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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 3.16](#) 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 3.8](#) 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

Corollary 3.5. Let X be a reduced complex analytic space. Then

- (1) \bar{X} is normal;
- (2) $p : \bar{X} \rightarrow X$ is finite and surjective;
- (3) There is a nowhere dense analytic set Y in X such that $p^{-1}(Y)$ is nowhere dense in \bar{X} and the morphism $\bar{X} \setminus p^{-1}(Y) \rightarrow X \setminus Y$ induced by p is an isomorphism.

Conversely, these conditions determines \bar{X} up to a unique isomorphism in $\mathbb{C}\text{-}\mathcal{A}\mathrm{n}/_X$.

PROOF. These properties are established in [Proposition 7.8](#) in [Properties of complex analytic spaces](#). We need to prove the uniqueness.

Let $p : X' \rightarrow X$ be a morphism satisfying the three conditions. We need to show that X' is canonically isomorphic to \bar{X} in $\mathbb{C}\text{-}\mathcal{A}\mathrm{n}/_X$. By (2) and [Theorem 3.3](#), it suffices to show that $p_* \mathcal{O}_{X'}$ is canonically isomorphic to $\bar{\mathcal{O}}_X$. By (1), and the universal property of normalization, there is a canonical morphism

$$p_* \mathcal{O}_{X'} \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{O}}_X$$

of \mathcal{O}_X -algebras. We will show that this map is an isomorphism.

The problem is local. Let $x \in X$. By (3) and [Corollary 3.14](#) in [Constructions of complex analytic spaces](#), up to shrinking X , we can find $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ such that $f(y) = 0$ for all $y \in Y$ and f_x is a non-zero divisor in $(p_* \mathcal{O}_{X'})_x$. Up to shrinking X , we may assume that f_y is a non-zero divisor in $(p_* \mathcal{O}_{X'})_y$ for all $y \in X$. By (3), we have

$$\mathcal{O}_X|_{X \setminus Y} \rightarrow (p_* \mathcal{O}_{X'})|_{X \setminus Y}$$

is an isomorphism. It follows that

$$fp_*\mathcal{O}_{X'} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$$

is injective. We then have an injective homomorphism:

$$p_*\mathcal{O}_{X'} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\times f} \mathcal{O}_X \xrightarrow{\times f^{-1}} \mathcal{O}_X[f^{-1}].$$

For each $y \in X$, we deduce that $(p_*\mathcal{O}_{X'})_y$ is in the total ring of fraction of $\mathcal{O}_{X,y}[f_y^{-1}]$. But $(p_*\mathcal{O}_{X'})_y$ is finite and integral over $\mathcal{O}_{X,y}$, so is isomorphic to $\overline{\mathcal{O}_{X,y}}$ as $\mathcal{O}_{X,y}$ -algebras. \square