1. Introduction

In this chapter we discuss derived categories of modules on algebraic spaces. There do not seem to be good introductory references addressing this topic; it is covered in the literature by referring to papers dealing with derived categories of modules on algebraic stacks, for example see [Ols07].
2. Conventions

08F0 If \( \mathcal{A} \) is an abelian category and \( M \) is an object of \( \mathcal{A} \) then we also denote \( M \) the object of \( K(\mathcal{A}) \) and/or \( D(\mathcal{A}) \) corresponding to the complex which has \( M \) in degree 0 and is zero in all other degrees.

If we have a ring \( A \), then \( K(A) \) denotes the homotopy category of complexes of \( A \)-modules and \( D(A) \) the associated derived category. Similarly, if we have a ringed space \((X, \mathcal{O}_X)\) the symbol \( K(\mathcal{O}_X) \) denotes the homotopy category of complexes of \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules and \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) the associated derived category.

3. Generalities

08GD In this section we put some general results on cohomology of unbounded complexes of modules on algebraic spaces.

Lemma 3.1. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Given an étale morphism \( V \to Y \), set \( U = V \times_Y X \) and denote \( g : U \to V \) the projection morphism. Then \( (Rf_*E)|_V = Rg_*(E|_U) \) for \( E \) in \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \).

Proof. Represent \( E \) by a K-injective complex \( I^\bullet \) of \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules. Then \( Rf_*E = f_*I^\bullet \) and \( Rg_*(E|_U) = g_*(I^\bullet|_U) \) by Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 21.1. Hence the result follows from Properties of Spaces, Lemma 26.2.

Definition 3.2. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( E \) be an object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \). Let \( T \subset |X| \) be a closed subset. We say \( E \) is supported on \( T \) if the cohomology sheaves \( H^i(E) \) are supported on \( T \).

4. Derived category of quasi-coherent modules on the small étale site

071P Let \( X \) be a scheme. In this section we show that \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) can be defined in terms of the small étale site \( X_{\acute{e}tale} \) of \( X \). Denote \( \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale} \) the structure sheaf on \( X_{\acute{e}tale} \). Consider the morphism of ringed sites

\[
(4.0.1) \quad \epsilon : (X_{\acute{e}tale}, \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale}) \longrightarrow (X_{Zar}, \mathcal{O}_X).
\]

denoted \( id_{\text{small,}\acute{e}tale,Zar} \) in Descent, Lemma 8.5.

Lemma 4.1. The morphism \( \epsilon \) of \((4.0.1)\) is a flat morphism of ringed sites. In particular the functor \( \epsilon^* : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale}) \) is exact. Moreover, if \( \epsilon^*F = 0 \), then \( F = 0 \).

Proof. The second assertion follows from the first by Modules on Sites, Lemma 30.2. To prove the first assertion we have to show that \( \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale} \) is a flat \( \epsilon^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X \)-module. To do this it suffices to check \( \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \to \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale,x} \) is flat for any geometric point \( \pi \) of \( X \), see Modules on Sites, Lemma 38.3. Sites, Lemma 34.1, and Étale Cohomology, Remarks 29.11. By Étale Cohomology, Lemma 33.1 we see that \( \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale,\pi} \) is the strict henselization of \( \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \). Thus \( \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \to \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale,\pi} \) is faithfully flat by More on Algebra, Lemma 44.1. The final statement follows also: if \( \epsilon^*F = 0 \), then

\[
0 = \epsilon^*F_\pi = F_x \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}} \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale}
\]

(Modules on Sites, Lemma 35.4) for all geometric points \( \pi \). By faithful flatness of \( \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \to \mathcal{O}_{\acute{e}tale,\pi} \) we conclude \( F_x = 0 \) for all \( x \in X \).
Let $X$ be a scheme. Notation as in (4.0.1). Recall that $\epsilon^* : QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X) \to QCoh(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$ is an equivalence by Descent, Proposition 8.11 and Remark 8.6. Moreover, $QCoh(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$ forms a Serre subcategory of Mod(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}}) by Descent, Lemma 8.13. Hence we can let $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$ be the triangulated subcategory of $D(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$ whose objects are the complexes with quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves, see Derived Categories, Section 13. The functor $\epsilon^*$ is exact (Lemma 4.1) hence induces $\epsilon^* : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$ and since pullbacks of quasi-coherent modules are quasi-coherent also $\epsilon^* : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let $X$ be a scheme. The functor $\epsilon^* : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$ defined above is an equivalence.

**Proof.** We will prove this by showing the functor $R\epsilon_* : D(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}}) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ induces a quasi-inverse. We will use freely that $\epsilon_*$ is given by restriction to $X_{\text{Zar}} \subset X_{\text{ét}}$ and the description of $\epsilon^*$ as $\text{id}_{\text{small,étale,Zar}}$ in Descent, Lemma 8.5.

For a quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_X$-module $\mathcal{F}$ the adjunction map $\mathcal{F} \to \epsilon_* \epsilon^* \mathcal{F}$ is an isomorphism by the fact that $\mathcal{F}^n$ (Descent, Definition 8.2) is a sheaf as proved in Descent, Lemma 8.1. Conversely, every quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}}$-module $\mathcal{H}$ is of the form $\epsilon^* \mathcal{F}$ for some quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_X$-module $\mathcal{F}$, see Descent, Proposition 8.11. Then $\mathcal{F} = \epsilon_* \mathcal{H}$ by what we just said and we conclude that the adjunction map $\epsilon^* \epsilon_* \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$ is an isomorphism for all quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}}$-modules $\mathcal{H}$.

Let $E$ be an object of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}})$ and denote $H^q = H^q(E)$ its $q$th cohomology sheaf. Let $\mathcal{B}$ be the set of affine objects of $X_{\text{ét}}$. Then $H^p(U, H^q) = 0$ for all $p > 0$, all $q \in \mathbb{Z}$, and all $U \in \mathcal{B}$, see Descent, Proposition 8.10 and Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma 22. By Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 23.11 this means that $H^q(U,E) = H^0(U,H^q)$ for all $U \in \mathcal{B}$. In particular, we find that this holds for affine opens $U \subset X$. It follows that the $q$th cohomology of $R\epsilon_* E$ over $U$ is the value of the sheaf $\epsilon_* H^q$ over $U$. Applying sheafification we obtain $H^q(R\epsilon_* E) = \epsilon_* H^q$ which in particular shows that $R\epsilon_*$ induces a functor $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{\text{ét}}) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Since $\epsilon^*$ is exact we then obtain $H^q(\epsilon^* R\epsilon_* E) = \epsilon^* \epsilon_* H^q = H^q$ (by discussion above). Thus the adjunction map $\epsilon^* R\epsilon_* \to E$ is an isomorphism.

Conversely, for $F \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the adjunction map $F \to R\epsilon_* \epsilon^* F$ is an isomorphism for the same reason, i.e., because the cohomology sheaves of $R\epsilon_* \epsilon^* F$ are isomorphic to $\epsilon_* H^m(\epsilon^* F) = \epsilon_* \epsilon^* H^m(\epsilon^* F) = H^m(F)$. 

**5. Derived category of quasi-coherent modules**

Let $S$ be a scheme. Lemma 4.2 shows that the category $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_S)$ can be defined in terms of complexes of $\mathcal{O}_S$-modules on the scheme $S$ or by complexes of $\mathcal{O}$-modules on the small étale site of $S$. Hence the following definition is compatible with the definition in the case of schemes.

**Definition 5.1.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. The derived category of $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules with quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves is denoted $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. 

This makes sense by Properties of Spaces, Lemma 29.7 and Derived Categories, Section 13. Thus we obtain a canonical functor

\[ D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \rightarrow D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \]

see Derived Categories, Equation (13.1.1).

Observe that a flat morphism \( f : Y \rightarrow X \) of algebraic spaces induces an exact functor \( f^* : Mod(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow Mod(\mathcal{O}_Y) \), see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 30.9 and Modules on Sites, Lemma 30.2. In particular \( Lf^* : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow D(\mathcal{O}_Y) \) is computed on any representative complex (Derived Categories, Lemma 17.9). We will write \( Lf^* = f^* \) when \( f \) is flat and we have \( H^i(f^*E) = f^*H^i(E) \) for \( E \) in \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) in this case. We will use this often when \( f \) is étale. Of course in the étale case the pullback functor is just the restriction to \( Y_{\text{étale}} \), see Properties of Spaces, Equation (26.1.1).

**Lemma 5.2.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( E \) be an object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \). The following are equivalent

1. \( E \) is in \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \).
2. for every étale morphism \( \varphi : U \rightarrow X \) where \( U \) is an affine scheme \( \varphi^*E \) is an object of \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_U) \).
3. for every étale morphism \( \varphi : U \rightarrow X \) where \( U \) is a scheme \( \varphi^*E \) is an object of \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_U) \).
4. there exists a surjective étale morphism \( \varphi : U \rightarrow X \) where \( U \) is a scheme such that \( \varphi^*E \) is an object of \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_U) \), and
5. there exists a surjective étale morphism of algebraic spaces \( f : Y \rightarrow X \) such that \( Lf^*E \) is an object of \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \).

**Proof.** This follows immediately from the discussion preceding the lemma and Properties of Spaces, Lemma 29.6.

**Lemma 5.3.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Then \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) has direct sums.

**Proof.** By Injectives, Lemma 13.4 the derived category \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) has direct sums and they are computed by taking termwise direct sums of any representatives. Thus it is clear that the cohomology sheaf of a direct sum is the direct sum of the cohomology sheaves as taking direct sums is an exact functor (in any Grothendieck abelian category). The lemma follows as the direct sum of quasi-coherent sheaves is quasi-coherent, see Properties of Spaces, Lemma 29.7.

We will need some information on derived limits. We warn the reader that in the lemma below the derived limit will typically not be an object of \( D_{QCoh} \).

**Lemma 5.4.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( (K_n) \) be an inverse system of \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) with derived limit \( K = \lim K_n \) in \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \). Assume \( H^q(K_{n+1}) \rightarrow H^q(K_n) \) is surjective for all \( q \in \mathbb{Z} \) and \( n \geq 1 \). Then

1. \( H^q(K) = \lim H^q(K_n) \),
2. \( \lim H^q(K_n) = \lim H^q(K_n) \), and
3. for every affine open \( U \subset X \) we have \( H^p(U, \lim H^q(K_n)) = 0 \) for \( p > 0 \).

**Proof.** Let \( B \subset \text{Ob}(X_{\text{étale}}) \) be the set of affine objects. Since \( H^q(K_n) \) is quasi-coherent we have \( H^p(U, H^q(K_n)) = 0 \) for \( U \in B \) by the discussion in Cohomology of Spaces, Section 3 and Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma 22. Moreover, the maps \( H^0(U, H^q(K_{n+1})) \rightarrow H^0(U, H^q(K_n)) \) are surjective for \( U \in B \) by similar reasoning.
Part (1) follows from Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 23.12 whose conditions we have just verified. Parts (2) and (3) follow from Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 23.5.

**Lemma 5.5.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : Y \to X$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. The functor $Lf^*$ sends $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ into $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$.

**Proof.** Choose a diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
U & \xrightarrow{h} & V \\
\downarrow{a} & & \downarrow{b} \\
X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y
\end{array}
\]

where $U$ and $V$ are schemes, the vertical arrows are étale, and $a$ is surjective. Since $a^* \circ Lf^* = Lh^* \circ b^*$ the result follows from Lemma 5.2 and the case of schemes which is Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 3.8.

**Lemma 5.6.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. For objects $K, L$ of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the derived tensor product $K \otimes^L L$ is in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

**Proof.** Let $\varphi : U \to X$ be a surjective étale morphism from a scheme $U$. Since $\varphi^*(K \otimes^L_X L) = \varphi^*K \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_U} \varphi^*L$ we see from Lemma 5.2 that this follows from the case of schemes which is Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 3.9.

The following lemma will help us to “compute” a right derived functor on an object of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

**Lemma 5.7.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $E$ be an object of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Then the canonical map $E \to R\lim_{\tau \geq -n} E$ is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** Denote $\mathcal{H}^i = H^i(E)$ the $i$th cohomology sheaf of $E$. Let $\mathcal{B}$ be the set of affine objects of $X_{\text{étale}}$. Then $H^p(U, \mathcal{H}^i) = 0$ for all $p > 0$, all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, and all $U \in \mathcal{B}$ as $U$ is an affine scheme. See discussion in Cohomology of Spaces, Section 3 and Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma 2.2. Thus the lemma follows from Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 23.10 with $d = 0$.

**Lemma 5.8.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $F : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{Ab}$ be a functor and $N \geq 0$ an integer. Assume that

1. $F$ is left exact,
2. $F$ commutes with countable direct products,
3. $R^p F(F) = 0$ for all $p \geq N$ and $F$ quasi-coherent.

Then for $E \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the maps $R^p F(E) \to R^p F(\tau_{\geq p-N+1} E)$ are isomorphisms.

**Proof.** By shifting the complex we see it suffices to prove the assertion for $p = 0$. Write $E_n = \tau_{\geq -n} E$. We have $E = R\lim E_n$, see Lemma 5.4. Thus $RF(E) = R\lim RF(E_n)$ in $D(\text{Ab})$ by Injectives, Lemma 13.6. Thus we have a short exact sequence

\[
0 \to R^1 \lim R^{-1} F(E_n) \to R^0 F(E) \to \lim R^0 F(E_n) \to 0
\]

see More on Algebra, Remark 77.9. To finish the proof we will show that the term on the left is zero and that the term on the right equals $R^0 F(E_{N-1})$.

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1. In particular, $E$ has a K-injective representative as in Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 24.1.
We have a distinguished triangle

$$H^{-n}(E)[n] \to E_n \to E_{n-1} \to H^{-n}(E)[n+1]$$

(Derived Categories, Remark [12.4] in \(D(O_X)\). Since \(H^{-n}(E)\) is quasi-coherent we have

$$R^p F(H^{-n}(E)[n]) = R^{p+n} F(H^{-n}(E)) = 0$$

for \(p + n \geq N\) and

$$R^p F(H^{-n}(E)[n+1]) = R^{p+n+1} F(H^{-n}(E)) = 0$$

for \(p + n + 1 \geq N\). We conclude that

$$R^p F(E_n) \to R^p F(E_{n-1})$$

is an isomorphism for all \(n \geq p\) and an isomorphism for \(n \geq N\) for \(p = 0\). Thus the systems \(R^p F(E_n)\) all satisfy the ML condition and \(R^1\) lim gives zero (see discussion in More on Algebra, Section [77]). Moreover, the system \(R^0 F(\tau_{\geq n} E)\) is constant starting with \(n = N - 1\) as desired. \(\square\)

6. Total direct image

08F9 The following lemma is the analogue of Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma [8.1]

08FA **Lemma 6.1.** Let \(S\) be a scheme. Let \(f : X \to Y\) be a quasi-separated and quasi-compact morphism of algebraic spaces over \(S\).

1. The functor \(Rf_*\) sends \(D_{QCoh}(O_X)\) into \(D_{QCoh}(O_Y)\).
2. If \(Y\) is quasi-compact, there exists an integer \(N = N(X,Y,f)\) such that for an object \(E\) of \(D_{QCoh}(O_X)\) with \(H^m(E) = 0\) for \(m > 0\) we have \(H^m(Rf_* E) = 0\) for \(m \geq N\).
3. In fact, if \(Y\) is quasi-compact we can find \(N = N(X,Y,f)\) such that for every morphism of algebraic spaces \(Y' \to Y\) the same conclusion holds for the functor \(R(f')_*\), where \(f' : X' \to Y'\) is the base change of \(f\).

**Proof.** Let \(E\) be an object of \(D_{QCoh}(O_X)\). To prove (1) we have to show that \(Rf_* E\) has quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves. This question is local on \(Y\), hence we may assume \(Y\) is quasi-compact. Pick \(N = N(X,Y,f)\) as in Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma [8.1]. Thus \(R^p f_* F = 0\) for all quasi-coherent \(O_X\)-modules \(F\) and all \(p \geq N\). Moreover \(R^p f_* F\) is quasi-coherent for all \(p\) by Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma [3.1]. These statements remain true after base change.

First, assume \(E\) is bounded below. We will show (1) and (2) and (3) hold for such \(E\) with our choice of \(N\). In this case we can for example use the spectral sequence

$$R^p f_* H^q(E) \Rightarrow R^{p+q} f_* E$$

(Derived Categories, Lemma [21.3], the quasi-coherence of \(R^p f_* H^q(E)\), and the vanishing of \(R^p f_* H^q(E)\) for \(p \geq N\) to see that (1), (2), and (3) hold in this case.

Next we prove (2) and (3). Say \(H^m(E) = 0\) for \(m > 0\). Let \(V\) be an affine object of \(Y_{\text{etale}}\). We have \(H^p(V \times_Y X, F) = 0\) for \(p \geq N\), see Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma [3.2]. Hence we may apply Lemma [5.8] to the functor \(\Gamma(V \times_Y X, -)\) to see that

$$R\Gamma(V, Rf_* E) = R\Gamma(V \times_Y X, E)$$

has vanishing cohomology in degrees \(\geq N\). Since this holds for all \(V\) affine in \(Y_{\text{etale}}\) we conclude that \(H^m(Rf_* E) = 0\) for \(m \geq N\).
Next, we prove (1) in the general case. Recall that there is a distinguished triangle
\[ \tau_{\leq -n-1}E \to E \to \tau_{\geq -n}E \to (\tau_{\leq -n-1}E)[1] \]
in \( D(O_X) \), see Derived Categories, Remark \[ \text{(12.4)} \] By (2) we see that \( Rf_*\tau_{\leq -n-1}E \) has vanishing cohomology sheaves in degrees \( \geq -n+N \). Thus, given an integer \( q \) we see that \( R^qf_*E \) is equal to \( R^qf_*\tau_{\geq -n}E \) for some \( n \) and the result above applies. \( \square \)

\textbf{Lemma 6.2.} Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a quasi-separated and quasi-compact morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Then \( Rf_* : D_{Qcoh}(O_X) \to D_{Qcoh}(O_S) \) commutes with direct sums.

\textbf{Proof.} Let \( E_i \) be a family of objects of \( D_{Qcoh}(O_X) \) and set \( E = \bigoplus E_i \). We want to show that the map
\[ \bigoplus Rf_*E_i \to Rf_*E \]
is an isomorphism. We will show it induces an isomorphism on cohomology sheaves in degree 0 which will imply the lemma. Choose an integer \( N \) as in Lemma \[ \text{(6.1)} \] Then \( R^qf_*E = R^qf_*\tau_{2-N}E \) and \( R^qf_*E_i = R^qf_*\tau_{2-N}E_i \) by the lemma cited. Observe that \( \tau_{2-N}E = \bigoplus \tau_{2-N}E_i \). Thus we may assume all of the \( E_i \) have vanishing cohomology sheaves in degrees \( < -N \). Next we use the spectral sequences
\[ R^p f_* H^q(E) \Rightarrow R^{p+q} f_* E \quad \text{and} \quad R^p f_* H^q(E_i) \Rightarrow R^{p+q} f_* E_i \]
(Derived Categories, Lemma \[ \text{(21.3)} \]) to reduce to the case of a direct sum of quasi-coherent sheaves. This case is handled by Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma \[ \text{(5.2)} \] \( \square \)

\textbf{Remark 6.3.} Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of representable algebraic spaces \( X \) and \( Y \) over \( S \). Let \( f_0 : X_0 \to Y_0 \) be a morphism of schemes representing \( f \) (awkward but temporary notation). Then the diagram
\[ \begin{array}{ccc}
D_{Qcoh}(O_{X_0}) & \xrightarrow{L f_0^*} & D_{Qcoh}(O_X) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \phantom{f_0} \\
D_{Qcoh}(O_{Y_0}) & \xrightarrow{L f^*} & D_{Qcoh}(O_Y)
\end{array} \]
(Lemma \[ \text{(5.5)} \] and Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \[ \text{(3.8)} \]) is commutative. This follows as the equivalences \( D_{Qcoh}(O_{X_0}) \to D_{Qcoh}(O_X) \) and \( D_{Qcoh}(O_{Y_0}) \to D_{Qcoh}(O_Y) \) of Lemma \[ \text{(4.2)} \] come from pulling back by the (flat) morphisms of ringed sites \( \epsilon : X_{\text{etale}} \to X_{0,\text{Zar}} \) and \( \epsilon : Y_{\text{etale}} \to Y_{0,\text{Zar}} \) and the diagram of ringed sites
\[ \begin{array}{ccc}
X_{0,\text{Zar}} & \xleftarrow{\epsilon} & X_{\text{etale}} \\
\downarrow \phantom{f_0} & & \downarrow f \\
Y_{0,\text{Zar}} & \xleftarrow{\epsilon} & Y_{\text{etale}}
\end{array} \]
is commutative (details omitted). If \( f \) is quasi-compact and quasi-separated, equivalently if \( f_0 \) is quasi-compact and quasi-separated, then we claim
\[ \begin{array}{ccc}
D_{Qcoh}(O_{X_0}) & \xrightarrow{R f_0^*} & D_{Qcoh}(O_X) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \phantom{R f^*} \\
D_{Qcoh}(O_{Y_0}) & \xrightarrow{R f^*} & D_{Qcoh}(O_Y)
\end{array} \]

(Lemma 6.4 and Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 4.1) is commutative as well. This also follows from the commutative diagram of sites displayed above as the proof of Lemma 4.2 shows that the functor $R\epsilon_*$ gives the equivalences $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{X_0})$ and $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{Y_0})$.

08II Lemma 6.4. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be an affine morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Then $Rf_* : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ reflects isomorphisms.

Proof. The statement means that a morphism $\alpha : E \to F$ of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is an isomorphism if $Rf_*\alpha$ is an isomorphism. We may check this on cohomology sheaves. In particular, the question is étale local on $Y$. Hence we may assume $Y$ and therefore $X$ is affine. In this case the problem reduces to the case of schemes (Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 5.1) via Lemma 4.2 and Remark 6.3.

08IJ Lemma 6.5. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be an affine morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. For $E$ in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ we have $Rf_*Lf^*E = E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} f_*\mathcal{O}_X$.

Proof. Since $f$ is affine the map $f_*\mathcal{O}_X \to Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X$ is an isomorphism (Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 8.2). There is a canonical map $E \otimes^L f_*\mathcal{O}_X = E \otimes^L Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X \to Rf_*Lf^*E$ adjoint to the map

$$Lf^*(E \otimes^L Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X) = Lf^*E \otimes^L Lf^*Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X \to Lf^*E \otimes^L \mathcal{O}_X = Lf^*E$$

coming from $1 : Lf^*E \to Lf^*E$ and the canonical map $Lf^*Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X \to \mathcal{O}_X$. To check the map so constructed is an isomorphism we may work locally on $Y$. Hence we may assume $Y$ and therefore $X$ is affine. In this case the problem reduces to the case of schemes (Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 5.2) via Lemma 4.2 and Remark 6.3.

7. Being proper over a base

0CZB This section is the analogue of Cohomology of Schemes, Section 26. As usual with material having to do with topology on the sets of points, we have to be careful translating the material to algebraic spaces.

0CZC Lemma 7.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$ which is locally of finite type. Let $T \subset |X|$ be a closed subset. The following are equivalent

1. the morphism $Z \to Y$ is proper if $Z$ is the reduced induced algebraic space structure on $T$ (Properties of Spaces, Definition 12.6),
2. for some closed subspace $Z \subset X$ with $|Z| = T$ the morphism $Z \to Y$ is proper, and
3. for any closed subspace $Z \subset X$ with $|Z| = T$ the morphism $Z \to Y$ is proper.

Proof. The implications (3) $\Rightarrow$ (1) and (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) are immediate. Thus it suffices to prove that (2) implies (3). We urge the reader to find their own proof of this fact. Let $Z'$ and $Z''$ be closed subspaces with $T = |Z'| = |Z''|$ such that $Z' \to Y$ is a proper morphism of algebraic spaces. We have to show that $Z'' \to Y$ is proper too. Let $Z''' = Z' \cup Z''$ be the scheme theoretic union, see Morphisms of Spaces, Definition 14.4. Then $Z'''$ is another closed subspace with $|Z'''| = T$. This follows for example from the description of scheme theoretic unions in Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 14.6. Since $Z'' \to Z'''$ is a closed immersion it suffices to prove
that $Z''' \to Y$ is proper (see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemmas \ref{morphismsLemma40.5} and \ref{morphismsLemma40.4}). The morphism $Z' \to Z'''$ is a bijective closed immersion and in particular surjective and universally closed. Then the fact that $Z' \to Y$ is separated implies that $Z''' \to Y$ is separated, see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \ref{morphismsLemma9.8}. Moreover $Z''' \to Y$ is locally of finite type as $X \to Y$ is locally of finite type (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemmas \ref{morphismsLemma23.7} and \ref{morphismsLemma23.2}). Since $Z' \to Y$ is quasi-compact and $Z' \to Z'''$ is a universal homeomorphism we see that $Z''' \to Y$ is quasi-compact. Finally, since $Z' \to Y$ is universally closed, we see that the same thing is true for $Z''' \to Y$ by Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \ref{morphismsLemma40.7}. This finishes the proof. \hfill \Box

**Definition 7.2.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$ which is locally of finite type. Let $T \subset |X|$ be a closed subset. We say $T$ is proper over $Y$ if the equivalent conditions of Lemma \ref{properLemma7.1} are satisfied.

The lemma used in the definition above is false if the morphism $f : X \to Y$ is not locally of finite type. Therefore we urge the reader not to use this terminology if $f$ is not locally of finite type.

**Lemma 7.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$ which is locally of finite type. Let $T' \subset T \subset |X|$ be closed subsets. If $T$ is proper over $Y$, then the same is true for $T'$.

**Proof.** Omitted. \hfill \Box

**Lemma 7.4.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Consider a cartesian diagram of algebraic spaces over $S$

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \longrightarrow & X \\
\downarrow f' & & \downarrow f \\
Y' & \longrightarrow & Y
\end{array}
$$

with $f$ locally of finite type. If $T$ is a closed subset of $|X|$ proper over $Y$, then $|g'|^{-1}(T)$ is a closed subset of $|X'|$ proper over $Y'$.

**Proof.** Observe that the statement makes sense as $f'$ is locally of finite type by Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \ref{morphismsLemma23.3}. Let $Z \subset X$ be the reduced induced closed subspace structure on $T$. Denote $Z' = (g')^{-1}(Z)$ the scheme theoretic inverse image. Then $Z' = X' \times_X Z = (Y' \times_Y X) \times_X Z = Y' \times_Y Z$ is proper over $Y'$ as a base change of $Z$ over $Y'$ (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \ref{morphismsLemma40.3}). On the other hand, we have $T' = |Z'|$. Hence the lemma holds. \hfill \Box

**Lemma 7.5.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $B$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces which are locally of finite type over $B$.

1. If $Y$ is separated over $B$ and $T \subset |X|$ is a closed subset proper over $B$, then $|f|(T)$ is a closed subset of $|Y|$ proper over $B$.
2. If $f$ is universally closed and $T \subset |X|$ is a closed subset proper over $B$, then $|f|(T)$ is a closed subset of $Y$ proper over $B$.
3. If $f$ is proper and $T \subset |Y|$ is a closed subset proper over $B$, then $|f|^{-1}(T)$ is a closed subset of $|X|$ proper over $B$.

**Proof.** Proof of (1). Assume $Y$ is separated over $B$ and $T \subset |X|$ is a closed subset proper over $B$. Let $Z$ be the reduced induced closed subspace structure on $T$ and apply Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \ref{morphismsLemma40.8} to $Z \to Y$ over $B$ to conclude.
Proof of (2). Assume \( f \) is universally closed and \( T \subseteq |X| \) is a closed subset proper over \( B \). Let \( Z \) be the reduced induced closed subspace structure on \( T \) and let \( Z' \) be the reduced induced closed subspace structure on \( |f|(T) \). We obtain an induced morphism \( Z \to Z' \). Denote \( Z'' = f^{-1}(Z') \) the scheme theoretic inverse image. Then \( Z'' \to Z' \) is universally closed as a base change of \( f \) (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([40.3]\)). Hence \( Z \to Z' \) is universally closed as a composition of the closed immersion \( Z \to Z'' \) and \( Z'' \to Z' \) (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemmas \([40.5]\) and \([40.4]\)).

We conclude that \( Z' \to B \) is separated by Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([9.8]\). Since \( Z \to B \) is quasi-compact and \( Z \to Z' \) is surjective we see that \( Z' \to B \) is quasi-compact. Since \( Z' \to B \) is the composition of \( Z' \to Y \) and \( Y \to B \) we see that \( Z' \to B \) is locally of finite type (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemmas \([23.7]\) and \([23.2]\)). Finally, since \( Z \to B \) is universally closed, we see that the same thing is true for \( Z' \to B \) by Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([40.7]\). This finishes the proof.

Proof of (3). Assume \( f \) is proper and \( T \subseteq |Y| \) is a closed subset proper over \( B \). Let \( Z \) be the reduced induced closed subspace structure on \( T \). Denote \( Z' = f^{-1}(Z) \) the scheme theoretic inverse image. Then \( Z' \to Z \) is proper as a base change of \( f \) (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([40.3]\)). Whence \( Z' \to B \) is proper as the composition of \( Z' \to Z \) and \( Z \to B \) (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([40.4]\)). This finishes the proof. \( \square \)

**Lemma 7.6.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \) which is locally of finite type. Let \( T_i \subseteq |X|, \; i = 1, \ldots, n \) be closed subsets. If \( T_i, \; i = 1, \ldots, n \) are proper over \( Y \), then the same is true for \( \bigcup T_i \).

**Proof.** Let \( Z_i \) be the reduced induced closed subscheme structure on \( T_i \). The morphism

\[
Z_1 \amalg \cdots \amalg Z_n \to X
\]

is finite by Morphisms of Spaces, Lemmas \([45.10]\) and \([45.11]\). As finite morphisms are universally closed (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([45.9]\)) and since \( Z_1 \amalg \cdots \amalg Z_n \) is proper over \( S \) we conclude by Lemma \([7.5]\) part (2) that the image \( Z_1 \cup \cdots \cup Z_n \) is proper over \( S \). \( \square \)

Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \) which is locally of finite type. Let \( F \) be a finite type, quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module. Then the support \( \text{Supp}(F) \) of \( F \) is a closed subset of \( |X| \), see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([15.2]\). Hence it makes sense to say “the support of \( F \) is proper over \( Y \)”. 

**Lemma 7.7.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \) which is locally of finite type. Let \( F \) be a finite type, quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module. The following are equivalent

1. the support of \( F \) is proper over \( Y \),
2. the scheme theoretic support of \( F \) (Morphisms of Spaces, Definition \([15.4]\)) is proper over \( Y \), and
3. there exists a closed subspace \( Z \subset X \) and a finite type, quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_Z \)-module \( G \) such that (a) \( Z \to Y \) is proper, and (b) \( (Z \to X)_* G = F \).

**Proof.** The support \( \text{Supp}(F) \) of \( F \) is a closed subset of \( |X| \), see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([15.2]\). Hence we can apply Definition \([7.2]\). Since the scheme theoretic support of \( F \) is a closed subspace whose underlying closed subset is \( \text{Supp}(F) \) we see that (1) and (2) are equivalent by Definition \([7.2]\). It is clear that (2) implies (3).
Conversely, if (3) is true, then \( \text{Supp}(\mathcal{F}) \subset |Z| \) and hence \( \text{Supp}(\mathcal{F}) \) is proper over \( Y \).

□

Lemma 7.8. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Consider a cartesian diagram of algebraic spaces over \( S \):

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \xrightarrow{g'} & X \\
\downarrow{f'} & & \downarrow{f} \\
Y' & \xrightarrow{g} & Y
\end{array}
\]

with \( f \) locally of finite type. Let \( \mathcal{F} \) be a finite type, quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module. If the support of \( \mathcal{F} \) is proper over \( Y \), then the support of \( (g')^*\mathcal{F} \) is proper over \( Y' \).

Proof. Observe that the statement makes sense because \((g')^*\mathcal{F}\) is of finite type by Modules on Sites, Lemma 23.4. We have \( \text{Supp}((g')^*\mathcal{F}) = |g'|^{-1}(\text{Supp}(\mathcal{F})) \) by Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 15.2. Thus the lemma follows from Lemma 7.4.

□

Lemma 7.9. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \) which is locally of finite type. Let \( \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \) be finite type, quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module.

1. If the supports of \( \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \) are proper over \( Y \), then the same is true for \( \mathcal{F} \oplus \mathcal{G} \), for any extension of \( \mathcal{G} \) by \( \mathcal{F} \), for \( \text{Im}(u) \) and \( \text{Coker}(u) \) given any \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module map \( u : \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{G} \), and for any quasi-coherent quotient of \( \mathcal{F} \) or \( \mathcal{G} \).

2. If \( Y \) is locally Noetherian, then the category of coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules with support proper over \( Y \) is a Serre subcategory (Homology, Definition 9.1) of the abelian category of coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules.

Proof. Proof of (1). Let \( T, T' \) be the support of \( \mathcal{F} \) and \( \mathcal{G} \). Then all the sheaves mentioned in (1) have support contained in \( T \cup T' \). Thus the assertion itself is clear from Lemmas 7.3 and 7.6 provided we check that these sheaves are finite type and quasi-coherent. For quasi-coherence we refer the reader to Properties of Spaces, Section 29. For "finite type" we refer the reader to Properties of Spaces, Section 30.

Proof of (2). The proof is the same as the proof of (1). Note that the assertions make sense as \( X \) is locally Noetherian by Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 23.5 and by the description of the category of coherent modules in Cohomology of Spaces, Section 12.

□

Lemma 7.10. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Assume \( f \) is locally of finite type and \( Y \) locally Noetherian. Let \( \mathcal{F} \) be a coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-module with support proper over \( Y \). Then \( R^pf_*\mathcal{F} \) is a coherent \( \mathcal{O}_Y \)-module for all \( p \geq 0 \).

Proof. By Lemma 7.7 there exists a closed immersion \( i : Z \to X \) with \( g = f \circ i : Z \to Y \) proper and \( \mathcal{F} = i_*\mathcal{G} \) for some coherent module \( \mathcal{G} \) on \( Z \). We see that \( R^p i_*\mathcal{G} \) is coherent on \( S \) by Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 20.2. On the other hand, \( R^qi_*\mathcal{G} = 0 \) for \( q > 0 \) (Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 12.9). By Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 15.7, we get \( R^pf_*\mathcal{F} = R^p i_*\mathcal{G} \) and the lemma follows.

□

8. Derived category of coherent modules

Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a locally Noetherian algebraic space over \( S \). In this case the category \( \text{Coh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \subset \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) of coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules is a weak Serre
subcategory, see Homology, Section \[9\] and Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma \[12.3\].

Denote

\[ D_{\text{Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \subset D(\mathcal{O}_X) \]

the subcategory of complexes whose cohomology sheaves are coherent, see Derived Categories, Section \[13\]. Thus we obtain a canonical functor

\[ D(\text{Coh}(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D_{\text{Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \]

see Derived Categories, Equation \[13.1.1\].

\begin{lemma} \[8.1\]
Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Assume \( f \) is locally of finite type and \( Y \) is Noetherian. Let \( E \) be an object of \( D_{\text{Coh}}^b(\mathcal{O}_X) \) such that the support of \( H^i(E) \) is proper over \( Y \) for all \( i \).

Then \( Rf_! E \) is an object of \( D_{\text{Coh}}^b(\mathcal{O}_Y) \).
\end{lemma}

\begin{proof}
Consider the spectral sequence

\[ R^p f_! H^q(E) \Rightarrow R^{p+q} f_* E \]

see Derived Categories, Lemma \[21.3\]. By assumption and Lemma \[7.10\] the sheaves \( R^p f_! H^q(E) \) are coherent. Hence \( R^{p+q} f_* E \) is coherent, i.e., \( E \in D_{\text{Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \). Boundness from below is trivial. Boundness from above follows from Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma \[8.1\] or from Lemma \[6.1\]. \[\square\]

\begin{lemma} \[8.2\]
Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Assume \( f \) is locally of finite type and \( Y \) is Noetherian. Let \( E \) be an object of \( D_{\text{Coh}}^b(\mathcal{O}_X) \) such that the support of \( H^i(E) \) is proper over \( S \) for all \( i \).

Then \( Rf_* E \) is an object of \( D_{\text{Coh}}^b(\mathcal{O}_Y) \).
\end{lemma}

\begin{proof}
The proof is the same as the proof of Lemma \[8.1\]. You can also deduce it from Lemma \[8.1\] by considering what the exact functor \( Rf_* \) does to the distinguished triangles \( \tau_{\leq a} E \to E \to \tau_{\geq a+1} E \to \tau_{\leq a} E[1] \). \[\square\]

\begin{lemma} \[8.3\]
Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a locally Noetherian algebraic space over \( S \). If \( L \) is in \( D_{\text{Coh}}^+(\mathcal{O}_X) \) and \( K \) in \( D_{\text{Coh}}^-(\mathcal{O}_X) \), then \( R\mathcal{H}om(K, L) \) is in \( D_{\text{Coh}}^+(\mathcal{O}_X) \).
\end{lemma}

\begin{proof}
We can check whether an object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) is in \( D_{\text{Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) étale locally on \( X \), see Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma \[12.2\]. Hence this lemma follows from the case of schemes, see Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \[10.3\]. \[\square\]

\begin{lemma} \[8.4\]
Let \( A \) be a Noetherian ring. Let \( X \) be a proper algebraic space over \( A \). For \( L \) in \( D_{\text{Coh}}^+(\mathcal{O}_X) \) and \( K \) in \( D_{\text{Coh}}^-(\mathcal{O}_X) \), the \( A \)-modules \( \text{Ext}^n_{\mathcal{O}_X}(K, L) \) are finite.
\end{lemma}

\begin{proof}
Recall that

\[ \text{Ext}^n_{\mathcal{O}_X}(K, L) = H^n(X, R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X}(K, L)) = H^n(\text{Spec}(A), Rf_* R\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X}(K, L)) \]

see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \[32.1\] and Cohomology on Sites, Section \[13\]. Thus the result follows from Lemmas \[8.3\] and \[8.2\]. \[\square\]
9. Induction principle

In this section we discuss an induction principle for algebraic spaces analogues to what is Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma 4.1 for schemes. To formulate it we introduce the notion of an elementary distinguished square; this terminology is borrowed from [MV99]. The principle as formulated here is implicit in the paper [GR71] by Raynaud and Gruson. A related principle for algebraic stacks is [Ryd10, Theorem D] by David Rydh.

**Definition 9.1.** Let $S$ be a scheme. A commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
U \times_W V & \longrightarrow & V \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow f \\
U & \longrightarrow & W
\end{array}
$$

of algebraic spaces over $S$ is called an elementary distinguished square if

1. $U$ is an open subspace of $W$ and $j$ is the inclusion morphism,
2. $f$ is étale, and
3. setting $T = W \setminus U$ (with reduced induced subspace structure) the morphism $f^{-1}(T) \to T$ is an isomorphism.

We will indicate this by saying: “Let $(U \subset W, f : V \to W)$ be an elementary distinguished square.”

Note that if $(U \subset W, f : V \to W)$ is an elementary distinguished square, then we have $W = U \cup f(V)$. Thus $\{U \to W, V \to W\}$ is an étale covering of $W$. It turns out that these étale coverings have nice properties and that in some sense there are “enough” of them.

**Lemma 9.2.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $(U \subset W, f : V \to W)$ be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over $S$.

1. If $V' \subset V$ and $U \subset U' \subset W$ are open subspaces and $W' = U' \cup f(V')$ then $(U' \subset W', f|_{V'} : V' \to W')$ is an elementary distinguished square.
2. If $p : W' \to W$ is a morphism of algebraic spaces, then $(p^{-1}(U) \subset W', V \times_W W' \to W')$ is an elementary distinguished square.
3. If $S' \to S$ is a morphism of schemes, then $(S' \times_S U \subset S' \times_S W, S' \times_S V \to S' \times_S W)$ is an elementary distinguished square.

**Proof.** Omitted.

**Lemma 9.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $P$ be a property of the quasi-compact and quasi-separated objects of $X_{spaces,\text{étale}}$. Assume that

1. $P$ holds for every affine object of $X_{spaces,\text{étale}}$.
2. for every elementary distinguished square $(U \subset W, f : V \to W)$ such that
   (a) $W$ is a quasi-compact and quasi-separated object of $X_{spaces,\text{étale}}$,
   (b) $U$ is quasi-compact,
   (c) $V$ is affine, and
   (d) $P$ holds for $U, V, and U \times_W V$,
   then $P$ holds for $W$.

Then $P$ holds for every quasi-compact and quasi-separated object of $X_{spaces,\text{étale}}$ and in particular for $X$. 


Proof. We first claim that \( P \) holds for every representable quasi-compact and quasi-separated object of \( \mathfrak{X}_{\text{spaces, étale}} \). Namely, suppose that \( U \rightarrow X \) is étale and \( U \) is a quasi-compact and quasi-separated scheme. By assumption (1) property \( P \) holds for every affine open of \( U \). Moreover, if \( W, V \subset U \) are quasi-compact open with \( V \) affine and \( P \) holds for \( W, V, \) and \( W \cap V, \) then \( P \) holds for \( W \cup V \) by (2) (as the pair \((W \subset W \cup V, V \rightarrow W \cup V)\) is an elementary distinguished square). Thus \( P \) holds for \( U \) by the induction principle for schemes, see Cohomology of Schemes, Lemma \[4.1\]

To finish the proof it suffices to prove \( P \) holds for \( X \) (because we can simply replace \( X \) by any quasi-compact and quasi-separated object of \( X_{\text{spaces, étale}} \) we want to prove the result for). We will use the filtration

\[
\emptyset = U_{n+1} \subset U_n \subset U_{n-1} \subset \ldots \subset U_1 = X
\]

and the morphisms \( f_p : V_p \rightarrow U_p \) of Decent Spaces, Lemma \[8.6\]. We will prove that \( P \) holds for \( U_p \) by descending induction on \( p \). Note that \( P \) holds for \( U_{n+1} \) by (1) as an empty algebraic space is affine. Assume \( P \) holds for \( U_{n+1} \). Note that \((U_{n+1} \subset U_n, f_p : V_p \rightarrow U_p)\) is an elementary distinguished square, but (2) may not apply as \( V_p \) may not be affine. However, as \( V_p \) is a quasi-compact scheme we may choose a finite affine open covering \( V_p = V_{p,1} \cup \ldots \cup V_{p,m} \). Set \( W_{p,0} = U_{p+1} \) and

\[
W_{p,i} = U_{p+1} \cup f_p(V_{p,1} \cup \ldots \cup V_{p,i})
\]

for \( i = 1, \ldots, m \). These are quasi-compact open subspaces of \( X \). Then we have

\[
U_{p+1} = W_{p,0} \subset W_{p,1} \subset \ldots \subset W_{p,m} = U_p
\]

and the pairs

\[
(W_{p,0} \subset W_{p,1}, f_p|_{V_{p,1}}), (W_{p,1} \subset W_{p,2}, f_p|_{V_{p,2}}), \ldots, (W_{p,m-1} \subset W_{p,m}, f_p|_{V_{p,m}})
\]

are elementary distinguished squares by Lemma \[9.2\]. Note that \( P \) holds for each \( V_{p,1} \) (as affine schemes) and for \( W_{p,i} \times_{W_{p,i+1}} V_{p,i+1} \) as this is a quasi-compact open of \( V_{p,i+1} \) and hence \( P \) holds for it by the first paragraph of this proof. Thus (2) applies to each of these and we inductively conclude \( P \) holds for \( W_{p,1}, \ldots, W_{p,m} = U_p \). \( \square \)

**Lemma 9.4.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( \mathcal{B} \subset \text{Ob}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{spaces, étale}}) \). Let \( P \) be a property of the elements of \( \mathcal{B} \). Assume that

1. every \( W \in \mathcal{B} \) is quasi-compact and quasi-separated,
2. if \( W \in \mathcal{B} \) and \( U \subset W \) is quasi-compact open, then \( U \in \mathcal{B} \),
3. if \( V \in \text{Ob}(\mathfrak{X}_{\text{spaces, étale}}) \) is affine, then (a) \( V \in \mathcal{B} \) and (b) \( P \) holds for \( V \),
4. for every elementary distinguished square \((U \subset W, f : V \rightarrow W)\) such that
   (a) \( W \in \mathcal{B} \),
   (b) \( U \) is quasi-compact,
   (c) \( V \) is affine, and
   (d) \( P \) holds for \( U, V, \) and \( U \times_W V \),
then \( P \) holds for \( W \).

Then \( P \) holds for every \( W \in \mathcal{B} \).

**Proof.** This is proved in exactly the same manner as the proof of Lemma \[9.3\]. (We remark that (4)(d) makes sense as \( U \times_W V \) is a quasi-compact open of \( V \) hence an element of \( \mathcal{B} \) by conditions (2) and (3).) \( \square \)
08GR **Remark 9.5.** How to choose the collection \( \mathcal{B} \) in Lemma 9.4? Here are some examples:

1. If \( X \) is quasi-compact and separated, then we can choose \( \mathcal{B} \) to be the set of quasi-compact and separated objects of \( X_{spaces,\text{étale}} \). Then \( X \in \mathcal{B} \) and \( \mathcal{B} \) satisfies (1), (2), and (3)(a). With this choice of \( \mathcal{B} \) Lemma 9.4 reproduces Lemma 9.3.

2. If \( X \) is quasi-compact with affine diagonal, then we can choose \( \mathcal{B} \) to be the set of objects of \( X_{spaces,\text{étale}} \) which are quasi-compact and have affine diagonal. Again \( X \in \mathcal{B} \) and \( \mathcal{B} \) satisfies (1), (2), and (3)(a).

3. If \( X \) is quasi-compact and quasi-separated, then the smallest subset \( \mathcal{B} \) which contains \( X \) and satisfies (1), (2), and (3)(a) is given by the rule \( W \in \mathcal{B} \) if and only if either \( W \) is a quasi-compact open subspace of \( X \), or \( W \) is a quasi-compact open of an affine object of \( X_{spaces,\text{étale}} \).

Here is a variant where we extend the truth from an open to larger opens.

09IT **Lemma 9.6.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( W \subset X \) be a quasi-compact open subspace. Let \( P \) be a property of quasi-compact open subspaces of \( X \). Assume that

1. \( P \) holds for \( W \), and
2. for every elementary distinguished square \((W_1 \subset W_2, f : V \to W_2)\) where such that
   - \( W_1, W_2 \) are quasi-compact open subspaces of \( X \),
   - \( W \subset W_1 \),
   - \( V \) is affine, and
   - \( P \) holds for \( W_1 \),
   - then \( P \) holds for \( W_2 \).

Then \( P \) holds for \( X \).

**Proof.** We can deduce this from Lemma 9.4 but instead we will give a direct argument by explicitly redoing the proof of Lemma 9.3. We will use the filtration

\[ \emptyset = U_{n+1} \subset U_n \subset U_{n-1} \subset \ldots \subset U_1 = X \]

and the morphisms \( f_p : V_p \to U_p \) of Decent Spaces, Lemma 8.6. We will prove that \( P \) holds for \( W = W \cup U_p \) by descending induction on \( p \). This will finish the proof as \( W_1 = X \). Note that \( P \) holds for \( W_{n+1} \subset W \cap U_{n+1} = W \) by (1). Assume \( P \) holds for \( W_{p+1} \). Observe that \( W_p \setminus W_{p+1} \) (with reduced induced subspace structure) is a closed subspace of \( U_p \setminus U_{p+1} \). Since \((U_{p+1} \subset U_p, f_p : V_p \to U_p)\) is an elementary distinguished square, the same is true for \((W_{p+1} \subset W_p, f_p : V_p \to W_p)\). However (2) may not apply as \( V_p \) may not be affine. However, as \( V_p \) is a quasi-compact scheme we may choose a finite affine open covering \( V_p = V_{p,1} \cup \ldots \cup V_{p,m} \). Set \( W_{p,0} = W_{p+1} \) and

\[ W_{p,i} = W_{p+1} \cup f_p(V_{p,1} \cup \ldots \cup V_{p,i}) \]

for \( i = 1, \ldots, m \). These are quasi-compact open subspaces of \( X \) containing \( W \).

Then we have

\[ W_{p+1} = W_{p,0} \subset W_{p,1} \subset \ldots \subset W_{p,m} = W_p \]

and the pairs

\((W_{p,0} \subset W_{p,1}, f_p|_{V_{p,1}}), (W_{p,1} \subset W_{p,2}, f_p|_{V_{p,2}}), \ldots, (W_{p,m-1} \subset W_{p,m}, f_p|_{V_{p,m}})\)
are elementary distinguished squares by Lemma \[9.2\]. Now (2) applies to each of these and we inductively conclude \( P \) holds for \( W_{p,1}, \ldots, W_{p,m} = W_p \). \( \square \)

10. Mayer-Vietoris

08GS In this section we prove that an elementary distinguished triangle gives rise to various Mayer-Vietoris sequences.

Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( U \to X \) be an étale morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). In Properties of Spaces, Section \[27\] it was shown that \( U_{spaces,étale} = X_{spaces,étale}/U \) compatible with structure sheaves. Hence in this situation we often think of the morphism \( j_U : U \to X \) as a localization morphism (see Modules on Sites, Definition \[19.1\]). In particular we think of pullback \( j_U^* \) as restriction to \( U \) and we often denote it by \( |U| \); this is compatible with Properties of Spaces, Equation \[26.1.1\]. In particular we see that

08GT (10.0.1) \((F|_U)_\pi = F_\pi\)

if \( \pi \) is a geometric point of \( U \) and \( \pi \) the image of \( \pi \) in \( X \). Moreover, restriction has an exact left adjoint \( j_U! \), see Modules on Sites, Lemmas \[19.2\] and \[19.3\]. Finally, recall that if \( G \) is an \( O_X \)-module, then

08GU (10.0.2) \((j_U!G)_\pi = \bigoplus \pi G_\pi\)

for any geometric point \( \pi : \text{Spec}(k) \to X \) where the direct sum is over those morphisms \( \pi : \text{Spec}(k) \to U \) such that \( j_U \circ \pi = \pi \), see Modules on Sites, Lemma \[37.1\] and Properties of Spaces, Lemma \[19.13\].

Lemma 10.1. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \((U \subset X, V \to X)\) be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over \( S \).

(1) For a sheaf of \( O_X \)-modules \( F \) we have a short exact sequence

\[ 0 \to j_{U \times_X V} F|_{U \times_X V} \to j_U F|_U \oplus j_V F|_V \to F \to 0 \]

(2) For an object \( E \) of \( D(O_X) \) we have a distinguished triangle

\[ j_{U \times_X V} E|_{U \times_X V} \to j_U E|_U \oplus j_V E|_V \to E \to j_{U \times_X V} [1] \]

in \( D(O_X) \).

Proof. To show the sequence of (1) is exact we may check on stalks at geometric points by Properties of Spaces, Theorem \[19.12\]. Let \( \pi \) be a geometric point of \( X \). By Equations \[10.0.1\] and \[10.0.2\] taking stalks at \( \pi \) we obtain the sequence

\[ 0 \to \bigoplus_{(\pi, \nu)} F_\pi \to \bigoplus_{\pi} F_\pi \oplus \bigoplus_{\nu} F_\nu \to F_\pi \to 0 \]

This sequence is exact because for every \( \pi \) there either is exactly one \( \pi \) mapping to \( \pi \), or there is no \( \pi \) and exactly one \( \pi \) mapping to \( \pi \).

Proof of (2). We have seen in Cohomology on Sites, Section \[21\] that the restriction functors and the extension by zero functors on derived categories are computed by just applying the functor to any complex. Let \( \mathcal{E}^* \) be a complex of \( O_X \)-modules representing \( E \). The distinguished triangle of the lemma is the distinguished triangle associated (by Derived Categories, Section \[12\] and especially Lemma \[12.1\]) to the short exact sequence of complexes of \( O_X \)-modules

\[ 0 \to j_{U \times_X V} \mathcal{E}^*|_{U \times_X V} \to j_U \mathcal{E}^*|_U \oplus j_V \mathcal{E}^*|_V \to \mathcal{E}^* \to 0 \]

which is short exact by (1). \( \square \)
Lemma 10.2. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $(U \subset X, V \to X)$ be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over $S$.

1. For every sheaf of $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules $\mathcal{F}$ we have a short exact sequence
   \[ 0 \to \mathcal{F} \to j_{U,!*}\mathcal{F}|_U \oplus j_{V,!*}\mathcal{F}|_V \to j_{U \times_X V,!*}\mathcal{F}|_{U \times_X V} \to 0 \]

2. For any object $E$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ we have a distinguished triangle
   \[ E \to Rj_{U,!*}E|_U \oplus Rj_{V,!*}E|_V \to Rj_{U \times_X V,!*}E|_{U \times_X V} \to E[1] \]
   in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

Proof. Let $W$ be an object of $X_{\text{étale}}$. We claim the sequence
\[ 0 \to \mathcal{F}(W) \to \mathcal{F}(W \times_X U) \oplus \mathcal{F}(W \times_X V) \to \mathcal{F}(W \times_X U \times_X V) \]
is exact and that an element of the last group can locally on $W$ be lifted to the middle one. By Lemma 9.2 the pair $(W \times_X U \subset W, V \times_X W \to W)$ is an elementary distinguished square. Thus we may assume $W = X$ and it suffices to prove the same thing for
\[ 0 \to \mathcal{F}(X) \to \mathcal{F}(U) \oplus \mathcal{F}(V) \to \mathcal{F}(U \times_X V) \]
We have seen that
\[ 0 \to j_{U \times_X V,!*}\mathcal{O}_{U \times_X V} \to j_{U,!*}\mathcal{O}_U \oplus j_{V,!*}\mathcal{O}_V \to \mathcal{O}_X \to 0 \]
is a short exact sequence of $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules in Lemma 10.1 and applying the right exact functor $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\_,-)$ gives the sequence above. This also means that the obstruction to lifting $s \in \mathcal{F}(U \times_X V)$ to an element of $\mathcal{F}(U) \oplus \mathcal{F}(V)$ lies in $\text{Ext}^1_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}) = H^1(X, \mathcal{F})$. By locality of cohomology (Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 8.3) this obstruction vanishes étale locally on $X$ and the proof of (1) is complete.

Proof of (2). Choose a K-injective complex $\mathcal{I}^\bullet$ representing $E$ whose terms $\mathcal{I}^n$ are injective objects of $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$, see Injectives, Theorem 12.6. Then $\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_U$ is a K-injective complex (Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 21.1). Hence $Rj_{U,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_U$ is represented by $j_{U,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_U$. Similarly for $V$ and $U \times_X V$. Hence the distinguished triangle of the lemma is the distinguished triangle associated (by Derived Categories, Section 12 and especially Lemma 12.1) to the short exact sequence of complexes
\[ 0 \to \mathcal{I}^\bullet \to j_{U,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_U \oplus j_{V,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_V \to j_{U \times_X V,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_{U \times_X V} \to 0. \]
This sequence is exact by (1).

Lemma 10.3. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $(U \subset X, V \to X)$ be an elementary distinguished square. Denote $a = f|_U : U \to Y$, $b = f|_V : V \to Y$, and $c = f|_{U \times_X V} : U \times_X V \to Y$ the restrictions. For every object $E$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ there exists a distinguished triangle
\[ Rf_*E \to Ra_*(E|_U) \oplus Rb_*(E|_V) \to Rc_*(E|_{U \times_X V}) \to Rf_*E[1] \]
in $D(\mathcal{O}_Y)$. This triangle is functorial in $E$.

Proof. Choose a K-injective complex $\mathcal{I}^\bullet$ representing $E$. We may assume $\mathcal{I}^n$ is an injective object of $\text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ for all $n$, see Injectives, Theorem 12.6. Then $Rf_*E$ is computed by $f_*\mathcal{I}^\bullet$. Similarly for $U, V$, and $U \cap V$ by Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 21.1. Hence the distinguished triangle of the lemma is the distinguished triangle
\[ 0 \to \mathcal{I}^\bullet \to j_{U,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_U \oplus j_{V,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_V \to j_{U \times_X V,!*}\mathcal{I}^\bullet|_{U \times_X V} \to 0. \]
This sequence is exact by (1).
associated (by Derived Categories, Section 12 and especially Lemma 12.1) to the short exact sequence of complexes

\[ 0 \to f_*\mathcal{I}^* \to a_*\mathcal{I}^*|_U \oplus b_*\mathcal{I}^*|_V \to c_*\mathcal{I}^*|_{U \times X V} \to 0. \]

To see this is a short exact sequence of complexes we argue as follows. Pick an injective object \( \mathcal{I} \) of \( \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \). Apply \( f_* \) to the short exact sequence

\[ 0 \to \mathcal{I} \to j_{U,*}\mathcal{I}|_U \oplus j_{V,*}\mathcal{I}|_V \to j_{U \times X V,*}\mathcal{I}|_{U \times X V} \to 0 \]

of Lemma 10.2 and use that \( R^1f_*\mathcal{I} = 0 \) to get a short exact sequence

\[ 0 \to f_*\mathcal{I} \to f_*j_{U,*}\mathcal{I}|_U \oplus f_*j_{V,*}\mathcal{I}|_V \to f_*j_{U \times X V,*}\mathcal{I}|_{U \times X V} \to 0 \]

The proof is finished by observing that \( a_* = f_*j_{U,*} \) and similarly for \( b_* \) and \( c_* \). □

08H9 **Lemma 10.4.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \((U \subset X, V \to X)\) be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over \( S \). For objects \( E, F \) of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) we have a Mayer-Vietoris sequence

\[ \ldots \to \text{Ext}^{-1}(E_{U \times X V}, F_{U \times X V}) \]

\[ \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(E, F)} \text{Hom}(E_U, F_U) \oplus \text{Hom}(E_V, F_V) \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}(E_{U \times X V}, F_{U \times X V})} \]

where the subscripts denote restrictions to the relevant opens and the Hom’s are taken in the relevant derived categories.

**Proof.** Use the distinguished triangle of Lemma 10.1 to obtain a long exact sequence of Hom’s (from Derived Categories, Lemma 4.2) and use that \( \text{Hom}(j_{U!}E|_U, F) = \text{Hom}(E|_U, F|_U) \) by Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 21.8. □

0CRS **Lemma 10.5.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \((U \subset X, V \to X)\) be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over \( S \). For an object \( E \) of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) we have a distinguished triangle

\[ R\Gamma(X, E) \to R\Gamma(U, E) \oplus R\Gamma(V, E) \to R\Gamma(U \times X V, E) \to R\Gamma(X, E)[1] \]

and in particular a long exact cohomology sequence

\[ \ldots \to H^n(X, E) \to H^n(U, E) \oplus H^n(V, E) \to H^n(U \times X V, E) \to H^{n+1}(X, E) \to \ldots \]

The construction of the distinguished triangle and the long exact sequence is functorial in \( E \).

**Proof.** Choose a K-injective complex \( \mathcal{I}^* \) representing \( E \) whose terms \( \mathcal{I}^n \) are injective objects of \( \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \), see Injectives, Theorem 12.6. In the proof of Lemma 10.2 we found a short exact sequence of complexes

\[ 0 \to \mathcal{I}^* \to j_{U,*}\mathcal{I}^*|_U \oplus j_{V,*}\mathcal{I}^*|_V \to j_{U \times X V,*}\mathcal{I}^*|_{U \times X V} \to 0 \]

Since \( H^1(X, \mathcal{I}^n) = 0 \), we see that taking global sections gives an exact sequence of complexes

\[ 0 \to \Gamma(X, \mathcal{I}^*) \to \Gamma(U, \mathcal{I}^*) \oplus \Gamma(V, \mathcal{I}^*) \to \Gamma(U \times X V, \mathcal{I}^*) \to 0 \]

Since these complexes represent \( R\Gamma(X, E) \), \( R\Gamma(U, E) \), \( R\Gamma(V, E) \), and \( R\Gamma(U \times X V, E) \) we get a distinguished triangle by Derived Categories, Section 12 and especially Lemma 12.1. □
Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $j : U \to X$ be an étale morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Given an étale morphism $V \to Y$, set $W = V \times_X U$ and denote $j_W : W \to V$ the projection morphism. Then $(j_E)_V = j_{W!}(E|_W)$ for $E$ in $D(O_S)$.

Proof. This is true because $(j_*F)_V = j_{W!}(F|_W)$ for an $O_X$-module $F$ as follows immediately from the construction of the functors $j_!$ and $j_{W!}$, see Modules on Sites, Lemma \[9.2\]

Let $(U \subset X, j : V \to X)$ be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over $S$. Set $T = |X| \setminus |U|$. Then we see that $E|_T = 0$ and $E|_{U \times_X V} = 0$ as $T$ doesn’t meet $U$ and $j^{-1}T$ doesn’t meet $U \times_X V$. Thus (1)(a) follows from Lemma \[10.2\] In exactly the same way (1)(b) follows from Lemma \[10.1\]

Let $F$ be an object of $D(O_V)$ whose cohomology sheaves are supported on $j^{-1}T$. By Lemma \[3.1\] we have $(Rj_*F)|_U = Rj_{W*}(F|_W) = 0$ because $F|_W = 0$ by our assumption. Similarly $(j_*F)|_U = j_{W!}(F|_W) = 0$ by Lemma \[10.6\] Thus $j_*F$ and $Rj_*F$ are supported on $T$ and $(j_*F)|_V$ and $(Rj_*F)|_V$ are supported on $j^{-1}(T)$.

To check that the maps (2)(a), (b), (c) are isomorphisms in the derived category, it suffices to check that these map induce isomorphisms on stalks of cohomology sheaves at geometric points of $T$ and $j^{-1}(T)$ by Properties of Spaces, Theorem \[19.12\] This we may do after replacing $X$ by $V$, $U$ by $U \times_X V$, $V$ by $V \times_X V$ and $F$ by $F|_{V \times_X V}$ (restriction via first projection), see Lemmas \[3.1\], \[10.6\] and \[9.2\]. Since $V \times_X V \to V$ has a section this reduces (2) to the case that $j : V \to X$ has a section.

Assume $j$ has a section $\sigma : X \to V$. Set $V' = \sigma(X)$. This is an open subspace of $V$. Set $U' = j^{-1}(U)$. This is another open subspace of $V$. Then $(U' \subset V, V' \to V)$ is an elementary distinguished square. Observe that $F|_{U'} = 0$ and $F|_{V' \setminus U'} = 0$ because $F$ is supported on $j^{-1}(T)$. Denote $j' : V' \to V$ the open immersion and $j_{V'} : V' \to X$ the composition $V' \to V \to X$ which is the inverse of $\sigma$. Set $F' = \sigma^*F$. The distinguished triangles of Lemmas \[10.1\] and \[10.2\] show that $F = j'_!(F|_{V'})$ and $F = Rj'_*(F|_{V'})$. It follows that $j_*F = j'_!(F|_{V'}) = j_{V'!}F = F'$ because $j_{V'} : V' \to X$ is an isomorphism and the inverse of $\sigma$. Similarly, $Rj_*F = Rj'_*(F|_{V'}) = Rj_{V'!}F = F'$. This proves (2)(c). To prove (2)(a) and (2)(b) it suffices to show that $F = F'|_{V'}$. This is clear because both $F$ and $F'|_{V'}$ restrict to zero on $U'$ and $U' \cap V'$ and the same object on $V'$.

We can glue complexes!

Let $(U \subset X, V \to X)$ be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over $S$. Suppose given

- an object $A$ of $D(O_U)$,
- an object $B$ of $D(O_V)$, and
- an isomorphism $c : A|_{U \times_X V} \to B|_{U \times_X V}$.
Then there exists an object $F$ of $D(O_X)$ and isomorphisms $f : F|_U \to A$, $g : F|_V \to B$ such that $c = g|_{U \times X \times V} \circ f^{-1}|_{U \times X \times V}$. Moreover, given

1. an object $E$ of $D(O_X)$,
2. a morphism $a : A \to E|_U$ of $D(O_U)$,
3. a morphism $b : B \to E|_V$ of $D(O_V)$,

such that

$$a|_{U \times X \times V} = b|_{U \times X \times V} \circ c.$$ 

Then there exists a morphism $F \to E$ in $D(O_X)$ whose restriction to $U$ is $a \circ f$ and whose restriction to $V$ is $b \circ g$.

**Proof.** Denote $j_U, j_V : j_U \times_X V$ the corresponding morphisms towards $X$. Choose a distinguished triangle

$$F \to Rj_{U,*}A \oplus Rj_{V,*}B \to Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}(B|_{U \times X \times V}) \to F[1]$$

Here the map $Rj_{V,*}B \to Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}(B|_{U \times X \times V})$ is the obvious one. The map $Rj_{U,*}A \to Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}(B|_{U \times X \times V})$ is the composition of $Rj_{U,*}A \to Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}(A|_{U \times X \times V})$ with $Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}c$. Restricting to $U$ we obtain

$$F|_U \to A \oplus (Rj_{V,*}B)|_U \to (Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}(B|_{U \times X \times V})))|_U \to F|_U[1]$$

Denote $j : U \times_X V \to U$. Compatibility of restriction and total direct image (Lemma 3.1) shows that both $(Rj_{V,*}B)|_U$ and $(Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}(B|_{U \times X \times V})))|_U$ are canonically isomorphic to $Rj_*B|_{U \times X \times V})$. Hence the second arrow of the last displayed equation has a section, and we conclude that the morphism $F|_U \to A$ is an isomorphism.

To see that the morphism $F|_V \to B$ is an isomorphism we will use a trick. Namely, choose a distinguished triangle

$$F|_V \to B \to B' \to F[1]|_V$$

in $D(O_V)$. Since $F|_U \to A$ is an isomorphism, and since we have the isomorphism $c : A|_{U \times X \times V} \to B|_{U \times X \times V}$ the restriction of $F|_V \to B$ is an isomorphism over $U \times X \times V$. Thus $B'$ is supported on $j^{-1}_V(T)$ where $T = |X| \setminus |U|$. On the other hand, there is a morphism of distinguished triangles

$$F \xrightarrow{Rj_{U,*}F|_U} Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}F|_{U \times X \times V} \xrightarrow{f} F[1]$$

$$F \xrightarrow{Rj_{U,*}A \oplus Rj_{V,*}B} Rj_{U \times X \times V,*}(B|_{U \times X \times V}) \xrightarrow{F[1]}$$

The all of the vertical maps in this diagram are isomorphisms, except for the map $Rj_{V,*}F|_V \to Rj_{V,*}B$, hence that is an isomorphism too (Derived Categories, Lemma 4.3). This implies that $Rj_{V,*}B' = 0$. Hence $B' = 0$ by Lemma 10.7.

The existence of the morphism $F \to E$ follows from the Mayer-Vietoris sequence for Hom, see Lemma 10.4.
11. The coherator

Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. The coherator is a functor

$$Q_X : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

which is right adjoint to the inclusion functor $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. It exists for any algebraic space $X$ and moreover the adjunction mapping $Q_X(\mathcal{F}) \to \mathcal{F}$ is an isomorphism for every quasi-coherent module $\mathcal{F}$, see Properties of Spaces, Proposition 32.2. Since $Q_X$ is left exact (as a right adjoint) we can consider its right derived extension

$$RQ_X : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)).$$

Since $Q_X$ is right adjoint to the inclusion functor $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ we see that $RQ_X$ is right adjoint to the canonical functor $D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ by Derived Categories, Lemma 28.5.

In this section we will study the functor $RQ_X$. In Section 19 we will study the (closely related) right adjoint to the inclusion functor $D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ (when it exists).

Lemma 11.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be an affine morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Then $f_*$ defines a derived functor $f_* : D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y))$. This functor has the property that

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)) & \longrightarrow & D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \\
\downarrow f_* & & \downarrow Rf_* \\
D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)) & \longrightarrow & D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_Y)
\end{array}$$

commutes.

Proof. The functor $f_* : \text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ is exact, see Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 8.2. Hence $f_*$ defines a derived functor $f_* : D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y))$ by simply applying $f_*$ to any representative complex, see Derived Categories, Lemma 17.9. For any complex of $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules $\mathcal{F}^\bullet$ there is a canonical map $f_*(\mathcal{F}^\bullet) \to Rf_*\mathcal{F}^\bullet$. To finish the proof we show this is a quasi-isomorphism when $\mathcal{F}^\bullet$ is a complex with each $\mathcal{F}^n$ quasi-coherent. The statement is étale local on $Y$ hence we may assume $Y$ affine. As an affine morphism is representable we reduce to the case of schemes by the compatibility of Remark 6.3. The case of schemes is Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 6.1. □

Lemma 11.2. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Assume $f$ is quasi-compact, quasi-separated, and flat. Then, denoting

$$\Phi : D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y))$$

the right derived functor of $f_* : \text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ we have $RQ_Y \circ Rf_* = \Phi \circ RQ_X$.

Proof. We will prove this by showing that $RQ_Y \circ Rf_*$ and $\Phi \circ RQ_X$ are right adjoint to the same functor $D(\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

Since $f$ is quasi-compact and quasi-separated, we see that $f_*$ preserves quasi-coherence, see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 11.2. Recall that $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is a
Grothendieck abelian category (Properties of Spaces, Proposition 32.2). Hence any $K$ in $D(QCoh(O_X))$ can be represented by a $\mathcal{K}$-injective complex $\mathbb{I}^\bullet$ of $QCoh(O_X)$, see Injectives, Theorem 12.9. Then we can define $\Phi(f) = f_\mathbb{I}^\bullet$.

Since $f$ is flat, the functor $f^*$ is exact. Hence $f^*$ defines $f^*: D(O_Y) \to D(O_X)$ and also $f^*: D(QCoh(O_Y)) \to D(QCoh(O_X))$. The functor $f^* = Lf^*: D(O_Y) \to D(O_X)$ is left adjoint to $Rf_*: D(O_X) \to D(O_Y)$, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 20.1. Similarly, the functor $f^*: D(QCoh(O_Y)) \to D(QCoh(O_X))$ is left adjoint to $\Phi: D(QCoh(O_X)) \to D(QCoh(O_Y))$ by Derived Categories, Lemma 28.5.

Let $A$ be an object of $D(QCoh(O_X))$ and $E$ an object of $D(O_X)$. Then
\[
\text{Hom}_{D(QCoh(O_Y))}(A, RQ_Y(Rf_*(E))) = \text{Hom}_{D(O_Y)}(A_\phi, E) \\
= \text{Hom}_{D(O_X)}(f^*A, E) \\
= \text{Hom}_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(f^*A, RQ_X(E)) \\
= \text{Hom}_{D(QCoh(O_Y))}(A_\phi, \Phi(RQ_X(E)))
\]
This implies what we want. \qed

**Lemma 11.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an affine algebraic space over $S$. Set $A = \Gamma(X, O_X)$. Then
1. $Q_X : Mod(O_X) \to QCoh(O_X)$ is the functor which sends $F$ to the quasi-coherent $O_X$-module associated to the $A$-module $\Gamma(X, F)$,
2. $RQ_X : D(O_X) \to D(QCoh(O_X))$ is the functor which sends $E$ to the complex of quasi-coherent $O_X$-modules associated to the object $R\Gamma(X, E)$ of $D(A)$,
3. restricted to $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$ the functor $RQ_X$ defines a quasi-inverse to (5.1.1).

**Proof.** Let $X_0 = \text{Spec}(A)$ be the affine scheme representing $X$. Recall that there is a morphism of ringed sites $\epsilon : X_{\text{etale}} \to X_{0, \text{Zar}}$ which induces equivalences

$$QCoh(O_X) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_*} QCoh(O_{X_0})$$

see Lemma 12. Hence we see that $Q_X = \epsilon^* \circ Q_{X_0} \circ \epsilon_*$ by uniqueness of adjoint functors. Hence (1) follows from the description of $Q_{X_0}$ in Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 6.3 and the fact that $\Gamma(X_0, \epsilon_* F) = \Gamma(X, F)$. Part (2) follows from (1) and the fact that the functor from $A$-modules to quasi-coherent $O_X$-modules is exact. The third assertion now follows from the result for schemes (Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 6.3) and Lemma 4.2. \qed

**Proposition 11.4.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact algebraic space over $S$ with affine diagonal. Then the functor (5.1.1)

$$D(QCoh(O_X)) \to D_{QCoh}(O_X)$$

is an equivalence with quasi-inverse given by $RQ_X$.

**Proof.** We first use the induction principle to prove $i_X$ is fully faithful. Let $\mathcal{B} \subset \text{Ob}(X_{\text{spaces, etale}})$ be the set of objects which are quasi-compact and have affine diagonal. For $U \in \mathcal{B}$ let $P(U)$ = “the functor $i_U : D(QCoh(O_U)) \to D_{QCoh}(O_U)$ is fully faithful”. By Remark 9.3 conditions (1), (2), and (3)(a) of Lemma 9.4 hold and we are left with proving (3)(b) and (4). Condition (3)(b) holds by Lemma 11.3.
Let \((U \subset W, V \to W)\) be an elementary distinguished square with \(V\) affine. Assume that \(P\) holds for \(U, V,\) and \(U \times_W V\). We have to show that \(P\) holds for \(W\). We may replace \(X\) by \(W\), i.e., we may assume \(W = X\) (we do this just to simplify the notation).

Suppose that \(A, B\) are objects of \(D(QCoh(O_X))\). We want to show that 

\[
\text{Hom}_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B))
\]

is bijective. Let \(T = |X| \setminus |U|\).

Assume first \(i_X(B)\) is supported on \(T\). In this case the map

\[
i_X(B) \to Rj_{V,*}(i_X(B)|_V) = Rj_{V,*}(i_V(B|_V))
\]

is a quasi-isomorphism (Lemma \ref{lemma-quasi-coh}). The morphism \(V \to X\) is affine as \(V\) is affine and \(X\) has affine diagonal (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \ref{lemm-quasi-coh}). Thus we have an object \(j_{V,*}(B|_V)\) in \(QCoh(O_X)\) and an isomorphism \(i_X(j_{V,*}(B|_V)) \to Rj_{V,*}(i_V(B|_V))\) in \(D(O_X)\) (Lemma \ref{lemm-isom}). Moreover, \(j_{V,*}\) and \(-|_V\) are adjoint functors on the derived categories of quasi-coherent modules, see proof Lemma \ref{lemm-adjunction}

The adjunction map \(B \to j_{V,*}(B|_V)\) becomes an isomorphism after applying \(i_X\), whence is an isomorphism in \(D(QCoh(O_X))\). Hence

\[
\text{Mor}_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B) = \text{Mor}_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, j_{V,*}(B|_V)) \\
= \text{Mor}_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A|_V, B|_V) \\
= \text{Mor}_{D(O_X)}(i_V(A|_V), i_V(B|_V)) \\
= \text{Mor}_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B))
\]

as desired.

In general, choose any complex \(B^*\) of quasi-coherent \(O_X\)-modules representing \(B\). Next, choose any quasi-isomorphism \(s : B^*|_U \to C^*\) of complexes of quasi-coherent modules on \(U\). As \(j_U : U \to X\) is quasi-compact and quasi-separated the functor \(j_U,*\) transforms quasi-coherent modules into quasi-coherent modules (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \ref{lemm-qcoh}). Thus there is a canonical map \(B^* \to j_{U,*}(B^*|_U) \to j_{U,*}C^*\) of complexes of quasi-coherent modules on \(X\). Set \(B'' = j_{U,*}C^*\) in \(D(QCoh(O_X))\) and choose a distinguished triangle

\[
B \to B'' \to B' \to B^*[1]
\]
in $D(QCoh(O_X))$. Since the first arrow of the triangle restricts to an isomorphism over $U$ we see that $B'$ is supported on $T$. Hence in the diagram

$$
\begin{array}{c}
\Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B') \longrightarrow \Hom_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B')[-1]) \\
\downarrow \\
\Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B) \longrightarrow \Hom_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B)) \\
\downarrow \\
\Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B'') \longrightarrow \Hom_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B'')) \\
\downarrow \\
\Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B') \longrightarrow \Hom_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B'))
\end{array}
$$

we have exact columns and the top and bottom horizontal arrows are bijective. Finally, choose a complex $\mathcal{A}^\bullet$ of quasi-coherent modules representing $A$.

Let $\alpha : i_X(A) \to i_X(B)$ be a morphism between in $D(QCoh(O_X))$. The restriction $\alpha|_U$ comes from a morphism in $D(QCoh(O_U))$ by assumption. Hence there exists a choice of $s : B'|_U \to C^\bullet$ as above such that $\alpha|_U$ is represented by an actual map of complexes $\mathcal{A}^\bullet|_U \to C^\bullet$. This corresponds to a map of complexes $\mathcal{A} \to j_{U*}C^\bullet$. In other words, the image of $\alpha$ in $\Hom_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B''))$ comes from an element of $\Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B'')$. A diagram chase then shows that $\alpha$ comes from a morphism $A \to B$ in $D(QCoh(O_X))$. Finally, suppose that $a : A \to B$ is a morphism of $D(QCoh(O_X))$ which becomes zero in $D(O_X)$. After choosing $B''$ suitably, we may assume $a$ is represented by a morphism of complexes $a^\bullet : A^\bullet \to B^\bullet$. Since $P$ holds for $U$ the restriction $a^\bullet|_U$ is zero in $D(QCoh(O_U))$. Thus we can choose $s$ such that $s \circ a^\bullet|_U : A^\bullet|_U \to C^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero. Applying the functor $j_{U*}$, we conclude that $A^\bullet \to j_{U*}C^\bullet$ is homotopic to zero. Thus $a$ maps to zero in $\Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B'')$. Thus we may assume that $a$ is the image of an element of $b \in \Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B'[-1])$. The image of $b$ in $\Hom_{D(O_X)}(i_X(A), i_X(B''[-1]))$ comes from a $\gamma \in \Hom_{D(O_X)}(A, B''[-1])$ (as $a$ maps to zero in the group on the right). Since we’ve seen above the horizontal arrows are surjective, we see that $\gamma$ comes from a $c$ in $\Hom_{D(QCoh(O_X))}(A, B''[-1])$ which implies $a = 0$ as desired.

Since $i_X$ is fully faithful with right adjoint $RQ_X$ we see that $RQ_X \circ i_X = \text{id}$ (Categories, Lemma 24.3). To finish the proof we show that for any $E$ in $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$ the map $i_X(RQ_X(E)) \to E$ is an isomorphism. Choose a distinguished triangle

$$i_X(RQ_X(E)) \to E \to E' \to i_X(RQ_X(E))[1]$$

in $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$. A formal argument using the above shows that $i_X(RQ_X(E')) = 0$. Thus it suffices to prove that for $E \in D_{QCoh}(O_X)$ the condition $i_X(RQ_X(E)) = 0$ implies that $E = 0$. Consider an $\text{étale}$ morphism $j : V \to X$ with $V$ affine. By Lemmas 11.3, 11.1 and 11.2 we have

$$Rj_*(E|_V) = Rj_*(i_Y(RQ_Y(E|_V))) = i_X(j_*(RQ_Y(E|_V))) = i_X(RQ_X(Rj_*(E|_V)))$$

Choose a distinguished triangle

$$E \to Rj_*(E|_V) \to E' \to E[1]$$
Apply $RQ_X$ to get a distinguished triangle

$$0 \to RQ_X(Rj_*(E|_V)) \to RQ_X(E') \to 0[1]$$

in other words the map in the middle is an isomorphism. Combined with the string of equalities above we find that our first distinguished triangle becomes a distinguished triangle

$$E \to i_X(RQ_X(E')) \to E' \to E[1]$$

where the middle morphism is the adjunction map. However, the composition $E \to E'$ is zero, hence $E \to i_X(RQ_X(E'))$ is zero by adjunction! Since this morphism is isomorphic to the morphism $E \to Rj_*(E|_V)$ adjoint to id : $E|_V \to E|_V$ we conclude that $E|_V$ is zero. Since this holds for all affine $V$ étale over $X$ we conclude $E$ is zero as desired. □

**Remark 11.5.** Analyzing the proof of Proposition 11.4 we see that we have shown the following. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated scheme. Suppose that for every étale morphism $j : V \to X$ with $V$ affine the right derived functor

$$\Phi : D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_U)) \to D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X))$$

of the left exact functor $j_* : QCoh(\mathcal{O}_V) \to QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)$ fits into a commutative diagram

$$D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_V)) \xrightarrow{i\nu} D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_V)$$
$$\Phi \downarrow \quad \downarrow Rj_*$$
$$D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \xrightarrow{i\nu} D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

Then the functor (5.1.0)

$$D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

is an equivalence with quasi-inverse given by $RQ_X$.

**Lemma 11.6.** Let $S$ be a scheme and let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Assume $X$ and $Y$ are quasi-compact and have affine diagonal. Then, denoting

$$\Phi : D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_Y))$$

the right derived functor of $f_* : QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X) \to QCoh(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ the diagram

$$D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \quad D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$$
$$\Phi \downarrow \quad \downarrow Rf_*$$
$$D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_Y)) \quad D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$$

is commutative.

**Proof.** Observe that the horizontal arrows in the diagram are equivalences of categories by Proposition 11.4. Hence we can identify these categories (and similarly for other quasi-compact algebraic spaces with affine diagonal) and then the statement of the lemma is that the canonical map $\Phi(K) \to Rf_*(K)$ is an isomorphism for all $K$ in $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X))$. Note that if $K_1 \to K_2 \to K_3 \to K_1[1]$ is a distinguished triangle in $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X))$ and the statement is true for two-out-of-three, then it is true for the third.
Let $\mathcal{B} \subset \text{Ob}(X_{\text{spaces, étale}})$ be the set of objects which are quasi-compact and have affine diagonal. For $U \in \mathcal{B}$ and any morphism $g : U \to Z$ where $Z$ is a quasi-compact algebraic space over $S$ with affine diagonal, denote
\[
\Phi_g : D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_U)) \to D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_Z))
\]
the derived extension of $g_*$. Let $P(U)$ = “for any $K$ in $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_U))$ and any $g : U \to Z$ as above the morphism $\Phi_g(K) \to Rg_*K$ is an isomorphism”. By Remark 9.5 conditions (1), (2), and (3)(a) of Lemma 9.4 hold and we are left with proving (3)(b) and (4).

Checking condition (3)(b). Let $U$ be an affine scheme étale over $X$. Let $g : U \to Z$ be as above. Since the diagonal of $Z$ is affine the morphism $g : U \to Z$ is affine (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 20.11). Hence $P(U)$ holds by Lemma 11.1.

Checking condition (4). Let $(U \subset W, V \to W)$ be an elementary distinguished square in $X_{\text{spaces, étale}}$ with $U, W, V$ in $\mathcal{B}$ and $V$ affine. Assume that $P$ holds for $U, V$, and $U \times_W V$. We have to show that $P$ holds for $W$. Let $g : W \to Z$ be a morphism to a quasi-compact algebraic space with affine diagonal. Let $K$ be an object of $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_W))$. Consider the distinguished triangle
\[
K \to Rj_{U,*}K(U) \oplus Rj_{V,*}K(V) \to Rj_{U \times W V,*}K(U \times W V) \to K[1]
\]
in $D(\mathcal{O}_W)$. By the two-out-of-three property mentioned above, it suffices to show that $\Phi_g(Rj_{U,*}K(U)) \to Rg_*(Rj_{U,*}K(U))$ is an isomorphism and similarly for $V$ and $U \times_W V$. This is discussed in the next paragraph.

Let $j : U \to W$ be a morphism $X_{\text{spaces, étale}}$ with $U, W$ in $\mathcal{B}$ and $P$ holds for $U$. Let $g : W \to Z$ be a morphism to a quasi-compact algebraic space with affine diagonal. To finish the proof we have to show that $\Phi_g(Rj_*K) \to Rg_*(Rj_*K)$ is an isomorphism for any $K$ in $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_U))$. Let $\mathcal{I}^\bullet$ be a K-injective complex in $QCoh(\mathcal{O}_U)$ representing $K$. From $P(U)$ applied to $j$ we see that $j_*\mathcal{I}^\bullet$ represents $Rj_*K$. Since $j_* : QCoh(\mathcal{O}_U) \to QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)$ has an exact left adjoint $j^* : QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X) \to QCoh(\mathcal{O}_U)$ we see that $j_*\mathcal{I}^\bullet$ is a K-injective complex in $QCoh(\mathcal{O}_W)$, see Derived Categories, Lemma 29.9. Hence $\Phi_g(Rj_*K)$ is represented by $g_*j_*\mathcal{I}^\bullet = (g \circ j)_*\mathcal{I}^\bullet$. By $P(U)$ applied to $g \circ j$ we see that this represents $Rg_*(Rj_*K)$. This finishes the proof. 

12. The coherator for Noetherian spaces

09TH We need a little bit more about injective modules to treat the case of a Noetherian algebraic space.

09TI Lemma 12.1. Let $S$ be a Noetherian affine scheme. Every injective object of $QCoh(\mathcal{O}_S)$ is a filtered colimit $\colim_i \mathcal{F}_i$ of quasi-coherent sheaves of the form
\[
\mathcal{F}_i = (Z_i \to S)_*\mathcal{G}_i
\]
where $Z_i$ is the spectrum of an Artinian ring and $\mathcal{G}_i$ is a coherent module on $Z_i$.

Proof. Let $S = \text{Spec}(A)$. Let $\mathcal{J}$ be an injective object of $QCoh(\mathcal{O}_S)$. Since $QCoh(\mathcal{O}_S)$ is equivalent to the category of $A$-modules we see that $\mathcal{J}$ is equal to $J$ for some injective $A$-module $J$. By Dualizing Complexes, Proposition 5.9 we can write $J = \bigoplus E_\alpha$ with $E_\alpha$ indecomposable and therefore isomorphic to the injective hull of a residue field at a point. Thus (because finite disjoint unions of Artinian schemes are Artinian) we may assume that $J$ is the injective hull of $\kappa(p)$.
for some prime $p$ of $A$. Then $J = \bigcup J[p^n]$ where $J[p^n]$ is the injective hull of $\kappa(p)$ over \(A, p^n A_p\), see Dualizing Complexes, Lemma 7.3. Thus $\check{J}$ is the colimit of the sheaves $\left( Z_n \to X \right)_* \mathcal{G}_n$ where $Z_n = \text{Spec}(A_p / p^n A_p)$ and $\mathcal{G}_n$ the coherent sheaf associated to the finite $A_p, p^n A_p$-module $J[p^n]$. Finiteness follows from Dualizing Complexes, Lemma 6.1.\(\square\)

**Lemma 12.2.** Let $S$ be an affine scheme. Let $X$ be a Noetherian algebraic space over $S$. Every injective object of $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is a direct summand of a filtered colimit of quasi-coherent sheaves of the form

$$\mathcal{F}_i = (Z_i \to X)_* \mathcal{G}_i$$

where $Z_i$ is the spectrum of an Artinian ring and $\mathcal{G}_i$ is a coherent module on $Z_i$.

**Proof.** Choose an affine scheme $U$ and a surjective étale morphism $j : U \to X$ (Properties of Spaces, Lemma 6.3). Then $U$ is a Noetherian affine scheme. Choose an injective object $\mathcal{J}'$ of $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_U)$ such that there exists an injection $\mathcal{J}|_U \to \mathcal{J}'$. Then $\mathcal{J} \to j_* \mathcal{J}'$ is an injective morphism in $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$, hence identifies $\mathcal{J}$ as a direct summand of $j_* \mathcal{J}'$. Thus the result follows from the corresponding result for $\mathcal{J}'$ proved in Lemma 12.1.\(\square\)

**Lemma 12.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a flat, quasi-compact, and quasi-separated morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. If $\mathcal{J}$ is an injective object of $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$, then $f_* \mathcal{J}$ is an injective object of $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$.

**Proof.** Since $f$ is quasi-compact and quasi-separated, the functor $f_*$ transforms quasi-coherent sheaves into quasi-coherent sheaves (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 11.2). The functor $f^*$ is a left adjoint to $f_*$ which transforms injections into injections. Hence the result follows from Homology, Lemma 26.1.\(\square\)

**Lemma 12.4.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a Noetherian algebraic space over $S$. If $\mathcal{J}$ is an injective object of $\text{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$, then

1. $H^p(U, \mathcal{J}|_U) = 0$ for $p > 0$ and for every quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space $U$ étale over $X$,
2. for any morphism $f : X \to Y$ of algebraic spaces over $S$ with $Y$ quasi-separated we have $R^p f_* \mathcal{J} = 0$ for $p > 0$.

**Proof.** Proof of (1). Write $\mathcal{J}$ as a direct summand of colim $\mathcal{F}_i$ with $\mathcal{F}_i = (Z_i \to X)_* \mathcal{G}_i$ as in Lemma 12.2. It is clear that it suffices to prove the vanishing for colim $\mathcal{F}_i$. Since pullback commutes with colimits and since $U$ is quasi-compact and quasi-separated, it suffices to prove $H^p(U, \mathcal{F}_i|_U) = 0$ for $p > 0$, see Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 5.1. Observe that $Z_i \to X$ is an affine morphism, see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 20.12. Thus

$$\mathcal{F}_i|_U = (Z_i \times_X U \to U)_* \mathcal{G}_i' = R(Z_i \times_X U \to U)_* \mathcal{G}_i'$$

where $\mathcal{G}_i'$ is the pullback of $\mathcal{G}_i$ to $Z_i \times_X U$, see Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 11.1. Since $Z_i \times_X U$ is affine we conclude that $\mathcal{G}_i'$ has no higher cohomology on $Z_i \times_X U$. By the Leray spectral sequence we conclude the same thing is true for $\mathcal{F}_i|_U$ (Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 15.6).
Proof of (2). Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Let \( V \to Y \) be an étale morphism with \( V \) affine. Then \( V \times_Y X \to X \) is an étale morphism and \( V \times_Y X \) is a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space étale over \( X \) (details omitted). Hence \( H^p(V \times_Y X, J) \) is zero by part (1). Since \( R^p f_* J \) is the sheaf associated to the presheaf \( V \to H^p(V \times_Y X, J) \) the result is proved. \( \square \)

**Lemma 12.5.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of Noetherian algebraic spaces over \( S \). Then \( f_* \) on quasi-coherent sheaves has a right derived extension \( \Phi : D(QCoh(O_X)) \to D(QCoh(O_Y)) \) such that the diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
D(QCoh(O_X)) & \longrightarrow & D_{QCoh}(O_X) \\
\downarrow & \downarrow \Phi & \\
D(QCoh(O_Y)) & \longrightarrow & D_{QCoh}(O_Y) \\
\end{array}
\]

commutes.

**Proof.** Since \( X \) and \( Y \) are Noetherian the morphism is quasi-compact and quasi-separated (see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 8.10). Thus \( f_* \) preserves quasi-coherence, see Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 11.2. Next, let \( K \) be an object of \( D(QCoh(O_X)) \).

Since \( QCoh(O_X) \) is a Grothendieck abelian category (Properties of Spaces, Proposition 32.2), we can represent \( K \) by a \( K \)-injective complex \( I^\bullet \) such that each \( I^n \) is an injective object of \( QCoh(O_X) \), see Injectives, Theorem 12.6. Thus we see that the functor \( \Phi \) is defined by setting

\[ \Phi(K) = f_* I^\bullet \]

where the right hand side is viewed as an object of \( D(QCoh(O_Y)) \). To finish the proof of the lemma it suffices to show that the canonical map

\[ f_* I^\bullet \longrightarrow Rf_* I^\bullet \]

is an isomorphism in \( D(O_Y) \). To see this it suffices to prove the map induces an isomorphism on cohomology sheaves. Pick any \( m \in \mathbb{Z} \). Let \( N = N(X, Y, f) \) be as in Lemma 6.1. Consider the short exact sequence

\[ 0 \to \sigma_{\geq m-N-1} I^\bullet \to I^\bullet \to \sigma_{\leq m-N-2} I^\bullet \to 0 \]

of complexes of quasi-coherent sheaves on \( X \). By Lemma 6.1 we see that the cohomology sheaves of \( Rf_* \sigma_{\leq m-N-2} I^\bullet \) are zero in degrees \( \geq m-1 \). Thus we see that \( R^m f_* I^\bullet \) is isomorphic to \( R^m f_* \sigma_{\geq m-N-2} I^\bullet \). In other words, we may assume that \( I^\bullet \) is a bounded below complex of injective objects of \( QCoh(O_X) \). This case follows from Leray’s acyclicity lemma (Derived Categories, Lemma 17.7) with required vanishing because of Lemma 12.4. \( \square \)

**Proposition 12.6.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a Noetherian algebraic space over \( S \). Then the functor \( (5.1.1) \)

\[ D(QCoh(O_X)) \longrightarrow D_{QCoh}(O_X) \]

is an equivalence with quasi-inverse given by \( RQ_X \).

**Proof.** This follows using the exact same argument as in the proof of Proposition 11.4 using Lemma 12.5. See discussion in Remark 11.5. \( \square \)
13. Pseudo-coherent and perfect complexes

In this section we study the general notions defined in Cohomology on Sites, Sections 40, 41, 42, and 43 for the étale site of an algebraic space. In particular we match this with what happens for schemes.

First we compare the notion of a pseudo-coherent complex on a scheme and on its associated small étale site.

**Lemma 13.1.** Let $X$ be a scheme. Let $F$ be an $\mathcal{O}_X$-module. The following are equivalent

1. $F$ is of finite type as an $\mathcal{O}_X$-module, and
2. $\epsilon^* F$ is of finite type as an $\mathcal{O}_{\text{étale}}$-module on the small étale site of $X$.

Here $\epsilon$ is as in (4.0.1).

**Proof.** The implication (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is a general fact, see Modules on Sites, Lemma 23.4. Assume (2). By assumption there exists an étale covering $\{f_i : X_i \to X\}$ such that $\epsilon^* F|_{(X_i)_{\text{étale}}}$ is generated by finitely many sections. Let $x \in X$. We will show that $F$ is generated by finitely many sections in a neighbourhood of $x$. Say $x$ is in the image of $X_i \to X$ and denote $X' = X_i$. Let $s_1, \ldots, s_n \in \Gamma(X', \epsilon^* F|_{X'_{\text{étale}}})$ be generating sections. As $\epsilon^* F = \epsilon^{-1} F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_{\text{étale}}$ we can find an étale morphism $X'' \to X'$ such that $x$ is in the image of $X' \to X$ and such that $s_i|_{X''} = \sum s_{ij} \otimes a_{ij}$ for some sections $s_{ij} \in \epsilon^{-1} F(X'')$ and $a_{ij} \in \mathcal{O}_{\text{étale}}(X'')$. Denote $U \subset X$ the image of $X'' \to X$. This is an open subscheme as $f'' : X'' \to X$ is étale (Morphisms, Lemma 34.13). After possibly shrinking $X''$ more we may assume $s_{ij}$ come from elements $t_{ij} \in F(U)$ as follows from the construction of the inverse image functor $\epsilon^{-1}$. Now we claim that $t_{ij}$ generate $F|_U$ which finishes the proof of the lemma. Namely, the corresponding map $\mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus N} \to F|_U$ has the property that its pullback by $f''$ to $X''$ is surjective. Since $f'' : X'' \to U$ is a surjective flat morphism of schemes, this implies that $\mathcal{O}_U^{\oplus N} \to F|_U$ is surjective by looking at stalks and using that $\mathcal{O}_U,f''(z) \to \mathcal{O}_{X'',z}$ is faithfully flat for all $z \in X''$.

□

In the situation above the morphism of sites $\epsilon$ is flat hence defines a pullback on complexes of modules.

**Lemma 13.2.** Let $X$ be a scheme. Let $E$ be an object of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. The following are equivalent

1. $E$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent, and
2. $\epsilon^* E$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent on the small étale site of $X$.

Here $\epsilon$ is as in (4.0.1).

**Proof.** The implication (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is a general fact, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 41.3. Assume $\epsilon^* E$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent. We will use without further mention that $\epsilon^*$ is an exact functor and that therefore $$\epsilon^* H^i(E) = H^i(\epsilon^* E).$$ To show that $E$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent we may work locally on $X$, hence we may assume that $X$ is quasi-compact (for example affine). Since $X$ is quasi-compact every étale covering $\{U_i \to X\}$ has a finite refinement. Thus we see that $\epsilon^* E$ is an object of $D^{-}(\mathcal{O}_{\text{étale}})$, see comments following Cohomology on Sites, Definition 41.1. By Lemma 41.1 it follows that $E$ is an object of $D^{-}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. 


Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ be the largest integer such that $H^n(E)$ is nonzero; then $n$ is also the largest integer such that $H^n(\epsilon^*E)$ is nonzero. We will prove the lemma by induction on $n - m$. If $n < m$, then the lemma is clearly true. If $n \geq m$, then $H^n(\epsilon^*E)$ is a finite $O_{\text{etale}}$-module, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 41.7. Hence $H^n(E)$ is a finite $O_X$-module, see Lemma 13.1. After replacing $X$ by the members of an open covering, we may assume there exists a surjection $O_X^{\text{et}} \to H^n(E)$. We may locally on $X$ lift this to a map of complexes $\alpha : O_X^{\text{et}}[-n] \to E$ (details omitted). Choose a distinguished triangle

$$\mathcal{O}_X^{\text{et}}[-n] \to E \to C \to \mathcal{O}_X^{\text{et}}[-n + 1]$$

Then $C$ has vanishing cohomology in degrees $\geq n$. On the other hand, the complex $\epsilon^* C$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 41.4. Hence by induction we see that $C$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent. Applying Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 41.4 once more we conclude. □

\textbf{Lemma 13.3.} Let $X$ be a scheme. Let $E$ be an object of $D(O_X)$. Then

1. $E$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$ if and only if $\epsilon^* E$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$.
2. $E$ has finite tor dimension if and only if $\epsilon^* E$ has finite tor dimension.

Here $\epsilon$ is as in \textit{[4.0.1]}.

\textbf{Proof.} The easy implication follows from Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 42.4. For the converse, assume that $\epsilon^* E$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be an $O_X$-module. As $\epsilon$ is a flat morphism of ringed sites (Lemma 4.1) we have

$$\epsilon^*(E \otimes_{O_X} L \mathcal{F}) = \epsilon^* E \otimes_{O_{\text{etale}}} \epsilon^* \mathcal{F}$$

Thus the (assumed) vanishing of cohomology sheaves on the right hand side implies the desired vanishing of the cohomology sheaves of $E \otimes_{O_X} L \mathcal{F}$ via Lemma 4.1. □

\textbf{Lemma 13.4.} Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of schemes. Let $E$ be an object of $D(O_{\text{Yetale}})$. Then

1. $E$ as an object of $D(f^{-1}O_Y)$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$ if and only if $\epsilon^* E$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$ as an object of $D(f_{\text{small}}^{-1}O_{\text{Yetale}})$.
2. $E$ locally has finite tor dimension as an object of $D(f^{-1}O_Y)$ if and only if $\epsilon^* E$ locally has finite tor dimension as an object of $D(f_{\text{small}}^{-1}O_{\text{Yetale}})$.

Here $\epsilon$ is as in \textit{[4.0.1]}.

\textbf{Proof.} The easy direction in (1) follows from Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 42.4. Let $x \in X$ be a point and let $\overline{x}$ be a geometric point lying over $x$. Let $y = f(x)$ and denote $\overline{y}$ the geometric point of $Y$ coming from $\overline{x}$. Then $(f^{-1}O_Y)_x = O_{Y, y}$ (Sheaves, Lemma 21.5) and

$$(f_{\text{small}}^{-1}O_{\text{Yetale}})_{\overline{x}} = O_{\text{Yetale}, \overline{x}} = O_{Y, y}^{\text{et}}$$

is the strict henselization (by Étale Cohomology, Lemmas 36.2 and 33.1). Since the stalk of $O_{\text{Yetale}}$ at $X$ is $O_{X, x}^{\text{et}}$, we obtain

$$(\epsilon^* E)_{\overline{x}} = E_x \otimes_{O_{X, x}} O_{X, x}^{\text{et}}$$

by transitivity of pullbacks. If $\epsilon^* E$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$ as a complex of $f_{\text{small}}^{-1}O_{\text{Yetale}}$-modules, then $(\epsilon^* E)_{\overline{x}}$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$ as a complex of $O_{Y, y}^{\text{et}}$-modules (because taking stalks is a pullback and lemma cited above). By More on
Let $X$ be a scheme. Let $E$ be an object of $D(O_X)$. Then $E$ is a perfect object of $D(O_X)$ if and only if $E$ is a perfect object of $D(O_{\text{etale}})$. Here $\epsilon$ is as in (4.0.1).

Proof. The easy implication follows from the general result contained in Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.4 and the corresponding results for pseudo-coherent and complexes of finite tor dimension, namely Lemmas 13.2 and 13.3. Some details omitted.

Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. If $E$ is an $m$-pseudo-coherent object of $D(O_X)$, then $H^i(E)$ is a quasi-coherent $O_X$-module for $i > m$. If $E$ is pseudo-coherent, then $E$ is an object of $D^{\text{QCoh}}(O_X)$.

Proof. Locally $H^i(E)$ is isomorphic to $H^i(E^\bullet)$ with $E^\bullet$ strictly perfect. The sheaves $E^i$ are direct summands of finite free modules, hence quasi-coherent. The lemma follows.

Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a Noetherian algebraic space over $S$. Let $E$ be an object of $D^{\text{QCoh}}(O_X)$. For $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ the following are equivalent

1. $H^i(E)$ is coherent for $i \geq m$ and zero for $i \gg 0$, and
2. $E$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent.

In particular, $E$ is pseudo-coherent if and only if $E$ is an object of $D^{\text{Coh}}(O_X)$.

Proof. As $X$ is quasi-compact we can find an affine scheme $U$ and a surjective étale morphism $U \to X$ (Properties of Spaces, Lemma 6.3). Observe that $U$ is Noetherian. Note that $E$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent if and only if $E|_U$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent (follows from the definition or from Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 41.2). Similarly, $H^i(E)$ is coherent if and only if $H^i(E)|_U = H^i(E|_U)$ is coherent (see Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 12.2). Thus we may assume that $X$ is representable.

If $X$ is representable by a scheme $X_0$ then (Lemma 4.2), we can write $E = \epsilon^*E_0$ where $E_0$ is an object of $D^{\text{QCoh}}(O_{X_0})$ and $\epsilon : X_{\text{etale}} \to (X_0)_{\text{Zar}}$ is as in (4.0.1).

In this case $E$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent if and only if $E_0$ is by Lemma 13.2. Similarly, $H^i(E_0)$ is of finite type (i.e., coherent) if and only if $H^i(E)$ is by Lemma 13.1.

Finally, $H^i(E_0) = 0$ if and only if $H^i(E) = 0$ by Lemma 4.1. Thus we reduce to the case of schemes which is Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 9.3.

Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $E$ be an object of $D^{\text{QCoh}}(O_X)$. Let $a \leq b$. The following are equivalent

1. $E$ has tor amplitude in $[a,b]$, and
2. for all $F$ in $\mathcal{QCoh}(O_X)$ we have $H^i(E \otimes^{\mathbb{L}} O_X F) = 0$ for $i \not\in [a,b]$. 

Proof. The easy implication follows from the general result contained in Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.4 and the corresponding results for pseudo-coherent and complexes of finite tor dimension, namely Lemmas 13.2 and 13.3. Some details omitted.
Proof. It is clear that (1) implies (2). Assume (2). Let \( j : U \to X \) be an étale morphism with \( U \) affine. As \( X \) is quasi-separated \( j : U \to X \) is quasi-compact and separated, hence \( j_* \) transforms quasi-coherent modules into quasi-coherent modules (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma \([11.2]\)). Thus the functor \( QCoh(O_X) \to QCoh(O_U) \) is essentially surjective. It follows that condition (2) implies the vanishing of \( H^i(E|_U \otimes_{O_U} \mathcal{G}) \) for \( i \not\in [a, b] \) for all quasi-coherent \( O_U \)-modules \( \mathcal{G} \). Since it suffices to prove that \( E|_U \) has tor amplitude in \( [a, b] \) we reduce to the case where \( X \) is representable.

If \( X \) is representable by a scheme \( X_0 \) then (Lemma \([4.2]\)) we can write \( E = \epsilon^*E_0 \) where \( E_0 \) is an object of \( D_{QCoh}(O_{X_0}) \) and \( \epsilon : X_{\text{étale}} \to (X_0)_{\text{Zar}} \) is as in (4.0.1). For every quasi-coherent module \( \mathcal{F}_0 \) on \( X_0 \) the module \( \epsilon^*\mathcal{F}_0 \) is quasi-coherent on \( X \) and

\[
H^i(E \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{O_X} \epsilon^*\mathcal{F}_0) = \epsilon^*H^i(E_0 \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{O_{X_0}} \mathcal{F}_0)
\]

as \( \epsilon \) is flat (Lemma \([4.1]\)). Moreover, the vanishing of these sheaves for \( i \not\in [a, b] \) implies the same thing for \( H^i(E_0 \otimes^{\mathbb{L}}_{O_{X_0}} \mathcal{F}_0) \) by the same lemma. Thus we’ve reduced the problem to the case of schemes which is treated in Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \([9.6]\). □

08JP Lemma 13.9. Let \( X \) be a scheme. Let \( E, F \) be objects of \( D(O_X) \). Assume either

1. \( E \) is pseudo-coherent and \( F \) lies in \( D^+(O_X) \), or
2. \( E \) is perfect and \( F \) arbitrary,

then there is a canonical isomorphism

\[
\epsilon^* R\mathcal{H}om(E, F) \to R\mathcal{H}om(\epsilon^*E, \epsilon^*F)
\]

Here \( \epsilon \) is as in (4.0.1).

Proof. Recall that \( \epsilon \) is flat (Lemma \([4.1]\)) and hence \( \epsilon^* = L\epsilon^* \). There is a canonical map from left to right by Cohomology on Sites, Remark \([32.11]\). To see this is an isomorphism we can work locally, i.e., we may assume \( X \) is an affine scheme.

In case (1) we can represent \( E \) by a bounded above complex \( \mathcal{E}^\bullet \) of finite free \( O_X \)-modules, see Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \([12.2]\). We may also represent \( F \) by a bounded below complex \( \mathcal{F}^\bullet \) of \( O_X \)-modules. Applying Cohomology, Lemma \([40.10]\) we see that \( R\mathcal{H}om(E, F) \) is represented by the complex with terms

\[
\bigoplus_{n=-p+q} \mathcal{H}om_{O_X}(\mathcal{E}^p, \mathcal{F}^q)
\]

Applying Cohomology on Sites, Lemma \([40.10]\) we see that \( R\mathcal{H}om(\epsilon^*E, \epsilon^*F) \) is represented by the complex with terms

\[
\bigoplus_{n=-p+q} \mathcal{H}om_{O_{\text{étale}}}(\epsilon^*\mathcal{E}^p, \epsilon^*\mathcal{F}^q)
\]

Thus the statement of the lemma boils down to the true fact that the canonical map

\[
\epsilon^* \mathcal{H}om_{O_X}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}) \to \mathcal{H}om_{O_{\text{étale}}}(\epsilon^*\mathcal{E}, \epsilon^*\mathcal{F})
\]

is an isomorphism for any \( O_X \)-module \( \mathcal{F} \) and finite free \( O_X \)-module \( \mathcal{E} \).

In case (2) we can represent \( E \) by a strictly perfect complex \( \mathcal{E}^\bullet \) of \( O_X \)-modules, use Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemmas \([3.5]\) and \([9.7]\) and the fact that a perfect
complex of modules is represented by a finite complex of finite projective modules. Thus we can do the exact same proof as above, replacing the reference to Cohomology, Lemma 40.10 by a reference to Cohomology, Lemma 40.9. □

Lemma 13.10. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $L, K$ be objects of $D(O_X)$. If either

1. $L$ in $D^+_{QCoh}(O_X)$ and $K$ is pseudo-coherent,
2. $L$ in $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$ and $K$ is perfect,

then $R\mathcal{H}om(K, L)$ is in $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$.

Proof. This follows from the analogue for schemes (Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 9.8) via the criterion of Lemma 5.2, the criterion of Lemmas 13.2 and 13.5, and the result of Lemma 13.9. □

Lemma 13.11. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $K, L, M$ be objects of $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$. The map

$$K \otimes^L_{O_X} R\mathcal{H}om(M, L) \to R\mathcal{H}om(M, K \otimes^L_{O_X} L)$$

of Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 32.7 is an isomorphism in the following cases

1. $M$ perfect, or
2. $K$ is perfect, or
3. $M$ is pseudo-coherent, $L \in D^+(O_X)$, and $K$ has finite tor dimension.

Proof. Checking whether or not the map is an isomorphism can be done étale locally hence we may assume $X$ is an affine scheme. Then we can write $K, L, M$ as $\epsilon^*K_0, \epsilon^*L_0, \epsilon^*M_0$ for some $K_0, L_0, M_0$ in $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$ by Lemma 14.2. Then we see that Lemma 13.9 reduces cases (1) and (3) to the case of schemes which is Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 9.9. If $K$ is perfect but no other assumptions are made, then we do not know that either side of the arrow is in $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$ but the result is still true because $K$ will be represented (after localizing further) by a finite complex of finite free modules in which case it is clear. □

14. Approximation by perfect complexes

In this section we continue the discussion started in Derived Categories of Schemes, Section 13.

Definition 14.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Consider triples $(T, E, m)$ where

1. $T \subset |X|$ is a closed subset,
2. $E$ is an object of $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$, and
3. $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We say approximation holds for the triple $(T, E, m)$ if there exists a perfect object $P$ of $D(O_X)$ supported on $T$ and a map $\alpha : P \to E$ which induces isomorphisms $H^i(P) \to H^i(E)$ for $i > m$ and a surjection $H^m(P) \to H^m(E)$.

Approximation cannot hold for every triple. Please read the remarks following Derived Categories of Schemes, Definition 13.1 to see why.

Definition 14.2. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. We say approximation by perfect complexes holds on $X$ if for any closed subset $T \subset |X|$ such that the morphism $X \setminus T \to X$ is quasi-compact there exists an integer $r$ such that for every triple $(T, E, m)$ as in Definition 14.1 with
Let \( E \) be \((m - r)\)-pseudo-coherent, and
\( H^i(E) \) is supported on \( T \) for \( i \geq m - r \),
then approximation holds.

**Lemma 14.3.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( (U \subset X, j : V \to X) \) be an elementary
distinguished square of algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( E \) be a perfect object of \( D(O_V) \)
supported on \( j^{-1}(T) \) where \( T = |X| \setminus |U| \). Then \( Rj_*E \) is a perfect object of \( D(O_X) \).

**Proof.** Being perfect is local on \( X_{\text{etale}} \). Thus it suffices to check that \( Rj_*E \) is
perfect when restricted to \( U \) and \( V \). We have \( Rj_*E|_V = E \) by Lemma 10.7 which
is perfect. We have \( Rj_*E|_U = 0 \) because \( E|_{V \setminus j^{-1}(T)} = 0 \) (use Lemma 14.1).

**Lemma 14.4.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( (U \subset X, j : V \to X) \) be an elementary
distinguished square of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Let \( T \) be a closed subset of \( |X| \setminus |U| \)
and let \( (T, E, m) \) be a triple as in Definition 14.1. If
\( \text{(1) approximation holds for } (j^{-1}T, E|_V, m), \text{ and} \)
\( \text{(2) the sheaves } H^i(E) \text{ for } i \geq m \text{ are supported on } T, \)
then approximation holds for \( (T, E, m) \).

**Proof.** Let \( P \to E|_V \) be an approximation of the triple \((j^{-1}T, E|_V, m)\) over \( V \). Then \( Rj_*P \) is a perfect object of \( D(O_X) \) by Lemma 14.3. On the other hand,
\( Rj_*P = j_*P \) by Lemma 10.7. We see that \( j_*P \) is supported on \( T \) for example by
Lemma 10.2. Hence we obtain an approximation \( Rj_*P = j_*P \to j_*(E|_V) \to E \).

**Lemma 14.5.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \) which
is representable by an affine scheme. Then approximation holds for every triple
\( (T, E, m) \) as in Definition 14.1 such that there exists an integer \( r \geq 0 \) with
\( \text{(1) } E \text{ is } m\text{-pseudo-coherent,} \)
\( \text{(2) } H^i(E) \text{ is supported on } T \text{ for } i \geq m - r + 1, \)
\( \text{(3) } X \setminus T \text{ is the union of } r \text{ affine opens.} \)
In particular, approximation by perfect complexes holds for affine schemes.

**Proof.** Let \( X_0 \) be an affine scheme representing \( X \). Let \( T_0 \subset X_0 \) by the closed
subset corresponding to \( T \). Let \( \epsilon : X_{\text{etale}} \to X_{\text{zar}} \) be the morphism \((4.0.1)\).
We may write \( E = \epsilon^*E_0 \) for some object \( E_0 \) of \( D(Qcoh(O_{X_0})) \), see Lemma 4.2. Then \( E_0 \)
is \( m\)-pseudo-coherent, see Lemma 13.2. Comparing stalks of cohomology sheaves
(see proof of Lemma 4.1) we see that \( H^i(E_0) \) is supported on \( T_0 \) for \( i \geq m - r + 1 \). By
Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 13.4 there exists an approximation \( P_0 \to E_0 \)
of \( (T_0, E_0, m) \). By Lemma 13.5 we see that \( P = \epsilon^*P_0 \) is a perfect object of \( D(O_X) \).
Pulling back we obtain an approximation \( P = \epsilon^*P_0 \to \epsilon^*E_0 = E \) as desired.

**Lemma 14.6.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( (U \subset X, j : V \to X) \) be an elementary
distinguished square of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Assume \( U \) quasi-compact, \( V \) affine,
and \( U \times_X V \) quasi-compact. If approximation by perfect complexes holds on \( U \), then
approximation by perfect complexes hold on \( X \).

**Proof.** Let \( T \subset |X| \) be a closed subset with \( X \setminus T \to X \) quasi-compact. Let \( r_U \)
be the integer of Definition 14.2 adapted to the pair \((U, T \cap |U|)\). Set \( T' = T \setminus |U| \).
Endow \( T' \) with the induced reduced subspace structure. Since \( |T'| \) is contained in
\( |X| \setminus |U| \) we see that \( j^{-1}(T') \to T' \) is an isomorphism. Moreover, \( V \setminus j^{-1}(T') \) is
quasi-compact as it is the fibre product of \( U \times_X V \) with \( X \setminus T \) over \( X \) and we’ve assumed
\( U \times_X V \) quasi-compact and \( X \setminus T \to X \) quasi-compact. Let \( r' \) be the
number of affines needed to cover $V \setminus j^{-1}(T')$. We claim that $r = \max(r_U, r')$ works for the pair $(X, T)$.

To see this choose a triple $(T, E, m)$ such that $E$ is $(m - r)$-pseudo-coherent and $H^i(E)$ is supported on $T$ for $i \geq m - r$. Let $t$ be the largest integer such that $H^t(E)|_U$ is nonzero. (Such an integer exists as $U$ is quasi-compact and $E|_U$ is $(m - r)$-pseudo-coherent.) We will prove that $E$ can be approximated by induction on $t$.

Base case: $t \leq m - r'$. This means that $H^i(E)$ is supported on $T'$ for $i \geq m - r'$. Hence Lemma 11.5 guarantees the existence of an approximation $P \to E|_U$ of $(T', E|_U, m)$ on $V$. Applying Lemma 11.4 we see that $(T', E, m)$ can be approximated. Such an approximation is also an approximation of $(T, E, m)$.

Induction step. Choose an approximation $P \to E|_U$ of $(T \cap |U|, E|_U, m)$. This in particular gives a surjection $H^i(P) \to H^i(E|_U)$. In the rest of the proof we will use the equivalence of Lemma 11.2 (and the compatibilities of Remark 6.3) for the representable algebraic spaces $V$ and $U \times_X V$. We will also use the fact that $(m - r)$-pseudo-coherence, resp. perfection on the Zariski site and étale site agree, see Lemmas 13.2 and 13.5. Thus we can use the results of Derived Categories of Schemes, Section 12 for the open immersion $U \times_X V \subset V$. In this way Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 12.8 implies there exists a perfect object $Q$ in $D(O_V)$ supported on $j^{-1}(T)$ and an isomorphism $Q|_{U \times_X V} \to (P \oplus P[1])|_{U \times_X V}$. By Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 12.5 we can replace $Q$ by $Q \otimes^L I$ and assume that the map

$$Q|_{U \times_X V} \to (P \oplus P[1])|_{U \times_X V} \to P|_{U \times_X V} \to E|_{U \times_X V}$$

lifts to $Q \to E|_V$. By Lemma 10.8 we find an morphism $a : R \to E$ of $D(O_X)$ such that $a|_U$ is isomorphic to $P \oplus P[1] \to E|_U$ and $a|_V$ isomorphic to $Q \to E|_V$. Thus $R$ is perfect and supported on $T$ and the map $H^i(R) \to H^i(E)$ is surjective on restriction to $U$. Choose a distinguished triangle

$$R \to E \to E' \to R[1]$$

Then $E'$ is $(m - r)$-pseudo-coherent (Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 11.4). $H^i(E')|_U = 0$ for $i \geq t$, and $H^t(E')$ is supported on $T$ for $i \geq m - r$. By induction we find an approximation $R' \to E'$ of $(T, E', m)$. Fit the composition $R' \to E' \to R[1]$ into a distinguished triangle $R \to R'' \to R' \to R[1]$ and extend the morphisms $R' \to E'$ and $R[1] \to R[1]$ into a morphism of distinguished triangles

$$R \to R'' \to R' \to R[1]$$

using TR3. Then $R''$ is a perfect complex (Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.6) supported on $T$. An easy diagram chase shows that $R'' \to E$ is the desired approximation.

\[08HP\] **Theorem 14.7.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Then approximation by perfect complexes holds on $X$.

**Proof.** This follows from the induction principle of Lemma 9.3 and Lemmas 14.6 and 14.5.
15. Generating derived categories

This section is the analogue of Derived Categories of Schemes, Section [14]. However, we first prove the following lemma which is the analogue of Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma [12.9].

**Lemma 15.1.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $W \subset X$ be a quasi-compact open. Let $T \subset |X|$ be a closed subset such that $X \setminus T \to X$ is a quasi-compact morphism. Let $E$ be an object of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Let $\alpha : P \to E|_W$ be a map where $P$ is a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_W)$ supported on $T \cap W$. Then there exists a map $\beta : R \to E$ where $R$ is a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ supported on $T$ such that $P$ is a direct summand of $R|_W$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_W)$ compatible $\alpha$ and $\beta|_W$.

**Proof.** We will use the induction principle of Lemma [9.6] to prove this. Thus we immediately reduce to the case where we have an elementary distinguished square ($W \subset X, f : V \to X$) with $V$ affine and $P \to E|_W$ as in the statement of the lemma. In the rest of the proof we will use Lemma [12.8] (and the compatibilities of Remark [6.3]) for the representable algebraic spaces $V$ and $W \times_X V$. We will also use the fact that perfectness on the Zariski site and étale site agree, see Lemma [13.3].

By Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma [12.8] we can choose a perfect object $Q$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_V)$ supported on $f^{-1}T$ and an isomorphism $Q|_{W \times_X V} \to (P \oplus P[1])|_{W \times_X V}$. By Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma [12.5] we can replace $Q$ by $Q \otimes \mathcal{I}$ (still supported on $f^{-1}T$) and assume that the map

$$Q|_{W \times_X V} \to (P \oplus P[1])|_{W \times_X V} \to P|_{W \times_X V} \to E|_{W \times_X V}$$

lifts to $Q \to E|_V$. By Lemma [10.8] we find an morphism $a : R \to E$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ such that $a|_W$ is isomorphic to $P \oplus P[1] \to E|_W$ and $a|_V$ isomorphic to $Q \to E|_V$. Thus $R$ is perfect and supported on $T$ as desired. \[\square\]

**Remark 15.2.** The proof of Lemma [15.1] shows that

$$R|_W = P \oplus P^{\oplus n_1}[1] \oplus \ldots \oplus P^{\oplus n_m}[m]$$

for some $m \geq 0$ and $n_j \geq 0$. Thus the highest degree cohomology sheaf of $R|_W$ equals that of $P$. By repeating the construction for the map $P^{\oplus n_1}[1] \oplus \ldots \oplus P^{\oplus n_m}[m] \to R|_W$, taking cones, and using induction we can achieve equality of cohomology sheaves of $R|_W$ and $P$ above any given degree.

**Lemma 15.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $W$ be a quasi-compact open subspace of $X$. Let $P$ be a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_W)$. Then $P$ is a direct summand of the restriction of a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

**Proof.** Special case of Lemma [15.1]. \[\square\]

**Theorem 15.4.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. The category $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ can be generated by a single perfect object. More precisely, there exists a perfect object $P$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ such that for $E \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the following are equivalent

1. $E = 0$, and
2. $\text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(P[n], E) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. 

**Proof.** We will prove this using the induction principle of Lemma \[9.3\]
If \( X \) is affine, then \( \mathcal{O}_X \) is a perfect generator. This follows from Lemma \[4.2\] and Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \[5.5\].

Assume that \((U \subset X, f : V \to X)\) is an elementary distinguished square with \( U \) quasi-compact such that the theorem holds for \( U \) and \( V \) is an affine scheme. Let \( P \) be a perfect object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_U) \) which is a generator for \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_U) \). Using Lemma \[15.3\] we may choose a perfect object \( Q \) of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) whose restriction to \( U \) is a direct sum one of whose summands is \( P \). Say \( V = \text{Spec}(A) \). Let \( Z \subset V \) be quasi-compact such that the theorem holds for \( U \). Let \( K \in D(\mathcal{O}_V) \) be the perfect object corresponding to the Koszul complex on \( f_1, \ldots, f_r \) over \( A \). Note that since \( K \) is supported on \( Z \), the pushforward \( K' = Rf_*K \) is a perfect object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) whose restriction to \( V \) is \( K \) (see Lemmas \[14.3\] and \[10.7\]). We claim that \( Q \oplus K' \) is a generator for \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \).

Let \( E \) be an object of \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) such that there are no nontrivial maps from any shift of \( Q \oplus K' \) into \( E \). By Lemma \[10.7\] we have \( K' = f_1K \) and hence

\[
\text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K'[n], E) = \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_V)}(K[n], E|_V)
\]

Thus by Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \[14.2\] (using also Lemma \[4.2\] the vanishing of these groups implies that \( E|_V \) is isomorphic to \( R(U \times_X V \to V)_*E|_{U \times_X V} \). This implies that \( E = R(U \to X)_*E|_U \) (small detail omitted). If this is the case then

\[
\text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(Q[n], E) = \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_U)}(Q[n], E|_U)
\]

which contains \( \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_U)}(P[n], E|_U) \) as a direct summand. Thus by our choice of \( P \) the vanishing of these groups implies that \( E|_U \) is zero. Whence \( E \) is zero. \( \square \)

**Remark 15.5.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic spaces over \( S \). Let \( E \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \) be a generator (see Theorem \[15.4\]). Then the following are equivalent

1. for \( K \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) we have \( Rf_*K = 0 \) if and only if \( K = 0 \),
2. \( Rf_* : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \) reflects isomorphisms, and
3. \( Lf^*E \) is a generator for \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \).

The equivalence between (1) and (2) is a formal consequence of the fact that \( Rf_* : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \) is an exact functor of triangulated categories. Similarly, the equivalence between (1) and (3) follows formally from the fact that \( Lf^* \) is the left adjoint to \( Rf_* \). These conditions hold if \( f \) is affine (Lemma \[6.4\]) or if \( f \) is an open immersion, or if \( f \) is a composition of such.

The following result is an strengthening of Theorem \[15.4\] proved using exactly the same methods. Let \( T \subset |X| \) be a closed subset where \( X \) is an algebraic space. Let’s denote \( D_T(\mathcal{O}_X) \) the strictly full, saturated, triangulated subcategory consisting of complexes whose cohomology sheaves are supported on \( T \).

**Lemma 15.6.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( T \subset |X| \) be a closed subset such that \(|X| \setminus T\) is quasi-compact. With notation as above, the category \( D_{QCoh,T}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) is generated by a single perfect object.
Proof. We will prove this using the induction principle of Lemma 9.3. The property is true for representable quasi-compact and quasi-separated objects of the site $X_{spaces, étale}$ by Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 14.4.

Assume that $(U \subset X, f : V \to X)$ is an elementary distinguished square such that the lemma holds for $U$ and $V$ is affine. To finish the proof we have to show that the result holds for $X$. Let $P$ be a perfect object of $D(O_U)$ supported on $T \cap U$ which is a generator for $D_{Qcoh,T \cap U}(O_U)$. Using Lemma 15.1 we may choose a perfect object $Q$ of $D(O_X)$ supported on $T$ whose restriction to $U$ is a direct sum one of whose summands is $P$. Write $V = \text{Spec}(B)$. Let $Z = X \setminus U$. Then $f^{-1}Z$ is a closed subset of $V$ such that $V \setminus f^{-1}Z$ is quasi-compact. As $X$ is quasi-separated, it follows that $f^{-1}Z \cap f^{-1}T = f^{-1}(Z \cap T)$ is a closed subset of $V$ such that $W = V \setminus f^{-1}(Z \cap T)$ is quasi-compact. Thus we can choose $g_1, \ldots, g_s \in B$ such that $f^{-1}(Z \cap T) = (g_1, \ldots, g_s)$. Let $K \in D(O_V)$ be the perfect object corresponding to the Koszul complex on $g_1, \ldots, g_s$ over $B$. Note that since $K$ is supported on $f^{-1}(Z \cap T) \subset V$ closed, the pushforward $K' = R(V \to X)_*K$ is a perfect object of $D(O_X)$ whose restriction to $V$ is $K$ (see Lemmas 14.3 and 10.7). We claim that $Q \oplus K'$ is a generator for $D_{Qcoh,T}(O_X)$.

Let $E$ be an object of $D_{Qcoh,T}(O_X)$ such that there are no nontrivial maps from any shift of $Q \oplus K'$ into $E$. By Lemma 10.7 we have $K' = R(V \to X)_*K$ and hence

$$\text{Hom}_{D(O_X)}(K'[n], E) = \text{Hom}_{D(O_V)}(K[n], E|_V)$$

Thus by Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 14.2 we have $E|_V = Rj_*E|_W$ where $j : W \to V$ is the inclusion. Picture

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
W & \xrightarrow{j} & V \\
\downarrow{j'} & & \downarrow{j''} \\
V \setminus f^{-1}Z & \xleftarrow{f^{-1}} & Z \cap T \\
\end{array}$$

Since $E$ is supported on $T$ we see that $E|_W$ is supported on $f^{-1}T \cap W = f^{-1}T \cap (V \setminus f^{-1}Z)$ which is closed in $W$. We conclude that

$$E|_V = Rj_*(E|_W) = Rj_*(Rj'_*(E|_{U \cap V})) = Rj''_*(E|_{U \cap V})$$

Here the second equality is part (1) of Cohomology, Lemma 31.6 which applies because $V$ is a scheme and $E$ has quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves hence pushforward along the quasi-compact open immersion $j'$ agrees with pushforward on the underlying schemes, see Remark 9.3. This implies that $E = R(U \to X)_*E|_U$ (small detail omitted). If this is the case then

$$\text{Hom}_{D(O_X)}(Q[n], E) = \text{Hom}_{D(O_U)}(Q|_U[n], E|_U)$$

which contains $\text{Hom}_{D(O_U)}(P[n], E|_U)$ as a direct summand. Thus by our choice of $P$ the vanishing of these groups implies that $E|_U$ is zero. Whence $E$ is zero. \qed

16. Compact and perfect objects

This section is the analogue of Derived Categories of Schemes, Section 16.

Proposition 16.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. An object of $D_{Qcoh}(O_X)$ is compact if and only if it is perfect.
Let \( \mathcal{O}_X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( X \) be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated \( S \)-algebraic space. Let \( T \subset |X| \) be a closed subset such that \( |X| \setminus T \) is quasi-compact. An object of \( D_{QCoh, T}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) is compact if and only if it is perfect as an object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \).

**Proof.** We observe that \( D_{QCoh, T}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) is a triangulated category with direct sums by the remark preceding the lemma. By Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 46.1 the perfect objects define compact objects of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) hence a fortiori of any subcategory preserved under taking direct sums. For the converse we will use there exists a generator \( E \in D_{QCoh, T}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) which is a perfect complex of \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules, see Lemma 15.6. Hence by the above, \( E \) is compact. Then it follows from Derived Categories, Proposition 34.6 that \( E \) is a classical generator of the full subcategory of compact objects of \( D_{QCoh, T}(\mathcal{O}_X) \). Thus any compact object can be constructed out of \( E \) by a finite sequence of operations consisting of (a) taking shifts, (b) taking finite direct sums, (c) taking cones, and (d) taking direct summands. Each of these operations preserves the property of being perfect and the result follows.

The following lemma is an application of the ideas that go into the proof of the preceding lemma.

Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated \( S \)-algebraic space. Let \( T \subset |X| \) be a closed subset such that \( |X| \setminus T \) is quasi-compact. Let \( \alpha : P \to E \) be a morphism of \( D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \) with either

1. \( P \) is perfect and \( E \) supported on \( T \), or
2. \( P \) pseudo-coherent, \( E \) supported on \( T \), and \( E \) bounded below.

Then there exists a perfect complex of \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules \( I \) and a map \( I \to \mathcal{O}_X[0] \) such that \( I \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} P \to E \) is zero and such that \( I|_U \to \mathcal{O}_U[0] \) is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** Set \( D = D_{QCoh, T}(\mathcal{O}_X) \). In both cases the complex \( K = R\mathcal{H}om(P, E) \) is an object of \( D \). See Lemma 13.10 for quasi-coherence. It is clear that \( K \) is supported on \( T \) as formation of \( R\mathcal{H}om \) commutes with restriction to opens. The map \( \alpha \) defines an element of \( H^0(K) = \mathcal{H}om_D(\mathcal{O}_X)(\mathcal{O}_X[0], K) \). Then it suffices to prove the result for the map \( \alpha : \mathcal{O}_X[0] \to K \).
Let $E \in \mathcal{D}$ be a perfect generator, see Lemma 15.6. Write

$$K = \text{hocolim} K_n$$

as in Derived Categories, Lemma 34.3 using the generator $E$. Since the functor $\mathcal{D} \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ commutes with direct sums, we see that $K = \text{hocolim} K_n$ holds in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Since $\mathcal{O}_X$ is a compact object of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ we find an $n$ and a morphism $\alpha_n : \mathcal{O}_X \to K_n$ which gives rise to $\alpha$, see Derived Categories, Lemma 31.9. By Derived Categories, Lemma 34.4 applied to the morphism $\mathcal{O}_X[0] \to K_n$ in the ambient category $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ we see that $\alpha_n$ factors as $\mathcal{O}_X[0] \to Q \to K_n$ where $Q$ is an object of $(E)$. We conclude that $Q$ is a perfect complex supported on $T$.

Choose a distinguished triangle

$$I \to \mathcal{O}_X[0] \to Q \to I[1]$$

By construction $I$ is perfect, the map $I \to \mathcal{O}_X[0]$ restricts to an isomorphism over $U$, and the composition $I \to K$ is zero as $\alpha$ factors through $Q$. This proves the lemma.

17. Derived categories as module categories

The section is the analogue of Derived Categories of Schemes, Section 17.

**Lemma 17.1.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $K^\bullet$ be a complex of $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules whose cohomology sheaves are quasi-coherent. Let $(E, d) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Comp}^{dg}(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K^\bullet, K^\bullet)$ be the endomorphism differential graded algebra. Then the functor $- \otimes^L_E K^\bullet : D(E, d) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ of Differential Graded Algebra, Lemma 26.3 has image contained in $D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

**Proof.** Let $P$ be a differential graded $E$-module with property $P$. Let $F_*$ be a filtration on $P$ as in Differential Graded Algebra, Section 13. Then we have

$$P \otimes^L_E K^\bullet = \text{hocolim} F_i P \otimes^L_E K^\bullet$$

Each of the $F_i P$ has a finite filtration whose graded pieces are direct sums of $E[k]$. The result follows easily.

The following lemma can be strengthened (there is a uniformity in the vanishing over all $L$ with nonzero cohomology sheaves only in a fixed range).

**Lemma 17.2.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $K$ be a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Then

1. there exist integers $a \leq b$ such that $\text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K, L) = 0$ for $L \in D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ with $H^i(L) = 0$ for $i \in [a, b]$, and
2. if $L$ is bounded, then $\text{Ext}^n_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K, L)$ is zero for all but finitely many $n$.

**Proof.** Part (2) follows from (1) as $\text{Ext}^n_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K, L) = \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K, L[n])$. We prove (1). Since $K$ is perfect we have

$$\text{Ext}^i_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K, L) = H^i(X, K^\vee \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} L)$$

where $K^\vee$ is the “dual” perfect complex to $K$, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.9. Note that $P = K^\vee \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} L$ is in $D_{\text{QCoh}}(X)$ by Lemmas 5.6 and 13.6 (to see
that a perfect complex has quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves). Say \(K^\vee\) has tor amplitude in \([a,b]\). Then the spectral sequence
\[
E_{p,q}^0 = H^p(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L^q(L)) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L)
\]
shows that \(H^j(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L)\) is zero if \(q \in [j - b, j - a]\). Let \(N\) be the integer \(\max(d_p + p)\) of Cohomology of Spaces, Lemma 17.3. Then \(H^0(X, K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L)\) vanishes if the cohomology sheaves
\[
H^{-N}(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L), \ H^{-N+1}(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L), \ldots, \ H^0(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L)
\]
are zero. Namely, by the lemma cited and Lemma 5.8 we have
\[
H^0(X, K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L) = H^0(X, \tau_{\geq -N}(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L))
\]
and by the vanishing of cohomology sheaves, this is equal to \(H^0(X, \tau_{\geq 1}(K^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} L))\) which is zero by Derived Categories, Lemma 17.1. It follows that \(\text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K, L)\) is zero if \(H^i(L) = 0\) for \(i \in [-b - N, -a]\).

The following is the analogue of Derived Categories of Schemes, Theorem 17.3.

**Theorem 17.3.** Let \(S\) be a scheme. Let \(X\) be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over \(S\). Then there exist a differential graded algebra \((E, d)\) with only a finite number of nonzero cohomology groups \(H^i(E)\) such that \(D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)\) is equivalent to \(D(E, d)\).

**Proof.** Let \(K^\bullet\) be a K-injective complex of \(\mathcal{O}\)-modules which is perfect and generates \(D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)\). Such a thing exists by Theorem 15.4 and the existence of K-injective resolutions. We will show the theorem holds with
\[
(E, d) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Comp}^{dg}(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K^\bullet, K^\bullet)
\]
where \(\text{Comp}^{dg}(\mathcal{O}_X)\) is the differential graded category of complexes of \(\mathcal{O}\)-modules. Please see Differential Graded Algebra, Section 26. Since \(K^\bullet\) is K-injective we have

\[
H^n(E) = \text{Ext}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}^n(K^\bullet, K^\bullet)
\]
for all \(n \in \mathbb{Z}\). Only a finite number of these Exts are nonzero by Lemma 17.2. Consider the functor
\[
- \otimes_{\mathcal{E}} L K^\bullet : D(E, d) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)
\]
of Differential Graded Algebra, Lemma 26.3. Since \(K^\bullet\) is perfect, it defines a compact object of \(D(\mathcal{O}_X)\), see Proposition 16.1. Combined with (17.3.1) the functor above is fully faithful as follows from Differential Graded Algebra, Lemmas 26.6. It has a right adjoint
\[
R\text{Hom}(K^\bullet, -) : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(E, d)
\]
by Differential Graded Algebra, Lemmas 26.5 which is a left quasi-inverse functor by generalities on adjoint functors. On the other hand, it follows from Lemma 17.1 that we obtain
\[
- \otimes_{\mathcal{E}} L K^\bullet : D(E, d) \to D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)
\]
and by our choice of \(K^\bullet\) as a generator of \(D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)\) the kernel of the adjoint restricted to \(D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)\) is zero. A formal argument shows that we obtain the desired equivalence, see Derived Categories, Lemma 17.2. 

□
Remark 17.4 (Variant with support). Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space. Let $T \subset |X|$ be a closed subset such that $|X| \setminus T$ is quasi-compact. The analogue of Theorem 17.3 holds for $D_{QCoh,T}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. This follows from the exact same argument as in the proof of the theorem, using Lemmas 16.6 and 16.2 and a variant of Lemma 17.1 with supports. If we ever need this, we will precisely state the result here and give a detailed proof.

Remark 17.5 (Uniqueness of dga). Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over a ring $R$. By the construction of the proof of Theorem 17.3 there exists a differential graded algebra $(A,d)$ over $R$ such that $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is $R$-linearly equivalent to $D(A,d)$ as a triangulated category. One may ask: how unique is $(A,d)$? The answer is (only) slightly better than just saying that $(A,d)$ is well defined up to derived equivalence. Namely, suppose that $(B,d)$ is a second such pair. Then we have $(A,d) = \text{Hom}_{Comp^d(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K^\bullet, K^\bullet)$ and $(B,d) = \text{Hom}_{Comp^d(\mathcal{O}_X)}(L^\bullet, L^\bullet)$ for some $K$-injective complexes $K^\bullet$ and $L^\bullet$ of $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules corresponding to perfect generators of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Set $\Omega = \text{Hom}_{Comp^d(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K^\bullet, L^\bullet)$ and $\Omega' = \text{Hom}_{Comp^d(\mathcal{O}_X)}(L^\bullet, K^\bullet)$. Then $\Omega$ is a differential graded $B^{opp} \otimes_R A$-module and $\Omega'$ is a differential graded $A^{opp} \otimes_R B$-module. Moreover, the equivalence $D(A,d) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(B,d)$ is given by the functor $- \otimes_R \Omega'$ and similarly for the quasi-inverse. Thus we are in the situation of Differential Graded Algebra, Remark 28.10. If we ever need this remark we will provide a precise statement with a detailed proof here.

18. Characterizing pseudo-coherent complexes, I

This material will be continued in More on Morphisms of Spaces, Section 50. We can characterize pseudo-coherent objects as derived homotopy limits of approximations by perfect objects.

Lemma 18.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $K \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. The following are equivalent

1. $K$ is pseudo-coherent, and
2. $K = \text{hocolim} K_n$ where $K_n$ is perfect and $\tau_{\geq -n} K_n \to \tau_{\geq -n} K$ is an isomorphism for all $n$.

Proof. The implication (2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) is true on any ringed site. Namely, assume (2) holds. Recall that a perfect object of the derived category is pseudo-coherent, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.4. Then it follows from the definitions that $\tau_{\geq -n} K_n$ is $(-n+1)$-pseudo-coherent and hence $\tau_{\geq -n} K$ is $(-n+1)$-pseudo-coherent, hence $K$ is $(-n+1)$-pseudo-coherent. This is true for all $n$, hence $K$ is pseudo-coherent, see Cohomology on Sites, Definition 41.1. Assume (1). We start by choosing an approximation $K_1 \to K$ of $(X,\mathcal{O}_X, -)$ by a perfect complex $K_1$, see Definitions 14.1 and 14.2 and Theorem 14.7. Suppose by induction we have $K_1 \to K_2 \to \ldots \to K_n \to K$. 


with $K_i$ perfect such that such that $\tau_{\geq -i} K_i \to \tau_{\geq -i} K$ is an isomorphism for all $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then we pick $a \leq b$ as in Lemma 17.2 for the perfect object $K_n$. Choose an approximation $K_{n+1} \to K$ of $(X, K, \min(a-1, -n-1))$. Choose a distinguished triangle

$$K_{n+1} \to K \to C \to K_{n+1}[1]$$

Then we see that $C \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ has $H^i(C) = 0$ for $i \geq a$. Thus by our choice of $a, b$ we see that $\text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(K_n, C) = 0$. Hence the composition $K_n \to K \to C$ is zero. Hence by Derived Categories, Lemma 4.2 we can factor $K_n \to K$ through $K_{n+1}$ proving the induction step.

We still have to prove that $K = \hocolim K_n$. This follows by an application of Derived Categories, Lemma 31.8 to the functors $H^i(-) : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and our choice of $K_n$. □

**Lemma 18.2.** Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated scheme. Let $T \subset X$ be a closed subset such that $X \setminus T$ is quasi-compact. Let $K \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ supported on $T$. The following are equivalent

1. $K$ is pseudo-coherent, and
2. $K = \hocolim K_n$ where $K_n$ is perfect, supported on $T$, and $\tau_{\geq -n} K_n \to \tau_{\geq -n} K$ is an isomorphism for all $n$.

**Proof.** The proof of this lemma is exactly the same as the proof of Lemma 18.1 except that in the choice of the approximations we use the triples $(T, K, m)$. □

### 19. The coherator revisited

In Section 11 we constructed and studied the right adjoint $RQ_X$ to the canonical functor $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. It was constructed as the right derived extension of the coherator $Q_X : \text{Mod}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)$. In this section, we study when the inclusion functor

$$D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

has a right adjoint. If this right adjoint exists, we will denote it

$$DQ_X : D(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

It turns out that quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic spaces have such a right adjoint.

**Lemma 19.1.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. The inclusion functor $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ has a right adjoint.

**First proof.** We will use the induction principle in Lemma 9.3 to prove this. If $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is an equivalence, then the lemma is true because the functor $RQ_X$ of Section 11 is a right adjoint to the functor $D(QCoh(\mathcal{O}_X)) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. In particular, our lemma is true for affine algebraic spaces, see Lemma 11.3. Thus we see that it suffices to show: if $(U \subset X, f : V \to X)$ is an elementary distinguished square with $U$ quasi-compact and $V$ affine and the lemma holds for $U, V,$ and $U \times_X V$, then the lemma holds for $X$.

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2This is probably nonstandard notation. However, we have already used $Q_X$ for the coherator and $RQ_X$ for its derived extension.
Let hypotheses are satisfied: First, note that $D$ exist by Derived Categories, Proposition 35.2. The second proof.

Second proof. The adjoint exists by Derived Categories, Proposition 35.2. The hypotheses are satisfied: First, note that $D$ exist by Derived Categories, Proposition 35.2. The statement makes sense because $Rf_\ast$ sends $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ into $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ by Lemma 6.1. The statement is true because $Lf_\ast$ similarly maps $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ into $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ (Lemma 5.5) and hence both $Rf_\ast \circ DQ_X$ and $DQ_Y \circ Rf_\ast$ are right adjoint to $Lf_\ast : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. 

**Remark 19.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $(U \subset X, f : V \to X)$ be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over $S$. Assume $X, U, V$ are quasi-compact

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Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. If the right adjoints $DQ_X$ and $DQ_Y$ of the inclusion functors $D_{QCoh} \to D$ exist for $X$ and $Y$, then

$$Rf_\ast \circ DQ_X = DQ_Y \circ Rf_\ast$$

**Proof.** The statement makes sense because $Rf_\ast$ sends $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ into $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ by Lemma 6.1. The statement is true because $Lf_\ast$ similarly maps $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ into $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ (Lemma 5.5) and hence both $Rf_\ast \circ DQ_X$ and $DQ_Y \circ Rf_\ast$ are right adjoint to $Lf_\ast : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \to D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. 

**Remark 19.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $(U \subset X, f : V \to X)$ be an elementary distinguished square of algebraic spaces over $S$. Assume $X, U, V$ are quasi-compact
and quasi-separated. By Lemma [19.1] the functors $DQ_X$, $DQ_U$, $DQ_V$, $DQ_{U \times X V}$ exist. Moreover, there is a canonical distinguished triangle

$$DQ_X(K) \to Rj_{U,*}DQ_U(K|U) \oplus Rj_{V,*}DQ_V(K|V) \to Rj_{U \times X V,*}DQ_{U \times X V}(K|U \times X V) \to$$

for any $K \in D(O_X)$. This follows by applying the exact functor $DQ_X$ to the distinguished triangle of Lemma [10.2] and using Lemma [19.2] three times.

**Lemma 19.4.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. The functor $DQ_X$ of Lemma [19.1] has the following boundedness property: there exists an integer $N = N(X)$ such that, if $K$ in $D(O_X)$ with $H^i(U, K) = 0$ for $U$ affine étale over $X$ and $i \not\in \{a, b\}$, then the cohomology sheaves $H^i(DQ_X(K))$ are zero for $i \not\in \{a, b + N\}$.

**Proof.** We will prove this using the induction principle of Lemma [19.3].

If $X$ is affine, then the lemma is true with $N = 0$ because then $RQ_X = DQ_X$ is given by taking the complex of quasi-coherent sheaves associated to $R\Gamma(X, K)$. See Lemma [11.3]

Let $(U \subset W, f : V \to W)$ be an elementary distinguished square with $W$ quasi-compact and quasi-separated, $U \subset W$ quasi-compact open, $V$ affine such that the lemma holds for $U$, $V$, and $U \times W V$. Say with integers $N(U)$, $N(V)$, and $N(U \times W V)$. Now suppose $K$ is in $D(O_X)$ with $H^i(W, K) = 0$ for all affine $W$ étale over $X$ and all $i \not\in \{a, b\}$. Then $K|U$, $K|V$, $K|U \times W V$ have the same property. Hence we see that $RQ_U (K|U)$ and $RQ_V (K|V)$ and $RQ_{U \times W V} (K|U \times W V)$ have vanishing cohomology sheaves outside the interval $[a, b + N(U), N(V), N(U \times W V))$. Since the functors $Rj_{U,*}$, $Rj_{V,*}$, $Rj_{U \times W V,*}$ have finite cohomological dimension on $D_{QCoh}$ by Lemma [6.4] we see that there exists an $N$ such that $Rj_{U,*}DQ_U (K|U)$, $Rj_{V,*}DQ_V (K|V)$, and $Rj_{U \times W V,*}DQ_{U \times W V} (K|U \times W V)$ have vanishing cohomology sheaves outside the interval $[a, b + N]$. Then finally we conclude by the distinguished triangle of Remark [19.3].

**Example 19.5.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $(\mathcal{F}_n)$ be an inverse system of quasi-coherent sheaves on $X$. Since $DQ_X$ is a right adjoint it commutes with products and therefore with derived limits. Hence we see that

$$DQ_X(R\lim \mathcal{F}_n) = (R\lim \text{ in } D_{QCoh}(O_X)) \mathcal{F}_n)$$

where the first $R\lim$ is taken in $D(O_X)$. In fact, let’s write $K = R\lim \mathcal{F}_n$ for this. For any affine $U$ étale over $X$ we have

$$H^i(U, K) = H^i(R\Gamma(U, R\lim \mathcal{F}_n)) = H^i(R\lim R\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}_n)) = H^i(R\lim \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}_n))$$

since cohomology commutes with derived limits and since the quasi-coherent sheaves $\mathcal{F}_n$ have no higher cohomology on affines. By the computation of $R\lim$ in the category of abelian groups, we see that $H^i(U, K) = 0$ unless $i \in [0, 1]$. Then finally we conclude that the $R\lim$ in $D_{QCoh}(O_X)$, which is $DQ_X(K)$ by the above, is in $D_{QCoh}^b(O_X)$ and has vanishing cohomology sheaves in negative degrees by Lemma [19.3].
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Lemma 20.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. For $E \in \text{D}_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and $K \in \text{D}_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ we have

$$Rf_*(E) \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_Y} K = Rf_*(E \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} Lf^*K)$$

Proof. Without any assumptions there is a map $Rf_*(E) \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_Y} K \to Rf_*(E \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} Lf^*K)$. Namely, it is the adjoint to the canonical map

$$Lf^*(Rf_*(E)) \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} Lf^*K \to E \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} Lf^*K$$

coming from the map $Lf^*Rf_*E \to E$. See Cohomology on Sites, Lemmas 19.4 and 20.1. To check it is an isomorphism we may work étale locally on $Y$. Hence we reduce to the case that $Y$ is an affine scheme.

Suppose that $K = \bigoplus K_i$ is a direct sum of some complexes $K_i \in \text{D}_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$. If the statement holds for each $K_i$, then it holds for $K$. Namely, the functors $Lf^*$ and $\otimes^L$ preserve direct sums by construction and $Rf_*$ commutes with direct sums (for complexes with quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves) by Lemma 6.2. Moreover, suppose that $K \to L \to M \to K[1]$ is a distinguished triangle in $\text{D}_{\text{QCoh}}(Y)$. Then if the statement of the lemma holds for two of $K, L, M$, then it holds for the third (as the functors involved are exact functors of triangulated categories).

Assume $Y$ affine, say $Y = \text{Spec}(A)$. The functor $\sim : \text{D}(A) \to \text{D}_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ is an equivalence by Lemma 4.2 and Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 3.5. Let $T$ be the property for $K \in \text{D}(A)$ that the statement of the lemma holds for $K$. The discussion above and More on Algebra, Remark 57.13 shows that it suffices to prove $T$ holds for $A[k]$. This finishes the proof, as the statement of the lemma is clear for shifts of the structure sheaf. □

Definition 20.2. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $B$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $X, Y$ be algebraic spaces over $B$. We say $X$ and $Y$ are Tor independent over $B$ if and only if for every commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Spec}(k) & \rightarrow & X \\
\downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \phi \\
Y & \rightarrow & B
\end{array}$$

of geometric points the rings $\mathcal{O}_{X, \pi}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{Y, \pi}$ are Tor independent over $\mathcal{O}_{B, \hat{\pi}}$ (see More on Algebra, Definition 59.1).

The following lemma shows in particular that this definition agrees with our definition in the case of representable algebraic spaces.

Lemma 20.3. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $B$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $X, Y$ be algebraic spaces over $B$. The following are equivalent

(1) $X$ and $Y$ are Tor independent over $B$, 

(2) For every commutative diagram $\text{Spec}(k) \to X \leftarrow Y$ as above the rings $\mathcal{O}_{X, \pi}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{Y, \pi}$ are Tor independent over $\mathcal{O}_{B, \hat{\pi}}$.
(2) for every commutative diagram
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
U & \rightarrow & W \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
X & \rightarrow & Y
\end{array}
\]
with étale vertical arrows $U$ and $V$ are Tor independent over $W$, 

(3) for some commutative diagram as in (2) with (a) $W \rightarrow B$ étale surjective, 
(b) $U \rightarrow X \times_B W$ étale surjective, (c) $V \rightarrow Y \times_B W$ étale surjective, the spaces $U$ and $V$ are Tor independent over $W$, and

(4) for some commutative diagram as in (3) with $U$, $V$, $W$ schemes, the schemes $U$ and $V$ are Tor independent over $W$ in the sense of Derived Categories of Schemes, Definition 21.2.

**Proof.** For an étale morphism $\varphi : U \rightarrow X$ of algebraic spaces and geometric point $u$ the map of local rings $O_{X,\varphi(u)} \rightarrow O_{U,u}$ is an isomorphism. Hence the equivalence of (1) and (2) follows. So does the implication (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3). Assume (3) and pick a diagram of geometric points as in Definition 20.2. The assumptions imply that we can first lift $b$ to a geometric point $w$ of $W$, then lift the geometric point $(x, b)$ to a geometric point $u$ of $U$, and finally lift the geometric point $(y, b)$ to a geometric point $v$ of $V$. Use Properties of Spaces, Lemma 19.4 to find the lifts. Using the remark on local rings above we conclude that the condition of the definition is satisfied for the given diagram.

Having made these initial points, it is clear that (4) comes down to the statement that Definition 20.2 agrees with Derived Categories of Schemes, Definition 21.2 when $X$, $Y$, and $B$ are schemes.

Let $\overline{x}, \overline{b}, \overline{y}$ be as in Definition 20.2 lying over the points $x, y, b$. Recall that $O_{X,\overline{x}} = O_{X,x}$ (Properties of Spaces, Lemma 22.1) and similarly for the other two. By Algebra, Lemma 150.14 we see that $O_{X,\overline{x}}$ is a strict henselization of $O_{X,x} \otimes_{O_{B,\overline{b}}} O_{B,\overline{y}}$.

In particular, the ring map
\[
O_{X,x} \otimes_{O_{B,b}} O_{B,\overline{y}} \rightarrow O_{X,\overline{x}}
\]
is flat (More on Algebra, Lemma 44.1). By More on Algebra, Lemma 59.3 we see that
\[
\text{Tor}_i^{O_{B,b}}(O_{X,x}, O_{Y,y}) \otimes_{O_{X,x} \otimes_{O_{B,b}} O_{Y,y}} (O_{X,\overline{x}} \otimes_{O_{B,\overline{b}}} O_{Y,\overline{y}}) = \text{Tor}_i^{O_{B,\overline{y}}}(O_{X,\overline{x}}, O_{Y,\overline{y}})
\]
Hence it follows that if $X$ and $Y$ are Tor independent over $B$ as schemes, then $X$ and $Y$ are Tor independent as algebraic spaces over $B$.

For the converse, we may assume $X$, $Y$, and $B$ are affine. Observe that the ring map
\[
O_{X,x} \otimes_{O_{B,b}} O_{Y,y} \rightarrow O_{X,\overline{x}} \otimes_{O_{B,\overline{b}}} O_{Y,\overline{y}}
\]
is flat by the observations given above. Moreover, the image of the map on spectra includes all primes $s \subset O_{X,\overline{x}} \otimes_{O_{B,\overline{b}}} O_{Y,\overline{y}}$ lying over $m_x$ and $m_y$. Hence from this and the displayed formula of Tor’s above we see that if $X$ and $Y$ are Tor independent over $B$ as algebraic spaces, then
\[
\text{Tor}_i^{O_{B,b}}(O_{X,x}, O_{Y,y})_s = 0
\]
for all $i > 0$ and all $s$ as above. By More on Algebra, Lemma 59.5 applied to the ring maps $\Gamma(B, \mathcal{O}_B) \to \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ and $\Gamma(B, \mathcal{O}_B) \to \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ this implies that $X$ and $Y$ are Tor independent over $B$. □

**Lemma 20.4.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $g : Y' \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Consider the base change diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \longrightarrow & X \\
\downarrow{g'} & & \downarrow{f} \\
Y' & \longrightarrow & Y
\end{array}
$$

If $X$ and $Y'$ are Tor independent over $Y$, then for all $E \in D_{\text{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ we have $Rf'_*L(g')^*E = Lg^*Rf_*E$.

**Proof.** For any object $E$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ we can use Cohomology on Sites, Remark 20.3 to get a canonical base change map $Lg^*Rf_*E \to Rf'_*L(g')^*E$. To check this is an isomorphism we may work étale locally on $Y'$. Hence we may assume $g : Y' \to Y$ is a morphism of affine schemes. In particular, $g$ is affine and it suffices to show that

$$
Rg_*Lg^*Rf_*E \to Rg_*Rf'_*L(g')^*E = Rf_*(Rg'_*L(g')^*E)
$$

is an isomorphism, see Lemma 6.4 (and use Lemmas 5.5 6.1 to see that the objects $Rf'_*L(g')^*E$ and $Lg^*Rf_*E$ have quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves). Note that $g'$ is affine as well (Morphisms of Spaces, Lemma 20.5). By Lemma 6.5 the map becomes a map

$$
Rf_*(E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} g_*\mathcal{O}_{Y'}) \to Rf_*(E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'})
$$

Observe that $g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'} = f^*g_*\mathcal{O}_{Y'}$. Thus by Lemma 20.1 it suffices to prove that $Lf^*g_*\mathcal{O}_{Y'} = f^*g_*\mathcal{O}_{Y'}$. This follows from our assumption that $X$ and $Y'$ are Tor independent over $Y$. Namely, to check it we may work étale locally on $X$, hence we may also assume $X$ is affine. Say $X = \text{Spec}(A)$, $Y = \text{Spec}(R)$ and $Y' = \text{Spec}(R')$. Our assumption implies that $A$ and $R'$ are Tor independent over $R$ (see Lemma 20.3 and More on Algebra, Lemma 59.5), i.e., $\text{Tor}^i_R(A, R') = 0$ for $i > 0$. In other words $A \otimes_R R' = A \otimes_R R'$ which exactly means that $Lf^*g_*\mathcal{O}_{Y'} = f^*g_*\mathcal{O}_{Y'}$. □

The following lemma will be used in the chapter on dualizing complexes.

**Lemma 20.5.** Let $g : S' \to S$ be a morphism of affine schemes. Consider a cartesian square

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \longrightarrow & X \\
\downarrow{g'} & & \downarrow{f} \\
S' & \longrightarrow & S
\end{array}
$$

of quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic spaces. Assume $g$ and $f$ Tor independent. Write $S = \text{Spec}(R)$ and $S' = \text{Spec}(R')$. For $M, K \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the canonical map

$$
R\text{Hom}_X(M, K) \otimes_R R' \to R\text{Hom}_{X'}(L(g')^*M, L(g')^*K)
$$

in $D(R')$ is an isomorphism in the following two cases

1. $M \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is perfect and $K \in D_{\text{QCoh}}(X)$, or
(2) $M \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is pseudo-coherent, $K \in D_{Q\text{-Coh}}(X)$, and $R'$ has finite tor dimension over $R$.

**Proof.** There is a canonical map $R\text{Hom}_X(M, K) \to R\text{Hom}_{X'}(L(g')^*M, L(g')^*K)$ in $D(\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X))$ of global hom complexes, see Cohomology on Sites, Section 33. Restricting scalars we can view this as a map in $D(R)$. Then we can use the adjointness of restriction and $- \otimes^L_R R'$ to get the displayed map of the lemma. Having defined the map it suffices to prove it is an isomorphism in the derived category of abelian groups.

The right hand side is equal to

$$R\text{Hom}_X(M, R(g')^*L(g')^*K) = R\text{Hom}_X(M, K \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'})$$

by Lemma 6.5. In both cases the complex $R\text{Hom}(M, K)$ is an object of $D_{Q\text{-Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ by Lemma 13.10. There is a natural map

$$R\text{Hom}(M, K) \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'} \longrightarrow R\text{Hom}(M, K \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'})$$

which is an isomorphism in both cases Lemma 13.11. To see that this lemma applies in case (2) we note that $g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'} = Rg'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'} = Rf^*_s\mathcal{O}_X$ is the second equality by Lemma 20.4. Using Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 9.4, Lemma 13.3 and Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 42.4 we conclude that $g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'}$ has finite Tor dimension. Hence, in both cases by replacing $K$ by $R\text{Hom}(M, K)$ we reduce to proving

$$R\Gamma(X, K) \otimes^L_A A' \longrightarrow R\Gamma(X, K \otimes^L_{\mathcal{O}_X} g'_*\mathcal{O}_{X'})$$

is an isomorphism. Note that the left hand side is equal to $R\Gamma(X', L(g')^*K)$ by Lemma 6.5. Hence the result follows from Lemma 20.4.

**Remark** 20.6. With notation as in Lemma 20.5. The diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
R\text{Hom}_X(M, R(g')^*L) & \otimes^L_R R' & \longrightarrow & R\text{Hom}_{X'}(L(g')^*M, L(g')^*Rg'_*L) \\
& \mu & & \sigma \\
R\text{Hom}_X(M, R(g')_*L) & \longrightarrow & R\text{Hom}_{X'}(L(g')^*M, L)
\end{array}
$$

is commutative where the top horizontal arrow is the map from the lemma, $\mu$ is the multiplication map, and $\sigma$ comes from the adjunction map $L(g')^*Rg'_*L \to L$. The multiplication map is the adjunction map $K' \otimes^L_R R' \to K'$ for any $K' \in D(R')$.

**Lemma** 20.7. Let $S$ be a scheme. Consider a cartesian square of algebraic spaces

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \longrightarrow & X \\
\downarrow f' & & \downarrow f \\
Y' & \longrightarrow & Y
\end{array}
$$

over $S$. Assume $g$ and $f$ Tor independent.

1. If $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$ as a complex of $f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y$-modules, then $L(g')^*E$ has tor amplitude in $[a, b]$ as a complex of $f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_{Y'}$-modules.
2. If $\mathcal{G}$ is an $\mathcal{O}_X$-module flat over $Y$, then $L(g')^*\mathcal{G} = (g')^*\mathcal{G}$. 
Let $\mathcal{O}_X$ be a scheme. Let $L \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and let $L(g')^* K \to K'$ be a map in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{X'})$. For each $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ we obtain a $\mathcal{O}_{X',\pi} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}$-module structure on $H^i(K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi})$. Putting everything together we obtain canonical maps

$$H^i(K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}) \otimes (\mathcal{O}_{X',\pi} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}) \to H^i(K' \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y',\pi})$$

of $\mathcal{O}_{X',\pi}$-modules.

**Lemma 21.1.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let

$$\xymatrix{ X' \ar[r]^{g'} \ar[d]_{f'} & X \ar[d]^f \\
Y' \ar[r]^g & Y }$$

be a cartesian diagram of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $K \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and let $L(g')^* K \to K'$ be a map in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{X'})$. The following are equivalent

1. for any $x' \in X'$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ the map (21.0.1) is an isomorphism,
(2) for any commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
U & \rightarrow & V' \\
\downarrow^a & & \downarrow^{b} \\
V & \rightarrow & V \\
\downarrow^c & & \downarrow^f \\
X & \rightarrow & Y \\
Y' & \rightarrow & Y
\end{array}
\]

with \(a, b, c\) étale, \(U, V, V'\) schemes, and with \(U' = V' \times_V U\) the equivalent conditions of Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \[22.1\] hold for \((U \rightarrow X)^* K\) and \((U' \rightarrow X')^* K'\), and

(3) there is some diagram as in (2) with \(U' \rightarrow X'\) surjective.

Proof. Observe that (1) is étale local on \(X'\). Working through formal implications of what is known, we see that it suffices to prove condition (1) of this lemma is equivalent to condition (1) of Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \[22.1\] if \(X, Y, Y', X'\) are representable by schemes \(X_0, Y_0, Y'_0, X'_0\). Denote \(f_0, g_0, g'_0, f'_0\) the morphisms between these schemes corresponding to \(f, g, g', f'\). We may assume \(K = \epsilon^* K_0\) and \(K' = \epsilon^* K'_0\) for some objects \(K_0 \in D_{\mathit{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_{X_0})\) and \(K'_0 \in D_{\mathit{QCoh}}(\mathcal{O}_{X'_0})\), see Lemma \[4.2\]. Moreover, the map \(Lg^* K \rightarrow K'\) is the pullback of a map \(L(g_0)^* K_0 \rightarrow K'_0\) with notation as in Remark \[6.3\]. Recall that \(\mathcal{O}_{X, \pi}\) is the strict henselization of \(\mathcal{O}_{X, x}\) (Properties of Spaces, Lemma \[22.1\]) and that we have

\[
K_{\pi} = K_{0, x} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, \pi}} \mathcal{O}_{X, \pi} \quad \text{and} \quad K'_{\pi} = K'_{0, x'} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X', \pi}} \mathcal{O}_{X', \pi}
\]

(akin to Properties of Spaces, Lemma \[29.4\]). Consider the commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
H^i(K_{\pi} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, \pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y', \pi'}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, \pi}} \mathcal{O}_{X, \pi} & \rightarrow & H^i(K'_{\pi}) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
H^i(K_{0, x} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, x}} \mathcal{O}_{Y', x'}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, x}} \mathcal{O}_{X, x} & \rightarrow & H^i(K'_{0, x'})
\end{array}
\]

We have to show that the lower horizontal arrow is an isomorphism if and only if the upper horizontal arrow is an isomorphism. Since \(\mathcal{O}_{X', x'} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X', \pi'}\) is faithfully flat (More on Algebra, Lemma \[44.1\]) it suffices to show that the top arrow is the base change of the bottom arrow by this map. This follows immediately from the relationships between stalks given above for the objects on the right. For the objects on the left it suffices to show that

\[
H^i \left( (K_{0, x} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, x}} \mathcal{O}_{X, \pi}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, \pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y', \pi'} \right) = H^i \left( K_{0, x} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, x}} \mathcal{O}_{Y', x'} \right) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X, x}} \mathcal{O}_{X, x} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, x}} \mathcal{O}_{Y', x'} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, \pi}} \mathcal{O}_{Y', \pi'}
\]

This follows from More on Algebra, Lemma \[59.4\]. The flatness assumptions of this lemma hold by what was said above as well as Algebra, Lemma \[150.14\] implying that \(\mathcal{O}_{X, \pi}\) is the strict henselization of \(\mathcal{O}_{X, x} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, x}} \mathcal{O}_{Y, \pi}\) and that \(\mathcal{O}_{Y', \pi'}\) is the strict henselization of \(\mathcal{O}_{Y', x'} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, x}} \mathcal{O}_{Y, \pi}\). \(\square\)
Lemma 21.2. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \xrightarrow{g'} & X \\
\downarrow f' & & \downarrow f \\
Y' & \xrightarrow{g} & Y
\end{array}
$$

be a cartesian diagram of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $K \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and let $L(g')^*K \to K'$ be a map in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. If

1. the equivalent conditions of Lemma 21.1 hold, and
2. $f$ is quasi-compact and quasi-separated,

then the composition $Lg^*Rf_*K \to Rf'_*L(g')^*K \to Rf'_*K'$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. To check the map is an isomorphism we may work étale locally on $Y'$. Hence we may assume $g : Y' \to Y$ is a morphism of affine schemes. In this case, we will use the induction principle of Lemma 9.3 to prove that for a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space $U$ étale over $X$ the similarly constructed map $Lg^*R(U \to Y)_*K|_U \to R(U' \to Y')_*K'|_{U'}$ is an isomorphism. Here $U' = X' \times_{g',X} U = Y' \times_{g,Y} U$.

If $U$ is a scheme (for example affine), then the result holds. Namely, then $Y, Y', U, U'$ are schemes, $K$ and $K'$ come from objects of the derived category of the underlying schemes by Lemma 4.2 and the condition of Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 22.1 holds for these complexes by Lemma 21.1. Thus (by the compatibilities explained in Remark 6.3) we can apply the result in the case of schemes which is Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 22.2.

The induction step. Let $(U \subset W, V \to W)$ be an elementary distinguished square with $W$ a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space étale over $X$, with $U$ quasi-compact, $V$ affine and the result holds for $U$, $V$, and $U \times_W V$. To easy notation we replace $W$ by $X$ (this is permissible at this point). Denote $a : U \to Y$, $b : V \to Y$, and $c : U \times_X V \to Y$ the obvious morphisms. Let $a' : U' \to Y'$, $b' : V' \to Y'$ and $c' : U' \times_{X'} V' \to Y'$ be the base changes of $a$, $b$, and $c$. Using the distinguished triangles from relative Mayer-Vietoris (Lemma 10.3) we obtain a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
Lg^*Rf_*K & \xrightarrow{Rf'_*K} & Rf'_*K' \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
Lg^*Ra_*K|_U \oplus Lg^*Rb_*K|_V & \xrightarrow{Ra'_*K'|_U \oplus Rb'_*K'|_V} & Ra'_*K'|_{U'} \oplus Rb'_*K'|_{V'} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
Lg^*Rc_*K|_{U \times_X V} & \xrightarrow{Rc'_*K'|_{U' \times_{X'} V'}} & Rc'_*K'|_{U' \times_{X'} V'} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
Lg^*Rf_*K[1] & \xrightarrow{Rf'_*K'[1]} & Rf'_*K'[1]
\end{array}
$$

Since the 2nd and 3rd horizontal arrows are isomorphisms so is the first (Derived Categories, Lemma 4.3) and the proof of the lemma is finished. □
Lemma 21.3. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \rightarrow & X \\
\downarrow^g & & \downarrow^f \\
S' & \rightarrow & S
\end{array}
\]

be a cartesian diagram of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $K \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and let $L(g')^*K \rightarrow K'$ be a map in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{X'})$. If the equivalent conditions of Lemma 21.1 hold, then

1. for $E \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the equivalent conditions of Lemma 21.1 hold for $L(g')^*(E \otimes^L K) \rightarrow L(g')^*E \otimes^L K'$,
2. if $E$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is perfect the equivalent conditions of Lemma 21.1 hold for $L(g')^*R\mathcal{H}om(E, K) \rightarrow R\mathcal{H}om(L(g')^*E, K')$, and
3. if $K$ is bounded below and $E$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ pseudo-coherent the equivalent conditions of Lemma 21.1 hold for $L(g')^*R\mathcal{H}om(E, K) \rightarrow R\mathcal{H}om(L(g')^*E, K')$.

Proof. The statement makes sense as the complexes involved have quasi-coherent cohomology sheaves by Lemmas 5.5, 5.6, and 13.10 and Cohomology on Sites, Lemmas 41.3 and 43.5. Having said this, we can check the maps (21.0.1) are isomorphisms in case (1) by computing the source and target of (21.0.1) using the transitive property of tensor product, see More on Algebra, Lemma 57.17. The map in (2) and (3) is the composition

\[
L(g')^*R\mathcal{H}om(E, K) \rightarrow R\mathcal{H}om(L(g')^*E, L(g')^*K) \rightarrow R\mathcal{H}om(L(g')^*E, K')
\]

where the first arrow is Cohomology on Sites, Remark 32.11 and the second arrow comes from the given map $L(g')^*K \rightarrow K'$. To prove the maps (21.0.1) are isomorphisms one represents $E$ by a bounded complex of finite projective $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules in case (2) or by a bounded above complex of finite free modules in case (3) and computes the source and target of the arrow. Some details omitted. □

Lemma 21.4. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $E \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Let $\mathcal{G}^\bullet$ be a bounded above complex of quasi-coherent $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules flat over $Y$. Then formation of

\[
Rf_*(E \otimes^L \mathcal{G}^\bullet)
\]

commutes with arbitrary base change (see proof for precise statement).

Proof. The statement means the following. Let $g : Y' \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces and consider the base change diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \rightarrow & X \\
\downarrow^g & & \downarrow^f \\
Y' & \rightarrow & Y
\end{array}
\]

in other words $X' = Y' \times_Y X$. The lemma asserts that

\[
Lg^*Rf_*(E \otimes^L \mathcal{G}^\bullet) \rightarrow Rf'_*(L(g')^*E \otimes^L (g')^*\mathcal{G}^\bullet)
\]

is an isomorphism. Observe that on the right hand side we do not use derived pullback on $\mathcal{G}^\bullet$. To prove this, we apply Lemmas 21.2 and 21.3 to see that it
suffices to prove the canonical map

\[ L(g')^*G^* \rightarrow (g')^*G^* \]

satisfies the equivalent conditions of Lemma 21.1. This follows by checking the condition on stalks, where it immediately follows from the fact that \( G^* \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \mathcal{O}_{Y'_{g'}} \) computes the derived tensor product by our assumptions on the complex \( G^* \). \( \square \)

**Lemma 21.5.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated morphism of algebraic spaces over \( S \). Let \( E \) be an object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \). Let \( G^* \) be a complex of quasi-coherent \( \mathcal{O}_X \)-modules. If

1. \( E \) is perfect, \( G^* \) is a bounded above, and \( G^n \) is flat over \( Y \), or
2. \( E \) is pseudo-coherent, \( G^* \) is bounded, and \( G^n \) is flat over \( Y \),

then formation of

\[ Rf_*R\text{Hom}(E, G^*) \]

commutes with arbitrary base change (see proof for precise statement).

**Proof.** The statement means the following. Let \( g : Y' \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces and consider the base change diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \xrightarrow{h} & X \\
\downarrow{f'} & & \downarrow{f} \\
Y' & \xrightarrow{g} & Y
\end{array}
\]

in other words \( X' = Y' \times_Y X \). The lemma asserts that

\[ Lg^*Rf_*R\text{Hom}(E, G^*) \rightarrow R(f')_*R\text{Hom}(L(g')^*E, (g')^*G^*) \]

is an isomorphism. Observe that on the right hand side we do not use the derived pullback on \( G^* \). To prove this, we apply Lemmas 21.2 and 21.3 to see that it suffices to prove the canonical map

\[ L(g')^*G^* \rightarrow (g')^*G^* \]

satisfies the equivalent conditions of Lemma 21.1. This was shown in the proof of Lemma 21.4. \( \square \)

## 22. Producing perfect complexes

The following lemma is our main technical tool for producing perfect complexes. Later versions of this result will reduce to this by Noetherian approximation.

**Lemma 22.1.** Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( Y \) be a Noetherian algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of algebraic spaces which is locally of finite type and quasi-separated. Let \( E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) such that

1. \( E \in D^b_{\text{Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \),
2. the support of \( H^i(E) \) is proper over \( Y \) for all \( i \),
3. \( E \) has finite tor dimension as an object of \( D(f^{-1}\mathcal{O}_Y) \).

Then \( Rf_*E \) is a perfect object of \( D(\mathcal{O}_Y) \).

**Proof.** By Lemma 8.1 we see that \( Rf_*E \) is an object of \( D^b_{\text{Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_Y) \). Hence \( Rf_*E \) is pseudo-coherent (Lemma 13.7). Hence it suffices to show that \( Rf_*E \) has finite tor dimension, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.4. By Lemma 13.8 it suffices
Let Lemma 23.3 (or similar results in the literature) is sometimes useful to verify properties of an obstruction theory needed to verify one of Artin’s criteria for Quot functors, Hilbert schemes, and other moduli problems. Suppose that $f : X \to Y$ is a proper, flat, finitely presented morphism of algebraic spaces and $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is perfect. Here the lemma says

$$\text{Ext}^i_X(E, f^* F) = \text{Ext}^i_Y((Rf_* E)^\vee, F)$$

for $F$ quasi-coherent on $Y$. Writing it this way makes it look like a projection formula for Ext and indeed the result follows rather easily from Lemma 20.1.
Lemma 23.1. Assumptions and notation as in Lemma 22.2. Then there are functorial isomorphisms

\[ H^i(B, K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}) \to H^i(X, E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} (\mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F})) \]

for \( \mathcal{F} \) quasi-coherent on \( B \) compatible with boundary maps (see proof).

Proof. We have

\[ \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} Lf^* \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{O}_B} f^{-1} \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{f^{-1} \mathcal{O}_B} f^{-1} \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F} \]

the first equality by Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 19.5, the second as the isomorphisms fit into commutative diagrams

\[ \text{Cohomology on Sites, Remark } 15.4\), and the third equality by Lemma 20.1. The statement on boundary maps means the following: Given a short exact sequence \( 0 \to \mathcal{F}_1 \to \mathcal{F}_2 \to \mathcal{F}_3 \to 0 \) then the isomorphisms fit into commutative diagrams

\[ \begin{array}{ccc}
H^i(B, K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}_3) & \longrightarrow & H^i(X, E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} (\mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F}_3)) \\
\delta & & \delta \\
H^{i+1}(B, K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}_1) & \longrightarrow & H^{i+1}(X, E \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} (\mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F}_1))
\end{array} \]

where the boundary maps come from the distinguished triangle

\[ K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}_1 \to K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}_2 \to K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}_3 \to K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}_1[1] \]

and the distinguished triangle in \( D(\mathcal{O}_X) \) associated to the short exact sequence

\[ 0 \to \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F}_1 \to \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F}_2 \to \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F}_3 \to 0 \]

of complexes. This sequence is exact because \( \mathcal{G}^n \) is flat over \( B \). We omit the verification of the commutativity of the displayed diagram. \( \square \)

Lemma 23.2. Assumptions and notation as in Lemma 22.3. Then there are functorial isomorphisms

\[ H^i(B, K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} \mathcal{F}) \to \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(E, \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F}) \]

for \( \mathcal{F} \) quasi-coherent on \( B \) compatible with boundary maps (see proof).

Proof. As in the proof of Lemma 22.3 let \( E^\vee \) be the dual perfect complex and recall that \( K = Rf_*(E^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{G}^\bullet) \). Since we also have

\[ \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(E, \mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F}) = H^i(X, E^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} (\mathcal{G}^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* \mathcal{F})) \]

by construction of \( E^\vee \), the existence of the isomorphisms follows from Lemma 23.1 applied to \( E^\vee \) and \( \mathcal{G}^\bullet \). The statement on boundary maps means the following:
Given a short exact sequence $0 \to F_1 \to F_2 \to F_3 \to 0$ then the isomorphisms fit into commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
H^i(B, K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} F_3) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(E, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F_3) \\
\delta & & \delta \\
H^{i+1}(B, K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} F_1) & \longrightarrow & \text{Ext}^{i+1}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(E, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F_1)
\end{array}$$

where the boundary maps come from the distinguished triangle

$$K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} F_1 \to K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} F_2 \to K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} F_3 \to K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} F_1[1]$$

and the distinguished triangle in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ associated to the short exact sequence

$$0 \to G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F_1 \to G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F_2 \to G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F_3 \to 0$$
of complexes. This sequence is exact because $G^m$ is flat over $B$. We omit the verification of the commutativity of the displayed diagram. □

**Lemma 23.3.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to B$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$, $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$, and $F^\bullet$ a complex of $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules. Assume

1. $B$ is Noetherian,
2. $f$ is locally of finite type and quasi-separated,
3. $E \in D_{\text{Coh}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$,
4. $G^\bullet$ is a bounded complex of coherent $\mathcal{O}_X$-module flat over $B$ with support proper over $B$.

Then the following two statements are true

(A) for every $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ there exists a perfect object $K$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_B)$ and functorial maps

$$\alpha^i_F : \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(E, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F) \longrightarrow H^i(B, K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_B} F)$$

for $F$ quasi-coherent on $B$ compatible with boundary maps (see proof) such that $\alpha^i_F$ is an isomorphism for $i \leq m$, and

(B) there exists a pseudo-coherent $L \in D(\mathcal{O}_B)$ and functorial isomorphisms

$$\text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_B}(L, F) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(E, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F)$$

for $F$ quasi-coherent on $B$ compatible with boundary maps.

**Proof.** Proof of (A). Suppose $G^i$ is nonzero only for $i \in [a, b]$. We may replace $X$ by a quasi-compact open neighbourhood of the union of the supports of $G^i$. Hence we may assume $X$ is Noetherian. In this case $X$ and $f$ are quasi-compact and quasi-separated. Choose an approximation $P \to E$ by a perfect complex $P$ of $(X, E, -m - 1 + a)$ (possible by Theorem 14.7). Then the induced map

$$\text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(E, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F) \longrightarrow \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(P, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F)$$

is an isomorphism for $i \leq m$. Namely, the kernel, resp. cokernel of this map is a quotient, resp. submodule of

$$\text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(C, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F) \text{ resp. Ext}^{i+1}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(C, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F)$$

where $C$ is the cone of $P \to E$. Since $C$ has vanishing cohomology sheaves in degrees $\geq -m - 1 + a$ these Ext-groups are zero for $i \leq m + 1$ by Derived Categories, Lemma 27.3. This reduces us to the case that $E$ is a perfect complex which is Lemma 23.2. The statement on boundaries is explained in the proof of Lemma 23.2.
Proof of (B). As in the proof of (A) we may assume $X$ is Noetherian. Observe that $E$ is pseudo-coherent by Lemma 13.7. By Lemma 18.1 we can write $E = \text{hocolim} E_n$ with $E_n$ perfect and $E_n \to E$ inducing an isomorphism on truncations $\tau_{\geq -n}$. Let $E_n^\vee$ be the dual perfect complex (Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.9). We obtain an inverse system $\ldots \to E_3^\vee \to E_2^\vee \to E_1^\vee$ of perfect objects. This in turn gives rise to an inverse system

$$\ldots \to K_3 \to K_2 \to K_1 \quad \text{with} \quad K_n = Rf_*(E_n^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{G}^\bullet)$$

perfect on $Y$, see Lemma 22.2. By Lemma 23.2 and its proof and by the arguments in the previous paragraph (with $P = E_n$) for any quasi-coherent $F$ on $Y$ we have functorial canonical maps

$$\text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(E, G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} f^* F) \to H^i(Y, K_n \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} F)$$

which are isomorphisms for $i \leq n + a$. Let $L_n = K_n^\vee$ be the dual perfect complex. Then we see that $L_1 \to L_2 \to L_3 \to \ldots$ is a system of perfect objects in $D(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ such that for any quasi-coherent $F$ on $Y$ the maps

$$\text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(L_{n+1}, F) \to \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(L_n, F)$$

are isomorphisms for $i \leq n + a - 1$. This implies that $L_n \to L_{n+1}$ induces an isomorphism on truncations $\tau_{\geq -n-a+2}$ (hint: take cone of $L_n \to L_{n+1}$ and look at its last nonvanishing cohomology sheaf). Thus $L = \text{hocolim} L_n$ is pseudo-coherent, see Lemma 18.1. The mapping property of homotopy colimits gives that $\text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(L, F) = \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(L_n, F)$ for $i \leq n + a - 3$ which finishes the proof. □

0DKL Remark 23.4. The pseudo-coherent complex $L$ of part (B) of Lemma 23.3 is canonically associated to the situation. For example, formation of $L$ as in (B) is compatible with base change. In other words, given a cartesian diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
X' & \to & X \\
\downarrow g' & & \downarrow f \\
Y' & \to & Y
\end{array}
$$

of schemes we have canonical functorial isomorphisms

$$\text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(Lg^*L, F') \to \text{Ext}^i_{\mathcal{O}_X}(L(g')^*E, (g')^*G^\bullet \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} (f')^*F')$$

for $F'$ quasi-coherent on $Y'$. Observe that we do not use derived pullback on $G^\bullet$ on the right hand side. If we ever need this, we will formulate a precise result here and give a detailed proof.

24. Limits and derived categories

09RG In this section we collect some results about the derived category of an algebraic space which is the limit of an inverse system of algebraic spaces. More precisely, we will work in the following setting.
09RH **Situation 24.1.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X = \lim_{i \in I} X_i$ be a limit of a directed system of algebraic spaces over $S$ with affine transition morphisms $f_{ij} : X_j \to X_i$. We denote $f_i : X \to X_i$ the projection. We assume that $X_i$ is quasi-compact and quasi-separated for all $i \in I$. We also choose an element $0 \in I$.

09RI **Lemma 24.2.** In Situation 24.1. Let $E_0$ and $K_0$ be objects of $D(\mathcal{O}_{X_0})$. Set $E_i = Lf_{i0}^*E_0$ and $K_i = Lf_{i0}^*K_0$ for $i \geq 0$ and set $E = Lf_0^*E_0$ and $K = Lf_0^*K_0$. Then the map

$$\text{colim}_{i \geq 0} \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_{X_i})}(E_i, K_i) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_X)}(E, K)$$

is an isomorphism if either

1. $E_0$ is perfect and $K_0 \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{X_0})$, or
2. $E_0$ is pseudo-coherent and $K_0 \in D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_{X_0})$ has finite tor dimension.

**Proof.** For every quasi-compact and quasi-separated object $U_0$ of $(X_0)_{\text{spaces,étale}}$ consider the condition $P$ that the canonical map

$$\text{colim}_{i \geq 0} \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_{U_i})}(E_i|_{U_i}, K_i|_{U_i}) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{D(\mathcal{O}_U)}(E|_U, K|_U)$$

is an isomorphism, where $U = X \times X_0 U_0$ and $U_i = X_i \times X_0 U_0$. We will prove $P$ holds for each $U_0$ by the induction principle of Lemma 9.3. Condition (2) of this lemma follows immediately from Mayer-Vietoris for hom in the derived category, see Lemma 10.4. Thus it suffices to prove the lemma when $X_0$ is affine.

If $X_0$ is affine, then the result follows from the case of schemes, see Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 25.2. To see this use the equivalence of Lemma 4.2 and use the translation of properties explained in Lemmas 13.2, 13.3, and 13.5. \qed

09RJ **Lemma 24.3.** In Situation 24.1 the category of perfect objects of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is the colimit of the categories of perfect objects of $D(\mathcal{O}_{X_i})$.

**Proof.** For every quasi-compact and quasi-separated object $U_0$ of $(X_0)_{\text{spaces,étale}}$ consider the condition $P$ that the functor

$$\text{colim}_{i \geq 0} D_{\text{perf}}(\mathcal{O}_{U_i}) \longrightarrow D_{\text{perf}}(\mathcal{O}_U)$$

is an equivalence where $\text{perf}$ indicates the full subcategory of perfect objects and where $U = X \times X_0 U_0$ and $U_i = X_i \times X_0 U_0$. We will prove $P$ holds for every $U_0$ by the induction principle of Lemma 9.3. First, we observe that we already know the functor is fully faithful by Lemma 24.2. Thus it suffices to prove essential surjectivity.

We first check condition (2) of the induction principle. Thus suppose that we have an elementary distinguished square $(U_0 \subset X_0, V_0 \to X_0)$ and that $P$ holds for $U_0$, $V_0$, and $U_0 \times V_0$. Let $E$ be a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. We can find $i \geq 0$ and $E_{U,i}$ perfect on $U_i$ and $E_{V,i}$ perfect on $V_i$ whose pullback to $U$ and $V$ are isomorphic to $E|_U$ and $E|_V$. Denote

$$a : E_{U,i} \to (R(X \to X_i)_*E)|_{U_i} \quad \text{and} \quad b : E_{V,i} \to (R(X \to X_i)_*E)|_{V_i}$$

the maps adjoint to the isomorphisms $L(U \to U_i)^*E_{U,i} \to E|_U$ and $L(V \to V_i)^*E_{V,i} \to E|_V$. By fully faithfulness, after increasing $i$, we can find an isomorphism $c : E_{U,i}|_{U \times X_0 V_i} \to E_{V,i}|_{U \times X_0 V_i}$ which pulls back to the identifications

$$L(U \to U_i)^*E_{U,i}|_{U \times X_0 V} \to E|_{U \times X_0 V} \to L(V \to V_i)^*E_{V,i}|_{U \times X_0 V}.$$
Apply Lemma 10.8 to get an object $E_i$ on $X_i$ and a map $d : E_i \to R(X \to X_i)_*E$ which restricts to the maps $a$ and $b$ over $U_i$ and $V_i$. Then it is clear that $E_i$ is perfect and that $d$ is adjoint to an isomorphism $L(X \to X_i)^*E_i \to E$.

Finally, we check condition (1) of the induction principle, in other words, we check the lemma holds when $X_0$ is affine. This follows from the case of schemes, see Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 25.3. To see this use the equivalence of Lemma 4.2 and use the translation of Lemma 13.5. □

25. Cohomology and base change, VI

0A1N A final section on cohomology and base change continuing the discussion of Sections 20, 21, and 22. An easy to grok special case is given in Remark 25.2.

Lemma 25.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of finite presentation between algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $E \in D(O_X)$ be a perfect object. Let $G^\bullet$ be a bounded complex of finitely presented $O_X$-modules, flat over $Y$, with support proper over $Y$. Then

$$K = Rf_*(E \otimes_{O_X} G^\bullet)$$

is a perfect object of $D(O_Y)$ and its formation commutes with arbitrary base change.

Proof. The statement on base change is Lemma [21.4]. Thus it suffices to show that $K$ is a perfect object. If $Y$ is Noetherian, then this follows from Lemma [22.2]. We will reduce to this case by Noetherian approximation. We encourage the reader to skip the rest of this proof.

The question is local on $Y$, hence we may assume $Y$ is affine. Say $Y = \text{Spec}(R)$. We write $R = \text{colim} R_i$ as a filtered colimit of Noetherian rings $R_i$. By Limits of Spaces, Lemma [7.1] there exists an $i$ and an algebraic space $X_i$ of finite presentation over $R_i$ whose base change to $R$ is $X$. By Limits of Spaces, Lemma [7.2] we may assume after increasing $i$, that there exists a bounded complex of finitely presented $O_{X_i}$-modules $G_{i}^\bullet$ whose pullback to $X$ is $G^\bullet$. After increasing $i$ we may assume $G_i^n$ is flat over $R_i$, see Limits of Spaces, Lemma [6.12]. After increasing $i$ we may assume the support of $G_i^n$ is proper over $R_i$, see Limits of Spaces, Lemma [12.3]. Finally, by Lemma [13.5] we may, after increasing $i$, assume there exists a perfect object $E_i$ of $D(O_{X_i})$ whose pullback to $X$ is $E$. Applying Lemma [23.1] to $X_i \to \text{Spec}(R_i)$, $E_i$, $G_i^\bullet$ and using the base change property already shown we obtain the result. □

Remark 25.2. Let $R$ be a ring. Let $X$ be an algebraic space of finite presentation over $R$. Let $G$ be a finitely presented $O_X$-module flat over $R$ with support proper over $R$. By Lemma [25.1] there exists a finite complex of finite projective $R$-modules $M^\bullet$ such that we have

$$R\Gamma(X_{R'}, G_{R'}) = M^\bullet \otimes_R R'$$

functorially in the $R$-algebra $R'$.

Lemma 25.3. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of finite presentation between algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $E \in D(O_X)$ be a pseudo-coherent object. Let $G^\bullet$ be a bounded above complex of finitely presented $O_X$-modules, flat over $Y$, with support proper over $Y$. Then

$$K = Rf_*(E \otimes_{O_X} G^\bullet)$$
is a pseudo-coherent object of $D(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ and its formation commutes with arbitrary base change.

**Proof.** The statement on base change is Lemma 21.4 Thus it suffices to show that $K$ is a pseudo-coherent object. This will follow from Lemma 25.1 by approximation by perfect complexes. We encourage the reader to skip the rest of the proof.

The question is étale local on $Y$, hence we may assume $Y$ is affine. Then $X$ is quasi-compact and quasi-separated. Moreover, there exists an integer $N$ such that total direct image $Rf_* : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ has cohomological dimension $N$ as explained in Lemma 6.1 Choose an approximation $Rf_* : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ has cohomological dimension $N$ as explained in Lemma 6.1. Choose an integer $b$ such that $\mathcal{G}^i = 0$ for $i > b$. It suffices to show that $K$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent for every $m$. Choose an approximation $P \to E$ by a perfect complex $P$ of $(X, E, m-N-1-b)$. This is possible by Theorem 14.7. Choose a distinguished triangle

$$P \to E \to C \to P[1]$$

in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. The cohomology sheaves of $C$ are zero in degrees $\geq m-N-1-b$. Hence the cohomology sheaves of $C \otimes^L \mathcal{G}^\bullet$ are zero in degrees $\geq m-N-1$. Thus the cohomology sheaves of $Rf_* (C \otimes^L \mathcal{G})$ are zero in degrees $\geq m-1$. Hence

$$Rf_* (P \otimes^L \mathcal{G}) \to Rf_* (E \otimes^L \mathcal{G})$$

is an isomorphism on cohomology sheaves in degrees $\geq m$. Next, suppose that $H^i(P) = 0$ for $i > a$. Then $P \otimes^L \sigma_{\geq m-N-1-a} \mathcal{G}^\bullet \to P \otimes^L \mathcal{G}^\bullet$ is an isomorphism on cohomology sheaves in degrees $\geq m-N-1$. Thus again we find that

$$Rf_* (P \otimes^L \sigma_{\geq m-N-1-a} \mathcal{G}^\bullet) \to Rf_* (P \otimes^L \mathcal{G}^\bullet)$$

is an isomorphism on cohomology sheaves in degrees $\geq m$. By Lemma 25.1, the source is a perfect complex. We conclude that $K$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent as desired.

**Lemma 25.4.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a flat proper morphism of finite presentation of algebraic spaces over $S$.

1. Let $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ be perfect. Then $Rf_* E$ is a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ and its formation commutes with arbitrary base change.

2. Let $\mathcal{G}$ be an $\mathcal{O}_X$-module of finite presentation, flat over $S$. Then $Rf_* \mathcal{G}$ is a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ and its formation commutes with arbitrary base change.

**Proof.** Special cases of Lemma 25.1 applied with (1) $\mathcal{G}^\bullet$ equal to $\mathcal{O}_X$ in degree 0 and (2) $E = \mathcal{O}_X$ and $\mathcal{G}^\bullet$ consisting of $\mathcal{G}$ sitting in degree 0.

**Lemma 25.5.** Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a flat proper morphism of finite presentation of algebraic spaces over $S$. Let $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ be pseudo-coherent. Then $Rf_* E$ is a pseudo-coherent object of $D(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ and its formation commutes with arbitrary base change.

More generally, if $f : X \to Y$ is proper and $E$ on $X$ is pseudo-coherent relative to $Y$ (More on Morphisms of Spaces, Definition 44.3), then $Rf_* E$ is pseudo-coherent (but formation does not commute with base change in this generality). The case of this for schemes is proved in [Kie72].

**Proof.** Special case of Lemma 25.3 applied with $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{O}_X$. 

□
Lemma 25.6. Let $R$ be a ring. Let $X$ be an algebraic space and let $f : X \to \text{Spec}(R)$ be proper, flat, and of finite presentation. Let $(M_n)$ be an inverse system of $R$-modules with surjective transition maps. Then the canonical map

$$\mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R (\lim M_n) \to \lim \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R M_n$$

induces an isomorphism from the source to $DQ_X$ applied to the target.

Proof. The statement means that for any object $E$ of $D_{Qcoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the induced map

$$\text{Hom}(E, \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R (\lim M_n)) \to \text{Hom}(E, \lim \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R M_n)$$

is an isomorphism. Since $D_{Qcoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ has a perfect generator (Theorem 15.4) it suffices to check this for perfect $E$. By Lemma 5.4 we have $\lim \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R M_n = R \lim \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R M_n$. The exact functor $R \text{Hom}_X(E, -) : D_{Qcoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(R)$ of Cohomology on Sites, Section 53 commutes with products and hence with derived limits, whence

$$R \text{Hom}_X(E, \lim \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R M_n) = R \lim R \text{Hom}_X(E, \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R M_n)$$

Let $E^\vee$ be the dual perfect complex, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.9. We have

$$R \text{Hom}_X(E, \mathcal{O}_X \otimes_R M_n) = R \Gamma(X, E^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} Lf^*M_n) = R \Gamma(X, E^\vee) \otimes_R M_n$$

by Lemma 20.1. From Lemma 25.4 we see $R \Gamma(X, E^\vee)$ is a perfect complex of $R$-modules. In particular it is a pseudo-coherent complex and by More on Algebra, Lemma 89.5 we obtain

$$R \lim R \Gamma(X, E^\vee) \otimes_R M_n = R \Gamma(X, E^\vee) \otimes_R \lim M_n$$

as desired. \qed

Lemma 25.7. Let $A$ be a ring. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $A$ which is quasi-compact and quasi-separated. Let $K \in D_{Qcoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. If $R \Gamma(X, E \otimes^L K)$ is pseudo-coherent in $D(A)$ for every perfect $E$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$, then $R \Gamma(X, E \otimes^L K)$ is pseudo-coherent in $D(A)$ for every pseudo-coherent $E$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

This lemma is false if one drops the assumption that $K$ is bounded above.

Proof. There exists an integer $N$ such that $R \Gamma(X, -) : D_{Qcoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(A)$ has cohomological dimension $N$ as explained in Lemma 6.1. Let $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ be such that $H^i(K) = 0$ for $i > b$. Let $E$ be pseudo-coherent on $X$. It suffices to show that $R \Gamma(X, E \otimes^L K)$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent for every $m$. Choose an approximation $P \to E$ by a perfect complex $P$ of $(X, E, m - N - 1 - b)$. This is possible by Theorem 14.7. Choose a distinguished triangle

$$P \to E \to C \to P[1]$$

in $D_{Qcoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. The cohomology sheaves of $C$ are zero in degrees $\geq m - N - 1 - b$. Hence the cohomology sheaves of $C \otimes^L K$ are zero in degrees $\geq m - N - 1$. Thus the cohomology of $R \Gamma(X, C \otimes^L K)$ are zero in degrees $\geq m - 1$. Hence

$$R \Gamma(X, P \otimes^L K) \to R \Gamma(X, E \otimes^L K)$$

is an isomorphism on cohomology in degrees $\geq m$. By assumption the source is pseudo-coherent. We conclude that $R \Gamma(X, E \otimes^L K)$ is $m$-pseudo-coherent as desired. \qed
0A1R Lemma 25.8. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( f : X \to Y \) be a morphism of finite presentation between algebraic spaces over \( S \). Let \( E \in D(O_X) \) be a perfect object. Let \( G^\bullet \) be a bounded complex of finitely presented \( O_X \)-modules, flat over \( Y \), with support proper over \( Y \). Then
\[
K = Rf_* R \mathcal{H}om(E, G^\bullet)
\]
is a perfect object of \( D(O_Y) \) and its formation commutes with arbitrary base change.

Proof. The statement on base change is Lemma \([21.5]\). Thus it suffices to show that \( K \) is a perfect object. If \( Y \) is Noetherian, then this follows from Lemma \([22.3]\). We will reduce to this case by Noetherian approximation. We encourage the reader to skip the rest of this proof.

The question is local on \( Y \), hence we may assume \( Y \) is affine. Say \( Y = \text{Spec}(R) \). We write \( R = \colim R_i \) as a filtered colimit of Noetherian rings \( R_i \). By Limits of Spaces, Lemma \([7.1]\) there exists an \( i \) and an algebraic space \( X_i \) of finite presentation over \( R_i \) whose base change to \( R \) is \( X \). By Limits of Spaces, Lemma \([7.2]\) we may assume after increasing \( i \), that there exists a bounded complex of finitely presented \( O_{X_i} \)-module \( G^n_i \) whose pullback to \( X \) is \( G \). After increasing \( i \) we may assume \( G^n_i \) is flat over \( R_i \), see Limits of Spaces, Lemma \([6.12]\). After increasing \( i \) we may assume the support of \( G^n_i \) is proper over \( R_i \), see Limits of Spaces, Lemma \([12.3]\). Finally, by Lemma \([13.5]\) we may, after increasing \( i \), assume there exists a perfect object \( E_i \) of \( D(O_{X_i}) \) whose pullback to \( X \) is \( E \). Applying Lemma \([23.2]\) to \( X_i \to \text{Spec}(R_i), E_i, G_i^\bullet \) and using the base change property already shown we obtain the result. \( \square \)

26. Perfect complexes

0D1X We first talk about jumping loci for betti numbers of perfect complexes. First we have to define betti numbers.

Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( E \) be an object of \( D(O_X) \). Let \( x \in |X| \). We want to define \( \beta_i(x) \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots \} \cup \{\infty\} \). To do this, choose a morphism \( f : \text{Spec}(k) \to X \) in the equivalence class of \( x \). Then \( Lf^*E \) is an object of \( D(\text{Spec}(k)_{\text{etale}}, O) \). By Étale Cohomology, Lemma \([58.4]\) and Theorem \([17.4]\) we find that \( D(\text{Spec}(k)_{\text{etale}}, O) = D(k) \) is the derived category of \( k \)-vector spaces. Hence \( Lf^*E \) is a complex of \( k \)-vector spaces and we can take \( \beta_i(x) = \dim_k H^i(Lf^*E) \). It is easy to see that this does not depend on the choice of the representative in \( x \). Moreover, if \( X \) is a scheme, this is the same as the notion used in Derived Categories of Schemes, Section \([27]\).

0D1Y Lemma 26.1. Let \( S \) be a scheme. Let \( X \) be an algebraic space over \( S \). Let \( E \in D(O_X) \) be pseudo-coherent (for example perfect). For any \( i \in \mathbb{Z} \) consider the function
\[
\beta_i : |X| \to \{0, 1, 2, \ldots \}
\]
defined above. Then we have
1. formation of \( \beta_i \) commutes with arbitrary base change,
2. the functions \( \beta_i \) are upper semi-continuous, and
3. the level sets of \( \beta_i \) are étale locally constructible.

Proof. Choose a scheme \( U \) and a surjective étale morphism \( \varphi : U \to X \). Then \( L\varphi^*E \) is a pseudo-coherent complex on the scheme \( U \) (use Lemma \([13.2]\)) and we can apply the result for schemes, see Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma \([27.1]\).
The meaning of part (3) is that the inverse image of the level sets to $U$ are locally constructible, see Properties of Spaces, Definition 8.2.

Lemma 26.2. Let $Y$ be a scheme and let $X$ be an algebraic space over $Y$ such that the structure morphism $f : X \to Y$ is flat, proper, and of finite presentation. Let $F$ be an $\mathcal{O}_X$-module of finite presentation, flat over $Y$. For fixed $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ consider the function

$$\beta_i : |Y| \to \{0, 1, 2, \ldots \}, \quad y \mapsto \dim_{\kappa(y)} H^i(X_y, \mathcal{F}_y)$$

Then we have

1. formation of $\beta_i$ commutes with arbitrary base change,
2. the functions $\beta_i$ are upper semi-continuous, and
3. the level sets of $\beta_i$ are locally constructible in $Y$.

Proof. By cohomology and base change (more precisely by Lemma 25.4) the object $K = Rf_*F$ is a perfect object of the derived category of $Y$ whose formation commutes with arbitrary base change. In particular we have

$$H^i(X_y, \mathcal{F}_y) = H^i(K \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_Y} \kappa(y))$$

Thus the lemma follows from Lemma 26.1.

Lemma 26.3. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ be perfect. The function

$$\chi_E : |X| \to \mathbb{Z}, \quad x \mapsto \sum (-1)^i \beta_i(x)$$

is locally constant on $X$.


Lemma 26.4. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ be perfect. Given $i, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, there exists an open subspace $U \subset X$ characterized by the following

1. $E|_U \cong H^i(E|_U)[-i]$ and $H^i(E|_U)$ is a locally free $\mathcal{O}_U$-module of rank $r$,
2. a morphism $f : Y \to X$ factors through $U$ if and only if $Lf^*E$ is isomorphic to a locally free module of rank $r$ placed in degree $i$.


Lemma 26.5. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$ which is proper, flat, and of finite presentation. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be an $\mathcal{O}_X$-module of finite presentation, flat over $Y$. Fix $i, r \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then there exists an open subspace $V \subset Y$ with the following property: A morphism $T \to Y$ factors through $V$ if and only if $Rf_T_*\mathcal{F}_T$ is isomorphic to a finite locally free module of rank $r$ placed in degree $i$.

Proof. By cohomology and base change (Lemma 25.4) the object $K = Rf_*\mathcal{F}$ is a perfect object of the derived category of $Y$ whose formation commutes with arbitrary base change. Thus this lemma follows immediately from Lemma 26.4.

Lemma 26.6. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be an algebraic space over $S$. Let $E \in D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ be perfect of tor-amplitude in $[a, b]$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $r \geq 0$. Then there exists a locally closed subspace $j : Z \to X$ characterized by the following
Lemma 26.7. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Assume

1. $f$ is proper, flat, and of finite presentation, and
2. for a morphism $\text{Spec}(k) \to Y$ where $k$ is a field, we have $k = H^0(X_k, \mathcal{O}_{X_k})$.

Then we have

(a) $f_*\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_S$ and this holds after any base change,
(b) étale locally on $Y$ we have

$$Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_Y \oplus P$$

in $D(\mathcal{O}_Y)$ where $P$ is perfect of tor amplitude in $[1, \infty)$.

Proof. It suffices to prove (a) and (b) étale locally on $Y$, thus we may and do assume $Y$ is an affine scheme. By cohomology and base change (Lemma 25.4) the complex $E = Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X$ is perfect and its formation commutes with arbitrary base change. In particular, for $y \in Y$ we see that $H^0(E \otimes^{L} \kappa(y)) = H^0(X_y, \mathcal{O}_{X_y}) = \kappa(y)$. Thus $\beta_0(y) \leq 1$ for all $y \in Y$ with notation as in Lemma 26.1. Apply Lemma 26.6 with $a = 0$ and $r = 1$. We obtain a universal closed subscheme $j : Z \to Y$ with $H^0(Lf^*E)$ invertible characterized by the equivalence of (4)(a), (b), and (c) of the lemma. Since formation of $E$ commutes with base change, we have

$$Lf^*E = R\text{pr}_{1,*}\mathcal{O}_{X \times_Y X}$$

The morphism $\text{pr}_1 : X \times_Y X$ has a section namely the diagonal morphism $\Delta$ for $X$ over $Y$. We obtain maps

$$\mathcal{O}_X \to R\text{pr}_{1,*}\mathcal{O}_{X \times_Y X} \to \mathcal{O}_X$$

in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ whose composition is the identity. Thus $R\text{pr}_{1,*}\mathcal{O}_{X \times_Y X} = \mathcal{O}_X \oplus E'$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Thus $\mathcal{O}_X$ is a direct summand of $H^0(Lf^*E)$ and we conclude that $X \to Y$ factors through $Z$ by the equivalence of (4)(c) and (4)(a) of the lemma cited above. Since $\{X \to Y\}$ is an fppf covering, we have $Z = Y$. Thus $f_*\mathcal{O}_X$ is an invertible $\mathcal{O}_Y$-module. We conclude $\mathcal{O}_Y \to f_*\mathcal{O}_X$ is an isomorphism because a ring map $A \to B$ such that $B$ is invertible as an $A$-module is an isomorphism. Since the assumptions are preserved under base change, we see that (a) is true.

Proof of (b). Above we have seen that for every $y \in Y$ the map $\mathcal{O}_Y \to H^0(E \otimes^{L} \kappa(y))$ is surjective. Thus we may apply More on Algebra, Lemma 71.2 to see that in an open neighbourhood of $y$ we have a decomposition $Rf_*\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_Y \oplus P$.\hfill $\square$
Lemma 26.8. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a morphism of algebraic spaces over $S$. Assume

1. $f$ is proper, flat, and of finite presentation, and
2. the geometric fibres of $f$ are reduced and connected.

Then $f_*\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_Y$ and this holds after any base change.

Proof. By Lemma 26.7 it suffices to show that $k = H^0(X_k, \mathcal{O}_{X_k})$ for all morphisms $\text{Spec}(k) \to Y$ where $k$ is a field. This follows from Spaces over Fields, Lemma 14.3 and the fact that $X_k$ is geometrically connected and geometrically reduced. □

27. Other applications

In this section we state and prove some results that can be deduced from the theory worked out above.

Lemma 27.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Let $K$ be an object of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ such that the cohomology sheaves $H^i(K)$ have countable sets of sections over affine schemes étale over $X$. Then for any quasi-compact and quasi-separated étale morphism $U \to X$ and any perfect object $E$ in $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ the sets

$$H^i(U, K \otimes^L E), \quad \text{Ext}^i(E|_U, K|_U)$$

are countable.

Proof. Using Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.9 we see that it suffices to prove the result for the groups $H^i(U, K \otimes^L E)$. We will use the induction principle to prove the lemma, see Lemma 9.3.

When $U = \text{Spec}(A)$ is affine the result follows from the case of schemes, see Derived Categories of Schemes, Lemma 29.2.

To finish the proof it suffices to show: if $(U \subset W, V \to W)$ is an elementary distinguished triangle and the result holds for $U$, $V$, and $U \times_W V$, then the result holds for $W$. This is an immediate consequence of the Mayer-Vietoris sequence, see Lemma 10.5. □

Lemma 27.2. Let $S$ be a scheme. Let $X$ be a quasi-compact and quasi-separated algebraic space over $S$. Assume the sets of sections of $\mathcal{O}_X$ over affines étale over $X$ are countable. Let $K$ be an object of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$. The following are equivalent

1. $K = \text{hocolim} E_n$ with $E_n$ a perfect object of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$, and
2. the cohomology sheaves $H^i(K)$ have countable sets of sections over affines étale over $X$.

Proof. If (1) is true, then (2) is true because homotopy colimits commutes with taking cohomology sheaves (by Derived Categories, Lemma 31.8) and because a perfect complex is locally isomorphic to a finite complex of finite free $\mathcal{O}_X$-modules and therefore satisfies (2) by assumption on $X$.

Assume (2). Choose a $K$-injective complex $K^\bullet$ representing $K$. Choose a perfect generator $E$ of $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ and represent it by a $K$-injective complex $I^\bullet$. According to Theorem 17.3 and its proof there is an equivalence of triangulated categories $F : D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X) \to D(A, d)$ where $(A, d)$ is the differential graded algebra

$$(A, d) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Comp}^{dg}(\mathcal{O}_X)}(I^\bullet, I^\bullet)$$
which maps $K$ to the differential graded module

$$M = \text{Hom}_{\text{Comp}^d(\mathcal{O}_X)}(\mathcal{I}^\bullet, \mathcal{K}^\bullet)$$

Note that $H^i(A) = \text{Ext}^i(E, E)$ and $H^i(M) = \text{Ext}^i(E, K)$. Moreover, since $F$ is an equivalence it and its quasi-inverse commute with homotopy colimits. Therefore, it suffices to write $M$ as a homotopy colimit of compact objects of $D(A, d)$. By Differential Graded Algebra, Lemma 29.3 it suffices show that $\text{Ext}^i(E, E)$ and $\text{Ext}^i(E, K)$ are countable for each $i$. This follows from Lemma 27.1.

□

Lemma 27.3. Let $A$ be a ring. Let $f : U \to X$ be a flat morphism of algebraic spaces of finite presentation over $A$. Then

(1) there exists an inverse system of perfect objects $L_n$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ such that

$$R\Gamma(U, Lf^* K) = \text{hocolim} \ R\text{Hom}_X(L_n, K)$$

in $D(A)$ functorially in $K$ in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$, and

(2) there exists a system of perfect objects $E_n$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$ such that

$$R\Gamma(U, Lf^* K) = \text{hocolim} \ R\Gamma(X, E_n \otimes^L K)$$

in $D(A)$ functorially in $K$ in $D_{QCoh}(\mathcal{O}_X)$.

Proof. By Lemma 20.1 we have

$$R\Gamma(U, Lf^* K) = R\Gamma(X, Rf_* \mathcal{O}_U \otimes^L K)$$

functorially in $K$. Observe that $R\Gamma(X, -)$ commutes with homotopy colimits because it commutes with direct sums by Lemma 6.2. Similarly, $- \otimes^L K$ commutes with derived colimits because $- \otimes^L K$ commutes with direct sums. Hence to prove (2) it suffices to write $Rf_* \mathcal{O}_U$ as $\text{hocolim} E_n$ for a system of perfect objects $E_n$ of $D(\mathcal{O}_X)$. Once this is done we obtain (1) by setting $L_n = E_n^\vee$, see Cohomology on Sites, Lemma 43.9.

Write $A = \text{colim} A_i$ with $A_i$ of finite type over $\mathbf{Z}$. By Limits of Spaces, Lemma 7.1 we can find an $i$ and morphisms $U_i \to X_i \to \text{Spec}(A_i)$ of finite presentation whose base change to $\text{Spec}(A)$ recovers $U \to X \to \text{Spec}(A)$. After increasing $i$ we may assume that $f_i : U_i \to X_i$ is flat, see Limits of Spaces, Lemma 6.12. By Lemma 20.4 the derived pullback of $Rf_{i*} \mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ by $g : X \to X_i$ is equal to $Rf_* \mathcal{O}_U$. Since $Lg^*$ commutes with derived colimits, it suffices to prove what we want for $f_i$. Hence we may assume that $U$ and $X$ are of finite type over $\mathbf{Z}$.

Assume $f : U \to X$ is a morphism of algebraic spaces of finite type over $\mathbf{Z}$. To finish the proof we will show that $Rf_* \mathcal{O}_U$ is a homotopy colimit of perfect complexes. To see this we apply Lemma 27.2. Thus it suffices to show that $R^i f_* \mathcal{O}_U$ has countable sets of sections over affines étale over $X$. This follows from Lemma 27.1 applied to the structure sheaf. □

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