

In particular, the closed points of $A_k^n = \text{Spec } k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ are the maximal ideals of $k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. If k is algebraically closed, we saw that the maximal ideals were all of the form $(x_1 - a_1, \dots, x_n - a_n)$ for some $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in k^n$.

So, if k is algebraically closed, then we can think of k^n as the set of closed points of A_k^n .

Back to general sheaves and schemes:

We saw that morphisms of (pre) sheaves induce morphisms on the stalks.

Lemma (see text) A morphism of sheaves is an isomorphism if and only if it induces isomorphisms on all the stalks.

In homework you will see that a morphism of sheaves

is $\begin{cases} \text{injective} \\ \text{surjective} \end{cases} \iff \text{it is } \begin{cases} \text{injective on all the stalks} \\ \text{surjective} \end{cases}$

In the text: Lemma: Given two rings A, B , the datum of a morphism $\text{Spec } A \rightarrow \text{Spec } B$ is equivalent to the datum of a homomorphism of rings $B \rightarrow A$.

We will prove the stronger:

Lemma: Suppose given a locally ringed space X and a ring A . The natural map

$$\text{Hom}(X, \text{Spec } A) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}(A, \mathcal{O}_X(X))$$

obtained by sending $\varphi: X \rightarrow \text{Spec} A$ to its "global sections"

$$\varphi^\#(\text{Spec} A) : \mathcal{O}_A(\text{Spec} A) \rightarrow (\varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X)(\text{Spec} A)$$

$$\parallel \quad \parallel \quad \mathcal{O}_X(\varphi^{-1}(\text{Spec} A))$$

$$\varphi^\#(\text{Spec} A) : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(X)$$

is a bijection.

Proof: We prove surjectivity first:

given a hom. of rings $\alpha: A \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(X)$, we

construct a morphism $\varphi: X \rightarrow \text{Spec} A$ s.t.

$$\alpha = \varphi^\#(\text{Spec} A).$$

We first define the map of sets: $\varphi: X \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$.

Let $x \in X$, $\varphi(x)$?

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \mathcal{O}_X(X) \ni S \\
 & \searrow \delta_x \circ \alpha & \downarrow \delta_x \\
 & & \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \ni S(x)
 \end{array}$$

Terminology: δ_x is called the evaluation map at x .

\mathfrak{m}_x unique maximal ideal.

Define: $\varphi(x) := (\delta_x \circ \alpha)^{-1}(\mathfrak{m}_x) \subset A$

prime ideal of A .

We show φ is continuous: $\forall f \in A$, $\varphi^{-1}(V_f) \subset X$ is open.

$$V_f = \{ \mathfrak{p} \subset A \mid f \notin \mathfrak{p} \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi^{-1}(U_f) &= \{x \in X \mid \varphi(x) \in U_f\} \\
&= \{x \in X \mid (\delta_x \circ \alpha)^{-1}(m_x) \in U_f\} \\
&= \{x \in X \mid f \notin (\delta_x \circ \alpha)^{-1}(m_x)\} \\
&= \{x \in X \mid (\delta_x \circ \alpha)(f) \notin m_x\} \\
&= \{x \in X \mid (\delta_x \circ \alpha)(f) \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \text{ is invertible}\} \\
&= \{x \in X \mid \exists h_x \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \text{ s.t. } h_x \cdot (\delta_x \circ \alpha)(f) = 1\} \\
&= \left\{ x \in X \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists U \subset X \text{ open neighborhood of } x \\ \exists h \in \mathcal{O}_X(U) \text{ s.t. } h(x) \cdot (\delta_x \circ \alpha)(f) = 1 \end{array} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Note: $(\delta_x \circ \alpha)(f) = \delta_x(\alpha(f)) = (\alpha(f))(x)$ the germ of $\alpha(f)$ at x

$$\Rightarrow \psi^{-1}(U_f) = \left\{ x \in X \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists V \subset X \text{ open neighborhood of } x \\ \exists h \in \mathcal{O}_X(U) \text{ s.t. } h(x) \cdot (\alpha(f))(x) = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Note: $h(x) \cdot (\alpha(f))(x) = h(x) \cdot (\alpha(f)|_U)(x)$

$$f \in A \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(U) \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) \cdot (\alpha(f))(x) = \overset{\delta_x}{(h \cdot \alpha(f)|_U)}(x) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists V \subset U \text{ open neighborhood of } x$$

$$\text{s.t. } (h \cdot \alpha(f)|_U)|_V = 1$$

$$\parallel$$

$$h|_V \cdot \alpha(f)|_V = 1$$

$$\varphi^{-1}(U_f) = \left\{ x \in X \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists V_x \subset X \text{ open neighborhood of } x \\ \exists h \in \mathcal{O}_X(V_x) \text{ s.t. } h|_{V_x} \cdot \alpha(f)|_{V_x} = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\forall x \in \varphi^{-1}(U_f), \quad \varphi^{-1}(U_f) \supset V_x \text{ because}$$

$$\forall y \in V_x \quad h(y) \cdot (\alpha(f))(y) = 1$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi^{-1}(U_f)$ is open.

Next we define the morphism of sheaves

$$\varphi^\# : \mathcal{O}_A \longrightarrow \varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X \quad \text{on } \text{Spec } A$$

we already have $\varphi^\#(\text{Spec } A) : A \longrightarrow (\varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X)(\text{Spec } A)$

$$\searrow \alpha \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X''(X)$$

We first define $\varphi^\#$ on basic open sets:

choose $f \in A$ $\mathcal{O}_A(U_f) = A[f^{-1}]$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \mathcal{O}_X(X) = (\varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X)(\text{Spec} A) \\
 \downarrow & \searrow^{\alpha|_{U_f}} & \downarrow \\
 A[f^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{\quad? \quad} & \mathcal{O}_X(\varphi^{-1}(U_f)) = (\varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X)(U_f)
 \end{array}$$

recall: $\varphi^{-1}(U_f) = \{x \in X \mid \alpha(f)(x) \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \text{ is invertible}\}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \parallel \\
 \dots \\
 X_{\alpha(f)}
 \end{array}$$

We need to show that $\alpha|_{U_f}$ factors through $A[f^{-1}]$.
 By the universal property of localization, we need to show that $\alpha(f)|_{\varphi^{-1}(U_f) = X_{\alpha(f)}}$ is invertible in $\mathcal{O}_X(\varphi^{-1}(U_f))$.
 $\mathcal{O}_X(\varphi^{-1}(U_f)) = \mathcal{O}_X(X_{\alpha(f)})$

We saw that $\forall x \in X_\alpha(f) = \varphi^{-1}(U_f)$

$\exists V_x \ni x$ s.t. $\alpha(f)|_{V_x}$ is invertible.

$\Rightarrow \exists$ covering $X_\alpha(f) = \bigcup_{i \in I} V_i$ $\forall i \exists h_i \in \mathcal{O}_X(V_i)$

s.t. $\alpha(f)|_{V_i} \cdot h_i = 1$

Claim: the h_i glue together to an inverse for $\alpha(f)|_{X_\alpha(f)}$.

$$h_i|_{V_i \cap V_j} \cdot \alpha(f)|_{V_i \cap V_j} = 1$$

and $h_j|_{V_i \cap V_j} \cdot \alpha(f)|_{V_i \cap V_j} = 1$

\Rightarrow uniqueness of inverses $h_i|_{V_i \cap V_j} = h_j|_{V_i \cap V_j}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists! h \in \mathcal{O}_X(X_{\alpha(f)}) \text{ s.t. } h \cdot \alpha(f)|_{X_{\alpha(f)}} = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha(f)|_{X_{\alpha(f)}} = \varphi^{-1}(U_f) \text{ is invertible}$$

\Rightarrow we have a factorization
(unique)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \mathcal{O}_X(X) \\ \downarrow & \text{?} & \downarrow \\ A[f^{-1}] & \xrightarrow{\alpha_f} & \mathcal{O}_X(X_{\alpha(f)}) \end{array}$$

To define $\varphi^\#$ for arbitrary open sets, we pass to the inverse limit:

$$\mathcal{O}_A(U) = \varprojlim_{U_f \subset U} \mathcal{O}_A(U_f)$$

In order for this to work, we need compatibility with the restriction morphisms, i.e., we need to show that

whenever $U_g \subset U_f$, we have a commutative

diagram: $f, g \in A_h \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{O}_X(X)$

follows from the universal property of

localizations or the explicit description of α_f, α_g .

$\frac{f}{h}$

$\frac{f}{1}, \frac{g}{1} \in A[f^{-1}] \xrightarrow{\alpha_f} \mathcal{O}_X(X_{\alpha(f)})$

$A[f^{-1}][(\frac{g}{1})^{-1}] \xrightarrow{\alpha_g} \mathcal{O}_X(X_{\alpha(g)})$

universal property

Recall: what it means for U_f to contain U_g :

$U_g \subset U_f$

$\{p \ni g\} \subset \{p \ni f\}$

$\Leftrightarrow \{p \ni g\} \supset \{p \ni f\} \Leftrightarrow \sqrt{(f)} \ni g$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists n > 0, \exists a \in A \text{ s.t. } g^n = af$

So we have $\varphi^\# : \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec} A} \longrightarrow \varphi_* \mathcal{O}_X$

$\forall x \in X \quad \varphi_x : \mathcal{O}_{A, x} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, x}$

recall $\varphi(x) = \alpha^{-1}(m_x) \subset A$

$\in \text{Spec} A$

$$\varphi(x) = \alpha^{-1}(m_x)$$

$$\mathfrak{p} \subset A \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(x)$$

$$A_{\mathfrak{p}} = \mathcal{O}_{A, \mathfrak{p}} \xrightarrow{\varphi_x} \mathcal{O}_{X, x}$$

$\cup_{\mathfrak{p}} A_{\mathfrak{p}}$ maximal ideal

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\varphi_x^{-1}(m_x) = \mathfrak{p} A_{\mathfrak{p}}}$$

$\Rightarrow \varphi : X \longrightarrow \text{Spec} A$
is a morphism of
locally ringed space.