

Notes on *Manifolds, sheaves and cohomology*

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1. Notations

- X, Y, Z : topological spaces.
 - τ_X : the topology of space X , i.e., the set of open sets.
- F, G : general (pre)sheaves.
- \mathcal{O}_X : structure sheaf associated with ringed space X .
 - For open set $U \subset X$, we use \mathcal{O}_U to denote $\mathcal{O}_X|_U$.
- \mathbb{K} : used for denoting \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} .
- α : a generalized natural number, i.e., $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ or $\alpha = \infty$.
- C_X^α : Sheaf of C^α functions, on a suitable space X .

Warning: All “(pre)manifolds” are either C^α real-(pre)manifolds for some α , or C^ω complex-(pre)manifolds.

To be more informative we may use:

- (M, C_M^α) : for real-manifolds;
 - (M, hol_M) : for complex-manifolds;
 - (M, \mathcal{O}_M) : for general manifolds;
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2. Presheaf of (E -valued) functions

Given a bare set E , those presheaves P such that $P(U)$ is some kind of subset of $\text{Set}(U, E)$ for all opens U , where the restriction map is the obvious one.

3. Sheaf valued at the empty set

For sheaf F defined on a topological space X , we claim that $F(\emptyset) = \text{singleton}$. The reason is that the empty-indexed product in any category is its (if exists) initial object, in the category **Set** this means that $\prod_{\emptyset} = \text{singleton}$. Also note that $\coprod_{\emptyset} = \emptyset$.

So $\coprod_{\emptyset} = \emptyset$ is a cover of \emptyset , and since F is a sheaf,

$$F(\emptyset) \rightarrow \prod_{\emptyset} = \prod_{\emptyset}$$

is an equalizer, so $F(\emptyset) = \text{singleton}$.

4. Morphisms between stalks are always more convenient

- The possible reason of this phenomena is that, in general you can't go back from a set of local data to global data in presheaves, and *sheaves* are about local data, so it is difficult to define a morphism from $\text{Sh}(F)$ to F for presheaves F . But the stalk F_x is about local data and permit you to construct an element by pure local data.
- For example, in the proof of **Example 3.30**, one can easily define a morphism $\alpha_x : \tilde{F}_x := \text{Sh}(F)_x \rightarrow F_x$ by specifying that, for an element $(g, \{U_i\})$ in $\tilde{F}U$, the equivalence class defined by $(g|_{U_x}, U_x)$ where $x \in U_x$. And this is indeed a well morphism, which induces a map $\tilde{F}_x \rightarrow F_x$.

5. Constant sheaves

Unfortunately, the name is a little bit confusing (at least in some kind), since for such a sheaf F and an open U , the elements of FU is *not* constant functions but *locally constant* function.

- But it can be fixed by viewing that such sheaves are the sheafification of *constant presheaves*. The proof is straightforward by **Example 3.30**.

6. Restriction of presheaves

For a presheaf $F : \tau_X^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$, we can restrict it to an open $U \subset X$ by pre-composing the inclusion functor $\text{inclusion} : \tau_U^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \tau_X^{\text{op}}$. This is a presheaf by definition.

7. Locally constant sheaves

Those are sheaves F such that for any open U , there exist an open cover $\{U_i\}$ on where F is a constant sheaf, i.e., FU_i is a constant sheaf for all i . This name should be interpreted as “Locally (constant sheaf)”.

8. Constant sheaves and trivial étale spaces

We all agree something to be “constant” is some kind of triviality, and under the equivalence of categories, this triviality should be preserved. And it is the fact that **constant sheaves correspond to trivial étale spaces**! To prove so, one needs to prove that $\text{Et}(F)$ for some constant sheaf F is a trivial étale space, or $\text{Sh}(S, \pi)$ is a constant sheaf. And after trials one finds that the latter is much easier.

- Remark of “trivial étale spaces”: The most trivial étale space of a topological space X is ... X itself with the identity map. The second class of trivial étale spaces is the class of $X \times E$ where E is a set equipped with discrete topology, with the projection map.

- Add the prefix “locally” we immediately obtain the finer correspondence between *locally constant sheaves* and *locally trivial etale space*, i.e., *covering spaces*.

9. Ringed spaces

- Objects: A ringed space is a topological space X with a R -algebra sheaf \mathcal{O}_X , where R is a ring.
- Morphisms: A morphism between two ringed spaces (X, \mathcal{O}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) is a pair (f, f^\flat) :
 - $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map;
 - $f^\flat : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{O}_X$ is a morphism between sheaves. (pronounced as “f flat”)
- Remark: By the adjunction of $f^{-1} \dashv f_*$, to specify the f^\flat is equivalent to specify $f^\sharp : f^{-1} \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$.

10. Locally ringed spaces

- Objects: Those ringed spaces such that $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ the stalk at x is a *local ring*.
- Morphisms: Those (f, f^\flat, f^\sharp) such that the morphism $f^\sharp_x : \mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ send the maximal ideal into maximal ideal.

11. Properties of morphisms between \mathbb{K}^n subspaces with C^α sheaves (Eg. 4.5)

For open subsets $X \subset V$ and $Y \subset W$, where both V and W are **finite dimension** \mathbb{K} -vector spaces and \mathbb{K} -ringed C^α -map $(f, f^\flat) : (X, C_X^\alpha) \rightarrow (Y, C_Y^\alpha)$:

- (f, f^\flat) is automatically a **locally ringed morphism**.
- For all open $U \subset Y$, the morphism between structure sheaves $f_U^\flat : C_Y^\alpha U \rightarrow C_X^\alpha(f^{-1}U)$ is given by precomposition, i.e., $f^\flat = - \circ f$.

12. Restriction is the left Kan extension (Def. 4.7)

For an open subspace $i : U \rightarrow X$ and a sheaf \mathcal{O}_X on X , we claim that the restriction of \mathcal{O}_X on U , i.e., $\mathcal{O}_U := \mathcal{O}_X|_U$, is isomorphic to $i^{-1} \mathcal{O}_X$.

- *proof*: It’s straightforward to verify that \mathcal{O}_U is exactly the left Kan extension of \mathcal{O}_X along i .
 - Remark: The canonical isomorphism is actually $i^\sharp : i^{-1} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_U$, the reason is that i^\sharp is the correspondence of i^\flat through the adjunction, but since this adjunction is about left Kan extension and precomposition, i^\sharp is induced by the universal property of $i^{-1} \mathcal{O}_X$, since there is a morphism $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_U = \mathcal{O}_X|_U = \mathcal{O}_X \circ \text{bi}$, where $\text{bi} : \tau_X^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \tau_U^{\text{op}}$ induced by i .

13. Open subspaces of locally ringed space are also locally ringed (Def. 4.7)

By the above property, the stalk at $u \in U$ of \mathcal{O}_U is isomorphic to $\text{colim}_u i^{-1} \mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_{X,u}$, which by assumption is a local ring.

14. C^α -premanifolds

C^α -Premanifolds are **locally \mathbb{K} -ringed spaces** that are **locally isomorphic to open subspace of \mathbb{K}^n** , which endowed with C^α sheaf, for some n .

- Objects: A triple $(M, \mathcal{O}_M, \{U_i\})$ where
 - (M, \mathcal{O}_M) is a locally \mathbb{K} -ringed space;
 - $\{U_i\}$ is an open cover of M equipped with a bunch of **isomorphisms** between locally \mathbb{K} -ringed spaces: $w_i : (U_i, \mathcal{O}_{U_i}) \rightarrow (Y, C_Y^\alpha)$, where $Y \subset \mathbb{K}^n$ open.
 - Remarks: Y and n may depend on i , while α fixed.

- Morphisms: Plain morphisms between locally ringed space. For such morphisms between C^α premanifolds, we usually call them **C^α -maps**.
 - *Remarks 1:* When $\alpha = \infty$, we call them **smooth** maps. When $\alpha = \omega$, we call them **analytic** maps.
 - *Remarks 2:* Isomorphisms between C^α -premanifolds are called **C^α -diffeomorphisms**.

15. Complex premanifolds

When $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, all functions that are C^α for any α are automatically C^ω , so it is dumb to differ them.

Therefore we call them just **complex premanifolds**.

The fancy name of morphisms between complex premanifolds is “**holomorphic maps**”, for isomorphisms, we use “**bi-holomorphic maps**”.

16. Manifolds

- Objects: Those premanifolds whose underlying spaces are **Hausdorff** and **second countable** (admit a countable bunch of basis).
- Morphisms: Inherits from premanifolds.

17. $(\mathbb{K}, C_{\mathbb{K}}^\alpha)$ is a manifold

The only needed chart is $\text{id} : (\mathbb{K}, C_{\mathbb{K}}^\alpha) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K}, C_{\mathbb{K}}^\alpha)$.

We always equip \mathbb{K} with this manifold structure, if without warning.

18. A Yoneda-style lemma of structure sheaf (Prop. 4.17)

Given an arbitrary \mathbb{K} -premanifolds (M, \mathcal{O}_M) , we claim that $\text{PMfd}(-, \mathbb{K}) \simeq \mathcal{O}_M$. The isomorphism is given by

$$[(t, t^\flat) : U \rightarrow \mathbb{K}] \mapsto [t_{\mathbb{K}}^\flat(\text{id}_{\mathbb{K}})].$$

Note that $t^\flat : C_{\mathbb{K}}^\alpha \rightarrow t_*\mathcal{O}_U$ is a morphism between sheaves. And $\mathcal{O}_U V = \mathcal{O}_M(U \cap V)$, so $t_{\mathbb{K}}^\flat(\text{id}_{\mathbb{K}}) \in \mathcal{O}_U U = \mathcal{O}_M U$, which implies these morphism is well-defined, at least in the layer of codomain.

proof: This is indeed a morphism between sheaves of \mathbb{K} -algebra. **TODO**

19. Torsor

A torsor is a group forgotten its identity. More precisely, for a group object G in $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ (thus a sheaf of groups), a G -torsor is a sheaf T such that:

- There is a simply transitive G -action on T ;
- T is non trivial for a open covering of X .

When $X = \text{singleton}$ we have $\mathbf{Sh}(X) \simeq \mathbf{Set}$. So at this time a torsor is just a set, and there is a bunch of group structures on T induced by a bijection from T to G . More explicitly for a fixed element $t \in T$ we can define a bijection $\alpha_t : T \rightarrow G$ as $x \mapsto g$ where g is the unique one such that $gt = x$.

For any sheaf of groups G we obtain a category $\mathbf{Tors}(G)$, further, it is a groupoid since in \mathbf{Set} any morphism between G -torsors are isomorphism.

G itself is a torsor as well, those isomorphic to G as torsors are called trivial. If $T(X)$ is non-empty then for all opens U we have $T(U) \simeq G(U)$ naturally and thus $T \simeq G$. That is, **if $T(U)$ is non-empty then T is trivial**.

Example. The primitive function sheaf Prim_f for a holomorphic function $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ on complex plane is an \mathbb{C}_M -torsor. Where \mathbb{C}_M is the constant sheaf target M , that is $\mathbb{C}_M(U) := \{g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid g \text{ is locally constant}\}$.

Example. For a bunch of discrete points $\{p_i\}$ on complex plane and a bunch of principal part f_i , we construct the Mittag-Leffler sheaf ml on \mathbb{C} as a sheaf of meromorphic functions with only possible singular points are $\{p_i\}$, where $\text{ml}(U) := \{g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \mid g \text{ around } p_i \text{ has principal part } f_i\}$. Then ml is a $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}}$ -torsor.

Notation: By $H^1(X, G)$ we mean the isomorphic classes of G -torsors.

20. Čech cohomology

20.1. Motivation

See <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/4709130/what-is-the-motivation-behind-the-definition-of-čech-cohomology>

Notation stolen from section “Torsor”.

The Mittag-Leffler problem has a solution if and only if there is a bunch holomorphic functions $\{h_i\}$ around $\{p_i\}$ respectively such that $f_i + h_i = f_j + h_j$ for all i, j . Indeed we can construct a meromorphic function $g := f_i + h_i$ which is a solution. Conversely, if there is a solution g we define $h_i := g - f_i$. **TODO**

20.2. Definition

Definition 20.2.1 (Čech cohomology of a covering) For a fixed open covering $\mathcal{U} = (U_i)$ of X and a sheaf of groups G , we define:

- A Čech 1-cocycles of G on \mathcal{U} is a tuple $\theta = (g_{ij})$ with $g_{ij} \in G(U_{ij})$ and satisfies the *cocycle condition*:

$$g_{ij}g_{jk} = g_{ik}.$$

The set of all 1-cocycles are denoted by $\hat{Z}(\mathcal{U}, G)$. It carries a group structure defined as component-wise multiplication.

- Two cocycles θ and θ' are called cohomologous if and only if there exist a bunch of elements $h_i \in G(U_i)$ such that

$$h_i g_{ij} = g'_{ij} h_j.$$

(Being cohomologous is an equivalent relation.)

Finally we define the **Čech cohomology on \mathcal{U}** :

$$\hat{H}(\mathcal{U}, G) := \frac{\hat{Z}(\mathcal{U}, G)}{\text{cohomologous}}.$$

In general $\hat{H}(\mathcal{U}, G)$ is not a group.

It's straightforward to extend this definition to global, first note that all covering of X form a category $\mathbf{Cov}(X)$ with refinements as morphisms and, $\hat{H}(-, G) : \mathbf{Cov}^{\text{op}}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{Grp}$ is a functor.

Definition 20.2.2 (Cech cohomology on X) The “global” cohomology is defined as a colimit:

$$\hat{H}(X, G) := \operatorname{colim}_{\mathcal{U}} \hat{H}(\mathcal{U}, G).$$