

# Math GR6262 Algebraic Geometry

## Assignment # 9

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### 1 Problem 1

Let  $X$  be a scheme over a field  $k$  and  $x \in X$  have residue field  $k$  in the sense that the map  $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec}(k)$  induces the identity at the stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{\operatorname{Spec}(k), (0)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, x} \rightarrow k(x)$ .

Let  $U \subset X$  be any affine open neighborhood  $U = \operatorname{Spec}(A)$  and  $x \in U$  corresponds to  $\mathfrak{p} \subset A$  then  $k(x) = k(\mathfrak{p}) = A_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}A_{\mathfrak{p}} = (A/\mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Furthermore, the map  $\operatorname{Spec}(A) \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec}(k)$  makes  $A$  a  $k$ -algebra compatibly with the isomorphism  $k(x) = k$  i.e. the diagram commutes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\quad} & k(x) \\ & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\ & k & \end{array}$$

We may factor this map via,

$$k \hookrightarrow A \longrightarrow A/\mathfrak{p} \hookrightarrow (A/\mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{\sim} k(x)$$

which composes the the identity. Because  $A/\mathfrak{p}$  is a domain, the map  $A/\mathfrak{p} \hookrightarrow (A/\mathfrak{p})_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is injective. Therefore, the tower of inclusions collapses showing  $A/\mathfrak{p} = k(x) = k$  which implies that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is maximal since  $k$  is a field. Thus  $\mathfrak{p} \in \operatorname{Spec}(A)$  is a closed point. Therefore,  $x \in U$  is closed for each affine open neighborhood. Therefore there exists a closed  $C \subset X$  such that  $C \cap U = \{x\}$  and thus

$$U^C \cup \{x\} = (U \setminus \{x\})^C = (C^C \cap U)^C = C \cup U^C$$

is closed. Now let  $\{U_{\alpha}\}$  be an affine cover of  $X$ . If  $x \in U_{\alpha}$  then we have shown that  $U_{\alpha}^C \cup \{x\}$  is closed otherwise  $x \in U_{\alpha}^C$  so  $U_{\alpha}^C \cup \{x\}$  is closed. Therefore, using the fact that  $U_{\alpha}$  cover  $X$ , the set

$$\bigcap_{\alpha} U_{\alpha}^C \cup \{x\} = \left( \bigcap_{\alpha} U_{\alpha} \right) \cup \{x\} = \emptyset \cup \{x\} = \{x\}$$

is closed.

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Let  $f : X \rightarrow S$  be a morphism of schemes. Let  $x \in X$  be a point and  $s = f(x)$ . Note that  $\operatorname{Spec}(k(x)[\epsilon]) = \{(\epsilon)\}$  and  $\epsilon^2 = 0$ . Consider the commutative diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & & \searrow & \\
& & & & \text{Spec}(k(x)) \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(k(x)[\epsilon]) \dashrightarrow^q X \\
& & & & \downarrow f \\
& & & & \text{Spec}(k(s)) \longrightarrow S
\end{array}$$

where  $\text{Spec}(k(x)) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k(x)[\epsilon])$  is induced by the quotient map  $k(x)[\epsilon] \rightarrow k(x)[\epsilon]/(\epsilon) = k(x)$  and  $\text{Spec}(k(x)[\epsilon]) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k(s))$  is induced by the inclusion  $k(s) \rightarrow k(x)[\epsilon]$  and the maps  $\text{Spec}(k(x)) \rightarrow X$  and  $\text{Spec}(k(s)) \rightarrow S$  are the canonical maps inducing the identity at the residue field.

Given a morphism  $q : \text{Spec}(k(x)[\epsilon]) \rightarrow X$  making the diagram commute we may consider the corresponding maps at stalks,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & & \searrow & \\
& & & & k(x) \longleftarrow k(x)[\epsilon] \xleftarrow{q^\#} \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \\
& & & & \uparrow f^\# \\
& & & & k(s) \longleftarrow \mathcal{O}_{S,s}
\end{array}$$

Consider the restriction  $q^\# : \mathfrak{m}_x \rightarrow (\epsilon) \subset k(x)[\epsilon]$  since this map is local its image lies in  $(\epsilon)$  the maximal ideal of  $k(x)[\epsilon]$ . Then  $q^\#(\mathfrak{m}_x^2) \subset (\epsilon^2) = 0$  and thus  $\mathfrak{m}_x^2 \subset \ker q^\#$ . Furthermore, by the commutativity of the diagram, the map  $\mathcal{O}_{S,s} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \xrightarrow{q^\#} k(x)[\epsilon]$  factors through  $k(s)$  and thus  $q^\#(\mathfrak{m}_s \mathcal{O}_{X,x}) = 0$  so  $\mathfrak{m}_s \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \subset \ker q^\#$ . Thus we may factor,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathfrak{m}_x & \xrightarrow{q^\#} & (\epsilon) \cong k(x) \\
& \searrow & \nearrow \\
& \frac{\mathfrak{m}_x}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s \mathcal{O}_{X,x}} &
\end{array}$$

Furthermore,  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k(x)[\epsilon] \rightarrow k(x)$  is the identity so the induced map,

$$\frac{\mathfrak{m}_x}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s \mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \rightarrow (\epsilon)$$

is  $k$ -linear.

Conversely, suppose that  $k(x) = k(s)$ . Given the diagram, the dotted morphism is uniquely determined on the underlying topological spaces since it must send the unique point of  $\text{Spec}(k(x)[\epsilon])$  to  $x$ . Therefore it suffices to show that a local stalk map  $q^\# : \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k(x)[\epsilon]$  is uniquely determined by a  $k(x)$ -linear map,

$$z : \frac{\mathfrak{m}_x}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s \mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \rightarrow k(x)$$

First, note that since  $\mathcal{O}_{S,s} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is local we have maps,

$$\mathcal{O}_{S,s}/\mathfrak{m}_s \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_s \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_x$$

whose composition gives the natural map  $k(s) \rightarrow k(x)$  which we assume to be an isomorphism. Denote  $k(s) = k(x) = k$  then the above maps give  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  a natural  $k$ -algebra structure. The projection map (defined since  $\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \subset \mathfrak{m}_x$ ),

$$\frac{(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x})}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_x = k$$

has kernel  $\mathfrak{m}_x/(\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x})$  giving a canonical decomposition as  $k$ -modules,

$$\frac{(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x})}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2} = \frac{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} = k \oplus \frac{\mathfrak{m}_x}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x}}$$

Therefore, we get a map  $q : \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k(X)[\epsilon]$  via,

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \rightarrow k \oplus \frac{\mathfrak{m}_x}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \xrightarrow{\text{id} \oplus \epsilon z} k(x)[\epsilon]$$

where the last map sends  $(a, m) \mapsto a + z(m)\epsilon$ . I claim that this map makes the diagram commute and is unique. First, it is clear that restricting  $q$  to  $\mathfrak{m}_x$  recovers the map  $z$  with image embedded as  $k(x)\epsilon \subset k(x)[\epsilon]$ . Next, the diagram commutes because the map sends  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k(x)$  under projection to the first factor exactly by the quotient  $\pi : \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k(x)$  since,

$$a \mapsto [a] \mapsto \pi(a) \oplus [a'] \mapsto \pi(a)$$

for some  $a' \in \ker(\mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k)$ . Furthermore,  $\mathcal{O}_{S,s} \rightarrow k(s) \rightarrow k(x)[\epsilon]$  is exactly given by  $\mathcal{O}_{S,s} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{S,s}/\mathfrak{m}_s \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}/\mathfrak{m}_x = k(x) \subset k(x)[\epsilon]$  which is just  $\pi \circ f^\#$ . Since the diagram commutes, it suffices to show that such a construction will recover the original map  $q^\# : \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k[\epsilon]$ . The difference  $\tilde{q} = q - q^\#$  is a map  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k[\epsilon]$  which factors through,

$$\frac{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} = k \oplus \frac{\mathfrak{m}_x}{\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x}}$$

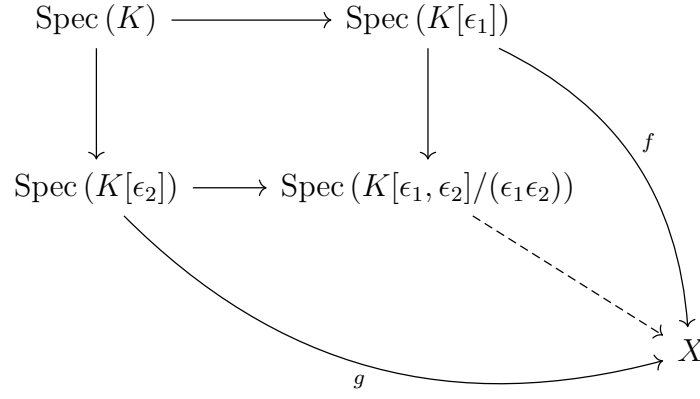
but is zero on each factor because  $q$  and  $q^\#$  agree on  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow k$  and on  $\mathfrak{m}_x/(\mathfrak{m}_x^2 + \mathfrak{m}_s\mathcal{O}_{X,x})$  by construction. Thus  $\tilde{q} = 0$  since it factors through the zero map on each factor of the quotient. Therefore,  $q = q^\#$  proving the result.

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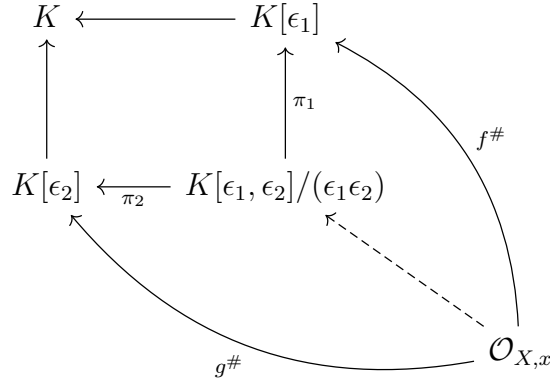
Let  $K$  be a field then consider the diagram of schemes,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec}(K) & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}(K[\epsilon_1]) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec}(K[\epsilon_2]) & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}(K[\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]/(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2)) \end{array}$$

we are asked to show that this diagram is a pushout in the category of schemes. Let  $X$  be any scheme and consider a commutative diagram,



Each affine scheme has one point so a map  $\mathrm{Spec}(K[\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]/(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2)) \rightarrow X$  is given by choosing a point  $x \in X$  and map  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow K[\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]/(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2)$ . We chose the point  $x \in X$  as the image of  $f$  which equals the image of  $g$ . The sheaf maps (which on a one point space are equivalent to the maps on the stalk) must satisfy the diagram,



However,  $K[\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]/(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2) = K[\epsilon_1] \times_K K[\epsilon_2]$  is the pullback in the category of rings and thus there exists a unique map  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow K[\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]/(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2)$  making the diagram commute. Since the topological part is fixed this is equivalent to giving a unique morphism of schemes  $\mathrm{Spec}(K[\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2]/(\epsilon_1\epsilon_2)) \rightarrow X$  such that the first diagram commutes. This proof works because  $K[\epsilon_1] \times_K K[\epsilon_2]$  is the pullback in the category of rings making (by the antiequivalence of the  $\mathrm{Spec}$  functor) the original diagram a pushout in the category of affine schemes. However, any morphism  $\mathrm{Spec}(K[\epsilon_i]) \rightarrow X$  factors through an open immersion of some affine patch because the image is a single point which must lie in some affine open. Therefore, this pushout diagram in the category of affine schemes is a pushout in the category of schemes.