

Basics of $Quot$ and construction of Gr .

1 Introduction

Definition 1.1. Let S be a noetherian scheme, then we define a functor $Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S}$ from category of locally noetherian schemes over S to category of sets, where $\pi : X \rightarrow S$ is a finite type scheme, and \mathcal{E} is a coherent sheaf over X :

$$T \mapsto \{\mathcal{E}_T \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F} | \mathcal{F} \in \mathfrak{Coh}(X_T) \text{ is parametrised by } T\} / \sim$$

" \sim " means commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}_T & \twoheadrightarrow & \mathcal{F} \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \sim \\ \mathcal{E}_T & \twoheadrightarrow & \mathcal{F}' \end{array}$$

parametrised by T means schematic support of \mathcal{F} is proper over T , and \mathcal{F} is flat over T .

In particular,

$$1. \quad Hilb_{X/S} := Quot_{\mathcal{O}_X/X/S}$$

$\mathcal{O}_X \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$ gives a closed subscheme $i : Y \hookrightarrow X$ defined by ideal sheaf $\ker(\mathcal{O}_X \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F})$. In fact, $i_* \mathcal{O}_Y = \mathcal{F}$. Therefore $Hilb_{X/S}(T)$ parametrised all closed subscheme of X_T that are proper and flat over T .

$$2. \quad Quot_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}} := Quot_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}/\mathbb{P}^n/\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$3. \quad Hilb_{\mathbb{P}^n} := Hilb_{\mathbb{P}^n/\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}}$$

Functor $Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S}$ is a zariski and fppf sheaf, and is proper over S .

Definition 1.2. Notations as above, let $P \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ be a polynomial and \mathcal{L} be a invertible sheaf over X , then we have functor $Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S}^{P,\mathcal{L}}$ s.t. $\mathcal{F} \in Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S}^{P,\mathcal{L}}(T)$ satisfying $\forall t \in T, \mathcal{F}_t$ has hilbert polynomial P w.r.t. \mathcal{L}_t .

In particular, we have a functor $Hilb_r^P = Hilb_{\mathbb{P}^r/\mathbb{Z}}^{P,\mathcal{O}(1)}$.

Clearly we have coproduct

$$Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S} = \coprod_{P \in \mathbb{Q}[t]} Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S}^{P,\mathcal{L}}$$

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2 Grassmannian

We can define Grassmannian scheme as a special Quot:

Definition 2.1.

$$Gr_S(d, r) := \text{Quot}_{\mathcal{O}^r/S/S}^{d, \mathcal{O}}$$

In particular, $S = \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}$. $Gr(r, d) := Gr_{\mathbb{Z}}(r, d) := \text{Quot}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Z}}^r/\mathbb{Z}/\mathbb{Z}}^{d, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Z}}}$

Notice that if $\mathcal{O}^r \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F}$ and \mathcal{F} has constant hilbert polynomial d w.r.t \mathcal{O} , then \mathcal{F} is a locally free sheaf of rank d .

To construct Quot scheme, we need to show $Gr(r, d)$ is representable.

2.1 construction

Idea: let V be a vector space of dimension r , then $Gr(d, V) = Gr(d, r)$ is set of all d -dimensional subvector spaces of V . One can verify a subspace by a $d \times r$ matrix of rank d , of course up to equivalence. Then $Gr(d, r) = \bigcup_I \{M_{d \times r} : I\text{-th minor is of rank } d\} / \sim = \bigcup U^I$, where $I \subset \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$, $\#I = d$. For each equivalent class in $\bigcup U^I$, one can choose a matrix M representing it, whose I -th minor is E , then $U^I \cong k^{d \times (r-d)}$, i.e. coordinates outside the I -th minor are free. However $\bigcup U^I$ is not a disjoint union, we have to glue these sets.

Now construct $Gr_{\mathbb{Z}}(r, d)$ as follows: Let X^I be a matrix whose I -th minor is identity matrix E , and other coordinates x_{pq}^I are independent variables, and X_J^I means its J -th minor. Let $\mathbb{Z}[x^I]$ be the polynomial ring in variables x_{pq}^I and let $U^I := \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[x^I] \cong \mathbb{A}^{d \times (r-d)}$, an A -point of which is a matrix $M^I(A)$ with coordinates in ring A and I -th minor being identity matrix. Let $P_J^I = \det X_J^I \in \mathbb{Z}[x^I]$, then $U_J^I = \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[x^I, 1/P_J^I]$ is an open subscheme of U^I , whose A -point is a matrix $M^I(A)$ with J -th minor invertible. Then we will glue U^I through isomorphisms $U_J^I \rightarrow U_I^J$. For any ring A , there is a functorial bijection $U_J^I(A) \rightarrow U_I^J(A), M^I(A) \mapsto (M_J^I(A))^{-1} M^I(A)$, hence a natural isomorphism $\text{Hom}(\text{Spec } -, U_J^I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\text{Spec } -, U_I^J)$, and therefore an isomorphism $U_J^I \rightarrow U_I^J$ (actually this is the map $X^I \mapsto (X_J^I)^{-1} \cdot X^I$). Furthermore, over U^I we have a quotient of locally free sheaves

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O} e_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^d \mathcal{O} u_j, e_i \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^d x_{ji} u_j$$

Gluing U^I and the quotient we have a scheme $Gr(r, d)$ and a quotient $\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, where \mathcal{U} is locally free of rank d (trivial over open subschemes U^I).

2.2 representability

To show this scheme indeed represents the functor, we have to show the quotient is universal, which is difficult. However, one can prove these by a criterion for representability.

If a functor $F : \mathbf{Sch}_S \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ is representable, then it is a sheaf w.r.t. zariski and fpqc topology on \mathbf{Sch} (FGA section 2.3.6). Conversely, we have a criterion for a functor:

Definition 2.2. Let $F \rightarrow G$ be a natural transform of functors in $[\mathbf{Sch}^{op}, \mathbf{Set}]$. It is a open/closed/locally closed subfunctor, if for any scheme T , $F(T) \rightarrow G(T)$ is injective, and $F \times_G h_T$ is represented by an open/closed/locally closed subscheme T' of T .

Open subfunctors $\{F_i\}$ of F forms an open covering, if for any scheme T , corresponding open subschemes T_i forms an open covering of T .

Theorem 2.3. A functor $F : \mathbf{Sch}_S \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ is representable, if

1. F is a sheaf w.r.t. zariski topology over \mathbf{Sch}_S , and
2. F has an open covering $\{F_i\}$ s.t. each F_i is representable.

Proof. Hint: Glue schemes X_i in the way functors F_i .

Assume X_i represents F_i and $x_i \in F_i(X_i)$ corresponds to 1_{X_i} . For any i, j , since F_j is an open subscheme, $h_{X_i} \times_F F_j$ is represented by an open subscheme U_{ij} of X_i , and is isomorphic to $F_{ij} := F_i \times_F F_j$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_{U_{ij}} & \longrightarrow & h_{X_i} \\ \downarrow \sim & & \downarrow \sim \\ F_{ij} & \longrightarrow & F_i \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F_j & \longrightarrow & F \end{array}$$

However, we also have $F_{ij} \cong h_{U_{ji}}$ for an open subscheme U_{ji} of X_{ji} . Therefore we have an isomorphism $f_{ij} : U_{ij} \rightarrow U_{ji}$ and its inverse $f_{ji} : U_{ji} \rightarrow U_{ij}$, satisfying cocycle condition. Gluing X_i through f_{ij} we obtain a scheme X . To show X represents F , using Yoneda lemma: for any scheme T and $h_T \rightarrow F$ given by a element $y \in F(T)$, we have an open covering T_i ($h_{T_i} \cong h_T \times_F F_i$) of T and $(f_i : T_i \rightarrow X_i) \in F_i(T_i)$. Gluing f_i we have $f : T \rightarrow X$. This means $\text{Hom}(h_T, F) = \text{Hom}(h_T, h_X)$ for any T . \square

Back to the Grassmannin, using the theorem above. Define subfunctors F_I of $Gr(d, r)$: for each $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_d\} \subset \{1, \dots, r\}$, we have an injection $s_I : \bigoplus_{k=1}^d \mathcal{O}_{e_{i_k}} \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}_{e_i}$. Define subfunctor

$$F_I(T) = \{<\mathcal{F}, q> \mid \text{composition } \bigoplus_{k=1}^d \mathcal{O}_{e_{i_k}} \xrightarrow{s_I} \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}_{e_i} \xrightarrow{q} \mathcal{F} \text{ is surjective}\}$$

Need to show F_I are representable and form an open covering.

1. This is represented by $\mathbb{A}^{d(r-d)}$ (In fact this is U^I defined above): take an open affine covering $\{T_\alpha \cong \text{Spec } A_\alpha\}$ of T such that \mathcal{F} is trivial over T_α , then we have a surjection $\bigoplus_{k=1}^d A_\alpha e_{i_k} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(T_\alpha) \cong A_\alpha^d$. But both are free A_α -modules of rank d , this in fact is an isomorphism, and images of e_{ij} form a basis u_j of $\mathcal{F}(T_\alpha) \cong \bigoplus_{j=1}^d A_\alpha u_j$. Then $q|_{T_\alpha} : \bigoplus_{i=1}^r A_\alpha e_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_{j=1}^d A_\alpha u_j$ is given by $e_i \mapsto \sum_{j=1}^d a_{ji} u_j$, $a_{ji} \in A_\alpha$, corresponds to an A_α -point of $\mathbb{A}^{d(r-d)}$, i.e. a morphism $T_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{d(r-d)}$. Gluing all these maps we have a morphism $T \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^{d(r-d)}$, which implies $\mathbb{A}^{d(r-d)}$ represents F_I .
2. Let T be a scheme and $h_T \rightarrow Gr$ be a natural transform given by a quotient of locally free sheaves $\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}_T e_i \xrightarrow{q} \mathcal{F}$ over T . Let q_I be the composition of $(\bigoplus_{k=1}^d \mathcal{O}_T e_{i_k} \xrightarrow{s_I} \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}_T e_i \xrightarrow{q} \mathcal{F})$ and $\mathcal{K} = \text{coker}(q_I)$. Then q_I is surjective over $T_I := T - \text{Supp} \mathcal{K} \subset T$. This open subscheme actually has a universal property that a map $U \rightarrow T$ factors through if and only if pull back of q_I is surjective, which implies $h_T \times_{Gr} F_I \cong h_{T_I}$, hence F_I is an open subfunctor.
3. To show F_I forms an open covering, need to show T_I covers T . Indeed, any point $t \in T$, pull back of q is a surjection $\bigoplus_{i=1}^r k(t) e_i \xrightarrow{q} k(t)^d$ of vector space over the residue field $k(t)$. There is a subspace $\bigoplus_{k=1}^d k(t) e_{i_k}$ for some $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_d\}$ and the composition is an isomorphism. This implies $t \in T_I$, hence T_I covers T .

By the criterion for representability, one can glue these $\mathbb{A}^{d(r-d)}$ s and represents $Gr(r, d)$. In fact, this is exact the same way we construct $Gr(r, d)$ above.
Construct $Quot$.

3 Construct

3.1 lemmas

We will show that functor $Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S}$ is represented for some special cases.

Theorem 3.1. *FGA,5.15* Let S be a noetherian scheme, and \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W} two locally free sheaves over it. Take $\pi : X = \mathbb{P}(V) \rightarrow S$ and $\mathcal{E} = \pi^* \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X(1)$, then $Q = Quot_{\mathcal{E}/X/S}^{\Phi, \mathcal{L}}$ is represented.

Proof. Hint: We will prove it in several steps.

1. Given a morphism $f : T \rightarrow S$ and

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}_T \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow 0$$

over X_T s.t. for any point $t \in T$ we have $h_{\mathcal{F}_t} = \Phi$ (i.e an element in $Q(T)$). Then there is an integer m depended only on rank of \mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W} and Φ , s.t. over T we have SES of locally free sheaves

$$0 \rightarrow \pi_{T*} \mathcal{K}(m) \pi_{T*} \mathcal{E}_T(m) \twoheadrightarrow \pi_{T*} \mathcal{F}(m) \rightarrow 0$$

In particular, $\pi_{T*}\mathcal{E}_T(m) \cong f^*(\text{Sym}^m \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W})$ and $\text{rk } \pi_{T*}\mathcal{F}(m) = \Phi(m)$. Furthermore, $\pi_T^*\pi_{T*}\mathcal{K}(m) \rightarrow \mathcal{K}(m)$ is surjective, and so is $\mathcal{E}_T(m), \mathcal{F}(m)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \pi_T^*\pi_{T*}\mathcal{K}(m) & \longrightarrow & \pi_T^*\pi_{T*}\mathcal{E}_T(m) & \longrightarrow & \pi_T^*\pi_{T*}\mathcal{F}(m) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & \searrow h & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{K}(m) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E}_T(m) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}(m) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Define a map from $Q(T)$ to $G(T) := Gr_S(\text{Sym}^m \mathcal{V} \otimes \mathcal{W}, \Phi(m))(T)$. This is an injective map: Given any element $(0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \pi_{T*}\mathcal{E}(m) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow 0)$ in the image of the map, one can recover $\mathcal{F}(m)$ from cokernel of

$$h : \pi_T^*\pi_{T*}\mathcal{K}(m) = \pi^*\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \pi_T^*\pi_{T*}\mathcal{E}(m) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(m)$$

. Hence Q is a subfunctor of G .

2. Functor G is represented by a projective scheme \mathcal{G} embedded into a projective space $\mathbb{P}(\wedge^{\Phi(m)} \mathcal{W} \otimes \text{Sym}^m \mathcal{V})$.
3. Now we have a subfunctor $Q \rightarrow G$, need to show this is a locally closed subfunctor. A map $h_T \rightarrow G$ is determined by an element in $G(T)$, i.e. $\pi_{T*}\mathcal{E}(m) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_T \times_G Q & \longrightarrow & h_T \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ Q & \longrightarrow & G \end{array}$$

We need to show there is a locally closed subscheme $T' \rightarrow T$ s.t. a morphism $U \rightarrow T$ factors through T' if and only if the corresponding $\mathcal{E}_U \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is in $Q(U)$. This is given by flattening stratification theorem.

4. Hence functor Q is represented by a locally closed subscheme $\mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$. Since Q is proper over S , \mathcal{Q} is a closed subscheme of \mathcal{G} , hence is a projective scheme.

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3.2 m-regular

Lemma 3.2. numerical polynomial, Hartshorne: $P(t) \in \mathbb{Q}[t]$ is a numerical polynomial if $P(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$ for $n \gg 0$.

1. If P is a numerical polynomial, then there are integers c_0, \dots, c_r s.t.

$$P(n) = c_0 \binom{n}{r} + c_1 \binom{n}{r-1} + \dots + c_r$$

2. If function $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying $\Delta f(n) = f(n+1) - f(n) = Q(n)$ for $n \gg 0$ and Q numerical polynomial, then $f(n) = P(n), n \gg 0$ for some numerical polynomial P .

Proof. Hint: Induction on degree of the polynomial. \square

Definition 3.3. A coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on the projective space \mathbb{P}_k^n over a field k is called m-regular if

$$H^i(\mathbb{P}_k^n, \mathcal{F}(m-i)) = 0, i > 0$$

Remark 3.4. By taking base change, WMA k is an infinite field (this change is flat and cohomology groups well behaved), then one can take a hyperplane H passing through none of associated points of \mathcal{F} , thus we have a SES

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_H \rightarrow 0$$

(injectivity follows from the choice of H) and hence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(r-1) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(r) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_H(r) \rightarrow 0$$

Taking LES, one can show \mathcal{F}_H is m-regular for same m .

Lemma 3.5. If \mathcal{F} is m-regular, then

1. $H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{F}(r)) \times H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}(1)) \rightarrow H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{F}(r+1))$ is surjective for $r \geq m$;
2. \mathcal{F} is m' -regular for all $m' > m$;
3. $\mathcal{F}(r)$ is globally generated, and higher cohomologies vanish for $r \geq m$.

Remark 3.6. SES: $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}'' \rightarrow 0$, if $\mathcal{F}', \mathcal{F}''$ are m-regular, then so is \mathcal{F} ; if \mathcal{F}' is $(m+1)$ -regular and \mathcal{F} is m-regular, then \mathcal{F}'' is m-regular; if \mathcal{F} is m-regular and \mathcal{F}'' is $(m-1)$ -regular, then \mathcal{F}' is m-regular.

Theorem 3.7. m-regular: For any integers n, p , there is a polynomial $F_{p,n}$ in $n+1$ variables satisfying:

For any coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on the projective space \mathbb{P}_k^n isomorphic to a subsheaf of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}^{\oplus p}$, with hilbert polynomial

$$\chi(\mathcal{F}(r)) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \binom{r}{i}$$

where $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, \mathcal{F} is m-regular for $m = F_{p,n}(a_0, \dots, a_n)$.

4 flattening stratification

Lemma 4.1. Let A be a noetherian domain, B a finitely generated A -algebra, and M a finitely generated B -module. Then there is a nonzero element $f \in A$ s.t. M_f is a free A_f -module.

Theorem 4.2. *FGA,5.12* Let S be a noetherian integral scheme, and $X \rightarrow S$ of finite type. Let \mathcal{F} be a coherent sheaf over X , then there is a nonempty open subset $U \subset S$ s.t. \mathcal{F}_U flat over U .

Theorem 4.3. *FGA,5.13* Let \mathcal{F} be a coherent sheaf over \mathbb{P}_S^n , where S is a noetherian scheme, let \mathcal{P} be the set of hilbert polynomials of restrictions \mathcal{F}_s of \mathcal{F} to the fibres of $\pi : \mathbb{P}_S^n \rightarrow S$. Then $\#\mathcal{P} < \infty$ and for each $P \in \mathcal{P}$ there is a locally closed subscheme $S_P \hookrightarrow S$, satisfying

1. $\forall s \in S_P$, hilbert polynomial $h_{\mathcal{F}_s} = P$, and $\cup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \text{sp}(S_p) = \text{sp}(S)$ as sets;
2. $S' = \coprod_{P \in \mathcal{P}} S_P \rightarrow S$ has a universal property: any $T \rightarrow S$ factors through $S' \rightarrow S$ if and only if \mathcal{F}_T flat over T .
3. Define $P \leq Q$ if $P(n) \leq Q(n)$ for $n \gg 0$, then $\overline{\text{sp}(S_P)} \subset \cap_{P \leq Q} \text{sp}(S_Q)$.