In this chapter we put some lemmas that have become “obsolete” (see [Mil17]).

2. Homological algebra

Remark 2.1. The following remarks are obsolete as they are subsumed in Homology, Lemmas [21.11] and [22.6]. Let $\mathcal{A}$ be an abelian category. Let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{A}$ be a weak Serre subcategory (see Homology, Definition [9.1]). Suppose that $K^{\bullet,\bullet}$ is a double complex to which Homology, Lemma [22.6] applies such that for some $r \geq 0$ all the objects $'E^p,q$ belong to $\mathcal{C}$. Then all the cohomology groups $H^n(sK^\bullet)$ belong to $\mathcal{C}$. Namely, the assumptions imply that the kernels and images of $'d^p,q$ are in $\mathcal{C}$. Whereupon we see that each $'E^{p,q}_{r+1}$ is in $\mathcal{C}$. By induction we see that each $'E^{p,q}_\infty$ is in $\mathcal{C}$.
C. Hence each $H^n(sK^\bullet)$ has a finite filtration whose subquotients are in $C$. Using that $C$ is closed under extensions we conclude that $H^n(sK^\bullet)$ is in $C$ as claimed. The same result holds for the second spectral sequence associated to $K^\bullet$. Similarly, if $(K^\bullet, F)$ is a filtered complex to which Homology, Lemma 21.11 applies and for some $r \geq 0$ all the objects $E_{p,q}^r$ belong to $C$, then each $H^n(K^\bullet)$ is an object of $C$.

3. Obsolete algebra lemmas

Lemma 3.1. Let $M$ be an $R$-module of finite presentation. For any surjection $\alpha : R^n \to M$ the kernel of $\alpha$ is a finite $R$-module.

Proof. This is a special case of Algebra, Lemma [5.3]. □

Lemma 3.2. Let $\varphi : R \to S$ be a ring map. If

1. for any $x \in S$ there exists $n > 0$ such that $x^n$ is in the image of $\varphi$, and
2. for any $x \in \text{Ker}(\varphi)$ there exists $n > 0$ such that $x^n = 0$,

then $\varphi$ induces a homeomorphism on spectra. Given a prime number $p$ such that

(a) $S$ is generated as an $R$-algebra by elements $x$ such that there exists an $n > 0$ with $x^{p^n} \in \varphi(R)$ and $p^n x \in \varphi(R)$, and
(b) the kernel of $\varphi$ is generated by nilpotent elements,

then (1) and (2) hold, and for any ring map $R \to R'$ the ring map $R' \to R' \otimes_R S$ also satisfies (a), (b), (1), and (2) and in particular induces a homeomorphism on spectra.

Proof. This is a combination of Algebra, Lemmas [45.3 and 45.7]. □

The following technical lemma says that you can lift any sequence of relations from a fibre to the whole space of a ring map which is essentially of finite type, in a suitable sense.

Lemma 3.3. Let $R \to S$ be a ring map. Let $p \subset R$ be a prime. Let $q \subset S$ be a prime lying over $p$. Assume $S_q$ is essentially of finite type over $R_p$. Assume given

1. an integer $n \geq 0$,
2. a prime $a \subset \kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_n]$,
3. a surjective $\kappa(p)$-homomorphism

$$\psi : (\kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_n])_a \to S_q/pS_q,$$

and
4. elements $f_1, \ldots, f_e$ in $\text{Ker}(\psi)$.

Then there exist

1. an integer $m \geq 0$,
2. and element $g \in S$, $g \notin q$,
3. a map

$$\Psi : R[x_1, \ldots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \to S_g,$$

and
4. elements $f_1, \ldots, f_e, f_{e+1}, \ldots, f_{e+m}$ of $\text{Ker}(\Psi)$

such that
(1) the following diagram commutes
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
R[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}] & \xrightarrow{\psi} & (\kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_n])_a \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
S_q & \rightarrow & S_q/pS_q
\end{array}
\]

(2) the element \( f_i \), \( i \leq n \) maps to a unit times \( f_i \) in the local ring
\[
(\kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}])[a, x_{n+1}, \ldots, x_{n+m}],
\]

(3) the element \( f_{n+j} \) maps to a unit times \( x_{n+j} \) in the same local ring, and

(4) the induced map \( R[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \rightarrow S_q \) is surjective, where \( b = \Psi^{-1}(qS_q) \).

**Proof.** We claim that it suffices to prove the lemma in case \( R \) and \( S \) are local with maximal ideals \( p \) and \( q \). Namely, suppose we have constructed
\[
\Psi' : R_p[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \rightarrow S_q
\]
and \( f_1, \ldots, f_{n+m} \in R_p[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \) with all the required properties. Then there exists an element \( f \in R \) not \( p \) such that each \( ff'_k \) comes from an element \( f_k \in R[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \). Moreover, for a suitable \( g \in S \), \( g \notin q \) the elements \( \Psi'(x_i) \) are the image of elements \( y_i \in S_q \). Let \( \Psi \) be the \( R \)-algebra map defined by the rule
\[
\Psi(x_i) = y_i. \quad \text{Since } \Psi(f_i) \text{ is zero in the localization } S_q \text{ we may after possibly replacing } g \text{ assume that } \Psi(f_i) = 0. \text{ This proves the claim.}
\]

Thus we may assume \( R \) and \( S \) are local with maximal ideals \( p \) and \( q \). Pick \( y_1, \ldots, y_n \in S \) such that \( y_i \mod pS = \psi(x_i) \). Let \( y_{n+1}, \ldots, y_{n+m} \in S \) be elements which generate an \( R \)-subalgebra of which \( S \) is the localization. These exist by the assumption that \( S \) is essentially of finite type over \( R \). Since \( \psi \) is surjective we may write \( y_{n+j} \mod pS = \psi(h_j) \) for some \( h_j \in \kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_n]_a \). Write \( h_j = g_j/d \), \( g_j \in \kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \) for some common denominator \( d \in \kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_n], d \notin a \). Choose lifts \( G_j, D \in R[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \) of \( g_j \) and \( d \). Set \( y_{n+j}' = D(y_1, \ldots, y_n)y_{n+j} - G_j(y_1, \ldots, y_n) \). By construction \( y_{n+j}' \in pS \). It is clear that \( y_1, \ldots, y_n, y'_n, \ldots, y'_{n+m} \) generate an \( R \)-subalgebra of \( S \) whose localization is \( S \). We define
\[
\Psi : R[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \rightarrow S
\]
to be the map that sends \( x_i \) to \( y_i \) for \( i = 1, \ldots, n \) and \( x_{n+j} \) to \( y'_{n+j} \) for \( j = 1, \ldots, m \).

Properties (1) and (4) are clear by construction. Moreover the ideal \( b \) maps onto the ideal \( (a, x_{n+1}, \ldots, x_{n+m}) \) in the polynomial ring \( \kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \).

Denote \( J = \text{Ker}(\Psi) \). We have a short exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow J_0 \rightarrow R[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}]_b \rightarrow S_q \rightarrow 0.
\]
The surjectivity comes from our choice of \( y_1, \ldots, y_n, y'_n, \ldots, y'_{n+m} \) above. This implies that
\[
J_0/pJ_0 \rightarrow \kappa(p)[x_1, \ldots, x_{n+m}][a, x_{n+1}, \ldots, x_{n+m}] \rightarrow S_q/pS_q \rightarrow 0
\]
is exact. By construction \( x_i \) maps to \( \psi(x_i) \) and \( x_{n+j} \) maps to zero under the last map. Thus it is easy to choose \( f_i \) as in (2) and (3) of the lemma.

**Remark 3.4** (Projective resolutions). Let \( R \) be a ring. For any set \( S \) we let \( F(S) \) denote the free \( R \)-module on \( S \). Then any left \( R \)-module has the following two step resolution
\[
F(M \times M) \oplus F(R \times M) \rightarrow F(M) \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0.
\]
The first map is given by the rule
\[ [m_1, m_2] \otimes [r, m] \mapsto [m_1 + m_2] - [m_1] - [m_2] + [rm] - r[m]. \]

**Lemma 3.5.** Let \( S \) be a multiplicative set of \( A \). Then the map
\[
 f : \text{Spec}(S^{-1}A) \to \text{Spec}(A)
\]
induced by the canonical ring map \( A \to S^{-1}A \) is a homeomorphism onto its image and \( \text{Im}(f) = \{ p \in \text{Spec}(A) : p \cap S = \emptyset \} \).

**Proof.** This is a duplicate of Algebra, Lemma [16.5]

**Lemma 3.6.** Let \( A \to B \) be a finite type, flat ring map with \( A \) an integral domain. Then \( B \) is a finitely presented \( A \)-algebra.

**Proof.** Special case of More on Flatness, Proposition [13.10]

**Lemma 3.7.** Let \( R \) be a domain with fraction field \( K \). Let \( S = R[x_1, \ldots, x_n] \) be a polynomial ring over \( R \). Let \( M \) be a finite \( S \)-module. Assume that \( M \) is flat over \( R \) and \( M \otimes_R R' \) is finitely presented over \( S \otimes_R R' \), then \( M \) is finitely presented over \( S \).

**Proof.** This lemma is true because \( M \) is finitely presented even without the assumption that \( M \otimes_R R' \) is finitely presented for every \( R' \) as in the statement of the lemma. This follows from More on Flatness, Proposition [13.10] Originally this lemma had an erroneous proof (thanks to Ofer Gabber for finding the gap) and was used in an alternative proof of the proposition cited. To reinstate this lemma, we need a correct argument in case \( R \) is a local normal domain using only results from the chapters on commutative algebra; please email stacks.project@gmail.com if you have an argument.

**Lemma 3.8.** Let \( A \to B \) be a ring map. Let \( f \in B \). Assume that
(1) \( A \to B \) is flat,
(2) \( f \) is a nonzerodivisor, and
(3) \( A \to B/fB \) is flat.

Then for every ideal \( I \subset A \) the map \( f : B/IB \to B/IB \) is injective.

**Proof.** Note that \( IB = I \otimes_A B \) and \( I(B/fB) = I \otimes_A B/fB \) by the flatness of \( B \) and \( B/fB \) over \( A \). In particular \( IB/fB \cong I \otimes_A B/fB \) maps injectively into \( B/fB \). Hence the result follows from the snake lemma applied to the diagram
\[
\begin{array}{c}
0 \to I \otimes_A B \to B \to B/IB \to 0 \\
\downarrow f \quad \downarrow f \quad \downarrow f \\
0 \to I \otimes_A B \to B \to B/IB \to 0
\end{array}
\]
with exact rows.

**Lemma 3.9.** If \( R \to S \) is a faithfully flat ring map then for every \( R \)-module \( M \) the map \( M \to S \otimes_R M, x \mapsto 1 \otimes x \) is injective.

**Proof.** This lemma is a duplicate of Algebra, Lemma [81.11]

**Remark 3.10.** This reference/tag used to refer to a Section in the chapter Smoothening Ring Maps, but the material has since been subsumed in Algebra, Section [126].
Lemma 3.11. Let $(R, m)$ be a reduced Noetherian local ring of dimension 1 and let $x \in m$ be a nonzerodivisor. Let $q_1, \ldots, q_r$ be the minimal primes of $R$. Then

$$\text{length}_R(R/(x)) = \sum_i \text{ord}_{R/q_i}(x)$$

Proof. Special (very easy) case of Chow Homology, Lemma 3.2. □

Lemma 3.12. Let $A$ be a Noetherian local normal domain of dimension 2. For $f \in m$ nonzero denote $\text{div}(f) = \sum n_i(p_i)$ the divisor associated to $f$ on the punctured spectrum of $A$. We set $|f| = \sum n_i$. There exist integers $N$ and $M$ such that $|f + g| \leq M$ for all $g \in m^N$.

Proof. Pick $h \in m$ such that $f, h$ is a regular sequence in $A$ (this follows from Algebra, Lemmas [151,4] and [71,7]). We will prove the lemma with $M = \text{length}_A(A/(f, h))$ and with $N$ any integer such that $m^N \subset (f, h)$. Such an integer $N$ exists because $\sqrt{(f, h)} = m$. Note that $M = \text{length}_A(A/(f + g, h))$ for all $g \in m^N$ because $(f, h) = (f + g, h)$. This moreover implies that $f + g, h$ is a regular sequence in $A$ too, see Algebra, Lemma 103.2. Now suppose that $\text{div}(f + g) = \sum m_j(q_j)$. Then consider the map

$$c : A/(f + g) \rightarrow \prod A/q_j^{(m_j)}$$

where $q_j^{(m_j)}$ is the symbolic power, see Algebra, Section 63. Since $A$ is normal, we see that $A_{q_j}$ is a discrete valuation ring and hence

$$A_{q_j}/(f + g) = A_{q_j}/q_j^{m_j}A_{q_j} = (A/q_j^{(m_j)})_{q_j},$$

Since $V(f + g, h) = \{m\}$ this implies that $c$ becomes an isomorphism on inverting $h$ (small detail omitted). Since $h$ is a nonzerodivisor on $A/(f + g)$ we see that the length of $A/(f + g, h)$ equals the Herbrand quotient $e_A(A/(f + g), 0, h)$ as defined in Chow Homology, Section 2. Similarly the length of $A/(h, q_j^{(m_j)})$ equals $e_A(A/q_j^{(m_j)}, 0, h)$. Then we have

$$M = \text{length}_A(A/(f + g, h)) = e_A(A/(f + g), 0, h) = \sum_i e_A(A/q_j^{(m_j)}, 0, h) = \sum_i \sum_{m=0, \ldots, m_j-1} e_A(q_j^{(m)}/q_j^{(m+1)}, 0, h)$$

The equalities follow from Chow Homology, Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4 using in particular that the cokernel of $c$ has finite length as discussed above. It is straightforward to prove that $e_A(q_j^{(m)}/q_j^{(m+1)}, 0, h)$ is at least 1 by Nakayama’s lemma. This finishes the proof of the lemma. □

Lemma 3.13. Let $A \rightarrow B$ be a flat local homomorphism of Noetherian local rings. If $A$ and $B/m_AB$ are Gorenstein, then $B$ is Gorenstein.

Proof. Follows immediately from Dualizing Complexes, Lemma 21.8. □

Lemma 3.14. Let $(A, m)$ be a Noetherian local ring. Let $I \subset A$ be an ideal. Let $M$ be a finite $A$-module. Let $s$ be an integer. Assume

1. $A$ has a dualizing complex,
2. if $p \notin V(I)$ and $V(p) \cap V(I) \neq \{m\}$, then $\text{depth}_{A_p}(M_p) + \dim(A/p) > s$. 
Then there exists an \( n > 0 \) and an ideal \( J \subset A \) with \( V(J) \cap V(I) = \{m\} \) such that \( J^{n+i} \) annihilates \( H^i_m(M) \) for \( i \leq s \).

**Proof.** According to Local Cohomology, Lemma \[8.4\] we have to show this for the finite \( A \)-module \( E^i = \text{Ext}^i_A(M, \omega^*_A) \) for \( i \leq s \). The support \( Z \) of \( E^0 \oplus \ldots \oplus E^s \) is closed in \( \text{Spec}(A) \) and does not contain any prime as in (2). Hence it is contained in \( V(J^{n+i}) \) for some \( J \) as in the statement of the lemma. \( \square \)

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**Lemma 3.15.** Let \((A, \mathfrak{m})\) be a Noetherian local ring. Let \( I \subset A \) be an ideal. Let \( M \) be a finite \( A \)-module. Let \( s \) and \( d \) be integers. Assume

(a) \( A \) has a dualizing complex,
(b) \( cd(A, I) \leq d \),
(c) if \( \mathfrak{p} \not\in V(I) \) then \( \text{depth}_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}}(M_\mathfrak{p}) > s \) or \( \text{depth}_{A_{\mathfrak{p}}}(M_\mathfrak{p}) + \dim(A/\mathfrak{p}) > d + s \).

Then the assumptions of Algebraic and Formal Geometry, Lemma \[10.4\] hold for \( A, I, \mathfrak{m}, M \) and \( H^i_m(M) \to \lim H^i_m(M/I^nM) \) is an isomorphism for \( i \leq s \) and these modules are annihilated by a power of \( I \).

**Proof.** The assumptions of Algebraic and Formal Geometry, Lemma \[10.4\] by the more general Algebraic and Formal Geometry, Lemma \[10.5\]. Then the conclusion of Algebraic and Formal Geometry, Lemma \[10.4\] gives the second statement. \( \square \)

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**Lemma 3.16.** In Algebraic and Formal Geometry, Situation \[10.1\] we have \( H^i_\mathfrak{m}(M) = \lim H^i_\mathfrak{m}(M/I^nM) \).

**Proof.** This is immediate from Algebraic and Formal Geometry, Theorem \[10.8\]. The original version of this lemma, which had additional assumptions, was superseded by the this theorem. \( \square \)

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### 4. Lemmas related to ZMT

**Lemma 4.1.** Let \( R \) be a ring and let \( \varphi : R[x] \to S \) be a ring map. Let \( t \in S \). If \( t \) is integral over \( R[x] \), then there exists an \( \ell \geq 0 \) such that for every \( a \in R \) the element \( \varphi(a)^t \) is integral over \( \varphi_{n} : R[y] \to S \), defined by \( y \mapsto \varphi(ax) \) and \( r \mapsto \varphi(r) \) for \( r \in R \).

**Proof.** Say \( t^d + \sum_{i<d} \varphi(f_i)t^i = 0 \) with \( f_i \in R[x] \). Let \( \ell \) be the maximum degree in \( x \) of all the \( f_i \). Multiply the equation by \( \varphi(a)^\ell \) to get \( \varphi(a)^t t^d + \sum_{i<d} \varphi(a^{i} f_i)t^i = 0 \). Note that each \( \varphi(a^{i} f_i) \) is in the image of \( \varphi_{n} \). The result follows from Algebra, Lemma \[122.1\]. \( \square \)

**Lemma 4.2.** Let \( \varphi : R \to S \) be a ring map. Suppose \( t \in S \) satisfies the relation \( \varphi(a_0) + \varphi(a_1)t + \ldots + \varphi(a_n)t^n = 0 \). Set \( u_n = \varphi(a_n), u_{n-1} = u_nt + \varphi(a_{n-1}), \) and so on till \( u_1 = u_2t + \varphi(a_1) \). Then all of \( u_n, u_{n-1}, \ldots, u_1 \) and \( u_n, u_{n-1}, \ldots, u_1 \) are integral over \( R \), and the ideals \( (\varphi(a_0), \ldots, \varphi(a_{n})) \) and \( (u_n, \ldots, u_1) \) of \( S \) are equal.

**Proof.** We prove this by induction on \( n \). As \( u_n = \varphi(a_n) \) we conclude from Algebra, Lemma \[122.1\] that \( u_nt \) is integral over \( R \). Of course \( u_n = \varphi(a_n) \) is integral over \( R \). Then \( u_{n-1} = u_nt + \varphi(a_{n-1}) \) is integral over \( R \) (see Algebra, Lemma \[35.7\]) and we have

\[
\varphi(a_0) + \varphi(a_1)t + \ldots + \varphi(a_{n-1})t^{n-1} = u_{n-1}t^{n-1} = 0.
\]
Hence by the induction hypothesis applied to the map $S' \to S$ where $S'$ is the integral closure of $R$ in $S$ and the displayed equation we see that $u_{n-1}, \ldots, u_1$ and $u_{n-1} t, \ldots, u_1 t$ are all in $S'$ too. The statement on the ideals is immediate from the shape of the elements and the fact that $u_1 t + \varphi(a_0) = 0$. \hfill \qed

\textbf{Lemma 4.3.} Let $\varphi : R \to S$ be a ring map. Suppose $t \in S$ satisfies the relation $\varphi(a_0) + \varphi(a_1) t + \ldots + \varphi(a_n) t^n = 0$. Let $J \subset S$ be an ideal such that for at least one $i$ we have $\varphi(a_i) \notin J$. Then there exists a $u \in S$, $u \notin J$ such that both $u$ and $ut$ are integral over $R$.

\textbf{Proof.} This is immediate from Lemma 4.2 since one of the elements $u_i$ will not be in $J$. \hfill \qed

The following two lemmas are a way of describing closed subschemes of $\mathbf{P}^1_R$ cut out by one (nondegenerate) equation.

\textbf{Lemma 4.4.} Let $R$ be a ring. Let $F(X,Y) \in \mathbb{R}[X,Y]$ be homogeneous of degree $d$. Assume that for every prime $p$ of $R$ at least one coefficient of $F$ is not in $p$. Let $S = \mathbb{R}[X,Y]/(F)$ as a graded ring. Then for all $n \geq d$ the $R$-module $S_n$ is finite locally free of rank $d$.

\textbf{Proof.} The $R$-module $S_n$ has a presentation
\[ R[X,Y]_{n-d} \to R[X,Y]_n \to S_n \to 0. \]
Thus by Algebra, Lemma 78.3 it is enough to show that multiplication by $F$ induces an injective map $\kappa(p)[X,Y] \to \kappa(p)[X,Y]$ for all primes $p$. This is clear from the assumption that $F$ does not map to the zero polynomial mod $p$. The assertion on ranks is clear from this as well. \hfill \qed

\textbf{Lemma 4.5.} Let $k$ be a field. Let $F,G \in k[X,Y]$ be homogeneous of degrees $d,e$. Assume $F,G$ relatively prime. Then multiplication by $G$ is injective on $S = k[X,Y]/(F)$.

\textbf{Proof.} This is one way to define “relatively prime”. If you have another definition, then you can show it is equivalent to this one. \hfill \qed

\textbf{Lemma 4.6.} Let $R$ be a ring. Let $F(X,Y) \in \mathbb{R}[X,Y]$ be homogeneous of degree $d$. Let $S = \mathbb{R}[X,Y]/(F)$ as a graded ring. Let $p \subset R$ be a prime such that some coefficient of $F$ is not in $p$. There exists an $f \in R$ $f \notin p$, an integer $e$, and a $G \in R[X,Y]_e$ such that multiplication by $G$ induces isomorphisms $(S_n)_f \to (S_{n+e})_f$ for all $n \geq d$.

\textbf{Proof.} During the course of the proof we may replace $R$ by $R_f$ for $f \in R$, $f \notin p$ (finitely often). As a first step we do such a replacement such that some coefficient of $F$ is invertible in $R$. In particular the modules $S_n$ are now locally free of rank $d$ for $n \geq d$ by Lemma 4.4. Pick any $G \in R[X,Y]_e$ such that the image of $G$ in $\kappa(p)[X,Y]$ is relatively prime to the image of $F(X,Y)$ (this is possible for some $e$). Apply Algebra, Lemma 78.3 to the map induced by multiplication by $G$ from $S_d \to S_{d+e}$. By our choice of $G$ and Lemma 4.5 we see $S_d \otimes \kappa(p) \to S_{d+e} \otimes \kappa(p)$ is bijective. Thus, after replacing $R$ by $R_f$ for a suitable $f$ we may assume that $G : S_d \to S_{d+e}$ is bijective. This in turn implies that the image of $G$ in $\kappa(p')[X,Y]$ is relatively prime to the image of $F$ for all primes $p'$ of $R$. And then by Algebra, Lemma 78.3 again we see that all the maps $G : S_d \to S_{d+e}$, $n \geq d$ are isomorphisms. \hfill \qed
Remark 4.7. Let $R$ be a ring. Suppose that we have $F \in R[X,Y]_d$ and $G \in R[X,Y]_e$ such that, setting $S = R[X,Y]/(F)$ we have (1) $S_n$ is finite locally free of rank $d$ for all $n \geq d$, and (2) multiplication by $G$ defines isomorphisms $S_n \to S_{n+e}$ for all $n \geq d$. In this case we may define a finite, locally free $R$-algebra $A$ as follows:

1. as an $R$-module $A = S_{ed}$, and
2. multiplication $A \times A \to A$ is given by the rule that $H_1H_2 = H_3$ if and only if $G^d H_3 = H_1 H_2$ in $S_{2ed}$.

This makes sense because multiplication by $G^d$ induces a bijective map $S_{de} \to S_{2de}$. It is easy to see that this defines a ring structure. Note the confusing fact that the element $G^d$ defines the unit element of the ring $A$.

Lemma 5.1. Let $R$ be a ring. Suppose we have $S$, $S'$ and the solid arrows forming the following commutative diagram of rings:

Assume that $R_f \to S'$ is finite. Then we can find a finite ring map $R \to S''$ and dotted arrows as in the diagram such that $S' = (S'')_f$.

Proof. Namely, suppose that $S'$ is generated by $x_i$ over $R_f$, $i = 1, \ldots, w$. Let $P_i(t) \in R_f[t]$ be a monic polynomial such that $P_i(x_i) = 0$. Say $P_i$ has degree $d_i > 0$. Write $P_i(t) = t^{d_i} + \sum_{j < d_i} (a_{ij}/f^n)t^j$ for some uniform $n$. Also write the image of $x_i$ in $S_f$ as $g_i/f^n$ for suitable $g_i \in S$. Then we know that the element $\xi_i = f^{nd_i}g_i^{d_i} + \sum_{j < d_i} f^{nd_i-j}a_{ij}g_i^j$ of $S$ is killed by a power of $f$. Hence upon increasing $n$ to $n'$, which replaces $g_i$ by $f^{n'-n}g_i$ we may assume $\xi_i = 0$. Then $S'$ is generated by the elements $f^{n}x_i$, each of which is a zero of the monic polynomial $Q_i(t) = t^{d_i} + \sum_{j < d_i} f^{nd_i-j}a_{ij}t^j$ with coefficients in $R$. Also, by construction $Q_i(f^n g_i) = 0$ in $S$. Thus we get a finite $R$-algebra $S'' = R[z_1, \ldots, z_w]/(Q_1(z_1), \ldots, Q_w(z_w))$ which fits into a commutative diagram as above. The map $\alpha : S'' \to S$ maps $z_i$ to $f^n g_i$ and the map $\beta : S'' \to S'$ maps $z_i$ to $f^n x_i$. It may not yet be the case that $\beta$ induces an isomorphism $(S'')_f \cong S'$. For the moment we only know that this map is surjective. The problem is that there could be elements $h/f^n \in (S'')_f$ which map to zero in $S'$ but are not zero. In this case $\beta(h)$ is an element of $S$ such that $f^N \beta(h) = 0$ for some $N$. Thus $f^N h$ is an element of the ideal $J = \{ h \in S'' \mid \alpha(h) = 0 \text{ and } \beta(h) = 0 \}$ of $S''$. OK, and it is easy to see that $S''/J$ does the job.

5. Formally smooth ring maps

Lemma 5.1. Let $R$ be a ring. Let $S$ be a $R$-algebra. If $S$ is of finite presentation and formally smooth over $R$ then $S$ is smooth over $R$.

Proof. See Algebra, Proposition 136.13.
6. Sites and sheaves

**Remark 6.1** (No map from lower shriek to pushforward). Let $U$ be an object of $\mathcal{C}$. For any abelian sheaf $G$ on $\mathcal{C}/U$ one may wonder whether there is a canonical map

$$c : j_U! G \to j_U^* G$$

To construct such a thing is the same as constructing a map $j_U^{-1} j_U^* G \to G$. Note that restriction commutes with sheafification. Thus we can use the presheaf of Modules on Sites, Lemma 19.2. Hence it suffices to define for $V/U$ a map

$$\bigoplus_{\varphi \in \text{Mor}_\mathcal{C}(V,U)} G_{(V \xrightarrow{\varphi} U)} \to G(V/U)$$

compatible with restrictions. It looks like we can take the which is zero on all summands except for the one where $\varphi$ is the structure morphism $\varphi_0 : V \to U$ where we take 1. However, this isn’t compatible with restriction mappings: namely, if $\alpha : V' \to V$ is a morphism of $\mathcal{C}$, then denote $V'/U$ the object of $\mathcal{C}/U$ with structure morphism $\varphi'_0 = \varphi_0 \circ \alpha$. We need to check that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\bigoplus_{\varphi \in \text{Mor}_\mathcal{C}(V,U)} G_{(V \xrightarrow{\varphi} U)} & \to & G(V/U) \\
& & \\
\bigoplus_{\varphi' \in \text{Mor}_\mathcal{C}(V',U)} G_{(V' \xrightarrow{\varphi'} U)} & \to & G(V'/U)
\end{array}$$

commutes. The problem here is that there may be a morphism $\varphi : V \to U$ different from $\varphi_0$ such that $\varphi \circ \alpha = \varphi'_0$. Thus the left vertical arrow will send the summand corresponding to $\varphi$ into the summand on which the lower horizontal arrow is equal to 1 and almost surely the diagram doesn’t commute.

7. Cohomology

**Lemma 7.1.** Let $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$ be a ringed site. Let $(K_n)$ be an inverse system of objects of $D(\mathcal{O})$. Let $B \subset \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ be a subset. Let $d \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume

1. $K_n$ is an object of $D^+(\mathcal{O})$ for all $n$,
2. for $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ there exists $n(q)$ such that $H^q(K_{n+1}) \to H^q(K_n)$ is an isomorphism for $n \geq n(q)$,
3. every object of $\mathcal{C}$ has a covering whose members are elements of $B$,
4. for every $U \in \mathcal{B}$ we have $H^p(U,H^q(K_n)) = 0$ for $p > d$ and all $q$.

Then we have $H^m(R\lim K_n) = \lim H^m(K_n)$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

**Proof.** Set $K = R\lim K_n$. Let $U \in \mathcal{B}$. For each $n$ there is a spectral sequence

$$H^p(U,H^q(K_n)) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(U,K_n)$$

which converges as $K_n$ is bounded below, see Derived Categories, Lemma 21.3. If we fix $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then we see from our assumption (4) that only $H^p(U,H^q(K_n))$ contribute to $H^m(U,K_n)$ for $0 \leq p \leq d$ and $m-d \leq q \leq m$. By assumption (2) this implies that $H^m(U,K_{n+1}) \to H^m(U,K_n)$ is an isomorphism as soon as
\[n \geq \max n(m), \ldots, n(m - d).\] The functor \(R\Gamma(U, -)\) commutes with derived limits by Injectives, Lemma \([13.6]\). Thus we have
\[H^m(U, K) = H^m(R\lim R\Gamma(U, K_n)).\]

On the other hand we have just seen that the complexes \(R\Gamma(U, K_n)\) have eventually constant cohomology groups. Thus by More on Algebra, Remark \([77.9]\) we find that \(H^m(U, K)\) is the sheafification of the presheaf \(U \mapsto H^m(U, K)\) and \(H^m(K_n)\) is the sheafification of the presheaf \(U \mapsto H^m(U, K_n)\). On the elements of \(\mathcal{B}\) these presheaves have the same values. Therefore assumption (3) guarantees that the sheafifications are the same too. The lemma follows. \(\square\)

**Lemma 7.2.** In Simplicial Spaces, Situation \([3.3]\) let \(a_N\) be an augmentation towards a site \(\mathcal{D}\) as in Simplicial Spaces, Remark \([4.1]\). Suppose given strictly full weak Serre subcategories \(\mathcal{A} \subset \text{Ab}(\mathcal{D}), \mathcal{A}_n \subset \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}_n)\).

Then

1. the collection of abelian sheaves \(\mathcal{F}\) on \(\mathcal{C}_{\text{total}}\) whose restriction to \(\mathcal{C}_n\) is in \(\mathcal{A}_n\) for all \(n\) is a strictly full weak Serre subcategory \(\mathcal{A}_{\text{total}} \subset \text{Ab}(\mathcal{C}_{\text{total}})\).

If \(a^{-1}_n\) sends \(\mathcal{A}\) into \(\mathcal{A}_n\) for all \(n\), then

2. \(a^{-1}\) sends \(\mathcal{A}\) into \(\mathcal{A}_{\text{total}}\) and

3. \(a^{-1}\) sends \(D_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{D})\) into \(D_{\mathcal{A}_{\text{total}}}(\mathcal{C}_{\text{total}})\).

If \(R^{q}a_{n,*}\) sends \(\mathcal{A}_n\) into \(\mathcal{A}\) for all \(n, q\), then

4. \(R^{q}a_{*}\) sends \(\mathcal{A}_{\text{total}}\) into \(\mathcal{A}\) for all \(q\), and

5. \(R_{n,*}\) sends \(D^+_{\mathcal{A}_{\text{total}}}(\mathcal{C}_{\text{total}})\) into \(D^+_\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{D})\).

**Proof.** The only interesting assertions are (4) and (5). Part (4) follows from the spectral sequence in Simplicial Spaces, Lemma \([9.3]\) and Homology, Lemma \([21.11]\). Then part (5) follows by considering the spectral sequence associated to the canonical filtration on an object \(K\) of \(D^+_{\mathcal{A}_{\text{total}}}(\mathcal{C}_{\text{total}})\) given by truncations. We omit the details. \(\square\)

**Remark 7.3.** This tag used to refer to the special case of Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \([28.3]\) pertaining to the situation described in Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \([29.9]\).

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**Remark 7.5.** This tag used to refer to the special case of Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \([28.7]\) pertaining to the situation described in Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \([29.9]\).

**Remark 7.6.** This tag used to refer to the special case of Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \([28.3]\) pertaining to the situation described in Étale Cohomology, Lemma \([91.3]\).

**Remark 7.7.** This tag used to refer to the special case of Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \([28.4]\) pertaining to the situation described in Étale Cohomology, Lemma \([91.5]\).
8. Simplicial methods

**Lemma 8.1.** Assumptions and notation as in Simplicial, Lemma 32.1. There exists a section $g : U \to V$ to the morphism $f$ and the composition $g \circ f$ is homotopy equivalent to the identity on $V$. In particular, the morphism $f$ is a homotopy equivalence.

**Proof.** Immediate from Simplicial, Lemmas 32.1 and 30.8 □

**Lemma 8.2.** Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a category with finite coproducts and finite limits. Let $X$ be an object of $\mathcal{C}$. Let $k \geq 0$. The canonical map

$$\text{Hom}(\Delta[k], X) \to \cosk_1 \text{sk}_1 \text{Hom}(\Delta[k], X)$$

is an isomorphism.
Proof. For any simplicial object $V$ we have

$$\text{Mor}(V, \cosk_1 \sk_1 \text{Hom}(\Delta[k], X)) = \text{Mor}(\sk_1 V, \sk_1 \text{Hom}(\Delta[k], X)) = \text{Mor}(i_1! \sk_1 V \times \Delta[k], X)$$

The first equality by the adjointness of $\sk$ and $\cosk$, the second equality by the adjointness of $i_1!$ and $\sk_1$, and the first equality by Simplicial, Definition 17.1 where the last $X$ denotes the constant simplicial object with value $X$. By Simplicial, Lemma 20.2 an element in this set depends only on the terms of degree 0 and 1 of $i_1! \sk_1 V \times \Delta[k]$. These agree with the degree 0 and 1 terms of $V \times \Delta[k]$, see Simplicial, Lemma 21.3. Thus the set above is equal to $\text{Mor}(V \times \Delta[k], X) = \text{Mor}(V, \text{Hom}(\Delta[k], X))$. □

Lemma 8.3. Let $C$ be a category. Let $X$ be an object of $C$ such that the self products $X \times \ldots \times X$ exist. Let $k \geq 0$ and let $C[k]$ be as in Simplicial, Example 5.6. With notation as in Simplicial, Lemma 15.2 the canonical map

$$\text{Hom}(C[k], X)_1 \rightarrow (\cosk_0 \sk_0 \text{Hom}(C[k], X))_1$$

is identified with the map

$$\prod_{\alpha : [k] \rightarrow [1]} X \rightarrow X \times X$$

which is the projection onto the factors where $\alpha$ is a constant map.

Proof. This is shown in the proof of Hypercoverings, Lemma 7.3 □

9. Obsolete lemmas on schemes

07VA Lemmas that seem superfluous.

03H1 Lemma 9.1. Let $(R, m, \kappa)$ be a local ring. Let $X \subset \mathbf{P}^n_R$ be a closed subscheme. Assume that $R = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$. Then the special fibre $X_\kappa$ is geometrically connected.

Proof. This is a special case of More on Morphisms, Theorem 46.5 □

01YJ Lemma 9.2. Let $X$ be a Noetherian scheme. Let $Z_0 \subset X$ be an irreducible closed subset with generic point $\xi$. Let $P$ be a property of coherent sheaves on $X$ such that

1. For any short exact sequence of coherent sheaves if two out of three of them have property $P$ then so does the third.
2. If $P$ holds for a direct sum of coherent sheaves then it holds for both.
3. For every integral closed subscheme $Z \subset Z_0 \subset X$, $Z \neq Z_0$ and every quasi-coherent sheaf of ideals $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{O}_Z$ we have $P$ for $(Z \rightarrow X), \mathcal{I}$.
4. There exists some coherent sheaf $G$ on $X$ such that
   a. $\text{Supp}(G) = Z_0$,
   b. $G_\xi$ is annihilated by $m_\xi$, and
   c. property $P$ holds for $G$.

Then property $P$ holds for every coherent sheaf $F$ on $X$ whose support is contained in $Z_0$.

Proof. The proof is a variant on the proof of Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma 12.5. In exactly the same manner as in that proof we see that any coherent sheaf whose support is strictly contained in $Z_0$ has property $P$. □
Consider a coherent sheaf \( G \) as in (3). By Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma \[12.2\] there exists a sheaf of ideals \( I \) on \( Z_0 \) and a short exact sequence

\[
0 \to ((Z_0 \to X), I)^{\oplus r} \to G \to Q \to 0
\]

where the support of \( Q \) is strictly contained in \( Z_0 \). In particular \( r > 0 \) and \( I \) is nonzero because the support of \( G \) is equal to \( Z \). Since \( Q \) has property \( P \) we conclude that also \(( (Z_0 \to X), I)^{\oplus r} \) has property \( P \). By (2) we deduce property \( P \) for \(( (Z_0 \to X), I) \). Sloting this into the proof of Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma \[12.5\] at the appropriate point gives the lemma. Some details omitted. \( \square \)

Lemma 9.3. Let \( X \) be a Noetherian scheme. Let \( P \) be a property of coherent sheaves on \( X \) such that

1. For any short exact sequence of coherent sheaves if two out of three of them have property \( P \) then so does the third.
2. If \( P \) holds for a direct sum of coherent sheaves then it holds for both.
3. For every integral closed subscheme \( Z \subset X \) with generic point \( \xi \) there exists some coherent sheaf \( G \) such that
   a. \( \text{Supp}(G) = Z \),
   b. \( G_\xi \) is annihilated by \( m_\xi \), and
   c. property \( P \) holds for \( G \).

Then property \( P \) holds for every coherent sheaf on \( X \).

Proof. This follows from Lemma \[9.2\] in exactly the same way that Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma \[12.6\] follows from Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma \[12.5\]. \( \square \)

Lemma 9.4. Let \( X \) be a scheme. Let \( L \) be an invertible \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module. Let \( s \in \Gamma(X, L) \) be a section. Let \( F' \subset F \) be quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules. Assume that

1. \( X \) is quasi-compact,
2. \( F \) is of finite type, and
3. \( F'|_{X_s} = F|_{X_s} \).

Then there exists an \( n \geq 0 \) such that multiplication by \( s^n \) on \( F \) factors through \( F' \).

Proof. In other words we claim that \( s^n F \subset F' \otimes \mathcal{O}_X L^{\otimes n} \) for some \( n \geq 0 \). In other words, we claim that the quotient map \( F \to F/F' \) becomes zero after multiplying by a power of \( s \). This follows from Properties, Lemma \[17.3\]. \( \square \)

10. Functor of quotients

Lemma 10.1. Let \( S = \text{Spec}(R) \) be an affine scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( q_i : F \to Q_i, i = 1, 2 \) be surjective maps of quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules. Assume \( Q_1 \) flat over \( S \). Let \( T \to S \) be a quasi-compact morphism of schemes such that there exists a factorization

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
F_T & \xrightarrow{q_1.T} & Q_1.T \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
Q_2.T & \xleftarrow{q_2.T} & Q_2.T
\end{array}
\]

Then exists a closed subscheme \( Z \subset S \) such that (a) \( T \to S \) factors through \( Z \) and (b) \( q_1.Z \) factors through \( q_2.Z \). If \( \text{Ker}(q_2) \) is a finite type \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module and \( X \) quasi-compact, then we can take \( Z \to S \) of finite presentation.
Proof. Apply Flatness on Spaces, Lemma 8.2 to the map $\text{Ker}(q_2) \to \mathcal{Q}_1$. □

11. Spaces and fpqc coverings

0ARG The material here was made obsolete by Gabber’s argument showing that algebraic spaces satisfy the sheaf condition with respect to fpqc coverings. Please visit Properties of Spaces, Section 17.

03W9 Lemma 11.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $\{f_i : T_i \to T\}_{i \in I}$ be a fpqc covering of schemes over $S$. Then the map

$$\text{Mor}_S(T, X) \to \prod_{i \in I} \text{Mor}_S(T_i, X)$$

is injective.

Proof. Immediate consequence of Properties of Spaces, Proposition 17.1. □

03WA Lemma 11.2. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $X = \text{\bigcup}_{j \in J} X_j$ be a Zariski covering, see Spaces, Definition 12.5. If each $X_j$ satisfies the sheaf property for the fpqc topology then $X$ satisfies the sheaf property for the fpqc topology.

Proof. This is true because all algebraic spaces satisfy the sheaf property for the fpqc topology, see Properties of Spaces, Proposition 17.1. □

03WB Lemma 11.3. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. If $X$ is Zariski locally quasi-separated over $S$, then $X$ satisfies the sheaf condition for the fpqc topology.

Proof. Immediate consequence of the general Properties of Spaces, Proposition 17.1. □

03WC Remark 11.4. This remark used to discuss to what extend the original proof of Lemma 11.3 (of December 18, 2009) generalizes.

12. Very reasonable algebraic spaces

07T6 Material that is somewhat obsolete.

03IN Lemma 12.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a reasonable algebraic space over $S$. Then $|X|$ is Kolmogorov (see Topology, Definition 8.4).

Proof. Follows from the definitions and Decent Spaces, Lemma 12.3. □

In the rest of this section we make some remarks about very reasonable algebraic spaces. If there exists a scheme $U$ and a surjective, étale, quasi-compact morphism $U \to X$, then $X$ is very reasonable, see Decent Spaces, Lemma 4.7.

03I9 Lemma 12.2. A scheme is very reasonable.

Proof. This is true because the identity map is a quasi-compact, surjective étale morphism. □

03IA Lemma 12.3. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. If there exists a Zariski open covering $X = \bigcup X_i$ such that each $X_i$ is very reasonable, then $X$ is very reasonable.

Proof. This is case $(\epsilon)$ of Decent Spaces, Lemma 5.2. □
Lemma 12.4. An algebraic space which is Zariski locally quasi-separated is very reasonable. In particular any quasi-separated algebraic space is very reasonable.

Proof. This is one of the implications of Decent Spaces, Lemma 5.1.

Lemma 12.5. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X, Y \) be algebraic spaces over \( S \). Let \( Y \to X \) be a representable morphism. If \( X \) is very reasonable, so is \( Y \).

Proof. This is case (\( \epsilon \)) of Decent Spaces, Lemma 5.3.

Remark 12.6. Very reasonable algebraic spaces form a strictly larger collection than Zariski locally quasi-separated algebraic spaces. Consider an algebraic space of the form \( X = \left[ U/G \right] \) (see Spaces, Definition 14.4) where \( G \) is a finite group acting without fixed points on a non-quasi-separated scheme \( U \). Namely, in this case \( U \times_X U = U \times G \) and clearly both projections to \( U \) are quasi-compact, hence \( X \) is very reasonable. On the other hand, the diagonal \( U \times_X U \to U \times U \) is not quasi-compact, hence this algebraic space is not quasi-separated. Now, take \( U \) the infinite affine space over a field \( k \) of characteristic \( \neq 2 \) with zero doubled, see Schemes, Example 21.4. Let \( 0_1, 0_2 \) be the two zeros of \( U \). Let \( G = \{ +1, -1 \} \), and let \(-1\) act by \(-1\) on all coordinates, and by switching \( 0_1 \) and \( 0_2 \). Then \( \left[ U/G \right] \) is very reasonable but not Zariski locally quasi-separated (details omitted).

Warning: The following lemma should be used with caution, as the schemes \( U_i \) in it are not necessarily separated or even quasi-separated.

Lemma 12.7. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a very reasonable algebraic space over \( S \). There exists a set of schemes \( U_i \) and morphisms \( U_i \to X \) such that

1. each \( U_i \) is a quasi-compact scheme,
2. each \( U_i \to X \) is étale,
3. both projections \( U_i \times_X U_i \to U_i \) are quasi-compact, and
4. the morphism \( \coprod U_i \to X \) is surjective (and étale).

Proof. Decent Spaces, Definition 6.1 says that there exist \( U_i \to X \) such that (2), (3) and (4) hold. Fix \( i \), and set \( R_i = U_i \times_X U_i \), and denote \( s, t : R_i \to U_i \) the projections. For any affine open \( W \subset U_i \) the open \( W' = t(s^{-1}(W)) \subset U_i \) is a quasi-compact \( R_i \)-invariant open (see Groupoids, Lemma 19.2). Hence \( W' \) is a quasi-compact scheme, \( W' \to X \) is étale, and \( W' \times_X W' = s^{-1}(W') = t^{-1}(W') \) so both projections \( W' \times_X W' \to W' \) are quasi-compact. This means the family of \( W' \to X \), where \( W \subset U_i \) runs through the members of affine open coverings of the \( U_i \) gives what we want.

13. Obsolete lemma on algebraic spaces

Lemmas that seem superfluous.

In Cohomology of Spaces, Situation 16.1 the morphism \( p : X \to \text{Spec}(A) \) is surjective.

Proof. This lemma was originally used in the proof of Cohomology of Spaces, Proposition 16.7 but now is a consequence of it.

In Cohomology of Spaces, Situation 16.1 the morphism \( p : X \to \text{Spec}(A) \) is universally closed.

Proof. This lemma was originally used in the proof of Cohomology of Spaces, Proposition 16.7 but now is a consequence of it.
14. Variants of cotangent complexes for schemes

08T5 This section gives an alternative construction of the cotangent complex of a morphism of schemes. This section is currently in the obsolete chapter as we can get by with the easier version discussed in Cotangent, Section 24 for applications.

Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of schemes. Let $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ be the category whose objects are commutative diagrams

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
X & \xrightarrow{i} & A \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
Y & \xleftarrow{g} & V
\end{array}
$$

of schemes where

1. $U$ is an open subscheme of $X$,
2. $V$ is an open subscheme of $Y$, and
3. there exists an isomorphism $A = V \times \text{Spec}(P)$ over $V$ where $P$ is a polynomial algebra over $\mathbb{Z}$ (on some set of variables).

In other words, $A$ is an (infinite dimensional) affine space over $V$. Morphisms are given by commutative diagrams.

Notation. An object of $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$, i.e., a diagram (14.0.1), is often denoted $U \to A$ where it is understood that (a) $U$ is an open subscheme of $X$, (b) $U \to A$ is a morphism over $Y$, (c) the image of the structure morphism $A \to Y$ is an open $V \subset Y$, and (d) $A \to V$ is an affine space. We'll write $U \to A/V$ to indicate $V \subset Y$ is the image of $A \to Y$. Recall that $X_{\text{Zar}}$ denotes the small Zariski site $X$. There are forgetful functors

$$
\mathcal{C}_{X/Y} \to X_{\text{Zar}}, (U \to A) \mapsto U \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{C}_{X/Y} \to Y_{\text{Zar}}, (U \to A/V) \mapsto V.
$$

Lemma 14.1. Let $X \to Y$ be a morphism of schemes.

1. The category $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ is fibred over $X_{\text{Zar}}$.
2. The category $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ is fibred over $Y_{\text{Zar}}$.
3. The category $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ is fibred over the category of pairs $(U, V)$ where $U \subset X$, $V \subset Y$ are open and $f(U) \subset V$.

Proof. Ad (1). Given an object $U \to A$ of $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ and a morphism $U' \to U$ of $X_{\text{Zar}}$ consider the object $i' : U' \to A$ of $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ where $i'$ is the composition of $i$ and $U' \to U$. The morphism $(U' \to A) \to (U \to A)$ of $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ is strongly cartesian over $X_{\text{Zar}}$.

Ad (2). Given an object $U \to A/V$ and $V' \to V$ we can set $U' = U \cap f^{-1}(V')$ and $A' = V' \times_Y A$ to obtain a strongly cartesian morphism $(U' \to A') \to (U \to A)$ over $V' \to V$.

Ad (3). Denote $(X/Y)_{\text{Zar}}$ the category in (3). Given $U \to A/V$ and a morphism $(U', V') \to (U, V)$ in $(X/Y)_{\text{Zar}}$ we can consider $A' = V' \times_Y A$. Then the morphism $(U' \to A'/V') \to (U \to A/V)$ is strongly cartesian in $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ over $(X/Y)_{\text{Zar}}$. □

We obtain a topology $\tau_X$ on $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ by using the topology inherited from $X_{\text{Zar}}$ (see Stacks, Section 10). If not otherwise stated this is the topology on $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ we will consider. To be precise, a family of morphisms $\{(U_i \to A_i) \to (U \to A)\}$ is a covering of $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ if and only if
(1) $U = \bigcup U_i$, and
(2) $A_i = A$ for all $i$.

We obtain the same collection of sheaves if we allow $A_i \cong A$ in (2). The functor $u$ defines a morphism of topoi $\pi : \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}) \to \text{Sh}(\mathcal{X}_{zar})$.

The site $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ comes with several sheaves of rings.

(1) The sheaf $\mathcal{O}$ given by the rule $(U \to A) \mapsto \mathcal{O}(A)$.
(2) The sheaf $\mathcal{O}_X = \pi^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X$ given by the rule $(U \to A) \mapsto \mathcal{O}(U)$.
(3) The sheaf $\mathcal{O}_Y$ given by the rule $(U \to A/V) \mapsto \mathcal{O}(V)$.

We obtain morphisms of ringed topoi

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
(\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}), \mathcal{O}_X) & \xrightarrow{i} & (\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}), \mathcal{O}) \\
\pi & & \\
(\text{Sh}(\mathcal{X}_{zar}), \mathcal{O}_X) & & 
\end{array}
$$

The morphism $i$ is the identity on underlying topoi and $i^* : \mathcal{O} \to \mathcal{O}_X$ is the obvious map. The map $\pi$ is a special case of Cohomology on Sites, Situation 35.1. An important role will be played in the following by the derived functors $L_i^* : D(\mathcal{O}) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ left adjoint to $R_i^* : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\mathcal{O})$ and $L\pi^! : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ left adjoint to $\pi^* = \pi^{-1} : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

**Remark 14.2.** We obtain a second topology $\tau_Y$ on $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ by taking the topology inherited from $\mathcal{X}_{zar}$. There is a third topology $\tau_{X\to Y}$ where a family of morphisms $\{(U_i \to A_i) \to (U \to A)\}$ is a covering if and only if $U = \bigcup U_i$, $V = \bigcup V_i$ and $A_i \cong V_i \times_Y A$. This is the topology inherited from the topology on the site $(X/Y)_{zar}$ whose underlying category is the category of pairs $(U, V)$ as in Lemma 14.1 part (3). The coverings of $(X/Y)_{zar}$ are families $\{(U_i, V_i) \to (U, V)\}$ such that $U = \bigcup U_i$ and $V = \bigcup V_i$. There are morphisms of topoi

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}) = \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}, \tau_X) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}, \tau_X \to Y) \\
\xrightarrow{f} & & \\
\text{Sh}(\mathcal{X}_{zar}) = \text{Sh}(\mathcal{X}_{zar}, \tau_Y) & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}, \tau_Y)
\end{array}
$$

(recall that $\tau_X$ is our “default” topology). The pullback functors for these arrows are sheafification and pushforward is the identity on underlying presheaves. The diagram of topoi

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Sh}(\mathcal{X}_{zar}) & \xleftarrow{\pi} & \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}) \\
\xleftarrow{f} & & \\
\text{Sh}(\mathcal{X}_{zar}) & \xleftarrow{\pi} & \text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}, \tau_Y)
\end{array}
$$

is not commutative. Namely, the pullback of a nonzero abelian sheaf on $Y$ is a nonzero abelian sheaf on $(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}, \tau_X \to Y)$, but we can certainly find examples where such a sheaf pulls back to zero on $X$. Note that any presheaf $\mathcal{F}$ on $\mathcal{X}_{zar}$ gives a sheaf $\mathcal{F}$ on $\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}$ by the rule which assigns to $(U \to A/V)$ the set $\mathcal{F}(V)$. Even if $\mathcal{F}$ happens to be a sheaf it isn’t true in general that $\mathcal{F} = \pi^{-1}f^{-1}\mathcal{F}$. This is related to the noncommutativity of the diagram above, as we can describe $\mathcal{F}$ as the pushforward of the pullback of $\mathcal{F}$ to $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{C}_{X/Y}, \tau_X \to Y)$ via the lower horizontal and right vertical arrows. An example is the sheaf $\mathcal{O}_Y$. But what is true is that there is a map $\mathcal{F} \to \pi^{-1}f^{-1}\mathcal{F}$ which is transformed (as we shall see later) into an isomorphism after applying $\pi_!$.  

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15. Deformations and obstructions of flat modules

In this section we sketch a construction of a deformation theory for the stack of coherent sheaves for any algebraic space $X$ over a ring $\Lambda$. This material is obsolete due to the improved discussion in Quot, Section 6.

Our setup will be the following. We assume given

1. a ring $\Lambda$,
2. an algebraic space $X$ over $\Lambda$,
3. a $\Lambda$-algebra $A$, set $X_A = X \times_{\text{Spec}(\Lambda)} \text{Spec}(A)$, and
4. a finitely presented $\mathcal{O}_{X_A}$-module $\mathcal{F}$ flat over $A$.

In this situation we will consider all possible surjections

$$0 \to I \to A' \to A \to 0$$

where $A'$ is a $\Lambda$-algebra whose kernel $I$ is an ideal of square zero in $A'$. Given $A'$ we obtain a first order thickening $X_A \to X_{A'}$ of algebraic spaces over $\text{Spec}(\Lambda)$. For each of these we consider the problem of lifting $\mathcal{F}$ to a finitely presented module $\mathcal{F}'$ on $X_{A'}$ flat over $A'$. We would like to replicate the results of Deformation Theory, Lemma 12.1 in this setting.

To be more precise let $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A')$ denote the category of pairs $(\mathcal{F}', \alpha)$ where $\mathcal{F}'$ is a finitely presented module on $X_{A'}$ flat over $A'$ and $\alpha : \mathcal{F}'|_{X_A} \to \mathcal{F}$ is an isomorphism. Morphisms $(\mathcal{F}'_1, \alpha_1) \to (\mathcal{F}'_2, \alpha_2)$ are isomorphisms $\mathcal{F}'_1 \to \mathcal{F}'_2$ which are compatible with $\alpha_1$ and $\alpha_2$. The set of isomorphism classes of $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A')$ is denoted $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A')$.

Let $\mathcal{G}$ be a sheaf of $\mathcal{O}_X \otimes A$-modules on $X_{\text{étale}}$ flat over $A$. We introduce the category $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{G}, A')$ of pairs $(\mathcal{G}', \beta)$ where $\mathcal{G}'$ is a sheaf of $\mathcal{O}_X \otimes A'$-modules flat over $A'$ and $\beta$ is an isomorphism $\mathcal{G}' \otimes_{A'} A \to \mathcal{G}$.

Lemma 15.1. **Notation and assumptions as above.** Let $p : X_A \to X$ denote the projection. Given $A'$ denote $p' : X_{A'} \to X$ the projection. The functor $p'_* \circ \text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A')$, and

1. the category $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A')$, and
2. the category $\text{Lift}(p_* \mathcal{F}, A')$.

Proof. **FIXME.**

Let $\mathcal{H}$ be a sheaf of $\mathcal{O} \otimes A$-modules on $C_{X/A}$ flat over $A$. We introduce the category $\text{Lift}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{H}, A')$ whose objects are pairs $(\mathcal{H}', \gamma)$ where $\mathcal{H}'$ is a sheaf of $\mathcal{O} \otimes A'$-modules flat over $A'$ and $\gamma : \mathcal{H}' \otimes_A A' \to \mathcal{H}$ is an isomorphism of $\mathcal{O} \otimes A$-modules.

Let $\mathcal{G}$ be a sheaf of $\mathcal{O}_X \otimes A$-modules on $X_{\text{étale}}$ flat over $A$. Consider the morphisms $i$ and $\pi$ of Cotangent, Equation (26.1.1). Denote $\tilde{\mathcal{G}} = \pi^{-1}(\mathcal{G})$. It is simply given by the rule $(U \to A) \mapsto \mathcal{G}(U)$ hence it is a sheaf of $\mathcal{O}_X \otimes A$-modules. Denote $i_* \tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ the same sheaf but viewed as a sheaf of $\mathcal{O} \otimes A$-modules.

Lemma 15.2. **Notation and assumptions as above.** The functor $\pi_!$ induces an equivalence of categories between

1. the category $\text{Lift}_{\mathcal{O}}(i_* \tilde{\mathcal{G}}, A')$, and
2. the category $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{G}, A')$.

Proof. **FIXME.**
Lemma 15.3. Notation and assumptions as in Lemma 15.2. Consider the object
\[ L = L(\Lambda, X, A, \mathcal{G}) = L_{\mathcal{P}}(\pi^*(i_*\mathcal{G})) \]
of \( D(O_X \otimes_A A) \). Given a surjection \( A' \rightarrow A \) of \( \Lambda \)-algebras with square zero kernel \( I \) we have

1. The category \( \text{Lift}(\mathcal{G}, A') \) is nonempty if and only if a certain class \( \xi \in \text{Ext}^2_{O_X \otimes_A}(L, \mathcal{G} \otimes_A I) \) is zero.
2. If \( \text{Lift}(\mathcal{G}, A') \) is nonempty, then \( \text{Lift}(\mathcal{G}, A') \) is principal homogeneous under \( \text{Ext}^1_{O_X \otimes_A}(L, \mathcal{G} \otimes_A I) \).
3. Given a lift \( \mathcal{G}' \), the set of automorphisms of \( \mathcal{G}' \) which pull back to \( \text{id}_{\mathcal{G}} \) is canonically isomorphic to \( \text{Ext}^0_{O_X \otimes_A}(L, \mathcal{G} \otimes_A I) \).

Proof. FIXME. \( \square \)

Finally, we put everything together as follows.

Proposition 15.4. With \( \Lambda, X, A, \mathcal{F} \) as above. There exists a canonical object
\[ L = L(A, X, A, \mathcal{F}) \]
of \( D(X_A) \) such that given a surjection \( A' \rightarrow A \) of \( \Lambda \)-algebras with square zero kernel \( I \) we have

1. The category \( \text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A') \) is nonempty if and only if a certain class \( \xi \in \text{Ext}^2_{X_A}(L, \mathcal{F} \otimes_A I) \) is zero.
2. If \( \text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A') \) is nonempty, then \( \text{Lift}(\mathcal{F}, A') \) is principal homogeneous under \( \text{Ext}^1_{X_A}(L, \mathcal{F} \otimes_A I) \).
3. Given a lift \( \mathcal{F}' \), the set of automorphisms of \( \mathcal{F}' \) which pull back to \( \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}} \) is canonically isomorphic to \( \text{Ext}^0_{X_A}(L, \mathcal{F} \otimes_A I) \).

Proof. FIXME. \( \square \)

Lemma 15.5. In the situation of Proposition 15.4, if \( X \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\Lambda) \) is locally of finite type and \( \Lambda \) is Noetherian, then \( L \) is pseudo-coherent.

Proof. FIXME. \( \square \)

16. The stack of coherent sheaves in the non-flat case

In Quot, Theorem 5.12 the assumption that \( f : X \rightarrow B \) is flat is not necessary. In this section we modify the method of proof based on ideas from derived algebraic geometry to get around the flatness hypothesis. An entirely different method is used in Quot, Section 6 to get exactly the same result; this is why the method from this section is obsolete.

The only step in the proof of Quot, Theorem 5.12 which uses flatness is in the application of Quot, Lemma 5.11. The lemma is used to construct an obstruction theory as in Artin’s Axioms, Section 23. The proof of the lemma relies on Deformation Theory, Lemmas 12.1 and 12.5 from Deformation Theory, Section 12. This is how the assumption that \( f \) is flat comes about. Before we go on, note that results (2) and (3) of Deformation Theory, Lemmas 12.1 do hold without the assumption that \( f \) is flat as they rely on Deformation Theory, Lemmas 11.7 and 11.4 which do not have any flatness assumptions.

Before we give the details we give some motivation for the construction from derived algebraic geometry, since we think it will clarify what follows. Let \( A \) be a finite type algebra over the locally Noetherian base \( S \). Denote \( X \otimes^L A \) a “derived base change”
of $X$ to $A$ and denote $i : X_A \to X \otimes^L A$ the canonical inclusion morphism. The object $X \otimes^L A$ does not (yet) have a definition in the Stacks project; we may think of it as the algebraic space $X_A$ endowed with a simplicial sheaf of rings $\mathcal{O}_{X \otimes^L A}$ whose homology sheaves are

$$H_i(\mathcal{O}_{X \otimes^L A}) = \text{Tor}_i^{O_S}(\mathcal{O}_X, A).$$

The morphism $X \otimes^L A \to \text{Spec}(A)$ is flat (the terms of the simplicial sheaf of rings being $A$-flat), so the usual material for deformations of flat modules applies to it. Thus we see that we get an obstruction theory using the groups

$$\text{Ext}^i_{X \otimes^L A}(i_*\mathcal{F}, i_*\mathcal{F} \otimes_A M)$$

where $i = 0, 1, 2$ for inf auts, inf defs, obstructions. Note that a flat deformation of $i_*\mathcal{F}$ to $X \otimes^L A'$ is automatically of the form $i'_*\mathcal{F}'$ where $\mathcal{F}'$ is a flat deformation of $\mathcal{F}$. By adjunction of the functors $L_i$ and $i_* = R_i*$ these ext groups are equal to

$$\text{Ext}^i_{X_A}(Li^*(i_*\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_A M)$$

Thus we obtain obstruction groups of exactly the same form as in the proof of Quot, Lemma 5.11 with the only change being that one replaces the first occurrence of $\mathcal{F}$ by the complex $Li^*(i_*\mathcal{F})$.

Below we prove the non-flat version of the lemma by a “direct” construction of $E(\mathcal{F}) = Li^*(i_*\mathcal{F})$ and direct proof of its relationship to the deformation theory of $\mathcal{F}$. In fact, it suffices to construct $\tau_{2-2}E(\mathcal{F})$, as we are only interested in the ext groups $\text{Ext}^i_{X_A}(Li^*(i_*\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_A M)$ for $i = 0, 1, 2$. We can even identify the cohomology sheaves

$$H^i(E(\mathcal{F})) = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } i > 0 \\
\mathcal{F} & \text{if } i = 0 \\
0 & \text{if } i = -1 \\
\text{Tor}_i^{O_S}(\mathcal{O}_X, A) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{F} & \text{if } i = -2 
\end{cases}$$

This observation will guide our construction of $E(\mathcal{F})$ in the remarks below.

09DN **Remark 16.1** (Direct construction). Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to B$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $U$ be another algebraic space over $B$. Denote $g : X \times_B U \to U$ the second projection. Consider the distinguished triangle

$$Lq^*L_{U/B} \to L_{X \times_B U/B} \to E \to Lq^*L_{U/B}[1]$$

described in Section 977. For any sheaf $\mathcal{F}$ of $\mathcal{O}_{X \times B}$-modules we have the Atiyah class

$$\mathcal{F} \to L_{X \times B/U} \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_{X \times B}} \mathcal{F}[1]$$

see Cotangent, Section 18. We can compose this with the map to $E$ and choose a distinguished triangle

$$E(\mathcal{F}) \to \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F} \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_{X \times B}} E[1] \to E(\mathcal{F})[1]$$

in $D(\mathcal{O}_{X \times B})$. By construction the Atiyah class lifts to a map

$$e_{\mathcal{F}} : E(\mathcal{F}) \to Lq^*L_{U/B} \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_{X \times B}} \mathcal{F}[1]$$
fitting into a morphism of distinguished triangles
\[ \mathcal{F} \otimes^L Lq^* L_U/B[1] \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes^L L_{X \times_B U}/B[1] \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes^L E[1] \]
\[ \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}) \]
\[ \mathcal{F} \otimes^L E[1] \]

Given $S, B, X, f, U, F$ we fix a choice of $E(\mathcal{F})$ and $e_F$.

**Remark 16.2** (Construction of obstruction class). With notation as in Remark 16.1 let $g : U \rightarrow U'$ be a first order thickening of $U$ over $B$. Let $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{O}_U$ be the quasi-coherent sheaf of ideals cutting out $B$ in $B'$. The fundamental triangle

\[ L^i \mathcal{I}U/B \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_U \rightarrow L^i \mathcal{I}U'/B[1] \]

together with the map $L_{U'/B} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}[1]$ determine a map $e_{U'} : L_{U/B} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}[1]$. Combined with the map $e_F$ of the previous remark we obtain

\[ e_{U'} (\text{id}_F \otimes Lq^* e_{U'}) \cup e_F : E(\mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X \times_B U}} q^* \mathcal{I} [2] \]

(we have also composed with the map from the derived tensor product to the usual tensor product). In other words, we obtain an element

\[ \xi_{U'} \in \text{Ext}^2_{\text{O}_{X \times_B U}}(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X \times_B U}} q^* \mathcal{I}) \]

**Lemma 16.3.** In the situation of Remark 16.2 assume that $\mathcal{F}$ is flat over $U$. Then the vanishing of the class $\xi_{U'}$ is a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of a $\mathcal{O}_{X \times_B U'}$-module $\mathcal{F}'$ flat over $U'$ with $i^* \mathcal{F}' \cong \mathcal{F}$.

**Proof (sketch).** We will use the criterion of Deformation Theory, Lemma 11.8. We will abbreviate $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{X \times_B U}$ and $\mathcal{O}' = \mathcal{O}_{X \times_B U'}$. Consider the short exact sequence

\[ 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_U \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_U \rightarrow 0. \]

Let $\mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{O}'$ be the quasi-coherent sheaf of ideals cutting out $X \times_B U$. By the above we obtain an exact sequence

\[ \text{Tor}^1_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_U) \rightarrow q^* \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{J} \rightarrow 0 \]

where the $\text{Tor}^1_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_U)$ is an abbreviation for

\[ \text{Tor}^1_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_U) \otimes_{(\mathcal{O}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_U} \mathcal{O}_U)} \mathcal{O}. \]

Tensoring with $\mathcal{F}$ we obtain the exact sequence

\[ \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{O} \text{Tor}^1_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes q^* \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{J} \rightarrow 0 \]

(Note that the roles of the letters $\mathcal{I}$ and $\mathcal{J}$ are reversed relative to the notation in Deformation Theory, Lemma 11.8). Condition (1) of the lemma is that the last map above is an isomorphism, i.e., that the first map is zero. The vanishing of this map may be checked on stalks at geometric points $x = (\mathfrak{p}, \mathfrak{q}) : \text{Spec}(k) \rightarrow X \times_B U$.

Set $R = \mathcal{O}_{B, \mathfrak{p}}$, $A = \mathcal{O}_{X, \mathfrak{p}}$, $B = \mathcal{O}_{U, \mathfrak{q}}$, and $C = \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{q}}$. By Cotangent, Lemma 27.2 and the defining triangle for $E(\mathcal{F})$ we see that

\[ H^2(\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{F}))_{\mathfrak{q}} = \mathcal{E}_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes \text{Tor}^1_R(A, B) \]

The map $\xi_{U'}$ therefore induces a map

\[ \mathcal{F}_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes \text{Tor}^1_R(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_{\mathfrak{q}} \otimes_B \mathcal{I}_{\mathfrak{q}} \]
We claim this map is the same as the stalk of the map described above (proof omitted; this is a purely ring theoretic statement). Thus we see that condition (1) of Deformation Theory, Lemma \[11.8\] is equivalent to the vanishing $H^{-2}(\xi_U') : H^{-2}(E(\mathcal{F})) \to \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I}$.

To finish the proof we show that, assuming that condition (1) is satisfied, condition (2) is equivalent to the vanishing of $\xi_U'$. In the rest of the proof we write $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I}$ to denote $\mathcal{F} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} q^* \mathcal{I} = \mathcal{F} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \mathcal{J}$. A consideration of the spectral sequence

$$\text{Ext}^i(H^{-j}(E(\mathcal{F})), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I}) \Rightarrow \text{Ext}^{i+j}(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I})$$

using that $H^0(E(\mathcal{F})) = \mathcal{F}$ and $H^{-1}(E(\mathcal{F})) = 0$ shows that there is an exact sequence

$$0 \to \text{Ext}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I}) \to \text{Ext}^2(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I}) \to \text{Hom}(H^{-2}(E(\mathcal{F})), \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I})$$

Thus our element $\xi_U'$ is an element of $\text{Ext}^2(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{I})$. The proof is finished by showing this element agrees with the element of Deformation Theory, Lemma \[11.8\] a verification we omit.

\begin{lemma}
In Quot, Situation \[5.1\] assume that $S$ is a locally Noetherian scheme and $S = B$. Let $\mathcal{X} = \text{Coh}(X/B)$. Then we have openness of versality for $\mathcal{X}$ [see Artin’s Axioms, Definition \[13.1\]].
\end{lemma}

\begin{proof}[Proof (sketch)] Let $U \to S$ be of finite type morphism of schemes, $x$ an object of $\mathcal{X}$ over $U$ and $u_0 \in U$ a finite type point such that $x$ is versal at $u_0$. After shrinking $U$ we may assume that $u_0$ is a closed point (Morphisms, Lemma \[15.1\]) and $U = \text{Spec}(A)$ with $U \to S$ mapping into an affine open $\text{Spec}(A)$ of $S$. We will use Artin’s Axioms, Lemma \[23.4\] to prove the lemma. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be the coherent module on $X_A = \text{Spec}(A) \times_S X$ flat over $A$ corresponding to the given object $x$.

Choose $E(\mathcal{F})$ and $e_{\mathcal{F}}$ as in Remark \[16.1\] The description of the cohomology sheaves of $E(\mathcal{F})$ shows that

$$\text{Ext}^1(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_A M) = \text{Ext}^1(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \otimes_A M)$$

for any $A$-module $M$. Using this and using Deformation Theory, Lemma \[11.7\] we have an isomorphism of functors

$$T_x(M) = \text{Ext}^1_{X_A}(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_A M)$$

By Lemma \[16.3\] given any surjection $A' \to A$ of $A$-algebras with square zero kernel $I$ we have an obstruction class

$$\xi_{A'} \in \text{Ext}^2_{X_A}(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_A I)$$

Apply Derived Categories of Spaces, Lemma \[23.3\] to the computation of the Ext groups $\text{Ext}^i_{X_A}(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_A M)$ for $i \leq m$ with $m = 2$. We omit the verification that $E(\mathcal{F})$ is in $D^{\text{coh}}$; hint: use Cotangent, Lemma \[5.4\] We find a perfect object $K \in D(A)$ and functorial isomorphisms

$$H^i(K \otimes_A^L M) \to \text{Ext}^i_{X_A}(E(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{F} \otimes_A M)$$

for $i \leq m$ compatible with boundary maps. This object $K$, together with the displayed identifications above gives us a datum as in Artin’s Axioms, Situation \[23.2\] Finally, condition (iv) of Artin’s Axioms, Lemma \[23.3\] holds by a variant of Deformation Theory, Lemma \[12.5\] whose formulation and proof we omit. Thus Artin’s Axioms, Lemma \[23.4\] applies and the lemma is proved.
\end{proof}
Theorem 16.5. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to B$ be morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Assume that $f$ is of finite presentation and separated. Then $\text{Coh}_{X/B}$ is an algebraic stack over $S$.

Proof. This theorem is a copy of Quot, Theorem 6.1. The reason we have this copy here is that with the material in this section we get a second proof (as discussed at the beginning of this section). Namely, we argue exactly as in the proof of Quot, Theorem 5.12 except that we substitute Lemma 16.4 for Quot, Lemma 5.11.

17. Modifications

Here is a obsolete result on the category of Restricted Power Series, Equation (11.0.1). Please visit Restricted Power Series, Section 11 for the current material.

Lemma 17.1. Let $(A, m, \kappa)$ be a Noetherian local ring. The category of Restricted Power Series, Equation (11.0.1) for $A$ is equivalent to the category Restricted Power Series, Equation (11.0.1) for the henselization $A^h$ of $A$.

Proof. This is a special case of Restricted Power Series, Lemma 11.3.

The following lemma on rational singularities is no longer needed in the chapter on resolving surface singularities.

Lemma 17.2. In Resolution of Surfaces, Situation 9.1. Let $M$ be a finite reflexive $A$-module. Let $M \otimes_A \mathcal{O}_X$ denote the pullback of the associated $\mathcal{O}_S$-module. Then $M \otimes_A \mathcal{O}_X$ maps onto its double dual.

Proof. Let $\mathcal{F} = (M \otimes_A \mathcal{O}_X)^{**}$ be the double dual and let $\mathcal{F}' \subset \mathcal{F}$ be the image of the evaluation map $M \otimes_A \mathcal{O}_X \to \mathcal{F}$. Then we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \to \mathcal{F}' \to \mathcal{F} \to Q \to 0$$

Since $X$ is normal, the local rings $\mathcal{O}_{X, x}$ are discrete valuation rings for points of codimension 1 (see Properties, Lemma 12.5). Hence $Q_x = 0$ for such points by More on Algebra, Lemma 23.3. Thus $Q$ is supported in finitely many closed points and is globally generated by Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma 9.10. We obtain the exact sequence

$$0 \to H^0(X, \mathcal{F}') \to H^0(X, \mathcal{F}) \to H^0(X, Q) \to 0$$

because $\mathcal{F}'$ is generated by global sections (Resolution of Surfaces, Lemma 9.2). Since $X \to \text{Spec}(A)$ is an isomorphism over the complement of the closed point, and since $M$ is reflexive, we see that the maps

$$M \to H^0(X, \mathcal{F}') \to H^0(X, \mathcal{F})$$

induce isomorphisms after localization at any nonmaximal prime of $A$. Hence these maps are isomorphisms by More on Algebra, Lemma 23.13 and the fact that reflexive modules over normal rings have property $(S_2)$ (More on Algebra, Lemma 23.18). Thus we conclude that $Q = 0$ as desired.

18. Intersection theory

Lemma 18.1. Let $(S, \delta)$ be as in Chow Homology, Situation 7.1. Let $X$ be locally of finite type over $S$. Let $X$ be integral and $n = \dim_\delta(X)$. Let $a \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ be a nonzero function. Let $i : D = Z(a) \to X$ be the closed immersion of the zero scheme of $a$. Let $f \in R(X)^*$. In this case $i^* \text{div}_X(f) = 0$ in $A_{n-2}(D)$. 

Proof. Special case of Chow Homology, Lemma \[28.1\] \[\square\]

19. Dualizing modules on regular proper models

In Semistable Reduction, Situation 9.3 we let \( \omega_{X/R} = f^! O_{\text{Spec}(R)} \) be the relative dualizing complex of \( f : X \to \text{Spec}(R) \) as introduced in Duality for Schemes, Remark 12.5. Since \( f \) is Gorenstein of relative dimension 1 by Semistable Reduction, Lemma 9.2 we can use Duality for Schemes, Lemmas 26.10, 22.7, and 26.4 to see that

\[
\omega_{X/R} = \omega_X[1]
\]

for some invertible \( O_X \)-module \( \omega_X \). This invertible module is often called the relative dualizing module of \( X \) over \( R \). Since \( R \) is regular (hence Gorenstein) of dimension 1 we see that \( \omega_R^* = R[1] \) is a normalized dualizing complex for \( R \). Hence \( \omega_X = H^{-2}(f^! \omega_R^*) \) and we see that \( \omega_X \) is not just a relative dualizing module but also a dualizing module, see Duality for Schemes, Example 23.1. Thus \( \omega_X \) represents the functor

\[
\text{Coh}(O_X) \to \text{Sets}, \quad F \mapsto \text{Hom}_R(H^1(X,F), R)
\]

by Duality for Schemes, Lemma 23.5. This gives an alternative definition of the relative dualizing module in Semistable Reduction, Situation 9.3. The formation of \( \omega_X \) commutes with arbitrary base change (for any proper Gorenstein morphism of given relative dimension); this follows from the corresponding fact for the relative dualizing complex discussed in Duality for Schemes, Remark 12.5 which goes back to Duality for Schemes, Lemma 12.4. Thus \( \omega_X \) pulls back to the dualizing module \( \omega_C \) of \( C \) over \( K \) discussed in Algebraic Curves, Lemma 4.2. Note that \( \omega_C \) is isomorphic to \( \Omega_{C/K} \) by Algebraic Curves, Lemma 4.1. Similarly \( \omega_X|_{X_k} \) is the dualizing module \( \omega_{X_k} \) of \( X_k \) over \( k \).

**Lemma 19.1.** In Semistable Reduction, Situation 9.3 the dualizing module of \( C_i \) over \( k \) is

\[
\omega_{C_i} = \omega_X(C_i)|_{C_i}
\]

where \( \omega_X \) is as above.

**Proof.** Let \( t : C_i \to X \) be the closed immersion. Since \( t \) is the inclusion of an effective Cartier divisor we conclude from Duality for Schemes, Lemmas 9.7 and 14.2 that we have \( t^!(L) = L(C_i)|_{C_i} \) for every invertible \( O_X \)-module \( L \). Consider the commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
C_i & \xrightarrow{t} & X \\
g & \downarrow & \downarrow f \\
\text{Spec}(k) & \xrightarrow{s} & \text{Spec}(R)
\end{array}
\]

Observe that \( C_i \) is a Gorenstein curve (Semistable Reduction, Lemma 9.2) with invertible dualizing module \( \omega_{C_i} \), characterized by the property \( \omega_{C_i}|_0 = g^! O_{\text{Spec}(k)} \). See Algebraic Curves, Lemma 4.1, its proof, and Algebraic Curves, Lemmas 4.2 and 5.2. On the other hand, \( s^!(R[1]) = k \) and hence

\[
\omega_{C_i}|_0 = g^! s^!(R[1]) = t^! f^! (R[1]) = t^! \omega_X.
\]

Combining the above we obtain the statement of the lemma. \[\square\]
20. Duplicate and split out references

09AQ This section is a place where we collect duplicates and references which used to say several things at the same time but are now split into their constituent parts.

03IF Lemma 20.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. The map \{Spec($k$) $\to X$ monomorphism\} $\to |X|$ is injective.

Proof. This is a duplicate of Properties of Spaces, Lemma 4.11.

03QZ Theorem 20.2. Let $S = \text{Spec}(K)$ with $K$ a field. Let $\overline{\sigma}$ be a geometric point of $S$. Let $G = \text{Gal}_k(\overline{\sigma})$ denote the absolute Galois group. Then there is an equivalence of categories Sh($S_{\text{etale}}$) $\to$ G-Sets, $F \to F_{\overline{\sigma}}$.

Proof. This is a duplicate of Étale Cohomology, Theorem 55.3.

06IF Remark 20.3. You got here because of a duplicate tag. Please see Formal Deformation Theory, Section 12 for the actual content.

08E6 Lemma 20.4. Let $X$ be a locally ringed space. A direct summand of a finite free $\mathcal{O}_X$-module is finite locally free.

Proof. This is a duplicate of Modules, Lemma 14.6.

08XU Lemma 20.5. Let $R$ be a ring. Let $E$ be an $R$-module. The following are equivalent

1. $E$ is an injective $R$-module, and
2. given an ideal $I \subset R$ and a module map $\varphi: I \to E$ there exists an extension of $\varphi$ to an $R$-module map $R \to E$.

Proof. This is Baer’s criterion, see Injectives, Lemma 2.6.

02PI Lemma 20.6. Let $R$ be a local ring.

1. If $(M, N, \varphi, \psi)$ is a 2-periodic complex such that $M$, $N$ have finite length. Then $e_R(M, N, \varphi, \psi) = \text{length}_R(M) - \text{length}_R(N)$.
2. If $(M, \varphi, \psi)$ is a $(2,1)$-periodic complex such that $M$ has finite length. Then $e_R(M, \varphi, \psi) = 0$.
3. Suppose that we have a short exact sequence of 2-periodic complexes

$0 \to (M_1, N_1, \varphi_1, \psi_1) \to (M_2, N_2, \varphi_2, \psi_2) \to (M_3, N_3, \varphi_3, \psi_3) \to 0$

If two out of three have cohomology modules of finite length so does the third and we have

$e_R(M_2, N_2, \varphi_2, \psi_2) = e_R(M_1, N_1, \varphi_1, \psi_1) + e_R(M_3, N_3, \varphi_3, \psi_3)$.

Proof. This follows from Chow Homology, Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4.

0D3H Remark 20.7. This tag used to point to a section describing several examples of deformation problems. These now each have their own section. See Deformation Problems, Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7.

0D3M Lemma 20.8. Deformation Problems, Examples 4.1, 5.1, 6.1, and 7.1 satisfy the Rim-Schlessinger condition (RS).

Proof. This follows from Deformation Problems, Lemmas 4.2, 5.2, 6.2, and 7.2.

0D3N Lemma 20.9. We have the following canonical $k$-vector space identifications:
(1) In Deformation Problems, Example 4.1 if \( x_0 = (k, V) \), then \( T_{x_0} F = (0) \) and \( \text{Inf}_{x_0}(F) = \text{End}_k(V) \) are finite dimensional.

(2) In Deformation Problems, Example 5.1 if \( x_0 = (k, V, \rho_0) \), then \( T_{x_0} F = \text{Ext}^1_k[\Gamma](V, V) = H^1(\Gamma, \text{End}_k(V)) \) and \( \text{Inf}_{x_0}(F) = H^0(\Gamma, \text{End}_k(V)) \) are finite dimensional if \( \Gamma \) is finitely generated.

(3) In Deformation Problems, Example 6.1 if \( x_0 = (k, V, \rho_0) \), then \( T_{x_0} F = H^1(\text{cont}(\Gamma, \text{End}_k(V))) \) and \( \text{Inf}_{x_0}(F) = H^0(\text{cont}(\Gamma, \text{End}_k(V))) \) are finite dimensional if \( \Gamma \) is topologically finitely generated.

(4) In Deformation Problems, Example 7.1 if \( x_0 = (k, P) \), then \( T_{x_0} F \) and \( \text{Inf}_{x_0}(F) = \text{Der}_k(P, P) \) are finite dimensional if \( P \) is finitely generated over \( k \).

**Proof.** This follows from Deformation Problems, Lemmas 4.3, 5.3, 6.3, and 7.3. □

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