

Course Notes:

## **Algebraic Geometry – Schemes 2**

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1. REVIEW OF PRIOR MATERIAL

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We fix a nonzero commutative base ring  $\mathbb{K}$ . All rings will be commutative  $\mathbb{K}$ -rings by default.

Let  $X$  be a topological space. Recall that a *presheaf* of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules on  $X$  is a functor

$$\mathcal{M} : \text{Open}(X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Mod } \mathbb{K},$$

where  $\text{Open}(X)$  is the category of open sets of  $X$ , and  $\text{Mod } \mathbb{K}$  is the category of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules.

More concretely, the presheaf  $\mathcal{M}$  is the data of a  $\mathbb{K}$ -module  $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{M})$  for every open set  $U \subseteq X$ , and a module homomorphism

$$\text{rest}_{V/U} : \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Gamma(V, \mathcal{M})$$

for every inclusion  $V \subseteq U$ . The conditions are that

$$\text{rest}_{W/U} = \text{rest}_{W/V} \circ \text{rest}_{V/U}$$

for every double inclusion  $W \subseteq V \subseteq U$ , and that  $\text{rest}_{U/U} = \text{id}$  for every  $U$ . We often use the abbreviation

$$m|_V := \text{rest}_{V/U}(m) \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{M})$$

for a section  $m \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M})$ .

The presheaves of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules on  $X$  form a category. The morphisms are the obvious ones. We denote it by  $\text{Mod}^{\text{pre}} \mathbb{K}_X$ . Here  $\mathbb{K}_X$  is the constant sheaf on  $X$  with values in  $\mathbb{K}$  (but we didn't define sheaves yet...)

Given a presheaf  $\mathcal{M}$  and a point  $x \in X$ , we have the *stalk*  $\mathcal{M}_x$  of  $\mathcal{M}$  at  $x$ . This is a  $\mathbb{K}$ -module. Recall the formula:

$$\mathcal{M}_x = \lim_{U \ni x} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M}),$$

where the direct limit is on the open neighborhoods  $U$  of  $x$ . Taking the stalk at  $x$  is a functor

$$\text{Mod}^{\text{pre}} \mathbb{K}_X \rightarrow \text{Mod } \mathbb{K}.$$

A presheaf  $\mathcal{M}$  is a *sheaf* if it satisfies the two sheaf axioms. These can be encoded as follows: for every open set  $U \subseteq X$  and every open covering  $U = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ , the sequence of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} \prod_{i_0 \in I} \Gamma(U_{i_0}, \mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\delta^0 - \delta^1} \prod_{i_0, i_1 \in I} \Gamma(U_{i_0} \cap U_{i_1}, \mathcal{M})$$

is exact. Here the homomorphisms  $\epsilon, \delta^i$  are induced by the restrictions. For more details see [Ye4, Sec 3 and Prop 7.10].

The sheaves of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules on  $X$ , also called  $\mathbb{K}_X$ -*modules*, form a full subcategory of  $\text{Mod}^{\text{pre}} \mathbb{K}_X$ , that we denote by  $\text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_X$ .

The *sheafification functor* assigns to each presheaf  $\mathcal{M}$  a sheaf  $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{M})$ , and a homomorphism of presheaves

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M}} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M}),$$

which is universal for homomorphisms into sheaves. Namely: if  $\mathcal{N}$  is a sheaf and  $\phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is a homomorphism of presheaves, then there is a unique homomorphism of sheaves  $\phi' : \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  such that  $\phi = \phi' \circ \tau_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

**Exercise 1.1.** Read the proof of the sheafification, including an understanding of the Godement sheaf  $\text{GSh}(\mathcal{M})$ . This is [Ye4, Thm 6.1]. We will need this next week when we define the structure sheaf of an affine scheme.

**Exercise 1.2.** State the categorical property of the functor  $\text{Sh}$ , as an adjoint (from which side?) to the inclusion functor  $\text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_X \rightarrow \text{Mod}^{\text{pre}} \mathbb{K}_X$ .

The sheafification does not change the stalks: for every  $x \in X$  the homomorphism:

$$\tau_{\mathcal{M},x} : \mathcal{M}_x \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M})_x$$

is bijective.

A *ringed space* over  $\mathbb{K}$  is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , consisting of a topological space  $X$ , and a sheaf of  $\mathbb{K}$ -rings  $\mathcal{O}_X$  on  $X$ .

Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  be such a ringed space. A sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules, also called an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module, is a sheaf of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules on  $X$ , together with a structure of a  $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ -module for every open set  $U \subseteq X$ , which respects restrictions to open subsets.

The category of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules is denoted by  $\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X$ . The morphisms are the obvious ones.

The sheafification functor respects the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module structure: if  $\mathcal{M} \in \text{Mod}^{\text{pre}} \mathcal{O}_X$  then  $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{M}) \in \text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X$ , and  $\tau_{\mathcal{M}}$  is  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -linear.

Let  $\phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  be a homomorphism in  $\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X$ . Its *kernel* is the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  such that

$$\Gamma(U, \text{Ker}(\phi)) = \text{Ker}\left(\Gamma(U, \phi) : \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{N})\right).$$

The *image* of  $\phi$  is the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module

$$\text{Im}(\phi) := \text{Sh}(\text{Im}^{\text{pre}}(\phi)),$$

where  $\text{Im}^{\text{pre}}(\phi)$  is the presheaf defined by

$$\Gamma(U, \text{Im}^{\text{pre}}(\phi)) = \text{Im}\left(\Gamma(U, \phi) : \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{N})\right).$$

Note that  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  is a subsheaf of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\text{Im}(\phi)$  is a subsheaf of  $\mathcal{N}$ .

A sequence of homomorphisms

$$\mathcal{S} = \left( \dots \mathcal{M}^i \xrightarrow{\phi^i} \mathcal{M}^{i+1} \xrightarrow{\phi^{i+1}} \mathcal{M}^{i+2} \dots \right)$$

in  $\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X$  is called *exact* if for every point  $x \in X$  the sequence of homomorphisms

$$\dots \mathcal{M}_x^i \xrightarrow{\phi_x^i} \mathcal{M}_x^{i+1} \xrightarrow{\phi_x^{i+1}} \mathcal{M}_x^{i+2} \dots$$

in  $\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is exact. We know that  $\mathcal{S}$  is exact iff for every  $i$  there is equality

$$\text{Im}(\phi^{i-1}) = \text{Ker}(\phi^i)$$

of these subsheaves of  $\mathcal{M}^i$ .

Given an open set  $U \subseteq X$  we write  $\mathcal{O}_U := \mathcal{O}_X|_U$ . Thus  $(U, \mathcal{O}_U)$  is also a ringed space. There is a restriction functor

$$\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_U, \mathcal{M} \mapsto \mathcal{M}|_U.$$

Sheaves, and homomorphisms between sheaves, can be glued.

Notation: given an open covering  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$ , and indices  $i, j, \dots \in I$ , we often write

$$(1.3) \quad U_{i,j,\dots} := U_i \cap U_j \cap \dots$$

**Theorem 1.4** (Gluing Sheaf Homomorphisms). *Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  be  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules, let  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  be an open covering, and let*

$$\phi_i : \mathcal{M}|_{U_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}|_{U_i}$$

*be homomorphisms of  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ -modules satisfying the condition*

$$\phi_i|_{U_{i,j}} = \phi_j|_{U_{i,j}} : \mathcal{M}|_{U_{i,j}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}|_{U_{i,j}}.$$

*(This is the 0-cocycle condition.)*

Then there is a unique homomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules

$$\phi : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$$

such that

$$\phi|_{U_i} = \phi_i : \mathcal{M}|_{U_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}|_{U_i}$$

for all  $i$ .

**Theorem 1.5** (Gluing Sheaves). Suppose  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  is an open covering. For every  $i$  let  $\mathcal{M}_i$  be an  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ -module, and for every  $i, j$  let

$$\phi_{i,j} : \mathcal{M}_i|_{U_{i,j}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}_j|_{U_{i,j}}$$

be an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{O}_{U_{i,j}}$ -modules. The condition is that

$$\phi_{j,k}|_{U_{i,j,k}} \circ \phi_{i,j}|_{U_{i,j,k}} = \phi_{i,k}|_{U_{i,j,k}}$$

as isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{M}_i|_{U_{i,j,k}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}_k|_{U_{i,j,k}}$$

for all  $i, j, k$ . (This is the 1-cocycle condition.)

Then there is an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$ , together with isomorphisms

$$\phi_i : \mathcal{M}|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}_i$$

of  $\mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i}$ -modules, such that

$$\phi_{i,j} \circ \phi_i|_{U_{i,j}} = \phi_j|_{U_{i,j}} : \mathcal{M}|_{U_{i,j}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}_j|_{U_{i,j}}.$$

Moreover, the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$ , with the collection of isomorphisms  $\{\phi_i\}$ , is unique up to a unique isomorphism.

**Exercise 1.6.** Read and make sure you understand these last two thms. Proofs can be found here: [Ye4, Thm 7.3] and [Ye4, Thm 7.4].

Let  $\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} \in \text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X$ . The  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$  is defined by

$$\Gamma(U, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})) := \text{Hom}_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X|_U}(\mathcal{M}|_U, \mathcal{N}|_U).$$

The  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{N}$  is the sheaf associated to the presheaf

$$(1.7) \quad U \mapsto \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M}) \otimes_{\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{N}).$$

**Exercise 1.8.** Find an example of  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$  such that the presheaf tensor product (1.7) is not a sheaf. (Hint: line bundles on  $\mathbf{P}^1$ )

Let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be a map of topological spaces. For a  $\mathbb{K}_Y$ -module  $\mathcal{N}$ , its pushforward, or *direct image*, is the  $\mathbb{K}_X$ -module  $f_*(\mathcal{N})$  defined by

$$\Gamma(U, f_*(\mathcal{N})) := \Gamma(f^{-1}(U), \mathcal{N})$$

for open sets  $U \subseteq X$ . We get a functor

$$(1.9) \quad f_* : \text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_Y \rightarrow \text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_X.$$

For a  $\mathbb{K}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$ , the pullback, or *inverse image*, is the  $\mathbb{K}_Y$ -module  $f^{-1}(\mathcal{M})$  defined by

$$\Gamma(V, f^{-1}(\mathcal{M})) := \lim_{U \rightarrow V} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{M}),$$

where  $V \subseteq Y$  is open, and  $U$  runs over the open sets in  $X$  that contain  $f(V)$ . We get a functor

$$(1.10) \quad f^{-1} : \text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_X \rightarrow \text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_Y.$$

There is adjunction: an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules

$$(1.11) \quad \text{Hom}_{\text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_X}(\mathcal{M}, f_*(\mathcal{N})) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Mod } \mathbb{K}_Y}(f^{-1}(\mathcal{M}), \mathcal{N})$$

which is functorial in  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{N}$ .

**Exercise 1.12.** Prove the adjunction formula (1.11).

**Exercise 1.13.** Prove that the functor  $f^{-1}$  in (1.10) is exact.

**Exercise 1.14.** Prove that the functor  $f_*$  in (1.9) is left exact. Find an example showing that it is not exact. (Hint: line bundles on  $\mathbf{P}^1$ )

Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  be ringed spaces. A map of ringed spaces

$$(1.15) \quad (f, \psi) : (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

consists of a map of topological spaces  $f : Y \rightarrow X$ , together with a homomorphism of  $\mathbb{K}_X$ -rings

$$(1.16) \quad \psi : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow f_*(\mathcal{O}_Y).$$

We shall often use the notation  $(f, f^*)$  instead of  $(f, \psi)$ . The notation  $(f, \psi)$  is common in most textbooks, but it is a bit redundant, so we will only use it when it is needed to clarify matters. Note that in many cases (see examples below) the homomorphism  $f^*$  is literally pullback of functions; and this makes the notation  $(f, f^*)$  good heuristically. On the other hand, we sometimes omit all mention of the structure sheaves, and just talk about a map  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  of locally ringed spaces.

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Given a map (1.15) of ringed spaces, the direct image is a functor

$$f_* : \text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X.$$

There is another kind of inverse image here: for  $\mathcal{M} \in \text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X$  we define  $f^*(\mathcal{M}) \in \text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_Y$  by

$$f^*(\mathcal{M}) := \mathcal{O}_Y \otimes_{f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_X)} f^{-1}(\mathcal{M}).$$

Again there is adjunction:

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{M}, f_*(\mathcal{N})) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Mod } \mathcal{O}_Y}(f^*(\mathcal{M}), \mathcal{N}).$$

**Definition 1.17.** A *locally ringed  $\mathbb{K}$ -space* is a ringed  $\mathbb{K}$ -space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , such that for every point  $x \in X$  the stalk  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is a local ring. The maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{m}_x$ , and the residue field is denoted by  $\mathbb{k}(x)$ .

**Definition 1.18.** If  $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  is another locally ringed space, then a map of locally ringed spaces

$$(f, \psi) : (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

is a map of ringed spaces, such that for every point  $y \in Y$ , with image  $x := f(y) \in X$ , the induced  $\mathbb{K}$ -ring homomorphism

$$\psi_x : \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Y,y}$$

is a local homomorphism, namely  $\psi_x(\mathfrak{m}_x) \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_y$ .

The category of locally ringed  $\mathbb{K}$ -spaces is denoted by  $\text{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ .

Here are three types of locally ringed spaces.

**Example 1.19.** The category  $\text{Top}$  of topological spaces. The base ring is  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ . A space  $X \in \text{Top}$  is made into a ringed space by putting on it the sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  of continuous  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued functions (for the metric topology of  $\mathbb{R}$ ). Then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  belongs to  $\text{LRSp}/\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, the functor  $\text{Top} \rightarrow \text{LRSp}/\mathbb{R}$  is fully faithful.

**Example 1.20.** The category  $\mathbf{Mfld}$  of differentiable (of type  $C^\infty$ ) real manifolds. The base ring is  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ . A manifold  $X \in \mathbf{Mfld}$  is made into a ringed space by putting on it the sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  of differentiable  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued functions. Then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  belongs to  $\mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, the functor  $\mathbf{Mfld} \rightarrow \mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{R}$  is fully faithful.

**Example 1.21.** Let  $\mathbb{K}$  be an algebraically closed field, and let  $\mathbf{Var}$  be the category of algebraic varieties over  $\mathbb{K}$ . Here  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is the sheaf of algebraic  $\mathbb{K}$ -valued functions. Then  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  belongs to  $\mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ . Moreover, the functor  $\mathbf{Var} \rightarrow \mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$  is fully faithful.

Given a locally ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and an open subset  $U \subseteq X$ , the pair  $(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U)$  is a locally ringed space. We call it an *open subspace* of  $X$ . The inclusion map

$$(U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

is called an *open embedding*.

Just like sheaves, locally ringed spaces and maps between them can be glued.

**Theorem 1.22** (Gluing Maps of LR Spaces). *Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  be objects of  $\mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ , let  $Y = \bigcup_{i \in I} V_i$  be an open covering, and for every  $i$  let*

$$(f_i, \psi_i) : (V_i, \mathcal{O}_Y|_{V_i}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

*be a map in  $\mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ .*

*We assume that this condition holds: for every  $i, j \in I$  there is equality*

$$(f_i, \psi_i)|_{V_{i,j}} = (f_j, \psi_j)|_{V_{i,j}}$$

*of maps*

$$(V_{i,j}, \mathcal{O}_Y|_{V_{i,j}}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

*in  $\mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ .*

*Then there is a unique map*

$$(f, \psi) : (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

*in  $\mathbf{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$  such that*

$$(f, \psi)|_{V_i} = (f_i, \psi_i)$$

*for every  $i$ .*

See picture in figure 1.

*Proof.* The existence and uniqueness of a map of topological spaces  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  satisfying  $f|_{V_i} = f_i$  is clear.

We need to produce the homomorphism of sheaves of rings

$$\psi : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow f_*(\mathcal{O}_Y)$$

on  $X$ . By the adjunction formula (1.11), this amounts to producing a homomorphism of sheaves of rings

$$(1.23) \quad \psi : f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y$$

on  $Y$ . Now we are given homomorphisms

$$\psi_i : f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_X)|_{V_i} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y|_{V_i}$$

that agree on double intersections. According to Theorem 1.4 these can be glued uniquely to a homomorphism of sheaves of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules  $\psi$  as in (1.23), such that  $\psi|_{V_i} = \psi_i$ . This is a homomorphism of sheaves of rings, because this property can be checked locally. Also on stalks it is a local homomorphism. So  $(f, \psi)$  is a map of locally ringed spaces.  $\square$



FIGURE 1. Gluing maps of spaces

**Theorem 1.24** (Gluing LR Spaces). *Let  $\{(U_i, \mathcal{O}_{U_i})\}_{i \in I}$  be a collection of objects of  $\text{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ . For every  $i, j \in I$  there is an open subset  $U_{i,j} \subseteq U_i$ , and an isomorphism*

$$(f_{i,j}, \psi_{i,j}) : (U_{i,j}, \mathcal{O}_{U_i|_{U_{i,j}}}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (U_{j,i}, \mathcal{O}_{U_j|_{U_{j,i}}})$$

in  $\text{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ .

*These conditions hold:*

- (a) *For every  $i$  there are equalities  $U_{i,i} = U_i$  and  $(f_{i,i}, \psi_{i,i}) = \text{id}$ .*
- (b) *For every  $i, j, k$  there are equalities*

$$f_{i,j}(U_{i,j} \cap U_{i,k}) = U_{j,i} \cap U_{j,k}$$

*of subsets of  $U_i$ , and*

$$(f_{j,k}, \psi_{j,k}) \circ (f_{i,j}, \psi_{i,j}) = (f_{i,k}, \psi_{i,k})$$

*of isomorphisms*

$$(U_{i,j} \cap U_{i,k}, \mathcal{O}_{U_i|_{U_{i,j} \cap U_{i,k}}}) \rightarrow (U_{k,i} \cap U_{k,j}, \mathcal{O}_{U_k|_{U_{k,i} \cap U_{k,j}}})$$

in  $\text{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ .

*Then there is an object  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  in  $\text{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$ , with open embeddings*

$$(f_i, \psi_i) : (U_i, \mathcal{O}_{U_i}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X),$$

*such that*

$$(f_j, \psi_j) \circ (f_{i,j}, \psi_{i,j}) = (f_i, \psi_i)$$

*as morphisms*

$$(U_{i,j}, \mathcal{O}_{U_i|_{U_{i,j}}}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X),$$

*and such that*

$$X = \bigcup_{i \in I} f_i(U_i).$$

*Moreover, the space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , with the collection of morphisms  $\{(f_i, \psi_i)\}_{i \in I}$ , are unique up to a unique isomorphism.*

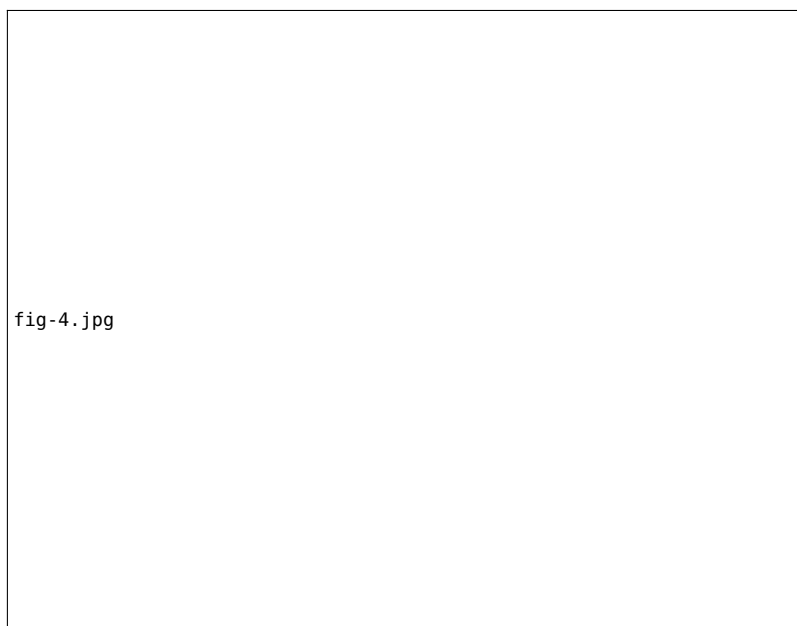


FIGURE 2. Gluing spaces: the input

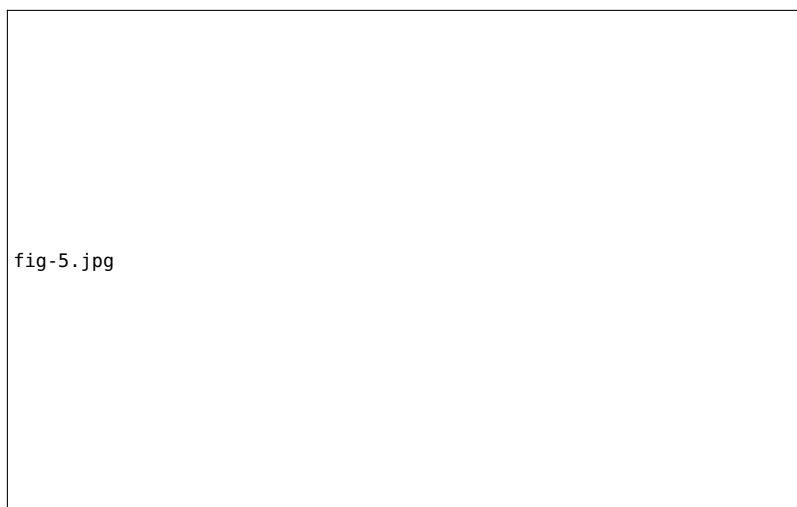


FIGURE 3. Gluing spaces: the output

See figures 2 and 3 for an illustration.

The data

$$(1.25) \quad \left( \{(U_i, \mathcal{O}_{U_i})\}_{i \in I}, \{(f_{i,j}, \psi_{i,j})\}_{i,j \in I} \right)$$

is called *gluing data* or *descent data*.

*Proof.* This is done in a few steps.

Step 1. We define the set  $X$ . Consider the disjoint union  $U := \coprod_{i \in I} U_i$ . We define a relation  $\sim$  on this set as follows: two points  $x, y \in U$  are in the relation  $x \sim y$  if there are  $i, j \in I$

such that  $x \in U_{i,j} \subseteq U_i$ ,  $y \in U_{j,i} \subseteq U_j$ , and  $f_{i,j}(x) = y$ . This is an equivalence relation (exercise). We let  $X := U/\sim$ , the quotient set. The canonical surjection is  $\pi : U \rightarrow X$ .

For each  $i$  there a map  $f_i : U_i \rightarrow X$ , gotten by composing the inclusion  $U_i \subseteq U$  with  $\pi$ . The map  $f_i$  is injective (exercise). We identify  $U_i$  with its image  $f_i(U_i) \subseteq X$ . With this identification, there is equality  $U_{i,j} = U_{j,i}$  of subsets of  $X$ .

Step 2. We put a topology on  $X$ . The disjoint union  $U$  gets the disjoint union topology. Then we put on  $X$  the quotient topology relative to the surjection  $\pi : U \rightarrow X$ .

Each  $U_i$  is an open set of  $X$ , and so  $X = \bigcup_i U_i$  is an open covering (exercise).

Step 3. Now we construct the sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{O}_X$ . On each open set  $U_i \subseteq X$  we have a sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ . On double intersections we have isomorphisms of sheaves of rings

$$\psi_{i,j} : \mathcal{O}_{U_i}|_{U_{i,j}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{O}_{U_j}|_{U_{i,j}},$$

and these agree on triple intersections. By Theorem 1.5 we get a sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  on  $X$ , with isomorphisms of sheaves

$$\psi_i : \mathcal{O}_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i}$$

such that  $\psi_j \circ \psi_{i,j} = \psi_i$  on  $U_{i,j}$ . We see that  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is a sheaf of rings, and the stalks  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  are local rings. So  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is a locally ringed  $\mathbb{K}$ -space.

By construction there are open embeddings

$$(f_i, \psi_i) : (U_i, \mathcal{O}_{U_i}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

satisfying the required compatibility.

Step 4. The uniqueness is due to Theorem 1.22. □

**Exercise 1.26.** Finish the proof of the theorem.

**Exercise 1.27.** Find an example of a collection of spaces as in the theorem, such that all the spaces  $U_i$  are separated topological spaces (i.e. Hausdorff), yet  $X$  is not separated.

**Exercise 1.28.** Suppose that the spaces and the gluing data are in Mfld (Example 1.20), the indexing set  $I$  is countable, and the topological space  $X$  is Hausdorff. Prove that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is an object of Mfld.

**Remark 1.29.** The gluing in Thm 1.24 will be used to construct fiber products of schemes. Then the fiber products will allow us to define the notion of a *separated map of schemes*. This is the relative and generalized variant of the Hausdorff condition.

## 2. AFFINE SCHEMES

Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{K}$ -ring. The *prime spectrum* of  $A$  is the set  $\text{Spec}(A)$  of prime ideals of  $A$ . As we all know, this is a topological space with the *Zariski topology*. By definition the closed sets of  $\text{Spec}(A)$  are the sets

$$Z(\mathfrak{a}) := \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid \mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}\},$$

where  $\mathfrak{a}$  is some ideal in  $A$ .

We sometimes refer to  $Z(\mathfrak{a})$  as the *zero locus* of the ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$ . Here is the reason: to a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  we associate the local ring  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and the residue field

$$\mathbf{k}(\mathfrak{p}) := A_{\mathfrak{p}}/\mathfrak{p}_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

An element  $a \in A$  has a class  $a(\mathfrak{p}) \in \mathbf{k}(\mathfrak{p})$ , coming from the canonical ring homomorphism  $A \rightarrow \mathbf{k}(\mathfrak{p})$ . Then

$$(2.1) \quad Z(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid a(\mathfrak{p}) = 0 \text{ for all } a \in \mathfrak{a}\}.$$

**Exercise 2.2.** Prove the formula above.

For an element  $s \in A$  we define

$$(2.3) \quad D(s) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid s \notin \mathfrak{p}\}.$$

This is an open set: it is the complement of the closed set  $Z(\mathfrak{a})$ , where  $\mathfrak{a} := (s)$ , the principal ideal generated by  $s$ . We call such an open set a *principal open set*. Analogously to (2.1) we have

$$(2.4) \quad D(s) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid s(\mathfrak{p}) \neq 0\}.$$

**Proposition 2.5.** *The principal open sets are a basis of the topology of  $\text{Spec}(A)$ . Namely every open set  $U$  is a union  $U = \bigcup_i D(s_i)$  for a suitable collection  $\{s_i\}$  of elements of  $A$ .*

**Exercise 2.6.** Prove the proposition above.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $A$  be a ring, and write  $X := \text{Spec}(A)$  for this topological space. For an open set  $U \subseteq X$  we let  $S(U) \subseteq A$  be the multiplicatively closed set

$$S(U) := \{s \in A \mid s(\mathfrak{p}) \neq 0 \text{ for all } \mathfrak{p} \in U\}.$$

Let  $A_{S(U)}$  be the localization of  $A$  w.r.t.  $S(U)$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** *The assignment  $U \mapsto S(U)$  is a presheaf of rings on  $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ , that we denote by  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}}$ .*

*Proof.* This is easy: if  $V \subseteq U$  is a smaller open set, then  $S(U) \subseteq S(V)$ , so by the universal property of localization there is a unique  $A$ -ring homomorphism  $A_{S(U)} \rightarrow A_{S(V)}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.9.** Let  $A$  be a ring. The *structure sheaf* of  $\text{Spec}(A)$  is the sheaf of rings

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)} := \text{Sh}(\mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}}).$$

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By construction,  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}}$  is a presheaf of  $A$ -rings on  $X := \text{Spec}(A)$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is a sheaf of  $A$ -rings on  $X$ .

**Proposition 2.10.** *Let  $A$  be a ring and write  $X := \text{Spec}(A)$ . For every point  $x = \mathfrak{p} \in X$  the stalk of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  at  $x$  is  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} = A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , the local ring at  $\mathfrak{p}$ . More precisely, there is a unique  $A$ -ring isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \cong A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S(x) := A - \mathfrak{p}$ , the complement of  $\mathfrak{p}$ . By definition we have  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} = A_{S(x)}$ . The universal property of localization says that there is at most one  $A$ -ring isomorphism  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ . We will produce it.

Let us denote by  $U_x$  the set of principal open neighborhoods of  $x$ . These are the open sets  $U = D(s)$  for some  $s \in S(x)$ . By Proposition 2.5,  $U_x$  is a basis of open neighborhoods of  $x$ . Because the stalks of the presheaf  $\mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}}$  and its associated sheaf  $\mathcal{O}$  are the same, we have

$$(2.11) \quad \mathcal{O}_{X,x} = \varinjlim_{U \rightarrow} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}}) = \varinjlim_{U \rightarrow} A_{S(U)}$$

where  $U$  runs over  $U_x$ .

For each  $U = D(s) \in U_x$  we have  $S(U) \subseteq S(x)$ , so there is a unique  $A$ -ring homomorphism  $A_{S(U)} \rightarrow A_{S(x)} = A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ . Going to the limit in  $U$  we get an  $A$ -ring homomorphism

$$\psi : \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \rightarrow A_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

In the other direction, every element  $s \in S(x)$  belongs to  $S(U)$  for  $U := D(s) \in \mathbf{U}_x$ , and hence  $s$  is invertible in  $A_{S(U)}$ . This means that every  $s \in S(x)$  is invertible in the  $A$ -ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ . Hence there is a unique  $A$ -ring homomorphism

$$\phi : A_{\mathfrak{p}} = A_{S(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}.$$

The homomorphism  $\phi$  is surjective, because every  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  is the image of some fraction  $a/s \in A_{S(U)}$ , see (2.11). But  $s \in S(x)$ , so  $a/s \in A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  and  $f = \phi(a/s)$ .

Finally consider the  $A$ -ring homomorphism  $\psi \circ \phi$  from  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$  to itself. By uniqueness there is equality  $\psi \circ \phi = \text{id}_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}}$ . This shows that  $\phi$  is injective. In conclusion,  $\phi$  is an isomorphism of  $A$ -rings.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.12.**  $(\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$  is a locally ringed space.

**Definition 2.13.** An *affine  $\mathbb{K}$ -scheme* is a locally ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \in \text{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$  which is isomorphic to  $(\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$  for some  $\mathbb{K}$ -ring  $A$ .

We now provide a more explicit description of the structure sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)}$  in terms of its *Godement sheaf* from [Ye4, Sec 6]. Recall that for a presheaf of  $\mathbb{K}$ -modules  $\mathcal{M}$  on a space  $X$ , its Godement sheaf  $\text{GSh}(\mathcal{M})$  is defined by

$$\Gamma(U, \text{GSh}(\mathcal{M})) := \prod_{x \in U} \mathcal{M}_x$$

for an open set  $U \subseteq X$ . Then  $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{M}) \subseteq \text{GSh}(\mathcal{M})$  is the subsheaf of *geometric sections*. Here is what this means. There is a canonical homomorphism of presheaves  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{GSh}(\mathcal{M})$ . For an open set  $U \subseteq X$ , a section

$$m \in \Gamma(U, \text{GSh}(\mathcal{M}))$$

is called *geometric* if for every point  $x \in U$  there is an open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq U$ , and a section  $m' \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{M})$ , such that

$$m|_V = m' \in \Gamma(V, \text{GSh}(\mathcal{M})).$$

Specializing to our case it says that following:

**Proposition 2.14.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) := (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ . Then  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is the subsheaf of  $\text{GSh}(\mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}})$  consisting of the geometric sections. Specifically, let  $U \subseteq X$  be an open set, and let

$$f \in \Gamma(U, \text{GSh}(\mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}})) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in U} A_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

The section  $f$  belongs to  $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$  iff for every point  $x = \mathfrak{p} \in U$  there is an open set  $V$  such that  $x \in V \subseteq U$ , and elements  $a \in A$  and  $s \in S(V)$ , such that

$$f|_V = a/s \in \Gamma(V, \text{GSh}(\mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}})) = \prod_{\mathfrak{q} \in V} A_{\mathfrak{q}}.$$

See Figure 4.

Here are some example of affine schemes.

**Example 2.15.** Consider the ring  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ . The affine scheme  $X := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$  has these points: for every (positive) prime number  $p$  there is a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m} := (p)$ . These are closed points of  $X$ , since

$$Z(p) = \{\mathfrak{m}\}.$$

The local ring is

$$\mathbb{Z}_{(p)} = \{a/s \mid s \notin (p)\} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}.$$

The residue field is  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

The zero ideal  $\mathfrak{p} := (0)$  is also prime. It is the *generic point* of  $X$ ; namely its topological closure is  $X$ . The local ring and the residue field at  $\mathfrak{p}$  are  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

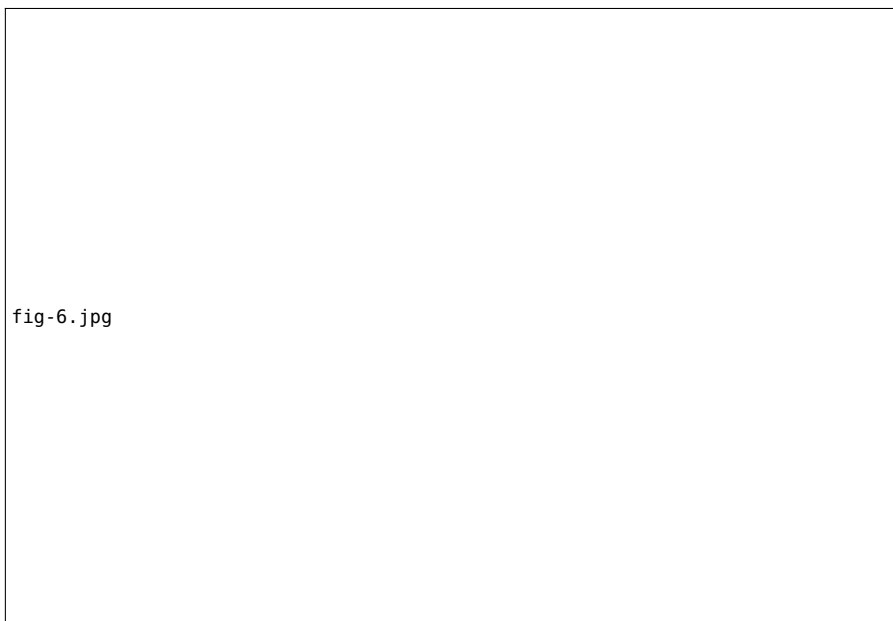


FIGURE 4. Picture for Prop 2.14

**Exercise 2.16.** Analyze the affine scheme  $\text{Spec}(A)$  for the ring  $A := \mathbb{K}[t]$ , the polynomial ring in one variable over a field  $\mathbb{K}$ .

**Example 2.17.** Suppose  $\mathbb{K}$  is a nonzero ring. For every  $n \geq 0$  there is an affine scheme

$$\mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{K}}^n := \text{Spec}(\mathbb{K}[t_1, \dots, t_n])$$

called the  $n$  dimensional affine space over  $\mathbb{K}$ .

Recall that for an ideal  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq A$ , its zero locus is

$$Z(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\mathfrak{p} \in \text{Spec}(A) \mid \mathfrak{a} \subseteq \mathfrak{p}\}.$$

The *radical* of  $\mathfrak{a}$  is the ideal

$$\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}} := \{a \in A \mid a^i \in \mathfrak{a} \text{ for some } i > 0\} \subseteq A.$$

**Lemma 2.18.** Let  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq A$  be an ideal. Then

$$\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in Z(\mathfrak{a})} \mathfrak{p}$$

and

$$Z(\mathfrak{a}) = Z(\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}}).$$

**Exercise 2.19.** Prove the lemma. (Hint: do not use the Nullstellensatz.)

**Lemma 2.20.** For ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b} \subseteq A$  the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\sqrt{\mathfrak{a}} = \sqrt{\mathfrak{b}}$ .
- (ii)  $Z(\mathfrak{a}) = Z(\mathfrak{b})$ .

*Proof.* Clear from Lemma 2.18. □

**Definition 2.21.** A topological space  $X$  is called *quasi-compact* if every open covering of  $X$  has a finite subcovering.

**Remark 2.22.** The term “compact” is usually reserved for spaces that are Hausdorff and quasi-compact. Schemes are almost never Hausdorff. There is an analogous notion of separation, that we will study later. Cf. Exercise 1.27 and Rem 1.29.

**Proposition 2.23.** *Let  $A$  be a ring. The topological space  $X := \text{Spec}(A)$  is quasi-compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$  be an open covering. For each  $i$  there is an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}_i$  such that  $U_i = X - Z(\mathfrak{a}_i)$ . Write  $\mathfrak{a} := \sum_i \mathfrak{a}_i$ . Then there is equality

$$Z(A) = \emptyset = \bigcap_{i \in I} Z(\mathfrak{a}_i) = Z(\mathfrak{a})$$

of subsets of  $X$ . By Lemma 2.20 we know that  $\sqrt{A} = \sqrt{\mathfrak{a}}$ . Since  $1 \in A$ , we see that  $1 \in \sqrt{\mathfrak{a}}$ , and hence  $1 \in \mathfrak{a}$ . This says that we can express 1 as a finite sum:  $1 = \sum_{i \in I'} a_i$  with  $I' \subseteq I$  a finite subset and  $a_i \in \mathfrak{a}_i$ . We see that  $A = \sum_{i \in I'} \mathfrak{a}_i$ , and therefore

$$\emptyset = Z(A) = \bigcap_{i \in I'} Z(\mathfrak{a}_i)$$

and  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I'} U_i$ . □

**Lemma 2.24.** *Let  $s_1, \dots, s_m \in A$ . TFAE:*

- (i)  $\text{Spec}(A) = \bigcup_i D(s_i)$ .
- (ii) *There exists  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in A$  s.t.  $1_A = \sum_i a_i \cdot s_i$ .*

*Proof.*

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii): As in the proof of the proposition,  $A = \sum_i \mathfrak{a}_i$ , where  $\mathfrak{a}_i := (s_i)$ . So the element  $1_A$  is a linear combination  $1_A = \sum_i a_i \cdot s_i$  for some  $a_i \in A$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Here  $1_A \in \sum_i \mathfrak{a}_i$ , so  $A = \sum_i \mathfrak{a}_i$ , and, as in the proof of the proposition,  $\text{Spec}(A) = \bigcup_i D(s_i)$ . □

By construction, for every  $s \in A$  the element  $s$  is invertible in the rings  $\Gamma(D(s), \mathcal{O}^{\text{pre}})$  and  $\Gamma(D(s), \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

**Lemma 2.25.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) := (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ . Suppose  $U \subseteq X$  is an open set,  $f \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , and  $x = \mathfrak{p} \in U$ . Then there are elements  $a, s \in A$  such that  $x \in D(s) \subseteq U$  and*

$$f|_{D(s)} = a/s \in \Gamma(D(s), \mathcal{O}_X).$$

*Proof.* By Proposition 2.14 the point  $x = \mathfrak{p} \in U$  has an open neighborhood  $V \subseteq U$ , and elements  $b, t \in A$ , such that  $t \in S(V)$  and  $f|_V = b/t \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

According to Proposition 2.5 we can replace  $V$  with a smaller open neighborhood  $D(r)$  for some  $r \in A$ , i.e.  $x \in D(r) \subseteq V$ .

Define the elements  $a := b \cdot r \in A$  and  $s := t \cdot r \in A$ , and the open set  $W := D(s)$ . Since  $D(r) \subseteq V \subseteq D(t)$ , it follows that

$$D(r) = D(t \cdot r) = D(s) = W.$$

Also

$$a/s = (b \cdot r)/(t \cdot r) = f|_W \in \Gamma(W, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

□

**Lemma 2.26.** *Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) := (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ . Suppose  $V \subseteq X$  is a quasi-compact open set, and  $f \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_X)$ . Then there are finitely many elements  $a_1, \dots, a_m, s_1, \dots, s_m \in A$  such that  $V = \bigcup_{i=1}^m D(s_i)$ , and*

$$f|_{D(s_i)} = a_i/s_i \in \Gamma(D(s_i), \mathcal{O}_X)$$

for every  $i$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.25, for every point  $x = \mathfrak{p} \in V$  there are elements  $a_x, s_x \in A$  such that  $x \in D(s_x) \subseteq V$  and

$$f|_{D(s_x)} = a_x/s_x \in \Gamma(D(s_x), \mathcal{O}_X).$$

We have an open covering  $V = \bigcup_{x \in V} D(s_x)$ . Because of quasi-compactness we can pass to a finite subcovering, that is to a finite subset  $\{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  of  $V$ . Finally, by letting  $a_i := a_{x_i}$  and  $s_i := s_{x_i}$  we are done.  $\square$

A ring homomorphism  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  induces a map of sets

$$(2.27) \quad \text{Spec}(\psi) : \text{Spec}(B) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$$

with formula

$$\text{Spec}(\psi)(\mathfrak{q}) := \psi^{-1}(\mathfrak{q}).$$

**Lemma 2.28.** *Let  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism.*

- (1) *The map  $\text{Spec}(\psi)$  is continuous.*
- (2) *Suppose  $B = A_s$  for some  $s \in A$ . Then the image of  $\text{Spec}(\psi)$  is  $D(s)$ , and*

$$\text{Spec}(\psi) : \text{Spec}(A_s) \rightarrow D(s)$$

*is a homeomorphism.*

**Exercise 2.29.** Prove the last lemma.

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**Theorem 2.30.** *Let  $A$  be a ring and  $s \in A$  an element. Consider the affine scheme  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) := (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ . There is a unique  $A$ -ring isomorphism*

$$A_s \cong \Gamma(D(s), \mathcal{O}_X).$$

*Proof.*

Step 1. Since the element  $s$  is invertible in the ring  $\Gamma(D(s), \mathcal{O}_X)$ , there is a unique  $A$ -ring homomorphism

$$(2.31) \quad \phi : A_s \rightarrow \Gamma(D(s), \mathcal{O}_X).$$

We need to prove that  $\phi$  is bijective.

Step 2. In this step we will prove that  $\phi$  is injective. Let's write  $U := D(s)$ . Since  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is a subsheaf of the Godement sheaf  $\text{GSh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ , there is an embedding of  $A$ -rings

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \hookrightarrow \Gamma(U, \text{GSh}(\mathcal{O}_X)) = \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in U} A_{\mathfrak{p}}.$$

It thus suffices to prove that the homomorphism

$$(2.32) \quad \phi' : A_s \rightarrow \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in U} A_{\mathfrak{p}}$$

is injective.

Let's write  $B := A_s$ . By Lemma 2.28 we know that  $\text{Spec}(B) = U$  as topological subspaces of  $X$ . For every  $\mathfrak{p} \in U$  the element  $s$  is invertible in  $A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , and hence the homomorphism  $A_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow B_{\mathfrak{p}}$  is bijective. So we can rewrite (2.32) as  $\phi' : B \rightarrow \prod_{\mathfrak{p} \in U} B_{\mathfrak{p}}$ , and we need to prove it is injective.

Suppose  $b \in B$  is such that  $\phi'(b) = 0$ . Then  $\phi'_{\mathfrak{p}}(b) = 0$  in  $B_{\mathfrak{p}}$  for all  $\mathfrak{p} \in U$ . This means that there is some element  $t_{\mathfrak{p}} \in B$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \in D(t_{\mathfrak{p}})$  and  $t_{\mathfrak{p}} \cdot b = 0$  in  $B$ . Now  $U = \text{Spec}(B) = \bigcup_{\mathfrak{p} \in U} D(t_{\mathfrak{p}})$ .

By quasi-compactness of  $U$  we can pass to a finite subcovering, indexed by  $\{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_m\}$ . Let  $t_i := t_{\mathfrak{p}_i} \in B$ . Then  $t_i \cdot b = 0$  in  $B$ , and  $\text{Spec}(B) = \bigcup_{i=1}^m D(t_i)$ . According to Lemma 2.24 as in the proof of Prop 2.23, there are elements  $c_1, \dots, c_m \in B$  such that  $1_B = \sum_i c_i \cdot t_i$ . Then  $b = 1_B \cdot b = \sum_i c_i \cdot t_i \cdot b = 0$ .

Step 3. We now prove that the homomorphism  $\phi$  from (2.31) is surjective. As before let  $U := D(s)$ . Take an element  $f \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ . We know that  $U = \text{Spec}(B)$  is a quasi-compact topological space. By Lem 2.26 there are finitely many elements  $a_i, s_i \in A$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , such that  $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^m D(s_i)$ , and  $f|_{D(s_i)} = a_i/s_i \in \Gamma(D(s_i), \mathcal{O}_X)$  for every  $i$ .

Step 2, when applied to the element  $s_i \cdot s_j \cdot s \in A$  instead of to  $s$ , shows that for every  $i, j$  the  $A$ -ring homomorphism

$$\phi_{i,j} : A_{s_i \cdot s_j \cdot s} \rightarrow \Gamma(D(s_i \cdot s_j \cdot s), \mathcal{O}_X)$$

is injective. Recall that  $B = A_s$ , so that  $A_{s_i \cdot s_j \cdot s} = B_{s_i \cdot s_j}$ . We know that

$$f|_{D(s_i \cdot s_j \cdot s)} = a_i \cdot s_i^{-1} = a_j \cdot s_j^{-1} \in \Gamma(D(s_i \cdot s_j \cdot s), \mathcal{O}_X).$$

Therefore  $a_i \cdot s_i^{-1} = a_j \cdot s_j^{-1}$  in  $B_{s_i \cdot s_j}$ . The kernel of the localization homomorphism  $B \rightarrow B_{s_i \cdot s_j}$  is known: there is a positive integer  $l_{i,j}$  such that

$$(s_i \cdot s_j)^{l_{i,j}} \cdot (a_i \cdot s_j - a_j \cdot s_i) = 0$$

in  $B$ . Taking  $l := \max(\{l_{i,j}\})$  we obtain

$$(2.33) \quad (s_i \cdot s_j)^l \cdot (a_i \cdot s_j - a_j \cdot s_i) = 0$$

in  $B$ .

Define  $b_i := a_i \cdot s_i^l$  and  $t_i := s_i^{l+1}$ . Then  $D(t_i) = D(s_i)$  and

$$(2.34) \quad f|_{D(t_i)} = a_i \cdot s_i^{-1} = b_i \cdot t_i^{-1} \in \Gamma(D(t_i), \mathcal{O}_X).$$

Also, from (2.33) we have

$$(2.35) \quad t_i \cdot b_j = t_j \cdot b_i$$

in  $B$ .

Since

$$(2.36) \quad \text{Spec}(B) = \bigcup_{i=1}^m D(t_i),$$

by Lem 2.24 we can find elements  $c_1, \dots, c_m \in B$  such that  $1_B = \sum_i c_i \cdot t_i$ . Let

$$b := \sum_i c_i \cdot b_i \in B.$$

For every  $i$  we have – using (2.35) and (2.34) –

$$\phi(b)|_{D(t_i)} = \sum_j c_j \cdot b_j = t_i^{-1} \cdot \left( \sum_j c_j \cdot t_i \cdot b_j \right) = t_i^{-1} \cdot \left( \sum_j c_j \cdot t_j \right) \cdot b_i = t_i^{-1} \cdot b_i = f|_{D(t_i)}$$

in  $\Gamma(D(t_i), \mathcal{O}_X)$ . But by (2.36) and the sheaf axioms this implies that  $\phi(b) = f$ .  $\square$

**Definition 2.37.** The category of *affine  $\mathbb{K}$ -schemes*, denoted by  $\text{Sch}_{\text{aff}}/\mathbb{K}$ , is the full subcategory of  $\text{LRSp}/\mathbb{K}$  on the affine schemes (see Definition 2.13).

Let  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  be a ring homomorphism. For a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{q} \in B$ , the ideal  $\mathfrak{p} := \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{q}) \subseteq A$  is prime, and there is an induced local homomorphism of local rings  $\phi_{\mathfrak{q}} : A_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow B_{\mathfrak{q}}$ .

**Theorem 2.38.** *A ring homomorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  induces a unique map of affine schemes*

$$(f, \tilde{\phi}) : (\text{Spec}(B), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(B)}) \rightarrow (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$$

*such that on points  $f(\mathfrak{q}) = \phi^{-1}(\mathfrak{q})$ , and on local rings  $\tilde{\phi}_{\mathfrak{q}} = \phi_{\mathfrak{q}} : A_{f(\mathfrak{q})} \rightarrow B_{\mathfrak{q}}$ .*

The proof will be done next week.

Recall that  $\text{Rng}/\mathbb{K}$  is the category of (commutative)  $\mathbb{K}$ -rings.

**Proposition 2.39.** *The assignment that sends a ring  $A$  to the affine scheme  $(\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ , and a ring homomorphism  $\phi : A \rightarrow B$  to the map of affine schemes  $(f, \tilde{\phi})$  in the theorem above, is a functor*

$$\text{Spec} : \text{Rng}/\mathbb{K} \rightarrow \text{Sch}_{\text{aff}}/\mathbb{K}$$

**Proposition 2.40.** *The assignment that sends an affine scheme  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  to the ring  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , and a map of affine schemes  $(f, \tilde{\phi})$  to the ring homomorphism  $\Gamma(X, \phi)$ , is a functor*

$$\Gamma : \text{Sch}_{\text{aff}}/\mathbb{K} \rightarrow \text{Rng}/\mathbb{K}.$$

**Exercise 2.41.** Prove propositions 2.39 and 2.40.

The global sections functor makes sense for any locally ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

**Theorem 2.42.** *The functor*

$$\text{Spec} : \text{Rng}/\mathbb{K} \rightarrow \text{LRS}/\mathbb{K}$$

*is right adjoint to the functor*

$$\Gamma : \text{LRS}/\mathbb{K} \rightarrow \text{Rng}/\mathbb{K}.$$

The proof will be done next week.

**Corollary 2.43.** *The functor*

$$\text{Spec} : \text{Rng}/\mathbb{K} \rightarrow \text{Sch}_{\text{aff}}/\mathbb{K}$$

*is an equivalence of categories, with quasi-inverse  $\Gamma$ .*



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