

I learned this computation from A. J. de Jong.

Theorem. *Let n and d be integers, and suppose that $n \geq 1$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} H^0(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n, \mathcal{O}(d)) &= \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]_d \\ H^i(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n, \mathcal{O}(d)) &= 0 \quad , \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ H^n(\mathbb{P}_{\mathbb{C}}^n, \mathcal{O}(d)) &= \left(\frac{1}{x_0 \dots x_n} \mathbb{C}[x_0^{-1}, \dots, x_n^{-1}] \right)_d \end{aligned}$$

Remark. In the above statement and in the proof below, \mathbb{C} stands for any commutative ring with unit. It is not required to be noetherian.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{F} := \bigoplus_{d \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)$. Clearly, \mathcal{F} is a quasi-coherent sheaf on \mathbb{P}^n . Let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_{i=0}^n$ be the open affine cover of \mathbb{P}^n such that $U_i = \mathbb{P}^n \setminus V(x_i)$.

Fact. Open affine covers are acyclic for the global section cohomology and thus the Čech complex associated to \mathcal{U} actually computes $H^i(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{F})$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}^m(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) &= \\ &= \bigoplus_d \bigoplus_{i_0 < \dots < i_m} \left(\mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n, \frac{1}{x_{i_0} \dots x_{i_m}}]_d \right) = \\ &= \bigoplus_{i_0 < \dots < i_m} \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n, \frac{1}{x_{i_0} \dots x_{i_m}}] \end{aligned}$$

and there is a natural \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} -grading, where the monomial $x_0^{e_0} \dots x_n^{e_n}$ has degree (e_0, \dots, e_n) . Moreover, it is clear that the differential respects the grading; this allows us to forget the grading for now and recover all the information later. We have

$$\mathcal{C}^m(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F}) = \bigoplus_{\underline{e} \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}} K_{\underline{e}}^m$$

where of course $K_{\underline{e}}^m$ is the direct sum of all terms involving monomials of degree \underline{e} . Let $p(\underline{e}) = \#\{i \in \{0, \dots, n\} \mid e_i < 0\} - 1$. If $m < p(\underline{e})$, then $K_{\underline{e}}^m = 0$, since monomials in $\mathcal{C}^m(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$ are allowed exactly $m+1$ negative exponents. We can write:

$$K_{\underline{e}}^{\bullet} : \quad \dots \longrightarrow 0 \xrightarrow[p(\underline{e})-1]{} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow[p(\underline{e})]{} \mathbb{C}^{n-p(\underline{e})} \xrightarrow[p(\underline{e})+1]{} \mathbb{C}^{\binom{n-p(\underline{e})}{2}} \xrightarrow[p(\underline{e})+2]{} \dots \xrightarrow[n]{} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow[n+1]{} 0 \longrightarrow \dots$$

where a generator for the first non-zero group from the left is $\underline{x}^{\underline{e}}$, as a section on the largest intersection $U_{\underline{e}}$ of open sets in \mathcal{U} where it is regular; generators for the second non-zero group from the left are $\underline{x}^{\underline{e}}$, as sections on the intersection $U_{\underline{e}} \cap U_i$, with U_i not already appearing in $U_{\underline{e}}$, ... Thus $K_{\underline{e}}^{\bullet}$ is the standard Koszul complex which only has cohomology if $p(\underline{e}) = -1$ or $p(\underline{e}) = n$:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\underline{e}) = 0 \quad K_{\underline{e}}^{\bullet} : \quad & \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow[-1]{} \mathbb{C}^{n-p(\underline{e})} \xrightarrow[0]{} \mathbb{C}^{\binom{n-p(\underline{e})}{2}} \xrightarrow[1]{} \dots \\ p(\underline{e}) = n \quad K_{\underline{e}}^{\bullet} : \quad & \dots \xrightarrow[n-1]{} 0 \xrightarrow[n]{} \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow[n+1]{} 0 \longrightarrow \dots \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. \square