

# Cohesion in Rome

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Topos theory is a cornerstone of category theory linking together algebra, geometry and logic.

Simply said, in each topos it is possible to re-enact the totality of known Mathematics; today we focus on

- Logic (better said, a fragment of **dependent type theory**)
- Differential geometry
- Algebraic topology
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## Definizione di topa di Groto

A *sieve* on an object  $X$  of a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is a subobject  $S$  of the hom functor  $yX = \mathcal{C}(-, X)$ ;

A *Grothendieck topology* on a category amounts to the choice of a family of *covering sieves* for every object  $X \in \mathcal{C}$ ; this family of sieves is chosen in such a way that

- if  $S \Rightarrow yX$  is a covering sieve and  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  is a morphism of  $\mathcal{C}$ , then the morphism  $f^*S \Rightarrow Y$  obtained in the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*S & \longrightarrow & S \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

is again a covering sieve.

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A **Grothendieck site** is a category with a Grothendieck topology, i.e. a function  $j$  that assigns to every object a family of covering sieves.

We denote a site as the pair  $(\mathcal{C}, j)$ .

## Definizione di fascio su un sito

A *sheaf* on a small site  $\mathcal{C}$  is a functor  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  such that for every covering sieve  $R \rightarrow yU$  and every diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \xrightarrow{f} & F \\ m \downarrow & \nearrow & \\ yU & & \end{array}$$

there is a unique dotted extension  $yU \Rightarrow F$  (by the Yoneda lemma, this consists of a unique element  $s \in FU$ , **exercise**).

The full subcategory of sheaves on a site  $(\mathcal{C}, j)$  is denoted  $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, j)$ .

By general facts on locally presentable categories, the subcategory of sheaves on a site is reflective via a functor

$$r : \mathbf{Cat}(\mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathbf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Sh}(\mathcal{C}, j)$$

called *sheafification* of a presheaf  $F : \mathcal{C}^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ .

## Historical note

Grothendieck was the first to note that in every topos of sheaves the **internal language** is sufficiently expressive to concoct **higher-order logic** and he strived to advertise his intuitions to an audience of logicians.

But it wasn't until Lawvere devised the notion of **elementary topos** that the community agreed on the potential of this theory.

# Definizione di topos elementare

An *elementary topos* is a category  $\mathcal{E}$  that

- it has finite limits;
- is cartesian closed;
- has a *subobject classifier*, i.e. an object  $\Omega \in \mathcal{E}$  such that the functor  $\text{Sub} : \mathcal{E}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  sending  $A$  into the set of isomorphism classes of monomorphisms  $\begin{array}{c} U \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{array}$  is representable by the object  $\Omega$ .

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The natural bijection  $\mathcal{E}(A, \Omega) \cong \text{Sub}(A)$  is obtained pulling back the monomorphism  $U \subseteq A$  along a *universal arrow*  $t : 1 \rightarrow \Omega$ , as in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ m \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow t \\ A & \xrightarrow{\chi_m} & \Omega \end{array}$$

so, the bijection is induced by the maps

- $\chi_- : \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} U \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{smallmatrix} \right] \mapsto \chi_m$  and
- $- \times_{\Omega} t : \chi_U \mapsto \chi_U \times_{\Omega} t.$

$\text{Groto} = \text{elem} + \text{locpres (finito)}$









## Definizione di coesione



## "Momenti di opposizione"

# Geometria continua, supergeometria, geometria rigida...

## Un esempio workato out: de Rham in coesione