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1 Introduction

The following question has been posed in [P-S]:

Question: Let R be a complete normal local ring with coefficient field \mathbf{C} . Does there exist a local ring A , essentially of finite type over \mathbf{C} , such that the class group $Cl(A)$ of A is generated by the canonical module ω_A of A and its completion $\hat{A} \cong R$?

In general one knows that $Cl(A) \rightarrow Cl(R)$ is injective (see [Bo]) and the question arises how small one can make $Cl(A)$. Srinivas has constructed UFD's (i.e., $Cl(A) = 0$) with arbitrary rational double point singularities in his study of the K-theory of these singularities (see [Sr]). Kollár conjectured that any isolated hypersurface singularity would have an UFD globalization and some partial results were obtained by Buium (see [Bu]). In [P-S] the first author and Srinivas settled the above question in the affirmative for isolated complete intersection singularities.

Recently, Heitmann (see [He]) has constructed for any complete local ring R over \mathbf{C} of depth at least two UFD's with completion R . But these rings are not geometric in general and they do not have dualizing modules. Indeed, a theorem of Murthy asserts that a geometric Cohen-Macaulay UFD is Gorenstein (see [Mu]). So for non-Gorenstein R it seems more natural to look for geometric A 's with class group generated by the canonical module.

In this note we will prove that the above question has an affirmative answer in the case of *normal surface singularities*:

Theorem 1.1 *Given an analytic normal surface singularity $\text{Spec}(R) = (X, 0)$, there is an affine algebraic surface $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ and a closed point $0 \in X$ which represents the same germ $(X, 0)$ and the class group of X is generated by the canonical divisor ω_X .*

The proof follows by projecting the singularity into $(\mathbf{C}^3, 0)$ and studying a suitable equisingular algebraic family via the monodromy of Lefschetz pencils and a variant of the Noether-Lefschetz theorem, as in [P-S].

2 Construction of the Family

Let $(X, 0) = \text{Spec}(R)$ be the given analytic germ and $(X, 0) \subset (\mathbf{C}^N, 0)$ be an embedding of it. Let $L : \mathbf{C}^N \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^3$ be a generic linear projection and $\nu : (X, 0) \rightarrow (Y, 0)$ be the restriction of L to X , and let $(Y, 0)$ be the image. Then the singular locus $(\Sigma, 0)$ of $(Y, 0)$ is a curve, possibly singular at 0 and generically $(Y, 0)$ has A_∞ singularities, i.e., locally defined by the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 0$. Moreover, in this situation $\nu : X \rightarrow Y$ can be identified with the normalization and hence one can reconstruct $(X, 0)$ out of $(Y, 0)$. As $(Y, 0)$ is a hypersurface germ in $(\mathbf{C}^3, 0)$, it is defined by an analytic function $f \in \mathbf{C}\{x, y, z\}$. Let I be the reduced ideal of $(\Sigma, 0)$. Then we have the following:

Theorem 2.1 (cf. [P]) *The function f is finitely I -determined and is right-equivalent to a polynomial. Moreover given an integer r , there exists an integer $k = k(r, f)$ such that whenever $g \in \mathcal{M}^k \cap I^{(2)}$, then f and $f + g$ are right-equivalent via an automorphism which is identity modulo \mathcal{M}^r , where \mathcal{M} is the maximal ideal of $\mathbf{C}\{x, y, z\}$. \square*

Though the second part of the theorem is not explicitly stated there, it can be easily obtained by multiplying by a power of the maximal ideal on both sides of the basic inclusion of Pellikaan $\mathcal{M}^{k+1}I^{(2)} \subset \mathcal{M}^*\tau^*(F)$ (cf. [P], page 375, line 12).

Let Σ be a compactification of $(\Sigma, 0)$ in \mathbf{P}^3 , which is smooth outside 0. Then by a result of de Jong (cf. [J]), there exists a homogeneous polynomial $F \in \mathbf{C}[x, y, z, t]$ such that $\{F = 0, 0\} \cong (Y, 0)$ and $Y := \{F = 0\}$ is smooth outside Σ and has only A_∞ and D_∞ points on $\Sigma - 0$.

Let $\pi : \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^3$ be an embedded resolution of Y . Then it is the blow up of a coherent sheaf of ideals \mathcal{I} supported on Σ (cf. [H], Theorem 7.17). Generically \mathcal{I} can be assumed to be the reduced ideal I of Σ . By the Artin-Rees lemma there is an integer r such that $\mathcal{I} \cap \mathcal{M}^r \subset \mathcal{M}\mathcal{I}$. Let $k = k(r, F)$

be as in the theorem 2.1. Let $d_0 \in \mathbf{N}$ be an integer such that $d_0 > l := \deg F$ and for all $d > d_0$ we have

- (i) The restriction map $r : H^0(\mathbf{P}^3, \mathcal{M}^k \cap I^{(2)}(d)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbf{P}^3, I^{(2)}/\mathcal{M}_p^4 \cdot I^{(2)})$ is surjective for all $p \in \Sigma - 0$ where \mathcal{M}_p is the maximal of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^3, p}$.
- (ii) $V := \mathbf{C} \cdot t^{d-l} F + H^0(\mathbf{P}^3, \mathcal{M}^k \cap I^{(2)}(d))$ is very ample on $\mathbf{P}^3 - \Sigma$
- (iii) $A_d := (d^3 - 6d^2 + 11d - 6)/6 > h^0(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma(d-4)) + p_g(X, 0)$ where $p_g(X, 0)$ is the geometric genus of the singularity $(X, 0)$ and h^i of a sheaf is the dimension of H^i . This is possible because $p_g(X, 0)$ is a constant and $h^0(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma(d-4))$ is a linear function in d by the theorem of Riemann-Roch, while the left hand side is a cubic polynomial in d .

Let $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbf{P}(V^*)$ be the hyperplane defined by the subspace $\mathcal{M}^k \cap I^{(2)}(d)$ and S be the complement of \mathbf{P} in $\mathbf{P}(V^*)$. For each $s \in S$ let Y_s denote the subscheme of \mathbf{P}^3 defined by $s = 0$ and Z_s be the strict transform of Y_s in $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}^3$. Consider the families,

$$\mathcal{Y} := \{(x, s) \in \mathbf{P}^3 \times S \mid x \in Y_s\}$$

$$\mathcal{Z} := \{(x, s) \in \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \times S \mid x \in Z_s\}$$

Let $f : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow S$ be the second projection.

3 Elementary Properties of the Family

Recall that $\pi : \widetilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^3$ was the embedded resolution of Y . Let \widetilde{Y} be the strict transform of Y in $\widetilde{\mathbf{P}}^3$ and put

$$E_0 := \pi^{-1}(0) \cap \widetilde{Y}.$$

For each $s \in S$, we let $\widetilde{\Sigma}_s \subset Z_s$ be the "strict transform" of Σ , i.e.,

$$\widetilde{\Sigma}_s := \overline{\pi^{-1}(\Sigma - 0)} \cap Z_s.$$

Lemma 3.1 *In the above situation we have*

- (i) *For every $s \in S$, $Z_s \cap \pi^{-1}(0) = E_0$ and Z_s is non-singular along E_0*

(ii) $f : \mathcal{Z} \rightarrow S$ is a submersion along $E_0 \times S \subset \mathcal{Z}$

(iii) There exists a codimension 2 subset T of S such that for all $s \in S - T$, Z_s is smooth along $\widetilde{\Sigma}_s$

Proof: Fix an $s \in S$. By the theorem of Pellikaan there is an automorphism of $(\mathbb{C}^3, 0)$ which is identity modulo \mathcal{M}^r and defines an isomorphism of $(Y_s, 0)$ with $(Y, 0)$. Since $\mathcal{M}^r \cap \mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{M}\mathcal{I}$ it follows that this automorphism extends to the blow up of \mathcal{I} in a neighbourhood of 0 and acts trivially on the fibre $\pi^{-1}(0)$, because it acts trivially on $\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{M}^r \cap \mathcal{I}$ which maps onto $\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{M}\mathcal{I}$ and hence acts trivially on $\oplus \mathcal{I}^m/\mathcal{M}\mathcal{I}^m$. Hence it fixes E_0 and defines an isomorphism of (Z_s, E_0) with (\widetilde{Y}, E_0) . This proves (i). As (ii) is a local assertion, it follows from (i).

By the classification of line singularities (cf. [S] table on page 488), there is a subspace $T_p \subset H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, I^{(2)}/\mathcal{M}_p^4 \cdot I^{(2)})$ of codimension 3 for each $p \in \Sigma - 0$ such that all functions in $H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{M}^k \cap I^{(2)}(d)) - r^{-1}(T_p)$ has singularities of type A_∞ , D_∞ or J_∞ at p . By assumption (i) it follows that $r^{-1}(T_p)$ has codimension 3 in $H^0(\mathbb{P}^3, \mathcal{M}^k \cap I^{(2)}(d))$. Define T' to be the closure of $\cup_{p \in \Sigma - 0} r^{-1}(T_p)$. Then T' has codimension ≥ 2 and is invariant under scalar multiplication. Let T be the image of T' in S . Then T has codimension ≥ 2 in S . Hence for every $s \in S - T$, Y_s has only singularities of above mentioned types. It is easy to prove by local computations that A_∞ , D_∞ and J_∞ are resolved by the blow up of reduced singular locus. Hence Z_s is smooth along $\widetilde{\Sigma}_s$ for $s \in S - T$. This proves (iii) \square

Let C and D be the critical and the discriminant locus of f , i.e., $C := \{(x, s) \in \mathcal{Z} \mid Z_s \text{ is singular at } x\}$ and $D := f(C)$.

Corollary 3.2 *Outside the set $T \subset S$, we have*

(i) $C - f^{-1}(T)$ is smooth and irreducible of dimension $\dim S - 1$.

(ii) $f : C - f^{-1}(T) \rightarrow D - T$ is birational.

(iii) For general $s \in D - T$, Z_s has an ordinary double point.

(iv) $\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow S$ is an admissible family of surfaces over $S - T$.

Proof: Since V is very ample, it gives rise to an embedding of $\mathbf{P}^3 - \Sigma$ in $\mathbf{P}(V)$. Let $\pi' : C \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^3$ be the projection. Then $C - \pi'^{-1}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^3 - \Sigma$ is the projective normal bundle of $\mathbf{P}^3 - \Sigma$ in $\mathbf{P}(V)$, by [La]. Moreover it is also proved there that $C - \pi'^{-1}(\Sigma) \rightarrow D$ is birational with the general point corresponds to an ordinary double point on Z_s . By lemma 3.1 Z_s is non-singular along $Z_s \cap \pi^{-1}(\Sigma)$ for all $s \in S - T$. Hence the discriminant of $f : \mathcal{Z} - f^{-1}(S - T) \rightarrow S - T$ is $D - T$. This proves (i), (ii) and (iii) of the corollary. The assertion (iv) follows from the definition of an admissible deformation (cf. [J-S]). Hence by normalizing $\mathcal{Y} |_{S-T}$ we obtain a family of normal surfaces $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow S - T$ with a section σ such that each $X_s \rightarrow Y_s$ is the normalization and the singularities $(X_s, \sigma(s))$ are all isomorphic. \square

Lemma 3.3 For general $s \in S - D$ one has,

- (i) $\pi_1(Z_s) = 0$, hence $H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Z})$ is torsion free
- (ii) $H^2(Z_s, \mathcal{O}_{Z_s}) \neq 0$

Proof: (i) By stratified Morse theory (cf. [G-M], Part II, Theorem 1.1(1), page. 150-151) it follows that $Y_s - \Sigma$ is simply connected for general $s \in S$, because V is very ample on $\mathbf{P}^3 - \Sigma$, which is simply connected. Since Z_s is smooth and contains $Y_s - \Sigma$ as a dense open subset, it is simply connected.

(ii) Choose an $s \in S - D$ and write X , Y and Z for X_s, Y_s and Z_s respectively. Then we have the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\Sigma \rightarrow 0$$

Here $\mathcal{C} = I$ is the conductor $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ and is also the ideal sheaf of Σ . Also note that $\nu_* \mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O}_Y)$, as \mathcal{O}_Y -modules. If we take $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(-, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ to the above exact sequence, we get

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{O}_Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow 0$$

Hence we obtain an exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \nu_* \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow 0$$

because the map $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{O}_Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ is the natural map $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \nu_* \mathcal{O}_X$. From the long exact cohomology sequence of this exact sequence, we obtain,

$$H^1(Y, \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_Y)) \rightarrow H^2(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow H^2(Y, \nu_* \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow 0$$

Also note that,

$$\mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_Y) = \omega_\Sigma \otimes \omega_Y^{-1} = \omega_\Sigma(4-d)$$

Hence $h^2(Y, \nu_* \mathcal{O}_X) = h^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \geq h^2(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) - h^1(Y, \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_Y)) = A_d - h^1(\Sigma, \mathcal{E}xt_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\mathcal{O}_\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_Y)) = A_d - h^1(\Sigma, \omega_\Sigma(4-d)) = A_d - h^0(\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(d-4)) > p_g(X, 0)$.

From the Leray spectral sequence applied to $p : Z \rightarrow X$, we obtain an exact sequence,

$$H^0(X, R^1 p_* \mathcal{O}_Z) \rightarrow H^2(X, p_* \mathcal{O}_Z) \rightarrow H^2(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$$

Hence $h^2(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z) \geq h^2(X, p_* \mathcal{O}_Z) - p_g(X, 0) = h^2(X, \mathcal{O}_X) - p_g(X, 0) > 0$. Hence $H^2(Z, \mathcal{O}_Z) \neq 0$, which proves (ii). \square

4 A Noether-Lefschetz theorem

Here we prove that for a general $s \in S$, Z_s has Pic generated by the exceptional cycles (the reduced irreducible components of E_0), $f^* \mathcal{O}_{Y_s}(1)$ and $\widetilde{\Sigma}$. The representation of $\pi_1(S-D, s)$ on $H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Q})$ gives rise to a local system \mathcal{H} on $S-D$. Let \mathcal{H}^π be the space of invariants of this representation and \mathcal{P} be its orthogonal complement with respect to the intersection form. Note that the restriction of the intersection form is non-degenerate on \mathcal{H}^π as it contains an ample divisor. Hence we have an orthogonal direct sum decomposition,

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}^\pi \otimes \mathcal{P}$$

Let us denote by $A_s \subset H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Z})$ the subgroup generated by E_0 , $\widetilde{\Sigma}_s$ and $f^*(\mathcal{O}_{Y_s}(1))$.

Lemma 4.1 *In the above situation we have*

- (i) $\mathcal{H}_s^\pi = A_s \otimes \mathbf{Q}$.
- (ii) *The local sub-system \mathcal{P} is irreducible.*

Proof: The theorem of the fixed part of Deligne (cf. [D]) states that

$$\mathcal{H}_s^\pi = \text{Im}(H^2(\mathcal{Z}, \mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Q}))$$

Now choose a line $L \subset S$ that intersects D transversely. Then $L \cap D \subset D - T$ and Z_s has exactly one quadratic singularity for each $s \in L \cap D$. Let $L' = L - D$ and $Z_{L'} = f^{-1}(L')$. By a theorem of Zariski $\pi_1(L', s) \rightarrow \pi_1(S - D, s)$ is surjective. Hence

$$\text{Im}(H^2(\mathcal{Z}, \mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Q})) = \text{Im}(H^2(Z_{L'}, \mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Q})) = \mathcal{H}_s^\pi$$

Since $Z_{L'}$ is a pencil of hypersurfaces in P^3 , it is smooth and rational. Let $\overline{Z}_{L'}$ be a smooth compactification of $Z_{L'}$ with a morphism $\overline{\pi} : \overline{Z}_{L'} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^3$ which restrict to π on $Z_{L'}$. Then $\overline{Z}_{L'}$ is also smooth rational and complete, hence the cycle map $\overline{c} : \text{Pic}(\overline{Z}_{L'}) \rightarrow H^2(\overline{Z}_{L'}, \mathbf{Z})$ is an isomorphism. Now look at the diagram (with exact top row):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Pic}(\overline{Z}_{L'}) & \longrightarrow & \text{Pic}(Z_{L'}) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \overline{c} \downarrow & & c \downarrow & & \\ H^2(\overline{Z}_{L'}, \mathbf{Z}) & \longrightarrow & H^2(Z_{L'}, \mathbf{Z}) & \xrightarrow{j} & H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Z}) \end{array}$$

Hence it suffices to compute the image of $\text{Pic}(\overline{Z}_{L'})$. Since $E_0 \times S \subset \mathcal{Z}$, it follows that each reduced irreducible component of E_0 is in the image. The complement of all irreducible components of the exceptional divisor of $\overline{Z}_{L'} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^3$ is isomorphic to $\mathbf{P}^3 - \Sigma$. Hence its Picard group is generated by $\overline{\pi}^* \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{P}^3}(1)$. It is also clear that $\overline{\Sigma}_s$ is in the image as it is $Z_s \cap \pi^{-1}(\Sigma - 0)$. This proves (i).

Now each point of $L \cap D$ defines a vanishing cycle and the space of invariants is precisely the orthogonal complement to the span of vanishing cycles, by the Picard-Lefschetz formula (cf. [La]). Hence the span of vanishing cycles is the stalk \mathcal{P}_s of \mathcal{P} at each point. Since the smooth points of D form a connected subset of S , it follows that the vanishing cycles form a single conjugacy class and hence \mathcal{P} is irreducible. This proves (ii). \square

Lemma 4.2 For for $s \in S_U$, where S_U is the complement of countably many analytic subsets in S , we have:

$$NS(Z_s) \otimes \mathbf{Q} = A_s \otimes \mathbf{Q}$$

Proof: By Hodge theory, the map of sheaves $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow R^2 f_* \mathcal{O}_Z |_{(S-D)}$ is surjective after tensoring with \mathbf{C} . Since \mathcal{P} is irreducible and the kernel of this map is a local sub-system, it has to be injective. If $s \in S - D$, then in some open neighbourhood U of s (in the Euclidean topology), \mathcal{P} can be trivialised as a local system, and $R^2 f_* \mathcal{O}_Z |_{S-D}$ as an \mathcal{O}_U -module, so that a non-zero element $v \in \mathcal{P}_s$ yields a holomorphic function of several variables on U which is not identically zero. Hence the zero set of this function is a closed analytic subset $Z_v \subset U$ of smaller dimension, and the collection of such v is countable as $\mathcal{P}_s \subset H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Q})$ is countable. Hence for $s \in \{U - \cup_{v \neq 0} Z_v\}$, the map $\mathcal{P}_s \rightarrow H^2(Z_s, \mathcal{O}_{Z_s})$ is injective. But $S - D$ can be covered by a countable collection of such sets U . Then for any $s \in S_U := \cup_U \{U - \cup_{v \neq 0} Z_v\}$ the map $\mathcal{P}_s \rightarrow H^2(Z_s, \mathcal{O}_{Z_s})$ is injective. By the exponential sequence and GAGA we have,

$$NS(Z_s) \otimes \mathbf{Q} = \text{Ker}(H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow H^2(Z_s, \mathcal{O}_{Z_s}))$$

Hence \mathcal{P}_s is orthogonal to $NS(Z_s) \otimes \mathbf{Q}$, i.e., the cycles representing \mathcal{P}_s are not algebraic. Hence the statement. \square

Corollary 4.3 For $s \in S_U$ one has:

$$NS(Z_s) = A_s$$

Proof: One clearly has:

$$A_s \subset NS(Z_s) \subset H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Z})$$

As by lemma 4.2 the result is true over \mathbf{Q} and by lemma 3.3 (i) we know that $H^2(Z_s)$ is torsion free, it is sufficient to show that A_s is a primitive lattice in $H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Z})$. Now take a look at the diagram used in the proof of lemma 4.1. From the Leray spectral sequence of the map $Z_{L'} \rightarrow L'$ one gets that the map j is injective, with as image the invariants of the monodromie. Hence $H^2(Z_{L'}, \mathbf{Z})$ is primitive in $H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Z})$. It follows from the exponential sequence that the cokernel of $c : \text{Pic}(Z_{L'}) \rightarrow H^2(Z_{L'}, \mathbf{Z})$ injects into a \mathbf{C} -vectorspace, hence its image also must be primitive. Hence, A_s as the image of $\text{Pic}(\bar{Z}_{L'})$ in $H^2(Z_s, \mathbf{Z})$ is primitive. \square

Proof of theorem 1.1: Choose an $s \in \cup S_U$ and write X , Y and Z for X_s , Y_s and Z_s respectively. Let $\Sigma' \subset X$ be the inverse image $\nu^{-1}(\Sigma)$ of

Σ . By corollary 4.3, it follows that the class group of X is generated by Σ' and $\nu^*\mathcal{O}_Y(1)$. So it only remains to prove that the class of Σ' represents the dualizing module of $(X, 0)$. Duality for finite maps applied to ν gives:

$$\nu_*\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_X) = \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\nu_*\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_Y)$$

Since ω_Y is locally free as Y is a hypersurface, we have

$$\nu_*\omega_X = \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\nu_*\mathcal{O}_X, \omega_Y) = \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\nu_*\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_Y) \otimes \omega_Y = \mathcal{C} \otimes \omega_Y$$

Hence the class of \mathcal{C} represents the dualizing module as $\omega_Y = \mathcal{O}_Y(d-4)$ is locally free. \square

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