

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 φ 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 φ 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 φ , 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 φ , 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 φ by $\text{Im}(\varphi^{pre})^+$, denoted $\text{Im } \varphi$.

Theorem 1. Suppose $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is a morphism of sheaves on a topological space X . Then

- i. φ is injective $\iff \varphi_x : \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_x$ is injective $\forall x \in X$
- ii. φ is surjective $\iff \varphi_x : \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_x$ is surjective $\forall x \in X$
- iii. φ is an isomorphism $\iff \varphi_x : \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_x$ is an isomorphism $\forall x \in X$

Definition. Let X be a topological space. A **complex of sheaves** is a sequence

$$\cdots \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{-2} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{-2}} \mathcal{F}_{-1} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{-1}} \mathcal{F}_0 \xrightarrow{\varphi_0} \mathcal{F}_1 \xrightarrow{\varphi_1} \mathcal{F}_2 \xrightarrow{\varphi_2} \cdots$$

of sheaves s.t. $\text{Im } \varphi_i \subseteq \text{Ker } \varphi_{i+1} \forall i$. We say it is an **exact sequence** if $\text{Im } \varphi_i = \text{Ker } \varphi_{i+1} \forall i$. An exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \rightarrow 0$$

is called a **short exact sequence**.

Definition (Constant sheaf). *Let X be a topological space and A an abelian group. Define a presheaf \mathcal{F} by $\mathcal{F}(U) = A \ \forall$ open $U \neq \emptyset$. We call \mathcal{F}^+ the **constant sheaf** associated to A .*

Definition (Direct image). *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map of topological spaces, and let \mathcal{F} be a presheaf on X . The **direct image** $f_*\mathcal{F}$ is defined by*

$$(f_*\mathcal{F})(V) = \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}V)$$

Definition (Skyscraper sheaf). *Let X be a topological space, $x \in X$, A an abelian group. Define \mathcal{F} by*

$$\mathcal{F} = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } x \in U \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin U \end{cases}$$

*We call \mathcal{F} the **skyscraper sheaf** associated to A at x .*