

# 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  $\alpha_i$  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  $\mathcal{G}$ .

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where  $\oplus$  is the usual direct sum of groups. This is indeed a map of presheaves again, because we can restrict  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  independently.

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The construction of limits and colimits just works using limits and colimits of the abused groups, but these are a priori just presheaves. To see that the colimit of sheaves is indeed a sheaf, just remember that by part 4 of proposition 5.7 sheaffication commutes with all colimits, because it is left-ajoint functor.

Why are the limits already sheaves??

2. Assume  $f: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is surjective on each stalk. Then we can show that  $f(U): \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U)$  is surjective for each  $U \in \text{Ouv}_X^{\text{op}}$ . Pick  $s \in \mathcal{G}(U)$ . Then  $s_x \in \mathcal{G}_x$  the germ of  $s$  at  $x$ . Since  $f_x: \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_x$  is surjective we have a function  $t_x \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  such that  $f(U)(t_x)$  has the same germ at  $x$  as  $s$ . So  $t_x \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  is mapped to a function that is locally at  $x$  same as  $s$ . Denote  $V_x$  the open subset with  $x \in V_x$  for which  $f(U)(t_x)|_{V_x} = s|_{V_x}$ .

We were inspired by some stack exchange site and only worked out some of the details. Let  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$  be sheaves on  $X$  and  $\phi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  an epimorphism on sheaves. We want to show that  $\phi_x$  is surjective on each stalk.

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the skyscraper sheaf at  $x$  with value  $\mathcal{G}_x/\text{Im}(\phi)$ , i.e. for  $U \subset X$  open, we have

$$\mathcal{H}(U) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{G}_x/\text{Im}(\phi_x) & \text{if } x \in U \\ (0, +) & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Also, define

$$\begin{aligned}\psi : \mathcal{G} &\rightarrow \mathcal{H} \\ f &\mapsto \bar{f}_x\end{aligned}$$

if  $f$  is a section over a set containing  $x$ .

Now assume, that  $\phi_x$  is not surjective for all  $x \in X$ . Then there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\phi_x$  is not surjective, meaning  $\mathcal{G}_x/\text{Im}(\phi_x)$  is not the trivial group. In this case, the two maps

$$(\psi, 0), (0, \psi) : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \oplus \mathcal{H}$$

are not the same since  $\mathcal{H}$  is not trivial. However, by construction they are the same if precomposed with  $\phi$  showing that  $\phi$  is not an epimorphism of sheaves.

3. First prove that  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are sheaves.

Define a morphism  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  with  $f(U) : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U)$  being the map  $s \oplus t \mapsto s|_{D_- \cap D_+}$ . Note that if  $U \cap D_-$  is connected, the map  $s|_{D_- \cap D_+}$  must assume same value on whole  $U \cap D_- \cap D_+$ .

Using part 2 it suffices to check that  $f_x$  is surjective at every  $x \in X$ . For  $x \notin D_- \cap D_+$ , then  $\mathcal{G}_x$  is a null group in  $AbGrp$ , so  $f_x$  is surjective. Let now  $x = (-1, 0)$ .

Define  $U_\epsilon = B_\epsilon(-1, 0) \cap X$ . Every neighborhood contains some  $U_\epsilon$  for small enough  $\epsilon$ . So every  $\mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow F_x$  factors through  $\mathcal{F}(U_\epsilon)$  for small enough  $\epsilon$ . We have  $\mathcal{F}(U_\epsilon) = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \{0\}$  for small  $\epsilon > 0$ , so  $\mathcal{F}_x = \mathbb{Z}$  with morphisms

$$\mathcal{F}(U_\epsilon) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x$$

being  $a \oplus 0 \mapsto a$ . We do exactly the same for  $\mathcal{G}$  and we get  $\mathcal{G}_x = \mathbb{Z}$ . The identity  $\text{id}$  is the unique map that makes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}\mathcal{F}(U_\epsilon) & \xrightarrow{f(U_\epsilon)} & \mathcal{G}(U_\epsilon) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{F}_x & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \mathcal{G}_x\end{array}$$

commute, so  $f_x$  is surjective for  $x = (-1, 0)$ . We do exactly the same for  $x = (1, 0)$ . So  $f_x$  is surjective for every  $x \in X$ . By part 2,  $\mathcal{F}$  is an epimorphism.

We have  $\mathcal{F}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathcal{G}(X) \cong \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  and the map  $f(X)$  as defined above. The image  $\text{im } f(X)$  is the diagonal  $\Delta \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $f(X)$  is not surjective.