# Locally Ringed Space

#### 1 Sheaves

**Definition 1.** Let X be a topological space. A *presheaf* of sets (resp. abelian groups, rings, etc.) on X is a contravariant functor  $\mathcal{F}$ : **Open**(X)  $\rightarrow$  **Set** (resp. **Ab**, **Ring**, etc.), where **Open**(X) is the category of open subsets of X with inclusions as morphisms.

A presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  is a *sheaf* if sections can be glued uniquely. More precisely, for every open covering  $\{U_i\}_{i\in I}$  of an open set  $U\subset X$  and every family of sections  $s_i\in\mathcal{F}(U_i)$  such that  $s_i|_{U_i\cap U_j}=s_j|_{U_i\cap U_j}$  for all  $i,j\in I$ , there exists a unique section  $s\in\mathcal{F}(U)$  such that  $s|_{U_i}=s_i$  for all  $i\in I$ .

For two open sets  $V \subset U \subset X$ , the morphism  $\mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{F}(V)$ , often denoted by  $\mathrm{res}_V^U$ , is called the restriction map.

**Example 2.** Let X be a real (resp. complex) manifold. The assignment  $U \mapsto \mathcal{C}^{\infty}(U, \mathbb{R})$  (resp.  $U \mapsto \{\text{holomorphic functions on } U\}$ ) defines a sheaf of rings on X.

**Example 3.** Let X be a non-connected topological space. The assignment

$$U \mapsto \{\text{constant functions on } U\}$$

defines a presheaf  $\mathcal{C}$  of rings on X but not a sheaf.

For a concrete example, let  $X=(0,1)\cup(2,3)$  with the subspace topology from  $\mathbb{R}$ . Consider the open covering  $\{(0,1),(2,3)\}$  of X. The sections  $s_1=1\in\mathcal{C}((0,1))$  and  $s_2=2\in\mathcal{C}((2,3))$  agree on the intersection (which is empty), but there is no global section  $s\in\mathcal{C}(X)$  such that  $s|_{(0,1)}=s_1$  and  $s|_{(2,3)}=s_2$ .

**Definition 4.** Let X be a topological space and  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$  be presheaves on X with values in the same category (e.g., **Set**, **Ab**, **Ring**, etc.). A morphism of presheaves  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G}$  is a natural transformation between the functors  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$ . In other words, for every open set  $U \subset X$ , there is a morphism  $\varphi(U) : \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{G}(U)$  such that for every inclusion of open sets  $V \subset U$ , the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(U) & \xrightarrow{\varphi(U)} & \mathcal{G}(U) \\ \operatorname{res}_{V}^{U} & & & \downarrow \operatorname{res}_{V}^{U} \\ \mathcal{F}(V) & \xrightarrow{\varphi(V)} & \mathcal{G}(V). \end{array}$$

If  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are sheaves, then  $\varphi$  is called a morphism of sheaves.

Fix a topological space X and a category  $\mathbf{C}$ . The sheaves (resp. presheaves) on X with values in  $\mathbf{C}$  form a category, denoted by  $\mathbf{Sh}(X,\mathbf{C})$  (resp.  $\mathbf{PSh}(X,\mathbf{C})$ ), where the objects are sheaves (resp. presheaves) on X with values in  $\mathbf{C}$  and the morphisms are morphisms of sheaves (resp. presheaves).

**Definition 5.** Let X be a topological space and  $\mathcal{F}$  a presheaf on X with values in a category  $\mathbf{C}$ . For

Date: October 19, 2025, Author: Tianle Yang, My Homepage

a point  $x \in X$ , the stalk of  $\mathcal{F}$  at x, denoted by  $\mathcal{F}_x$ , is defined as the colimit

$$\mathcal{F}_x := \varinjlim_{U \ni x} \mathcal{F}(U),$$

where the colimit is taken over all open neighborhoods U of x. An element of  $\mathcal{F}_x$  is called a *germ* of sections of  $\mathcal{F}$  at x.

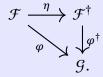
More concretely, we have

$$\mathcal{F}_{x} = \{(U, s) : U \in \mathbf{Open}(X), U \ni x, s \in \mathcal{F}(U)\}/\sim,$$

where  $(U,s) \sim (V,t)$  if there exists an open neighborhood  $W \subset U \cap V$  of x such that  $s|_{W} = t|_{W}$ .

**Definition 6.** Let X be a topological space and  $\mathcal{F}$  a presheaf on X with values in **Set** (resp. **Ab**, **Ring**, etc.). A *sheafification* of  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}^{\dagger}$  on X together with a morphism of presheaves  $\eta: \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}^+$  such that for every sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$  on X and every morphism of presheaves  $\varphi: \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G}$ , there exists a unique morphism of sheaves  $\varphi^+: \mathcal{F}^+ \to \mathcal{G}$  such that  $\varphi = \varphi^+ \circ \eta$ .

In other words, the following diagram commutes:



Yang: To be checked.

Yang: The concrete describe of sheafification.

**Definition 7.** Let X be a topological space and  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G}$  be a homomorphism of sheaves of abelian groups on X. The morphism  $\varphi$  is called *injective* (resp. *surjective*) if for every  $x \in X$ , the map  $\varphi_x : \mathcal{F}_x \to \mathcal{G}_x$  is injective (resp. surjective).

**Proposition 8.** Let X be a topological space and  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G}$  be a homomorphism of sheaves of abelian groups on X. Then  $\varphi$  is injective if and only if for every open set  $U \subset X$ , the map  $\varphi(U) : \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{G}(U)$  is injective. Yang: To be checked.

Remark 9. The surjectivity on stalks cannot imply the surjectivity on sections. A counterexample is given by the exponential map  $\exp: \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}} \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}^*$  defined by  $\exp(f) = e^f$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$  is the sheaf of holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}^*$  is the sheaf of non-vanishing holomorphic functions on  $\mathbb{C}$ . The induced map on stalks  $\exp_z: \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C},z} \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C},z}^*$  is surjective for every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  by the existence of logarithm locally. However, the map on global sections  $\exp(\mathbb{C}): \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}^*(\mathbb{C})$  is not surjective since there is no entire function f such that  $e^{f(z)} = z$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . Yang: To be continued.

**Proposition 10.** Let X be a topological space and  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G}$  be a homomorphism of sheaves of abelian groups on X. Then  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism if and only if it is injective and surjective.

Yang: Now we consider sheaves with values in an abelian category.

**Definition 11.** Let X be a topological space and  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G}$  be a homomorphism of sheaves of abelian groups on X. The kernel of  $\varphi$ , denoted by  $\ker \varphi$ , is the sheaf defined by

$$(\ker \varphi)(U) := \ker(\varphi(U) : \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{G}(U))$$

for every open set  $U \subset X$ .

The cokernel of  $\varphi$ , denoted by  $\operatorname{coker} \varphi$ , is the sheafification of the presheaf defined by

$$(\operatorname{coker} \varphi)_{\operatorname{pre}}(U) := \operatorname{coker}(\varphi(U) : \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{G}(U))$$

for every open set  $U \subset X$ . Yang: To be continued.

**Theorem 12.** Let X be a topological space and  $\mathbf{C}$  be an abelian category (e.g.,  $\mathbf{Ab}$ ). Then the category of sheaves on X with values in  $\mathbf{C}$  is an abelian category.

Proof. Yang: To be continued.

Yang: To be checked and continuous.

## 2 Locally Ringed Space

**Definition 13.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a continuous map between topological spaces. The *push-forward* functor  $f_*: \mathbf{Sh}(X, \mathbf{C}) \to \mathbf{Sh}(Y, \mathbf{C})$  is defined by

$$(f_*\mathcal{F})(V) := \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(V))$$

for every open set  $V \subset Y$  and sheaf  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{Sh}(X, \mathbf{C})$ .

**Definition 14.** A locally ringed space is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  where X is a topological space and  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is a sheaf of rings on X such that for every  $x \in X$ , the stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a local ring.

A morphism of locally ringed spaces  $f:(X,\mathcal{O}_X)\to (Y,\mathcal{O}_Y)$  consists of a continuous map  $f:X\to Y$  and a morphism of sheaves of rings  $f^{\sharp}:\mathcal{O}_Y\to f_*\mathcal{O}_X$  such that for every  $x\in X$ , the induced map on stalks  $f_x^{\sharp}:\mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)}\to\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a local homomorphism, i.e., it maps the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)}$  to the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ .

**Example 15.** Let p be a prime number. Then the inclusion  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} \to \mathbb{Q}$  is a homomorphism of local rings but not a local homomorphism. Here  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  is the localization of  $\mathbb{Z}$  at the prime ideal (p).

**Example 16** (Glue morphisms). Let  $f:(X,\mathcal{O}_X)\to (Y,\mathcal{O}_Y)$  be a morphism of locally ringed spaces. If  $U\subset X$  and  $V\subset Y$  are open subsets such that  $f(U)\subset V$ , then the restriction  $f|_U:(U,\mathcal{O}_X|_U)\to (V,\mathcal{O}_Y|_V)$  is a morphism of locally ringed spaces. Conversely, if  $\{U_i\}_{i\in I}$  is an open covering of X and for each  $i\in I$ , we have a morphism  $f_i:(U_i,\mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i})\to (Y,\mathcal{O}_Y)$  such that  $f_i|_{U_i\cap U_j}=f_j|_{U_i\cap U_j}$  for all  $i,j\in I$ , then there exists a unique morphism  $f:(X,\mathcal{O}_X)\to (Y,\mathcal{O}_Y)$  such that  $f|_{U_i}=f_i$  for all  $i\in I$ .

**Example 17** (Glue locally ringed space). We construct a locally ringed space by gluing open subspaces. Let  $(X_i, \mathcal{O}_{X_i})$  be locally ringed spaces for  $i \in I$  and  $(U_{ij}, \mathcal{O}_{X_i}|_{U_{ij}})$  be open subspaces for  $i, j \in I$ . Suppose we have isomorphisms  $\varphi_{ij}: (U_{ij}, \mathcal{O}_{X_i}|_{U_{ij}}) \to (U_{ji}, \mathcal{O}_{X_j}|_{U_{ji}})$  such that

- (a)  $\varphi_{ii} = \mathrm{id}_{X_i}$  for all  $i \in I$ ;
- (b)  $\varphi_{ij}(U_{ij} \cap U_{ik}) = U_{ji} \cap U_{jk}$  for all  $i, j \in I$ ;
- (c)  $\varphi_{jk} \circ \varphi_{ij} = \varphi_{ik}$  on  $U_{ij} \cap U_{ik}$  for all  $i, j, k \in I$ .

Then there exists a locally ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and open immersions  $\psi_i: (X_i, \mathcal{O}_{X_i}) \to (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  uniquely up to isomorphism such that

- (a)  $\varphi_i(U_{ij}) = \psi_i(X_i) \cap \psi_i(X_i)$  for all  $i, j \in I$ ;
- (b) the following diagram

$$(U_{ij}, \mathcal{O}_{X_i}|_{U_{ij}}) \longleftrightarrow (X_i, \mathcal{O}_{X_i}) \xrightarrow{\psi_i} (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

$$\downarrow^{\varphi_{ij}} \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{=}$$

$$(U_{ji}, \mathcal{O}_{X_j}|_{U_{ji}}) \longleftrightarrow (X_j, \mathcal{O}_{X_j}) \xrightarrow{\psi_j} (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

commutes for all  $i, j \in I$ ;

(c) 
$$X = \bigcup_{i \in I} \psi_i(X_i)$$
.

Such  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is called the locally ringed space obtained by gluing the  $(X_i, \mathcal{O}_{X_i})$  along the  $\varphi_{ij}$ .

First  $\varphi_{ij}$  induces an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on the disjoint union  $\coprod_{i\in I} X_i$ . By taking the quotient space, we can glue the underlying topological spaces to get a topological space X. The structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is given by

$$\mathcal{O}_X(V):=\left\{(s_i)_{i\in I}\in\prod_{i\in I}\mathcal{O}_{X_i}(\psi_i^{-1}(V))\;\middle|\; s_i|_{U_{ij}}=\varphi_{ij}^\sharp(s_j|_{U_{ji}}) \text{ for all } i,j\in I\right\}.$$

Easy to check that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is a locally ringed space and satisfies the required properties. If there is another locally ringed space  $(X', \mathcal{O}_{X'})$  with  $\psi'_i$  satisfying the same properties, then by gluing  $\psi'_i \circ \psi_i^{-1}$  we get an isomorphism  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \to (X', \mathcal{O}_{X'})$ .

### 3 Manifolds as locally ringed spaces

# 4 Vector bundles and $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules

Let  $(X,\mathcal{O}_X)$  be a manifold (real or complex) and  $(\mathcal{E},\pi,X)$  a vector bundle over X.

Yang: It can regard as a sheaf on X.

**Definition 18.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  be a ringed space. A *sheaf of*  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules is a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of abelian groups on X such that for every open set  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -module, and for every inclusion of open sets  $V \subseteq U$ , the restriction map  $\operatorname{res}_{UV} : \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{F}(V)$  is  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -linear, where the  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{F}(V)$  is induced by the restriction map  $\operatorname{res}_{UV} : \mathcal{O}_X(U) \to \mathcal{O}_X(V)$ .

A morphism of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules is a morphism of sheaves of abelian groups  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G}$  such that for every open set  $U \subseteq X$ , the map  $\varphi(U) : \mathcal{F}(U) \to \mathcal{G}(U)$  is  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -linear. Yang: To be checked...

Yang: We will try to construct a sequence of subcategories of  $\mathbf{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}_X}$ .

**Definition 19.** A sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *finitely generated* if for every open set  $U \subseteq X$ , the  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ -module  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  is finitely generated. Yang: To be continued.

**Definition 20.** A sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *locally free of rank* r if for every point  $x \in X$ , there exists an open neighborhood U of x such that  $\mathcal{F}|_U$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_U^r$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_U^r$  is the direct sum of r copies of  $\mathcal{O}_U$ . Yang: To be continued.

**Definition 21.** A sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *quasi-coherent* if for every point  $x \in X$ , there exists an open neighborhood U of x such that  $\mathcal{F}|_U$  is isomorphic to the cokernel of a morphism of free  $\mathcal{O}_U$ -modules, i.e., there exists an exact sequence of sheaves of  $\mathcal{O}_U$ -modules

$$\mathcal{O}_{U}^{(I)} \to \mathcal{O}_{U}^{(J)} \to \mathcal{F}|_{U} \to 0,$$

where I, J are (possibly infinite) index sets. Yang: To be checked...

**Definition 22.** A sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to be *coherent* if it is finitely generated, and for every open set  $U \subseteq X$  and every morphism of sheaves of  $\mathcal{O}_U$ -modules  $\varphi : \mathcal{O}_U^n \to \mathcal{F}|_U$ , the kernel of  $\varphi$  is finitely generated. Yang: To be checked...

# **Appendix**