

Algebraic Geometry I

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Quick Motivation

We study schemes.

These are objects that "look locally" like $(\text{Spec } A, A)$.

Examples include

- A itself
- Varieties in affine or Projective

1 Presheaves and Sheaves

1.1 Presheaves

Let X be a topological space.

Definition 1 (Presheaf)

Let C be a category. A presheaf \mathcal{F} of C on X consists of

- $\forall U \subset X$ open, an object in C $\mathcal{F}(U)$
- $\forall V \subset U \subset X$ open, a morphism $\rho_{U,V} : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V)$

such that

- $\forall U$ open, $\rho_{U,U}$ is the identity on $\mathcal{F}(U)$
- Restriction maps are compatible

$$\forall W \subset V \subset U \subset X$$

open, we have $\rho_{U,V} \circ \rho_{V,W} = \rho_{U,W}$

Remark

Usually, $C = \text{Set}, \text{Ab}, \text{Ring}, \text{etc.}$

In particular, we usually assume the objects in C have elements.

Remark

- Elements of $\mathcal{F}(U)$ are called sections of \mathcal{F} over U .
- $\mathcal{F}(U)$ is called the space of sections of \mathcal{F} over U
- Elements of $\mathcal{F}(X)$ are called global sections.
- There are alternative notations for $\mathcal{F}(U) : \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$ or $H_0(U, \mathcal{F})$
- The $\rho_{U,V}$ are called restriction maps, for $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$, we write $s|_V := \rho_{U,V}(s)$ and is called restriction of s to V .

Example

- For any object A in C , we define the constant presheaf \underline{A} defined by $\underline{A}(U) = A$ and with restriction maps the identity.

- The presheaf of continuous functions : C^0 .
We define $C^0(U) := \{f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous}\}$ and the restriction maps are the natural restrictions.
- More generally, if $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ is continuous, we can look at the presheaf of continuous sections of π , here

$$\mathcal{F}_\pi(U) := \{s : U \rightarrow Y \mid s \text{ continuous } \pi \circ s = \text{Id}\}$$

This example is universal in a certain sense

Remark

Define the category Ouv_X with

- objects $U \subset X$ open subsets
- morphisms $U \rightarrow V$ are either empty or the inclusion $U \rightarrow V$ if $U \subset V$

Then a presheaf of C on X is just a contravariant functor $\text{Ouv}_X^{\text{op}} \rightarrow C$

Definition 2 (Morphism of presheaves)

A morphism $\phi : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ of presheaves on X consists of a collection of morphisms $\rho(U) : \mathcal{F}_1(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2(U)$ which are natural.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}_1(U) & \xrightarrow{\rho(U)} & \mathcal{F}_2(U) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{F}_1(V) & \xrightarrow{\rho(V)} & \mathcal{F}_2(V) \end{array}$$

Example

- Every morphism of objects $A \rightarrow B$ in C yields a morphism $\underline{A} \rightarrow \underline{B}$
- If $X = \mathbb{R}^n$, let C^∞ be the presheaf of smooth functions, then for every open U , there is an inclusion $C^\infty(U) \rightarrow C^0(U)$ and these inclusions induce a morphism of sheaves $C^\infty \rightarrow C^0$
- If $Y_2 \xrightarrow{\pi_2} Y_1 \xrightarrow{\pi_1} X$ are continuous, we get $\rho : \mathcal{F}_{\pi_1 \circ \pi_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\pi_1}$ by mapping a section $s \in \mathcal{F}_{\pi_1 \circ \pi_2}(U) \rightarrow \pi_2 \circ s$

Remark

There is an equivalence of categories

$$\text{Presheaves of } C \text{ on } X \simeq \text{Fun}(\text{Ouv}_X^{\text{op}}, C)$$

1.2 Sheaves

Definition 3 (Sheaf)

Let $C = \text{Set}, \text{Ab}, \text{Ring}$.

A sheaf \mathcal{F} of C on X is a presheaf such that $\forall U \subset X$ open and all open covers $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$

- $\forall s, t \in \mathcal{F}(U)$, if $s|_{U_i} = t|_{U_i} \forall i \in I$ then $s = t$
- $\forall \{s_i\}$ with $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ and $s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j} \forall i, j \in I$, then $\exists s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ such that $s|_{U_i} = s_i$

Condition 1 is called locality and condition 2 is the gluing condition.

Remark

- The section s of the gluing condition is unique by the locality condition.
- If C has products, then a presheaf is called a sheaf if

$$\mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}(U_i) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i, j \in I} \mathcal{F}(U_i \cap U_j)$$

is an equalizer diagram Here the first map is induced by the maps $s_i : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U_i)$, the two second maps are induced by, for each pair $i, j \in I$ the restrictions $\rho_{U_i, U_i \cap U_j}$ resp. $\rho_{U_j, U_i \cap U_j}$

Example

1. If \mathcal{F} is a sheaf, let $U \cap \emptyset \subset X$ and $I = \emptyset$, then $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset)$ contains at most one element
2. C^0 (and C^∞ if $X = \mathbb{R}^n$) are sheaves since $\forall U \subset X$ open
 - Two continuous functions $f, g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that coincide on an open cover are equal
 - Given an open cover $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ and $f_i : U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the function $f : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined in the obvious way is continuous (resp. smooth) because continuity (resp. smoothness) is local.

Definition 4 (Morphisms of sheaves)

A morphism of sheaves $\rho : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ is a morphism of the underlying presheaves.

Remark

- $PSh_C(X)$ is the category of presheaves of C on X
 - $Sh_C(X)$ is the category of sheaves of C on X
- If $C = Ab$, we drop the index.

Remark

There is a forgetful functor $Sh_C(X) \rightarrow PSh_C(X)$.

By definition, this functor is fully faithful

Recall

Let A be a commutative ring (with 1), then $\text{Spec } A$ is the set of prime ideals of A .

The closed subsets of the Zariski topology on $\text{Spec } A$ are of the form $V(M) = \{p \in \text{Spec } A \mid M \subset p\}$.

A basis of this topology is given by $D(a) = \{p \in \text{Spec } A \mid a \notin p\}$, here $a \in A$

Definition 5 (Natural sheaf on Spec A)

Let A be a ring and $X = \text{Spec } A$, then the structure sheaf \mathcal{O}_X on X is defined by

$$\mathcal{O}_X(U) = \left\{ s : U \rightarrow \prod_{p \in \text{Spec } A} A_p \mid s \text{ satisfies } i \text{ and } ii \right\}$$

where

1. $\forall p \in U, s(p) \in A_p$
2. $\forall p \in U, \exists a, b \in A$ and $V \subset U$ open with $p \in V \subset D(b)$ with $s(q) = \frac{a}{b} \in A_q \forall q \in V$

and ρ_{UV} are simply the (pointwise) restrictions.

Remark

\mathcal{O}_X is a sheaf of rings :

- $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is a ring with pointwise multiplication and addition

Lecture 2: Stalks

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1.3 Stalks

Let X be a topological space.

Definition 6

Let (I, \leq) be a pair where I is a set and \leq is a binary relation.

(I, \leq) is called a preorder if \leq is reflexive and transitive.

(I, \leq) is called a poset if it is preordered and \leq is antisymmetric

(I, \leq) is called a directed set if it is preordered and $\forall i, j \in I \exists k \in I$ such that $i, j \leq k$

Example

1. Let $I = \{U \subset X \mid U \text{ open}\}$ and $U \leq V \iff V \subset U$.

Then I is a directed poset.

2. For $x \in X$, let

$$I_x = \{U \subset X \mid U \text{ open } x \in U\}$$

This is a directed poset.

Definition 7

Let (I, \leq) be a directed set and C a category.

A direct system in C indexed by I is a pair $(\{A_i\}, \{\rho_{ij}\}_{i,j \in I, i \leq j})$.

Where the A_i are objects in C , the $\rho_{ij} : A_i \rightarrow A_j$ are morphisms in C such that

1. $\rho_{ii} = \text{Id}_{A_i}$
2. $\rho_{ik} = \rho_{jk} \circ \rho_{ij}$

Example

If \mathcal{F} is a presheaf of C on X and I_X as in the second example above, then

$$(\{\mathcal{F}(U_i)_{U_i \in I_X}\}, \{\rho_{U_i, U_j}\})$$

is a direct system.

Definition 8 (direct limit)

Let (I, \leq) be a directed set, C a category.

Let $(\{A_i\}_{i \in I}, \{\rho_{ij}\}_{i,j \in I})$ be a directed system, then the direct limit is a pair $(\lim_{i \in I} A_i, \{\rho_i\}_{i \in I})$ where $\lim A_i$ is in C and $\rho_i : A_i \rightarrow \lim A_i$ such that

1. $\rho_j \circ \rho_{ij} = \rho_i$
2. For all objects A in C and morphisms $f_i : A_i \rightarrow A$ such that

$$f_j \circ \rho_{ij} = f_i \forall i, j \in I, i \leq j$$

$$\exists! f : \lim_{i \in I} A_i \rightarrow A \text{ such that } f \circ \rho_i = f_i$$

Remark

The direct limit is unique up to unique isomorphism.

Example

Write $(*) = (\{A_i\}_{i \in I}, \{\rho_{ij}\}_{i,j \in I, i \leq j})$.

Let $*$ be a direct system in Set .

Let $\lim_{i \in I} A_i := A_i / \sim$ where $a_i \simeq a_j \iff \exists k \in I, i, j \leq k$ such that $\rho_{ik}(a_i) = \rho_{jk}(a_j)$.

This is the direct limit of $*$.

If $*$ is a system in Ab , let $\lim A_i := \bigoplus A_i / N$ with $N = \langle a_i - \rho_{ij}(a_i) \rangle$.

The natural map $\bigcup A_i / \sim \rightarrow \bigoplus A_i / N$ is a bijection

Remark

Taking the direct limits in (Ab) is exact in the following sense :

\forall directed sets I , \forall direct systems $\{M_i\}, \{N_i\}, \{P_i\}$ indexed by I and for all

collections of commutative diagrams, we get

$$0 \rightarrow \lim M_i \rightarrow \lim N_i \rightarrow \lim P_i \rightarrow 0$$

Definition 9

Let C be a category with direct limits. Let $x \in X$ be a point, \mathcal{F} a presheaf of C on X .

Then the stalk of \mathcal{F} at x is

$$\mathcal{F}_x = \lim \mathcal{F}(U)$$

where U runs over all open neighbourhoods of x .

For $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$, we write s_x for the image of s in \mathcal{F}_x and call it the germ of s at x .

Remark

A morphism of sheaves $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ induces $\phi_x : \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_x \forall x \in X$

Remark

Let $x \in X, \mathcal{F}$ a presheaf of Set, Ab

1. $\forall U \subset X$ open, $x \in U, s, t \in \mathcal{F}(U)$

$$s_x = t_x \iff \exists V \subset U \text{ open such that } s|_V = t|_V$$

2. $\forall s \in \mathcal{F}_x, \exists x \in U$ open and $t \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ such that $t_x = s$.

Definition 10 (Sheafification)

Let \mathcal{F} be a presheaf of sets (...) on X .

The sheafification of \mathcal{F} is the sheaf \mathcal{F}^+ defined by

$$\mathcal{F}^+(U) = \left\{ s : U \rightarrow \prod_{x \in U} \mathcal{F}_x \mid s \text{ satisfies properties 1 and 2} \right\}$$

1. $\forall x \in U, s(x) \in \mathcal{F}_x$
2. $\forall x \in U, \exists V \subset U$ open and $t \in \mathcal{F}(V)$ such that $t_x = s(y) \forall y \in V$

Remark

1. \mathcal{F}^+ is a sheaf
2. Sheafification is functorial.
For $\rho : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ a morphism of presheaves, the collection $\rho^+(U) : \mathcal{F}^+(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^+(U)$ sending $s \rightarrow (\prod_{x \in U} \rho_x) \circ s$
3. \exists a natural morphism $\iota_{\mathcal{F}} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$ defined by $\iota_{\mathcal{F}}(U)(s) : x \rightarrow s_x$
4. $\forall s \in \mathcal{F}^+(U)$ there is an open cover $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ and $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ such that $s|_{U_i} = \iota_{\mathcal{F}}(U_i)(s_i)$

5. $\forall x \in X$, the map $\iota_{\mathcal{F},x} : \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x^+$ is an isomorphism.

Proposition 20

\forall morphisms $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ such that \mathcal{G} is a sheaf, there exists a unique morphism $\phi^+ : \mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ such that $\phi = \phi^+ \circ \iota_{\mathcal{F}}$

Proof

Let $U \subset X$ open, let $s \in \mathcal{F}^+(U) \ni$ an open cover $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ and $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ such that $\iota_{\mathcal{F}}(U_i)(s_i) = s|_{U_i}$.

Since we want $\phi = \phi^+ \circ \iota_{\mathcal{F}}$, we have to set

$$\phi^+(U_i)(s|_{U_i}) = \phi(U_i)(s_i)$$

Since \mathcal{G} is a sheaf and

$$\phi(U_i)(s_i)|_{U_i \cap U_j} = \phi(U_i \cap U_j)(s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j}) = \phi(U_j)(s_j)|_{U_i \cap U_j}$$

there exists a unique $t \in \mathcal{G}(U)$ with $t|_{U_i} = \phi(U_i)(s_i)$.

For ϕ^+ to be a morphism, we have to set $\phi^+(U)(s) = t$.

We still have to check that ϕ^+ is compatible with restriction maps. □

Remark

The proposition above shows that $\text{hom}_{Sh(X)}(\mathcal{F}^+, \mathcal{G}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{hom}_{Psh(X)}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ naturally in the presheaf and the sheaf \mathcal{G} .

Hence $(-)^+$ is left-adjoint to the forgetful functor $Sh(X) \rightarrow Psh(X)$

Proposition 22

$X = \text{Spec } A \forall a \in A$ there exist isomorphisms $\phi_a : A_a \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D(a))$ such that $\forall b \in A$ with $D(b) \subset D(a)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_a & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{O}_X(D(a)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A_b & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{O}_X(D(b)) \end{array}$$

Proof

Define $\phi_a : A_a \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(D(a))$ by sending $\frac{s}{a^n} \mapsto (p \rightarrow \frac{s}{a^n} \in A_p)$.

Clearly, these make the diagram commute.

This map is injective, indeed, suppose $\phi_a(\frac{s}{a^n}) = 0$.

Let $I = \text{Ann}(s) = \{r \in A | rs = 0\}$.

Since $\frac{s}{a^n} = 0 \forall p \in D(a)$, we have $I \not\subset p$, hence $V(I) \subset V(a) \implies a \in \sqrt{I}$.

Thus there exists $m \geq 1$ such that $a^m s = 0$, hence $\frac{s}{a^n} = 0$.

To show surjectivity, let $s \in \mathcal{O}_X(D(a))$, by definition of \mathcal{O}_X and because $D(h_i)$ form a basis, we find $a_i, g_i, h_i \in A$ such that

$$D(a) = \bigcup D(h_i), D(h_i) \subset D(g_i)$$

and $s(q) = \frac{a_i}{g_i}$ for all $q \in D(h_i)$.

1. Claim 1 : Can choose $g_i = h_i$
2. Claim 2 : Can choose I finite
3. Claim 3 : Can choose a_i, h_i such that $h_j a_i = h_i a_j$.

Using these claims, since $D(a) = \bigcup D(h_i)$, we find $n > 0, b_j \in A$ such that $a^n = \sum b_j h_j$.

Write $c = \sum a_i b_i$.

Then $h_j = \sum_i a_i b_i h_j = \sum a_j b_i h_i = a^n a_j$.

Thus $\frac{c}{a^n} = \frac{a_j}{h_j} \in A_{h_j} \implies \phi_a(\frac{c}{a^n}) = s$.

We now prove the claims

1. We have $D(h_i) \subset D(g_i)$ thus $V(g_i) \subset V(h_i)$ and thus $h_i \in \sqrt{(g_i)}$.
So there exists $c_i \in A$ and $n > 1$ such that $h_i^n = c_i g_i$.
Now, we replace h_i by h_i^n and a_i by $a_i c_i$. Then

$$\frac{a_i c_i}{h_i^n} = \frac{a_i}{g_i}$$

2. We have $D(a) \subset \bigcup D(h_i) \iff V(\sum h_i) = \bigcap V(h_i) \subset V(a)$.
This is equivalent to saying that $a \in \sqrt{\sum (h_i)}$.
Thus there exists $n \geq 1$ such that $a^n \in \sum_i (h_i)$.
So there exist finitely many $b_i \in A$ such that $a^n = \sum b_j h_j$
3. On $D(h_i) \cap D(h_j) = D(h_i h_j)$, we have

$$\phi_{h_i h_j}(\frac{a_i}{h_i}) = s|_{D(h_i h_j)} = \phi_{h_i h_j}(\frac{a_j}{h_j})$$

Thus

$$\frac{a_i}{h_i} = \frac{a_j}{h_j} \in A_{h_i h_j}$$

Thus, there exists $N_j \geq 1$ such that $(h_i h_j)^{N_j} (h_j a_i - h_i a_j) = 0$.

From claim 2, I is finite, so we can choose N big enough such that N works for all $D(h_i)$.

Now, we replace h_i by h_i^{N+1} and a_i by $h_i^N a_i$ and we get $h_j a_i - h_i a_j = 0 \in A$. \square

Corollary 23

Take $X = \text{Spec } A$, then $\forall p \in \text{Spec } A \exists$ isomorphisms $\phi_p : A_p \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ such that the appropriate diagram commutes.

Proof

1. Observe $\lim_{a \in A \setminus p} = A_a \simeq A_p$ (check universal property)
2. Observe that $\lim_{p \in D(a)} \mathcal{O}_X(D(a)) \simeq \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$

Lecture 3: Kernels/cokernels of sheaves

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1.4 Kernels, cokernels, exactness

In this chapter, every (pre)-sheaf is a (pre)sheaf of Abelian groups.

Definition 11 (Subsheaf)

Let \mathcal{F} be a (pre)sheaf on X .

Then a sub(pre)sheaf of \mathcal{F} is a (pre)sheaf \mathcal{G} such that $\mathcal{G}(U) \subset \mathcal{F}(U)$ for every open and the restriction maps are induced by \mathcal{F} .

Definition 12 (Kernel, cokernel of presheaves)

Let $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves

1. The presheaf kernel of ϕ is the presheaf $\ker^{pre}(\phi)$ defined by $\ker^{pre}(\phi)(U) = \ker(\phi(U))$
2. The presheaf image is defined as $\text{Im}^{pre}(\phi)(U) = \text{Im}(\phi(U))$
3. The presheaf cokernel is $\text{coker}^{pre}(\phi)(U) = \text{coker}(\phi(U))$.

In each case, the restriction maps are induced by those in \mathcal{F} or \mathcal{G} .

Lemma 24

If \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are sheaves, then the presheaf kernel is a sheaf.

Proof

Let $U \subset X$ open and $U = \bigcup U_i$ an open cover, $s_i \in \ker^{pre}(\phi)(U_i)$ such that $s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$.

Since \mathcal{F} is a sheaf, $\exists s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ such that $s|_{U_i} = s_i$.

Since $\ker^{pre}(\phi)(U_i) = \ker(\phi(U_i))$, we have $\phi(U_i)(s_i) = 0$.

Thus

$$\phi(U)(s)|_{U_i} = \phi(U_i)(s|_{U_i}) = 0$$

Since \mathcal{G} is a sheaf, $\phi(U)(s) = 0 \implies s \in \ker^{pre}(\phi)(U)$. \square

Example

By an exercise, the image presheaf and cokernel presheaf are, in general, no sheaves, even if \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are.

Definition 13 (Cokernel/image of morphisms of sheaves)

Let $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves

1. sheaf kernel : $\ker^{pre}(\phi)$

2. sheaf image $(\text{Im}^{pre}(\phi))^+$
3. sheaf cokernel $(\text{coker}^{pre}(\phi))^+$

Lemma 26 (cokernels are cokernels)

Let $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves

1. $\ker \phi \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is a categorical kernel in $Sh(X)$
2. $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{coker } \phi$ is a categorical cokernel in $Sh(X)$.

Proof

1. This means that for each commutative diagram with solid arrows, the dotted arrow is unique
"Insert cokernel/kernel diagram here"
 This holds for every open U and so the kernel is a sheaf.
2. The appropriate diagram commutes and we use the universal property of sheafification. \square

Proposition 27

Let $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves of abelian groups, then the following are equivalent

1. ϕ is a monomorphism in $Sh(X)$
2. $\ker(\phi) = 0$
3. $\ker(\phi(U)) = 0$
4. $\ker(\phi_x) = 0$

Proof

Recall ϕ is a monomorphism if for every $\psi : \mathcal{F}' \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$, $\phi \circ \psi = 0 \implies \psi = 0$.
 The implication $1 \implies 2$ follows by applying the monomorphism property to $\ker \phi \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$.
 $2 \implies 1$ If $\phi \circ \psi = 0$, then ψ factors through the kernel $\ker \phi \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ and so $\psi = 0$

$2 \iff 3$ Since $\ker(\phi)(U) = \ker(\phi(U))$

$3 \implies 4$ Follows because taking direct limits is exact.

$4 \implies 3$ Let $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ with $\phi(U)(s) = 0$, then $\phi_x(s_x) = (\phi(U)(s))_x = 0$.

So $s_x = 0 \forall x \in U$ and so $s = 0$ \square

Proposition 28

Let $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves of abelian groups, then the following are equivalent

1. ϕ is an epimorphism in $Sh(X)$
2. $\text{coker}(\phi) = 0$
3. $\text{coker}(\phi_x) = 0$

Proof

Recall that ϕ is an epimorphism if for every $\psi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}'$, $\psi \circ \phi = 0 \implies \psi = 0$

1 \implies 2 Apply epimorphism property to $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{coker}(\phi)$

2 \implies 3 We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (\text{coker } \phi)_x \\ &= (\text{coker}^{pre} \phi)_x = \text{coker}(\phi_x) \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

3 \implies 1

Let $\psi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}'$ such that $\psi \circ \phi = 0$, this implies that $0 = (\psi \circ \phi)_x = \psi_x \circ \phi_x$.

Since ϕ_x is an epimorphism of abelian groups, we get $\psi_x = 0$.

As the hom sheaf is a sheaf, we get that $\psi = 0$

Remark

If $\text{coker}(\phi(U)) = 0 \forall U \subset X \implies \text{coker}(\phi) = 0$ but the converse is not true.

Corollary 30

If $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is a morphism of sheaves, then the following are equivalent

1. ϕ is an isomorphism
2. $\phi(U)$ is an isomorphism $\forall U \subset X$ open
3. ϕ_x is an isomorphism $\forall x \in X$

Proof

1 \implies 2 since taking sections is a functor

2 \implies 3 since taking limits is functorial

2 \implies 1 because $(\phi(U))^{-1}$ defines a morphism of sheaves

3 \implies 2 Need to show surjectivity of $\phi(U)$.

Let $t \in \mathcal{G}(U)$, since ϕ_x is an isomorphism $\forall x \in U$, we find $s_x \in \mathcal{F}_x$ such that $\phi_x(s_x) = t_x$.

There exists an open neighbourhood and $s_{V_x} \subset \mathcal{F}(V_x)$ such that $(s_{V_x})_x = s_x$
Since

$$(\phi(V_x)(s_{V_x}))_x = t_x$$

we can choose $V + x$ sufficiently small such that $\phi(V_x)(s_{V_x}) = t|_{V_x}$.

Since $\phi(V_x \cap V_y)$ is injective and $\phi(V_x \cap V_y)(s_{V_x}|_{V_x \cap V_y}) = t|_{V_x \cap V_y} = \phi(V_x \cap V_y)(s_{V_y}|_{V_x \cap V_y})$, we have $s_{V_x}|_{V_x \cap V_y} = s_{V_y}|_{V_x \cap V_y}$.

Thus there exists $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ such that $s|_{V_x} = s_{V_x}$ and $\phi(U)(s)|_{V_x} = t|_{V_x}$ and thus $\phi(U)(s) = t$. \square

Definition 14 (Exact Sequence of sheaves)

A sequence of sheaves $\mathcal{F}_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} \mathcal{F}_2 \xrightarrow{\phi_2} \mathcal{F}_3$ is called exact if $\ker \phi_2 = \text{Im } \phi_1$

Corollary 31

A sequence of sheaves is exact iff the associated sequence on stalks is exact for all points.

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Corollary 32

A sequence of sheaves is exact if and only if it is exact on all stalks.

Proof

If $\ker(\phi_{2,x}) = \text{Im}(\phi_{1,x}) \forall x \in X$, thus $(\phi_{2,x} \circ \phi_{1,x}) = (\phi_2 \circ \phi_1)_x$.

Thus $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1 = 0$ because the hom sheaf is a sheaf.

Thus ϕ_1 factors as $\mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \text{Im } \phi_1 \rightarrow \ker \phi_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$ as ψ_x is an isomorphism, ψ is an isomorphism. \square

Corollary 33

Let $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves, then $\text{Im } \phi = \ker(\mathcal{G} \text{ to coker } \phi)$

Corollary 34

$Sh(X)$ is an abelian category.

1.5 Direct and inverse image, ringed spaces**Definition 15**

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map.

We define the direct image of \mathcal{F} by f on Y defined by

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

We can check that $f_*\mathcal{F}$ is a sheaf with restriction maps induced by \mathcal{F} .

If $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is a morphism of sheaves on X , then the $(f_*\phi)(X) = \phi(f^{-1}(V))\mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(V)) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(f^{-1}(V))$ define a morphism of sheaves.

Thus we get a functor $f_* : Sh(X) \rightarrow Sh(Y)$.

Definition 16 (inverse image)

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map and let \mathcal{G} be a sheaf on Y .

The inverse image of \mathcal{G} along f is the sheafification of the presheaf

$$f^{-1,pre}(\mathcal{G})$$

defined by

$$f^{-1,pre}(\mathcal{G})(U) = \mathcal{G}(f(U) \subset V)$$

We can again check that if $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is a morphism of sheaves on Y , we define $f^{-1}\phi : \mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(V)$ using the maps induced by ϕ . Thus we get a functor $Sh(Y) \rightarrow Sh(X)$.

Lemma 35

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map, \mathcal{F} a sheaf on X and \mathcal{G} a sheaf on Y .

1. $\forall y \in Y$ there is a natural isomorphism

$$(f_*\mathcal{F})_y \simeq_{y \in V \subset Y} \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(V))$$

In particular for all $x \in X$ there is a natural map $(f_*\mathcal{F})_{f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x$

2. $\forall x \in X$ there is a natural isomorphism $(f^{-1}\mathcal{G})_x \simeq \mathcal{G}_{f(x)}$

Proof

The isomorphisms are immediate from the definition.

The morphism $(f_*\mathcal{F})_{f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x$ is given by

$$(f_*\mathcal{F})_{f(x)} = \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(V)) =_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(V)) \rightarrow_{x \in U} \mathcal{F}(U) = \mathcal{F}_x \quad \square$$

Proposition 36

If $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map, then $f_* : Sh(X) \rightarrow Sh(Y)$ is right-adjoint to $f^{-1} : Sh(Y) \rightarrow Sh(X)$

Corollary 37

$f^{-1} : Sh(Y) \rightarrow Sh(X)$ is exact

Proof

Let $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_3 \rightarrow 0$ be exact in $Sh(Y)$.

Thus $\forall y \in Y, 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{1,y} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{2,y} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{3,y} \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

In particular it is exact at $f(x) \forall x \in X$ and thus the associated inverse image sequence is exact. \square

Corollary 38

$f_* : Sh(X) \rightarrow Sh(Y)$ is left-exact.

Proof

Let $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3 \rightarrow 0$ be exact in $Sh(X)$.

Recall that the section functor is left-exact, thus $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_3(U)$ is exact $\forall U \subset X$.

Thus $0 \rightarrow (f_*\mathcal{F}_1)_y \rightarrow (f_*\mathcal{F}_2)_y \rightarrow (f_*\mathcal{F}_3)_y$ is exact $\forall y \in Y$ and thus $0 \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{F}_3$ is exact. \square

Example

f_* is usually not right-exact.

Eg, if $f : X \rightarrow \{*\}$ and \mathcal{F} is a sheaf on X , then $(f_*\mathcal{F})(\emptyset) = 0$ and $(f_*\mathcal{F})(\{*\}) = \mathcal{F}(X)$ and taking sections is not exact.

Definition 17 (Ringed space)

A ringed space is a pair (X, \mathcal{O}_X) where X is a topological space and \mathcal{O}_X is a sheaf of rings on X .

A morphism of ringed spaces $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ is a pair $(f, f^\#)$ where $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a continuous map and $f^\#$ is a morphism $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{O}_X$.

Remark

Ringed spaces form a category, if $(f, f^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$, $(g, g^\#) : (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow (Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$ define their composition to be $(g \circ f, g_* (f^\# \circ g^\#))$

Example

1. For every ring A , $(\text{Spec } A, \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } A})$ is a ringed space.
2. For any field K and any topological space X , define a sheaf $\text{Fun}_{X,K}(U) = \{s : U \rightarrow K\}$.
There is a functor $\top \rightarrow (\text{Ringed spaces})$ sending $X \mapsto (X, \text{Fun}_{X,K})$ where for $f : X \rightarrow Y$ $f^\#$ is the pullback (precomposition).
3. (X, C_X^0) is a ringed space

Observe that for many of these examples of ringed spaces, the stalks $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ are local rings.

Definition 18 (Morphism of local rings)

A morphism of local rings $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ with maximal ideals m_A and m_B is called local if $m_A = \phi^{-1}(m_B)$

Example

1. For all ring homomorphism $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ and all $q \in \text{Spec } B$ the induced

map $A_{\phi^{-1}(q)} \rightarrow B_q$ is local.

2. A ring homomorphism $\phi : A \rightarrow K$ from a local ring A to a field iff $m_A = \ker \phi$

Definition 19 (Locally ringed space)

A locally ringed space is a ringed space (X, \mathcal{O}_X) such that $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ is local $\forall x \in X$.

A morphism of locally ringed spaces $(f, f^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ is a morphism of ringed spaces such that

$$f_x^\# : \mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)} \xrightarrow{f_x^\#} (f_* \mathcal{O}_X)_{f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$$

is local.

Remark

The category of locally ringed spaces is a subcategory of the category of ringed spaces

Definition 20 (Affine Scheme)

An affine scheme is a locally ringed space (X, \mathcal{O}_X) such that $X = \text{Spec } A$ and \mathcal{O}_X is the structure sheaf.

Definition 21 (Scheme)

A scheme is a locally ringed space (X, \mathcal{O}_X) such that there exists an open cover $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ such that each $(U_i, \mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i})$ is an affine scheme.

A morphism of schemes is a morphism of the underlying ringed spaces.

Example

1. If (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is a scheme and $U \subset X$ is open, then $(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U)$ is not necessarily a scheme (even if X is affine).
2. If (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is a scheme and $X = \{*\}$, then X is affine.
Then $\text{Spec } A = \{*\}$ iff every $a \in A$ is either a unit or nilpotent.