

# Dictionary of Algebraic Geometry

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In this document, the word “ring” means a commutative ring with 1.  
Some good reference:

- [Stacks Project](#)
- [Wikipedia: Glossary of algebraic geometry](#)

## 1 Topology And Algebra

### 1.1 Topology

**Lemma 1.1 (Gluing).** *Let  $U$  be an open subset of a topological space  $X$ ,  $\{U_i\}_i$  be an open covering of  $U$ , and for each  $i$ , let  $f_i$  be a continuous map  $U_i \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = f_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$  for all  $i, j$ , then there exists a unique continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f|_{U_i} = f_i$  for each  $i$ .*

**Definition 1.2 (Product).** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be topological spaces. The product  $X \times Y$  of  $X$  and  $Y$  is the product of them in the category of topological spaces.

**Proposition 1.3.** *The product of topological spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  always exists.*

**Definition 1.4 (Diagonal Map).** The diagonal map of a topological space  $X$  is the natural morphism  $X \rightarrow X \times X$  in the universal property defining the product.

**Remark 1.5.** The underlying set of  $X \times Y$  can be chosen as the Cartesian product of them and the diagonal map  $X \rightarrow X \times X$  is just  $x \mapsto (x, x)$  as you may expect.

**Definition 1.6 (Irreducible).** A topological space is irreducible if it is nonempty and cannot be the union of two proper closed subsets.

**Definition 1.7 (Generic Point).** Let  $Z$  be an irreducible closed subset of a topological space  $X$ . Then a generic point of  $Z$  is a point in  $Z$  whose closure is  $Z$ .

**Definition 1.8 (Dimension).** The dimension of a topological space is the supreme of the length  $n$  of the chains  $Z_0 \subsetneq Z_1 \subsetneq \cdots \subsetneq Z_n$  where all  $Z_i$  are irreducible closed subspaces.

**Definition 1.9 (Quasi-Compact Space).** A topological space is quasi-compact if every open cover admits a finite subcover.

**Remark 1.10.** Algebra geometers like to use the strange word “quasi-compact” which just means “compact” elsewhere. Well, that’s probably because they use the word “compact” to mean “compact” + “Hausdorff”.

**Definition 1.11 (Quasi-Compact Map).** A continuous map between topological spaces is quasi-compact if the preimage of a quasi-compact open set is quasi-compact.

**Definition 1.12 (Open, Closed).** A map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  between topological spaces  $X, Y$  is open (closed resp.) if the image of an open (closed resp.) subset of  $X$  is open (closed resp.) in  $Y$ .

**Definition 1.13 (Hausdorff).** A topological space is Hausdorff if its diagonal map is closed.

**Remark 1.14.** This definition of Hausdorff spaces is equivalent to the ordinary definition in terms of the separation of open sets.

## 1.2 Algebra

**Definition 1.15 (Spectrum).** Let  $R$  be a ring. The spectrum  $\text{Spec}(R)$  of  $R$  is a topological space, where its underlying set is  $\{\mathfrak{p} \subseteq R \mid \mathfrak{p} \text{ is a prime ideal of } R\}$ , and the closed sets are the sets of the form  $V(I) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R) \mid I \subseteq \mathfrak{p}\}$  for some ideal  $I$  of  $R$ .

**Proposition 1.16 (Distinguished Set).** Let  $R$  be a ring. The distinguished sets  $\{D(f) \mid f \in R\}$  form an open basis of  $\text{Spec}(R)$ , where  $D(f) := \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R) \mid f \notin \mathfrak{p}\}$ .

**Definition 1.17 (Local Ring).** A local ring is a ring  $R$  with a unique maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , normally written as  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$ .

**Definition 1.18 (Local Ring Map).** A local ring map  $\varphi$  from a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  to a local ring  $(R', \mathfrak{m}')$  is a ring homomorphism such that  $\varphi(\mathfrak{m}) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}'$ .

**Definition 1.19 (Residue Field of a Local Ring).** The residue field  $\kappa(R)$  of a local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  is the field  $R/\mathfrak{m}$ .

**Definition 1.20 (Residue Field of a Prime Ideal).** The residue field  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$  of a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of a ring  $R$  is the residue field of the localization  $\kappa(R_{\mathfrak{p}}) = R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

**Definition 1.21 (Algebra over a Ring).** Let  $R$  be a ring. An algebra over  $R$  is a ring  $A$  together with a ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow A$  (called the structure homomorphism).

**Remark 1.22.** This definition of algebras is equivalent to the ordinary definition which says that an algebra over  $R$  is a ring and also an  $R$ -module that satisfies some compatibility.

**Remark 1.23.** Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of a ring  $R$ . Note that  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$  is naturally an algebra over  $R$  via the natural ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow R_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}} = \kappa(\mathfrak{p})$ .

**Definition 1.24 (Morphism of Algebras).** Let  $R$  be a ring. The morphism between  $R$ -algebras (or  $R$ -algebra homomorphism) is a ring homomorphism and also an  $R$ -linear map.

**Definition 1.25 (Tensor Product).** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $A, B$  be  $R$ -algebras. The tensor product  $A \otimes_R B$  of  $A$  and  $B$  is the coproduct of them in the category of algebras over  $R$ .

**Proposition 1.26.** The tensor product of two algebras  $A$  and  $B$  over a ring  $R$  always exists.

**Definition 1.27 (Base Change).** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $A, B$  be algebras over  $R$ . The base change of  $A$  to  $B$  is the algebra  $A \otimes_R B$  over  $B$  with the structure homomorphism being the inclusion homomorphism  $B \rightarrow A \otimes_R B$ .

**Definition 1.28 (Fibre).** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $A$  be an  $R$ -algebra with the structure homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$ , and  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec} R$ . The fibre of  $\varphi$  over  $\mathfrak{p}$  is the base change of  $A$  to  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$ , i.e., the algebra  $A \otimes_R \kappa(\mathfrak{p})$  over  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$ .

**Definition 1.29 (Krull Dimension).** The Krull dimension of a ring  $R$  is the dimension of the topological space  $\text{Spec}(R)$ .

**Definition 1.30 (Reduced).** A reduced ring is a ring which has no nonzero nilpotent elements.

**Definition 1.31 (Integral).** An integral domain is a ring with  $0 \neq 1$  which has no nonzero zero divisor.

**Definition 1.32 (Noetherian).** A Noetherian ring is a ring such that every ascending chain of ideals terminates.

**Definition 1.33 (Normal/Integrally Closed Domain).** A normal ring (integrally closed domain) is an integral domain  $R$  which is integrally closed in  $K := \text{Frac}(R)$  (i.e., all of the roots in  $K$  of a monic polynomial over  $R$  are in  $R$ ).

**Definition 1.34 (Regular).** A regular local ring is a Noetherian local ring  $(R, \mathfrak{m})$  such that  $\dim_{\kappa(R)} \mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^2 = \dim R$ .

**Definition 1.35 (Dedekind).** A Dedekind domain is a normal Noetherian ring of Krull dimension 0 or 1 (i.e., every nonzero prime ideal is maximal).

**Definition 1.36 (Discrete Valuation Ring/DVR).** A discrete valuation ring (DVR) is a local Dedekind domain of Krull dimension 1 (i.e., not a field).

**Definition 1.37 (Finite).** A ring homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  is finite if the  $R$ -algebra  $A$  with the structure homomorphism  $\varphi$  is finitely generated as an  $R$ -module.

**Definition 1.38 (of Finite Type).** A ring homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  is of finite type if the  $R$ -algebra  $A$  with the structure homomorphism  $\varphi$  is finitely generated as an  $R$ -algebra.

**Definition 1.39 (Quasi-Finite).** A ring homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  is quasi-finite if it is of finite type and for any  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)$ , the structure homomorphism of the fibre of  $\varphi$  over  $\mathfrak{p}$  (i.e., the inclusion  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p}) \rightarrow A \otimes_R \kappa(\mathfrak{p})$ ) is finite.

**Definition 1.40 (Flat).** A ring homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  is flat if the  $R$ -algebra  $A$  with the structure homomorphism  $\varphi$  is flat as an  $R$ -module, i.e.,  $- \otimes_R A : \mathbf{Mod}_R \rightarrow \mathbf{Mod}_R$  is an exact functor.

**Definition 1.41 (Finite Étale).** A ring homomorphism  $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$  is finite étale if  $\varphi$  is finite, flat, and for any  $\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(R)$ , the fibre of  $\varphi$  over  $\mathfrak{p}$  (i.e.,  $A \otimes_R \kappa(\mathfrak{p})$ ) is isomorphic as  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$ -algebras to a finite product of finite separable extensions of  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p})$ .

**Definition 1.42 (Finite Étale Algebra).** Let  $R$  be a normal ring. A finite étale algebra over  $R$  is an  $R$ -algebra which is isomorphic as  $R$ -algebras to a finite direct product  $\prod B_i$  of  $R$ -algebras  $B_i$  where for each  $i$ ,  $B_i$  is the integral closure of  $R$  in some finite separable extension of  $\text{Frac}(R)$  and the structure ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow B_i$  is finite étale.

## 2 Sheaf And Scheme

### 2.1 Sheaf

**Definition 2.1 (Open Category).** Let  $X$  be a topological space. The open category  $\text{Open}(X)$  of  $X$  is a category whose objects are open sets of  $X$ , and whose morphisms are the inclusion maps between open sets.

**Definition 2.2 (Presheaf).** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $C$  be a cocomplete category. A presheaf of  $C$  on  $X$  is a contravariant functor from  $\text{Open}(X)$  to  $C$ .

**Remark 2.3.** We often consider  $C = \mathbf{Set}/\mathbf{Ab}/\mathbf{Ring}$  (the category of sets/abelian groups/rings).

**Definition 2.4 (Morphism of Presheaves).** A morphism between presheaves is a natural transformation between those functors.

**Definition 2.5 (Section).** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf on a topological  $X$ , and  $U \subseteq X$  open. Then a section of  $\mathcal{F}$  over  $U$  is an element of  $\mathcal{F}(U)$ . A global section of  $\mathcal{F}$  is an element of  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ .

**Definition 2.6 (Restriction Map).** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf on a topological space  $X$ , open subsets  $V \subseteq U \subseteq X$  with inclusion  $i : V \rightarrow U$ , and  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ . Define the restriction  $s|_V$  of  $s$  on  $V$  is  $\mathcal{F}(i)(s) \in \mathcal{F}(V)$ .

**Remark 2.7.** For an open  $U \subseteq X$ , also denote  $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}) := \mathcal{F}(U)$ . For an inclusion  $i : V \rightarrow U$  of open sets, also denote  $\text{res}_V^U := \mathcal{F}(i) : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V)$ .

**Definition 2.8 (Sheaf).** A sheaf on a topological space  $X$  is a presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  that satisfies gluing condition: Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $X$ ,  $\{U_i\}_i$  be an open covering of  $U$ , and for each  $i$  let  $s_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$ . If  $s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$  for all  $i, j$ , then there exists a unique  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$  such that  $s|_{U_i} = s_i$  for each  $i$ .

**Definition 2.9 (Morphism of Sheaves).** A morphism between sheaves is a morphism between presheaves.

**Definition 2.10 (Stalk).** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf on a topological space  $X$ ,  $x \in X$ . Then the stalk  $\mathcal{F}_x$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $x$  is the colimit of  $\mathcal{F}|_I$  (the functor  $\mathcal{F}$  restricting on  $I$ ) where  $I$  is the subcategory of  $\text{Open}(X)$  whose objects are open subsets of  $X$  containing  $x$  (i.e.,  $\mathcal{F}_x = \varinjlim_{x \in U \text{ open}} \mathcal{F}(U)$ ).

**Proposition 2.11.** *The stalk of a presheaf on a topological space  $X$  at  $x \in X$  always exists.*

**Definition 2.12 (Germ).** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf on a topological space  $X$ ,  $x \in X$ ,  $U \subseteq X$  an open subset containing  $x$ , and  $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ . The universal property of the colimit gives us the canonical map  $\mathcal{F}_x^U : \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_x$ . The germ  $s_x$  of  $s$  at  $x$  is  $\mathcal{F}_x^U(s) \in \mathcal{F}_x$ .

**Proposition 2.13 (Induced Map on Stalks).** *Let  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  be a morphism of sheaves on a topological space  $X$ ,  $x \in X$ . Then there is a unique map  $f_x : \mathcal{F}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_x$  (called the induced map of  $f$  on stalks) such that the following diagram commutes for any open  $U \subseteq X$  containing  $x$ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(U) & \xrightarrow{f(U)} & \mathcal{G}(U) \\ \mathcal{F}_x^U \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathcal{G}_x^U \\ \mathcal{F}_x & \xrightarrow{f_x} & \mathcal{G}_x \end{array}$$

**Definition 2.14 (Direct Image/Pushforward).** Let  $X, Y$  be topological spaces,  $\mathcal{F}$  be a sheaf on  $X$ , and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a continuous map. The direct image (pushforward)  $f_*\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  by  $f$  is a presheaf on  $Y$  that sends an open  $U \subseteq Y$  to  $\mathcal{F}(f^{-1}(U))$ , and sends an inclusion  $V \rightarrow U$  to  $\mathcal{F}(j)$  where  $j$  is the inclusion  $f^{-1}(V) \rightarrow f^{-1}(U)$ .

**Proposition 2.15.** *The direct image of a sheaf is also a sheaf, which makes the direct image  $f_*$  actually a functor from the category of sheaves on  $X$  to the category of sheaves on  $Y$ .*

**Definition 2.16 (Inverse Image/Pullback).** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous map between topological spaces  $X, Y$ . The inverse image (pullback)  $f^{-1}$  is the left adjoint functor to the direct image  $f_*$  (So the inverse image  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{G})$  of a sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $Y$  is a sheaf on  $X$ ).

**Proposition 2.17.** *The inverse image of a sheaf always exists.*

**Definition 2.18 (Restriction of Sheaf).** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf on a topological space  $X$  and  $U \subseteq X$  an open subset of  $X$ . Let  $\text{Open}(U)$  be the open category of  $U$  (subspace topology), which is naturally the subcategory of  $\text{Open}(X)$ . Then the restriction  $\mathcal{F}|_U$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $U$  is  $\mathcal{F}|_{\text{Open}(U)}$ .

## 2.2 Scheme

**Definition 2.19 (Ringed Space).** A ringed space is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  where  $X$  is a topological space (called the underlying topological space) and  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is a sheaf of rings (means a sheaf of the category of rings) on  $X$  (called the structure sheaf).

**Definition 2.20 (Morphism of Ringed Spaces).** A morphism of ringed spaces  $f : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  is a pair  $(f^{\text{top}}, f^\#)$  where  $f^{\text{top}} : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous map and  $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{O}_X$  is a morphism of sheaves on  $Y$ .

**Remark 2.21.** Since the inverse image  $f^{-1}$  is the left adjoint functor to the direct image  $f_*$ , a morphism  $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{O}_X$  of sheaves on  $Y$  naturally corresponds to a morphism  $f_b : f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$  of sheaves on  $X$ , and vice versa.

**Definition 2.22 (Locally Ringed Space).** A locally ringed space is a ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  such that for all  $x \in X$ , the stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  at  $x$  is always a local ring.

**Definition 2.23 (Morphism of Locally Ringed Spaces).** A morphism of locally ringed space  $f : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  is a morphism of ringed space such that for all  $x \in X$ , the induced map on stalks  $f_x^\# := g_x \circ (f^\#)_{f(x)} : \mathcal{O}_{Y,f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a local ring map, where  $g_x : (f_*\mathcal{O}_X)_{f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is the canonical map given by the universal property of the colimit.

**Remark 2.24.**  $g_x$  above is given by (in the following  $V \subseteq Y$  open and  $U \subseteq X$  open)

$$g_x : (f_*\mathcal{O}_X)_{f(x)} = \varinjlim_{f(x) \in V} f_*\mathcal{O}_X(V) = \varinjlim_{x \in f^{-1}(V)} \mathcal{O}_X(f^{-1}(V)) \rightarrow \varinjlim_{x \in U} \mathcal{O}_X(U) = \mathcal{O}_{X,x}.$$

**Proposition 2.25 (Structure Sheaf of Spec).** *Let  $R$  be a ring. Then there is a unique (up to sheaf isomorphism) sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}R}$  of rings on  $\text{Spec}R$  (called the structure sheaf of  $\text{Spec}R$ ) such that  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}R}(D(f))$  is isomorphic as rings to the localization  $R_f$  for every  $f \in R$ . Furthermore,  $(\text{Spec}R, \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}R})$  is a locally ringed space.*

**Definition 2.26 (Affine Schemes).** An affine scheme is a locally ringed space which is isomorphic as locally ringed spaces to  $(\text{Spec} R, \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec} R})$  for some ring  $R$ .

**Definition 2.27 (Morphism of Affine Schemes).** A morphism of affine schemes is a morphism of locally ringed spaces.

**Theorem 2.28.** *The category of affine schemes is equivalent to the opposite category of rings.*

**Definition 2.29 (Scheme).** A scheme is a locally ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  such that for each  $x \in X$ , there is an open subset  $U \subseteq X$  containing  $x$  such that  $(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U)$  is an affine scheme.

**Definition 2.30 (Morphism of Schemes).** A morphism of schemes is a morphism of locally ringed spaces.

**Definition 2.31 (Open Subscheme).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  be a scheme. Then an open subscheme of  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is a scheme  $(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U)$  for some open subspace  $U$  of  $X$ .

**Notation 2.32.** From now on, we will write a scheme as  $X$  rather than  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  for simplicity.

## 2.3 Base Change

**Definition 2.33 (Scheme over a Scheme).** Let  $S$  be a scheme. A scheme over  $S$  is a scheme  $X$  together with a morphism of schemes  $X \rightarrow S$  (called the structure morphism).

**Definition 2.34 (Morphism of Schemes over a Scheme).** Let  $S$  be a scheme. A morphism from a scheme  $X$  over  $S$  with the structure morphism  $f_X : X \rightarrow S$  to a scheme  $Y$  over  $S$  with  $f_Y : Y \rightarrow S$  is a morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $f_Y \circ f = f_X$ .

**Proposition 2.35.**  *$\text{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$  is the terminal object in the category of schemes. Or equivalently, the category of schemes is isomorphic to the category of schemes over  $\text{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Definition 2.36 (Fibre Product).** Let  $S$  be a scheme, and  $X, Y$  be schemes over  $S$ . The fibre product  $X \times_S Y$  of  $X$  and  $Y$  is the product of them in the category of schemes over  $S$ .

**Proposition 2.37.** *The fibre product of schemes  $X$  and  $Y$  over a scheme  $S$  always exists.*

**Definition 2.38 (Diagonal Morphism).** Let  $X$  be a scheme over a scheme  $S$ . The diagonal morphism  $\Delta_{X/S}$  of  $X$  over  $S$  is the natural morphism  $X \rightarrow X \times_S X$  in the universal property defining the product.

**Definition 2.39 (Base Change).** Let  $X$  and  $S'$  be schemes over a scheme  $S$ . The base change of  $X$  to  $S'$  is the scheme  $X \times_S S'$  over  $S'$ , where the structure morphism  $X \times_S S' \rightarrow S'$  is the natural one.

**Remark 2.40 (Scheme over a Ring).** A scheme over a ring  $R$  is a scheme over the scheme  $\text{Spec}(R)$ . For schemes  $X, Y$  and a ring  $R$ ,  $X \times_R Y$  means  $X \times_{\text{Spec}(R)} Y$ .

**Definition 2.41 (Residue Field).** Let  $X$  be a scheme and  $x \in X$ . Take an affine open  $U = \text{Spec}(R)$  containing  $x$ . Then  $x$  corresponds to a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq R$ . The residue field  $\kappa(x)$  of the point  $x$  on the scheme  $X$  is the residue field  $\kappa(\mathfrak{p}) = R_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}R_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

**Remark 2.42.** The residue field of a point on a scheme does not depend on the choice of  $U$ .

**Definition 2.43 (Fibre).** Let  $X$  be a scheme over a scheme  $S$  with the structure morphism  $f : X \rightarrow S$ ,  $p \in S$ , and view  $\text{Spec} \kappa(p)$  as a scheme over  $S$  with the inclusion morphism  $\text{Spec} \kappa(p) \rightarrow S$ . The fibre of  $f$  over  $p$  is the base change of  $X$  to  $\kappa(p)$ , i.e.  $X \times_S \text{Spec} \kappa(p)$  over  $\text{Spec} \kappa(p)$ .

**Proposition 2.44.** *Let  $X$  be a scheme over a scheme  $S$  with the structure morphism  $f : X \rightarrow S$ , and  $p \in S$ . Then the underlying topological space of the fibre  $X \times_S \text{Spec} \kappa(p)$  of  $f$  over  $p$  is homeomorphic to the set-theoretic fibre  $f^{-1}(p) \subseteq X$  endowed with the subspace topology.*

## 3 Properties of Schemes

### 3.1 Topological Properties

**Definition 3.1 (Irreducible).** A scheme is irreducible if its underlying topological space is irreducible.

**Definition 3.2 (Dimension).** The dimension of a scheme is the dimension of its underlying topological space.

**Definition 3.3 (Quasi-Compact).** A scheme is quasi-compact if its underlying topological space is quasi-compact.

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**Definition 3.4 (Reduced).** A scheme  $X$  is reduced if for every open  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  is a reduced ring.

**Definition 3.5 (Integral).** A scheme  $X$  is integral if it is nonempty and for every open  $U \subseteq X$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  is an integral domain.

**Proposition 3.6.** *A scheme is integral if and only if it is reduced and irreducible.*

**Lemma 3.7.** *Let  $X$  be an integral scheme. Then the fractional fields of  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  for affine open  $U$  are all the same, and furthermore isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  for the generic point  $x \in X$ .*

**Definition 3.8 (Function Field).** Let  $X$  be an integral scheme. The function field of  $X$  is the fractional field of  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  for an affine open  $U$ .

**Remark 3.9.** By the above lemma, the function field does not depend on the choice of  $U$ .

**Definition 3.10 (Locally Noetherian).** A scheme is locally Noetherian if it can be covered by affine open subsets  $\text{Spec } A_i$  where  $A_i$  are all Noetherian rings.

**Definition 3.11 (Noetherian).** A scheme is Noetherian if it is locally Noetherian and quasi-compact (hence we can choose finite number of such affine open subsets in the above definition).

**Definition 3.12 (Normal).** A scheme  $X$  is normal if every stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a normal ring.

**Definition 3.13 (Regular).** A scheme  $X$  is regular if every stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a regular local ring.

**Definition 3.14 (Dedekind).** A Dedekind scheme is a normal and locally Noetherian scheme of dimension 0 or 1.

## 4 Properties of Morphisms of Schemes

### 4.1 Topological Properties

**Definition 4.1 (Quasi-Compact).** A morphism of schemes is quasi-compact if its underlying map of topological spaces is quasi-compact.

**Definition 4.2 (Closed).** A morphism of schemes is closed if its underlying map of topological spaces is closed.

**Definition 4.3 (Universally Closed).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is universally closed if the natural morphism  $X \times_Y Z \rightarrow Z$  is closed for all morphisms of schemes  $Z \rightarrow Y$ .

**Definition 4.4 (Open Immersion).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an open immersion if  $f$  is a homeomorphism onto an open subset of  $Y$ , and  $f_b : f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$  is an isomorphism.

**Proposition 4.5 (Open Immersion).** *A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an open immersion if and only if there exists an open subscheme  $U$  of  $X$  such that  $f = i \circ g$  where  $g : X \rightarrow U$  is an isomorphism of schemes and  $i : U \rightarrow Y$  is the inclusion morphism.*

**Definition 4.6 (Closed Immersion).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a closed immersion if  $f$  is a homeomorphism onto a closed subset of  $Y$ , and  $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_*\mathcal{O}_X$  is surjective.

**Definition 4.7 (Immersion).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is an immersion if  $f = g \circ h$  for some open immersion  $g$  and closed immersion  $h$ .

**Definition 4.8 (Quasi-Separated).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is quasi-separated if the diagonal morphism  $\Delta_{X/Y} : X \rightarrow X \times_Y X$  is quasi-compact.

**Definition 4.9 (Separated).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is separated if the diagonal morphism  $\Delta_{X/Y} : X \rightarrow X \times_Y X$  is a closed immersion.

## 4.2 Algebraic Properties

**Definition 4.10 (Affine).** A morphism of schemes is affine if the preimage of an affine open set is affine open.

**Definition 4.11 (Finite).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is finite if it is affine and for every affine open  $\text{Spec}(R) = V \subseteq Y$  with preimage  $\text{Spec}(A) = f^{-1}(V) \subseteq X$ , the corresponding ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow A$  is finite.

**Definition 4.12 (Locally of Finite Type).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is locally of finite type if there is an affine open covering of  $Y$  such that for each  $V = \text{Spec} R$  in the covering,  $f^{-1}(V)$  can be covered by affine open subsets  $U_i = \text{Spec} A_i$  where every corresponding ring homomorphism  $R \rightarrow A_i$  is of finite type.

**Definition 4.13 (of Finite Type).** A morphism of schemes is of finite type if it is locally of finite type and quasi-compact (hence we can choose finite number of  $U_j$  in the above definition).

**Definition 4.14 (Quasi-Finite).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is quasi-finite if it is of finite type and for each  $x \in X$ , the structure morphism of the fibre of  $f$  over  $f(x)$  (i.e.,  $X \times_Y \text{Spec}(\kappa(f(x))) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\kappa(f(x)))$ ) is finite.

**Theorem 4.15 (Zariski Main Theorem).** Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a quasi-finite and separated morphism of schemes where  $Y$  is quasi-compact and the unique morphism  $Y \rightarrow \text{Spec} \mathbb{Z}$  is quasi-separated. Then  $f = g \circ h$  for some open immersion  $h$  and finite morphism  $g$ .

**Definition 4.16 (Flat).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is flat if every induced ring homomorphism between stalks is flat (i.e.,  $\forall x \in X, \mathcal{O}_{Y, f(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, x}$  is flat).

**Definition 4.17 (Proper).** A morphism of schemes  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is proper if it is separated, of finite type and universally closed.

**Proposition 4.18 (Valuative Criterion).** Let  $X, Y$  be locally Noetherian schemes,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a morphism of finite type. Then

- $f$  is separated if and only if there is at most one dotted arrow such that the new diagram commutes for any DVR  $R$  and any commutative diagram with solid arrows;
- $f$  is universally closed if and only if there is at least one dotted arrow such that  $\dots$ ;
- $f$  is proper if and only if there is a unique dotted arrow such that  $\dots$ .

The diagram mentioned above refers to the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec}(\text{Frac}(R)) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ i_* \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dotted} & \downarrow f \\ \text{Spec}(R) & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

(where  $i_*$  is the morphism induced by the inclusion homomorphism  $i : R \rightarrow \text{Frac}(R)$ .)

## 5 $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules

### 5.1 Definitions

**Definition 5.1 ( $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  be a ringed space. An  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module is a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of abelian groups on  $X$  together with a morphism of sheaves of sets  $m : (F_2 \circ \mathcal{O}_X) \times (F_1 \circ \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow F_1 \circ \mathcal{F}$  (where  $F_1 : \mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  and  $F_2 : \mathbf{Ring} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  are forgetful functors) such that the map of sets  $m(U)$  makes  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  a module over the ring  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)$  for each open  $U \subseteq X$ .

**Remark 5.2.** Note that  $m$  is a morphism of sheaves, i.e., a natural transformation. So there is a commutative diagram hidden in the above definition.

**Definition 5.3 (Morphism of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules).** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  be a ringed space,  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$  are  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules. A morphism from an  $\mathcal{F}$  to  $\mathcal{G}$  is a morphism of sheaves of abelian groups  $\varphi : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (F_2 \circ \mathcal{O}_X) \times (F_1 \circ \mathcal{F}) & \xrightarrow{m_{\mathcal{F}}} & F_1 \circ \mathcal{F} \\ \text{id} \times \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\ (F_2 \circ \mathcal{O}_X) \times (F_1 \circ \mathcal{G}) & \xrightarrow{m_{\mathcal{G}}} & F_1 \circ \mathcal{G} \end{array}$$

**Proposition 5.4 (Sheaf Associated to Modules).** Let  $R$  be a ring,  $M$  be an  $R$ -module, and  $X = \text{Spec} R$  be an affine scheme. Then there is a unique (up to  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module isomorphism)  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\tilde{M}$  (called the sheaf associated to the module  $M$ ) such that  $\tilde{M}(D(f))$  is isomorphic as abelian groups to  $M \otimes_A A_f$  for every  $f \in R$ .

### 5.2 Properties

**Definition 5.5 (Quasi-Coherent Sheaf).** A quasi-coherent sheaf on a scheme  $X$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{F}$  such that there is an affine open cover  $\{U_i\}_i$  with  $U_i = \text{Spec} R_i$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $\mathcal{F}|_{U_i}$  is isomorphic as  $\mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i}$ -modules to the sheaf  $\tilde{M}_i$  associated to some  $R_i$ -module  $M_i$ .

**Definition 5.6 (Coherent Sheaf).** A coherent sheaf is a quasi-coherent sheaf such that each  $M_i$  is finitely generated as  $R_i$ -module in the above definition.

**Proposition 5.7.** Let  $X$  be a scheme. An  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{F}$  is a quasi-coherent sheaf if and only if for every affine open  $U = \text{Spec} R \subseteq X$ ,  $\mathcal{F}|_U$  is isomorphic as  $\mathcal{O}_X|_U$ -modules to the sheaf  $\tilde{M}$  associated to some  $R$ -module  $M$ .

**Theorem 5.8.** Let  $R$  be a ring. Then the category of quasi-coherent sheaves on  $\text{Spec} R$  is equivalent to the category of  $R$ -modules.

## 6 Variety

**Definition 6.1 (Geometric Point).** A geometric point of a scheme  $X$  over a field  $k$  is a morphism of schemes  $\text{Spec}(\bar{k}) \rightarrow X$ .

**Definition 6.2 (Geometrically Integral).** A scheme  $X$  over a field  $k$  is geometrically integral if its base change to  $\bar{k}$  is integral (i.e.,  $X \times_{\text{Spec}(k)} \text{Spec}(\bar{k})$  is integral).

**Definition 6.3 (Variety).** A variety over a field  $k$  is a scheme  $X$  over  $k$  which is integral, and the structure morphism  $X \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k)$  is separated and of finite type.

**Definition 6.4 (Algebraic Group).** An algebraic group over a field  $k$  is a variety over  $k$  and also a group such that the multiplication and the inverse are morphisms of schemes.

**Definition 6.5 (Complete).** A variety  $X$  over a field  $k$  is complete if the structure morphism  $X \rightarrow \text{Spec}(k)$  is proper.

**Definition 6.6 (Curve).** A curve is a variety of dimension 1.

**Definition 6.7 (Group Scheme).** A group scheme over a scheme  $S$  is a group object in the category of schemes over  $S$ .



**Definition 6.8** ( $\mathbb{G}_m$ ). The group scheme  $\mathbb{G}_m$  over a field  $k$  is  $\mathrm{Spec}(k[x, x^{-1}])$ .

**Definition 6.9 (Abelian Variety).** An abelian variety over a field  $k$  is a group scheme over  $k$  and also a geometrically integral complete variety over  $k$ .