

# Exercises

## Section 2

2.1. For a commutative triangle of topological spaces and continuous maps,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{h} & Z \\ & \searrow \pi & \swarrow f \\ & X & \end{array}$$

if  $f$  and  $\pi$  are étale, so is  $h$  (in particular,  $h$  is open).

Let  $y \in E$ . Since  $f$  is étale,  $\exists U$  an open neighborhood of  $h(y)$  such that  $f|_U$  is a homeomorphism. Likewise, since  $\pi$  is étale,  $\exists W$  an open neighborhood of  $y$  such that  $\pi|_W$  is a homeomorphism. Let  $V = h^{-1}(U) \cap W$ . Since  $h$  is continuous,  $h^{-1}(U)$  is open, so  $V$  is open in  $E$ . Since  $V \subseteq W$ ,  $\pi|_V$  is a homeomorphism.

Since  $h(V) \subseteq U$ , and  $f|_U$  is a homeomorphism, it only remains to show that  $h(V)$  is open, since this will imply that  $f|_{h(V)}$  is a homeomorphism, and in turn that  $h|_V$  is a homeomorphism (since  $\pi|_V$  is a homeomorphism, and the diagram commutes). To see that  $h(V)$  is open, note that  $\pi(V)$  is open in  $X$ , since  $\pi$  is étale and  $V$  is open in  $E$ . Further,  $f(h(V)) = \pi(V)$  since the diagram commutes. Then since  $h(V) \subseteq U$  and  $f|_U$  is a homeomorphism,  $h(V)$  is open in  $Z$ , so  $h|_V$  is a homeomorphism and  $h$  is étale.

2.2. (a) Show that Corollary 2.10 determines the associated sheaf up to isomorphism. That is, if  $R$  is a sheaf and there exists a map  $\psi : P \rightarrow R$  with the same property as  $\eta$  in Corollary 2.10, then  $R \cong \Gamma Et(P)$ .

**Corollary.** (2.10) For a map  $\phi : P \rightarrow Q$  between presheaves on  $X$ , if  $Q$  is a sheaf then there exists a unique map of sheaves  $\hat{\phi}$  such that  $\hat{\phi} \circ \eta = \phi$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Q \\ \eta \downarrow & \nearrow \hat{\phi} & \\ \Gamma Et P & & \end{array}$$

The universal property of  $(\Gamma Et P, \eta)$  implies a unique map  $\hat{\psi}$  such that  $\psi = \hat{\psi} \circ \eta$  and the universal property of  $(R, \psi)$  implies a unique map  $\hat{\eta}$  such that  $\eta = \hat{\eta} \circ \psi$ , i.e. we have the following diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\psi} & R \\ \eta \downarrow & \nearrow \hat{\psi} & \\ \Gamma Et P & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\eta} & \Gamma Et P \\ \psi \downarrow & \nearrow \hat{\eta} & \\ R & & \end{array}$$

This implies the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \Gamma Et P \\ & \nearrow \eta & \downarrow \hat{\psi} \\ P & \xrightarrow{\psi} & R \\ \eta \downarrow & \nearrow \hat{\eta} & \\ \Gamma Et P & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & R \\ & \nearrow \psi & \downarrow \hat{\eta} \\ P & \xrightarrow{\eta} & \Gamma Et P \\ \psi \downarrow & \nearrow \hat{\psi} & \\ R & & \end{array}$$

In particular,  $\hat{\eta} \circ \hat{\psi}$  is the unique map such that  $\eta = \hat{\eta} \circ \hat{\psi} \circ \eta$  and  $\hat{\psi} \circ \hat{\eta}$  is the unique map such that  $\psi = \hat{\psi} \circ \hat{\eta} \circ \psi$ . But then uniqueness implies  $\hat{\eta} \circ \hat{\psi} = id_{\Gamma Et P}$  and  $\hat{\psi} \circ \hat{\eta} = id_R$ . Then  $R \cong \Gamma Et P$ .

2.2. (b) If  $P$  is a subpresheaf of  $R$  and  $R$  is a sheaf, then let

$$\tilde{P}(U) = \{r \in R(U) \mid \text{for each } x \in U \text{ there is a neighbourhood } W_x \subseteq U \text{ of } x \\ \text{such that } (r|_{W_x}) \in P(W_x)\}.$$

Show that  $P \subseteq \tilde{P} \subseteq R$ ,  $\tilde{P}$  is a sheaf and  $P \hookrightarrow \tilde{P}$  has the unique universal property of Corollary 2.10; hence  $\tilde{P}$  is the associated sheaf for  $P$ .

$P \subseteq \tilde{P} \subseteq R$ :

We want to show that for  $U \in X$ , open,  $P(U) \subseteq \tilde{P}(U) \subseteq R(U)$ . So let  $U \subseteq X$  be open. By construction  $\tilde{P}(U) \subseteq R(U)$ , so we need only show  $P(U) \subseteq \tilde{P}(U)$ . Let  $s \in P(U)$ . Since  $P$  is a subpresheaf  $s \in R(U)$  and for  $x \in U$ ,  $U$  itself is a neighborhood of  $x$  such that  $s|_U$  is in  $P(U)$ . Then  $s \in \tilde{P}(U)$ .

$\tilde{P}$  is a sheaf:

Let  $U$  be an open set in  $X$  and let  $\cup U_i$ ,  $i \in I$ , be an open cover for  $U$ . Suppose  $\{a_i\} \in \tilde{P}(U)$ , for  $i \in I$  is a compatible family for the  $U_i$ , i.e.,  $a_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = a_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$ . For each  $i \in I$  and each  $x \in U_i$ , choose  $W_x^i$  such that  $(a_i|_{W_x^i}) \in P(W_x^i)$ . Then  $\cup_i \cup_{x \in U_i} W_x^i$  is an open cover for  $U$  (since  $\cup_x W_x^i$  is an open cover for each  $U_i$ ). Moreover,  $a_i|_{W_x^i \cap W_y^j} = a_j|_{W_x^i \cap W_y^j}$  because  $(a_i|_{U_i \cap U_j})|_{W_x^i \cap W_y^j} = (a_j|_{U_i \cap U_j})|_{W_x^i \cap W_y^j}$ . So  $\{a_i\} \in P(W_x^i)$  is a compatible family in  $R$ .

Since  $R$  is a sheaf, let  $a$  be the unique amalgamation. We want to show  $a \in \tilde{P}(U)$ , i.e.,  $\forall x \in U, \exists$  a neighborhood  $V_x$  of  $x$  such that  $a|_{V_x} \in P(V_x)$ . But since  $a$  is the amalgamation of the family  $\{a_i\} \in P(W_x^i)$ , if  $x \in U$ , then  $x \in U_i$ , for some  $i$ , so  $a|_{W_x^i} = a_i$  and  $W_x^i$  was chosen so that  $a_i|_{W_x^i} \in P(W_x^i)$ . Then take  $V_x$  to be  $W_x^i$  (for appropriate  $i$ ). Then  $a \in \tilde{P}(U)$ , so  $\tilde{P}$  is a sheaf.

$P \hookrightarrow \tilde{P}$  has the unique universal property of Corollary 2.10:

Let  $i : P \hookrightarrow \tilde{P}$  be the map that injects  $P(U)$  into  $\tilde{P}(U)$ . We must show that for a map between presheaves,  $\phi : P \rightarrow Q$ , where  $Q$  is a sheaf, there is a unique  $\tilde{\phi}$  such that  $\tilde{\phi} \circ i = \phi$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Q \\ i \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{\phi} & \\ \tilde{P} & & \end{array}$$

So let  $Q$  be a sheaf and  $\phi : P \rightarrow Q$  be a morphism. For each open set  $U \subseteq X$ , we define  $\tilde{\phi}_U : \tilde{P}(U) \rightarrow Q(U)$  as follows: let  $s \in \tilde{P}(U)$  and let  $\cup_{x \in U} W_x$  be a cover of  $U$  such that  $(s|_{W_x}) \in P(W_x)$  for each  $x \in U$ . Consider the family  $\phi_{W_x}(s|_{W_x})$  for  $x \in U$ . This family is compatible because commutativity of the restriction maps implies  $(s|_{W_x})|_{W_x \cap W_y} = (s|_{W_y})|_{W_x \cap W_y} = s|_{W_x \cap W_y}$  and naturality of  $\phi$  implies for  $x, y \in U$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(s|_{W_x})|_{W_x \cap W_y} &= \phi((s|_{W_x})|_{W_x \cap W_y}) = \phi(s|_{W_x \cap W_y}) \\ &= \phi((s|_{W_y})|_{W_x \cap W_y}) = \phi(s|_{W_y})|_{W_x \cap W_y} . \end{aligned}$$

Then since  $Q$  is a sheaf, let  $t \in Q(U)$  be the unique amalgamation of the  $\phi_{W_x}(s|_{W_x})$ 's and define  $\tilde{\phi}(s) = t$ . In fact, by naturality of  $\tilde{\phi}$ , we must choose the amalgamation to ensure that the following commutes for each  $W_x$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} s \in \tilde{P}(U) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}_U} & Q(U) \ni t \\ \rho \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho \\ (s|_{W_x}) \in \tilde{P}(W_x) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}_{W_x}} & Q(W_x) \ni \tilde{\phi}(s|_{W_x}) = \phi(s|_{W_x}) \end{array}$$

since the bottom row must be  $\tilde{\phi}(s|_{W_x}) = \phi(s|_{W_x})$  by the requirement that  $\tilde{\phi} \circ i = \phi$ . So then uniqueness of  $\tilde{\phi}$  is implied so long as  $\tilde{\phi}$  is well-defined.

To see that  $\tilde{\phi}$  is well-defined, let  $\cup_{x \in U} V_x$  be another cover of  $U$  with the property that  $(s|_{V_x}) \in P(V_x)$ , so that  $\phi_{V_x}(s|_{V_x})$  is again a compatible family. We must show that  $t$  is also the amalgamation of this family, i.e.,  $t|_{V_x} = \phi_{V_x}(s|_{V_x})$  for each  $V_x$ .

Consider the cover of  $U$  formed by the refinement of the  $W_x$ 's and  $V_x$ 's,  $U = \cup_{x \in U} W_x \cup_{x \in U} V_x$ . This contains the compatible family

$$\{\{\phi(s|_{W_x})\}_{x \in U}, \{\phi(s|_{V_x})\}_{x \in U}\}$$

The amalgamation of this family, say  $\bar{t}$ , must have the property that  $\bar{t}|_{W_x} = \phi(s|_{W_x})$ , and since  $Q$  is a sheaf, hence separated, this implies that  $\bar{t} = t$ . Then  $t|_{V_x} = \phi_{V_x}(s|_{V_x})$  for each  $V_x$ , so  $\tilde{\phi}$  is well-defined. In particular, note that  $\tilde{\phi} \circ i = \phi$ , since  $s \in P(U)$  implies that  $U$  is a cover of  $U$  for which  $s|_{U \in P(U)}$  so  $\tilde{\phi}(s) = \phi(s|_U) = \phi(s)$ .

Then  $\tilde{\phi}$  is the required unique sheaf map satisfying  $\tilde{\phi} \circ i = \phi$ , so  $\tilde{P}$  is the associated sheaf of  $P$ .

## Section 3

3.1 The pullback of an étale map is also étale. That is, given a pullback diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times_Y E & \xrightarrow{\pi_2} & E \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

then  $\pi_1$  is étale if  $p$  is.

Let  $(u, e) \in X \times_Y E$ . Since  $p$  is étale, there exists a  $U \subseteq E$ , open neighborhood of  $e = \pi_2(u, e)$ , such that  $p : U \rightarrow p(U)$  is a homeomorphism. Since  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous (and  $p$  is open), the preimage of  $p(U)$  under  $f$  is open in  $X$ . Let  $W \subseteq X$  be the preimage of  $p(U)$ . Since  $p(e) = f(u)$ ,  $f(u) \in p(U)$  and so  $u \in W$ .

Since  $W \times U$  is open in  $X \times E$  under the product topology,  $V = W \times U \cap X \times_Y E$  is an open neighborhood of  $(u, e)$  in  $X \times_Y E$  under the subspace topology. I claim that  $\pi_1|_V$  is a homeomorphism. Since  $\pi_1$  is a projection map,  $\pi_1|_V$  is continuous. We must show there exists a continuous  $g : \pi_1(V) \rightarrow X \times_Y E$  such that  $g \circ \pi_1 = id$ . Since  $p|_U$  is a homeomorphism, we have continuous  $p^{-1} : f(\pi_1(V)) \rightarrow E$  such that  $p^{-1} \circ p = id_E$ . Then  $p^{-1}(f(\pi_1(V))) = p^{-1}(p(\pi_2(V))) = \pi_2(V)$ . Let  $i : EtB \hookrightarrow X \times_Y EtB$  be the inclusion map. Then let  $g : \pi_1(V) \rightarrow X \times_Y EtB$  be defined by  $x \mapsto (x, i \circ p^{-1} \circ f(x))$ . Then  $g$  is continuous and  $g \circ \pi_1|_V = id_{X \times_Y E}$ , so that  $\pi_1|_V$  is a homeomorphism. Then  $\pi_1$  is étale.

3.2. Verify the following equality of stalks:

$$(f^*B)_x \cong B_{f(x)}$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

First note that since  $f^*(B) = \Gamma(X \times_Y EtB)$  and since  $\pi_1$  is étale,  $Et\Gamma(X \times_Y EtB) \cong X \times_Y EtB$  by the results in section 2. That is,  $Et(f^*(B)) \cong X \times_Y EtB = \{(x, e) \in X \times EtB \mid f(x) = \pi_B(e)\}$ .

Fix an  $x_0 \in X$ . The stalk of  $f^*(B)$  at  $x_0$  is  $(f^*(B))_{x_0} = \{s \in Et(f^*(B)) \mid \pi_B(s) = x_0\} = \{(x_0, e) \in X \times EtB \mid f(x_0) = \pi_B(e)\}$ . Then the map  $\pi_2$  gives us a bijection  $\{(x_0, e) \in X \times EtB \mid f(x_0) = \pi_B(e)\} \rightarrow \{e \in EtB \mid f(x_0) = \pi_B(e)\}$ , which is exactly the stalk of  $B_{f(x_0)}$ .

3.3. Prove that

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}(Y)}(i_! A, B) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}(X)}(A, i^* B)$$

where  $i : X \hookrightarrow Y$  is an open inclusion.

First note that since  $i \circ \pi_A$  is étale,  $\mathrm{Et}(i_! A) = \mathrm{Et}(\Gamma \mathrm{Et} A) = \mathrm{Et} A$ . Since  $B$  is a sheaf, 2.9 implies  $\phi \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}(Y)}(i_! A, B)$  corresponds to a map  $g : \mathrm{Et} A \rightarrow \mathrm{Et} B$  such that the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Et} A & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathrm{Et} B \\ & \searrow i \circ \pi_A & \swarrow \pi_B \\ & Y & \end{array}$$

By the notes,  $\mathrm{Et}(i^* B) = \mathrm{Et}(B|_X)$  and since  $i^* B$  is a sheaf, 2.9 implies  $\psi \in \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}(X)}(A, i^* B)$  corresponds to a map  $h : \mathrm{Et} A \rightarrow \mathrm{Et}(B|_X)$  such that the follow commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Et} A & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathrm{Et}(B|_X) \\ & \searrow \pi_A & \swarrow \pi_{i^* B} \\ & X & \end{array}$$

To see the correspondance between  $g$  and  $h$ , note that  $\mathrm{Et}(B|_X) \cong X \times_Y \mathrm{Et} B$ , so that given  $g : \mathrm{Et} A \rightarrow \mathrm{Et} B$ ,  $h$  is the unique map such that the following commutes (and given  $h : \mathrm{Et} A \rightarrow \mathrm{Et}(B|_X) \cong X \times_Y \mathrm{Et} B$ ,  $g$  is the map  $\pi \circ h$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathrm{Et} A & & & & \\ & \searrow h & & \searrow g & \\ & X \times_Y \mathrm{Et} B & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \mathrm{Et} B & \\ & \downarrow \pi_{B i^* B} & & \downarrow \pi_B & \\ \mathrm{Et} A & \xrightarrow{\pi_A} & X & \xrightarrow{i} & Y \end{array}$$



3.4 (a) Verify the adjunction formula involving  $j_*$  and  $j^!$  in (7).

We must show that  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}(Y)}(j_*A, B) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}(Z)}(A, j^!B)$ .

Let  $\phi \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}(Y)}(j_*A, B)$ . Then  $\phi$  is a collection of maps  $\phi_U : j_*A(U) \rightarrow B(U)$  for every open set  $U \subseteq Y$ . Note that for  $U \subseteq Y$  such that  $U \cap Z = \emptyset$ ,  $j_*A(U) = A(U \cap Z) = A(\emptyset) = \{0\}$ , so that there is only one choice for  $\phi_U$ . Likewise, if  $U \subset Y$  with  $U \cap \delta Z \neq \emptyset$ , then there exists a  $V \subset U$  such that  $V \cap Z = \emptyset$  and naturality of  $\phi$  implies:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} j_*A(U) & \xrightarrow{\phi_U} & B(U) \\ \rho \downarrow & & \downarrow \rho \\ j_*A(V) = A(V \cap Z) = \{0\} & \xrightarrow{\phi_V} & B(V) \end{array}$$

so that  $\phi_U(j_*A(U))$  is the constant 0 map. Finally, suppose  $U$  is such that  $U \cap Z = U$ . For each such  $U$ , the choices for  $\phi_U$  are the group homomorphisms,  $A(U) \rightarrow B(U)$ .

Now consider  $\psi \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}(Z)}(A, j^!B)$ .  $\psi$  is a collection of maps  $\psi_V$  for each open  $V$  in  $Z$ . Suppose  $V$  is open in  $Z$  and  $V \cap \delta Z \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $j^!B(V) = 0$  and so there is only one choice for  $\psi_V$ , the constant 0 map. On the other hand, if  $V \cap \delta Z = \emptyset$ , then the choices for  $\phi_V$  are the group homomorphisms,  $A(V) \rightarrow B(V)$ .

Then elements of both  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}(Z)}(A, j^!B)$  and  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}(Y)}(j_*A, B)$  correspond to the group homomorphisms from  $A(U) \rightarrow B(U)$  for every  $U \subseteq Y$  with  $U \cap Z = U$ .

3.4 (b) Show that  $j^!B$  is isomorphic to a subsheaf of  $j^*B$ .

Since  $j^!B$  is a sheaf, we know that  $j^!B \cong \Gamma Et j^!B$ . We show that  $\Gamma Et j^!B$  is a subsheaf of  $j^*B$  and for this it suffices to show that  $\Gamma Et j^!B$  is a subpresheaf; that is, that for  $V$  open in  $Z$ ,  $\Gamma Et j^!B(V) \subseteq j^*B(V)$  and that the restriction maps of  $\Gamma Et j^!B$  agree with those of  $j^*B$ .

Let  $V$  be open in  $Y$ , i.e.  $V = Z \cap U$  for some  $U$  open in  $Y$ . We have

$$j^*B(V) = \{x \mapsto germ_x(s) \mid germ_x(s) \in Et(B) \text{ and } x \in V\}$$

and

$$\Gamma Et j^!B(V) = \{x \mapsto germ_x(s) \mid germ_x(s) \in Et(B), x \in V \text{ and } supp(s) \subseteq Z\}$$

so that  $\Gamma Et j^!B(V) \subseteq j^*B(V)$ . Moreover, the restriction maps agree since they are both restrictions of functions. Then  $\Gamma Et j^!B \cong j^!B$  is a subsheaf of  $j^*B$ .

## Section 4

4.1 (a) Show that with the notation as above,  $\Gamma(-, \pi)$  is indeed isomorphic to the sheaffication of  $P$ .

We first fix some notation. Suppose  $U \subseteq X$  and let  $s \in G(U)$  be a section. Let  $\bar{s}$  be the equivalence class of  $s$  in  $G(U)/\text{im}(\alpha_U) = \text{coker}(F(U) \xrightarrow{\alpha_U} G(U))$ , so that points in the étale space of  $P$  are denoted  $\overline{\text{germ}_x(s)}$ . We denote by  $\overline{\text{germ}_x(s)}$  the equivalence class of  $\text{germ}_x(s)$  under the relation  $R$  given above, where  $\text{germ}_x(s) \in \text{Et}(G)$ .

To show  $\Gamma(-, \pi) \cong P$ , we define a map  $\phi : \Gamma(-, \pi) \rightarrow P$  and show it induces an isomorphism on the stalks. For  $U \subseteq X$  and  $\sigma \in \Gamma(-, \pi)(U)$ , define  $\phi_U : \Gamma(-, \pi)(U) \rightarrow P(U)$  by  $\phi_U(\sigma) = \tau$ , where  $\sigma$  is a function  $x \mapsto \overline{\text{germ}_x(s)}$  and  $\tau$  is a function  $x \mapsto \text{germ}_x(\bar{s})$  for some  $s \in G(U)$ . Naturality of  $\phi$  is straightforward, since restriction maps are just restrictions of functions.

To see that  $\phi$  is well defined, suppose  $\overline{\text{germ}_x(t)}$  is also a representative of  $\overline{\text{germ}_x(s)}$ . Then  $\exists W \ni x$  and  $f \in F(W)$  such that  $s|_W - t|_W = \alpha_W(f)$ . This however gives  $\overline{\text{germ}_x(\bar{t})} = \overline{\text{germ}_x(\bar{s})}$ , since  $W$  is then a neighborhood for which  $s|_W = t|_W$ , so that they are equal as germs.

It remains to show that  $\phi$  induces an isomorphism on the stalks. We show  $\phi_x : \Gamma(-, \pi)_x \rightarrow P_x$  is injective and surjective. Fix an  $x \in X$  and suppose  $\phi(\overline{\text{germ}_x(a)}) = \overline{\text{germ}_x(\bar{a})} = \phi(\overline{\text{germ}_x(b)})$ . We have to show  $\exists W \ni x$  and  $f \in F(W)$  such that  $a|_W - b|_W = \alpha_W(f)$ . To see that  $\phi_x$  is surjective.

Let  $\overline{germ_x(s)}$  be an element of  $Et(G)/R$ , and let  $germ_x(s)$  be a representative, so that if  $germ_x(t)$  is another representative of  $\overline{germ_x(s)}$ , then  $\exists W \ni x$  and  $f \in F(W)$  such that  $s|_W - t|_W = \alpha_W(f)$ , where  $s$  and  $t$  are representatives of  $germ_x(s)$  and  $germ_x(t)$  respectively.

Let  $germ_x(a)$  be an element of  $P_x$ , represented by  $(a, U)$  for some  $U \ni x$  and  $a \in P(U) = coker(F(U) \xrightarrow{\alpha_U} G(U)) = G(U)/im(\alpha_U)$ . If  $(b, V)$  is another representative of  $germ_x(a)$ , then there exists  $W \ni x$  such that  $a|_W = b|_W$ , i.e.,  $a|_W$  and  $b|_W$  are in the same equivalence class of  $G(W)/im(\alpha_W)$ , i.e.,  $\exists f \in F(W)$  such that  $s|_W - t|_W = \alpha_W(f)$ . Then elements of  $G_x/R$  and  $P_x$  are both correspond to elements of  $G_x$  identified via the same relation.

Let  $\overline{germ_x(s)}$  be an element of  $G_x/R$ , and let  $germ_x(s)$  be a representative, so that if  $germ_x(t)$  is another representative of  $\overline{germ_x(s)}$ , then  $\exists W \ni x$  and  $f \in F(W)$  such that  $s|_W - t|_W = \alpha_W(f)$ , where  $s$  and  $t$  are representatives of  $germ_x(s)$  and  $germ_x(t)$  respectively.

Let  $germ_x(a)$  be an element of  $P_x$ , represented by  $(a, U)$  for some  $U \ni x$  and  $a \in P(U) = coker(F(U) \xrightarrow{\alpha_U} G(U)) = G(U)/im(\alpha_U)$ . If  $(b, V)$  is another representative of  $germ_x(a)$ , then there exists  $W \ni x$  such that  $a|_W = b|_W$ , i.e.,  $a|_W$  and  $b|_W$  are in the same equivalence class of  $G(W)/im(\alpha_W)$ , i.e.,  $\exists f \in F(W)$  such that  $s|_W - t|_W = \alpha_W(f)$ . Then elements of  $G_x/R$  and  $P_x$  are both correspond to elements of  $G_x$  identified via the same relation.

4.1(b) Show that the  $\text{coker}(\alpha)$  has the following universal property: given any other sheaf  $H$ , a map  $\chi : G \rightarrow H$  factors through  $\text{coker}(\alpha)$  if and only if  $\chi \circ \alpha = 0$ .

(Forward direction) Let  $\alpha : F \rightarrow G$  and  $\chi : G \rightarrow H$  and suppose  $\chi \circ \alpha = 0$ . Then for  $U \in X$ ,  $\ker(\chi_U) = \text{im}(\alpha_U)$ . By the first isomorphism theorem,  $\chi_U(G) \cong G(U)/\ker(\chi_U) = G(U)/\text{im}(\alpha_U) = \text{coker}(F(U) \xrightarrow{\alpha_U} G(U))$ , so that  $\chi = g \circ f$ , where  $f : G \rightarrow \text{coker}(\alpha)$  is the projection map and  $g : \text{coker}(\alpha) \rightarrow H$  is an isomorphism.

(Backwards direction) Let  $\alpha : F \rightarrow G$  and  $\chi : G \rightarrow H$  and suppose  $\chi = g \circ f$  for some  $f : G \rightarrow \text{coker}(\alpha)$  and  $g : \text{coker}(\alpha) \rightarrow H$ . Note that  $f \circ \alpha = 0$ , since  $f_U$  has codomain  $\text{coker}(F(U) \xrightarrow{\alpha_U} G(U))$  for  $U \in X$ . Then  $\chi \circ \alpha = g \circ f \circ \alpha = g \circ 0 = 0$ .

4.1(c) Show that  $\text{coker}(\alpha)_x = \text{coker}(\alpha_x)$ .

Let  $\alpha : F \rightarrow G$  for  $F$  and  $G$  Abelian sheaves on  $X$  and let  $P$  be the presheaf given by  $P(U) = \text{coker}(F(U) \xrightarrow{\alpha_U} G(U))$ . Since  $\pi_P : \text{Et}(P) \rightarrow X$  is étale,  $\text{Et}\Gamma\text{Et}P \cong \text{Et}P$ , so the left-hand side is isomorphic to  $P_x$ . On the right-hand side, note that  $\text{coker}(\alpha_x) = \text{coker}(F_x \xrightarrow{\alpha_x} G_x) = G_x/\text{Im}(\alpha_x)$ , so that two points are equivalent in  $\text{coker}(\alpha_x)$  iff they are both points in  $G_x$ , say  $\text{germ}_x(s)$  and  $\text{germ}_y(t)$ , with  $\text{germ}_x(s) - \text{germ}_y(t) \in \text{Im}(\alpha_x)$ , ie  $\exists W \ni x$  and  $f \in F(W)$  such that  $s|_W - t|_W = \alpha_W(f)$ . This is exactly the relation given by  $R$  in the notes, so that the right-hand side is isomorphic to  $G_x/R$ . Then exercise 4.1(a) implies  $\text{coker}(\alpha)_x \cong \text{coker}(\alpha_x)$ .

4.2 Show that  $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$  is an Abelian category with kernel, cokernel and sum defined as above.

We first show that  $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$  has a 0 object. Let  $\Delta\{*\}$  be the constant sheaf on a singleton set. Then for  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $\Delta\{*\}(U)$  is the trivial group and every restriction map is the identity, so  $\Delta\{*\} \in \mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$ . Moreover, for  $A \in \mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$ , there is exactly one map from  $A(U) \rightarrow \Delta\{*\}(U)$  for every open  $U \subseteq X$ , namely the constant 0-map, and there is also exactly one map from  $\Delta\{*\}(U) \rightarrow A(U)$  since group homomorphism must send identity to identity. Then  $\Delta\{*\}$  is both initial and terminal, and so serves as the 0 element in  $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$ . We can now define the 0 morphism in  $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$  as the map defined for  $A, B \in \mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $U \in X$ , open, by  $a \in A(U) \mapsto 0_{B(U)}$ .

Let us define the sum of two Abelian sheaves  $A$  and  $B$  by  $A(U) \oplus B(U)$  for  $U$  open in  $X$ , as in the notes. Then this gives the biproduct of  $A$  and  $B$  in  $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$ . We know from the notes that  $A \oplus B$  is a sheaf and we observe that for  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $A(U) \oplus B(U)$  has an Abelian group structure: let  $(a, b)$  and  $(a', b')$  be elements of  $A(U) \oplus B(U)$  for some  $U$ . Then  $(a, b) + (a', b') = (a + a', b + b') = (a' + a, b' + b) = (a', b') + (a, b) \in A(U) \oplus B(U)$ , since  $A(U)$  and  $B(U)$  are Abelian groups. This also implies  $(a, b) + (0_{A(U)}, 0_{B(U)}) = (a, b) = (0_{A(U)}, 0_{B(U)}) + (a, b)$ . To see that this is a biproduct, let  $p_j : A_1 \oplus A_2 \rightarrow A_j$  be the map defined on  $U \subseteq X$  as the projection map  $p_{U,j} : A_1(U) \oplus A_2(U) \rightarrow A_j(U)$  and  $i_j$  be the map defined on  $U \subseteq X$  as the injection map  $i_{j,U} : A_j(U) \rightarrow A_1(U) \oplus A_2(U)$  for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $A_j \in \mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$ . Then since  $p_{U,j}$  and  $i_{U,j}$  give the product and coproduct on each  $A_1(U) \oplus A_2(U)$ , viewed as elements in the category of Abelian groups, their collection gives the product and coproduct on  $A_1 \oplus A_2$  (given a map into or out of the biproduct, find a new map that factors through  $p_j$  or  $i_j$  respectively, by taking the collection of maps implied by the universal property of each  $p_{U,j}$  or  $i_{U,j}$ ).

To see that  $\mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$  has kernels, note that if  $A, B \in \mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$  and  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ , then  $\phi$  has a kernel when everything is viewed in the category  $\mathbf{Sh}(\mathbf{X})$ . It remains only to check that  $\ker(\phi)(U) = \{f \in A(U) \mid \phi_U(f) = 0_{B(U)}\}$  is an Abelian group for all  $U$ , open in  $X$ . But  $\ker(\phi)(U) = \ker(\phi_U)$  is the kernel of the group homomorphism  $\phi_U$ , and so must itself be a subgroup of  $A(U)$  for all  $U \in X$ . Then  $\ker(\phi) \in \mathbf{Ab}(\mathbf{X})$ . Likewise, the cokernel of  $\phi$  exists in  $\mathbf{Sh}(\mathbf{X})$ , and so we need only show  $\operatorname{coker}(\phi)(U)$  is an Abelian group,  $\forall U$ .

4.3 Let  $0 \rightarrow A \hookrightarrow I^0 \rightarrow I^1 \rightarrow \dots$  and  $0 \rightarrow B \hookrightarrow J^0 \rightarrow J^1 \rightarrow J^2 \rightarrow \dots$  be injective resolutions of  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Show that a map  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  extends to a map of complexes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & I^0 & \longrightarrow & I^1 & \longrightarrow & I^2 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & \downarrow \phi & & \downarrow \phi^0 & & \downarrow \phi^1 & & \downarrow \phi^2 & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & J^0 & \longrightarrow & J^1 & \longrightarrow & J^2 & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Since  $0 \rightarrow A \hookrightarrow I^0 \rightarrow I^1 \rightarrow \dots$  is a resolution, in particular exact, for each  $n$ , we have an injective map from  $A \rightarrow I^n$  given by  $d^n$ . Since  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ , we also have for each  $n$ , a map from  $A \rightarrow J^n$  given by  $d^n \circ \phi$ . Then injectivity of  $J^n$  implies the required map  $\phi^n : I^n \rightarrow J^n$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \xrightarrow{d^n} & I^n \\ & & \downarrow d^n \circ \phi & \swarrow \phi^n & \\ & & J^n & & \end{array}$$



4.3 (b) Show that a map of complexes as above induces a homomorphism of cohomology groups

$$H^n(X; A) \rightarrow H^n(X, B)$$

Note that the above map of chain complexes implies a map for  $U \in X$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A(U) & \longrightarrow & I^0(U) & \longrightarrow & I^1(U) & \longrightarrow & I^2(U) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \phi_U & & \downarrow \phi_U^0 & & \downarrow \phi_U^1 & & \downarrow \phi_U^2 & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & B(U) & \longrightarrow & J^0(U) & \longrightarrow & J^1(U) & \longrightarrow & J^2(U) & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

which for  $U = X$  gives the map:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma A & \longrightarrow & \Gamma I^0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma I^1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma I^2 & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \Gamma \phi & & \downarrow \Gamma \phi^0 & & \downarrow \Gamma \phi^1 & & \downarrow \Gamma \phi^2 & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma B & \longrightarrow & \Gamma J^0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma J^1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma J^2 & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Since  $H^n(X; A) = \ker(\Gamma I^n \rightarrow \Gamma I^{n+1}) / \text{im}(\Gamma I^{n-1} \rightarrow \Gamma I^n) \subseteq \Gamma I^n$  and likewise  $H^n(X; B) = \ker(\Gamma J^n \rightarrow \Gamma J^{n+1}) / \text{im}(\Gamma J^{n-1} \rightarrow \Gamma J^n) \subseteq \Gamma J^n$ , the maps  $\Gamma \phi^n : \Gamma I^n \rightarrow \Gamma J^n$  implies a homomorphism  $\Gamma \phi^n|_{H^n(X, A)} : H^n(X; A) \rightarrow H^n(X; B)$ . It remains only to check that  $\text{im}(\Gamma \phi^n|_{H^n(X, A)}) \subseteq H^n(X; B)$ . Let  $\alpha \in H^n(X; A)$ . Then  $\alpha \in \ker(d^n : \Gamma I^n \rightarrow \Gamma I^{n+1})$ , so  $\Gamma \phi^{n+1} \circ d^n(\alpha) = 0$ . Since the above diagram commutes, this implies  $d^n \circ \Gamma \phi^n(\alpha) = 0$ , so that  $\Gamma \phi^n(\alpha) \in \ker(d^n : \Gamma J^n \rightarrow \Gamma J^{n+1})$ , which implies  $\Gamma \phi^n(\alpha) \in H^n(X; B)$ .

4.4(a) Let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be a map of topological spaces. Show that there is a natural isomorphism  $\Gamma_Y \rightarrow \Gamma_X \circ f_*$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Ab(Y) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & Ab(X) \\
 & \searrow \Gamma_Y \quad \swarrow \Gamma_X & \\
 & \text{Abelian Groups} &
 \end{array}$$

We must find  $\eta_A$  and  $\eta_B$ , isomorphisms, such that the following commutes for all  $A, B \in Ab(Y)$  and  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Gamma_Y(A) & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_Y \phi} & \Gamma_Y(B) \\
 \eta_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta_B \\
 \Gamma_X \circ f_*(A) & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_X \circ f_* \phi} & \Gamma_X \circ f_*(B)
 \end{array}$$

By the definition of  $\Gamma_*$  and  $f_*$ , this is the same as finding isomorphisms  $\eta_A$  and  $\eta_B$  such that the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A(Y) & \xrightarrow{\phi_Y} & B(Y) \\
 \eta_A \downarrow & & \downarrow \eta_B \\
 A(f^{-1}(X)) & \xrightarrow{\phi_{f^{-1}(X)}} & B(f^{-1}(X))
 \end{array}$$

But  $f^{-1}(X) = Y$ , so taking  $\eta_A = \rho_{Y,Y} = id_{A(Y)}$  (likewise for  $\eta_B$ ) implies the result, since  $\phi$  is a map  $A \rightarrow B$  and so must be natural wrt the restriction maps.

4.4 (b) Show that a natural isomorphism between left exact functors  $\tau : T_1 \rightarrow T_2$  induces a natural isomorphism  $R^n T_1 \rightarrow R^n T_2$  for each  $n$ .

Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be left exact functors from  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  and let  $\tau : T_1 \rightarrow T_2$  be a natural isomorphism. Let  $0 \rightarrow C \rightarrow I^0 \rightarrow I^1 \rightarrow \dots$  be an injective resolution of  $C$  for some  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ . Naturality of  $\tau$  implies that the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & T_1(C) & \longrightarrow & T_1(I^0) & \longrightarrow & T_1(I^1) & \longrightarrow & T_1(I^2) & \longrightarrow & \dots \\ & & \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & T_2(C) & \longrightarrow & T_2(I^0) & \longrightarrow & T_2(I^1) & \longrightarrow & T_2(I^2) & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

Moreover, since  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are both left exact, each row in the above diagram is exact. Then, by analogous argument to 4.3(b),  $\tau$  restricts to a natural isomorphism  $R^n T_1 \rightarrow R^n T_2$  for each  $n$ .

## Section 7

7.1 Prove Corollary 7.4 (Proper Base Change): For a pullback diagram as in (26) with  $f$  and  $f'$  proper with Hausdorff fibers, the canonical map

$$p^*(R^n f_* B) \rightarrow R^n f'_*(q^* B)$$

is an isomorphism for any sheaf  $B$  on  $Y$ .

We show  $p^*(R^n f_* B)_{x'} \cong (R^n f'_*(q^* B))_{x'}$  for  $x' \in X'$ . Let  $x' \in X'$ ,  $B$  be a sheaf on  $Y$  and let the following be a pullback diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (f')^{-1}(x') \in Y' & \xrightarrow{q} & Y \ni f^{-1}(p(x')) \\ f' \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ x' \in X' & \xrightarrow{p} & X \ni p(x') \end{array}$$

Note that since the above is a pullback diagram,  $q$  gives an isomorphism  $q : (f')^{-1}(x') \xrightarrow{\sim} f^{-1}(p(x'))$ , which by Prop (4.3) induces an isomorphism  $H^n(f^{-1}(p(x')) ; B|_{f^{-1}(p(x'))}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^n((f')^{-1}(x') ; q^* B|_{(f')^{-1}(x')})$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} p^*(R^n f_* B)_{x'} &\cong (R^n f_* B)_{p(x')} && \text{exercise 3.2} \\ &\cong H^n(f^{-1}(p(x')) ; B|_{f^{-1}(p(x'))}) && (7.3) \\ &\cong H^n((f')^{-1}(x') ; q^* B|_{(f')^{-1}(x')}) && \text{pullback and (4.3)} \\ &\cong (R^n f'_*(q^* B))_{x'} && (7.3) \end{aligned}$$

## Section 8

8.1 Let  $X$  be connected and locally simply connected, and choose a base point  $x_0$ . Show that for any locally constant sheaf (of sets)  $A$ , the group  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  acts on the stalk  $A_{x_0}$ . Show that this gives a functor  $A \mapsto A_{x_0}$  which is an equivalence of categories between the category of locally constant sheaves on  $X$  and the category of sets with a  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$ -action.

Let  $X$  be connected and locally simply connected and fix  $x_0$  in  $X$ . Let  $p : [0, 1] \rightarrow X$  be a loop in  $X$  based at  $x_0$ . Then since  $A$  is a locally constant sheaf,  $p$  lifts uniquely to a loop  $\tilde{p}$  in  $EtA$  for each  $germ_{x_0}(s)$  in the stalk of  $A$  at  $x_0$ , that is, in  $\pi^{-1}(x_0)$ , the fiber of  $x_0$ . Since homotopies also lift to homotopies, two homotopic paths  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  lift to homotopic maps  $\tilde{p}_1$  and  $\tilde{p}_2$  in  $EtA$ , so that  $\tilde{p}_1(1) = germ_{x_0}(s) = \tilde{p}_2(1)$ . Then we can define an action of  $\pi_1(X, x_0)$  on  $A_{x_0} = \pi^{-1}(x_0)$  by  $p \cdot s = \tilde{p}_s(1)$ , where  $p$  is a loop based at  $x_0$ ,  $s$  is in the fiber of  $x_0$  (ie  $s$  in the stalk of  $A_{x_0}$ ) and  $\tilde{p}_s$  is the unique lift of  $p$  for  $s$  implied by the fact that  $\pi$  is a covering map. Note that if  $e$  is the constant loop, then  $\tilde{p}_s(1) = s$ ,  $\forall s$  so that  $e \cdot s = \tilde{p}_s(1) = s$