

The (large) category $X^\sim$ of sheaves of (small) sets on a (small) space X has all (small) limits and colimits. Specifically, if

$$I \xrightarrow{F} X^\sim$$

is a (small) diagram in $X^\sim$, then

$$\begin{aligned} (\lim_I F_i)(U) &= \lim_I F_i(U) \\ (\operatorname{colim}_I F_i)(U) &= a(V \mapsto \operatorname{colim}_I F_i(V))(U). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathcal{O}_X \in X^\sim$ be a ring object, i.e. $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is a ringed space. The category $\operatorname{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}_X}$ of $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules again has all (small) limits and colimits; in particular, it has all (small) products and sums and kernels and cokernels. Note that taking infinite sums and taking cokernels involve sheafification, e.g.

$$(\bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i)(U) = a(V \mapsto \bigoplus_{i \in I} M_i(V))(U).$$

Def Let $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ be a ringed space.
An $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module M is quasicoherent
if there exists an open covering

$$\{U_\alpha \xrightarrow{j_\alpha} X\}_{\alpha \in I}$$

s.t. for all $\alpha \in I$, there exists a presentation

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_{1,\alpha}} j_{\alpha}^* \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I_{0,\alpha}} j_{\alpha}^* \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow j_{\alpha}^* M \longrightarrow 0$$

of the $j_{\alpha}^* \mathcal{O}_X$ -module $j_{\alpha}^* M$. //

If $j: U \hookrightarrow X$ is the canonical inclusion of an open subset, we write

$$M|_U = j^* M;$$

compare Proposition 2.

If $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$ and if M is an A -module, then we define $\tilde{M}$ to be the $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module

$$\tilde{M} = a \left(U \mapsto \begin{cases} M_f & \text{if } U = D(f) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \right)$$

We have $\tilde{A} = \mathcal{O}_X$ and, as in Thm

case, there are canonical isomorph.

$$\Gamma(D(f), M) \xleftarrow{\sim} M_f$$

$$\tilde{M}_x \xrightarrow{\sim} M_{P_x}$$

Lemma Let $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = (\text{Spec}(A), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(A)})$. There is a natural isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\tilde{M}, N) &\xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_A(M, \Gamma(X, N)) \\ f &\mapsto (M \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma(X, M) \xrightarrow{f_X} \Gamma(X, N)) \end{aligned}$$

Pf Inverse map: If $g: M \rightarrow \Gamma(X, N)$ is A -linear, then there is a unique map of A_f -modules that makes the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{g} & \Gamma(X, N) \\ \downarrow & \exists! & \downarrow \text{PD}(f)_X \\ M_f & \dashrightarrow & \Gamma(D(f), N) \end{array}$$

commute. $\square$

Let Mod_A and $\text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}_X}$ be the (locally small, large) categories of A -modules and $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules,

respectively. The lemma shows that

$$\text{Mod}_A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{(-)^\sim} \\ \xleftarrow{\Gamma(X, -)} \end{array} \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}_X}$$

is an adjunction. We note that the right adjoint preserves finite limits, because sheafification does so, and that the unit map

$$M \xrightarrow{\eta} \Gamma(X, \tilde{M})$$

is an isomorphism. Hence, the right adjoint is fully faithful, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(M, N) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\tilde{M}, \tilde{N}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{Z} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$$

We will now prove that the quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules precisely are the $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules that are isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules in the image of the functor

$$\text{Mod}_A \xrightarrow{(-)^\sim} \text{Mod}_{\mathcal{O}_X}.$$

Thm let $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ be a scheme and let M be an $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module. The following are equivalent:

(1) M is quasicoherent;

(2) for all $U \subset V \subset X$ affine open,

$$\frac{\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \otimes \Gamma(V, M)}{\Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_X)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \Gamma(U, M);$$

(3) for all $U \subset M$ affine open,

$$\widetilde{\Gamma(U, M)} \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varepsilon} M|_U;$$

(4) there exists an affine open covering $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of X s.t. for all $\alpha \in A$,

$$\widetilde{\Gamma(U_\alpha, M)} \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varepsilon} M|_{U_\alpha}.$$

Pr (1) $\Rightarrow$ (4): We choose an affine open covering $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ of X s.t. for every $\alpha \in A$, there exists a presentation

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_{1,\alpha}} \mathcal{O}_X|_{U_\alpha} \xrightarrow{h_\alpha} \bigoplus_{i \in I_{0,\alpha}} \mathcal{O}_X|_{U_\alpha} \rightarrow M|_{U_\alpha} \rightarrow 0.$$

Since $(\tilde{-})$ preserves colimits,

$$\begin{aligned} \bigoplus_{i \in I} \sigma_x |_{U_x} &\xleftarrow{\sim} \bigoplus_{i \in I} \widetilde{P(U_x, \sigma_x)} \\ &\xrightarrow{\sim} \widetilde{\left(\bigoplus_{i \in I} P(U_x, \sigma_x) \right)}, \end{aligned}$$

and since $(\tilde{-})$ is fully faithful, the map h_x is induced by a map of $P(U_x, \sigma_x)$ -modules

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_{1,x}} P(U_x, \sigma_x) \xrightarrow{h'_x} \bigoplus_{i \in I_{0,x}} P(U_x, \sigma_x).$$

Let N_x be a cokernel of h'_x . Since $(\tilde{-})$ preserves colimits, we conclude from the isom. at the top of the page that the canonical map

$$\tilde{N}_x \longrightarrow M|_{U_x}$$

is an isomorphism. Since the unit η of the adjunction $((\tilde{-}), P(X, -))$ is an isomorphism, we conclude that

$$P(U_x, M) \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varepsilon} M|_{U_x}$$

as desired. (Exercise in adjunctions: Fill in the details of this last argument.)

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Let $U \subset X$ be an affine open. We choose, using (4), an affine open covering $\{U_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ of U s.t. for all $\alpha \in I$,

$$\Gamma(U_\alpha, M) \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varepsilon} M|_{U_\alpha}.$$

Since U is affine, we may assume that $U_\alpha = U_{g_\alpha}$ with $g_\alpha \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ is a distinguished. In particular, $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$ again is affine. Since U is quasicompact, we may further assume that I is finite. Let

$$U_\alpha \xleftarrow{j_\alpha} U, \quad U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \xleftarrow{j_{\alpha\beta}} U$$

be the canonical inclusions. Since M is a sheaf, the diagram of $\mathcal{O}_X|_U$ -modules

$$M|_U \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha} j_{\alpha*}(M|_{U_\alpha}) \rightrightarrows \prod_{\alpha, \beta} j_{\alpha\beta*}(M|_{U_\alpha \cap U_\beta})$$

is an equalizer. Since $\Gamma(U, -)$ preserves limits and $(-)$ preserves finite limits, it suffices to show that the counit maps

$$\Gamma(U, j_{\alpha*}(M|_{U_\alpha})) \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varepsilon} j_{\alpha*}(M|_{U_\alpha})$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{P}(U, j_{\alpha\beta*}(M|U_\alpha \cap U_\beta))^\sim \\ & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} j_{\alpha\beta*}(M|U_\alpha \cap U_\beta) \end{aligned}$$

are isom. We factor the first of these as

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{P}(U, j_{\alpha*}(M|U_\alpha))^\sim \\ & \longrightarrow j_{\alpha*}(\mathcal{P}(U_\alpha, M|U_\alpha)^\sim) \\ & \xrightarrow[\sim]{j_{\alpha*}\varepsilon} j_{\alpha*}(M|U_\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

where the last map is an isomorphism by assumption. To show that the first map is an isom., it will suffice to consider the induced map of sections over $D(\mathfrak{f})$, $\mathfrak{f} \in \mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$. We have canonical isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{P}(D(\mathfrak{f}), \mathcal{P}(U, j_{\alpha*}(M|U_\alpha))^\sim) \\ & \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathcal{P}(U, j_{\alpha*}(M|U_\alpha))_{\mathfrak{f}} \\ & = \mathcal{P}(U_\alpha, M|U_\alpha)_{\mathfrak{f}} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$P(D(f), j_{\alpha*}(P(U_{\alpha}, M|_{U_{\alpha}})^{\sim}))$$

$$= P(D(fg_{\alpha}), P(U_{\alpha}, M|_{U_{\alpha}})^{\sim})$$

$$\xleftarrow{\sim} P(U_{\alpha}, M|_{U_{\alpha}})fg_{\alpha},$$

and the map in question is the localization map

$$P(U_{\alpha}, M|_{U_{\alpha}})f \rightarrow P(U_{\alpha}, M|_{U_{\alpha}})fg_{\alpha}.$$

It is an isomorphism since g_{α} is a unit in $P(U_{\alpha}, \mathcal{O}_X)$.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2): We choose a presentation of the $P(V, \mathcal{O}_X)$ -module $P(V, M)$,

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_1} P(V, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I_0} P(V, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow P(V, M) \rightarrow 0$$

Since, by assumption, the counit map

$$P(V, M)^{\sim} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} M|_V$$

is an isomorphism, and since $(-)^{\sim}$ preserves colimits, we obtain a presentation

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_1} \mathcal{O}_X|_V \rightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{O}_X|_V \rightarrow M|_V \rightarrow 0.$$

Now, the restriction to U functor $(-)|_U$ also preserves colimits (having direct image as a right adjoint), so we obtain the induced presentation in the top row of the following commutative diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \bigoplus_{i \in I_1} \mathcal{O}_X|_U & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{O}_X|_U & \longrightarrow & M|_U \longrightarrow 0 \\
 \uparrow \sim & & \uparrow \sim & & \uparrow \sim \\
 \bigoplus_{i \in I_1} \mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_X)_i^\sim & \longrightarrow & \bigoplus_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_X)_i^\sim & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P}(U, M)^\sim \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

The left-hand and middle vertical maps are isomorphisms, since on the affine scheme U ,

$$\mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_X)_i^\sim \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varepsilon} \mathcal{O}_X|_U,$$

and since $(-)^{\sim}$ preserves colimits, and the right-hand vertical map is an isomorphism by assumption. Hence the bottom row is exact, and since $(-)^{\sim}$ is fully faithful, this row is the image by $(-)^{\sim}$ of an exact sequence of $\mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ -modules

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_1} \mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_X)_i \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{P}(U, \mathcal{O}_X)_i \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(U, M) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Comparing this sequence to the exact sequence obtained by applying the right exact functor

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \otimes_{\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)} -$$

to the presentation at the bottom of page 9, we conclude that the canonical map

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \otimes_{\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)} \Gamma(U, M) \longrightarrow \Gamma(U, M)$$

is an isomorphism.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): It suffices to show that for every affine open $U \subset X$, the $\mathcal{O}_X|_U$ -module $M|_U$ has a presentation. A presentation

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_1} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I_0} \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow \Gamma(U, M) \longrightarrow 0$$

of the $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ -module $\Gamma(U, M)$ gives rise to a presentation

$$\bigoplus_{i \in I_1} \mathcal{O}_X|_U \longrightarrow \bigoplus_{i \in I_0} \mathcal{O}_X|_U \longrightarrow \Gamma(U, M)^\sim \longrightarrow 0$$

of the $\mathcal{O}_X|_U$ -module $\Gamma(U, M)^\sim$, since $(-)^\sim$ preserves colimits, and since on the affine scheme U ,

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)^\sim \xrightarrow[\sim]{\varepsilon} \mathcal{O}_X|_U.$$

So it will suffice to show that

$$\Gamma(U, M)^\sim \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} M|_U$$

is an isomorphism (i.e. (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3)).

Now, for all $f \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$, we have a commutative diagram

$$\Gamma(U_f, \Gamma(U, M)^\sim) \longrightarrow \Gamma(U_f, M|_U)$$

$$\sim \nearrow \quad \nearrow \sim$$

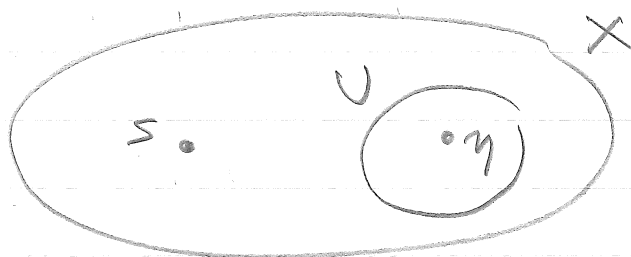
$$\frac{\Gamma(U_f, \mathcal{O}_X) \otimes \Gamma(U, M)}{\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)}$$

in which the left-hand map is an isomorphism by the definition of $\Gamma(U, M)^\sim$ and the right-hand is an isomorphism by (2). Hence, the top horizontal is an isomorphism as desired. //

Ex let V be a discrete valuation ring with maximal ideal m and quotient field K . We have

$$\text{Spec}(V) = \{s, \eta\}$$

with $\beta_s = m$ and $\beta_\eta = (0)$. The point s is closed and is called the special point, and the point η is open and is called the generic point, since the closure of $\{\eta\} \subset \text{Spec}(V)$ is the whole space.



A sheaf M on $\text{Spec}(V)$ consists of two sets and a map:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_0 & = & \Gamma(X, M) \\ \downarrow \neq & & \downarrow \rho_U^\times \\ M_1 & = & \Gamma(U, M) \end{array}$$

An $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module structure on M consists of a V -module structure on M_0 and a K -vector

space structure on M_1 , s.t. the map f is V -linear. Finally, this $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module is quasicoherent if and only if the induced map of K -vector spaces

$$K \otimes_V M_0 \longrightarrow M_1$$

is an isomorphism. $\llcorner$