

## Derived Schemes

Let  $\mathcal{SCR}$  be the  $\infty$ -cat. of simplicial comm. rings (perhaps best viewed in terms of animation).

We let  $\mathcal{Anim}$  be the  $\infty$ -cat. of anima, more traditionally referred to as spaces or  $\infty$ -gpd's.

Following the last talk, we define the  $\infty$ -cat. of affine derived schemes to be  $\mathcal{DAff} := \mathcal{SCR}^{\text{op}}$ .

Grothendieck tells us that the cat. Sch of schemes can be understood in terms of fpqc descent, and we aim to generalize this to the derived setting. First, though, we make a few remarks about  $\infty$ -topoi.

## $\infty$ -Topoi

One important insight in alg. geometry is that it is often helpful to work not w/ bona fide open sets (i.e., a genuine topology in the classical sense) but w/ open coverings. This is the perspective of a pretopology. More generally,

one considers Grothendieck topologies built from things called sieves (and pretopologies generate Grothendieck topologies in an <sup>obvious</sup> way). (Site is cat. equipped w/ Grothendieck top.) This lets us make sense of a notion of sheaves. These form a full subcat. of the cat. of presheaves, w/ there being a left exact localization functor from presheaves to sheaves called

sheafification. This gives an extrinsic characterization of a kind of cat. called a topos. We can give an intrinsic description in terms of the so-called Giraud axioms.

In the  $\infty$ -categorical setting we can generalize all three descriptions. Given an  $\infty$ -cat.  $\mathcal{I}$ , one now considers the presheaf cat.  $\mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{I}) := \text{Fun}(\mathcal{I}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{Anim})$ . [" $\infty$ " is for emphasis here - will probably drop in the future...]  
(finiteness condition...)

Thm: An  $\infty$ -cat.  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfies generalized Giraud axioms iff  $\mathcal{X}$  is accessible and there is adjunction

$L: \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{C}) \rightleftarrows \mathcal{X} : i$  w/  $L$  left exact,  $i$  fully faithful,  $\mathcal{C}$  small  $\infty$ -cat.

Intuitively,  $L$  encodes sheafification as above but this is not quite right.

$X \in \text{Top}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  basis for  $X$ . Assume  $\mathcal{B}$  intersection closed - i.e., given  $U \subseteq X$  open,  $\exists$  covering by  $U_i \in \mathcal{B}$  s.t.  $U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_n} \in \mathcal{B}$  for all finite subsets  $\{i_0, \dots, i_n\} \subseteq I$ .

(1)  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf.

Given  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , TFAE:

(2) given  $U \subseteq X$  open  $\iff U_i \in \mathcal{B}$  covering  $U$ ,  $\mathcal{F}(U) \cong \lim_{\substack{\longrightarrow \\ i,j}} (\prod_{i,j} \mathcal{F}(U_i \cap U_j))$ .

With some additional constraints / assumptions this is equiv. to Mayer-Vietoris - type condition.

Def: Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be  $\infty$ -cat.



• Sieve on  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  is full subcat.  $T \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{/X}$  s.t.  $Y' \in \mathcal{T}_{/X} \iff Y \in T \Rightarrow Y' \in T$ .

• Let  $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}}(X, Y)$  and  $T$  sieve on  $Y$ . We have pullback  $f^*T \subseteq \mathcal{T}_{/X}$  which is full subcat. spanned by

$U \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $(U \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y) \in T$ .

$\leftarrow$  (covering sieves)

• Grothendieck top.  $\tau$  on  $\mathcal{T}$  is collection of sieves  $T$  for each  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  s.t.

- trivial sieve  $\mathcal{C}_{/X}$  is cov.

- pullbacks of cov. sieves are cov. sieves

- Let  $T$  be cov. sieve on  $X$  and  $S$  any sieve on  $X$  s.t.  $f^*S$  is cov. sieve  $\forall f \in T$ . Then,  $S$  is cov. sieve.

Notice: Sieve approach does not specify any notion of "openness".

(Remark: For both, it should be possible  $\downarrow$  to "double-count" some  $X \in \mathcal{T}$ .)

Def: Pcetop.  $\tilde{\tau}$  on  $\mathcal{T}$  (assuming  $\mathcal{T}$  has pullbacks) is assignment  $\{U_\alpha \rightarrow X\}_\alpha$  of coverings for each  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  s.t.

• isom.  $Y \xrightarrow{\sim} X$  yields cov.  $\{Y \xrightarrow{\sim} X\}$ .

•  $\{U_\alpha \rightarrow X\}_\alpha$  cov. and  $\{V_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow U_\alpha\}_\beta$  is cov.  $\forall \alpha \Rightarrow \{V_{\alpha\beta} \rightarrow X\}_{\alpha,\beta}$  is cov.

•  $\{U_\alpha \rightarrow X\}_\alpha$  cov.  $\Rightarrow \{U_\alpha \times_X Y \rightarrow Y\}_\alpha$  is cov.  $\forall Y \rightarrow X$ .

Pcetop.  $\tilde{\tau}$  generates top. s.t. sieve  $T$  on  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  is cov. sieve iff it contains  $\{U_\alpha \rightarrow X\}_\alpha$  from  $\tilde{\tau}$ .

Intuitively, we see what we can build from cov.'s in  $\tilde{\tau}$ .

(can assume  $\mathcal{T}$  has fiber products)  
 Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be  $\infty$ -site, so an  $\infty$ -cat. equipped w/ Grothendieck top. Each  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  induces functor-of-pts.

$h_X \in \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})$ . To  $X \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow h_X$  a map of presheaves we may associate  $T(\mathcal{U})$  ~~the~~ the full subcat. of  $\mathcal{T}_{/X}$  spanned by  $Y \rightarrow X$  s.t.  $h_Y \rightarrow h_X$  factors through  $\mathcal{U}$ . This  $T(\mathcal{U})$  is a sieve and so it makes sense to ask if  $T(\mathcal{U})$  is a covering sieve. We say  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})$  is a sheaf if

$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})}(h_X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})}(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{F})$  is equiv.  $\forall \mathcal{U} \rightarrow h_X$  s.t.  $T(\mathcal{U})$  is a covering sieve.

We obtain  $\text{Shv}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T}) \in \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})$  full subcat. This has a "computational" equivalent.

Prop: Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be  $\infty$ -site,  $\tilde{\tau}$  pretop. generating the Grothendieck top. on  $\mathcal{T}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})$ . Then,

$\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf iff  $\mathcal{F}(X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \lim_{\alpha} \left( \prod_{\alpha} \mathcal{U}_{\alpha} \rightrightarrows \prod_{\alpha, \beta} \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{U}_{\alpha} \times_X \mathcal{U}_{\beta}) \rightrightarrows \dots \right) \forall \{ \mathcal{U}_{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \}_{\alpha \in I}$  in  $\tilde{\tau}$ .  
 (Also, not all  $\infty$ -topoi are hypercomplete.)

Given  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\infty$ -site,  $\text{Shv}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})$  is an  $\infty$ -topos. However, not all  $\infty$ -topoi arise in this way.

(okay, satisfying mild assumptions)  
 To any  $\infty$ -cat.  $\mathcal{C}$  we may associate  $\text{Shv}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{T})$  defined as above but w/  $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{T}) := \text{Fun}(\mathcal{T}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{C})$ .

Note that  $\text{Shv}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})$  and  $\text{Shv}_{\text{Set}}(\mathcal{T})$  are generally very different. How does all of this compare w/ stacks?

Given  $\infty$ -topos  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\infty$ -cat.  $\mathcal{C}$ , a  $\mathcal{C}$ -valued stack on  $\mathcal{X}$  is precisely an object of  $\text{Fun}_{\text{cont}}(\mathcal{X}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{C})$ .

[ $\mathcal{C}$  not specified means  $\mathcal{C}$  is Anim.] This gives  $\text{Stk}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{X})$  and  $\text{Stk}(\mathcal{X}) := \text{Stk}_{\text{Anim}}(\mathcal{X})$ .

Prop:  $\mathcal{T}$   $\infty$ -site,  $\mathcal{C}$  complete  $\infty$ -cat.  $\Rightarrow$  composition of Yoneda and sheafification  $\leadsto \text{Stk}_{\mathcal{C}}(\text{Shv}_{\infty}(\mathcal{T})) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Shv}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{T})$ .

Remark: Fibered perspective on stacks is also equivalent...

**2. Derived schemes.** Any scheme  $S$  represents a presheaf

$$X \mapsto \text{Maps}(X, S)$$

on the category of schemes, which satisfies fpqc descent by a theorem of Grothendieck. The fact that every scheme admits an affine Zariski cover implies that the inclusion of affine schemes into arbitrary schemes induces an equivalence at the level of Zariski or fpqc sheaves. Therefore there is a fully faithful embedding of the category of schemes into the category of sheaves on the affine fpqc site. On the other hand, if we identify its essential image, we can take this as our definition of scheme. This is the philosophy we will take in our definition of derived scheme.

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here

2.1. The fpqc pretopology on  $(\text{SCRing})^{\text{op}}$  is defined as follows.

**Definition 2.2.** A family of homomorphisms  $(R \rightarrow R_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$  is fpqc covering if the following conditions hold:

- (i) The set  $\Lambda$  is finite.  $\leftarrow$  Need this for technical reasons.
- (ii) For each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , the homomorphism  $R \rightarrow R_\alpha$  is flat (i.e. the underlying  $R$ -module of  $R_\alpha$  is flat).
- (iii) The induced homomorphism  $R \rightarrow \prod_\alpha R_\alpha$  is faithfully flat.

Recall that a connective  $R$ -module  $M$  is flat if for any discrete  $R$ -module  $N$ , the tensor product  $R \otimes_M N$  is discrete. It is faithfully flat if it is flat, and a connective  $R$ -module  $N$  is zero iff  $M \otimes_R N$  is zero.

**Definition 2.3.**

- (i) A derived prestack is a presheaf of spaces on  $(\text{SCRing})^{\text{op}}$ .
- (ii) A derived stack is an fpqc sheaf of spaces on  $(\text{SCRing})^{\text{op}}$ , i.e. a derived prestack which satisfies fpqc descent.

Let us recall the descent condition in this setting. Let  $(R \rightarrow R_\alpha)_\alpha$  be an fpqc covering family, and write  $\tilde{R} = \prod_\alpha R_\alpha$ . Let  $\check{C}(R/\tilde{R})_\bullet$  denote the Čech nerve of  $R \rightarrow \tilde{R}$ , a cosimplicial object given degree-wise by the  $(n+1)$ -fold tensor product

$$\check{C}(R/\tilde{R})^n = \tilde{R} \otimes_R \cdots \otimes_R \tilde{R}. \quad A \rightarrow B \rightsquigarrow A \rightarrow B \rightrightarrows B \otimes_A B \rightrightarrows B \otimes_A B \otimes_A B \cdots$$

Now, a derived prestack  $\mathcal{X}$  satisfies fpqc descent if for all such fpqc covering families, the canonical morphism

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{X}(R) \xrightarrow{\sim} \varprojlim_{n \in \Delta} \mathcal{X}(\check{C}(R/\tilde{R})^n)$$

is invertible.

2.4. Given a simplicial commutative ring  $R$ , we let  $\text{Spec}(R)$  denote the derived prestack represented by  $R$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** For any simplicial commutative ring  $R$ , the presheaf  $\text{Spec}(R)$  is an fpqc sheaf. In particular, the fpqc topology is subcanonical.

This follows from the fact that, for any fpqc covering morphism  $A \rightarrow B$  in  $\text{SCRing}$ , the canonical morphism  $A \rightarrow \varprojlim_{n \in \Delta} \check{C}(A/B)^n$  is invertible. This can be shown using the associated Bousfield–Kan spectral sequence, which degenerates on the second page. Alternatively it follows immediately from some general machinery developed by Lurie, see [2, Thm. D.6.3.5].  $\leftarrow$  SAG

**Definition 2.6.** An affine derived scheme is a derived stack which is isomorphic to  $\text{Spec}(R)$  for some simplicial commutative ring  $R$ .

In other words, this is the essential image of DAff in DStk.

Remark: Classically,  
fpqc top. is finer  
than Zariski, fppf,  
étale, and smooth top's.  
Maybe should say  
fpqc stack...

Should be same as  $\pi_0 M$  flat as  $\pi_0 R$ -module and  $\pi_i M \simeq \pi_i R \otimes_{\pi_0 R} \pi_0 M$   
DAff as  $\pi_0 R$ -modules.  
DAff  
DStk

~~We let  $\mathbf{DSch}^{\text{aff}}$  denote the  $\infty$ -category of derived affine schemes, which is equivalent to  $(\mathbf{SCRing})^{\text{op}}$  by construction.~~

2.7. In order to give the definition of derived scheme, we need to define the notion of *open immersion* between derived stacks.

We begin with the following preliminary definition:

**Definition 2.8.** A homomorphism of simplicial commutative rings  $R \rightarrow R'$  is locally of finite presentation if it exhibits  $R'$  as a compact object of  $\mathbf{SCRing}_R$ , i.e. if the functor

$$A \mapsto \text{Maps}_{\mathbf{SCRing}_R}(R', A)$$

commutes with filtered colimits.

Q: How does this compare w/ "finite pcs." and "almost of finite pcs."?

Now let  $j : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  be a morphism of derived stacks. First suppose that  $\mathcal{X} = \text{Spec}(R)$  and  $\mathcal{U} = \text{Spec}(A)$  are both affine. In this case we say that  $j$  is an *open immersion* if the corresponding homomorphism  $R \rightarrow A$  is locally of finite presentation, flat, and an epimorphism, i.e. the co-diagonal homomorphism  $A \otimes_R A \rightarrow A$  is invertible.

Isn't this truncated somehow?

Next suppose that  $\mathcal{U}$  is possibly non-affine. Then we say that  $j$  is an open immersion if it is a monomorphism, and there exists a family  $(\mathcal{U}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{U})_\alpha$  which induces an effective epimorphism<sup>1</sup>  $\coprod_\alpha \mathcal{U}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ , such that each  $\mathcal{U}_\alpha$  is affine, and each composite  $\mathcal{U}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$  is an open immersion of affine derived schemes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{U}_\alpha & \\ & \downarrow & \\ \mathcal{U} & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

Finally, we define  $j$  to be an open immersion in the general case if, for any affine derived scheme  $\text{Spec}(R)$  and any morphism  $\text{Spec}(R) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ , the base change  $\mathcal{U} \times_{\mathcal{X}} \text{Spec}(R) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R)$  is an open immersion in the above sense.

2.9. We are now ready to give the definition of derived scheme.

**Definition 2.10.**

(i) A Zariski cover of a derived stack  $\mathcal{X}$  is a family  $(j_\alpha : \mathcal{U}_\alpha \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X})_\alpha$  where each  $j_\alpha$  is an open immersion, and the induced morphism

$$\coprod_\alpha \mathcal{U}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$$

is an effective epimorphism.

(ii) An affine Zariski cover of a derived stack  $\mathcal{X}$  is a Zariski cover  $(\mathcal{U}_\alpha \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X})_\alpha$  where each  $\mathcal{U}_\alpha$  is an affine derived scheme.

(iii) A derived stack  $\mathcal{X}$  is schematic if it admits an affine Zariski cover. A derived scheme is a schematic derived stack.

Effectivity equiv. to epi. of sheaves on  $\pi_0$

← sometimes called an atlas

↑ We get

$\mathbf{DSch} \in \mathbf{DStk}$ .

<sup>1</sup>Recall that a morphism of sheaves  $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is an effective epimorphism if the canonical morphism of sheaves

$$\varinjlim_{n \in \Delta^{\text{op}}} \check{C}(\mathcal{X}/\mathcal{Y})_n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$$

is invertible. Here  $\check{C}(\mathcal{X}/\mathcal{Y})_\bullet$  is the Čech nerve, a simplicial object with  $\check{C}(\mathcal{X}/\mathcal{Y})_n = \mathcal{X} \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \cdots \times_{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{X}$  (the  $(n+1)$ -fold fibred product).

Classical scheme admits affine Zariski cover by classical affine schemes (underlying simplicial ring is discrete). Such  $X$  is then discrete as a presheaf in the sense that <sup>it</sup> is  $\text{Set}$ -valued.

Any derived prestack  $X$  has restriction  $X_{cl}$  to the classical site. If  $X = \text{Spec } R$  then this is

$$X_{cl} = \text{Spec } \pi_0 R.$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Aff} & \hookrightarrow & \text{DAff} \\ \downarrow & \curvearrowright & \downarrow \\ \text{Sch} & \hookrightarrow & \text{DSch} \end{array} \quad \pi_0 : \text{SCR} \rightleftarrows \text{CRing}$$

$\leftarrow (\cdot)_{cl}$  is adjoint to the inclusion

Fact: Let  $X \in \text{DSch}$ . Then,  $X$  is affine iff  $X_{cl} \in \text{Sch}$  is affine.