

# First properties of morphisms of schemes:

Definition: (1) A morphism of schemes  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is locally of finite type if  $\exists$  a covering of  $Y$  by open affine subsets  $V_i = \text{Spec } B_i$  s.t.  $\forall i$   $f^{-1}(V_i)$  has a covering by open affine subsets  $U_{ij} := \text{Spec } A_{ij}$  where  $\forall i, j$

$A_{ij}$  is a finitely generated  $B_i$ -algebra.

( a small explanation:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$   $f^\# : \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{O}_X$   
 $\forall i, f^{-1}(V_i) = \bigcup_j U_{ij} \rightarrow V_i$  or  $\forall i, j, f|_{U_{ij}} : U_{ij} \rightarrow V_i$   
 $f|_{U_{ij}} : \text{Spec } A_{ij} \rightarrow \text{Spec } B_i$   
gives  $A_{ij}$  a structure of  $B_i$ -algebra.

(2) A morphism  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is of finite type if it is locally of finite type and, with the above notation,  $\forall i$  the cover  $\{U_{ij}\}$  of  $f^{-1}(V_i)$  is finite.

(3) A morphism of schemes  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  is finite if  $\exists$  a covering  $Y = \bigcup_{i \in I} V_i$  with  $V_i = \text{Spec } B_i$  open affine

s.t.  $\forall i$   $f^{-1}(V_i)$  is affine  $= \text{Spec } A_i$

with  $A_i$  a finite  $B_i$ -algebra (i.e.,  $A_i$  is a finitely generated  $B_i$ -module).

(4) An open subscheme of a scheme  $X$  is an open subset

$U \subset X$  with topology induced from  $X$  and sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{O}_U := \mathcal{O}_X|_U$ , meaning  $\forall V \subset U$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_U(V) = \mathcal{O}_X(V)$ .

(5) An open embedding is a morphism of schemes

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.  $f: X \hookrightarrow Y$  embeds  $X$  as an open subset of  $Y$  and the sheaf of rings on  $X$  is isomorphic to that induced by  $Y$  on the image of  $X$ .

(6) A closed embedding is a morphism of schemes

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  which induces a homeomorphism of  $X$

with a closed subset of  $Y$  and such that the

morphism of sheaves  $f^\#: \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow f_* \mathcal{O}_X$  is

surjective. The kernel of  $f^\#$  is then the sheaf

of ideals of (the image of)  $X$  in  $Y$ .

(7) A closed subscheme of a scheme  $Y$  is a closed subset  $i: X \hookrightarrow Y$  with a sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{O}_X$ , s.t.  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is a scheme and  $\exists$  surjective homomorphism  $i^\#: \mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow i_* \mathcal{O}_X$ . The sheaf of ideals of  $X$  is  $(\ker i^\#) \subset \mathcal{O}_Y$ .

In other words, a closed subscheme  $X \hookrightarrow Y$  is an equivalence class of closed embeddings  $j: Z \hookrightarrow Y$ , where two closed embeddings  $j: Z \hookrightarrow Y, j': Z' \hookrightarrow Y$  are equivalent if  $\exists$  an isomorphism  $\varphi: Z \xrightarrow{\sim} Z'$  s.t.  $j' \circ \varphi = j$

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 & Z & Z' \\
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 & Y & Y
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You will see in homework that for an affine scheme  $\text{Spec } A$ , any closed subscheme is of the form  $\text{Spec } A/I$  for some ideal  $I$ .

- Some examples:
- (1) Affine varieties:  $Y \subset \mathbb{A}^n = \text{Spec } A$   
 $A := k[y_1, \dots, y_n]$      $I(Y)$      $A(Y) = A/I(Y)$   
 $Y = \text{Spec } A(Y) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{A}^n$  closed embedding
- (2) Projective varieties:  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^n = \text{Proj } S$   
 $S := k[x_0, \dots, x_n]$      $I(Y) \subset S$ ,  $S(Y) = S/I(Y)$   
 $Y = \text{Proj } S(Y) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^n$  closed embedding
- (3) Quasi-affine varieties are open subschemes of affine varieties.

(4) Quasi-projective varieties are open subschemes of projective varieties.

(5) Finite morphism: A integral domain

$$A \subset K = \text{Frac}(A).$$

$B :=$  the integral closure of  $A$  in  $K$

$:=$  the set of elements of  $K$  that are integral/A

$:=$  the set of elements of  $K$  which satisfy monic polynomial equations with coefficients in  $A$ .

$$:= \left\{ x \in K \mid \exists a_1, \dots, a_n \in A \text{ with } x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0 \right\}$$

Atiyah-McDonald (Integral dependence and valuations):  
this is a subring of  $K$ .

$B$  is a finitely generated  $A$ -module, i.e.,  
 a finite  $A$ -algebra. (need  $B$  to be a finitely generated  $A$ -alg.)

$$A \subset B \subset K \Rightarrow \text{Spec } B \rightarrow \text{Spec } A$$

finite morphism of schemes.

$\text{Spec } B$  is the "normalization" of  $\text{Spec } A$ .

Example:  $A := k[x, y] / (x^3 - y^2) = A(\gamma)$   $\gamma$  is a cuspidal cubic

$A$  is an integral domain.  $\gamma = Z(x^3 - y^2) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^2$

Claim  $K := K(A) = \text{Frac}(A) \cong k(t)$

send  $A \hookrightarrow k(t) \supset k[t]$   
 $x \mapsto t^2$   
 $y \mapsto t^3$   
 integrally closed

We have  $A \subset k[t] \subset k(t)$

Claim  $k[t]$  is the integral closure of  $A$  in  $k(t)$ .

Proof: We already know, the integral closure of  $A$  is  $\subset k[t]$  because  $k[t]$  is integrally closed.

We need to show that the elements of  $k[t]$  satisfy monic polynomials over  $A$ . Only need to prove it for a generating set, e.g.  $\{t\}$ :  $t$  satisfies  $X^2 - x = 0$   
or  $X^3 - y = 0$

$$A = k[x, y] / (x^3 - y^2) \hookrightarrow k[t]$$

$$\text{Spec } A = Y \longleftarrow \text{Spec } k[t] = \mathbb{A}_k^1$$

(6)  $X$  any scheme,  $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ ,  $X_f \subset X$   
 $X_f = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \notin \mathfrak{m}_x \subset \mathcal{O}_{X,x}\}$   
 $\downarrow$  open



$$(X_f, \mathcal{O}_X|_{X_f}) \hookrightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$$

open embedding.

(7)  $A$  any ring,  $\text{Spec } A$

$$\bigcup_I \text{any ideal } A \twoheadrightarrow A/I$$

gives a closed embedding  $\text{Spec}(A/I) \hookrightarrow \text{Spec } A$

We think of this as the closed subscheme of  $\text{Spec } A$  defined by the ideal  $I$ . The morphism of sheaves is surjective because it is surjective on the stalks.

Note that  $I$  is arbitrary and need not be radical.

example: in  $\mathbb{A}^2 = \text{Spec } k[x, y]$

$$\gamma = \Sigma(x) : I(\gamma) = (x) \quad A(\gamma) = k[x, y]_{(x)} \cong k(y)$$

the  $y$ -axis.

$$Y' = Z(x^\varepsilon) = \text{Spec } k[x, y] / (x^\varepsilon) \quad A(Y') = k[x, y] / (x^\varepsilon)$$

$$A(Y') \longrightarrow A(Y)$$

$$k[x, y] / (x^\varepsilon) \longrightarrow k[x, y] / (x) \cong k[y]$$

$$\mathbb{A}^2 \longleftarrow Y' \longleftarrow Y$$

= as sets = y-axis.

$Y$  is reduced,  $Y'$  is not reduced:  $x$  is a nilpotent in  $A(Y')$

Non-reduced schemes naturally occur as "limits" of reduced schemes: e.g.:  $Z(x^2 - ty^2) \subset \mathbb{A}^2$ ,  $t \in k$ .

If  $t \neq 0$ ,  $(x^2 - ty^2)$  is a radical ideal

If  $t = 0$ ,  $(x^2 - ty^2) = (x^2)$  is not radical

$Z(x^2)$  is the "limit" of  $Z(x^2 - ty^2)$  as  $t \rightarrow 0$ .

Given a closed subset  $Y$  of a scheme  $X$ , there are many closed subschemes of  $X$  supported on  $Y$ , i.e., their underlying topological space is  $Y$ . The set of closed subschemes of  $X$ , supported on  $Y$  has a minimal element (i.e., it is a closed subscheme of all the other closed subschemes supported on  $Y$ ). We call the scheme structure on  $Y$  given by this minimal element the reduced induced scheme structure on  $Y$ . It is defined as follows.

Def: Given  $Y \subset X$  closed subset, the reduced induced scheme structure on  $Y$  is defined as follows.

For any open affine  $V \subset X$ ,  $V = \text{Spec } A$ , let  
 the ideal of  $Y \cap V$  be

$$I_{\text{red}} := \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in V \cap Y} \mathfrak{p} \quad (\mathfrak{p} \subset A \text{ prime}).$$

In other words, if  $Y \cap V = V(I)$  for some ideal  $I \subset A$ ,

then 
$$I_{\text{red}} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in V \cap Y} \mathfrak{p} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \in V(I)} \mathfrak{p} = \bigcap_{\mathfrak{p} \supset I} \mathfrak{p} = \sqrt{I}.$$

Note: If  $I_1 \subset I_2$ , then  $A/I_1 \rightarrow A/I_2$   
 and  $\text{Spec } A/I_2 \hookrightarrow \text{Spec } A/I_1$  (details: exercise)  
 closed subscheme

$\Rightarrow$  If  $Y \cap V = V(I)$ , then  $\text{Spec } A/\sqrt{I} \hookrightarrow \text{Spec } A/I$   
 closed subscheme.