Category of sheaves of modules

1 Sheaves of modules, quasi-coherent and coherent sheaves

Definition 1. Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a ringed space. An \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{F} is called *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.

Definition 2. Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a ringed space. An \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{F} is called *finitely generated* if for every point $x \in X$, there exists an open neighborhood U of x such that there exists a surjective morphism of sheaves of \mathcal{O}_U -modules

$$\mathcal{O}_U^n \to \mathcal{F}|_U \to 0.$$

Definition 3. Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a ringed space. An \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{F} is called *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 φ is finitely generated.

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