

ideal. From the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}/I \rightarrow 0$$

and computation of Ext's in the section on K ozul complexes we have

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(I, \mathcal{O}) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(\mathcal{O}/I, \mathcal{O}) \cong \mathcal{O}/I.$$

By 686, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(\mathcal{O}/I, \mathcal{O}) &\rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(I, \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^2(\mathcal{O}/I, \mathcal{O}) \\ &\rightarrow \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^2(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}). \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Since $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}) = \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^2(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{O}) = 0$ by P686,

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(I, \mathcal{O}) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(\mathcal{O}/I, \mathcal{O}) \cong \mathcal{O}/I \text{ by P690, proposition.} \quad \square$$

The second isomorphism depends on the choice of generators for I , but the assertion:

$e \in \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(I, \mathcal{O}) \cong \mathcal{O}/I$ is a unit — i.e., $e(0) \neq 0$,

has intrinsic meaning, since if also $I = \{f'_1, f'_2\}$, then

$$f'_i = \sum_j a_{ij} f_j \text{ and } e = \Delta e',$$

where $\Delta = \det(a_{ij})$ is a unit.