULARITY**

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Let  $X$  be the canonical resolution of one of the 3-dimensional singularities  $A_n, D_n, E_n$  and  $E$  its exceptional locus. We show how to find the Picard group of the 3-dimensional formal scheme  $\hat{X}_E$  in terms of the "resolution diagram". More precisely, let  $E_1, \dots, E_m$  be the irreducible components of  $E$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ ,  $J_i$  the ideal of  $E_i$  in  $\mathcal{O}_X$  and  $J^\mu = J_1^{\mu_1} \cdots J_m^{\mu_m}$  the ideal of the divisor  $\mu E$  on the smooth 3-fold  $X$ .

**0.1. THEOREM.** *If we choose  $\mu$  such that  $\mu E \hookrightarrow X$  is a (symmetric) negative embedding, then*

$$\text{Pic } \mu E \simeq \text{Pic } E$$

(here  $E = (1, \dots, 1)$   $\hat{E}$  denotes the reduced exceptional locus) via the canonical homomorphism.

The term on the right hand may be expressed as a subgroup of  $\text{Pic } E_1 \times \dots \times \text{Pic } E_m$ , given by conditions arising from [1], pp. 306, 312–315.

**1. Proof of the theorem**

For  $\mu_i \geq 1$  ( $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ) consider the exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow 1 + J^\mu / J^{\mu + e_i} \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_X / J^{\mu + e_i})^* \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}_X / J^\mu)^* \rightarrow 1$$

of sheaves of abelian groups on  $E$ . Obviously,  $1 + J^\mu / J^{\mu + e_i}$  is isomorphic to  $J^\mu / J^{\mu + e_i}$ .

**1.1. Remark.**  $H^1(J^\mu | E_i) = H^2(J^\mu | E_i) = 0$  implies

$$\text{Pic}(\mu + e_i) E = \text{Pic } \mu E.$$

Therefore, if  $\mu$  is given, it is sufficient to find a sequence

$$S = [i_1, \dots, i_s], \quad i_j \in \{1, \dots, m\},$$

such that

$$H^1(J^{\mu^{(t)}}|E_{i_t}) = H^2(J^{\mu^{(t)}}|E_{i_t}) = 0$$

( $\mu^{(t)} = \mu - e_{i_1} - \dots - e_{i_t}$ ) for all  $t = 1, \dots, s$  and  $\mu^{(s)} = (1, \dots, 1)$ .

**1.2. DEFINITION.** A sequence  $S$  with the above properties is said to be *admissible* for  $\mu$ . For simplicity, write

$$[i_1, \dots, i_r] + [i_{r+1}, \dots, i_s] = [i_1, \dots, i_s]$$

and

$$n \cdot [i_1, \dots, i_s] = [i_1, \dots, i_s] + \dots + [i_1, \dots, i_s] \text{ (} n \text{ terms)}.$$

Now consider e.g. the case of the canonical resolution for  $A_n$ ,  $n$  odd,  $n > 1$ . We have  $m = (n+1)/2$ ,  $E_1 \simeq \dots \simeq E_{m-1} \simeq F_2$  (the ruled surface  $P(\mathcal{O}_{P^1}(-2))$  with the Picard group generated by a fibre  $f$  and the section  $C_0$ )  $E_m \simeq P^1 \times P^1$ , and

$$J^\mu|E_1 \simeq \mathcal{O}_{E_1}((2\mu_1 - \mu_2)C_0 + 2\mu_1 f),$$

$$J^\mu|E_i \simeq \mathcal{O}_{E_i}((2\mu_i - \mu_{i-1} - \mu_{i+1})C_0 + 2(\mu_i - \mu_{i-1})f), \quad i = 2, \dots, m-1,$$

$$J^\mu|E_m \simeq \mathcal{O}_{E_m}(\mu_m - \mu_{m-1}, \mu_m - \mu_{m-1}),$$

and the embedding  $\mu E \hookrightarrow X$  is negative iff  $J^\mu|E_i$  is ample for all  $i$ , i.e.  $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \dots < \mu_m$ ,

$$\mu_{i-1} + \mu_{i+1} < 2\mu_i, \quad i = 2, \dots, m-1,$$

$$\mu_2 < 2\mu_1.$$

Using this, it is possible to verify

**1.3. Admissible sequences.** Let  $\mu$  be such that  $\mu E$  is negatively embedded. Then

$$(i) \quad S = (\mu_m - \mu_{m-1}) \cdot [m] + \dots + (\mu_i - \mu_{i-1}) \cdot [i, \dots, m] + \dots + (\mu_3 - \mu_2) \cdot [3, \dots, m] + (\mu_2 - \mu_1) \cdot [2, \dots, m] + (\mu_1 - 1) \cdot [1, \dots, m]$$

is admissible for  $\mu$  in the case of  $A_n$ ,  $n > 1$ ,  $n$  odd. For the remaining cases, we adopt the notations of [1], pp. 341–345, and complete our list (in (iii), (iv) we assume  $\mu$  symmetric).

(ii) In the case of  $A_n$ ,  $n$  even,  $n > 1$ , the following sequence is admissible:

$$S = (\mu_m - 2\mu_{m-1}) \cdot [m] + (\mu_{m-1} - \mu_{m-2}) \cdot ([m] + [m-1, m]) + \dots$$

$$\dots + (\mu_i - \mu_{i-1}) \cdot ([m] + [i, i+1, \dots, m-1, m]) + \dots$$

$$\dots + (\mu_2 - \mu_1) \cdot ([m] + [2, \dots, m]) + (\mu_1 - 1) \cdot ([m] + [1, \dots, m]) + [m].$$

(iii) For  $D_4$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^3 (\mu_i - \mu'_i) [i] + (\mu'_1 - 1) \cdot [1, 2, 3, 1', 1''],$$

and for  $D_5$

$$S = \delta_2 \cdot [2] + \delta_1 \cdot [1, 2] + \delta_3 \cdot [3] + (\alpha - 1) \cdot [2, 1', 1, 2, 3, 1''] + [2]$$

are admissible.

$D_{2k+1}, k \geq 3:$

$$S = \delta_2 \cdot [2] + \delta_1 \cdot [1, 2] + \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} ((\varepsilon_{j+1} - \delta_{j+2} - 1) \cdot S_j + (\varepsilon_{j+1} - 1) \cdot ([j+2] + S_j) + S_j)$$

$$+ (\varepsilon_k - \delta_{k+1} - 1) \cdot S_{k-1} + (\varepsilon_k - 1) \cdot ([k+1] + S_{k-1}) + [2, \dots, k];$$

here  $S_j$  is defined by

$$S_1 = [2, 1', 1, 2, 3, 1''], \quad S_j = [j+1, j', j+2, j''] + S_{j-1}.$$

$D_{2k}, k \geq 3:$

$$S = \delta_1 \cdot [1] + \delta_2 \cdot [2] + \sum_{j=1}^{k-2} ((\varepsilon_{j+1} - \delta_{j+2} - 1) \cdot S_j + (\varepsilon_{j+1} - 1) \cdot ([j+2] + S_j) + S_j)$$

$$+ (\varepsilon_k - \delta_{k+1} - 1) \cdot S_{k-1} + (\varepsilon_k - 1) \cdot ([k+1] + S_{k-1}) + [3, \dots, k];$$

$S_j$  is defined by

$$S_1 = [1', 1, 2, 3, 1''], \quad S_j = [j+1, j', j+2, j''] + S_{j-1}.$$

(iv) The case of  $E_n:$

$E_6$

$$S = S_5(\lambda) + (\alpha - 1) \cdot [1', 3, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 1''] + [3, 2, 3];$$

$E_7$

$$S = S_6(\lambda, \beta) + (\alpha_3 - 1) \cdot S' + [1, 2, 3, 1', 1'', 1, 2];$$

$E_8$

$$S = S_6(\lambda, \beta) + (\alpha_3 - \alpha_4) \cdot S' + (\alpha_4 - 1) \cdot (S'' + S') + S'$$

$$+ [2', 1'', 3, 3, 4, 2'', 1, 2, 1', 1', 1, 2, 3, 1'', 1, 3, 4].$$

## 2. Calculation of $\text{Pic } E$ in the case of $A_n$

For  $\{i_1, \dots, i_t\} \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$ , put  $\bar{J} = J_{i_1} \cdot \dots \cdot J_{i_t}$ ,  $\bar{E}$  the divisor of  $X$  corresponding to  $\bar{J}$ . Consider the exact sequence

$$(2.1) \quad 1 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\bar{E}+E_i}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\bar{E}}^* \times \mathcal{O}_{E_i}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\bar{E} \cap E_i}^* \rightarrow 1.$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\bar{E}}^*) \times H^0(\mathcal{O}_{E_i}^*) &\xrightarrow{\beta} H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\bar{E} \cap E_i}^*) \rightarrow \text{Pic}(\bar{E} + E_i) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Pic } \bar{E} \times \text{Pic } E_i \rightarrow \text{Pic}(\bar{E} \cap E_i). \end{aligned}$$

If the condition

$$(2.2) \quad H^0(\mathcal{O}_{\bar{E} \cap E_i}) = k$$

is satisfied, then  $\beta$  is surjective. Therefore,

$$\text{Pic}(\bar{E} + E_i) = \ker(\text{Pic}(\bar{E}) \times \text{Pic } E_i \rightarrow \text{Pic}(\bar{E} \cap E_i)).$$

Applying this stepwise for the  $A_n$ -resolutions, we get

$$\text{Pic } E = \text{Pic } E_1 \times_{\text{Pic } E_1 \cap E_2} \text{Pic } E_2 \times \dots \times \text{Pic } E_{m-1} \times_{\text{Pic } E_{m-1} \cap E_m} \text{Pic } E_m.$$

For  $(L_1, \dots, L_m) \in \text{Pic } E$  put

$$\begin{aligned} L_i &= \mathcal{O}_{F_2}(a_i C_0 + b_i f), \quad i = 1, \dots, m-1, \\ L_m &= \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1}(a_m, b_m) & \text{for } n \text{ odd,} \\ \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(a_m) & \text{for } n \text{ even} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and obtain

### 2.1. Picard groups ( $m = \text{int}((n+2)/2)$ ).

$n$  odd:

$$\text{Pic } E \cong \{(a_1, b_1, \dots, a_m, b_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2m}, -2a_1 + b_1 = b_2, -2a_2 + b_2 = b_3, \dots, -2a_{m-2} + b_{m-2} = b_{m-1}, -2a_{m-1} + b_{m-1} = a_m + b_m\};$$

$n$  even:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pic } E \cong \{(a_1, b_1, \dots, a_{m-1}, b_{m-1}, a_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2m-1}, -2a_1 + b_1 = b_2, \\ -2a_2 + b_2 = b_3, \dots, -2a_{m-2} + b_{m-2} = b_{m-1}, -2a_{m-1} + b_{m-1} = 2a_m\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Reference**

- [1] M. Rozen, *Some properties of the canonical resolutions of the 3-dimensional singularities  $A_n$ ,  $D_n$ ,  $E_n$  over a field of characteristic  $\neq 2$* , in *Algebraic Geometry, Bucharest 1982*, Lecture Notes in Math. 1056, Springer-Verlag, Berlin–New York 1984, 297–365.

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