

We introduce a variety of finiteness notions, all of which are relative and preserved under composition and base-change. By contrast the notion of being noetherian is absolute, and therefore, is not a good basic notion.

Def A morphism of schemes $f: X \rightarrow S$ is quasi-compact if for every quasi-compact gen $V \subset S$, $f^{-1}(V) \subset X$ is quasi-compact. "

Lemma Let $f: X \rightarrow S$ be a morphism. The following are equivalent.

- (1) f is quasi-compact.
- (2) For every $V \subset S$ affine gen, $f^{-1}(V) \subset X$ is quasi-compact.
- (3) There exists a covering $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$ of S by affine gen subsets s.t. for all $i \in I$, $f^{-1}(V_i) \subset X$ is quasi-cpt.

Pf (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) is trivial. So we must show (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Let $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$ be as in (3) and let $V \subset S$ be affine gen. Let $s \in V$ and choose

$i = i(s) \in I$ s.t. $s \in V_i$. Since V and V_i are both affine, we can find $s \in W_s \subset V \cap V_i$ s.t. W_s is a distinguished open in both V and V_i . Now, since V is quasi-compact,

$$V = W_{s_1} \cup \dots \cup W_{s_n}$$

for $s_1, \dots, s_n \in V$, a finite number. For each $j=1, \dots, n$, we write

$$f^{-1}(V_{i(s_j)}) = \bigcup_{1 \leq k \leq l_j} U_{j,k}$$

as a finite union of affine open subsets, using (3). Since $W_{s_j} \subset V_{i(s_j)}$ is a distinguished open, so is

$$f^{-1}(W_{s_j}) \cap U_{j,k} \subset U_{j,k}$$

for all $k=1, \dots, l_j$. Hence, $f^{-1}(W_{s_j})$ is a finite union of affine open subsets, hence quasi-compact. It follows that $f^{-1}(V)$ is quasi-compact, so (2) holds. Finally, if $V \subset S$ is any quasi-compact open, then we can write $V = V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_n$ with $V_1, \dots, V_n$ affine open. So

$$f^{-1}(V) = f^{-1}(V_1) \cup \dots \cup f^{-1}(V_n)$$

is a finite union of quasi-compact open subsets, hence quasi-compact. //

It is clear from the definition that the composition of two quasi-compact morphisms is quasi-compact.

lemma let $f: X \rightarrow S$ be a quasi-compact morphism, let $g: S' \rightarrow S$ be any morphism, and let

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \xrightarrow{f'} & X \\ \downarrow f' & & \downarrow f \\ S' & \xrightarrow{g} & S \end{array}$$

be a pullback diagram. Then the morphism $f': X' \rightarrow S'$ is quasi-compact.

Pf let $s' \in S'$, let $g(s') \in T \subset S$ be an open affine neighborhood, and let $s' \in W \subset g^{-1}(T)$ be an open affine neighborhood. By the lemma on page 1, it will suffice to show that $f'^{-1}(W) \subset X'$ is quasi-compact. Hence, it will suffice to show that if S and S' are both affine, then $X' = X \times_S S'$ is

quasi-compact. But $X = f^{-1}(S)$ is quasi-compact, and hence, a union of finitely many affine open subsets $U_1, \dots, U_n$. From our construction of $X' = X \times_S S'$ in lecture 6, it follows that X' is the union of the finitely many affine open subsets

$$U'_i = U_i \times_S S', \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

So X' is quasi-compact. "

Ex 1) Every morphism $f: X \rightarrow S$ with X and S affine is quasi-compact, by the lemma on page 2.

2) A closed immersion is quasi-compact.

3) The fold map

$$X = \coprod_{i \in I} S \xrightarrow{\Delta} S$$

is quasi-compact if and only if I is finite. "

Def A morphism of schemes $f: X \rightarrow S$ is quasi-separated if the diagonal map $\Delta_{X/S}: X \rightarrow X \times_S X$ is quasi-compact.

Lemma Quasi-separated morphisms are preserved under composition and under base-change.

Pf Suppose $f: X \rightarrow S$ and $g: S \rightarrow T$ are quasi-separated. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{X/S}} & X \times_S X & \longrightarrow & S \\ \parallel & & \downarrow g' \text{ cart.} & & \downarrow \Delta_{S/T} \\ X & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{X/T}} & X \times_T X & \longrightarrow & S \times_T S \end{array}$$

and the lemma on page 3 shows that $\Delta_{X/T}$ is quasi-compact, being the composite of the quasi-compact morphisms $\Delta_{X/S}$ and g' . So $g \circ f$ is quasi-separated. Similarly,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times_S S' & \xlongequal{\quad} & X \times_S S' \\ \downarrow \Delta_{X \times_S S' / S'} & & \downarrow \Delta_{X/S} \times_S S' \\ (X \times_S S') \times_{S'} (X \times_S S') & \xrightarrow{\sim} & (X \times_S X) \times_S S' \end{array}$$

shows that a base-change of a quasi-separated morphism is quasi-separated. //

Ex 1) A separated morphism is quasi-separated. In particular, every immersion is quasi-separated.

2) Every morphism $f: X \rightarrow S$ with X and S affine is quasi-separated. "

A scheme X is defined to be quasi-separated if the morphism

$$X \longrightarrow \operatorname{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$$

is quasi-separated. In this case, the intersection of two affine open subsets $U, V \subset X$ is quasi-compact, hence a union of finitely many affine open subsets. Indeed,

$$U \cap V = \Delta_X^{-1}(U \times V),$$

and $U \times V \subset X \times X$ is affine. (If X is separated, then $U \cap V \subset X$ is again affine.) The converse statement also holds; for a proof, see EGA IV 1.2.2.

Remark If $f: X \rightarrow S$ is quasi-compact and quasi-separated and if M is a quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module, then $f_* M$

is a quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module.

Similarly, the higher derived image sheaves $R^i f_* (M)$, calculated by using an injective resolution in the category of all $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules, are quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules; see EGA III 1.4.10, IV 1.7.21. //

Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism. We will say that f is of finite type if there exists finitely many elements $b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$ s.t. the unique ring homomorphism

$$A[x_1, \dots, x_n] \xrightarrow{g} B$$

that extends f and maps x_i to b_i is surjective. If we can find $b_1, \dots, b_n \in B$ s.t., in addition, the kernel of g is a finitely generated ideal of $A[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, then we say that f is of finite presentation. (If A is noetherian, then every ring homomorphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ of finite type is automatically of finite presentation.)

Def A morphism of schemes $f: X \rightarrow S$ is locally of finite type (resp. locally of finite presentation) if S admits a covering $\{V_i\}_{i \in I}$ by affine open subsets s.t. for all $i \in I$, $f^{-1}(V_i)$ admits a covering $\{U_{ij}\}_{j \in J_i}$ by affine open subsets with the property that the ring homomorphism

$$\Gamma(V_i, \mathcal{O}_S) \longrightarrow \Gamma(U_{ij}, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

induced by f is of finite type (resp. of finite presentation). "

Remark The notions are local on X .
For example, the fold map

$$X = \coprod_{j \in J} S \xrightarrow{\Delta} S$$

is locally of finite presentation for all J . "

lemma Morphisms locally of finite type (resp. locally of finite presentation) are preserved under composition and under base-change.

Pf Exercise. "

Ex 1) Every (local) immersion is locally of finite type.

2) Every local isomorphism is locally of finite presentation.

Prop A ring homomorphism $f: A \rightarrow B$ is of finite type (resp. of finite presentation) if and only if the induced morphism of schemes

$$\text{Spec}(B) \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$$

is locally of finite type (resp. locally of finite presentation).

Pf The "only if" part is trivial. The "if" part is proved in EGA I 6.3.3 and EGA IV 1.4.6, respectively. "

Lemma If $f: X \rightarrow S$ is locally of finite type, then the diagonal

$$X \xrightarrow{\Delta_{X/S}} X \times_S X$$

is locally of finite presentation.

Pf Let $x \in X$ and choose affine open neighborhoods $x \in U \subset X$ and $f(x) \in V \subset S$

s.t. $\Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_S) \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is of finite type. Then $\Delta_{X/S}(x) \in U \times_V U \subset X \times_S X$ is an affine open neighborhood and

$$\Gamma(U \times_V U, \mathcal{O}_{X \times_S X}) \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

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$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \otimes_{\Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_S)} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \xrightarrow{\mu} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

is of finite presentation. Indeed, if $a_1, \dots, a_n$ generate $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ as a $\Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_S)$ -algebra, then the elements $1 \otimes a_i - a_i \otimes 1$, $i=1, \dots, n$, generate the kernel of μ . "

Def A morphism of schemes $f: X \rightarrow S$ is of finite type if f is quasi-compact and locally of finite type. "

Prop A morphism $f: X \rightarrow S$ is of finite type if and only if for every affine open $V \subset S$, $f^{-1}(V) \subset X$ is a finite union of affine opens $U_1, \dots, U_n \subset X$ with the property that the ring homomorphism

$$\Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_S) \rightarrow \Gamma(U_i, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

induced by f is of finite type.

Pf See EGA I 6.3.2. "

The following notion is very important and we will return to it in future lectures, time permitting.

Def A morphism of schemes $f: X \rightarrow S$ is proper if it is separated, of finite type, and universally closed. "

Ex 1) Closed immersions are proper.

2) The canonical projection

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec}(k[x, y]) & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{Spec}(k[x]) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \mathbb{A}_k^2 & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{A}_k^1 \end{array}$$

is not closed, hence not proper.

For $V(xy-1) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^2$ is closed, but maps by f to $\mathbb{A}_k^1 \setminus \{0\} \subset \mathbb{A}_k^1$ which is not closed. "

Def A morphism $f: X \rightarrow S$ is of finite presentation if it is quasi-compact, quasi-separated, and locally of finite presentation. "

We proceed to give a category-theoretical characterization of morphisms locally of finite presentation. First, a morphism $f: X \rightarrow S$ is affine if for every affine open $V \subset S$, $f^{-1}(V) \subset X$ is affine open. In particular, affine morphisms are quasi-cpt. and quasi-separated.

Prop Let I be a small filtered category, and let

$$I^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{T} \text{Schemes}$$

be an I^{op} -diagram of schemes. Suppose that for every morphism $\alpha: i \rightarrow j$ in I , the corresponding morphism $\alpha^*: T_j \rightarrow T_i$ is affine. Then the limit

$$\lim_{I^{\text{op}}} T$$

exists.

Pf Easy to prove from today's recitation problems; see EGA IV 8.2.3. "

Prop If $f: X \rightarrow S$ is a morphism of schemes, then the following are equivalent.

(1) f is locally of finite presentation.

(2) For every small cofiltered diagram of S -schemes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{T} & \text{Schemes}/S \\ i & \longmapsto & (T_i \rightarrow S) \end{array}$$

s.t. the schemes T_i are affine, the canonical map

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{colim}_I \text{Hom}_S(T_i, X) \\ & \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_S(\lim_{I^{\text{op}}} T_i, X) \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection.

Pf See EGA IV 8.14.2. "

Def A morphism of schemes $f: X \rightarrow S$ is smooth (resp. unramified, resp. étale) if it is formally smooth (resp. formally unramified, resp. formally étale) and locally of finite presentation. "

Ex 1) An open immersion is étale.

2) A closed immersion is unramified if and only if it is locally of finite presentation. "

Lemma Smooth, unramified, and étale morphisms are preserved under composition and base-change. "