

- Recall. Grothendieck Spectral Sequence

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C \text{ st. } f, g \text{ left exact.}$$

f sends injectives to g -acyclic objects

$$\rightsquigarrow E_2^{p,q} = (R^p g)(R^q f)(A) \Rightarrow R^{p+q}(gf)(A).$$

Note that $d_r^{p,0} = 0$ (since $d_r^{p,q} : E_r^{p,q} \longrightarrow E_r^{p+r, q-r+1}$).

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{r=1}^{p,0} (E_r^{p,0}) = E_r^{p,0} \quad \forall p, r.$$

This induces an epimorphism $R^p g(fA) \longrightarrow E_\infty^{p,0}$.

$$\text{Filtration } R^p(gf)(A) = F^0 R^1 \supseteq F^1 R^p \supseteq \dots \supseteq F^p R^p \supseteq F^{p+1} R^p = 0$$

$$\text{with } E_\infty^{i,p-i} \simeq F^i R^p / F^{i+1} R^p \rightsquigarrow \text{inclusion } E_\infty^{p,0} \simeq F^p R^p \hookrightarrow R^p(gf)(A).$$

Composition \rightsquigarrow

If $R^q f(A) = 0$ for $q > 0$ (e.g. f is exact), then $E_2^{p,q} = 0$ for $q \neq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \bigoplus_{r=1}^{p,0} (E_r^{p,0}) = 0 \quad \forall p, r \Rightarrow R^p g(fA) \xrightarrow{\sim} E_\infty^{p,0}.$$

$$\text{For } 0 \leq i < p, F^i R^p / F^{i+1} R^p \simeq E_\infty^{i,p-i} = 0 \Rightarrow E_\infty^{p,0} \xrightarrow{\sim} R^p(gf)(A).$$

\Rightarrow The morphism $R^p g(fA) \longrightarrow R^p(gf)(A)$ is an isomorphism.

- Ex. (Leray Spectral Sequence)

$$\pi: X'_E \longrightarrow X_E \quad F \in \text{Sh}(X'_E)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow H^i(X, \pi_* F) \longrightarrow H^i(X', F).$$

If π_* is exact, the above surjection is an isomorphism.

- Prop. (Finer Topology vs Coarser Topology)

$$C/X \text{ a subcategory of } C'/X \quad f: X \xrightarrow{\text{id}} X$$

$(C'/X)_E$ is a site. $E(C) := \{ \{U_i \longrightarrow U\}_{i \in I} \in E \mid U \in (C/X)\}$.

Assume that $(C/X)_{E(C)}$ is also a site.

That is, for any $U \in C/X$, $\{U_i \rightarrow U\}_{i \in I} \in E(C)$

the composition $U_i \rightarrow U \rightarrow X$ should

also be in C/X . (C/X can't be arbitrary)

(e.g. big site v.s. small site)

\Rightarrow (1) f_* is exact. $F \xrightarrow{f_* f^* F}$ is an isom of sheaves.

(2) $f^* : Sh((C/X)_E) \rightarrow Sh((C'/X)_E)$

is fully faithful.

(3) $H^i_C(X, f_* F') \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i_{C'}(X, F')$

$H^i_C(X, F) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i_{C'}(X, f^* F)$

$\forall F' \in Sh((C'/X)_E), F \in Sh((C/X)_E)$.

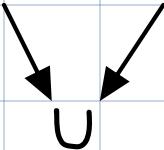
- Prop. (More Coverings vs Fewer Coverings)

$C_2/X \subseteq C_1/X$ subcategory $E_2 \subseteq E_1$

$f : (C_1/X)_{E_1} \xrightarrow{id} (C_2/X)_{E_2}$ s.t. $\forall U \in C_2/X$ and covering

$\{U_i \rightarrow U\}_{i \in I} \subseteq E_1, \exists$ covering $\{V_j \rightarrow U\}_{j \in J} \subseteq E_2$

s.t. $V_j \rightarrow U_{i,j}$ "refinement"



$\Rightarrow f_*$ is exact $\Rightarrow H^i(X_{E_2}, f_* F) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(X_{E_1}, F) \quad \forall F \in Sh(X_{E_1})$.

- Pf. It suffices to show f_* preserves surjection.

Take any $F \xrightarrow{\varphi} F''$ in $Sh(C_1/X)_{E_1}$, $U \in C_2/X$, $x \in \Gamma(U, F'')$.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ covering $\{U_i \rightarrow U\}_{i \in I} \in E_1, x_i \in \Gamma(U_i, F)$ s.t.

$$\varphi(U_i)(x_i) = x|_{U_i}.$$

Choose a refinement $\{V_j\}_{j \in J} \in E_2 \longrightarrow \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$

$$\Rightarrow \forall j, \exists i \text{ s.t. } \pi_{*}\varphi(V_j)(x_i|_{V_j}) = \varphi(U_i)(x_i)|_{V_j} = x|_{V_j}$$

$\Rightarrow \pi_{*}\varphi$ is surj. in $\text{Sh}(C_2/X)_{E_2}$.

- Def. (Noetherian Site) A site is Noetherian iff

\forall covering $\{U_i \longrightarrow U\}_{i \in I}$, \exists finite $J \subseteq I$ s.t.

$\{U_j \longrightarrow U\}_{j \in J}$ is a subcovering.

- Prop. X_E is noetherian. Define $P(X_{E(f)})$ and $S(X_{E(f)})$ to be the category of presheaves and sheaves allowing only finite coverings.

Then we have category equivalence

$$P(X_{E(f)}) \cong P(X_E) \quad S(X_{E(f)}) \cong S(X_E)$$

- Prop. (Flat vs Zariski)

$$f: X_{\text{fl}} \xrightarrow{\text{id.}} X_{\text{Zar}} \quad F \in \text{QCoh}(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

$$\Rightarrow H^i(X_{\text{Zar}}, F) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(X_{\text{fl}}, W(F)).$$

Pf. Note that $F = f_{*}W(F)$

$$\text{spectral seq } H^i(X_{\text{Zar}}, R^j f_{*}W(F)) \Rightarrow H^{i+j}(X_{\text{fl}}, W(F)).$$

It suffices to show $R^j f_{*}W(F) = 0 \quad \forall j > 0$.

$R^j f_{*}W(F)$ is the sheafification of $U \mapsto H^j(U_{\text{fl}}, W(F))$

\Rightarrow It suffices to show $\forall U \cong \text{Spec } A \subseteq X$ open affine,

$W(F)$ is flabby on U

$\Leftrightarrow \forall U \cong \text{Spec } A \subseteq X$ open affine and finite affine covering

$\mathcal{V} = \{V_i \longrightarrow U\}_{i \in I}$, the Čech cohomology $H^j(\mathcal{V}/U, W(F)) = 0 \quad \forall j > 0$.

We may replace V with $\coprod V_i \cong \text{Spec } B$, write $M := \Gamma(U, F)$

\Rightarrow the Čech complex is

$$0 \longrightarrow M \longrightarrow M \otimes_A B \longrightarrow M \otimes_A B \otimes_A B \longrightarrow \dots$$

$$d^n: m \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_n \longmapsto \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i m \otimes b_1 \otimes \dots \otimes b_i \otimes 1 \otimes b_{i+1} \otimes \dots \otimes b_n$$

$A \rightarrow B$ faithfully flat \Rightarrow above seq is exact.

- Thm. (Flat vs Étale, group scheme)

$G \longrightarrow X$ smooth, quasi-projective, commutative group scheme

(by abuse of notation, G can be referred to as the sheaf it represents, i.e. $U \mapsto \text{Hom}_X(U, G)$)

$$\Rightarrow H^i(X_{\text{ét}}, G) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(X_{\text{fl}}, G)$$

- Lemma. $X = \text{Spec } A$ Henselian. $Y \longrightarrow X$ flat LFT.

$\Rightarrow \exists X' \longrightarrow X$ finite flat factors through Y :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ & \nearrow & \searrow \\ X' & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

- Lemma. A Henselian local ring. $X = \text{Spec } A$.

X_{fl} big LFT flat site

X_E small E -site, $E = \{\text{finite flat morphisms}\}$

$$f: X_{\text{fl}} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} X_E$$

$\Rightarrow f_*$ is exact $\Rightarrow H^i(X_E, f_* F) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(X_{\text{fl}}, F) \quad \forall F \in \text{Sh}(X_E)$.

Pf. Recall. A is Henselian, B is a finite A -algebra

$\Rightarrow B = \prod B_i$, where B_i 's are Henselian A -algebra.

Use "More Coverings vs Fewer Coverings".

That is, to prove $\forall \text{Spec } B \longrightarrow \text{Spec } A$ finite flat

and $\{\text{U}_i \longrightarrow \text{Spec } B\}_{i \in I}$ LFT flat site

$\Rightarrow \exists$ refinement $\{\text{Spec } R_j \longrightarrow \{\text{U}_{ij}\}_{j \in J}\}$.

$\xrightarrow{\text{finite flat}}$ SpecB $\xleftarrow{\text{LFT flat}}$

$\text{Spec } B = \coprod \text{Spec } B_i$, B_i Henselian \Rightarrow WLOG, WMA B Henselian.

(Previous lemma) $\Rightarrow \square$.

- Prop. $\tilde{X} \longrightarrow X$ finite flat.

Base change functor $\underset{X}{\times} \tilde{X}: \text{Sch}/X \longrightarrow \text{Sch}/\tilde{X}$

has a right adjoint, denoted as $R_{\tilde{X}/X}: \text{Sch}/\tilde{X} \longrightarrow \text{Sch}/X$
(Weil restriction).

Moreover, if $Z \longrightarrow \tilde{X}$ is of finite type,

then $R_{\tilde{X}/X}(Z) \longrightarrow X$ is also of finite type.

- Proof of (Flat vs Étale, group scheme)

Goal: Prove $f: X_E \xrightarrow{\text{id}} X_{\text{ét}}$ satisfies $R^i f_*(G) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0$

(At stalks of $X_{\text{ét}}$) It suffices to show for $X = \text{Spec } A$,

where A is strictly Henselian, $H^i(X_E, G) = 0$ for $i > 0$. (E defined before)

[Step 1] X affine scheme X_0 closed subscheme

Define functor $N: \text{Sch}/X \longrightarrow \text{Ab}$

$$Y \longmapsto \ker(G(Y) \longrightarrow G(Y_0))$$

where $Y_0 = X_0 \underset{X}{\times} Y$.

If X_0 is defined by an ideal \mathcal{I} with $\mathcal{I}^2 = 0$, then

$N = W(M)$ for some coherent \mathcal{O}_X -mod M .

(Recall: $W(M)(Y) = \Gamma(Y, \pi^* M)$ for $(\pi: Y \rightarrow X) \in \text{Sch}/X$).

Pf. Let $\omega_G = e^* \Omega_{G/X}^1$, where $e: X \rightarrow G$ identity section.

Take $M = \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\omega_G, \mathcal{L})$.

[Step 2] X scheme. $X' \rightarrow X$ faithfully flat & finite.

For every Y/X define $\underline{C}^i(G)(Y)$ to be the Čech complex $C^i(Y'/Y, G)$, where $Y' = Y \times_X X'$.

($\forall i$, $\underline{C}^i(G)$ is a functor $\text{Sch}/X \rightarrow \text{Ab}$ w.r.t. Y)

$$\underline{\Sigma}^i(G)(Y) := \ker(d^i: \underline{C}^i(G)(Y) \rightarrow \underline{C}^{i+1}(G)(Y))$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{C}^{i-1}(G) \rightarrow \underline{\Sigma}^i(G)$ is represented by a smooth morphism of X -group schemes.

$$\text{Pf. } \underline{C}^i(G)(Y) = G(Y' \times_Y \cdots \times_Y Y') \underset{(i \text{ copies})}{=} G(Y \times_X X' \times_X \cdots \times_X X') \underset{(i \text{ copies})}{=}$$

$$= \text{Hom}_X(Y \times_X X' \times_X \cdots \times_X X', G)$$

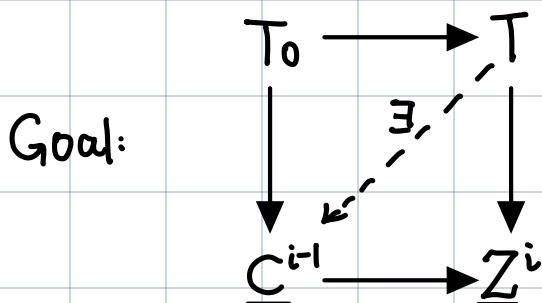
$$\simeq \text{Hom}_{X' \times \cdots \times X'}(Y \times_X X' \times_X \cdots \times_X X', G \times X' \times_X \cdots \times_X X')$$

$$\simeq \text{Hom}_X(Y, R_{X' \times \cdots \times X'/X}(G \times X' \times \cdots \times X')) \text{ (Weil restriction)}$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{C}^i(G)$ is representable. (Moreover, $\underline{C}^i(G) \rightarrow \underline{C}^{i+1}(G)$ is f.p.)

$\Rightarrow \underline{\Sigma}^i(G) := \ker(\underline{C}^i(G) \rightarrow \underline{C}^{i+1}(G))$ is representable.

Take any affine X -scheme T and closed subscheme T_0 defined by a closed subscheme.



$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & C^{i-1}(T'/T, N) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_C} & \underline{C}^{i-1}(G)(T) & \xrightarrow{\psi_C} & \underline{C}^{i-1}(G)(T_0) \xrightarrow{\quad} 0 \\
& & \downarrow d_{T'} & & \downarrow d_T & & \downarrow d_{T_0} \\
0 & \longrightarrow & Z^i(T'/T, N) & \xrightarrow{\varphi_Z} & \underline{Z}^i(G)(T) & \xrightarrow{\psi_Z} & \underline{Z}^i(G)(T_0)
\end{array}$$

(surjectivity follow from smoothness of $G \rightarrow X$)

where N is the functor $\text{Sch}/T \longrightarrow \text{Ab}$

$$Y \longmapsto \ker(G(Y) \longrightarrow G(Y_0)).$$

Goal: Prove $\forall \alpha \in \underline{C}^{i-1}(G)(T_0), \beta \in \underline{Z}^i(G)(T)$ s.t. $d_{T_0}(\alpha) = \psi_Z(\beta)$,

$\exists r \in \underline{C}^{i-1}(G)(T)$ s.t. $\psi_C(r) = \alpha, d_T(r) = \beta$.

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$\forall \bar{\alpha} \in \underline{C}^{i-1}(G)(T), \beta \in \underline{Z}^i(G)(T)$ s.t. $d_{T_0}(\psi_C(\bar{\alpha})) = \psi_Z(\beta)$,

$\exists \Delta \in \ker \psi_C = \text{im } \varphi_C$ s.t. $d_T(\bar{\alpha} + \Delta) = \beta$

↑

$$\psi_Z(\beta - d_T(\bar{\alpha})) = \psi_Z(\beta) - d_{T_0}(\psi_C(\bar{\alpha})) = 0$$

$\forall \bar{\alpha} \in \underline{C}^{i-1}(G)(T), \beta \in \underline{Z}^i(G)(T)$ s.t. $d_{T_0}(\psi_C(\bar{\alpha})) = \psi_Z(\beta)$,

$\exists \delta \in C^{i-1}(T'/T, N)$ s.t. $d_T(\varphi_C(\delta)) = \beta - d_T(\bar{\alpha})$

$\varphi_Z(d_{T'}(\delta)) \quad (\in \ker \psi_Z = \text{im } \varphi_Z)$

↑

$d_{T'}: C^{i-1}(T'/T, N) \longrightarrow Z^i(T'/T, N)$ is surjective.

(i.e. $C^*(T'/T, N)$ is exact, i.e. $\check{H}^i(T'/T, W(M)) = 0, M \in \text{Coh}(G_X)$).

Use (Flat vs Zariski).

[Step 3] $X = \text{Spec } A$ Henselian. $X' \longrightarrow X$ faithfully flat.

$X_0 = \text{closed point of } X \quad X'_0 = X' \times_X X_0$

$\Rightarrow \check{H}^i(X'/X, G) \xrightarrow{\sim} \check{H}^i(X'_0/X, G) \quad \forall i > 0$.

Pf. (Recall) $X \longrightarrow \text{Spec } A$ smooth, A Henselian res.field = k
 $\Rightarrow X(A) \longrightarrow X(k)$ is surjective.

$\rightsquigarrow C^i(X'/X, G) \longrightarrow C^i(X'_0/X, G)$ is surj $\forall i$.

(Note that $X' \times \dots \times X'$ is finite over $X = \text{Spec } A$

$\Rightarrow X' \times \dots \times X'$ is a disjoint union $\coprod_{\text{finite}} \text{Spec } B_i$,
 where B_i Henselian)

Goal: $\ker(C^i(X'/X, G) \longrightarrow C^i(X'_0/X, G))$ is exact. (\times)

(if this holds, then

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \ker & \xrightarrow{\text{im} = Z} & \ker & \xrightarrow{\ker = Z} & \ker \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 C^{i-1}(X'/X, G) & \xrightarrow{d^{i-1}} & C^i(X'/X, G) & \xrightarrow{d^i} & C^{i+1}(X'/X, G) \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 C^{i-1}(X'_0/X_0, G) & \xrightarrow{d_0^{i-1}} & C^i(X'_0/X_0, G) & \xrightarrow{d_0^i} & C^{i+1}(X'_0/X_0, G)
 \end{array}$$

$$\ker d^i / \text{im } d^{i-1} \simeq (\ker d^i / Z) / (\text{im } d^{i-1} / Z) \simeq \ker d_0^i / \text{im } d_0^{i-1}$$

Take any $z \in Z^i(X'/X, G) \subseteq C^i(X'/X, G)$

s.t. $Z_0 = 0$ in $C^i(X'_0/X_0, G)$

$(\times) \Leftrightarrow \exists c \in C^{i-1}(X'/X, G)$ s.t. $c_0 = 0$ in $C^i(X'_0/X_0, G)$

and $d^{i-1}(c) = z$.

[Step 2] $\Rightarrow \underline{C^{i-1}(G)} \longrightarrow \underline{Z^i(G)}$ represented by smooth morphism

$\Rightarrow (d^{i-1})^{-1}(z) \subseteq \underline{C^{i-1}(G)}$ smooth subscheme.

$(d^{i-1})^{-1}(z)$ has a section over X_0 (zero section)

$X = \text{Spec } A$ Henselian

} lifts to a
 section over X .

[Step 4] The problem is reduced to $X = \text{Spec } k$ separably closed.

Goal: $H^i(X'/X, G) = 0$ $i > 0$.

C^{i-1} \longrightarrow Z^i smooth \Rightarrow it suffices to show

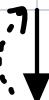
$C^{i-1}(K)$ \longrightarrow $Z^i(K)$ surj. for K algebraically closed

\Rightarrow The problem is reduced to $X = \text{Spec } K$ algebraically closed.

Now $X' \xleftarrow{\quad \text{---} \quad} X = \text{Spec } K$ has a section



$$\dots \xrightarrow{0} C^{i-1}(X/X, G) \xrightarrow{\text{id}} C^i(X/X, G) \xrightarrow{0} C^{i+1}(X/X, G) \xrightarrow{\text{id}} \dots$$



$$\dots \longrightarrow C^{i-1}(X'/X, G) \longrightarrow C^i(X'/X, G) \longrightarrow C^{i+1}(X'/X, G) \longrightarrow \dots$$

homotopy equivalence.

important!

- Thm. (Analytic vs étale, over \mathbb{C}).

X/\mathbb{C} smooth. M finite abelian group

$$\Rightarrow H^i(X(\mathbb{C}), M) \simeq H^i(X_{\text{ét}}, M).$$

- Ex. X smooth curve over \mathbb{C} of genus g .

$$H^1(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}) \simeq \mathbb{Z}^{2g}.$$

$$H^1(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{Z}) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Conts}}(\pi_1^{\text{ét}}(X), \mathbb{Z}) = 0$$

$$H^1(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^{2g} \simeq H^1(X(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}).$$

- Idea. Analytic topology and étale topology are "not comparable".

To solve this, introduce a site X_{cx} :

① base = X^{an}

② Objects & coverings are local isomorphisms.

Then X_{cx} "is finer than both analytic and étale topology".

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X_{\text{cx}} & \\ \textcircled{1} \simeq & \swarrow & \searrow \textcircled{2} \simeq \\ X^{\text{an}} & & X^{\text{ét}} \end{array}$$

$\textcircled{1} \simeq$ is obtained by Prop (More Coverings vs Fewer Coverings)

(* for locally contractible topological space X ,

we have $H^i(X, \underline{M})$ (sheaf cohomology) $\simeq H^i(X, M)$ (singular cohomology))

Now it suffices to prove $\textcircled{2} \simeq$:

$\pi: X_{\text{cx}} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} X^{\text{ét}}$ induces $H^i(X^{\text{ét}}, M) \simeq H^i(X_{\text{cx}}, M)$.

- Def. (Elementary Fibration) A morphism of schemes $f: X \longrightarrow S$ is an elementary fibration iff f fits into the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{j} & \overline{X} & \xleftarrow{i} & Y \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \bar{f} & \swarrow g & \\ & & S & & \end{array}$$

where:

- j is an open immersion s.t. $\forall s \in S$, X_s is dense in \overline{X}_s , and $Y = \overline{X} - X$.

- \bar{f} smooth & projective, with geometrically irreducible fibers of $\dim=1$

- g is finite étale, and each fiber of g is nonempty.

- Lemma. k algebraically closed. X/k smooth.

$\Rightarrow \forall x \in X, \exists$ nbhd $U \ni x$ and a sequence of elementary fibrations

$$U = U_n \longrightarrow U_{n-1} \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow U_1 \longrightarrow U_0 = \text{Spec } k.$$

- Lemma. (Riemann existence theorem)

X/\mathbb{C} LFT. X^{an} analytization.

There's a category equivalence

$$\{\text{finite \'etale coverings } Y/X\} \longleftrightarrow \{\text{similar coverings of } X^{\text{an}}\}$$

$$Y \longrightarrow Y^{\text{an}}$$

- Pf of $H^i(X_{\text{cx}}, M) \simeq H^i(X_{\text{\'et}}, M)$

Goal: $f: X_{\text{cx}} \xrightarrow{\text{id}} X_{\text{\'et}} \Rightarrow R^j f_* M = 0 \quad \forall j > 0.$



- Lemma. $F \in \text{Sh}(X_{\text{cx}})$ locally constant torsion sheaf

with finite fibers. $r \in H^i(X_{\text{cx}}, F), i > 0.$

$\Rightarrow \forall x \in X(\mathbb{C}), \exists$ \'etale $U \longrightarrow X$ s.t.

① image of U contains x

② $r|_{U_{\text{cx}}} = 0.$

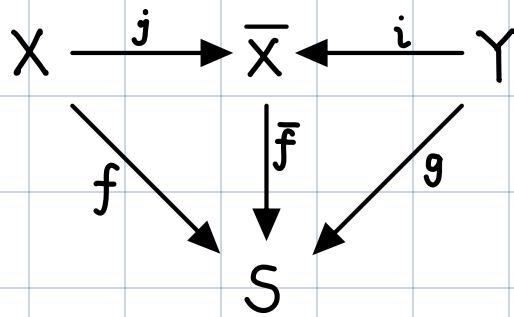
- Pf. Induction on $n = \dim X$.

The statement is local for $X \Rightarrow$

WMA F is the constant sheaf associated with finite abelian group M

and \exists elementary fibration

$$f: X \longrightarrow S \quad (\dim S = n-1)$$



finiteness of M
and $\text{codim}_X Y = 1$
are needed

X is dense in $\overline{X} \Rightarrow j_* F = M$

$$(VI.5.1) \Rightarrow R^1 j_* F = i_* (\text{constant sheaf on } Y)$$

$$R^{>1} j_* F = 0$$

\bar{f} proper & smooth $\Rightarrow \bar{f}$ preserves locally constant torsion sheaves.

Note we have spectral sequence $(R^p \bar{f})(R^q j)_* F \Rightarrow (R^{p+q} f)_* F$
 $\Rightarrow R^1 f_* F$ is a locally constant torsion sheaf with finite fibers,

$$R^{>1} f_* F = 0.$$

Leray spectral sequence $H^p(S_{cx}, R^q f_* F) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(X_{cx}, F)$

reduces to LES:

$$\dots \longrightarrow H^i(S_{cx}, f_* F) \xrightarrow{\alpha} H^i(X_{cx}, F) \xrightarrow{\beta} H^{i-1}(S_{cx}, R^1 f_* F) \longrightarrow \dots$$

By induction $\Rightarrow \forall r \in H^{i-1}(S_{cx}, R^1 f_* F), r' \in H^i(S_{cx}, f_* F),$

$\exists U' \longrightarrow S$ étale nbhd of $f(x)$ s.t. $r|_{U'_{cx}} = r'|_{U'_{cx}} = 0$.

① For $i > 1$: Take any $r'' \in H^i(X_{cx}, F)$ and let $r' = \beta(r'')$

$\Rightarrow \exists U' \longrightarrow S$ étale nbhd of $f(x)$ s.t. $r'|_{U'_{cx}} = 0$

$\Rightarrow \beta_{U'}(r''|_{U'_{cx}}) = 0 \Rightarrow r''|_{U'_{cx}} \in \text{im } \alpha_{U'}$. Write $r''|_{U'_{cx}} = \alpha_{U'}(\tilde{r}), \tilde{r} \in H^i(U'_{cx}, f_* F)$

$\Rightarrow \exists U'' \longrightarrow U'$ s.t. composition $U'' \longrightarrow S$ is an étale

nbhd of $f(x)$ and $\tilde{r}|_{U''_{cx}} = 0 \Rightarrow r''|_{U''_{cx}} = \alpha_{U''}(\tilde{r}|_{U''_{cx}}) = 0$

(Take $U = U'' \times_S X$)

② For $i=1$: Use Riemann existence theorem

(Note: $H^1(X, M)$ classifies M -torsors over X)