

Homological algebra and schemes

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CHAPTER 1

Abelian Categories

1.1 Additive categories

Let \mathcal{A} be a category such that the hom-sets carry the structure of an abelian group and composition is bilinear. We call such a category **Ab**-enriched. An additive category is an **Ab**-enriched category which has finite coproducts and a zero object.

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Thm 1.1.1. *Let \mathcal{A} be an additive category. Then finite coproducts in \mathcal{A} are in fact finite biproducts.*

Proof. It is easy to see that initial objects are isomorphic to terminal objects (and they both exist) and so it suffices to show the result for binary coproducts. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$. Define $p_A : A \amalg B \rightarrow A$ and $p_B : A \amalg B \rightarrow B$ as the maps making the following diagrams commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_A} & A \\
 \searrow i_A & & \uparrow p_A \\
 & A \amalg B & \\
 \nearrow i_B & & \downarrow p_B \\
 B & \xrightarrow{0} & B
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{0} & B \\
 \searrow i_A & & \uparrow p_B \\
 & A \amalg B & \\
 \nearrow i_B & & \downarrow p_A \\
 B & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_B} & B
 \end{array}
 \tag{1.1}$$

Let $f = i_A \circ p_A + i_B \circ p_B$. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{i_A} & A \amalg B \\
 \searrow i_A & & \uparrow f \\
 & A \amalg B & \\
 \nearrow i_B & & \downarrow i_B \\
 B & \xrightarrow{i_B} & A \amalg B
 \end{array}
 \tag{1.2}$$

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commutes and so by universality we must have $f = \text{id}_A \amalg B$. Now suppose we have maps $f : C \rightarrow A$ and $g : C \rightarrow B$. Let $h : C \rightarrow A \amalg B$ be the map $i_A \circ f + i_B \circ g$. Then $p_A \circ h = f$ and $p_B \circ h = g$. Moreover, if $h' : C \rightarrow A \amalg B$ is any other map satisfying $p_A \circ h' = f$ and $p_B \circ h' = g$ then $h' = \text{id}_A \amalg B \circ h' = i_A \circ f + i_B \circ g = h$ and so $A \amalg B$ is a biproduct. ■

A functor between additive categories is called additive if it is a homomorphism on hom-sets.

1.2 Semiadditive categories

The above definition of an additive category includes the additive structure on the hom-sets as data. In this section we provide a definition where the additive structure arises as a property instead.

Let \mathcal{A} be a category with a zero object. Recall that in such a category there always exists a morphism between any two objects $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ given by $A \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow B$. We call this the 0 morphism. Moreover if finite coproducts and finite products exist there is a canonical map $A \amalg B \rightarrow A \amalg B$ arising from the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_A} & A \\ & \searrow 0 & \nearrow \\ B & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_B} & B \end{array} \quad (1.3)$$

We call a category \mathcal{A} *semiadditive* if it has a zero object, finite products, finite coproducts and the canonical map $A \amalg B \rightarrow A \amalg B$ is an isomorphism for all $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$. In such a category we write $A \oplus B$ for the biproduct.

Thm 1.2.1. *Let \mathcal{A} be a semiadditive category then it is naturally enriched over the monoidal category of commutative monoids.*

Proof. Let $\Delta_A : A \oplus A \rightarrow A$ and $\nabla_A : A \rightarrow A \oplus A$ be the maps that make

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_A} & A \\ & \searrow i_A & \nearrow p_A \\ & A \oplus A & \\ & \nearrow i'_A & \searrow p'_A \\ A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_A} & A \end{array} \quad (1.4)$$

commute. Given $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ we can construct a map $f \oplus g : A \oplus A \rightarrow B \oplus B$ in the obvious way. We can then define $f + g : A \rightarrow B$ to be the composite

$$A \xrightarrow{\nabla_A} A \oplus A \xrightarrow{f \oplus g} B \oplus B \xrightarrow{\Delta_B} B. \quad (1.5)$$

Note that there is a map $t_A : A \oplus A \rightarrow A \oplus A$ arising from the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{0} & A \\ & \searrow \text{id}_A & \nearrow \\ A & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_A} & A \\ & \nearrow 0 & \searrow \end{array} \quad (1.6)$$

It is then an easy check to see that $\Delta_A \circ t_A = \Delta_A$ and $t_A \circ \nabla_A = \nabla_A$, from which it follows that $+$ is commutative. Straightforward calculations also show that $+$ is associative, distributes over compositions and has the zero map as identity. The result follows. ■

A functor between semiadditive categories is called semiadditive if it preserves zero objects and biproducts i.e. there are isomorphisms $F(A \oplus B) \cong F(A) \oplus F(B)$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} F(A) & & & & \\ & \searrow F(i_A) & & \nearrow i_{F(A)} & \\ & F(A \oplus B) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & F(A) \oplus F(B) & \\ & \nearrow F(i_B) & & \nwarrow i_{F(B)} & \\ F(B) & & & & \end{array} \quad (1.7)$$

commutes, and similarly for the projection maps.

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Proposition 1.2.2. *Let $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a semiadditive functor and $f, g : A \rightarrow B$ for $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$. Then $F(f + g) = F(f) + F(g)$.*

Proof. Obvious. ■

We now define an additive category to be a semiadditive category where the enriched hom-sets are in fact groups.

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Thm 1.2.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be an additive category according to the first definition. By theorem 1.1.1, \mathcal{A} is semiadditive and so the hom-sets naturally carry the structure of a commutative monoid. This monoidal structure agrees with the original group structure.*

Proof. Let $A, B \in \mathcal{A}$ and $f, g : A \rightarrow B$. Then the addition arising from the semiadditive structure comes from the composition

$$A \xrightarrow{\nabla_A} A \oplus A \xrightarrow{f \oplus g} B \oplus B \xrightarrow{\Delta_B} B. \quad (1.8)$$

But $\nabla_A = i_A^L + i_A^R$, $\Delta_B = p_B^L + p_B^R$ and $f \oplus g = i_B^L \circ f \circ p_A^L + i_B^R \circ g \circ p_A^R$ and so their composition is just $f + g$. ■

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Corollary 1.2.4. *Let $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a functor between additive categories. Then F is additive iff F is semiadditive.*

Proof. Semiadditive \implies additive follows from proposition 1.2.2 and theorem 1.2.3. Additive \implies semiadditive is a straightforward exercise. ■

Corollary 1.2.5. *Let $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a functor between additive categories which is a left adjoint. Then F is additive.*

Proof. F preserves colimits and so is semiadditive. ■

Corollary 1.2.6. *If \mathcal{A} is an additive category then \mathcal{A}^{op} is also additive.*

Proof. The opposite category of a semiadditive category is clearly also semiadditive. The resulting monoidal structure on the hom-sets are also clearly the same and so the result follows. ■

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Abelian categories are additive categories with more structure. Before we state exactly what we mean by this we give some definitions.

Definition 1.3.1. Let \mathcal{A} be an additive category and $f : A \rightarrow B$ a morphism in \mathcal{A} .

1. A kernel of f is an equaliser of $A \xrightarrow[f]{f} B$.
2. A cokernel of f is a coequaliser of the same diagram.
3. f is called monic if $f \circ g = 0$ implies $g = 0$ for all g .
4. f is called epi if $g \circ f = 0$ implies $g = 0$ for all g .

Remark 1.3.2. It is easy to see that all kernels are monic, all cokernels are epi, a map is monic iff its kernel is 0, and a map is epi iff its cokernel is 0.

We call an additive category \mathcal{A} pre-abelian if all morphisms have kernels and cokernels. In such a category, given any morphism $f : A \rightarrow B$ we can form

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \ker(\operatorname{coker}(f)) & & \\
 & \nearrow \alpha & \downarrow i & \searrow & \\
 K \xrightarrow{\ker(f)} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \xrightarrow{\operatorname{coker}(f)} C & & \\
 & \searrow p & \uparrow \beta & \nearrow & \\
 & & \operatorname{coker}(\ker(f)) & &
 \end{array} \tag{1.9} \quad \boxed{\text{eq: canon-decomp}}$$

where α and β exist from the universal property of kernels and cokernels respectively. Since p is epi and $0 = \operatorname{coker}(f) \circ f = \operatorname{coker}(f) \circ \beta \circ p$ it follows

that $\text{coker}(f) \circ \beta = 0$ and so there is a map $\gamma : \text{coker}(\ker(f)) \rightarrow \ker(\text{coker}(f))$ such that $i \circ \gamma = \beta$. Similarly there is a map $\gamma' : \text{coker}(\ker(f)) \rightarrow \ker(\text{coker}(f))$ such that $\gamma' \circ p = \alpha$. Using that p is epi one can see that $\gamma' = \gamma$ and so for any morphism f there is a canonical decomposition

$$A \xrightarrow{p} \text{coker}(\ker(f)) \xrightarrow{\gamma_f} \ker(\text{coker}(f)) \xrightarrow{i} B. \quad (1.10)$$

An abelian category is a pre-abelian category in which γ_f is an isomorphism for every f .

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Thm 1.3.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be a pre-abelian category. Then γ_f is an isomorphism for all morphism f iff every monic is the kernel of its cokernel and every epi is the cokernel of its kernel.*

Proof. (\Rightarrow) The kernel of a monic is the 0 object with the 0 map, and the cokernel of this is just A together with the identity. Thus, if γ_f is an isomorphism the canonical decomposition of f just becomes

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{id}} A \xrightarrow{\cong} \ker(\text{coker}(f)) \xrightarrow{i} B \quad (1.11)$$

and so f is the kernel of its cokernel. Similarly one obtains that if f is epi it is the cokernel of its kernel.

(\Leftarrow) First note that if a kernel is epi then it must be an isomorphism so all epic monics must be isomorphisms (since all monics are kernels). Thus, it suffices to show that the maps α and β in equation 1.9 are epi and monic respectively. To see that β is monic let $x : X \rightarrow \text{coker}(\ker(f))$ be a map such that $\beta \circ x = 0$. Then let $q : \text{coker}(\ker(f)) \rightarrow \text{coker}(x)$ be the coker of x , and $j : \text{coker}(x) \rightarrow B$ the map such that $j \circ q = \beta$. Finally let $l : \ker(q \circ p) \rightarrow A$ be the kernel of $q \circ p$. Then we have the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \ker(q \circ p) & & & & \\ \downarrow \text{dashed} & \searrow l & & & \\ & A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \\ & \uparrow k & \searrow p & \nearrow \beta & \\ & \ker(f) & & \text{coker}(\ker(f)) & \\ & & \nearrow x & \searrow q & \\ & & X & & \text{coker}(x). \end{array} \quad (1.12)$$

Since $q \circ p$ is epi it is the coker of l . But also $f \circ l = j \circ q \circ p \circ l = 0$, so l factors through $\ker(f)$ and so $p \circ l = 0$. Thus there exists $p' : \text{coker}(x) \rightarrow \text{coker}(\ker(f))$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \ker(q \circ p) & \xrightarrow{l} & A & \xrightarrow{p} & \text{coker}(\ker(f)) \\ & & \downarrow q \circ p & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \\ & & \text{coker}(x) & & \end{array} \quad (1.13)$$

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commutes. Since p is epi, it must follow that $p' \circ q = \text{id}$. Thus q is monic and so $x = 0$. It follows that β is monic. Similarly one can show that α is epi. ■

It follows that an abelian category is equivalently a pre-abelian category in which every monic is the kernel of its cokernel and every epi is the cokernel of its kernel.

Thm 1.3.4. *If \mathcal{A} is an abelian category then \mathcal{A}^{op} is also an abelian category.*

Proof. It is certainly additive. Moreover, kernels and cokernels simply swap roles. γ_f is then still an isomorphism for all f and so \mathcal{A}^{op} is abelian. ■

From now on we write $\text{im}(f) := \ker(\text{coker}(f))$ and $\text{coim}(f) := \text{coker}(\ker(f))$.

1.4 Exact sequences

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Let \mathcal{A} be an abelian category and \mathcal{S} be the category with objects given by $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$ such that $g \circ f = 0$, and morphisms given by chain maps. Recall from earlier that f can be factored as

$$A \xrightarrow{p_f} \text{im}(f) \xrightarrow{i_f} B. \quad (1.14)$$

Since p_f is epi, we must have $g \circ i_f = 0$. Thus we can factor f further through $\ker(g)$ to obtain $f : A \rightarrow \text{im}(f) \rightarrow \ker(g) \rightarrow B$. Let $H(A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C)$ be the cokernel of the morphism $\text{im}(f) \rightarrow \ker(g)$. If we have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B & \xrightarrow{g} & C \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A' & \xrightarrow{f'} & B' & \xrightarrow{g'} & C' \end{array} \quad (1.15)$$

then there exists maps so that

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \longrightarrow & \text{im}(f) & \longrightarrow & \ker(g) & \longrightarrow & B \longrightarrow C \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ A' & \longrightarrow & \text{im}(f') & \longrightarrow & \ker(g') & \longrightarrow & B' \longrightarrow C' \end{array} \quad (1.16)$$

commutes. In particular there is a morphism

$$\text{coker}(\text{im}(f) \rightarrow \ker(g)) \rightarrow \text{coker}(\text{im}(f') \rightarrow \ker(g')). \quad (1.17)$$

It is easy to check that this construction is functorial and so we obtain a functor $H : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$.

One can similarly construct a functor $H' : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ by considering

$$\ker(\text{coker}(f) \rightarrow \text{coim}(g)) \quad (1.18)$$

instead.

Remark 1.4.1. We may also form a functor by looking simply at the fact that f factors through $\ker(g)$ and then looking at the coker of the resulting morphism $A \rightarrow \ker(g)$. It is an easy check to see that this yields a functor naturally isomorphic to H . Similarly for H' .

Lemma 1.4.2. *Let $A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \in \mathcal{S}$. Recall that we have the factorisation*

$$A \rightarrow \operatorname{im}(f) \rightarrow \ker(g) \xrightarrow{i_g} B \xrightarrow{p_f} \operatorname{coker}(f) \rightarrow \operatorname{coim}(g) \rightarrow C. \quad (1.19)$$

Let h be the composition $\ker(g) \rightarrow B \rightarrow \operatorname{coker}(f)$. Then

1. $\ker(h) = \operatorname{im}(f) \rightarrow \ker(g)$
2. $\operatorname{coker}(h) = \operatorname{coker}(f) \rightarrow \operatorname{coim}(g)$.

Proof. Let $l : C \rightarrow \ker(g)$ be such that $h \circ l = 0$. Then $p_f \circ i_g \circ l = 0$ and so $i_g \circ l$ factors through $\operatorname{im}(f)$. Since i_g is monic it follows that l factors through $\operatorname{im}(f)$. Uniqueness follows automatically. Thus the result follows. The second part follows similarly. ■

Thm 1.4.3. *The functors $H, H' : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ are naturally isomorphic.*

Proof. Let $S := A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \in \mathcal{S}$ and h be as in the lemma. Then $H(S) = \operatorname{coker}(\ker(h))$ and $H'(S) = \ker(\operatorname{coker}(h))$ so we obtain the factorisation

$$\ker(g) \rightarrow H(S) \xrightarrow{\cong} H'(S) \rightarrow \operatorname{coker}(f). \quad (1.20)$$

Naturality of the isomorphism then follows from naturality of this factorisation. ■

Remark 1.4.4. In a pre-abelian category we still have a natural transformation $H \Rightarrow H'$, but it might not be an isomorphism.

Definition 1.4.5. Let $S := A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \in \mathcal{S}$. We say that S is exact at B if $H(S) = 0$.

Proposition 1.4.6. $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$ is a short exact sequence iff $A = \ker(g)$ and $C = \operatorname{coker}(f)$.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) We have $\ker(g) \cong \operatorname{im}(f) \cong A$ and $\operatorname{coker}(f) \cong \operatorname{coim}(g) \cong C$.

(\Leftarrow) Certainly have exactness at A and C . Exactness at B also holds. ■

1.4.1 Split sequences

Thm 1.4.7. *Let $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence. The following are equivalent*

1. *there exists $q : B \rightarrow A$ such that $q \circ f = \text{id}_A$*
2. *there exists $p : C \rightarrow B$ such that $g \circ p = \text{id}_C$*
3. *there is an isomorphism $h : B \rightarrow A \oplus C$ such that $h \circ f$ and $g \circ h^{-1}$ are the natural inclusion and projection respectively.*

Proof. (3) certainly implies both (1) and (2).

(2) \Rightarrow (3) Let $q : B \rightarrow A$ be the unique map making the following diagram commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \xrightarrow{g} C. \\ \uparrow q & \nearrow \text{id}_B - p \circ g & \\ B & & \end{array} \quad (1.21)$$

Then $\text{id}_B = p \circ g + f \circ q$. It follows that $p = f \circ q \circ p + p$. Since f is monic we have $q \circ p = 0$. Thus $q = q \circ f \circ q$ and so since q is epi, $q \circ f = \text{id}_A$. The result follows. (1) \Rightarrow (3) follows similarly. \blacksquare

Corollary 1.4.8. *Let $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be an additive functor of abelian categories. Then F applied to a split short exact sequence is also split exact.*

Proposition 1.4.9. *Let $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \rightarrow 0$ be a short exact sequence. If either*

1. *A is injective or*
2. *C is projective*

then the sequence is split.

1.5 Adjoint functors

Let $L : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be an additive functor between abelian categories. If L admits a right adjoint $R : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ then it turns out L has a lot of useful properties. In this section we explore these properties.

Proposition 1.5.1. *Suppose $L \dashv R$. Then L is right exact and R is left exact.*

Proof. Consider the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow B_1 \rightarrow B_2 \rightarrow B_3 \rightarrow 0$. For every $A \in \mathcal{A}$ we get the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(L(A), B_1) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(L(A), B_2) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(L(A), B_3) \\ & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A, R(B_1)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A, R(B_2)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(A, R(B_3)) \end{array} \quad (1.22)$$

where the top row is exact. It follows that the bottom row is exact for all A and so the bottom row is too. It follows that

$$0 \longrightarrow R(B_1) \longrightarrow R(B_2) \longrightarrow R(B_3) \quad (1.23)$$

is exact and so R is left exact. By a similar argument L is right exact. \blacksquare

Proposition 1.5.2. *Suppose $L \dashv R$. Then*

1. *if L is exact then R preserves injectives*
2. *if R is exact then L preserves projectives.*

Proof. Suppose L is exact and I is an injective object in \mathcal{B} . We need to show that $\text{Hom}(-, R(I))$ is exact. To do this it suffices to show that given $f : A \rightarrow B$ injective, the map $f^* : \text{Hom}(B, R(I)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, R(I))$ is surjective. But L is exact so Lf is injective and so $(Lf)^* : \text{Hom}(LB, I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(LA, I)$ is surjective. We also have that $L \dashv R$ and so

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}(L(B), I) & \xrightarrow{(Lf)^*} & \text{Hom}(L(A), I) \\ \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \cong \\ \text{Hom}(B, R(I)) & \xrightarrow{f^*} & \text{Hom}(A, R(I)) \end{array} \quad (1.24)$$

commutes. It follows that f^* is surjective as required.

The corresponding result for R follows similarly. \blacksquare

1.6 Limits and derived functors

Proposition 1.6.1. *An abelian category \mathcal{A} is cocomplete iff it has all direct sums.*

Proof. We already have kernels and hence equalisers so the statement follows. \blacksquare

Remark 1.6.2. The same result holds if we replace direct sums with product and cocomplete with complete.

Thm 1.6.3. *Let \mathcal{A} be a cocomplete abelian category with enough projectives. If $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a left adjoint, then for every set $\{A_i\}$ of objects in \mathcal{A} we have*

$$L_*F\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} A_i\right) \cong \bigoplus_{i \in I} L_*F(A_i). \quad (1.25)$$

Proof. Let $P_i \rightarrow A_i$ be projective resolutions. Then $\bigoplus_i P_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_i A_i$ is also a projective resolution. Hence

$$L_*F(\bigoplus_i A_i) = H_*(F(\bigoplus_i P_i)) \cong H_*(\bigoplus_i F(P_i)) \cong \bigoplus_i H_*(F(P_i)) = \bigoplus_i L_*F(A_i). \quad (1.26)$$

1.6.1 Filtered colimits

Definition 1.6.4. A category I is called filtered if it has coproduct and co-equaliser diagrams. A filtered colimit is the colimit of a functor from a filtered category.

Lemma 1.6.5. Let I be a filtered category, and $A : I \rightarrow \text{Mod} - R$. Then

1. Every element $a \in \text{colim}_I A$ is the image of some element $a_i \in A_i$ for some $i \in I$ under the canonical map $A_i \rightarrow \text{colim}_I A$.
2. For every i , the kernel of the canonical map $A_i \rightarrow \text{colim}_I A$ is the union of the kernels of the maps $A(\phi) : A_i \rightarrow A_j$ for $\phi : i \rightarrow j$ in I .

Proof. Use the explicit construction of the colimit as the cokernel of

$$\bigoplus_{i \rightarrow j} A_i \rightarrow \bigoplus_i A_i. \quad (1.27)$$

■

Thm 1.6.6. Filtered colimits of R -modules are exact considered as functors from $\text{Fun}(I, \text{Mod} - R)$ to $\text{Mod} - R$.

Proof. We know that colim is a left adjoint and so is right exact. It thus suffices to show that if $t : A \rightarrow B$ is monic then $\text{colim}_I A \rightarrow \text{colim}_I B$ is too. But this follows immediately from the previous proposition. ■

Definition 1.6.7. We say an abelian category \mathcal{A} satisfies axiom (AB5) if it is cocomplete and filtered colimits are exact.

Thm 1.6.8. Let \mathcal{A} be an abelian category satisfying axiom (AB5). Then for $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ a left adjoint, we have that for all filtered I ,

$$L_* F(\text{colim}_I A) \cong \text{colim}_I L_* F(A_i). \quad (1.28)$$

Proof. colim_I is exact so commutes with H_i . The rest of the proof is similar to the direct sum proof. ■

CHAPTER 2

Sheaf Theory

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2.1 Presheaves

Let \mathcal{C} be any category, \mathcal{A} be an abelian category and define $\text{PreSh}(\mathcal{C}) = \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{op}, \mathcal{A})$ to be the category of presheaves on \mathcal{C} with values in \mathcal{A} . The functor sending all objects to 0 is certainly both initial and terminal, direct sums can be defined pointwise, and the hom-sets in $\text{PreSh}(\mathcal{C})$ inherit an additive structure from \mathcal{A} so $\text{PreSh}(\mathcal{C})$ is naturally an additive category. Moreover kernels and cokernels can be constructed in the obvious way and it is clear that they satisfy the axioms for an abelian category and so $\text{PreSh}(\mathcal{C})$ is abelian.

2.2 Sheaves

To define sheaves we restrict to the case when X be a topological space, \mathcal{U} the poset of open sets of X , and \mathcal{A} be an abelian category. We write $\text{PreSh}(X)$ for $\text{PreSh}(\mathcal{U})$. The category of sheaves on X with values in \mathcal{A} , $\text{Sh}(X)$, is defined to be the full subcategory of $\text{PreSh}(X)$ with objects given by presheaves \mathcal{F} for which the following diagram is an equalizer for all open coverings $U = \cup_i U_i$

$$\mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \prod_i \mathcal{F}(U_i) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i,j} \mathcal{F}(U_i \cap U_j). \quad (2.1)$$

Since \mathcal{A} is an abelian category this is equivalent to the following diagram being exact

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \prod_i \mathcal{F}(U_i) \xrightarrow{\text{diff}} \prod_{i,j} \mathcal{F}(U_i \cap U_j). \quad (2.2)$$

Note that since \emptyset admits the empty covering and the empty product is 0 this forces $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset) = 0$.

As in the case of $\text{PreSh}(\mathcal{C})$, $\text{Sh}(X)$ is an additive category. However, the cokernel of a morphism between sheaves need not be a sheaf and so we must do some more work to show that $\text{Sh}(X)$ is abelian.

Fix $x \in X$. For a (pre)sheaf \mathcal{F} define the stalk of \mathcal{F} at x to be

$$\mathcal{F}_x = \varinjlim_{U \ni x} \mathcal{F}(U) \quad (2.3)$$

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when this limit exists. Note that this is a functor since morphisms between (pre)sheaves are natural transformations.

Thm 2.2.1. *Let $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of sheaves.*

1. *If ϕ_x is injective for all $x \in X$ then ϕ is injective on sections.*
2. *If ϕ_x is an isomorphism for all $x \in X$ then ϕ is an isomorphism.*

Proof. Exercise. ■

Proposition 2.2.2. *Let \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} be presheaves and $\phi, \psi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be morphisms that are equal on stalks. If \mathcal{G} satisfies sheaf condition (A) then $\phi = \psi$.*

Proof. Consider $\phi - \psi$. ■

Aside

Although we do not need this right away, given an $A \in \mathcal{A}$ we can define the (pre)sheaf x_*A by

$$(x_*A)(U) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } x \in U \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Proposition 2.2.3. *When it exists, the functor $(-)_x : \mathbf{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is left adjoint to $x_* : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(X)$.*

Proof. To see this simply note that morphisms between \mathcal{F} and $x_*(A)$ correspond naturally to natural transformations between \mathcal{F} restricted to $U \ni x$ and $\Delta(A)$. ■

Remark 2.2.4. The result also holds in $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$.

2.3 Étale space of a presheaf and sheafification

For a presheaf \mathcal{F} we are now in the position to define its étalé space. The étalé space of \mathcal{F} , denoted $\mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F})$ is the topological space with underlying set $\coprod_{x \in X} \mathcal{F}_x$ and topology generated by the basis of sets given by $\{s_x | x \in U\}$ for $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ where $U \subset X$ is open. Together with this space there is also a natural continuous map $\pi : \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow X$ sending an element s_x to x . The sheafification of \mathcal{F} , denoted \mathcal{F}^+ , is then defined to be the sheaf of sections of $\pi : \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow X$. By unwrapping the definitions we see that the sections can be characterised as

$$\mathcal{F}^+(U) = \{s : U \rightarrow \coprod_{x \in U} \mathcal{F}_x : \forall x \in U, \exists V \subset U \text{ open containing } x \text{ and } t \in \mathcal{F}(V) \text{ s.t. } s(y) = t_y \forall y \in V\} \quad (2.5)$$

In particular there is a natural morphism $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$ sending $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ to the section $x \mapsto s_x$ which is an isomorphism on stalks. From the characterisation

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of sections it clear that if \mathcal{F} is a presheaf of $\mathbf{AbGrp}, \mathbf{Ring}, \dots$ then \mathcal{F}^+ is a sheaf with values in the corresponding abelian category.

We have defined $\mathrm{Spé}$ and $(-)^+$ on objects but they can also be turned into functors. If we have a morphism $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ between presheaves, this induces a continuous map $\mathrm{Spé}(\phi) : \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{G})$ given by $s_x \mapsto \phi_x(s_x)$ so that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Spé}(\phi)} & \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{G}) \\ & \searrow \pi & \swarrow \pi \\ & X & \end{array} \quad (2.6)$$

commutes. This construction is functorial and turns $\mathrm{Spé}$ into a functor from presheaves to topological bundles over X . It follows that we also obtain a map of sheaves $\phi^+ : \mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^+$ by composing sections with $\mathrm{Spé}(\phi)$. Thus we have a functor $(-)^+ : \mathbf{PreSh}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(X)$ and in fact the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}^+ & \xrightarrow{\phi^+} & \mathcal{G}^+ \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{\phi} & \mathcal{G} \end{array} \quad (2.7) \quad \boxed{\text{eq:sheafif}}$$

Note that since the morphism $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$ is an isomorphism when \mathcal{F} is a sheaf, this says that the functor $(-)^+$ restricted to $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ is naturally isomorphism to the identity functor.

Thm 2.3.1. *Let $\theta : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$ be the natural morphism. Then for any morphism of presheaves $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ with \mathcal{G} a sheaf, there exists a unique morphism of sheaves $\psi : \mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ so that*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}^+ & \xrightarrow{\psi} & \mathcal{G} \\ \theta \uparrow & \nearrow \phi & \\ \mathcal{F} & & \end{array} \quad (2.8)$$

commutes.

Proof. This just follows from equation 2.7, the fact that $\theta : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$ is an isomorphism when \mathcal{F} is a sheaf, and by taking stalks. \blacksquare

Corollary 2.3.2. *The sheafification functor is left adjoint to the inclusion functor $\iota : \mathbf{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{PreSh}(X)$.*

Proof. Let \mathcal{F} be a presheaf and \mathcal{G} be a sheaf. Given a morphism $\phi : \mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ we can precompose it with $\theta : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$ to obtain a map $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$. Conversely, given $\psi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$, we obtain a map $\mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ from the theorem. Then the theorem says these operations are inverse so we have a bijection

$$\mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{F}^+, \mathcal{G}) \cong \mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}). \quad (2.9)$$

Naturality is then an easy check. \blacksquare

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Corollary 2.3.3. *The sheafification functor is exact.*

Proof. It is a left adjoint so it is right exact. It thus suffices to show that if $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is injective then so is ϕ^+ . For this it suffices to show that ϕ_x is injective for all x . But this is obvious. ■

We can now define the cokernel of a morphism $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ in $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$. We simply define it to be the sheafification of the cokernel in $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ and it is an easy to check to see that this is indeed a cokernel object in $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$. It is then easy to see that $\ker \text{coker} = \text{coker} \ker$ by looking at stalks and so $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ is an abelian category.

Remark 2.3.4. While $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ is a full subcategory of $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ that is abelian, it is not a full abelian subcategory.

2.4 Maps defined on a basis

Thm 2.4.1. *Let \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} be sheafs on X and let \mathcal{B} be a basis for the topology on X . Then any morphism $\phi|_{\mathcal{B}} : \mathcal{F}|_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}|_{\mathcal{B}}$ extends uniquely to a morphism $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$. Moreover this procedure is functorial.*

Proof. There is a natural isomorphism between $\varinjlim_{U \ni x} \mathcal{F}$ and $\varinjlim_{B \ni x} \mathcal{F}$. Thus we obtain a map $\phi := \phi|_{\mathcal{B}}^+ : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$. It is clear that this is a morphism of sheaves. Moreover for $U \in \mathcal{B}$ and $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ it is clear that $\phi(U)(s)$ and $\phi|_{\mathcal{B}}(U)(s)$ have the same stalks and so must be equal. Thus ϕ extends $\phi|_{\mathcal{B}}$. Finally, if a morphism extends $\phi|_{\mathcal{B}}$ then it is determined on stalks and hence must equal to ϕ , which gives us uniqueness. Functoriality is clear. ■

2.5 Exact sequences

Now that we know that we are working in an abelian category we can talk about exact sequences in $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$. Recall from section 1.4 that $\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\theta} \mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathcal{H}$ is exact at \mathcal{G} if $\phi \circ \theta = 0$ and the map induced map $\text{im}(\theta) \rightarrow \ker(\phi)$ is an isomorphism. But the map $\text{im}(\theta) \rightarrow \ker(\phi)$ is an isomorphism iff it is an isomorphism at the level of stalks iff $\mathcal{F}_x \xrightarrow{\theta_x} \mathcal{G}_x \xrightarrow{\phi_x} \mathcal{H}_x$ is exact for all $x \in X$. Thus $(-)_x$ is an exact functor and exactness in $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ can be verified by checking exactness at all the stalks.

2.6 Direct sums of sheaves

If \mathcal{A} has direct sums, then so does $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ since we can compute the direct sum pointwise. It follows that $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ is cocomplete. The sheafification of the direct sum in $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ gives us a direct sum in $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ and hence $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ is also cocomplete.

We also have products in both $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ and $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ (computed pointwise) and so they are also both complete.

2.7 Sheaves over different spaces

2.7.1 Direct image sheaf

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map between topological spaces and \mathcal{F} a sheaf on X . We define the direct image of \mathcal{F} under f to be the sheaf $f_*\mathcal{F}$ on Y defined by $f_*\mathcal{F}(U) = \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(U))$. If we define f_* on morphisms in the obvious way then it is clear that we obtain a functor $f_* : \mathbf{Sh}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(Y)$. In fact we also obtain a functor $f_* : \mathbf{PreSh}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{PreSh}(Y)$ and it turns out this functor has nice left adjoint.

Define $\lim_f : \mathbf{PreSh}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ to be the functor that sends $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbf{PreSh}(Y)$ to the presheaf $\lim_f(\mathcal{G})(U) = \varinjlim_{V \supset f(U)} \mathcal{G}(V)$ on X , and does the obvious things to morphisms.

Thm 2.7.1. $\lim_f \dashv f_*$ as functors between $\mathbf{PreSh}(X)$ and $\mathbf{PreSh}(Y)$.

Proof. Let $\phi : \lim_f \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ be a morphism of presheaves. For V open in Y , $f^{-1}(V)$ is open in X and so we have maps

$$\mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \varinjlim_{W \supset f(U)} \mathcal{F}(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U) \quad (2.10)$$

where $U = f^{-1}(V)$. If $V' \subset V$, $U = f^{-1}(V)$ and $U' = f^{-1}(V')$ then

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{F}(V) & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_{W \supset f(U)} \mathcal{F}(W) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}(U) \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{F}(V') & \longrightarrow & \varinjlim_{W \supset f(U')} \mathcal{F}(W) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}(U') \end{array} \quad (2.11)$$

commutes and so these maps in fact define a morphism $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{G}$.

Conversely suppose we are given a morphism $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{G}$. Let U be open in X . For $V \supset f(U)$ we have maps

$$\mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(f^{-1}(V)) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U). \quad (2.12)$$

Moreover if $V \supset V' \supset f(U)$ then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(f^{-1}(V)) & & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \searrow \\ \mathcal{F}(V') \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(f^{-1}(V')) & \nearrow & \mathcal{G}(U) \end{array} \quad (2.13)$$

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commutes so we obtain maps $\varinjlim_{V \supset f(U)} \mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U)$. If $U \supset U'$ we have maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varinjlim_{V \supset f(U)} \mathcal{F}(V) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}(U) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \varinjlim_{V \supset f(U')} \mathcal{F}(V) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G}(U'). \end{array} \quad (2.14)$$

A straightforward calculation shows that this commutes and so we obtain a morphism $\varinjlim_f \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$.

These operations are clearly inverse to each other. A straightforward calculation shows that the bijection is natural. \blacksquare

Corollary 2.7.2. \varinjlim_f is an exact functor.

Proof. It is a left adjoint so it is right exact. Thus it suffices to show that it sends injective maps to injective maps. But this is obvious. \blacksquare

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Proposition 2.7.3. Let \mathcal{F} be a sheaf on X and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a continuous map. Then there is a natural map $(f_*\mathcal{F})_{f(p)} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_p$ in the sense that if \mathcal{G} is another sheaf on X and $\phi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is a morphism then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (f_*\mathcal{F})_{f(p)} & \xrightarrow{(f_*\phi)_{f(p)}} & (f_*\mathcal{G})_{f(p)} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{F}_p & \xrightarrow{\phi_p} & \mathcal{G}_p \end{array} \quad (2.15)$$

commutes.

Proof. We have

$$(f_*\mathcal{F})_{f(p)} = \varinjlim_{U \ni f(p)} f_*\mathcal{F}(U) = \varinjlim_{U : f^{-1}(U) \ni p} \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(U)). \quad (2.16)$$

But $\{U : f^{-1}(U) \ni p\} \subseteq \{V : V \ni p\}$ and so there is map

$$(f_*\mathcal{F})_{f(p)} = \varinjlim_{U : f^{-1}(U) \ni p} \mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(U)) \rightarrow \varinjlim_{V \ni p} \mathcal{F}(V) = \mathcal{F}_p. \quad (2.17)$$

Naturality is an easy exercise. \blacksquare

2.7.2 Inverse image sheaf

Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map between topological spaces and \mathcal{F} a sheaf on Y . Let $f^{-1}\mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F})$ be the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^{-1}\mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) & \dashrightarrow & \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \\ \downarrow \pi & \lrcorner & \downarrow \pi \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y. \end{array} \quad (2.18)$$

We define the inverse image sheaf $f^{-1}\mathcal{F}$ to be the sheaf of sections of $\pi : f^{-1}\mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow X$. Equivalently, it is the sheaf

$$f^{-1}\mathcal{F}(U) = \left\{ s : U \rightarrow \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) : \begin{array}{ccc} & \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) & \\ s \nearrow & \downarrow \pi & \\ U & \xrightarrow{f|_U} & Y \end{array} \text{ commutes} \right\} \quad (2.19) \quad \boxed{\text{eq:invimg}}$$

or also equivalently, the sheaf

$$f^{-1}\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ s : U \rightarrow \coprod_{x \in U} \mathcal{F}_{f(x)} : \forall x \in U, \exists W \subset Y, V \subset f^{-1}(W) \cap U \text{ open and } t \in \mathcal{F}(W) \text{ s.t. } x \in V \wedge s(y) = t_{f(y)} \forall y \in V \}. \quad (2.20)$$

It is clear from the construction that we obtain a functor $f^{-1} : \mathrm{Sh}(Y) \rightarrow \mathrm{Sh}(X)$.

Remark 2.7.4. A direct calculation shows that $f^{-1}\mathcal{F}_x$ and $\mathcal{F}_{f(x)}$ are naturally isomorphic and so there is a natural bijection between $f^{-1}\mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F})$ and $\mathrm{Spé}(f^{-1}\mathcal{F})$. It is then a straightforward exercise to check that this bijection is in fact a homeomorphism i.e. $f^{-1}\mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \cong \mathrm{Spé}(f^{-1}\mathcal{F})$.

Thm 2.7.5. f^{-1} is naturally isomorphic to $(-)^+ \circ \lim_f$.

Proof. Let U be an open subset of X and $s \in \lim_f \mathcal{F}(U)$. There is a natural map $\phi_x : (\lim_f \mathcal{F})_x \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{f(x)}$ so we can define a map $U \rightarrow \mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F})$ by $x \mapsto \phi_x(s_x)$. It is clear that this gives an element of $f^{-1}\mathcal{F}(U)$ as characterised by equation 2.19. Thus we obtain a morphism $\lim_f \mathcal{F} \rightarrow f^{-1}\mathcal{F}$. On stalks this map is given by ϕ_x . A direct calculation shows that ϕ_x is an isomorphism for all $x \in X$ and so the induced map $(\lim_f \mathcal{F})^+ \rightarrow f^{-1}\mathcal{F}$ must be an isomorphism. It is straightforward to see that this defines a natural transformation. \blacksquare

Corollary 2.7.6. $f^{-1} \dashv f_*$ as functors between $\mathrm{Sh}(X)$ and $\mathrm{Sh}(Y)$.

Proof. f^{-1} is naturally isomorphic to $(-)^+ \circ \lim_f$ and so for $\mathcal{F} \in \mathrm{Sh}(Y), \mathcal{G} \in \mathrm{Sh}(X)$ we have natural bijections

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}(X)}(f^{-1}\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) &\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}(X)}\left((\lim_f \mathcal{F})^+, \mathcal{G}\right) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{PreSh}(X)}\left(\lim_f \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}\right) \\ &\cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{PreSh}(Y)}(\mathcal{F}, f_*\mathcal{G}) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Sh}(Y)}(\mathcal{F}, f_*\mathcal{G}). \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

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Corollary 2.7.7. $(-)_x \circ f^{-1} = (-)_{f(x)}$.

Proof. $(-)_x \circ f^{-1} = (-)_x \circ (-)^+ \circ \lim_f = (-)_x \circ \lim_f = (-)_{f(x)}$. ■

Corollary 2.7.8. f^{-1} is an exact functor.

Proof. It is the composition of two exact functors. Alternatively take stalks. ■

Corollary 2.7.9. There are natural transformations $e : \text{id} \Rightarrow f_* f^{-1}$ and $\epsilon : f^{-1} f_* \rightarrow \text{id}$ such that

$$f^{-1} \xrightarrow{f^{-1}e} f^{-1} f_* f^{-1} \xrightarrow{\epsilon f^{-1}} f^{-1} \quad (2.22)$$

$$f_* \xrightarrow{e f_*} f_* f^{-1} f_* \xrightarrow{f_* \epsilon} f_* \quad (2.23)$$

both compose to the identity natural transformation.

2.8 The $\mathcal{H}om$ sheaf

Lemma 2.8.1. Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} be sheaves and $f : \text{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \text{Spé}(\mathcal{G})$ be a continuous map so that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{Spé}(\mathcal{G}) \\ & \searrow \pi & \swarrow \pi \\ & X & \end{array} \quad (2.24)$$

commutes. Let $\tilde{f} : \mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}^+$ be the morphism obtained by postcomposing sections with f . Then $\tilde{f}_x = f|_x$.

Proof. This follows from the fact that if $s \in \mathcal{F}^+(U)$ then for $x \in U$, $s_x = s(x)$. ■

Thm 2.8.2. Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} be sheaves. Then there is a bijection between continuous maps $\text{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \text{Spé}(\mathcal{G})$ and morphisms of sheaves $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$.

Proof. For sheaves we have $\mathcal{F} \cong \mathcal{F}^+$ and so the results follows from the lemma. ■

Corollary 2.8.3. The presheaf $\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ defined by

$$\mathcal{H}om(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})(U) = \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}|_U, \mathcal{G}|_U) \quad (2.25)$$

is in fact a sheaf.

2.9 Injective sheaves

Definition 2.9.1. Let \mathcal{F} be a sheaf. Define $D(\mathcal{F})$ to be the sheaf of all (not necessarily continuous) sections of $\mathrm{Spé}(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow X$.

Lemma 2.9.2. $D(\mathcal{F}) = \prod_{x \in X} x_*(\mathcal{F}_x)$.

Proof. Obvious. ■

Thm 2.9.3. $\mathrm{Sh}(X)$ over the abelian category $\mathrm{AbGrp}/\mathrm{Ring}/\mathrm{Mod}_R$ has enough injectives.

Proof. Let \mathcal{A} denote the abelian category. Recall that $x_* : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathrm{Sh}(X)$ is the right adjoint of an exact functor. Thus it is left exact and preserves injectives. Let $x \in X$. \mathcal{A} has enough injectives, so there is some injective object I_x such that $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow I_x$ is exact. It follows that $0 \rightarrow x_*(\mathcal{F}_x) \rightarrow x_*(I_x)$ is also exact. We can then form the exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \prod_{x \in X} x_*(\mathcal{F}_x) \rightarrow \prod_{x \in X} x_*(I_x)$. The last term is injective since it is a product of injective objects. Composing this with the canonical map $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow D(\mathcal{F})$ gives the required injection into an injective object. ■

CHAPTER 3

Scheme Theory

3.1 Locally ringed spaces

A locally ringed space is a pair (X, \mathcal{O}_X) consisting of a topological space X and a sheaf \mathcal{O}_X of rings on X such that the stalks are local rings. A morphism of between the locally ringed spaces (X, \mathcal{O}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) is a pair $(f, f^\#)$ consisting of a continuous map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and a morphism of sheaves $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{O}_X$ which induces morphisms of local rings on stalks $f_p^\# : \mathcal{O}_{Y, f(p)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, p}$.

Given morphisms $(f, f^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ and $(g, g^\#) : (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow (Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$ we define their composition $(h, h^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$ by $h = g \circ f$ and

$$h^\# = \mathcal{O}_Z \rightarrow g_* \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow g_*(f_* \mathcal{O}_X) = h_* \mathcal{O}_X. \quad (3.1)$$

Note that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & (h^\#)_{h(p)} & & \\
 & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\
 \mathcal{O}_{Z, h(p)} & \longrightarrow & (g_* \mathcal{O}_Y)_{g \circ f(p)} & \longrightarrow & (g_* f_* \mathcal{O}_X)_{g \circ f(p)} \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 & & \mathcal{O}_{Y, f(p)} & \longrightarrow & (f_* \mathcal{O}_X)_{f(p)} \\
 & & & \searrow & \downarrow \\
 & & & & \mathcal{O}_{X, p}
 \end{array}
 \quad (3.2)$$

$g_{f(p)}^\#$ (from $\mathcal{O}_{Z, h(p)}$ to $\mathcal{O}_{Y, f(p)}$)
 $f_p^\#$ (from $\mathcal{O}_{Y, f(p)}$ to $\mathcal{O}_{X, p}$)
 $(h^\#)_{h(p)}$ (from $\mathcal{O}_{Z, h(p)}$ to $\mathcal{O}_{X, p}$)

commutes and so $h_p^\# = f_p^\# \circ g_{f(p)}^\#$ is a morphism of local rings and so $(h, h^\#)$ is indeed a morphism of locally ringed spaces.

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Proposition 3.1.1. *Let $(f, f^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ be a morphism of locally ringed spaces. If $f(X) \subseteq U$ for some open subset $U \subseteq Y$ then $(f, f^\#)$ factors through $(U, \mathcal{O}_Y|_U)$.*

Proof. Let $\bar{f} : X \rightarrow U$ denote the map f viewed as having codomain U , and $i : U \rightarrow Y$. Then $f = i \circ \bar{f}$. Moreover, there is a natural morphism

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$i^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow i_*(\mathcal{O}_Y|_U)$ given by the restriction maps. Since $\bar{f}^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V)$ for $V \subseteq U$, there is also a natural map $\bar{f}^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y|_U \rightarrow \bar{f}_*\mathcal{O}_X$ given by the restriction of $f^\#$. It is straightforward to see that $f^\# = i^\# \circ \bar{f}^\#$. ■

Thm 3.1.2. *Let $(f, f^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ be a morphism of locally ringed spaces. $(f, f^\#)$ is an isomorphism iff f is a homeomorphism and $f^\#$ is an isomorphism.*

Proof. The forwards direction is obvious. Now suppose f is a homeomorphism and $f^\#$ is an isomorphism. Let $g = f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ and $g^\# = (g_*f^\#)^{-1}$. Then $(g, g^\#) \circ (f, f^\#) = \text{id}$ and $(f, f^\#) \circ (g, g^\#) = \text{id}$. ■

Corollary 3.1.3. *Let $(f, f^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ be a morphism of locally ringed spaces. If*

1. $U := f(X)$ is an open subset of Y ,
2. f is a homeomorphism onto its image,
3. $f_p^\#$ is an isomorphism for all $p \in X$

then $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \cong (U, \mathcal{O}_Y|_U)$.

Proof. By proposition 3.1.1, $(f, f^\#)$ factors through $(\bar{f}, \bar{f}^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (U, \mathcal{O}_Y|_U)$. By the theorem it suffices to check that $\bar{f}_p^\#$ is an isomorphism for all $p \in X$. But this follows from the fact that $i^\#$ is an isomorphism on stalks. ■

Thm 3.1.4. *Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) be locally ringed spaces. The presheaf $U \mapsto \text{Hom}((U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U), (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y))$ on $\text{Top}(X)$ is a sheaf of sets.*

3.2 Morphisms

3.2.1 Quasi-compact

Definition 3.2.1. Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes. We say $(f, f^\#)$ is quasi-compact if there is an affine covering $\{V_i\}_i$ of Y such that $f^{-1}(V_i)$ is quasi-compact for all i .

Lemma 3.2.2. *Let X be a topological space. If X is a finite union of quasi-compact open sets then X is quasi-compact.*

lemma:qc-aff

Lemma 3.2.3. *Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes, X be quasi-compact and Y affine. Then for any affine $V \subseteq Y$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi-compact.*

Proof. X is quasi-compact so has a finite affine covering $\{V_i\}_i$. The preimage of the basic open sets in Y are of the form X_r . But X_r admits a covering $\{(V_i)_r\}_i$ which are also affine. Thus X_r is quasi-compact. But any affine in Y can be covered by finitely many basic open sets, and so its preimage is covered by finitely many quasi-compact sets and hence is quasi-compact. ■

Thm 3.2.4. *Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be quasi-compact. Then for any affine $V \subseteq Y$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi-compact.*

Proof. Let $\{V_i\}_i$ be an affine covering of Y such that $f^{-1}(V_i)$ is quasi-compact for all i . Then for any $W \subseteq Y$ affine, since affines are quasi-compact, there are i_1, \dots, i_k such that $W = \cup_j W \cap V_{i_j}$. Since W is quasi-compact, we can find a finite collection of affines $\{Z_{jk}\}$ such that $W \cap V_{i_j} = \cup_k Z_{jk}$ (since $W = \cup_{j,k} Z_{jk}$). By lemma 3.2.3, $f^{-1}(Z_{jk})$ is quasi-compact for all j, k . Thus $f^{-1}(W)$ is a finite union of quasi-compact open sets and so is quasi-compact. ■

3.2.2 Locally of finite type

Definition 3.2.5. Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes. We say $(f, f^\#)$ is locally of finite type if there is an affine covering $\{V_i\}_i$ of Y , and for each i , and affine covering $\{U_{ij}\}_j$ of $f^{-1}(V_i)$ such that $\mathcal{O}_X(U_{ij})$ is a finitely generated $\mathcal{O}_Y(V_i)$ -algebra.

Proposition 3.2.6. *Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be locally of finite type. Then for any affine $V \subseteq Y$ and affine $U \subseteq f^{-1}(V)$, $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is a finitely generated $\mathcal{O}_Y(V)$ -algebra.*

Proof. Affine schemes are quasi-compact and so V can be covered by finitely many $V \cap V_i$. But. ■

3.2.3 Finite type

Definition 3.2.7. Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes. We say $(f, f^\#)$ is of finite type if it is quasi-compact and locally of finite type.

3.2.4 Closed immersion

Definition 3.2.8. Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes. We say $(f, f^\#)$ is a closed immersion if $f(X)$ is closed in Y , f is a homeomorphism onto its image, and the morphism $f^\#$ is surjective.

3.2.5 Open immersion

Definition 3.2.9. Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes. We say $(f, f^\#)$ is an open immersion if $f(X)$ is open in Y , f is a homeomorphism onto its image, and $f_p^\#$ is an isomorphism for all $p \in X$.

3.2.6 Affine

Definition 3.2.10. Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes. We say $(f, f^\#)$ is affine if there is an affine covering $\{V_i\}_i$ of Y such that $f^{-1}(V_i)$ is affine for all i .

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Proposition 3.2.11. *Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be affine. Then for any affine $V \subseteq Y$, $f^{-1}(V)$ is affine.*

Proof. ■

3.3 \mathcal{O}_X -Modules

Definition 3.3.1. Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a locally ringed space. An \mathcal{O}_X -module is a sheaf \mathcal{F} of abelian groups with a compatible \mathcal{O}_X action. Morphisms of \mathcal{O}_X -modules are morphisms of sheaves of abelian groups that respect the \mathcal{O}_X -module structure.

Thm 3.3.2. *The category of \mathcal{O}_X -modules is an abelian category.*

Proof. Additive structure on hom-sets is obvious. Kernels are the same as the kernels in $\mathbf{Ab}(X)$, with the obvious \mathcal{O}_X -module structure. Similarly for cokernels (if a presheaf has an \mathcal{O}_X -module structure, then so does its sheafification by acting on the stalks). The rest then follows. ■

Definition 3.3.3. (Tensor product). Let \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} be \mathcal{O}_X -modules. Define the tensor product of \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} , $\mathcal{F} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{G}$ to be the sheafification of the presheaf tensor product.

Definition 3.3.4. (Pullback). Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map, and \mathcal{F} an \mathcal{O}_Y -module. Then $f^{-1}\mathcal{F}$ is naturally a $f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module. Moreover from the inverse image - direct image adjunction we obtain a map $f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ from $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{O}_X$. We can thus form the sheaf $f^{-1}\mathcal{F} \otimes_{f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y} \mathcal{O}_X$. This sheaf is naturally an \mathcal{O}_X -module and we call it $f^*\mathcal{F}$.

Definition 3.3.5. (Direct image). Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map, and \mathcal{F} an \mathcal{O}_X -module. Then $f_*\mathcal{F}$ is naturally a $f_*\mathcal{O}_X$ module, and hence a \mathcal{O}_Y -module via $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{O}_X$.

thm:tensor-hom

Thm 3.3.6. *Let \mathcal{F} be a $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ -bimodule. Then $- \otimes_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{F} \dashv \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{B}}(\mathcal{F}, -)$ as functors between $\mathbf{Mod}(\mathcal{A})$ and $\mathbf{Mod}(\mathcal{B})$.*

Proof. Follows from the corresponding tensor-hom adjunction for modules. ■

Lemma 3.3.7. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$, $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{Mod}(Y)$ and $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbf{Mod}(X)$. Then under the natural bijection*

$$\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ab}}(f^{-1}\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ab}}(\mathcal{F}, f_*\mathcal{G}) \quad (3.3)$$

$f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y$ -module morphisms biject with \mathcal{O}_Y -module morphisms.

Thm 3.3.8. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map. Then $f^* \dashv f_*$ as functors between $\mathbf{Mod}(X)$ and $\mathbf{Mod}(Y)$.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{Mod}(Y)$ and $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbf{Mod}(X)$. Note that \mathcal{O}_X is an $(f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y, \mathcal{O}_X)$ -bimodule. We thus have the following chain of natural bijections

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(f^*\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) &\leftrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y}(f^{-1}\mathcal{F}, \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{G})) \\ &\leftrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y}(f^{-1}\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \\ &\leftrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{F}, f_*\mathcal{G}) \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where the last bijection follows from the lemma. \blacksquare

Definition 3.3.9. Let R be a ring and M an R -module. Define \widetilde{M} to be the $\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Spec}(R)}$ -module which is locally M_r .

Thm 3.3.10. $\widetilde{}$ is a fully faithful exact functor from \mathbf{Mod}_R to $\mathbf{Mod}(\mathrm{Spec}(R))$.

Proof. Localisation is exact. \blacksquare

Corollary 3.3.11. $\widetilde{}$ and Γ form part of an adjoint equivalence of categories between \mathbf{Mod}_R and $\mathbf{Mod}(\mathrm{Spec}(R))$.

3.4 Sheaf of ideals

Definition 3.4.1. Let \mathcal{F} be a sheaf on X . Then $\mathrm{supp}(\mathcal{F}) = \{x \in X : \mathcal{F}_x \neq 0\}$.

prop:supp

Proposition 3.4.2. If \mathcal{F} is a finitely generated \mathcal{O}_X -module then $\mathrm{supp}(\mathcal{F})$ is a closed subset of X .

Definition 3.4.3. A subsheaf of \mathcal{O}_X is called a *sheaf of ideals* on X .

Definition 3.4.4. Let \mathcal{I} be a sheaf of ideals on X . Let $Z = \mathrm{supp}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I})$. By proposition 3.4.2, Z is a closed subset of X . Let $i : Z \rightarrow X$ be the inclusion map. Then we define the structure sheaf on Z to be $\mathcal{O}_Z = i^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I})$. This turns Z into a locally ringed space.

Proposition 3.4.5. $i_*\mathcal{O}_Z \cong \mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}$.

Proof. There is a natural map $\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow i_*\mathcal{O}_Z = i_*i^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I})$ arising from the inverse image-direct image adjunction. Looking at stalks shows that this is an isomorphism. \blacksquare

Remark 3.4.6. In particular there is a natural map $i^\# : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow i_*\mathcal{O}_Z$ given by the composition $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I} \rightarrow i_*\mathcal{O}_Z$ inducing a morphism $(i, i^\#)$ of locally ringed spaces.

Corollary 3.4.7. The map $(i, i^\#) : (Z, \mathcal{O}_Z) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is a closed immersion and $\mathcal{I} = \ker(i^\#)$.

Lemma 3.4.8. Let A be a ring and $I \triangleleft A$ be an ideal. Then the sheaf $(A/I)^\sim$ on $\mathrm{Spec}(A)$ has support $V(I)$.

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Proof. Consider the following exact sequence of A -modules

$$0 \rightarrow I \rightarrow A \rightarrow A/I \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.5)$$

If $I \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ then $IA_{\mathfrak{p}} = A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ and so $(A/I)_{\mathfrak{p}} = 0$. If $I \subseteq \mathfrak{p}$ then $(A/I)_{\mathfrak{p}} \cong (A/I)_{\mathfrak{q}}$ where $\mathfrak{q} = \mathfrak{p}/I$ and so is in particular not 0. ■

thm:sheaf_of_ideals

Thm 3.4.9. *If \mathcal{J} is quasi-coherent then (Z, \mathcal{O}_Z) is a scheme and for any affine piece $(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U) \cong (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ of X , $(Z \cap U, \mathcal{O}_Z|_{Z \cap U})$ is isomorphic to $(\text{Spec}(A/I), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A/I)})$ where I is the ideal of A corresponding to $J(U)$.*

Proof. It suffices to show the second part of the theorem. Let $(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U) \cong (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ be an affine piece of X . Restricting the short exact sequence $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow i_*\mathcal{O}_Z \rightarrow 0$ to U we get

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{J}|_U \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X|_U \rightarrow (i_{U \cap Z})_*(\mathcal{O}_Z|_{U \cap Z}) \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.6)$$

It follows that

$$(i_{U \cap Z})_*(\mathcal{O}_Z|_{U \cap Z}) \cong (A/I)^\sim \cong \text{Spec}(\phi)_*\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A/I)} \quad (3.7)$$

eq:sh_isoms

where $\phi : A \rightarrow A/I$ is the quotient map. By the lemma $U \cap Z = V(I)$ and so there is a homeomorphism $\psi : \text{Spec}(A/I) \rightarrow U \cap Z$. Since both $i_{U \cap Z}$ and $\text{Spec}(\phi)$ are homeomorphisms onto their images, the isomorphisms in equation 3.7 induce isomorphisms of sheaves. Taking stalks moreover shows that we get an isomorphism of locally ringed spaces as required. ■

3.5 Reduced schemes

Definition 3.5.1. A scheme (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is reduced if $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$ is reduced for all $U \subseteq X$ open.

Lemma 3.5.2. (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is reduced iff $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ is reduced for all $p \in X$.

Lemma 3.5.3. Let \mathcal{J} be the ideal sheaf of \mathcal{O}_X given by $U \mapsto N(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Then \mathcal{J} is quasi-coherent.

Proof. It suffices to show that $\mathcal{J} \cong N(\mathcal{O}_X(X))^\sim$ when X is affine. But we have an isomorphism on the basis and hence between sheaves. ■

Definition 3.5.4. Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a scheme. We define $(X_{\text{red}}, (\mathcal{O}_X)_{\text{red}})$ to be the scheme associated with the sheaf of ideals \mathcal{J} given by $\mathcal{J}(U) = N(\mathcal{O}_X(U))$. Let $(z, z^\#) : (X_{\text{red}}, (\mathcal{O}_X)_{\text{red}}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ be the associated closed embedding.

Remark 3.5.5. X_{red} is reduced since it is reduced on affine pieces.

Proposition 3.5.6. z is a homeomorphism.

Proof. It suffices to check that $\text{supp}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}) = X$ for affine X . Let $\phi : R \rightarrow R/N(R)$ be the quotient map. Then $\text{Spec}(\phi)$ is a homeomorphism. It follows that $\text{supp}(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}) = X$ and so z is the identity map. ■

Thm 3.5.7. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes and suppose X is reduced. Then f factors through Y_{red} .*

Proof. Universal property of cokernels. ■

Definition 3.5.8. For an affine scheme X , let $I(Z)$ be the radical ideal corresponding to a closed set $Z \subset X$. For a general scheme X and a closed subset $Z \subseteq X$, let \mathcal{I}_Z be the sheaf

$$\mathcal{I}_Z(U) = \{f \in \mathcal{O}_X(U) : f_x \in m_x, \forall x \in U \cap Z\}. \quad (3.8)$$

Lemma 3.5.9. *Let X be an affine scheme and $Z \subseteq X$ a closed subset. Then $\mathcal{I}_Z \cong \widetilde{I(Z)}$.*

Proof. This holds on global sections and rad commutes with localisation. ■

Thm 3.5.10. *Let X be a scheme and $Z \subseteq X$ a closed subset. Then there is a unique quasi-coherent ideal \mathcal{I} such that the associated closed immersion $Z' \rightarrow X$ has image Z and Z' reduced.*

Proof. $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_Z$ is quasi-coherent and the associated embedding has image Z . It is clear that Z' is reduced (check on affine pieces). It thus remains to check the uniqueness of \mathcal{I} . For this it suffices to consider the affine case. Let $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ and $\mathcal{I} = \widetilde{I}$. Then $Z' = \text{Spec}(A/I)$ and $V(I) = Z$. But Z' is reduced iff $I = I(Z)$. Thus $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_Z$. ■

Remark 3.5.11. If we take $Z = X$ then $Z' = X_{\text{red}}$.

3.6 Tangent space

CHAPTER 4

Spectral sequences

Thm 4.0.1. (*Grothendieck spectral sequence*). Let $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ and $G : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be left exact functors and suppose that F sends injective objects to G -acyclic objects. Then for A an object in \mathcal{A} there is a spectral sequence $\{E_r(A)\}$ such that

$$E_2^{p,q}(A) = R^p G(R^q F(A)) \Rightarrow R^{p+q}(GF)(A). \quad (4.1)$$

Corollary 4.0.2. (*Leray spectral sequence*). Let $f : X \rightarrow Y, g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be continuous maps. Then for a sheaf \mathcal{F} , there is a E_2 cohomological spectral sequence

$$R^p g_*(R^q f_*(\mathcal{F})) \Rightarrow R^{p+q}(g \circ f)_*(\mathcal{F}) \quad (4.2)$$

which is functorial in \mathcal{F} .

Proof. f_* sends injective sheaves to flabby sheaves, which are g_* -acyclic. ■

CHAPTER 5

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Appendix

6.1 Category theory results

prop:cat_factor

Proposition 6.1.1. *Let $F \dashv G$ and G be full. Let e be the unit of the adjunction. Then every morphism $x \rightarrow Gy$ factors uniquely through $e_x : x \rightarrow GFx$.*

Proof. Let α and β denote the forward and backward maps in

$$\mathrm{Hom}(Fx, y) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(x, Gy) \quad (6.1)$$

respectively. Let $f : x \rightarrow Gy$. Then $f = \alpha(\beta(f))$. But $\alpha(\beta(f)) = G\beta(f) \circ e_x$ so we get existence of a factorisation. For uniqueness, suppose $f = h \circ e_x$. Since G is full there is a $l : Fx \rightarrow y$ such that $h = Gl$. So $\alpha(l) = \alpha(\beta(f))$. But α is a bijection so $l = \beta(f)$ and hence $h = G\beta(f)$ which gives uniqueness. ■

6.2 Properties of sheaves of rings

Thm 6.2.1. *Let \mathcal{F} be a sheaf of rings on X , $U = \cup_i U_i$ and $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$. Then s is invertible iff $s|_{U_i}$ is invertible for all i .*

Proof. The forwards direction is trivial. Now suppose $s|_{U_i}$ is invertible for all i . Then there are $t_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ such that $t_i s|_{U_i} = 1$. But then, since inverses are unique we must have $t_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = t_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$ since they are both the inverse of $s|_{U_i \cap U_j}$. Thus there is a section $t \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ that restricts to the t_i . Checking locally it follows that $ts = 1$ and so s is invertible. ■

6.3 Locally ringed spaces

Lemma 6.3.1. *Let $(f, f^\#), (g, g^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ be morphisms of locally ringed spaces. Let $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}$ be an open covering of X . If the morphisms agree on the restrictions to the U_i then they are equal.*

Proof. We certainly have $f = g$. The result then follows from sheaf condition (A). ■

Proposition 6.3.2. *Let X, Y and $\{Z_i\}_i$ be locally ringed spaces together with open immersions $f_i : Z_i \rightarrow X, g_i : Z_i \rightarrow Y$. Let $\alpha : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism such that $\alpha \circ f_i = g_i$ for all i and $\alpha : f_i(Z_i) \cap f_j(Z_j) \rightarrow g_i(Z_i) \cap g_j(Z_j)$ is an isomorphism for all i, j . Then α is an isomorphism.*

Proof. We have that $\alpha : f_i(Z_i) \rightarrow g_i(Z_i)$ is an isomorphism for all i . So we can define inverses $\beta_i : g_i(Z_i) \rightarrow f_i(Z_i)$. They agree on overlaps and so they glue to give a global inverse β . ■

Proposition 6.3.3. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes and let $\{U_i\}$ be an open cover of Y such that the restriction of f to a morphism $f^{-1}(U_i) \rightarrow U_i$ is an isomorphism for all i . Then f is an isomorphism.*

6.4 Restriction

Remark 6.4.1. Recall from chapter 2 that given $f : X \rightarrow Y$ we obtain functors f_*, \lim_f, f^{-1} between $\mathbf{Sh}(X)$ and $\mathbf{Sh}(Y)$. These constructions were themselves functorial and give rise to contra/co-variant functors $\mathbf{Top} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$. The same also holds for f_*, f^* as functors between $\mathbf{Mod}(X)$ and $\mathbf{Mod}(Y)$.

Thm 6.4.2. *Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous map and $U \subseteq X, V \subseteq Y$ be open subsets such that $f(U) \subseteq V$. Moreover, let $f|_{U,V}$ denote the map $U \rightarrow V$ arising from $f|_U$. Then for $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{Sh}(X)$ and $\mathcal{G} \in \mathbf{Sh}(Y)$ we have*

1. $(f^{-1}\mathcal{G})|_U \cong f|_U^{-1}\mathcal{G} \cong f|_{U,V}^{-1}(\mathcal{G}|_V)$
2. $(f_*\mathcal{F})|_V \cong (f|_{U,V})_*(\mathcal{F}|_U)$ when $U = f^{-1}(V)$

where the isomorphisms are natural.

Proof. 1. $f|_U = f \circ i_U$ and so we obtain the first isomorphism. $f|_U = i_V \circ f|_{U,V}$ and so we obtain the second isomorphism.

2. Straightforward calculation. ■

6.5 Results on schemes

Thm 6.5.1. *Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a scheme and A a ring. Then there is a natural bijection*

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{Sch}}(X, \mathrm{Spec}(A)) \leftrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathbf{Ring}}(A, \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)). \quad (6.2)$$

In other words $\Gamma \dashv \mathrm{Spec}$ as functors between \mathbf{Sch} and \mathbf{Ring}^{op} .

Proof. Given a morphism $(f, f^\#) : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (\mathrm{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Spec}(A)})$ we obtain map $A \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ from $f^\#(\mathrm{Spec}(A))$.

Conversely, suppose we have $\phi : A \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$. For an affine $U \subseteq X$, we have the map $A \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$, and we thus obtain a map

$U \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec}(A)$. Let $U, V \subseteq X$ be affine and $W \subseteq U \cap V$ also be affine. The following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) & & \\
 & \nearrow & & \searrow & \\
 A \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \Gamma(W, \mathcal{O}_X) & & \\
 & \searrow & & \nearrow & \\
 & & \Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_X) & &
 \end{array} \tag{6.3}$$

and so

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & U & \\
 \swarrow & & \nwarrow \\
 \operatorname{Spec}(A) & \xleftarrow{\quad} & W \\
 \swarrow & & \nwarrow \\
 & V &
 \end{array} \tag{6.4}$$

also commutes. So the morphisms agree on overlaps and so can be glued to get a morphism $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec}(A)$.

It is straightforward to check that this defines a bijection. \blacksquare

Corollary 6.5.2. *Let (X, \mathcal{O}_X) be a scheme. There is a canonical morphism $X \rightarrow \operatorname{Spec}(\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X))$ such that every morphism from X to an affine scheme factors through this map uniquely.*

Proof. This follows from proposition 6.1.1. \blacksquare

6.5.1 Presheaves on the category of schemes

Definition 6.5.3. Let $F : \operatorname{Sch}^{op} \rightarrow \operatorname{Set}$ be a functor. We call F locally sheafy if for any scheme X , $F|_{\operatorname{Top}(X)}$ is a sheaf of sets.

Thm 6.5.4. *Let $F, G : \operatorname{Sch}^{op} \rightarrow \operatorname{Set}$ be locally sheafy functors and suppose there is a natural transformation $\eta : F|_{\operatorname{Aff}^{op}} \Rightarrow G|_{\operatorname{Aff}^{op}}$. Then there is a unique natural transformation $\zeta : F \Rightarrow G$ such that $\zeta|_{\operatorname{Aff}} = \eta$.*

Proof. Let X be a scheme and $s \in F(X)$. We wish to define $\zeta_X(s) \in G(X)$. For each affine piece U of X , define $t_U = \eta_U(s|_U) \in G(U)$. Given any two affine pieces U and V we have $t_U|_{U \cap V} = \eta_{U \cap V}(s|_{U \cap V}) = t_V|_{U \cap V}$. Since the union of all affine pieces of X is X we obtain an element $t \in G(X)$ such that $t|_U = t_U$ for all affine $U \subseteq X$. Define $\zeta_X(s) = t$. Note that if X was already affine then $\zeta_X = \eta_X$. We claim that ζ is a natural transformation.

Let X, Y be schemes and $f : X \rightarrow Y$ a morphism (in Sch). Let $U \subseteq Y$ and $V \subseteq f^{-1}(U) \subseteq X$ be affine pieces and $f|_{V,U} : V \rightarrow U$ denote the map such

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that $f \circ i_U = i_U \circ f|_{V,U}$. Then we know that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 F(U) & \xrightarrow{\eta_U} & G(U) & & \\
 \downarrow Ff_{V,U} & \swarrow & \downarrow Ff & \searrow & \\
 & F(Y) \xrightarrow{\zeta_Y} G(Y) & & & \\
 & \downarrow Ff & \downarrow Gf & & \\
 & F(X) \xrightarrow{\zeta_X} G(X) & & & \\
 \downarrow Ff_{V,U} & \swarrow & \downarrow Ff & \searrow & \\
 F(V) & \xrightarrow{\eta_V} & G(V) & &
 \end{array} \tag{6.5}$$

commutes except for the middle square. Thus $G(i_V) \circ (Gf \circ \zeta_Y) = G(i_V) \circ (\zeta_X \circ Ff)$. But we can vary the U and V so that the V cover X . It follows that $Gf \circ \zeta_Y = \zeta_X \circ Gf$. Thus ζ is a natural transformation.

To see that ζ is unique, suppose $\xi : F \Rightarrow G$ is another natural transformation extending η . Then let $s \in F(X)$ and $U \subseteq X$ be an affine piece. We must have $G(i_U) \circ \zeta_X(s) = \eta_U \circ F(i_U) = G(i_U) \circ \xi_X(s)$. But we can vary U to cover X and so we must have $\zeta_X(s) = \xi_X(s)$ for all $s \in F(X)$ and hence $\zeta_X = \xi_X$ for all X and hence $\zeta = \xi$. ■

Corollary 6.5.5. *Let $F, G : \text{Sch}^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ be locally sheafy functors such that $F|_{\text{Aff}^{op}} \cong G|_{\text{Aff}^{op}}$. Then $F \cong G$.*

Conjecture 6.5.6. *There is an equivalence of categories between locally sheafy presheafs on Sch and locally sheafy presheafs on Aff .*

Proof. Given $F : \text{Aff}^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ define $\tilde{F} : \text{Sch}^{op} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ by $X \mapsto \varprojlim_{U \subseteq X} F(U)$ where U ranges over affine subsets of X and send morphisms to the obvious things. ■

6.5.2 Basic open sets

Proposition 6.5.7. *Let X be a scheme and $f \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$. Then for affine $U \subseteq X$, $X_f \cap U = U_{f|_U}$ is a basic open set.*

Proof. It suffice to prove that for $X = \text{Spec}(R)$ and $r \in R$, $X_r = D_r(R)$. But

$$X_r = \{\mathfrak{p} \triangleleft R : r/1 \notin \mathfrak{p}\} = \{\mathfrak{p} \triangleleft R : r \notin \mathfrak{p}\} = D_r(R). \tag{6.6}$$

■

Proposition 6.5.8. *Let $(f, f^\#) : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of schemes and $r \in \Gamma(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$. Then $f^{-1}(Y_r) = X_{f^\#(Y)(r)}$.*

Proof. Recall that $f_x^\# : \mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ is a morphism of local rings. Thus $r_{f(x)} \in \mathfrak{m}_{f(x)}$ iff $f_x^\#(r_{f(x)}) \in \mathfrak{m}_x$. But $f_x^\#(r_{f(x)}) = f^\#(Y)(r)_x$ and so

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(Y_r) &= \{x \in X : r_{f(x)} \notin \mathfrak{m}_{f(x)}\} \\ &= \{x \in X : f^\#(Y)(r)_x \notin \mathfrak{m}_x\} = X_{f^\#(Y)(r)}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.7}$$

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