

Algebraic geometry 1

Exercise sheet 4

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Exercise 1.

1. Let X be a finite set that is irreducible with respect to some topology \mathcal{F} on X . Then we get $|\mathcal{F}| < \infty$ and since finite unions of closed sets are closed again, we get that

$$X' := \bigcup_{U \subsetneq X \text{ closed}} U$$

is closed in X . Since X is by assumption irreducible, $X \neq X'$, so we can pick $x_0 \in X \setminus X'$, which is by construction generic. For the second part of the exercise we use part 2 of Hochster's Theorem. As a finite set, X is quasicompact and as a basis \mathcal{B} consisting of quasicompact open sets stable under finite intersections take all of the open sets.

It remains to show that X is sober. We need to check that every irreducible subset of X has a unique generic point. The existence of a generic point comes from part of this exercise.

Uniqueness of this point is due to the fact that generic points in T_0 spaces are unique if they exist, which follows directly from the definition of T_0 .

1. Let X be a finite irreducible topological space. Since

$$X = \bigcup_{x \in X} \overline{\{x\}}$$

is a finite decomposition in closed sets, we must have $\overline{\{x\}} = X$ for some $x \in X$. This x is a generic point of X .

If we additionally assumed X is T_0 , then this point x would be unique, since in a T_0 space we have $\overline{\{x\}} \neq \overline{\{y\}}$ for $x \neq y$. Also in a finite space the conditions of quasicompactness and the basis being stable under finite intersections are clearly fulfilled. So finite T_0 spaces are spectral.

2. Let us first describe what $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$ looks like. It is a PID with prime ideals being those (a) for which $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a prime number or $a = 0$. So

$$\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) = \{(p) \mid p \text{ prime}\} \cup \{(0)\}.$$

In this space (0) is a unique generic point.

Closed sets in $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$ are by definition

$$V((a)) = \{(p) \in \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \mid (a) \subseteq (p)\} = \{(p) \in \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \mid p \text{ divides } a\}.$$

So if $a = \prod_i p_i^{k_i}$, then $V((a)) = \{(p_i)\}_i \subseteq \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$. Since any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ is only divisible by finitely many prime numbers, we get the finite complement topology on $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{(0)\}$.

Adding generic point (0) to $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z}) \setminus \{(0)\}$ is actually the construction $X \rightarrow X^{\text{sob}}$ which we did last week.

Exercise 2. Denote $A = \lim A_i$, $B = \lim B_i$ and $C = \lim C_i$. Also denote maps $A_i \rightarrow A$ with f_i , $B_i \rightarrow B$ with g_i and $C_i \rightarrow C$ with h_i .

By composing α_i and g_i we get $A_i \rightarrow B$ defined as $g_i \circ \alpha_i$. Then by the definition of a colimit we have a unique map $\alpha : A \rightarrow B$, such that $g_i \circ \alpha_i = \alpha \circ f_i$. In the same way we obtain $\beta : B \rightarrow C$. With these definitions the whole diagram commutes.

Exercise 3.

1. Let \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} be presheaves on X and $(\phi_U)_{U \in \text{Ouv}(X)}, (\psi_U)_{U \in \text{Ouv}(X)}$ morphism of presheaves from \mathcal{F} to \mathcal{G} .
We define for $U \in \text{Ouv}(X)$

$$(\phi + \psi)(U) := \phi(U) + \psi(U).$$

This is indeed a map of presheaves again, because we can restrict ϕ and ψ independently.

The zero object in this category is the presheaf that sends every open set $U \in \text{Ouv}(X)$ to the trivial group $(0, +)$. It is initial and terminal, because group maps send 0 to 0. For this reason the category of presheaves is an additive category and since morphisms of sheaves are defined using their underlying presheaves, also the category of sheaves form an additive category.

We still need to check that kernels and cokernels exist in the category of Sheaves, so from now on \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} and maps between them will be of sheaves. Define

$$(\ker \phi)(U) := \ker \phi(U).$$

We check that this is indeed a presheaf. To do that one has to check that restrictions behave well.
Next, one checks that this is indeed a sheaf.