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# Morphisms between complex analytic spaces

## 1. Introduction

### 2. Quasi-finite morphisms

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism of complex analytic spaces. We say  $f$  is *quasi-finite* at  $x \in X$  if  $x$  is isolated in  $f^{-1}(f(x))$ . We say  $f$  is *quasi-finite* if  $f$  is quasi-finite at all  $x \in X$ .

This definition is purely topological. We will show that it is equivalent to an analytic definition.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism of complex analytic spaces and  $x \in X$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (1)  $f$  is quasi-finite at  $x \in X$ ;
- (2)  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is quasi-finite over  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)}$ ;
- (3)  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is finite over  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)}$ .

PROOF. (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2): By [Corollary 3.13](#) in [Constructions of complex analytic spaces](#),  $f$  is quasi-finite at  $x \in X$  if and only if  $\mathcal{O}_{X_{f(x)},x} = \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_{f(x)}\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is artinian. In other words,  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_{f(x)}\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is finite-dimensional over  $\mathbb{C}$ . The latter is equivalent to that  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is quasi-finite over  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)}$ .

(2)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3): This follows from [Theorem 5.4](#) in [Complex analytic local algebras](#).  $\square$

### 3. Finite morphisms

**Definition 3.1.** A morphism of complex analytic spaces  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *finite* if its underlying map of topological spaces is topologically finite.

We say a morphism of complex analytic spaces  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is *finite at*  $x \in X$  if there is an open neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$  and  $V$  of  $f(x)$  in  $Y$  such that  $f(U) \subseteq V$  and the restriction  $U \rightarrow V$  of  $f$  is finite.

Let  $S$  be a complex analytic space. A *finite analytic space over*  $S$  is a finite morphism  $f : X \rightarrow S$  of complex analytic spaces. A morphism between finite analytic spaces over  $S$  is a morphism of complex analytic spaces over  $S$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite morphism of complex analytic spaces. Then  $f$  is quasi-finite.

PROOF. This follows from [Proposition 4.5](#) in [Topology and bornology](#).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $S$  be a complex analytic space. Then the functor  $\mathrm{Spec}_S^{\mathrm{an}}$  defines an anti-equivalence from the category of finite  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -algebras to the category of finite analytic spaces over  $S$ .

PROOF. We first observe that the functor is well-defined. This follows from [Corollary 3.5](#) in [Constructions of complex analytic spaces](#).

The functor is fully faithful by [Proposition 2.10](#) in [Constructions of complex analytic spaces](#). Suppose that  $f : X \rightarrow S$  is a finite morphism of complex analytic spaces. We need to show that  $X$  is isomorphic to  $\mathrm{Spec}_S^{\mathrm{an}} \mathcal{A}$  for some finite  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  in  $\mathbb{C}\text{-}\mathcal{A}\mathrm{n}/_S$ .

By [Proposition 2.8](#) in [Constructions of complex analytic spaces](#), we necessarily have  $\mathcal{A} \cong f_* \mathcal{O}_X$ . So we need to show that the natural morphism  $\mathrm{Spec}_S^{\mathrm{an}} f_* \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow X$  over  $S$  is an isomorphism. The problem is local on  $S$ .

Fix  $s \in S$ . Write  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  for the distinct points in  $f^{-1}(s)$ . Up to shrinking  $S$ , we may assume that  $X$  is the disjoint union of  $V_1, \dots, V_n$ , where  $V_i$  is an open neighbourhood of  $x_i$  in  $X$ . We need to show that  $X$  has the form  $\mathrm{Spec}_S^{\mathrm{an}} \mathcal{B}$  for some  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  in  $\mathbb{C}\text{-}\mathcal{A}\mathrm{n}/_S$ .

It suffices to handle each  $V_i$  separately, so we may assume that  $f^{-1}(s) = \{x\}$  consists of a single point. Then  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is finite over  $\mathcal{O}_{S,s}$  by [Proposition 2.2](#). Up to shrinking  $S$ , we may assume that  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  spreads out to a finite  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ . Let  $X' = \mathrm{Spec}_S^{\mathrm{an}} \mathcal{B}$ . There is a unique point  $x'$  of  $X'$  over  $s$  and  $X'_{x'}$  is isomorphic to  $X_x$  over  $S_s$ . By [Lemma 4.2](#) in [Topology and bornology](#), up to shrinking  $S$ , we may assume that  $X$  is isomorphic to  $X'$  over  $S$ . We conclude.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a finite morphism of complex analytic spaces and  $\mathcal{M}$  be a coherent sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules, then  $f_* \mathcal{M}$  is coherent. Moreover,  $f_*$  is exact from  $\mathrm{Coh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  to  $\mathrm{Coh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ .

PROOF. This follows from [Corollary 2.9](#) in [Constructions of complex analytic spaces](#) and [Theorem 3.3](#).  $\square$