

FIBERED CATEGORIES AND EQUIVARIANT OBJECTS

1. INTRODUCTION

In these notes we often work with two distinct categories. In order to make our notation clear we denote by $h^{\mathcal{C}} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ the Yoneda embedding for category \mathcal{C} . In particular, if X is an object of \mathcal{C} , then $h_X^{\mathcal{C}}$ is a presheaf associated with X .

2. FIBERED CATEGORIES

We fix a functor $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$. We introduce now some convenient notation that will help clarifying our definitions. Consider a morphism $\phi : \xi \rightarrow \eta$ of \mathcal{E} such that $p(\phi) = f$ and $f : X \rightarrow Y$. We depict this situation by the square diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xi & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \eta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

Note that to every such square there corresponds a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{h_{\phi}^{\mathcal{E}}} & h_{\eta}^{\mathcal{E}} \\ p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\ h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_f^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_Y^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \end{array}$$

of presheaves on \mathcal{E} .

Definition 2.1. Consider a square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \xi & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \eta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

We call the square *cartesian* and ϕ a *cartesian morphism with respect to p* if the corresponding square of presheaves on \mathcal{E} is cartesian in the category of presheaves.

One can rephrase definition above in terms of presheaves as follows. Morphism $\phi : \xi \rightarrow \eta$ is cartesian with respect to p if the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathrm{Mor}_{\mathcal{E}}(\zeta, \zeta) & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Mor}_{\mathcal{E}}(1_{\zeta}, \phi)} & \mathrm{Mor}_{\mathcal{E}}(\zeta, \eta) \\
\downarrow p_{\mathrm{hom}} & & \downarrow p_{\mathrm{hom}} \\
\mathrm{Mor}_{\mathcal{B}}(p(\zeta), p(\zeta)) & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Mor}_{\mathcal{B}}(1_{p(\zeta)}, p(\phi))} & \mathrm{Mor}_{\mathcal{B}}(p(\zeta), p(\eta))
\end{array}$$

of classes is cartesian for every object ζ of \mathcal{E} .

Fact 2.2. Let $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a functor, let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of \mathcal{B} and let η be an object of \mathcal{E} . Suppose that $\phi_1 : \zeta_1 \rightarrow \eta, \phi_2 : \zeta_2 \rightarrow \eta$ are morphisms of \mathcal{E} that are cartesian with respect to p and assume that $p(\phi_1) = p(\phi_2)$. Then there exists a unique morphism $\theta : \zeta_1 \rightarrow \zeta_2$ such that $\phi_1 = \phi_2 \cdot \theta$. Moreover, θ is an isomorphism.

Proof. We use the presheaf reformulation of a definition of cartesian morphisms of p . It implies that there exists a unique natural transformation $\sigma : h_{\zeta_1}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_{\zeta_2}^{\mathcal{E}}$ such that $h_{\phi_1}^{\mathcal{E}} = h_{\phi_2}^{\mathcal{E}} \cdot \sigma$. Moreover, σ is a natural isomorphism. Since $h^{\mathcal{E}} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{E}}$ is full and faithful, we derive that there exists a unique morphism $\theta : \zeta_1 \rightarrow \zeta_2$ such that $h_{\theta}^{\mathcal{E}} = \sigma$. Then θ satisfies the assertion. \square

Definition 2.3. Let $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a functor, let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of \mathcal{B} and let η be an object of \mathcal{E} such that $p(\eta) = Y$. A pair (ζ, ϕ) such that ζ is an object of \mathcal{E} and $\phi : \zeta \rightarrow \eta$ is a morphism of \mathcal{E} is called a *pullback of η along f* if the following conditions are satisfied.

- (1) $p(\phi) = f$
- (2) ϕ is cartesian morphism of p .

Note that Fact 2.2 implies that pullbacks are unique up to a unique isomorphism.

Definition 2.4. Let $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a functor. Then p is a *fibred category* if and only if for every morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ of \mathcal{B} and every object η of \mathcal{E} such that $p(\eta) = Y$ there exists a pullback of η along f . If $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a fibred category, then we say that \mathcal{E} is *fibred over \mathcal{B} with respect to p* .

Now we give some examples of fibred categories. The first is a prototypical for the notion of a cartesian category. It shows that any category \mathcal{B} with fiber products gives rise in a canonical way to a fibred category over \mathcal{B} with cartesian arrows as cartesian squares in \mathcal{B} .

Example 2.5 (the fibred category of arrows). Let \mathcal{B} be a category. We define the category $\mathrm{Arr}(\mathcal{B})$ of arrows of \mathcal{B} as follows. Objects of $\mathrm{Arr}(\mathcal{B})$ are morphisms $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ of \mathcal{B} . Now if $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ and $\psi : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$ are objects of $\mathrm{Arr}(\mathcal{B})$, then a morphism $\pi \rightarrow \psi$ is a pair (f, ϕ) such that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $\phi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$ are morphisms in \mathcal{B} making the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \tilde{Y} \\
\pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\
X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y
\end{array}$$

commutative. There exists a functor $p_{\mathrm{Arr}} : \mathrm{Arr}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ given by formula $p_{\mathrm{Arr}}((f, \phi)) = f$. Suppose now that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $\psi : \tilde{Y} \rightarrow Y$ are morphisms of \mathcal{B} and there exists a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\tilde{X} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \tilde{Y} \\
\pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\
X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y
\end{array}$$

It is a direct consequence of the definition that (f, ϕ) is a cartesian morphisms of p_{Arr} if and only if the square above is cartesian. Thus p_{Arr} is a fibered category provided that \mathcal{B} admits fiber products.

Definition 2.6. Suppose that $p_1 : \mathcal{E}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ and $p_2 : \mathcal{E}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ are fibered categories. Then a functor $F : \mathcal{E}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_2$ is a *morphism of fibered categories* if the following two assertions are satisfied.

- (1) $p_1 = F \cdot p_2$ or in other words F is a functor over \mathcal{B} .
- (2) Image under F of a cartesian morphism of p_1 is a cartesian morphism of p_2 .

Next example is closely related to the previous one, but is of more topological flavour.

Example 2.7 (the fibered category vector bundles). Let **Top** be the category of topological spaces. We define a subcategory **VectBund** $_{\mathbb{R}}$ of **Arr(Top)** of vector bundles as follows. Objects of **VectBund** $_{\mathbb{R}}$ are topological \mathbb{R} -vector bundles $\pi : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow X$. Now if $\pi : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow X$ and $\psi : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow Y$ are topological \mathbb{R} -vector bundles, then a morphism $\pi \rightarrow \psi$ is a pair (f, ϕ) such that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map and $\phi : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{W}$ is a continuous making the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{V} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathcal{W} \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

commutative and moreover, ϕ induces an \mathbb{R} -linear map on fibers i.e. for each point x in X map ϕ induces an \mathbb{R} -linear map $\pi^{-1}(x) \rightarrow \psi^{-1}(f(x))$. Since topological vector bundles are stable under continuous change of base, we obtain a fibered category **VectBund** $_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow \text{Top}$ as the restriction of $p_{\text{Arr}} : \text{Arr}(\text{Top}) \rightarrow \text{Top}$. Thus we have a commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{VectBund}_{\mathbb{R}} & \hookrightarrow & \text{Arr}(\text{Top}) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow p_{\text{Arr}} \\ & \text{Top} & \end{array}$$

According to Example 2.5 the inclusion **VectBund** $_{\mathbb{R}} \hookrightarrow \text{Arr}(\text{Top})$ is a morphism of fibered categories.

3. PSEUDO-FUNCTORS AND FIBERED CATEGORIES OF ELEMENTS

Pseudo-functors are certain non-strict 2-functors. In this section we introduce a procedure that enables to construct a fibered category out of a pseudo-functor. We start by defining this notion.

Definition 3.1. Let \mathcal{B} be a category. Consider the tuple of collections

$$F = \left(\{F(X)\}_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{B})}, \{F(f)\}_{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})}, \{\Theta^{f,g}\}_{f,g \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B}), \text{cod}(f)=\text{dom}(g)}, \{\epsilon^X\}_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{B})} \right)$$

of the following data.

- (1) For each object X of \mathcal{B} a category $F(X)$.
- (2) For each arrow $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a functor $F(f) : F(Y) \rightarrow F(X)$.
- (3) For each object X of \mathcal{B} a natural isomorphism $\epsilon^X : 1_{F(X)} \rightarrow F(1_X)$.
- (4) For any two composable morphisms $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ of \mathcal{B} a natural isomorphism $\Theta^{g,f} : F(f) \cdot F(g) \rightarrow F(g \cdot f)$

Suppose that these data are subject to the following conditions.

(1) For every arrow $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{B} we have

$$1_{F(f)} = \Theta^{f, 1_X} \cdot \epsilon_{F(f)}^X, \quad 1_{F(f)} = \Theta^{1_Y, f} \cdot F(f) (\epsilon^Y)$$

(2) For any three morphisms $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow Z, h : Z \rightarrow W$ of \mathcal{B} the square of functors and natural isomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(f) \cdot F(g) \cdot F(h) & \xrightarrow{F(f)(\Theta^{h,g})} & F(f) \cdot F(h \cdot g) \\ \Theta_{F(h)}^{g,f} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Theta^{h,g,f} \\ F(g \cdot f) \cdot F(h) & \xrightarrow{\Theta^{h,g,f}} & F(h \cdot g \cdot f) \end{array}$$

is commutative.

Then F is called a *pseudo-functor* on \mathcal{B}

Now we show how to construct a fibered category from a pseudo-functor. Suppose that \mathcal{B} is a category and

$$F = (\{F(X)\}_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{B})}, \{F(f)\}_{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})}, \{\Theta^{f,g}\}_{f,g \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B}), \text{cod}(f)=\text{dom}(g)}, \{\epsilon^X\}_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{B})})$$

is a pseudo-functor on \mathcal{B} . We define a category $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$. Its objects are pairs (X, ξ) such that X is an object of \mathcal{B} and ξ is an object of $F(X)$. If (X, ξ) and (Y, η) are objects of $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$, then a morphism between these objects is a pair (f, σ) such that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a morphism of \mathcal{B} and $\sigma : \xi \rightarrow F(f)(\eta)$ is a morphism of $F(X)$. Now suppose that $(f, \sigma) : (X, \xi) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$ and $(g, \tau) : (Y, \eta) \rightarrow (Z, \zeta)$ are morphisms of $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$. Then we define their composition by formula

$$(g, \tau) \cdot (f, \sigma) = (g \cdot f, \Theta_{\xi}^{g,f} \cdot F(f)(\tau) \cdot \sigma)$$

Fact 3.2. $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$ is a well defined category.

Proof. We first verify that the composition of morphisms in $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$ is associative. Suppose that $(f, \sigma) : (X, \xi) \rightarrow (Y, \eta), (g, \tau) : (Y, \eta) \rightarrow (Z, \zeta), (h, \rho) : (Z, \zeta) \rightarrow (W, \omega)$ are morphisms of $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} ((h, \rho) \cdot (g, \tau)) \cdot (f, \sigma) &= (h \cdot g, \Theta_{\omega}^{h,g} \cdot F(g)(\rho) \cdot \tau) \cdot (f, \sigma) = \\ &= (h \cdot g \cdot f, \Theta_{\omega}^{h,g,f} \cdot F(f)(\Theta_{\omega}^{h,g} \cdot F(g)(\rho) \cdot \tau) \cdot \sigma) = (h \cdot g \cdot f, \Theta_{\omega}^{h,g,f} \cdot F(f)(\Theta_{\omega}^{h,g} \cdot F(f)(F(g)(\rho)) \cdot F(f)(\tau) \cdot \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (h, \rho) \cdot ((g, \tau) \cdot (f, \sigma)) &= (h, \rho) \cdot (g \cdot f, \Theta_{\xi}^{g,f} \cdot F(f)(\tau) \cdot \sigma) = \\ &= (h \cdot g \cdot f, \Theta_{\omega}^{h,g,f} \cdot F(g \cdot f)(\rho) \cdot \Theta_{\xi}^{g,f} \cdot F(f)(\tau) \cdot \sigma) = (h \cdot g \cdot f, \Theta_{\omega}^{h,g,f} \cdot \Theta_{F(h)(\omega)}^{g,f} \cdot F(f)(F(g)(\rho)) \cdot F(f)(\tau) \cdot \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Theta_{\omega}^{h,g,f} \cdot F(f)(\Theta_{\omega}^{h,g}) = \Theta_{\omega}^{h,g,f} \cdot \Theta_{F(h)(\omega)}^{g,f}$, we deduce that

$$((h, \rho) \cdot (g, \tau)) \cdot (f, \sigma) = (h, \rho) \cdot ((g, \tau) \cdot (f, \sigma))$$

and hence the composition in $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$ is associative. Next we prove that for each object (X, ξ) of $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$ there exists an identity morphism. We claim that $(1_X, \epsilon_{\xi}^X) : (X, \xi) \rightarrow (X, \xi)$ is the identity. Indeed, for morphisms $(f, \sigma) : (X, \xi) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$ and $(g, \tau) : (Z, \zeta) \rightarrow (X, \xi)$ we have

$$(f, \sigma) \cdot (1_X, \epsilon_{\xi}^X) = (f, \Theta_{\eta}^{f, 1_X} \cdot F(1_X)(\sigma) \cdot \epsilon_{\xi}^X) = (f, \Theta_{\eta}^{f, 1_X} \cdot \epsilon_{F(f)(\eta)}^X \cdot \sigma) = (f, \sigma)$$

and

$$(1_X, \epsilon_{\xi}^X) \cdot (g, \tau) = (g, \Theta_{\xi}^{1_X, g} \cdot F(g)(\epsilon_{\xi}^X) \cdot \tau) = (g, \tau)$$

Therefore, $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$ is a category. \square

Next we define a functor $p_F : \int_{\mathcal{B}} F \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ by formula

$$p_F \left((f, \sigma) : (X, \xi) \rightarrow (Y, \tau) \right) = f : X \rightarrow Y$$

This is clearly a well defined functor. Now we prove the following statement.

The functor $p_F : \int_{\mathcal{B}} F \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a fibered category.

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism in \mathcal{B} and η be an object of $F(Y)$. Thus (Y, η) is an object of $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$. It suffices to show that (Y, η) admits a pullback along f . We claim that

$$(f, 1_{F(f)(\eta)}) : (X, F(f)(\eta)) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$$

is a cartesian morphism of p_F that yields a pullback of η along f . To prove the claim consider an object (Z, ζ) of $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$ and suppose that $(g, \tau) : (Z, \zeta) \rightarrow (Y, \eta)$ is a morphism of $\int_{\mathcal{B}} F$ such that g factors through f . Then there exists $h : Z \rightarrow X$ such that $f \cdot h = g$. Note that $\tau : \zeta \rightarrow F(g)(\eta)$. Since $g = f \cdot h$, we have

$$\tau = \Theta_{\eta}^{f, h} \cdot \left(\Theta_{\eta}^{f, h} \right)^{-1} \cdot \tau = \Theta_{\eta}^{f, h} \cdot F(h)(1_{F(f)(\eta)}) \cdot \left(\Theta_{\eta}^{f, h} \right)^{-1} \cdot \tau$$

and hence

$$(g, \tau) = (f, 1_{F(f)(\eta)}) \cdot \left(h, \left(\Theta_{\eta}^{f, h} \right)^{-1} \cdot \tau \right)$$

Thus (g, τ) factors through $(f, 1_{F(f)(\eta)})$ and the formula above shows that this factorization is unique. Hence $(f, 1_{F(f)(\eta)})$ is a cartesian morphism of p_F . \square

Definition 3.3. Let \mathcal{B} be a category and let F be a pseudo-functor on \mathcal{B} . A fibered category $p_F : \int_{\mathcal{B}} F \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ constructed above is called *the fibered category of elements of the pseudo-functor F* .

It is possible to construct a pseudo-functor out of a fibered category. We will give a brief outline of this construction. For this we introduce notation that will be also used in other considerations.

Definition 3.4. Let $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a fibered category. For every object X of \mathcal{B} we denote by $p^{-1}(X)$ a subcategory of \mathcal{E} consisting of all morphisms $\phi : \xi \rightarrow \eta$ such that $p(\phi) = 1_X$. Then $p^{-1}(X)$ is called *the fiber of p over X* .

Suppose now that $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a fibered category. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism. For every object η in $p^{-1}(Y)$ we pick its pullback $\tilde{f}_{\eta} : f^* \eta \rightarrow \eta$ along f . By universal property of cartesian morphisms we deduce that this induces a functor $f^* : p^{-1}(Y) \rightarrow p^{-1}(X)$. Universal property of cartesian morphisms implies also the following assertions.

- (1) For each object X of \mathcal{B} we may choose $(1_X)^* = 1_{p^{-1}(X)}$.
- (2) For any two composable morphisms $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ of \mathcal{B} there exists a unique natural isomorphism $\Theta^{g,f}_\zeta : f^*g^*\zeta \rightarrow (g \cdot f)^*\zeta$ of functors such that for every ζ in $p^{-1}(Z)$ we have commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 f^*g^*\zeta & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_{g^*\zeta}} & g^*\zeta & \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}_\zeta} & \zeta \\
 \Theta^{g,f}_\zeta \downarrow & & & & \downarrow 1_\zeta \\
 (g \cdot f)^*\zeta & \xrightarrow{\tilde{g \cdot f}_\zeta} & & & \zeta
 \end{array}$$

From (1), (2) and Fact 2.2 one can deduce that the collection

$$(\{p^{-1}(X)\}_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{B})}, \{f^*\}_{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B})}, \{\Theta^{f,g}\}_{f,g \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{B}), \text{cod}(f)=\text{dom}(g)}, \{1_{p^{-1}(X)}\}_{X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{B})})$$

is a pseudo-functor.

Remark 3.5. The construction of the fibered category of elements is a part of 2-equivalence between appropriately defined category of pseudo-functors on \mathcal{B} and the category of fibered categories over \mathcal{B} .

4. EXAMPLE: QUASI-COHERENT SHEAVES

Note that all examples of fibered categories given so far were fibered subcategories of the fibered category of arrows $p_{\text{Arr}} : \text{Arr}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ for a given category \mathcal{B} with fibered-products. In this section we employ the procedure that produces a fibered category out of a pseudo-functor to obtain an important example of a category fibered over \mathbf{Sch}_k (the category of schemes over a ring k), which is not of this type.

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of k -schemes. We have an adjunction

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & f_* & \\
 \Omega\text{coh}(X) & \xrightleftharpoons{\quad \perp \quad} & \Omega\text{coh}(Y) \\
 & f^* &
 \end{array}$$

It is determined by the bijection

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(f^*\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}}^f} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{G}, f_*\mathcal{F})$$

Suppose now that $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ are morphisms of k -schemes. Since $(g \cdot f)_* = g_* \cdot f_*$, there exists a unique natural isomorphism $\Theta^{g,f} : f^*g^* \rightarrow (g \cdot f)^*$ such that for every quasi-coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} in $\Omega\text{coh}(X)$ and every quasi-coherent sheaf \mathcal{H} in $\Omega\text{coh}(Z)$ we have

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}}^{g \cdot f} = \Phi_{\mathcal{H}, f_*\mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \Phi_{g^*\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{H}}^{g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}})$$

Now we have the following result.

Fact 4.1. Suppose that $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ and $h : Z \rightarrow W$ are morphism of k -schemes. Then the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
f^* g^* h^* & \xrightarrow{f^* \Theta^{h,g}} & f^* (h \cdot g)^* \\
\Theta_{h^*}^{g,f} \downarrow & & \downarrow \Theta^{h,g,f} \\
(g \cdot f)^* h^* & \xrightarrow{\Theta^{h,g,f}} & (h \cdot g \cdot f)^*
\end{array}$$

of functors and natural isomorphisms is commutative.

Proof. Suppose that \mathcal{F} is an object of $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$ and \mathcal{K} is an object of $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(W)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, g_* f_* \mathcal{F}}^h \cdot \Phi_{h^* \mathcal{K}, f_* \mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \Phi_{g^* h^* \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{h^* \mathcal{K}}^{g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \\
& = \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, g_* f_* \mathcal{F}}^h \cdot \Phi_{h^* \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^{g \cdot f} \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{h^* \mathcal{K}}^{g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^{h \cdot g \cdot f}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, g_* f_* \mathcal{F}}^h \cdot \Phi_{h^* \mathcal{K}, f_* \mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \Phi_{g^* h^* \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(f^* \Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \\
& = \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, g_* f_* \mathcal{F}}^h \cdot \Phi_{h^* \mathcal{K}, f_* \mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g}, 1_{f_* \mathcal{F}}) \cdot \Phi_{(h \cdot g)^* \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \\
& = \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, f_* \mathcal{F}}^{h \cdot g} \cdot \Phi_{(h \cdot g)^* \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^{h \cdot g \cdot f}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we derive that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, g_* f_* \mathcal{F}}^h \cdot \Phi_{h^* \mathcal{K}, f_* \mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \Phi_{g^* h^* \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{h^* \mathcal{K}}^{g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \\
& = \Phi_{\mathcal{K}, g_* f_* \mathcal{F}}^h \cdot \Phi_{h^* \mathcal{K}, f_* \mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \Phi_{g^* h^* \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(f^* \Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}})
\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f} \cdot \Theta_{h^* \mathcal{K}}^{g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{h^* \mathcal{K}}^{g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \\
& = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(f^* \Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f} \cdot f^* \Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g}, 1_{\mathcal{F}})
\end{aligned}$$

Since this equality holds for every quasi-coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on X , we deduce that

$$\Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f} \cdot \Theta_{h^* \mathcal{K}}^{g,f} = \Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g,f} \cdot f^* \Theta_{\mathcal{K}}^{h,g}$$

for every quasi-coherent sheaf \mathcal{K} . This proves the assertion. \square

Note that for every k -scheme X we may assume that $(1_X)_* = 1_{\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)} = (1_X)^*$ and $\Phi_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}}^{1_X} = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(1_{\mathcal{F}}, 1_{\mathcal{G}})$.

Fact 4.2. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Z \rightarrow X$ be morphisms of k -schemes. Then

$$\Theta^{f, 1_X} = 1_{f^*}, \quad \Theta^{1_X, g} = 1_{g^*}$$

Proof. Suppose that \mathcal{F} is an object of $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$ and \mathcal{G} is an object of $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(Y)$. Then

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}}^f = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}}^{f \cdot 1_X} = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \Phi_{f^* \mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}}^{1_X} \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{G}}^{f, 1_X}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \Phi_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{F}}^f \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{G}}^{f, 1_X}, 1_{\mathcal{F}})$$

and thus $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Theta_{\mathcal{G}}^{f, 1_X}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(1_{f^* \mathcal{G}}, 1_{\mathcal{F}})$. Since this holds for every quasi-coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on X , we derive that $\Theta_{\mathcal{G}}^{f, 1_X} = 1_{f^* \mathcal{G}}$. Thus $\Theta^{f, 1_X} = 1_{f^*}$.

Suppose that \mathcal{H} is an object of $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(X)$ and \mathcal{F} is an object of $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh}(Z)$. Then

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}}^g = \Phi_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}}^{1_X \cdot g} = \Phi_{\mathcal{H}, g_* \mathcal{F}}^{1_X} \cdot \Phi_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Z}(\Theta_{\mathcal{H}}^{1_X, g}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \Phi_{\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{F}}^g \cdot \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Z}(\Theta_{\mathcal{H}}^{1_X, g}, 1_{\mathcal{F}})$$

and thus $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Z}(\Theta_{\mathcal{H}}^{1_X, g}, 1_{\mathcal{F}}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Z}(1_{g^* \mathcal{H}}, 1_{\mathcal{F}})$. Since this holds for every quasi-coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on Z , we derive that $\Theta_{\mathcal{H}}^{1_X, g} = 1_{g^* \mathcal{H}}$. Thus $\Theta^{1_X, g} = 1_{g^*}$. \square

Now Facts 4.1 and 4.2 imply that the collection

$$\left(\{ \mathfrak{Qcoh}(X) \}_{X \in \mathbf{Sch}_k}, \{ f^* \}_{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathbf{Sch}_k)}, \{ \Theta^{f,g} \}_{f,g \in \text{Mor}(\mathbf{Sch}_k), \text{cod}(f)=\text{dom}(g)}, \{ 1_{\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)} \}_{X \in \mathbf{Sch}_k} \right)$$

forms a pseudo-functor on \mathbf{Sch}_k .

Definition 4.3. The fibered category of quasi-coherent sheaves on \mathbf{Sch}_k is the fibered category of elements of the pseudo-functor

$$\left(\{ \mathfrak{Qcoh}(X) \}_{X \in \mathbf{Sch}_k}, \{ f^* \}_{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathbf{Sch}_k)}, \{ \Theta^{f,g} \}_{f,g \in \text{Mor}(\mathbf{Sch}_k), \text{cod}(f)=\text{dom}(g)}, \{ 1_{\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)} \}_{X \in \mathbf{Sch}_k} \right)$$

We denote it by $\mathfrak{Qcoh} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sch}_k$.

For every k -scheme X we have a category $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X))$ of quasi-coherent \mathcal{O}_X -algebras. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a morphism of k -schemes, then we have an adjunction

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & f_* & \\ \mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)) & \perp & \mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}(Y)) \\ & f^* & \end{array}$$

Using similar argument as above one can show that there exists a canonical structure of a pseudo-functor on the collection

$$\left(\{ \mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)) \}_{X \in \mathbf{Sch}_k}, \{ f^* \}_{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathbf{Sch}_k)} \right)$$

Definition 4.4. The fibered category of quasi-coherent algebras on \mathbf{Sch}_k is the fibered category of elements of the canonical pseudo-functor determined by the collection

$$\left(\{ \mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)) \}_{X \in \mathbf{Sch}_k}, \{ f^* \}_{f \in \text{Mor}(\mathbf{Sch}_k)} \right)$$

We denote it by $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sch}_k$.

Remark 4.5. For every k -scheme we also have a canonical functor $|-| : \mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)$ that forgets about an algebra structure. The collection of all these functors for all k -schemes gives rise to a morphism of fibered categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}) & \xrightarrow{|-|} & \mathfrak{Qcoh} \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & \mathbf{Sch}_k & \end{array}$$

Remark 4.6. Note that $\text{Arr}(\mathbf{Sch}_k)$ admits a fibered subcategory that consists of affine morphisms $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ of k -schemes. We denote this fibered category by $\mathbf{Aff}(\mathbf{Sch}_k) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sch}_k$. For every k -scheme X we have the relative affine spectrum functor $\text{Spec}_X : \mathbf{Alg}(\mathfrak{Qcoh}(X)) \rightarrow \mathbf{Aff}_X$. It is an equivalence of categories. Moreover, if $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a morphism of k -schemes and \mathcal{A} is a quasi-coherent \mathcal{O}_Y -algebra, then the canonical square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec}_X f^* \mathcal{A} & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}_Y \mathcal{A} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

is cartesian. Thus the collection of all these functors for all k -schemes gives rise to a morphism of fibered categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Alg}(\Omega\mathbf{co}\mathbf{h}) & \xrightarrow{\text{Spec}} & \mathbf{Aff}(\mathbf{Sch}_k) \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & \mathbf{Sch}_k & \end{array}$$

5. EQUIVARIANT OBJECTS IN FIBERED CATEGORIES

Let k be a commutative ring. The following notion is very useful for studying actions of algebraic groups and monoids.

Definition 5.1. Let X be a k -scheme and let \mathbf{M} be a monoid k -scheme with an action $a : \mathbf{M} \times_k X \rightarrow X$ on X . We denote by $\pi : \mathbf{M} \times_k X \rightarrow X$ the projection. Consider a pair (\mathcal{F}, τ) consisting of a quasi-coherent sheaf \mathcal{F} on X and an isomorphism $\tau : \pi^* \mathcal{F} \rightarrow a^* \mathcal{F}$. We call it a *quasi-coherent \mathbf{M} -sheaf* on (X, a) if the following equality

$$(\mu \times_k 1_X)^* \phi = (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times_k a)^* \phi \cdot \pi_{2,3}^* \phi$$

holds, where $\mu : \mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ is the multiplication on \mathbf{M} and $\pi_{2,3} : \mathbf{M} \times_k \mathbf{M} \times_k X \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \times_k X$ is the projection on last two factors.

Definition 5.2. Let X be a k -scheme and let \mathbf{M} be a monoid k -scheme with an action $a : \mathbf{M} \times_k X \rightarrow X$ on X . We denote by $\pi : \mathbf{M} \times_k X \rightarrow X$ the projection. Let (\mathcal{F}_1, τ_1) and (\mathcal{F}_2, τ_2) be quasi-coherent \mathbf{M} -sheaves on (X, a) . Suppose that $\phi : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ is a morphism of quasi-coherent sheaves on X such that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi^* \mathcal{F}_1 & \xrightarrow{\tau_1} & a^* \mathcal{F}_1 \\ \pi^* \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow a^* \phi \\ \pi^* \mathcal{F}_2 & \xrightarrow{\tau_2} & a^* \mathcal{F}_2 \end{array}$$

is commutative. Then ϕ is a *morphism of quasi-coherent \mathbf{M} -sheaves* on (X, a) . We denote by $\Omega\mathbf{co}\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{M}}(X)$ the category of quasi-coherent \mathbf{M} -sheaves and call it *the category of quasi-coherent \mathbf{M} -sheaves* on (X, a) .

Our goal in this section is to explain somewhat nonintuitive notion of quasi-coherent \mathbf{M} -sheaf on a k -scheme X equipped with action of \mathbf{M} . For this we use the machinery of fibered categories. We fix a fibered category $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$. If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and η is an object of $p^{-1}(Y)$, then we denote by $\tilde{f}_\eta : f^* \eta \rightarrow \eta$ a pullback of η . That is the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^* \eta & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_\eta} & \eta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

is cartesian. Using some choice of pullback we obtain a functor $f^* : p^{-1}(Y) \rightarrow p^{-1}(X)$. We start with the following observation.

Remark 5.3. Consider morphisms f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 in \mathcal{B} such that $g_1 \cdot f_1 = g_2 \cdot f_2$ with $\text{cod}(g_1) = Y = \text{cod}(g_2)$. For every object η in $p^{-1}(Y)$ we have a unique identification $f_1^* g_1^* \eta \cong f_2^* g_2^* \eta$ such that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
f_2^* g_2^* \eta \cong f_1^* g_1^* \eta & \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}_1^* g_1^* \eta} & g_1^* \eta \\
\tilde{f}_2^* g_2^* \eta \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{g}_2^* \eta \\
g_2^* \eta & \xrightarrow{\tilde{g}_2^* \eta} & \eta
\end{array}$$

is commutative.

Now we have the following result.

Fact 5.4. *Let X, \mathbf{M} be objects of \mathcal{B} and let ζ be an object of \mathcal{E} in $p^{-1}(X)$. Assume that the cartesian product of X and \mathbf{M} exists in \mathcal{B} and denote by $\pi : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ the projection. Then there exists a unique morphism (depicted by dotted arrow) such that the diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & & h_{\pi^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & \\
& & & \curvearrowright & \\
h_{\pi^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & & & & h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
\downarrow p_{\text{hom}} & \searrow \text{dotted} & h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{pr_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}}} & h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
& & \downarrow 1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times p_{\text{hom}} & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{=} & h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{pr_{h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p}} & h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \\
& \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
& & (h_{\pi}^{\mathcal{B}})_p & &
\end{array}$$

is commutative, where $pr_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}}$ and $pr_{h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p}$ are projections. Moreover, this morphism is an isomorphism.

Proof. This is a consequence of the fact that both squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{pr_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}}} & h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
\downarrow 1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times p_{\text{hom}} & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{pr_{h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p}} & h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
h_{\pi^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{h_{\pi^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}} & h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
\downarrow p_{\text{hom}} & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_{\pi}^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p
\end{array}$$

are cartesian. □

Fix now two objects \mathbf{M} and X on \mathcal{B} such that product of \mathbf{M} and X exists. Denote by $\pi : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ the projection on X . Let $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ be a morphism in \mathcal{B} , let ζ be an object in $p^{-1}(X)$ and let $\sigma : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}$ be a morphism of presheaves on \mathcal{E} . Suppose that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
\downarrow p_{\text{hom}} & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_a^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p
\end{array}$$

is commutative. According to Fact 5.4 we deduce that σ is representable by some morphism $\alpha^\sigma : \pi^* \zeta \rightarrow \zeta$ of \mathcal{E} . By universal property of cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a^* \zeta & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{a}_\zeta} & \zeta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{M} \times X & \xrightarrow{a} & X \end{array}$$

we deduce that there exists a unique morphism $\tau^\sigma : \pi^* \zeta \rightarrow a^* \zeta$ in $p^{-1}(\mathbf{M} \times X)$ such that $\alpha^\sigma = \widetilde{a}_\zeta \cdot \tau^\sigma$. Using this notation and Fact 5.4 we can now state the following result.

Proposition 5.5. *Let \mathbf{M} be a monoid object in \mathcal{B} and let X be an object of \mathcal{B} equipped with an action $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ of \mathbf{M} on X . Denote by $\pi : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ the projection on X . Consider an object ζ in $p^{-1}(X)$ and let $\sigma : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}}$ be a morphism of presheaves on \mathcal{E} . Suppose that the square*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}} \\ p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\ h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_a^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \end{array}$$

is commutative. Then the following assertions are equivalent.

(i) σ is an action of monoid presheaf $h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p$ on a presheaf $h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}}$.

(ii) Morphism τ^σ satisfies (up to identifications described in Remark 5.3) the identities

$$(\mu \times 1_X)^* \tau^\sigma = (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a)^* \tau^\sigma \cdot \pi_{2,3}^* \tau^\sigma, \langle e, 1_X \rangle^* \tau^\sigma = 1_\zeta$$

where $\mu : \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ is the multiplication on \mathbf{M} , $\pi_{2,3} : \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \times X$ is the projection on last two factors and $e : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ is the unit of \mathbf{M} .

Proof. Our first goal is to prove that

$$\sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times \sigma) = \sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mu}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times 1_{h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}}})$$

if and only if

$$(1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a)^* \tau^\sigma \cdot \pi_{2,3}^* \tau^\sigma = (\mu \times 1_X)^* \tau^\sigma$$

First note that the commutative square of presheaves

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{a^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times h_{a^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}} & h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}} \\ p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\ h_{\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{h_{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a}^{\mathcal{B}}} & h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \end{array}$$

on \mathcal{E} is cartesian. Next according to Fact 5.4 we infer that projections

$$pr_{h_{a^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}} : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{a^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_{a^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}, pr_{h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}}} : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_\zeta^{\mathcal{E}}$$

are representable by morphisms $\widetilde{\pi_{23 a^* \zeta}} : \pi_{2,3}^* a^* \zeta \rightarrow a^* \zeta$, $\widetilde{\pi_\zeta} : \pi^* \zeta \rightarrow \zeta$ in \mathcal{E} , respectively. Thus $1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times h_{a^* \zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}$ is representable by a cartesian morphism

$$\pi_{23}^* a^* \zeta \xrightarrow{\cong} (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a)^* \pi^* \zeta \xrightarrow{(\widetilde{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a})_{\pi^* \zeta}} \pi^* \zeta$$

where \cong is the identification described in Remark 5.3. Since we have equality

$$\sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times \sigma) = h_{\widetilde{a}_{\zeta}}^{\mathcal{E}} \cdot h_{\tau^{\sigma}}^{\mathcal{E}} \cdot (1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times h_{\widetilde{a}_{\zeta}}^{\mathcal{E}}) \cdot (1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times h_{\tau^{\sigma}}^{\mathcal{E}})$$

we derive that $\sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times \sigma)$ is representable (again up to identifications of Remark 5.3) by a morphism

$$\widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot \tau^{\sigma} \cdot (\widetilde{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a})_{\pi^* \zeta} \cdot \pi_{23}^* \tau^{\sigma} = \widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot (\widetilde{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a})_{a^* \zeta} \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a)^* \tau^{\sigma} \cdot \pi_{23}^* \tau^{\sigma}$$

in \mathcal{E} . Next note that the square of presheaves on \mathcal{E}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{h_{\mu}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}}} & h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \\ \text{can} \times p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\ h_{\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_{\mu \times 1_X}^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \end{array}$$

is cartesian. According to Fact 5.4 we infer that projections

$$pr_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}} : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}, \quad pr_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}} : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}$$

are representable by morphisms $\widetilde{\pi_{23} \pi^* \zeta} : \pi_{23}^* \pi^* \zeta \rightarrow \pi^* \zeta$, $\widetilde{\pi_{\zeta}} : \pi^* \zeta \rightarrow \zeta$ in \mathcal{E} , respectively. Thus $h_{\mu}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}}$ is representable by a cartesian morphism

$$\pi_{23}^* \pi^* \zeta \xrightarrow{\cong} (\mu \times 1_X)^* \pi^* \zeta \xrightarrow{(\widetilde{\mu \times 1_X})_{\pi^* \zeta}} \pi^* \zeta$$

where \cong is the identification described in Remark 5.3. Since we have equality

$$\sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mu}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}}) = h_{\widetilde{a}_{\zeta}}^{\mathcal{E}} \cdot h_{\tau^{\sigma}}^{\mathcal{E}} \cdot (1_{h_{\mu}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}})$$

we derive that $\sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mu}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}})$ is representable (again up to identifications of Remark 5.3) by a morphism

$$\widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot \tau^{\sigma} \cdot (\widetilde{\mu \times 1_X})_{\pi^* \zeta} = \widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot (\widetilde{\mu \times 1_X})_{a^* \zeta} \cdot (\mu \times 1_X)^* \tau^{\sigma}$$

We deduce that

$$\sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times \sigma) = \sigma \cdot (1_{h_{\mu}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p} \times 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}})$$

if and only if

$$\widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot (\widetilde{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a})_{a^* \zeta} \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a)^* \tau^{\sigma} \cdot \pi_{23}^* \tau^{\sigma} = \widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot (\widetilde{\mu \times 1_X})_{a^* \zeta} \cdot (\mu \times 1_X)^* \tau^{\sigma}$$

Since $a \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a) = a \cdot (\mu \times 1_X)$ and according to Remark 5.3, we have canonical identification $\widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot (\widetilde{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a})_{a^* \zeta} = \widetilde{a}_{\zeta} \cdot (\widetilde{\mu \times 1_X})_{a^* \zeta}$. Therefore, we deduce that the formula above holds if and only if

$$(1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a)^* \tau^{\sigma} \cdot \pi_{23}^* \tau^{\sigma} = (\mu \times 1_X)^* \tau^{\sigma}$$

This proves our first claim. Now it suffices to prove that

$$\sigma \cdot \langle h_e^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p, 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}} \rangle = 1_{h_{\zeta}^{\mathcal{E}}}$$

if and only if $\langle e, 1_X \rangle^* \tau^{\sigma} = 1_{\zeta}$. Note that the square of presheaves on \mathcal{E}

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{\langle h_e^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p, 1_{h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}}} \rangle} & h_{\mathbf{M}, p}^{\mathcal{B}} \times h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_{(e, 1_X)}^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_{\mathbf{M} \times X, p}^{\mathcal{B}}
\end{array}$$

is cartesian. Thus according to Fact 5.4 we derive that $\langle h_e^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p, 1_{h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}}} \rangle$ is representable by morphism

$$\xi \xrightarrow{\cong} \langle e, 1_X \rangle^* \pi^* \xi \xrightarrow{\widehat{\langle e, 1_X \rangle}_{\pi^* \xi}} \pi^* \xi$$

where \cong is the identification described in Remark 5.3. Therefore, the morphism $\sigma \cdot \langle h_e^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p, 1_{h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}}} \rangle$ is representable (up to identifications of Remark 5.3) by

$$\widetilde{a}_{\xi} \cdot \tau^{\sigma} \cdot \widehat{\langle e, 1_X \rangle}_{\pi^* \xi} = \widetilde{a}_{\xi} \cdot \widehat{\langle e, 1_X \rangle}_{a^* \xi} \cdot \langle e, 1_X \rangle^* \tau^{\sigma} = \langle e, 1_X \rangle^* \tau^{\sigma}$$

Thus

$$\sigma \cdot \langle h_e^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p, 1_{h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}}} \rangle = 1_{h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}}}$$

if and only if

$$\langle e, 1_X \rangle^* \tau^{\sigma} = 1_{\xi}$$

This finishes the proof. \square

Fact 5.6. Let \mathbf{M}, X be objects of \mathcal{B} such that the cartesian product of \mathbf{M} and X exist. Let $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ be a morphism. Denote by $\pi : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ the projection on X . Consider objects ξ_1, ξ_2 in $p^{-1}(X)$ and let $\sigma_1 : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\xi_1}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_{\xi_1}^{\mathcal{E}}, \sigma_2 : h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\xi_2}^{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow h_{\xi_2}^{\mathcal{E}}$ be morphisms of presheaves on \mathcal{E} . Suppose that squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\xi_1}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} & h_{\xi_1}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_a^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\xi_2}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} & h_{\xi_2}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
h_{\mathbf{M} \times X}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{(h_a^{\mathcal{B}})_p} & h_X^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p
\end{array}$$

are commutative. Let $\phi : \xi_1 \rightarrow \xi_2$ be a morphism in \mathcal{E} . Then the following assertions are equivalent.

(i) The square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\xi_1}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} & h_{\xi_1}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
1_{h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \times h_{\phi}^{\mathcal{E}}} \downarrow & & \downarrow h_{\xi}^{\mathcal{E}} \\
h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}} \cdot p \times h_{\xi_2}^{\mathcal{E}} & \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} & h_{\xi_2}^{\mathcal{E}}
\end{array}$$

is commutative.

(ii) The square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\pi^* \tilde{\zeta}_1 & \xrightarrow{\tau^{\sigma_1}} & a^* \tilde{\zeta}_1 \\
\pi^* \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow a^* \phi \\
\pi^* \tilde{\zeta}_2 & \xrightarrow{\tau^{\sigma_2}} & a^* \tilde{\zeta}_2
\end{array}$$

is commutative.

Proof. Note that up to identifications of Remark 5.3 and according to Fact 5.4 morphism $h_\phi^\mathcal{E} \cdot \sigma_1$ is representable by

$$\phi \cdot \alpha^{\sigma_1} = \phi \cdot \tilde{a}_{\tilde{\zeta}_1} \cdot \tau^{\sigma_1} = \tilde{a}_{\tilde{\zeta}_2} \cdot a^* \phi \cdot \tau^{\sigma_1}$$

and on the other hand morphism $\sigma_2 \cdot (1_{h_M^\mathcal{B} \cdot p} \times h_\phi^\mathcal{E})$ is representable by

$$\alpha^{\sigma_2} \cdot \pi^* \phi = \tilde{a}_{\tilde{\zeta}_2} \cdot \tau^{\sigma_2} \cdot \pi^* \phi$$

Since $\tilde{a}_{\tilde{\zeta}_2}$ is cartesian with respect to p , we derive that

$$h_\phi^\mathcal{E} \cdot \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 \cdot (1_{h_M^\mathcal{B} \cdot p} \times h_\phi^\mathcal{E})$$

if and only if

$$a^* \phi \cdot \tau^{\sigma_1} = \tau^{\sigma_2} \cdot \pi^* \phi$$

This proves the assertion. \square

Guided by these two results we formulate a general notion of equivariant object in a fibered category.

Definition 5.7. Let $M : \mathcal{B}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Mon}$ be a presheaf of monoids on \mathcal{B} and assume that for some object X of \mathcal{B} the presheaf $h_X^\mathcal{B}$ admits an action of M given by the morphism $\alpha : M \times h_X^\mathcal{B} \rightarrow h_X^\mathcal{B}$. Consider an object ζ in $p^{-1}(X)$. Suppose that there is an action $\sigma : M \cdot p \times h_\zeta^\mathcal{E} \rightarrow h_\zeta^\mathcal{E}$ of a monoid presheaf $M \cdot p$ on $h_\zeta^\mathcal{E}$ such that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
M \cdot p \times h_\zeta^\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & h_\zeta^\mathcal{E} \\
1_{M \cdot p} \times p_{\text{hom}} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\text{hom}} \\
M \cdot p \times h_X^\mathcal{B} \cdot p & \xrightarrow{\alpha_p} & h_X^\mathcal{B} \cdot p
\end{array}$$

is commutative. Then a pair (ζ, σ) is called an M -equivariant object over α .

Definition 5.8. Let $M : \mathcal{B}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Mon}$ be a presheaf of monoids on \mathcal{B} and assume that for some object X of \mathcal{B} the presheaf $h_X^\mathcal{B}$ admits an action of M given by the morphism $\alpha : M \times h_X^\mathcal{B} \rightarrow h_X^\mathcal{B}$. Suppose that (ζ_1, σ_1) and (ζ_2, σ_2) are objects over X with M -equivariant structures. Then a morphism $\phi : \zeta_1 \rightarrow \zeta_2$ in \mathcal{E} is M -equivariant if the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
M \cdot p \times h_{\zeta_1}^\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} & h_{\zeta_1}^\mathcal{E} \\
1_{M \cdot p} \times h_\phi^\mathcal{E} \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\
M \cdot p \times h_{\zeta_2}^\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} & h_{\zeta_2}^\mathcal{E}
\end{array}$$

is commutative.

We denote the category of M -equivariant objects over α with respect to the fibered category $p : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ by $p^{-1}(X)_M$.

Now we can apply Proposition 5.5 and Fact 5.6 to the fibered category $\mathcal{Q}\text{coh} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sch}_k$.

Corollary 5.9. *Suppose that \mathbf{M} is a monoid k -scheme that acts on a k -scheme X through morphism $a : \mathbf{M} \times_k X \rightarrow X$ of k -schemes. Then the category $\mathcal{Q}\mathrm{coh}(X)_{\mathbf{M}}$ is isomorphic to the category of $h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathrm{Sch}_k}$ -objects over $h_a^{\mathrm{Sch}_k}$ with respect to the fibered category $\mathcal{Q}\mathrm{coh} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sch}_k$.*

Moreover, we have the following general result.

Corollary 5.10. *Let \mathcal{B} be a category with all finite limits. Suppose that \mathbf{M} is a monoid object in \mathcal{B} that acts on an object X of \mathcal{B} via $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$. Then the category of $h_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathcal{B}}$ -objects over $h_a^{\mathcal{B}}$ with respect to the fibered category $p_{\mathrm{Arr}} : \mathrm{Arr}(\mathcal{B}) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is isomorphic to the category of \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphisms $\pi : \tilde{X} \rightarrow X$ as objects and with*

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In this section we fix a commutative ring k . Let \mathbf{M} be a monoids scheme and let X be a k -scheme together with an action $a : \mathbf{M} \times_k X \rightarrow X$ of \mathbf{M} .

7. EXAMPLE: PRINCIPAL BUNDLES

We devote this section to another important example of a fibered category. We fix a category with finite limits \mathcal{B} and a monoid object \mathbf{M} of \mathcal{B} . We denote by $\mu : \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ and $e : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ the multiplication and unit of \mathbf{M} , respectively.

Definition 7.1. Let \mathcal{P} be an object of \mathcal{B} equipped with an action of \mathbf{M} , let T be an object of \mathcal{B} with trivial action of \mathbf{M} and let $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow T$ be an \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism with respect to these \mathbf{M} -actions. We say that \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism π is a *trivial principal \mathbf{M} -bundle on T* if there exists an \mathbf{M} -equivariant isomorphism $\phi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \times T$ such that $\mathbf{M} \times T$ is equipped with an action of \mathbf{M} given by $\mu \times 1_T$ and the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathbf{M} \times T \\ \pi \searrow & & \swarrow \mathrm{pr}_T \\ & T & \end{array}$$

is commutative.

Definition 7.2. Let \mathcal{P} be an object of \mathcal{B} equipped with an action of \mathbf{M} , let T be an object of \mathcal{B} with trivial action of \mathbf{M} and let $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow T$ be a \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism with respect to these \mathbf{M} -actions. Consider a sieve S on T . For every arrow $g : \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$ in S we construct a cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g^*\mathcal{P} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P} \\ \pi_g \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \tilde{T} & \xrightarrow{g} & T \end{array}$$

in \mathcal{B} . We consider g as an \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism with respect to trivial \mathbf{M} -actions on T and \tilde{T} . Then there exists a unique action of \mathbf{M} on $g^*\mathcal{P}$ which makes π_g into an \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism in such a way that the square consists of objects of \mathcal{B} with \mathbf{M} -actions and \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphisms. Suppose that \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism π_g is a trivial principal \mathbf{M} -bundle on \tilde{T} for every g in S . Then we say that S *trivializes* π .

In the remaining part of this section we fix a Grothendieck topology \mathcal{J} on \mathcal{B} .

Definition 7.3. Let \mathcal{P} be an object of \mathcal{B} equipped with an action of \mathbf{M} , let T be an object of \mathcal{B} with trivial action of \mathbf{M} and let $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow T$ be a \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism with respect to these \mathbf{M} -actions. Suppose that there exists a covering sieve S in $\mathcal{J}(T)$ that trivializes π . Then π is called a *principal \mathbf{M} -bundle with respect to \mathcal{J}* .

Now we define a category $\mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}$ that depends on the site $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{J})$. Its objects are principal \mathbf{M} -bundles with respect to \mathcal{J} and if $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow T$ and $\psi : Q \rightarrow Z$ are principal \mathbf{M} -bundles with respect to \mathcal{J} , then a morphism $\pi \rightarrow \psi$ is a pair (f, ϕ) such that $f : T \rightarrow Z$ and $\phi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow Q$ are morphisms in \mathcal{B} such that ϕ is \mathbf{M} -equivariant and the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Q \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ T & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

is commutative. We have a functor $p_{\mathbf{M}, \mathcal{J}} : \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ given by $p_{\mathbf{M}, \mathcal{J}}((f, \phi)) = f$. Let $\psi : Q \rightarrow Z$ be a principal \mathbf{M} -bundle with respect to \mathcal{J} and let $f : T \rightarrow Z$ be a morphism. Consider the cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*Q & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Q \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ T & \xrightarrow{f} & Z \end{array}$$

in \mathcal{B} . Then by the universal property there exists a unique action of \mathbf{M} on f^*Q such that the square above consists of \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphisms (T, Z are equipped with trivial \mathbf{M} -actions). Moreover, with respect to this action $\psi : f^*Q \rightarrow T$ becomes a principal \mathbf{M} -bundle with respect to \mathcal{J} . Indeed, if S is in $\mathcal{J}(Z)$ and S trivializes ψ , then its pullback f^*S trivializes π and is an element of $\mathcal{J}(T)$ (by definition of a Grothendieck topology). This shows that $p_{\mathbf{M}, \mathcal{J}} : \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a fibered category. Moreover, we have a functor $\mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \text{Arr}(\mathcal{B})$ that forgets about \mathbf{M} -actions. Hence there exists commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \text{Arr}(\mathcal{B}) \\ & \searrow p_{\mathbf{M}, \mathcal{J}} & \swarrow p_{\text{Arr}} \\ & \mathcal{B} & \end{array}$$

According to Example 2.5 and description of cartesian morphisms of $p_{\mathbf{M}, \mathcal{J}}$ the functor $\mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \text{Arr}(\mathcal{B})$ described above is a morphism of fibered categories.

Definition 7.4. $p_{\mathbf{M}, \mathcal{J}} : \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is called *the fibered category of principal \mathbf{M} -bundles on $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{J})$* .

From now suppose that X is an object of \mathcal{B} equipped with an action $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ of \mathbf{M} . We define a category $[X/\mathbf{M}]$ depending on a and the site $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{J})$ as follows. Its objects are pairs (π, α) such that π is a principal \mathbf{M} -bundle with respect to \mathcal{J} and α is a \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism. We depict them by diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P} & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & X \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ T & & \end{array}$$

Suppose that $(\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow T, \alpha : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow X)$ and $(\psi : Q \rightarrow Z, \beta : Q \rightarrow X)$ are two such objects. Then a morphism $(\pi, \alpha) \rightarrow (\psi, \beta)$ is a morphism $(f, \phi) : \pi \rightarrow \psi$ in $\mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}$ such that $\alpha = \beta \cdot \phi$. We have a

functor $[X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}$ which sends (π, α) to π . We denote by $p_{a,\mathcal{J}} : [X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ the composition of this functor $[X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}$ with $p_{\mathbf{M},\mathcal{J}} : \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$. By description of cartesian morphisms of $p_{\mathbf{M},\mathcal{J}}$ we deduce that $p_{a,\mathcal{J}}$ is a fibered category. We have a commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [X/\mathbf{M}] & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \\ & \searrow p_{a,\mathcal{J}} & \swarrow p_{\mathbf{M},\mathcal{J}} \\ & \mathcal{B} & \end{array}$$

and the functor $[X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}$ described above is a morphism of fibered categories. Note that if $\mathbf{1}$ is a terminal object of \mathcal{B} equipped with trivial action of \mathbf{M} , then we have a canonical isomorphism $[\mathbf{1}/\mathbf{M}] \cong \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}$ of categories over \mathcal{B} .

Definition 7.5. $p_{\mathbf{M},\mathcal{J},X} : \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is called the *quotient fibered category of \mathbf{M} -object X on $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{J})$* .

Results below show that up to some mild assumptions on Grothendieck topology \mathcal{J} fibered category $p_{a,\mathcal{J}} : [X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ encapsulates all essential information concerning action of \mathbf{M} on X . We start with the following observation.

Fact 7.6. Let X, Y be objects of \mathcal{B} equipped with actions $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ and $b : \mathbf{M} \times Y \rightarrow Y$ of \mathbf{M} . Consider a functor $F : [X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow [Y/\mathbf{M}]$ such that the triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [X/\mathbf{M}] & \xrightarrow{\quad F \quad} & [Y/\mathbf{M}] \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M} & \end{array}$$

is commutative, where two other sides are canonical functors. Then F is a morphism of fibered categories $p_{a,\mathcal{J}}$ and $p_{b,\mathcal{J}}$.

Proof. The commutativity of the triangle implies that $F \cdot p_{b,\mathcal{J}} = p_{a,\mathcal{J}}$. Since a morphism in $[X/\mathbf{M}]$ is cartesian with respect to $p_{a,\mathcal{J}}$ if and only if its image under the canonical functor $[X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow \mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}$ is cartesian with respect to $p_{\mathbf{M},\mathcal{J}}$ and the same holds for $p_{b,\mathcal{J}}$, we derive that F sends cartesian morphisms of $p_{a,\mathcal{J}}$ to cartesian morphisms of $p_{b,\mathcal{J}}$. \square

Let X, Y be objects of \mathcal{B} equipped with actions $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ and $b : \mathbf{M} \times Y \rightarrow Y$ of \mathbf{M} . We denote the class of functors in Fact 7.6 by $\text{Mor}_{\mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}}([X/\mathbf{M}], [Y/\mathbf{M}])$. We also denote (by abuse of notation) the class of \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism $(X, a) \rightarrow (Y, b)$ by $\text{Mor}_{\mathbf{M}}(X, Y)$.

Theorem 7.7. Let $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{J})$ be a Grothendieck site and assume that representable presheaves on \mathcal{B} are separated with respect to \mathcal{J} . Let X, Y be objects of \mathcal{B} equipped with \mathbf{M} -actions $a : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ and $b : \mathbf{M} \times Y \rightarrow Y$, respectively. Then there exists a bijection

$$\text{Mor}_{\mathbf{M}}(X, Y) \cong \text{Mor}_{\mathbb{B}\mathbf{M}}([X/\mathbf{M}], [Y/\mathbf{M}])$$

that sends an \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism f to a functor $F : [X/\mathbf{M}] \rightarrow [Y/\mathbf{M}]$ such that

Proof. Note that $(\mathbf{M} \times X, \mu \times 1_X)$ is an object of \mathcal{B} equipped with the action of \mathbf{M} . Next the projection $\pi : \mathbf{M} \times X \rightarrow X$ can be considered as a \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism from this \mathbf{M} -object to X with the trivial action of \mathbf{M} . Since the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times X & \xrightarrow{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a} & \mathbf{M} \times X \\ \mu \times 1_X \downarrow & & \downarrow a \\ \mathbf{M} \times X & \xrightarrow{a} & X \end{array}$$

is commutative, we derive that a is \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism $(\mathbf{M} \times X, \mu \times 1_X) \rightarrow (X, a)$. This gives (pr_X, a) the structure of an object of $[X/\mathbf{M}]$. The functor F sends it to some object of $[Y/\mathbf{M}]$. This object is necessarily of the form (pr_X, α) for some \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism $\alpha : (\mathbf{M} \times X, \mu \times 1_X) \rightarrow (Y, b)$. Indeed, this follows from the fact that F is over \mathbf{BM} . We define $f = \alpha \cdot \langle e, 1_X \rangle$. Consider now some object T of \mathcal{B} and the projection $\text{pr}_T : \mathbf{M} \times T \rightarrow T$ considered as a trivial principal \mathbf{M} -bundle. Let (pr_T, c) be an object of $[X/\mathbf{M}]$. Then c is an \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism $c : (\mathbf{M} \times T, \mu \times 1_T) \rightarrow (X, a)$. Functor F sends (pr_T, c) to some object (pr_T, γ) . We claim that $\gamma = f \cdot c$. Let $\text{pr}_{23} : \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times T \rightarrow \mathbf{M} \times T$ be the projection on the last two factors. There are diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{\mu \times 1_T} & \mathbf{M} \times T \xrightarrow{c} X \\ \text{pr}_{23} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{pr}_T \\ \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_T} & T \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times c} & \mathbf{M} \times X \xrightarrow{a} X \\ \text{pr}_{23} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{pr}_T \\ \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{c} & X \end{array}$$

representing morphisms

$$(\text{pr}_T, \mu \times 1_T) : (\text{pr}_{23}, c \cdot (\mu \times 1_T)) \rightarrow (\text{pr}_T, c), (c, 1_{\mathbf{M}} \times c) : (\text{pr}_{23}, a \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times c)) \rightarrow (\text{pr}_X, a)$$

in $[X/\mathbf{M}]$. Moreover, c is \mathbf{M} -equivariant $(\mathbf{M} \times T, \mu \times 1_T) \rightarrow (X, a)$ and we derive that $c \cdot (\mu \times 1_T) = a \cdot (c \times 1_{\mathbf{M}})$. Thus the morphisms in $[X/\mathbf{M}]$ described above have common domain. Since F is over \mathbf{BM} , we derive that their images under F are

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{\mu \times 1_T} & \mathbf{M} \times T \xrightarrow{\gamma} X \\ \text{pr}_{23} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{pr}_T \\ \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_T} & T \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{1_{\mathbf{M}} \times c} & \mathbf{M} \times X \xrightarrow{a} X \\ \text{pr}_{23} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{pr}_X \\ \mathbf{M} \times T & \xrightarrow{c} & X \end{array}$$

This implies that $\gamma \cdot (\mu \times 1_T) = a \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times c)$. We deduce that

$$\gamma \cdot (\mu \times 1_T) \cdot \langle e, 1_{\mathbf{M} \times X} \rangle = a \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times c) \cdot \langle e, 1_{\mathbf{M} \times X} \rangle = a \cdot \langle e, 1_X \rangle \cdot c = f \cdot c$$

and the claim is proved. We apply this to a to derive that $a = f \cdot a$. Next recall that $a \cdot (\mu \times 1_X) = b \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a)$ because a is an \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism $(\mathbf{M} \times X, \mu \times 1_X) \rightarrow (Y, b)$. Thus

$$b \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times f) = b \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times a) \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times \langle e, 1_X \rangle) = a \cdot (\mu \times 1_X) \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times \langle e, 1_X \rangle) = a$$

Hence $f \cdot a = a = b \cdot (1_{\mathbf{M}} \times f)$. Thus f is \mathbf{M} -equivariant. Now consider any principal \mathbf{M} -bundle $\pi : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow T$ with respect to \mathcal{J} and let $d : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow X$ be a \mathbf{M} -equivariant morphism to (X, a) . We know that F sends (π, d) to some object of $[Y/\mathbf{M}]$ of the form (π, δ) . It suffices to prove that $\delta = f \cdot d$. For this consider a sieve S in $\mathcal{J}(T)$ such that S trivializes π . Pick $g : \tilde{T} \rightarrow T$ in S and a cartesian square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g^* \mathcal{P} & \xrightarrow{g'} & \mathcal{P} \\ \pi_g \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\ \tilde{T} & \xrightarrow{g} & T \end{array}$$

Then $(\pi_g, d \cdot g')$ is an object of $[X/\mathbf{M}]$. Since F is over \mathbf{BM} , we derive that $F(\pi_g, d \cdot g') = (\pi_g, \delta \cdot g')$. By definition π_g is trivial \mathbf{M} -bundle. Thus we have

$$\delta \cdot g' = f \cdot d \cdot g'$$

This holds for pullback g' of every g in S along π . These pullbacks $\{g'\}_{g \in S}$ generate some sieve S' on \mathcal{P} and the formula

$$\delta \cdot h = f \cdot d \cdot h$$

holds for every h in S' . Moreover, S' is a covering sieve i.e. $S' \in \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{P})$. According to assumption on \mathcal{J} we infer that $h^{\mathcal{P}} = \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{B}}(-, \mathcal{P}) : \mathcal{B}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ is a separated presheaf with respect to \mathcal{J} . Thus the formula

$$\delta \cdot h = f \cdot d \cdot h$$

which holds for every h in S' implies that $\delta = f \cdot d$. □