

# 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  $\pi$ , 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  $\text{Ouv}_X$  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  $C^\infty$  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  $C^\infty$  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  $\rho_{UV}$  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  $\lim_{i \in I} A_i$  is in  $C$  and  $\rho_i : A_i \rightarrow \lim_{i \in I} A_i$  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  $\text{Set}$ .

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  $\text{Ab}$ , let  $\lim_{i \in I} A_i := \bigoplus A_i / N$  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  $(\text{Ab})$  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  $\phi^+$  to be a morphism, we have to set  $\phi^+(U)(s) = t$ .

We still have to check that  $\phi^+$  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

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

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