

A morphism of schemes $f : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ is a *closed immersion* if:

1. As a map of topological spaces, $f : X \longrightarrow Y$ is a homeomorphism from X into a closed subset of Y , and
2. the morphism of sheaves $\mathcal{O}_Y \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ associated with f is an <http://planetmath.org/Abelian> in the category of sheaves.

This notion is the analog of the notion of <http://planetmath.org/Immersionclosed> immersion in the category of differential manifolds.