

**Proposition** ([H] Prop 1.2 page 64) Given a presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  then there exists a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}^+$  and a unique morphism  $g : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^+$  with the following property: For any sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$  and morphism  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . there exists a unique morphism  $\varphi : \mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  such that  $f = \varphi \circ g$  i.e. the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathcal{F}^+ \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \varphi \\ & & \mathcal{G} \end{array}$$

commute. And such  $\mathcal{F}^+$  is unique up to isomorphism. The sheaf  $\mathcal{F}^+$  is called the sheaf associated to the presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$ .

*Proof.* We prove the uniqueness first. Suppose we have two sheaves  $(\mathcal{F}_1, g_1), (\mathcal{F}_2, g_2)$  satisfies the condition above. Then we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{g_1} & \mathcal{F}_1 \\ & \searrow & \downarrow g_2 \\ & & \mathcal{F}_2 \end{array}$$

so we get a morphism  $\phi_1 : \mathcal{F}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_2$  such that  $g_2 = \phi_1 \circ g_1$ . On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{F} & \\ & \searrow g_2 & \downarrow g_1 \\ \mathcal{F}_2 & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{F}_1 \end{array}$$

Thus we also get a morphism  $\phi_2 : \mathcal{F}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1$  such that  $g_1 = \phi_2 \circ g_2$ . Now we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{g_1} & \mathcal{F}_1 \\ & \searrow g_2 & \downarrow \phi_1 \\ & & \mathcal{F}_2 \\ & \searrow h & \downarrow \phi_2 \\ & & \mathcal{F}_1 \end{array}$$

where  $h$  can be chosen by  $\text{id}$  or  $\phi_2 \circ \phi_1$ . Since  $\phi_2 \circ g_2 = \text{id} \circ g_1 = g_1$ , then by uniqueness  $\text{id} = \phi_2 \circ \phi_1$ . We can do the same thing to  $\phi_1 \circ \phi_2$ . This proved the uniqueness.

Now we prove the existence. We constructed  $\mathcal{F}^+$  by for each open set  $U$ ,  $\mathcal{F}^+(U)$  is the collection of the function  $s : U \rightarrow \coprod_{P \in U} \mathcal{F}_P$  with the following properties:

- (1)  $s(P) \in \mathcal{F}_P$  for all  $P \in U$
- (2) For each  $P \in U$  there is an open nbd.  $V_P \subset U$  of  $P$  and a section  $t \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  such that for all  $Q \in U$   $s(Q) = t_Q \in \mathcal{F}_Q$

The restriction map of  $\mathcal{F}^+$  is the restriction map of function. This makes  $\mathcal{F}^+$  into a sheaf.

For each  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  we define  $g(s) = s^* : U \rightarrow \coprod \mathcal{F}_P$  by  $Q \mapsto s_Q$  then  $s^* \in \mathcal{F}^+(U)$ . May verify  $g$  is a morphism of presheaves immediately. Now given a sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$  and a morphism  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ , we define  $\varphi : \mathcal{F}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  as follows: For each open set  $U$ ,  $s^* \in \mathcal{F}^+(U)$ , if  $s^*$  is come from  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  then we define  $\varphi(s^*) = f(s)$ , if not, we use the condition (2), there is an open cover  $V_P$  of  $U$  such that  $s^*|_{V_P}$  is come from  $\mathcal{F}(V_P)$  for some  $t^P \in \mathcal{F}(V_P)$ , then we define  $\varphi(s^*)$  to be the glueing section of the family  $\{f(t^P)\}$ .  $\square$

**Remark** By the condition (2) we see that every section in  $\mathcal{F}^+$  is locally comes from  $\mathcal{F}$ . In particular, every global section  $s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{F}^+)$  can be represent by  $\{(s_i, U_i)\}$ ,  $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$  and  $s|_{U_i} = g(s_i) = s_i^* : U_i \rightarrow \coprod \mathcal{F}_P$ ,  $s|_{U_i}(P) = (s_i)_P \in \mathcal{F}_P$  for all  $P \in U_i$ . This notion we be used to represent *Cartier divisor* of a scheme  $X$ , also note that if  $s$  is already come from  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $s_i$  can be chosen by  $s_i = s|_{U_i}$ .