

# Lecture 12: Blow-Ups

## Blow-Up $X$ scheme

- (\*)  $\mathcal{J} =$  sheaf of graded  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebra,  $\mathcal{J}$  quasi-coherent  
 w/  $\mathcal{J}_0 = \mathcal{O}_X$
- $\mathcal{J}'$  coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module
  - $\mathcal{J}$  locally generated by  $\mathcal{J}'$  as  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebra
- $\mathcal{J} = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}^d$

$$U \cong \text{Spec } A \subseteq X \rightsquigarrow \text{Proj } \mathcal{J}(U) \xrightarrow{\pi_U} \text{Spec } A = U$$

affine open

$$U_f \cong \text{Spec } A_f$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Proj } S & & \uparrow \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Proj } S_f & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec } A_f = U_f \end{array}$$

graded  $A$ -algebra

$$\text{Proj } S = \bigcup_{g \in S^2} D_+(g)$$

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Spec  $S(g)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} S(g) & \longleftarrow & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S(g) \otimes_A A_f & \longleftarrow & A_f \end{array}$$

$S(g) \otimes_A A_f \cong (S(g))_f$

Therefore, one can glue the local construction to  
 $\text{Proj } \mathcal{J} \longrightarrow X$  together w/  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  on  $\text{Proj } \mathcal{J}$

ex.  $\mathcal{J} = \mathcal{O}_X[x_0, \dots, x_n] \rightsquigarrow \text{Proj } \mathcal{J} \cong \mathbb{P}_X^n \longrightarrow X$

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Proj  $(k[u]) \cong \mathbb{P}_A^n \longrightarrow U = \text{Spec } A$

Lemma 1:  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies (\*),  $\mathcal{L}$  invertible sheaf

$$\mathcal{F}' := \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{F}_d \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes d}$$

Then ①  $\mathcal{F}'$  satisfies (\*)

$$\textcircled{2} \text{Proj } \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}' \quad \text{w/} \quad \varphi^* \mathcal{O}_P(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_P(1) \otimes \pi^* \mathcal{L}$$

pf:

$U \subseteq X$   
 $\cong \text{Spec } A$   
 affine open  
 then

s.t.  $\mathcal{L}|_U \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{O}_U \xleftarrow{\cong} \mathcal{L}|_U$  different trivialization

$$\text{Proj } \mathcal{F}(U) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}'(U) \xleftarrow{\cong} \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}(U)$$

$$\varphi = \varphi' \circ f, \quad f \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X^*)$$

$$S = \bigoplus_{d \geq 1} S_d \longrightarrow S \quad \text{graded isomorphism}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$S_d \longmapsto S_d f^d$$

$$\mathbb{P}^1 \longleftarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \cong S_+$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}(U) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}(U)$$

identity

so  $\text{Proj } \mathcal{F}(U) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}'(U)$  canonically (does NOT depend on trivializations)

Thus, glue to the global isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Proj } \mathcal{J} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \text{Proj } \mathcal{J}' \\ \pi \searrow & & \swarrow \pi' \\ & X & \end{array}$$

Notice that restrict to  $\pi^{-1}(U)$  w/  $\mathcal{L}|_U \cong \mathcal{O}_U$

$$\varphi^* \mathcal{O}_p(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_p(1)$$

$S \xrightarrow{\varphi} T$  homo. of graded rings

$\rightsquigarrow \text{Proj } T \xrightarrow{\varphi^*} \text{Proj } S$  if  $\varphi^*(p) \neq S_+$

$$\varphi^* M = \widetilde{M \otimes_S T}, \quad M: \text{graded } S\text{-module}$$

However, one need to check how it glues on  $\pi^{-1}(U) \cap \pi'^{-1}(U')$

Different trivialization  $\rightsquigarrow \text{Aut}(\text{Proj}(\mathcal{J}|_U))$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}_d & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}'_d \\ \downarrow \psi & & \downarrow \psi' \\ S_d & \xrightarrow{\quad} & S_d \otimes f^d, \quad f \in \mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_U^*) \end{array}$$

The induced action on  $\mathcal{O}_p(1)$  is multiplication by  $f^1$ .

on  $D_+(g)$ ,  $(\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}'_{d+1})_g = \text{deg } \boxed{1} \text{ part of } (\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}'_{d+1})_g$

$$\begin{array}{l} S_{d+1} \cdot f^{d+1} \\ g^d \cdot f^d \end{array}$$

$S$ : graded algebra w/  $S_0 = A$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{Proj } S \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{Spec } A$$

$M$ :  $A$ -module

then  $\varphi^* \widetilde{M} = \widetilde{M \otimes_A S}$   
as graded  $S$ -module

Proposition 1:  $X, \mathcal{F}$  as above

$$\omega/ \mathbb{P} = \text{Proj } \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\pi} X \quad \omega/ \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \text{ on } \mathbb{P}$$

Then ①  $\pi$  is proper

② If  $X$  admits an ample invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L}$   
 then  $\pi$  is projective w/  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \otimes \pi^* \mathcal{L}^n$   
 very ample for  $n \gg 0$ .

pf: ① It suffices to check

$$\text{Proj}(\mathcal{F}|_{\text{Spec } A}) \cong \pi^{-1}(\text{Spec } A) \xrightarrow{\text{projective}} \text{Spec } A \in X \text{ is proper}$$

$\downarrow$   
 proper

②  $\mathcal{L}$  ample, then  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$  is base point free

$X$  Noetherian  $\mathcal{F}_i \otimes \mathcal{L}^n$  coherent

generated by finitely many sections  $s_0, \dots, s_N$

$$\bigoplus \mathcal{O}_X^{N+1} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}_i \otimes \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{O}_X[x_0, \dots, x_N] \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}' := \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{F}_d \otimes (\mathcal{L}^n)^{\otimes d}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_X^N \xleftarrow{\cong} \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}' \cong \text{Proj } \mathcal{F}$$

$\swarrow$        $\searrow$   
 $X$

Lemma 2

$$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}}(1) \otimes \pi^* \mathcal{L}^n$$

ample in fibre direction      ample in base direction

$X$ : Noetherian,  $\mathcal{E}$  locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module

$\leadsto \mathcal{J} = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} S^d(\mathcal{E})$  satisfies (\*)  
 symmetric algebra

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) := \text{Proj } \mathcal{J}$$

ex.  $\mathcal{E}$  free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module of rank  $r \implies \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathbb{P}_X^{r-1}$

Proposition 2:  $X, \mathcal{E}, \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})$  as above

①  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \implies \mathcal{J} \cong \bigoplus_{l \in \mathbb{Z}} \pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(l)$  canonically

In particular,  $\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(l) = 0, \quad l < 0$

$$\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})} \cong \mathcal{O}_X$$

$$\pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(1) \cong \mathcal{E}$$

②  $\pi^* \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(1)$

pf: ① Restrict to affine open set  $U \cong \text{Spec } A \xrightarrow{c} X$   
 s.t.  $\mathcal{E}|_U \cong \mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus k+1}$

$$\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} S^d(\mathcal{E})|_U \cong A[x_0, \dots, x_k] =: S$$

$$\mathcal{J}|_U = \tilde{S}$$

$$\pi_* (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}|_{\pi^{-1}(U)}) \cong S$$

$$\bigoplus_{l \geq 0} \Gamma(\pi^{-1}(U), \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(l))$$

$$\Gamma(U, \pi_* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})}(l))$$

Notice  $\Gamma(\mathbb{P}_Z^k, \mathcal{O}(-l)) = 0, \quad l < 0$

② affine case  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}_A^1}(1)$  is generated by global sections

Proposition 3:  $X, \mathcal{E}, \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E})$  as above,  $g: Y \rightarrow X$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Y & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{E}) \\
 g \searrow & & \swarrow \pi \\
 & & X
 \end{array}
 \approx
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathcal{L} \text{ invertible sheaf on } Y \\
 \text{w/ } \underline{g^* \mathcal{E}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}
 \end{array}$$

easier for the quot scheme construction

pf:  $(\Rightarrow)$   $\pi^* \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1)$  induces  $g^* \mathcal{E} \rightarrow g^* \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{L}$

$(\Leftarrow)$  Restrict to an affine open set  $U \cong \text{Spec } A \subseteq X$

$$\text{w/ } \mathcal{E}|_U \cong \mathcal{O}^{\oplus (n+1)}$$

$$\mathcal{O}^{\oplus (n+1)} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}|_U \iff \exists U \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{P}_A^n \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{L}|_U \cong \varphi^* \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$x_i$

$s_i = \varphi^*(x_i)$

these give the information to glue back globally

### Blow-up of an Ideal sheaf

$X$ : Noetherian scheme,  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$  ideal sheaf

$$\mathcal{J} := \bigoplus_{d \geq 1} \mathcal{I}^d \text{ satisfies } (*)$$

$\tilde{X} := \text{Proj } \mathcal{J}$  is the blow up of  $\mathcal{I}$  or blow up along  $Y \leftarrow X$  w/ ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}$

ex.  $X = \mathbb{A}_k^n$   $p = (0, \dots, 0) \in X$

$$\mathcal{I} = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad \mathcal{J} = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{I}^d \quad \& \quad \tilde{X} = \text{Proj } \mathcal{J} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$$

$\mathcal{I}' = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$   $y_i$  is just  $x_i$  but w/  $\deg(y_i) = 1$

$$Y = \mathbb{A}^n / (x_i y_j - x_j y_i) \longleftarrow \mathbb{A}^n$$

$$\tilde{X} = \text{Proj } \mathcal{J} \longleftarrow \text{Proj } \mathbb{A}^n = \mathbb{P}^n \cong \mathbb{P}^n \times \mathbb{A}^n$$

given by equations  $x_i y_j = x_j y_i$ .  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\pi^{-1}(x) = \text{pt}, \quad \pi^{-1}(0) \cong \mathbb{P}^{n-1}$$

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0: origin

see Theorem 2.

$$f: X \rightarrow Y, \quad \mathcal{J} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_Y \rightsquigarrow f^* \mathcal{J} = f^* \mathcal{J} \otimes_{f^* \mathcal{O}_Y} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$$

Not necessarily inclusion anymore

$$\text{ex. } \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{x \mapsto nx} \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\otimes \mathbb{Z}_n} \mathbb{Z}_n \xrightarrow{x \mapsto 0} \mathbb{Z}_n$$

$$f^* \mathcal{J} \cdot \mathcal{O}_X = \text{Im}(f^* \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$$

Proposition 4:  $X$  Noetherian scheme.  $\mathcal{J}$  coherent sheaf of ideals

$$\tilde{X} = \text{blow up of } X \text{ along } \mathcal{J} \quad \pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$$

Then ①  $\tilde{\mathcal{J}} := \pi^* \mathcal{J} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$  is an invertible sheaf

②  $Y = \text{closed subscheme corresponding to } \mathcal{J}$

$$U = X \setminus Y, \quad \pi|_U: \pi^{-1}(U) \xrightarrow{\cong} U$$

pf: ① Recall  $\tilde{X} = \text{Proj } \mathcal{J}, \quad \mathcal{J} = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}^d \quad \text{w/ } \mathcal{O}(1)$

$$\text{Claim: } \mathcal{O}(1) = \pi^* \mathcal{J} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$$

$$U \subseteq X \text{ affine open} \quad \mathcal{O}(1)|_{\text{Proj } \mathcal{J}(U)} = \widetilde{\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}(U)^{d+1}} = \widetilde{\mathcal{J} \cdot \mathcal{J}(U)} \\ \cong \pi^* \mathcal{O}_X|_{\text{Proj } \mathcal{J}(U)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \mathcal{J}|_U \cong \mathcal{O}_U \quad \therefore \mathcal{J}_U = \mathcal{O}_U[x] \\ \text{Proj}(\mathcal{J}|_U) \cong \mathbb{P}_U^1 \cong U$$

Proposition 5. (Universal Property of Blowing Up)

$X, \mathcal{J}, \pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  as above

$$f^* \mathcal{J} \cdot \mathcal{O}_Z \text{ invertible} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{f^* \mathcal{J} \cdot \mathcal{O}_Z} & \tilde{X} \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \pi \\ & & X \end{array}$$

pf: It suffices to prove the case  $X = \text{Spec } A$  affine Noetherian

$$\tilde{X} = \text{Proj } S, \quad S = \bigoplus_{d \geq 0} I^d, \quad I \triangleleft A$$

$$a_0, \dots, a_n \in I \text{ generators} \rightsquigarrow A[x_0, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow S \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{degree} \\ \text{preserving} \end{array} \\ x_i \mapsto a_i$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \tilde{X} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}_A^n$$

defined by equations

$$F(x_0, \dots, x_n) \in A[x_0, \dots, x_n]$$

$$\text{w/ } F(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0$$



Now  $Z \xrightarrow{f} X$  s.t.  $f^*g \cdot \mathcal{O}_Z \cong \mathcal{L}$  invertible

$\mathcal{I}$  generated by global sections  $a_i$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  generated by global sections  $s_i = f^*(a_i)$

$$\sim Z \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}} \mathbb{P}_A^n \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \tilde{g}^* \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{L}$$

$$\tilde{g}^* x_i = s_i$$

$\swarrow \quad \searrow$   
 $\text{Spec } A$

If  $F(a_0, \dots, a_n) = 0, \Rightarrow F(s_0, \dots, s_n) = 0$

$\Rightarrow F(\tilde{g}^* x_0, \dots, \tilde{g}^* x_n) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow F \circ \tilde{g}^* = 0$

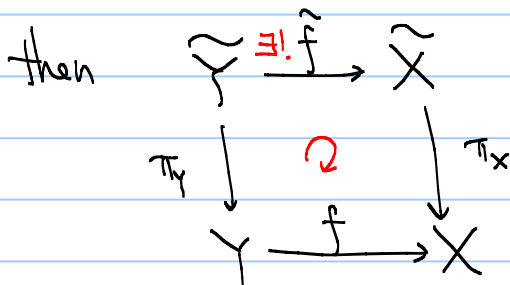
or  $\tilde{g}^*$  factor through  $\tilde{X}$

Corollary:  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  morphism of Noetherian schemes

$\mathcal{I}$ : coherent sheaf of ideal on  $X$

$\tilde{X}$ : blow up of  $X$  along  $\mathcal{I}$

$\tilde{Y} \cong Y = f^*g \cdot \mathcal{O}_Y$



If  $f$  is closed immersion

then  $\tilde{f}$  is closed immersion

$\tilde{Y}$  called proper transform of  $Y$

pf:  $\pi_Y^{-1}(f^*g \cdot \mathcal{O}_Y) \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Y}} = (f \circ \pi_Y)^* \mathcal{I} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Y}}$  invertible

$\pi_Y^* \text{Im}(f^*g \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y) = \text{Im}(\pi_Y^* f^*g \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Y}})$

$f$  closed immersion, locally  $Y = \text{Spec}(A/\mathcal{I}) \hookrightarrow \text{Spec } A = X$

$$f = I, \text{ then } \begin{array}{ccc} A_{\mathbb{Q}} \oplus \bigoplus_{d>0} I^d A_{\mathbb{Q}} & \longleftarrow & A \oplus \bigoplus_{d>0} I^d \\ & \cong & \\ \tilde{Y} & \longrightarrow & \tilde{X} \end{array}$$

Proposition 6.  $X$ : variety  $/\mathbb{k}$ ,  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$  ideal sheaf  
 $\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{\pi} X$ : blow-up of  $X$  along  $\mathcal{I}$

- Then
- ①  $\tilde{X}$  variety
  - ②  $\pi$  birational, proper, surjective morphism
  - ③  $X$  quasi-projective  $/\mathbb{k} \implies \pi$  projective  
 $\tilde{X}$  quasi-projective

Pf: ①  $X$  variety  $/\mathbb{k} \iff X$  integral, separated, of finite type  $/\mathbb{k}$

$\downarrow$   
 $I$ : integral  
 $S = \bigoplus_{d>0} I^d$  integral  
 $\downarrow$   
 $\tilde{X}$  variety  $/\mathbb{k}$

$\pi$  proper  $\implies$  separated + of finite type

②  $\text{Supp}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}) \subsetneq X$ ,  $\pi$  induces isomorphism on  $\bigcup_{\text{open}} X$   
 thus birational

$\because X$  integral

$\pi$  proper  $\implies \pi(\tilde{X}) \subseteq X$  closed  $\implies \pi(\tilde{X}) = X$   
 or  $\pi$  surjective

③  $X$  quasi-projective, i.e.  $\exists$  ample invertible sheaf on  $X$   
 apply Proposition 1.

Theorem 1:  $X$  quasi-projective  $/\mathbb{k}$ ,  $Z$  variety

$f: Z \rightarrow X$  birational, projective morphism

Then  $\exists$  coherent sheaf of ideals  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$

$$\text{s.t. } \begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Bl}_{\mathcal{I}} X \\ f \searrow & & \swarrow \pi \\ & X & \end{array}$$

Resolution of singularities (Hironaka '66)

Every variety  $/\mathbb{k}$ ,  $\mathbb{k}$ : characteristic 0.

becomes smooth after blowing up non-singular subvarieties  
 birational morphism  
 finitely many times.

This is the foundation of birational geometry.

Theorem 2.  $X$ : nonsingular variety  $/\mathbb{k}$

$Y$  nonsingular closed subvariety w/ ideal sheaf  $\mathcal{I}$

$\pi: \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$  blow up of  $\mathcal{I}$

$\tilde{Y}$  closed subscheme defined by  $\tilde{\mathcal{I}} = \pi^* \mathcal{I} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}$

Then ①  $\tilde{X}$  nonsingular

②  $\tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$

$\cong$   
 $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2)$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \mathcal{N}_{\tilde{Y}/\tilde{X}} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2)}(-1)$$

pf:  $\textcircled{2} \quad \tilde{X} = \text{Proj}(\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}^d)$

$$Y' \cong \text{Proj}(\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}^d \otimes \mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{J}) = \text{Proj}(\bigoplus_{d \geq 0} \mathcal{J}^d/\mathcal{J}^{d+1})$$

$Y$  nonsingular  $\implies \mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2$  locally free  
will prove later

$$\mathcal{J}^d/\mathcal{J}^{d+1} \cong S^n(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2)$$

Thus,  $\tilde{Y} \cong \text{Proj}(\bigoplus S^d(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2)) =: \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{J}/\mathcal{J}^2)$

$\textcircled{1}$  In particular,  $\tilde{Y}$  is locally  $Y \times \mathbb{P}^{r-1}$ ,  $r = \text{codim}(Y, X)$   
and  $\tilde{Y}$  is non-singular.

Proposition 4  $\iff \mathcal{J}$  is invertible  
 $\implies \tilde{Y}$  is locally principal

$A$ : Noetherian local ring.  $a \in A$  not a zero divisor

$A/aA$  regular  $\implies A$  regular

$\implies \tilde{X}$  is non-singular.

$\textcircled{3}$  Proposition 4  $\implies \tilde{\mathcal{J}} = \pi^* \mathcal{J} \cdot \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}(1)$

$$\mathcal{N}_{\tilde{Y}/\tilde{X}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{\cong} \tilde{\mathcal{J}}/\tilde{\mathcal{J}}^2 \cong \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}(1) \otimes \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}/\tilde{\mathcal{J}} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{X}}(1)|_{\tilde{Y}} \cong \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Y}}(1)$$

