

Étale morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} AG & \xleftrightarrow{GAGT} & DG \\ \text{étale} & & \text{local iso.} \\ \text{morphism} & \longleftrightarrow & \text{of manifolds} \end{array}$$

Given a morphism $Y \rightarrow X$ of schemes (say varieties).
Étale if flat + unramified. If $y \rightarrow x$, get

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \text{ is } \text{faithful}.$$

Flat \rightarrow faithfully flat

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{unram} \rightarrow & \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} & \\ & \downarrow \quad \downarrow & \\ & K(x) \rightarrow K(y) & \\ & \text{finite} & \\ & \text{separable} & \end{array} \quad K(?) = \mathcal{O}_? / \mathfrak{m}_?$$

This square is Cartesian, i.e.

$$\mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} K(x) = \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} / \mathfrak{m}_x \mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$$

Rank (flatness).

- For f locally finite, flat \Rightarrow open.
- $\{y \in Y \mid \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \text{ is flat}\}$ is open.
- faithfully + finite type \Rightarrow strict epi. This is part of Descent theory

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \leftarrow & Y' \\ \downarrow f & & \downarrow f' \\ X & \leftarrow & X' \\ & \text{faithfully} & \\ & \text{flat + quasi-cpt.} & \end{array}$$

If you have this Cartesian diagram, lots of f' properties descend.

Rmk (unram).

TFAE

(a) f is unramified

(b) $\forall x \in X, Y_x \rightarrow k(x)$
 $= \text{Spec } k(x)$

is unramified.

$$\mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \simeq \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} / \mathfrak{m}_x \mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$$

(c) all geometric fibers are unramified

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y_{x, k(x)} & \xrightarrow{k} & k \\ k & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X \\ k & \supseteq & k(x) \end{array}$$

(d) $\forall x, Y_x$ has an open covering by spectra of finite separable $k(x)$ -algebra.

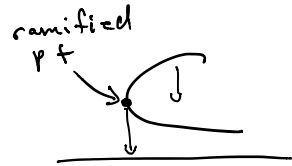
Def. An k -algebra A is separable \iff the following equivalent conditions hold

(1) $A \otimes_k \bar{k}$ has Jacobson ideal 0

(2) $A \otimes_k \bar{k} \simeq \prod_{\text{finite}} \bar{k}$

(3) $A \simeq \prod_{\text{finite}} K_i / k$ } separable

(4) $\iff Y_x = \bigsqcup \text{Spec } K_i / k$



Ex. open immersions, compositions, étale twisted by anything is étale.

Examples
1. K a field, $p(t) \in K[t]$ monic.

$$K[t]/(p) \leftarrow K$$

Étale $\Leftrightarrow p$ is separable.

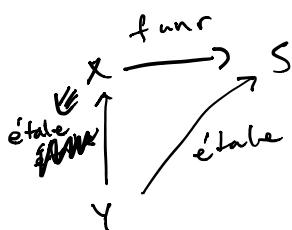
$$A[t]/(p) \leftarrow A$$

unramified



$$\overline{p} \ni 1$$

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The different

$$\mathcal{D}_{Y/X} = \text{ann}_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \Omega_{Y/X}^1$$