

Topologies on affine schemes.

Recall a morphism $f: T \rightarrow S$ is called flat if B is flat as an A -module, where $T = \text{Spec } B$ and $S = \text{Spec } A$, i.e.

(i) $H^0(B)$ is a flat $H^0(A)$ -module. &
 (ii) $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\text{ ~~} H^i(A) \otimes_{H^0(A)} H^i(B) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^i(B) \text{.}~~$$

(ii)' $\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall M \in \text{Mod } A$

$$H^i(A) \otimes_{H^0(A)} H^i(M) \xrightarrow{\cong} H^i(M).$$

(ii)'' $N \in \text{Mod } A \xrightarrow{\heartsuit} B \otimes_A N \in \text{Mod } B \heartsuit$.

Notice if $S' \rightarrow S$ is flat and $S \in \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}$, then.

$$H^i(\mathcal{O}_{S'}) \cong H^i(\mathcal{O}_S) \otimes_{H^0(\mathcal{O}_S)} H^i(\mathcal{O}_{S'}) \Rightarrow S' \in \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}.$$

Exercise: $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is flat $\Leftrightarrow \forall n \geq 0 \mathcal{Z}^{\leq n}(f): \text{^{an} } S \rightarrow \text{^{an} } S'$ is flat.

Def'n: A morphism $f: S' \rightarrow S$ of affine schemes is:

- flat of finite presentation (ffp) if: f is flat & $\mathcal{O}_f: \mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{S'}$ is of finite presentation; (ppf).
- smooth if: f is flat & \mathcal{O}_f is smooth;
- étale if: f is flat & \mathcal{O}_f is étale; (i.e. \mathcal{O}_f smooth & $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{O}_{S'} / \mathcal{O}_S} = 0$).
- open embedding if: f is flat & \mathcal{O}_f is an open embedding;
- Zariski if: f is flat & \mathcal{O}_f is a disjoint union of open embeddings.

The following says that the étale site does not depend on the derived structure of an affine scheme.

Prop: $\text{Sch}_{/as}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}_{/oes}^{\text{aff}}$ gives an equivalence between
 $(S' \rightarrow S) \mapsto S'_{/S} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$

The subcategories of $S' \rightarrow S$ étale & $S'_0 \rightarrow S$ étale.

Moreover, f is an open embedding (z.) $\Leftrightarrow f_0$ is an open embedding (z.).

Idea of argument: For each $n \geq 0$, established

$$\text{Sch}_{\text{étale in } \mathbb{A}^1_{S^{(n+1)}}}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}_{\text{étale in } S_n}^{\text{aff}}$$

$$(S'_{n+1} \rightarrow S^{(n+1)}_S) \mapsto S'_{n+1} \times_{S^{(n+1)}_S} S_n \text{ is an equivalence.}$$

(ii) deformation theory describe $\{ S'_{n+1} \in \text{Sch}_{\text{étale in } \mathbb{A}^1_{S^{(n+1)}}}^{\text{aff}} \mid \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{n+1}(S'_{n+1}) \cong S'_n \}$ is equivalent to $\{ \text{sq. - zero extensions of } S'_n \text{ by } \mathcal{I} \in \text{Qch}(S'_n)[n+1] \}$ is equivalent to $\text{Hom}(T^* S'_n, \mathcal{I}[1])$.
then étale has consequences to $T^* S'_n$.

Def'n: A morphism $f: S' \rightarrow S$ is a flat (pft, smooth, étale, Zariski) covering if f is — & $\mathcal{O}_f: \mathcal{O}_{S'} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$ is surjective.

These properties have the usual behaviour with respect to base change and are local when expected to be so.

E.g.: - pullback of flat is flat ; - $f: S' \rightarrow S$ a map & $S'' \rightarrow S$ a cover, then $f': S' \times_S S'' \rightarrow S''$ flat/sm. (but not Zariski!) $\Rightarrow f$ is the same.

- $g: S' \rightarrow S$ being flat, pft, sm., ét, z. is local w.r.t. flat topology on S' .

Def'n: A map $f: \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$ of prestacks is affine schematic if for every $S \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$, $S \in \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}$, $S \times_{\mathcal{X}_2} \mathcal{X}_1$ is an affine scheme.

- f is flat (pft, smooth, étale, open embedding, Zariski) if f is affine schematic & for every S the induced map $\mathcal{X}_1 \times_S \rightarrow S$ is so.

Descent condition & stacks.

Notation: given a map $S' \rightarrow S$ the Čech nerve is the simplicial object.
 $(S'/S)^\bullet: \Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}$

pictured as:

$$\dots \begin{array}{c} \cong \\ \cong \\ \cong \end{array} S'_x/S \ S'_x/S \ S' \begin{array}{c} \cong \\ \cong \\ \cong \end{array} S'_x/S \ S' \Rightarrow S' .$$

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Def'n: A presheaf \mathcal{F} satisfy flat (ppt, étale, sm, etc.) descent if for every flat covering $S' \rightarrow S$ the canonical morphism

$$\mathcal{F}(S) \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_{\Delta^{op}} (\mathcal{F}(S') = \mathcal{F}(S'_x/S) \cong \dots)$$

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Tot($\mathcal{F}(S'/S)$).

We let Stk denote the category of presheaf that satisfy étale descent.

Rk: One could choose other topologies, but there is a sense in which this is the most general choice.

Lemma: The natural inclusion $Stk \xrightarrow{\quad L \quad} PStk$ has a left adjoint, i.e. sheafification. Moreover, L is left exact, i.e. commutes w/ finite limits.

Idea: L is obtained by inverting étale equivalences, i.e. $f: \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$ in $PStk$ s.t. $\text{Hom}_{PStk}(\mathcal{X}_2, \mathcal{Y}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{PStk}(\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{Y}) \quad \forall \mathcal{Y} \in Stk$.

Notation: [GR-I] have the practice of considering all objects as presheaves, even stacks. So they denote by L the composite. $PStk \xrightarrow{L} Stk \hookrightarrow PStk$. We might do the same.

Example: The functor $QCh^*(-) : (Sch^{aff})^{op} \rightarrow Cat^{Stk}$ satisfies flat descent, i.e.

For $A \rightarrow A'$ flat,

$$Mod_A \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_{\Delta^{op}} (Mod_A \cong Mod_{A' \otimes A} \cong \dots)$$

Idea: (i) reduce the statement to Mod_A^{SO} , use Baer-Bek-Lurie Theorem. and prove its conditions by hand.

(ii) - $\lim_{\substack{\rightarrow \\ \text{Mod}}} \text{Mod}_{A'/A^{(n+1)}}$ has a t -structure.

- $\text{Mod}_A \rightleftarrows \lim_{\text{Mod}} \text{Mod}_{A'/A^{(n)}}$ is t -exact.

- reduce to ~~Del~~ a statement about the heart of the t -structure, which is the usual statement.

Proposition (Sanity check): $\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \hookrightarrow \text{PStk}$ factors through Stk

Idea: let $T \in \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}$ & $S' \rightarrow S$ be an étale covering.
we have a map:

$$T(S) \rightarrow T(S') \Rightarrow T(S' \times_S S') \cong \dots$$

$$(\Delta) \quad \text{Maps}(S, T) \rightarrow \text{Maps}(S', T) \cong \text{Maps}(S' \times_S S', T) \cong \dots$$

let $T = \text{Spec } B$, $S = \text{Spec } A$, $S' = \text{Spec } A'$, (Δ) corresponds to:

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}}(B, A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}}(B, A') \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}}(B, A' \otimes_A A') \cong \dots$$

$$\text{Tot}(\text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}}(B, A'/A^{(n)})) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}}(B, \text{Tot}(A'/A^{(n)})) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}}(B, A) \quad \text{as required.}$$

Now $\text{CAlg} \xrightarrow{\text{oblv}} \text{Vect}$ preserves limits.

Since $A \rightarrow A'$ is also flat, flat descent $\Rightarrow \text{Tot}(A'/A^{(n)}) = A$. □

RK: The operation $L: \text{PStk} \rightarrow \text{Stk} \hookrightarrow \text{PStk}$ sometimes is hard to control. There ~~are~~ is one concept which helps with understanding it, we might not need it, but I will include it for completeness.

Def'n: A morphism $f: X_1 \rightarrow X_2$ in PStk is an étale surjection if $\forall X_2: S \rightarrow X_2$, $\exists \phi: S' \rightarrow S$ étale s.t.

$\phi^*(X_2): S' \rightarrow X_2$ belongs to the essential image of

$$f(S'): X_1(S') \rightarrow X_2(S').$$

Here is an example of how this notion is used.

Prop: Let $\mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$ be an étale surjection then

$|\mathcal{X}_1/\mathcal{X}_2|_{\text{PStk}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$ is an étale equivalence, i.e.

$$|L(\mathcal{X}_1/\mathcal{X}_2)|_{\text{Stk}} = |L(\mathcal{X}_1)/L(\mathcal{X}_2)|_{\text{Stk}} = L(|\mathcal{X}_1/\mathcal{X}_2|_{\text{PStk}}) \rightarrow L(\mathcal{X}_2)$$

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defn.

is an equivalence.

Cor: $f: \mathcal{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_2$ in PStk is affine schematic (flat, ppt, smooth, étale, open embedding) then so is $L(f): L(\mathcal{X}_1) \rightarrow L(\mathcal{X}_2)$.

Conditions on stacks.

Q: How does descent relate to the conditions of n -coconnective, convergent, left, lft & k -truncated?

We will discuss the n -coconnective condition and leave the others for the interested reader to look into it.

Let ${}^n\text{Stk} := \left\{ \mathcal{X} \in {}^n\text{PStk} := \text{Fun}(({}^n\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}}, \text{Spc}) \mid \mathcal{X} \text{ satisfy étale descent w.r.t. } {}^n\text{étale top. on } {}^n\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \right\}$.

${}^n\mathcal{L}: {}^n\text{PStk} \rightarrow {}^n\text{Stk} \rightarrow {}^n\text{PStk}$ the sheafification.

Rk: Assume $\mathcal{X} \in {}^n\text{PStk}$ is k -truncated, then

$${}^n\mathcal{L}\mathcal{X} \simeq \mathcal{X}^{+k+1}, \text{ where.}$$

$$\mathcal{X}^+(S) := \text{colim}_{\substack{S' \rightarrow S \text{ étale} \\ \text{over.}}} \text{Tot}(\mathcal{X}(S'/S)).$$

In particular, ${}^n\mathcal{L}\mathcal{X}$ is k -truncated, if \mathcal{X} is k -truncated.

Rkz: If \mathcal{F} is convergent, it might be tricky to say if $L\mathcal{F}$ is convergent.
 However, if $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Stk}$ then $\text{an} \mathcal{F}$, (i.e. the convergent prestack associated to \mathcal{F}) is a stack.

Notice: $LKE_{\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}} : \text{an} \text{PStk} \rightarrow \text{PStk}$ does not send $\text{an} \text{Stk}$ to Stk . (trying to commute totalizations w/ arbitrary colimit.)

Def'n: A stack $\mathcal{F} \in \text{Stk}$ is n -coconnective if the ~~map~~ map: $L \circ LKE_{\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}}(\text{an} \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ is an equivalence.

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 $L LKE_{\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}}$ classical ~~this is classical~~

In particular, a ~~classical~~ stack, i.e. 0 -coconnective is not recovered from Sch^{aff} simply by LKE via $\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}$, one also has to sheafify in derived aff. schemes the result.

But n -coconnective prestack + stack \Rightarrow n -coconnective stack.
 E.g. $\mathbb{P}^1 \in \text{Stk}$ is an étale sheaf, unclear $LKE_{\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ satisfy descent.
 Similar subtleties happen for the finite type condition. See § 2.7 in Chapter 2 [GR-I].

Example: Let $\bar{T} = \text{Spec } B \in \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}$, we know $\bar{T} \in \text{Stk}$ by Prop. above.

Q: When is \bar{T} a 0 -coconnective ^{pre} stack? $S = \text{Spec } A, S_0 = \text{Spec } A_0$

Consider $LKE_{\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}} \rightarrow \text{Sch}^{\text{aff}}}(\bar{T})(S) = \text{colim}_{S \rightarrow S_0} \bar{T}(S_0) = \text{colim}_{A_0 \rightarrow A} \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}^{\text{disc}}}(\mathbb{Z}^{\oplus r}(B), A_0)$
 $= \text{colim}_{A_0 \rightarrow A} \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}}(B, A_0)$

Now, any $A \in \text{CAlg}$ is a sifted colimit of discrete algebras (for its presentation as SCR)

So if B is a compact & projective object of \mathcal{CAlg} , then

$\text{Spec } B$ is \mathcal{O} -connected.

FACT: $B \in \mathcal{CAlg}$ is compact & projective iff B is a retract of $\text{Sym}^{\oplus} (M)$ for $M \oplus = k^{\oplus n}$ for some $n \geq 0$, where

$\mathcal{CAlg} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{oblv.}]{\text{Sym}}$ Vect is the left adjoint to forgetful functor.

Idea: General fact about (presentable) \mathcal{O} -categories:

$G: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ if G preserves limits, sifted colimits & is conservative.

then (i) $\exists (F, G)$

(ii) F takes compact proj. objects to compact proj. objects.

(iii) $\exists \mathcal{D}$ a set of gen. then $\exists F(\mathcal{D})$ a set of opt. proj. gen.

(iv) \mathcal{D} proj. gen. $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ proj. gen.

FACT 2: All of the above hold for oblv.

In our example, let $\mathcal{CAlg}_0 := \text{cat. gen. by } \text{Sym}^{\oplus} [k]$ under colimits.

$\mathcal{CAlg}_0 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{CAlg}$ has a right adjoint U .

Claim: U is an equivalence, i.e. $U(\mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^A$ is an isom. enough to check $\text{oblv}_0(U(A)) \rightarrow \text{oblv}(A)$ is an isom.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\text{Vect}}(k, \text{oblv}_0(U(A))) \oplus & = & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{CAlg}}(\text{Sym}(k), U(A)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{is} \\ \text{Hom}_{\text{Vect}}(k, \text{oblv}(A)) & \leftarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{CAlg}_0}(\text{Sym}(k), A) \end{array}$$

is an eq. but $\text{oblv}_0(U(A)) = \text{oblv}(A)$. So this is clear!