

Algebraic Geometry 4

Sheaf

Central object of study in geometry and topology!

It captures the structure of collections of

- "functions" on top. space X

- "vector fields" on a manifold X . etc.

Def: A sheaf (of rings) on a topological space X is the collection of the data:

(i) For every open $U \subseteq X$, there is a ring $\mathcal{F}(U)$

(ii) For every inclusion of open $U \subseteq V \subseteq X$,

(Restriction) $\rho_{V,U}: \mathcal{F}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$ ring homomorphism.

Such that the following conditions are satisfied:

Pre-sheaf!

(i) $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset) = 0$

(ii) $\rho_{U,U} = \text{identity} \quad \forall U \subseteq X$

(iii) For inclusions $U \subseteq V \subseteq W \subseteq X$, the restriction maps are compatible

$$\rho_{V,U} \circ \rho_{W,V} = \rho_{W,U}.$$

(iv) **Gluing Property** holds: If $U \subseteq X$ open has an open cover $\{U_i: i \in I\}$.

If there is collection $\{\varphi_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i): i \in I\}$ which are compatible, that is,

$$\varphi_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = \varphi_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}$$

then there exists a unique $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}(U)$ such that

$$\varphi_i = \rho_{U,U_i}(\varphi) \quad \forall i \in I.$$

Eg: 1) $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ and for open $U \subseteq X$,
 $\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ \varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous functions} \}$
 (note that this is a ring).

2) $X = \mathbb{C}$ and for any open $U \subseteq \mathbb{C}$,
 $\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ \varphi: U \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ holomorphic functions} \}$

3) $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ affine variety and for open $U \subseteq X$,
 $\mathcal{O}_X(U) = \{ \varphi: U \rightarrow k : \varphi \text{ is regular function} \}$

For $U \subseteq V$ opens, we have restriction maps

$$\rho_{r,v}: \mathcal{O}_X(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(U)$$

$$\varphi \rightarrow \varphi|_U$$

- $\mathcal{O}_X(\emptyset) = 0$
- $\mathcal{O}_X(U) \xrightarrow{id} \mathcal{O}_X(U)$
- $U \subseteq V \subseteq W$, functions are compatible under restriction.

$$\mathcal{O}_X(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(U)$$


- (Gluing) Built in definition of regular functions:

Recall: $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}_X(U) \Leftrightarrow \varphi$ is locally a quotient of polynomial functions.

Let $\{U_i : i \in I\}$ be an open cover and $\{\varphi_i \in \mathcal{O}_X(U_i) : i \in I\}$
 For every point $a \in U$ and $i \in I$,

The sheaf of regular function is $\mathcal{O}_X!$

Observe: Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ be an irreducible affine variety.

Each regular function define $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}_x(U)$ define an element in $k(X)$: Write

$$\varphi = \frac{f}{g} \text{ for some open } V \subseteq U.$$

Then $\frac{f}{g} \in k(X)$ is independent of the choice of f, g, V .

Suppose $\varphi = \frac{f'}{g'}$ for $V' \subseteq U$, then

$$\frac{f}{g} = \frac{f'}{g'} \text{ on } V' \cap V.$$

$$\Rightarrow fg' - f'g = 0 \text{ on } V' \cap V \overset{\text{open}}{\subseteq} X$$

$$\Rightarrow fg' - f'g = 0 \text{ on closure } \overline{V' \cap V} = X$$

$$\Rightarrow fg' - f'g = 0 \text{ on } A(X) \quad \square$$

Show: $\mathcal{O}_x(U) \hookrightarrow k(X)$ inclusion!

Lemma: Let $U \subseteq X$ and $\varphi \in \mathcal{O}_x(U)$. Then

$$Z(\varphi) = \{p \in U : \varphi(p) = 0\}$$

is closed in U .

Proof: For any point $a \in U$, $\exists (f, g, U_a)$ so that $\varphi = \frac{f}{g}$ on $U_a \subseteq U$.

$$U_a \setminus Z(\varphi) = \{p \in U_a : \varphi(p) \neq 0\} = U_a \setminus Z(ga) \text{ is open.}$$

Thus, $U \setminus Z(\varphi) = \bigcup_{a \in U} U_a \setminus Z(g_a)$ is open. \square

Lemma: (Identity principal) Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{A}^n$ irreducible affine variety.
Let $V \subseteq X$ be open, and $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in \mathcal{O}_X(V)$ such that

$\varphi_1|_U = \varphi_2|_U \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$ for some open $\emptyset \neq U \subseteq V$
Then $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$.

Proof: Consider $Z(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) \subseteq V$. By previous lemma,

$Z(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$ is closed in V .

$\Rightarrow Z(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$ contains $\bar{U} = V$.

Distinguished open sets: Let X be an affine variety.

Let $0 \neq f \in A(X)$, we call

$$D(f) = X \setminus Z(f) = \{p \in X : f(p) \neq 0\}.$$

Distinguished open subset of f in X .

Rem: $\{D(f) : f \in A(X)\}$ form a basis for Zariski topology:
(check def!)

$U \subseteq X$ open $\Leftrightarrow X \setminus U = Z(f_1, \dots, f_m)$ for some $f_1, \dots, f_m \in A(X)$

$$\Leftrightarrow X \setminus U = Z(f_1) \cap \dots \cap Z(f_m)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow U = D(f_1) \cup \dots \cup D(f_m).$$

Note that every open set $U \subseteq X$ are union of finitely many open sets. This will be quite useful!

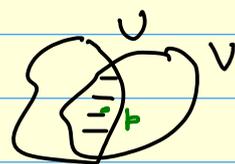
Definition: Let X be an affine variety and $p \in X$. We define the stalk of the sheaf of regular function \mathcal{O}_X at p as

$$\mathcal{O}_{X,p} := \left\{ (\varphi, U) : p \in U \subseteq X \text{ and } \varphi \in \mathcal{O}_X(U) \right\} / \sim$$

Here " \sim " is the equivalence relation

$$(\varphi, U) \sim (\psi, V)$$

$$\text{if } \varphi|_{U \cap V} = \psi|_{U \cap V}.$$



• Note that $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ is a ring:

$$- \text{ Adding } [(\varphi, U)] + [(\psi, V)] = [(\varphi|_{U \cap V} + \psi|_{U \cap V}, U \cap V)].$$

- multiplication is similar.

• $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ is a local ring (has a unique maximal ideal).

HW: Show that $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{A}^1, p} = \left\{ \frac{f}{g} \in k(x) : f, g \in k[x], g(p) \neq 0 \right\}$.

Lemma: Regular functions on $D(f)$ are global quotients:

$$\mathcal{O}_X(D(f)) = \left\{ \frac{g}{f^r}, g \in A(X) \right\}$$

In particular $\mathcal{O}_X(X) = A(X)$.

Proof: Next lecture!