

# Part III Algebraic Geometry

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## 1 Sheaves

**Definition** (Presheaf). Let  $X$  be a topological space. A **presheaf**  $\mathcal{F}$  consists of a collection of abelian groups,  $\mathcal{F}(U)$ , where  $U \subseteq X$  are the open subsets of  $X$  s.t.  $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset) = 0$ .

$\exists$  a homomorphism  $\mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V)$ ,  $s \mapsto s|_V$  for each inclusion  $V \subseteq U$  of open sets.  $\mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$  is the identity map. If  $W \subseteq V \subseteq U$  are open sets then  $\forall s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ ,  $(s|_V)|_W = s|_W$ .

**Definition** (Sheaf). A **sheaf**  $\mathcal{F}$  is a presheaf s.t. if  $U = \bigcup U_i$ ,  $U, U_i$  open and if  $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$  s.t.  $s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j} \forall i, j$  then  $\exists! s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  s.t.  $s|_{U_i} = s_i \forall i$ .

**Definition** (Stalk). Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $\mathcal{F}$  a presheaf,  $x \in X$ . Define the **stalk** of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $x$  by  $\mathcal{F}_x = \lim_{U \ni x} \mathcal{F}(U)$ .

More explicitly, each element of  $\mathcal{F}_x$  is given by a pair  $(U, s)$  where  $x \in U$  open,  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  subject to the condition

$$(U, s) = (V, t) \text{ if } \exists x \in W \subseteq U \cap V \text{ s.t. } s|_W = t|_W$$

**Definition** (Morphism). Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$  presheaves. A **morphism**  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is given by a collection of homomorphisms  $\mathcal{F}(U) \xrightarrow{\varphi_U} \mathcal{G}(U)$  s.t. if  $V \subseteq U$ , the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(U) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_U} & \mathcal{G}(U) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{F}(V) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_V} & \mathcal{G}(V) \end{array}$$

commutes. We say  $\varphi$  is an **isomorphism** if it has an inverse.

**Definition.** Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $\mathcal{F}$  a presheaf. Then  $\exists$  a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}^+$  and a morphism  $\alpha : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$  s.t. if  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is a morphism into a sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$ , then  $\varphi$  factors uniquely

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathcal{F}^+ \\ & \nearrow \alpha & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{F} & & \mathcal{G} \\ & \searrow \varphi & \end{array}$$

for some morphism  $\mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . We call  $\mathcal{F}^+$  the sheaf **associated** to  $\mathcal{F}$ .  
 $\mathcal{F}^+$  is constructed as follows:

$$\mathcal{F}^+(U) := \left\{ \text{functions } s : U \rightarrow \bigsqcup_{x \in U} \mathcal{F}_x \mid \begin{array}{l} \forall x \in U, s(x) \in \mathcal{F}_x, \exists x \in W \subseteq V \text{ and} \\ t \in \mathcal{F}(W) \text{ s.t. } s(y) = (V, t) \in \mathcal{F}_y \forall y \in W \end{array} \right\}$$

**Definition** (Kernel and Image). Let  $X$  be a topological space,  $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{G}$  a morphism of presheaves. The **kernel** of  $\varphi$ , denoted  $\text{Ker}\varphi$ , is defined by

$$(\text{Ker}\varphi)(U) = \text{Ker}(\varphi_U : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U))$$

The **presheaf image** of  $\varphi$ , denoted  $\text{Im}(\varphi^{pre})$  is defined by

$$(\text{Im}\varphi^{pre})(U) = \text{Im}(\varphi_U)$$

Now assume  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  are sheaves. Define the kernel of  $\varphi = \text{Ker}\varphi$  as above, which is a sheaf. Define the image of  $\varphi$  by  $\text{Im}(\varphi^{pre})^+$ , denoted  $\text{Im}\varphi$ .