

A ring $\mapsto (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ ringed space

Point set:

$$X = \text{Spec}(A) = \{ \mathfrak{p} \subset A \mid \text{prime ideal} \}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \psi & & \psi \\ x & \longleftarrow & \mathfrak{p}_x \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,x} = A_{\mathfrak{p}_x} \quad \text{local ring at } x \in X$$

$$\mathfrak{m}_x = \mathfrak{p}_x A_{\mathfrak{p}_x} \quad \text{maximal ideal}$$

$$k(x) = \mathcal{O}_{X,x} / \mathfrak{m}_x \quad \text{residue field at } x \in X$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \longrightarrow & A/\mathfrak{p}_x & \longleftarrow & k(x) \\ \psi & & & & \psi & \text{value of } f \\ f & \longmapsto & & & f(x) & \text{at } x \in X \end{array}$$

$$\mathfrak{p}_x \ni f \iff f(x) = 0$$

Topology: Closed sets: $I \subset A$ ideal

$$\begin{aligned} V(I) &= \{ x \in X \mid \forall f \in I: f(x) = 0 \} \\ &= \{ x \in X \mid \mathfrak{p}_x \supset I \} \end{aligned}$$

Satisfy:

$$(i) \quad V(\{0\}) = X, \quad V(A) = \emptyset$$

$$(ii) \quad I \subset J \implies V(I) \supset V(J)$$

$$(iii) \quad \bigcap_{\lambda \in \Lambda} V(I_\lambda) = V\left(\sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda} I_\lambda\right)$$

$$(iv) \quad V(I) \cup V(J) = V(I \cap J) = V(IJ)$$

$$(v) \quad V(I) = V(\sqrt{I}),$$

$$\sqrt{I} = \bigcap_{J \supset I} J = \left\{ f \in A \mid f^n \in I, \text{ some } n \geq 1 \right\}.$$

Pf Prove (iv): By definition,

$$V(I) \cup V(J) \subset V(I \cap J) \subset V(IJ).$$

So suppose $x \notin V(IJ)$. Then there exists $f \in I$ and $g \in J$ s.t. $f(x) \neq 0 \neq g(x)$ in $k(x)$. But then

$$0 \neq f(x) \cdot g(x) = (fg)(x) \in k(x),$$

so $x \in V(IJ)$. Hence, $V(IJ) \subset V(I) \cup V(J)$. //

Distinguished open sets: For $f \in A$,

$$D(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \neq 0\}$$

$$= \{x \in X \mid \beta_x \nVdash f\}$$

Note that $D(f) \cap D(g) = D(fg)$.

Form a basis of the open sets:

$$\begin{aligned} X \setminus V(I) &= \{x \in X \mid \exists f \in I : f(x) \neq 0\} \\ &= \bigcup_{f \in I} D(f). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma The following are equivalent

$$(i) \quad \text{Spec}(A) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} D(f_\lambda)$$

$$(ii) \quad A = (f_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda)$$

$$\text{Pf } (i) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X, \exists \lambda \in \Lambda : f_\lambda(x) \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\forall x \in X, \exists \lambda \in \Lambda : f_\lambda \notin \mathfrak{p}_x \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\forall x \in X : (f_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda) \not\subseteq \mathfrak{p}_x \Leftrightarrow (ii).$$

Here the last " $\Rightarrow$ " uses that every ideal is contained in some maximal ideal. "

Cor $\text{Spec}(A)$ is quasi-compact.

Pf Suppose $\text{Spec}(A) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} U_\lambda$; can assume $U_\lambda = D(f_\lambda)$. By lemma, $1 \in (f_\lambda \mid \lambda \in \Lambda)$; say $1 = f_{\lambda_1} g_1 + \dots + f_{\lambda_n} g_n$. But then $(f_{\lambda_1}, \dots, f_{\lambda_n}) = A$, so

$$\text{Spec}(A) = U_{\lambda_1} \cup \dots \cup U_{\lambda_n}. \quad "$$

Structure sheaf $\mathcal{O}_X$: Write

$$A_f = A[\frac{1}{f}] = \{1, f, f^2, \dots\}^{-1} A.$$

Lemma $D(f) \supset D(g) \iff g \in \sqrt{(f)}$.

Pf $D(f) \not\supset D(g) \iff \exists x \in X : x \notin D(f) \text{ and } x \in D(g)$

$\iff \exists x \in X : f \notin \mathcal{O}_x \text{ and } g \in \mathcal{O}_x \iff$

$g \notin \bigcap_{f \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{O}_x = \sqrt{(f)}.$ H

If $D(f) \supset D(g)$, then the canonical map

$$A_f \xrightarrow{\rho_{g,f}} A_g$$

is the ring homomorphism defined by

$$\rho_{g,f}(a/f^i) = ab^i / g^{ni}$$

where $g = b f^n$. It is well-defined, and if $D(f) \supset D(g) \supset D(h)$, then the diagram of canonical maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_f & \xrightarrow{\rho_{g,f}} & A_g \\ \rho_{h,f} \searrow & & \swarrow \rho_{h,g} \\ & A_h & \end{array}$$

commutes. In particular, if $D(f) = D(g)$,

then the canonical maps

$$A_f \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{p_{g,f}} \\ \xleftarrow{p_{f,g}} \end{matrix} A_g$$

are each others inverses. In general, however, $A_f \neq A_g$. Also, if $x \in D(f)$, then $f \in A_{\beta_x}$, so there is a canonical homomorphism

$$A_f \xrightarrow{p_x^f} A_{\beta_x}$$

defined by $p_x^f(a/f) = a/f$.

Prop If $D(f) = \bigcup_{x \in A} D(f_x)$, then the following diagram is an equalizer.

$$A_f \xrightarrow{i} \prod_{x \in A} A_{f_x} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{j} \\ \xleftarrow{k} \end{matrix} \prod_{\alpha, \beta \in A} A_{f_\alpha f_\beta}$$

Here i, j , and k are defined by:

$$pr_\alpha \circ i = p_{f_\alpha, f}$$

$$pr_{\alpha, \beta} \circ j = p_{f_\alpha f_\beta, f_\alpha} \circ pr_\alpha$$

$$pr_{\alpha, \beta} \circ k = p_{f_\alpha f_\beta, f_\beta} \circ pr_\beta$$

Pf Show that i is injective. Let $g \in A_f$ and suppose $\rho_{f\alpha, f}(g) = 0 \in A_{f\alpha}$ for all $\alpha \in A$. Write $g = b/f^n$ and let

$$I = \text{Ann}_A(b) = \{c \in A \mid bc = 0\}$$

be the annihilator ideal. The following are equivalent:

(i) $g = 0$ in A_f

(ii) $\exists m \geq 0 : f^m b = 0 \in A$.

(iii) $f \in \sqrt{I}$

(iv) $\beta_x \supset I \implies f \in \beta_x$

(v) $\forall x \in V(I) : f(x) = 0$.

We wish to show that $g = 0 \in A_f$. If not, then there exists $x \in V(I)$ s.t. $f(x) \neq 0$. So $x \in D(f)$, and hence, $x \in D(f\alpha)$, for some $\alpha \in A$. By assumption,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A_f & \xrightarrow{\rho_{f\alpha, f}} & A_{f\alpha} & \xrightarrow{\rho_{f\alpha}^{\beta_x}} & A_{\beta_x} \\ & & \downarrow \rho_x^f & & \uparrow \\ & & & & \end{array}$$

$$g \longmapsto 0 \longmapsto 0$$

and hence, $p_x^f(b) = p_x^f(gf^n) = 0 \in A\beta_x$. But then there exists $c \in A \setminus \beta_x$ s.t. $bc = 0 \in A$, i.e. $c \in I$. But $x \in V(I)$, so $\beta_x \supset I$, and hence, $c \in \beta_x$, a contradiction. So $g = 0$. This proves that i is injective.

Next, let $g_\alpha \in A_{f_\alpha}$, $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$, and suppose that for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{A}$,

$$p_{f_\alpha f_\beta, f_\alpha}(g_\alpha) = p_{f_\alpha f_\beta, f_\beta}(g_\beta)$$

in $A_{f_\alpha f_\beta}$. We must show that there exists $g \in A_f$ with

$$p_{f_\alpha, f}(g) = g_\alpha$$

for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$. We only consider the case $f = 1$; the general case is similar. By compactness, we can choose $f_{\alpha_1}, \dots, f_{\alpha_r} \in \{f_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$ s.t.

$$A = (f_{\alpha_1}, \dots, f_{\alpha_r}).$$

It will suffice to find $g \in A_f$ s.t.

$$p_{f_{\alpha_i}, f}(g) = g_{\alpha_i}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, r$. Indeed, in this case,

we have for every $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho_{f_{\alpha} f_{\alpha_i}, f_{\alpha}} (\rho_{f_{\alpha}, f} (g)) \\ &= \rho_{f_{\alpha} f_{\alpha_i}, f_{\alpha_i}} (\rho_{f_{\alpha_i}, f} (g)) \\ &= \rho_{f_{\alpha} f_{\alpha_i}, f_{\alpha_i}} (g_{\alpha_i}) \\ &= \rho_{f_{\alpha} f_{\alpha_i}, f_{\alpha}} (g_{\alpha}) \end{aligned}$$

for all $i=1, \dots, r$. By what was proved first, we conclude that

$$\rho_{f_{\alpha}, f} (g) = g_{\alpha}$$

as desired.

To find $g \in A_f$, we write

$$g_{\alpha_i} = b_i / f_{\alpha_i}^n \in A_{f_{\alpha_i}}$$

with n independent of i . We have

$$\frac{b_i f_{\alpha_j}^n}{(f_{\alpha_i} f_{\alpha_j})^n} = \rho_{f_{\alpha_i} f_{\alpha_j}, f_{\alpha_i}} (g_{\alpha_i})$$

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$$\frac{b_j f_{\alpha_i}^n}{(f_{\alpha_i} f_{\alpha_j})^n} = \rho_{f_{\alpha_i} f_{\alpha_j}, f_{\alpha_j}} (g_{\alpha_j})$$

and hence there exists $m \geq 0$ s.t.

$$(f_{\alpha_i} f_{\alpha_j})^m (b'_i f_{\alpha_j} - b'_j f_{\alpha_i}) = 0 \in A$$

with m independent of i and j .

We let $p = mn$ and $b'_i = b'_i f_{\alpha_i}^m$ s.t.

$$g_{\alpha_i} = b'_i / f_{\alpha_i}^p \in A_{f_{\alpha_i}}$$

$$b'_i f_{\alpha_j}^p = b'_j f_{\alpha_i}^p \in A.$$

Since

$$X = \bigcup_{i=1}^r D(f_{\alpha_i}) = \bigcup_{i=1}^r D(f_{\alpha_i}^p),$$

we have $1 \in (f_{\alpha_1}^p, \dots, f_{\alpha_r}^p)$, say

$$1 = f_{\alpha_1}^p h_1 + \dots + f_{\alpha_r}^p h_r.$$

Now, let

$$g = b'_1 h_1 + \dots + b'_r h_r.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\alpha_j}^p g &= \sum_{i=1}^r f_{\alpha_j}^p b'_i h_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r f_{\alpha_i}^p b'_j h_i = b'_j \end{aligned}$$

which shows that

$$p_{\#} \alpha_j (g) = b'_j / \# \alpha_j^p = g \alpha_j$$

as desired. //

We now define the sheaf $\mathcal{O}_X$, up to unique isomorphism, as follows. If $U \subset X$ is an open set, we let $D(U)$ be the category with

$$\text{ob } D(U) = \{ D(f) \subset U \}$$

and with a unique morphism from $D(g)$ to $D(f)$ if $D(f) \supset D(g)$. There is a functor

$$F_U : D(U)^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Rings}$$

defined, up to unique isom., by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_U(D(f)) & = & A_f \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\#} f \\ F_U(D(g)) & = & A_g \end{array}$$

We define

$$p(U, \mathcal{O}_X) = \lim_{D(U)^{\text{op}}} F_U$$

which we also write simply as

$$P(U, \alpha_x) = \lim_{D(\emptyset) \subset U} A_f.$$

If $U \subset V \subset X$ are both open, then the inclusion $U \subset V$ gives rise to an inclusion functor $i_U^V: D(U) \rightarrow D(V)$. Moreover, there is a unique isom.

$$F_V \circ i_U^V \xrightarrow{u_U^V} F_U$$

and we define

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P(V, \alpha_x) & = & \lim_{D(V)^{op}} F_V \\ \downarrow p_U^V & & \downarrow \text{res} \\ & & \lim_{D(U)^{op}} F_V \circ i_U^V \\ & & \downarrow u_U^V \\ P(U, \alpha_x) & = & \lim_{D(U)^{op}} F_U \end{array}$$

If $U \subset V \subset W \subset X$, then

$$p_U^V \circ p_V^W = p_U^W$$

and also $p_U^U = \text{id}_{P(U, \alpha_x)}$. So this defines a presheaf α_x on X .

If $U = D(f)$, then $U \in \text{ob } D(U)$ is a terminal object, and hence, the canonical map

$$A_f \longrightarrow \Gamma(D(f), \mathcal{O}_X)$$

is an isomorphism. Moreover, if $D(f) \supset D(g)$, then the diagram of canonical maps

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_f & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(D(f), \mathcal{O}_X) \\ \downarrow \rho_{g,f} & & \downarrow \rho_{D(g)}^{D(f)} \\ A_g & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(D(g), \mathcal{O}_X) \end{array}$$

commutes.

Prop The presheaf $\mathcal{O}_X$ is a sheaf.

Pf We must show that for every open $U \subset X$ and every covering $\{U_\alpha\}$ of U , the following diagram is an equalizer.

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \xrightarrow{i} \prod_{\alpha} \Gamma(U_\alpha, \mathcal{O}_X) \xrightleftharpoons[k_{\alpha/\beta}]{j} \prod_{\alpha/\beta} \Gamma(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

We know from the prop. on p. 5 that this is true if U and the U_α are distinguished open. The general

case follows from the definition of limit. See EGA I (3.2.1) for details. //

Note in particular that

$$\Gamma(\operatorname{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\operatorname{Spec}(A)}) \xrightarrow{\sim} A.$$