

Representability Theorem

We are finally ready to state a result that characterizes n -geometric stacks.

Thm (Lurie): Given a prestack \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{X} is an n -geometric stack locally almost of finite type if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) \mathcal{X} is lft (as a prestack);
- (ii) \mathcal{X} satisfies étale descent;
- (iii) for any discrete complete local Noetherian k -algebra R_0 w/ maximal ideal $\mathfrak{m}_0 \subseteq R_0$ one has:

$$\mathcal{C}\mathcal{X}(\mathrm{Spec} R_0) \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{C}\mathcal{X}(\mathrm{Spec}(R_0/\mathfrak{m}_0^n)).$$

- (iv) \mathcal{X} admits deformation theory and $\forall x: S \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \quad T_x^* \mathcal{X} \in \mathrm{QGH}(S)^{\mathrm{st}, \mathrm{up}}$,
i.e. $T_x^* \mathcal{X}$ is $(-n)$ -connective. (locally in $\mathrm{Pro}(\mathrm{QGH}(S)^{\mathrm{st}, \mathrm{up}})$).
- (v) $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{X}$ is n -truncated.

We start w/ some remarks:

Rk 1: The theorem as we stated it is close to its formulation in Lurie's theory. (in S.C.R. ^{setup})
Though other versions were proved by him latter, SAG still does not have a proof of the above in the spectral setting.

Rk 2: The classical version of the above theorem (due to Artin) considers \mathcal{X}_0 a functor from $\mathcal{C}\mathrm{Sch}^{\mathrm{aff}}$ to $\mathrm{Spc}^{\leq 1}$ satisfying the natural analogues of (i-iii). Then (iv) corresponds to the conditions: \mathcal{X}_0 has an obstruction th_y & def. th_y and satisfies Schlessinger's criteria for formal representability (see Stacks-project for what this means.) The point we make though is that these are extra data ^{than} on \mathcal{X}_0 , they are not conditions on \mathcal{X}_0 . (v) is not needed, but one requires that $\mathcal{X}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_0 \times \mathcal{X}_0$ is representable by an algebraic space. For \mathcal{X} the representability of the diagonal will be automatic from the other conditions.

Rk 3: One has a notion of complete local Noetherian derived ring $R \in \mathrm{dAlg}$,
i.e. ~~Q~~ ~~Q~~ ~~Q~~ there exists an unique $\mathfrak{m}_0 \subseteq H^0 \mathbb{R}\mathcal{C}(R)$ and
 R is a Noeth. ~~der. ring~~ & $H^0(R) \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_{n \geq 1} H^0(R/\mathfrak{m}_0^n)$.

One observes that (iii) is equivalent to:

(iii)^{dev.} For every local complete Noetherian $R \in \text{CAlg}$ one has:

$$\mathcal{X}(\text{Spec } R) \rightarrow \varinjlim_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{X}(\text{Spec}(R_n)) \quad , \quad \text{where}$$

$$R_n := R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_m]} \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_m] \quad \text{where } x_1, \dots, x_m \text{ generate } \mathfrak{m}_0 \subseteq H^0(R).$$

$$y_i \mapsto 0 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z} \quad \& \quad y_i \mapsto x_i \text{ in } H^0(R).$$

[DAG- Prop. 7.1.7.]

Moreover, since \mathcal{X} admits deformation theory, we can relax condition (i) to:

(i)^{cp} $\text{cp}\mathcal{X}$ is locally of finite type if we impose

(iv)^{ft.} \mathcal{X} admits def. thy. & for every $x: S \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ w/ $S \in \text{Sch}_{\text{ft}}^{\text{cp, aff}}$

$$\overline{\Gamma}_x^* \mathcal{X} \in \text{Pro}(\text{Gh}(S)).$$

Let's first argue the necessity of conditions (i-v).

If \mathcal{X} is an n -geometric stack lft then: (ii) follows from the def'n of a stack.

Condition (i) also follows from def'n. We didn't discuss this but a stack \mathcal{X} is lft if $\forall n \geq 0$ $\mathcal{X}^{\leq n}$ is lft, i.e. $\mathcal{X}^{\leq n}$ is l.f.t. as a prestack. When $\mathcal{X}^{\leq n}$ is truncated, then is equivalent to require that $\mathcal{X}^{\leq n}$ is obtained by LKE of its restriction to $\text{Sch}_{\text{ft}}^{\text{cp, aff}}$. (technically of a stack in $\text{Sch}_{\text{ft}}^{\text{cp, aff}}$, so of the sheafification of its restriction.)

We argued conditions (iv) & (v) last time when we introduced n -geom. stacks. We are left w/.

Claim: For \mathcal{X} an n -geometric stack, \mathcal{X} satisfies (iii).

The proof consists in understanding \mathcal{X} as a functor from the category of affine schemes étale over $S := \text{Spec } R$.

We introduce some notation. Let $\mathcal{U} := \text{Spec}(R/\mathfrak{m}_0) \rightarrow \text{Spec } R = S$ and $\mathcal{U}^{(n)} := \text{Spec}(R/\mathfrak{m}_0^n)$. $n \geq 1$.

We let $\mathcal{X} = \varinjlim \mathcal{X}_n$ denote the composite. $(\text{Sch}_{\text{fin. ét. ins}}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Spc}$
 $(T \rightarrow S) \mapsto T \mapsto \mathcal{X}(T)$
 (finite étale)

we let $\overline{\mathcal{X}} := \varinjlim (\mathcal{X}_n|_S) \times_S \mathcal{U}^{(n)}$ denote. $(\text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins}}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Sch}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Spc}$
 $(t \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^{(n)}) \mapsto t \mapsto \overline{\mathcal{X}}(t)$

where we notice that any étale morphism \uparrow is finite.

And since for each $n \geq 1$, one has: $\text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins.}^{(n)}}^{\text{aff}} = \text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins.}}^{\text{aff}}$,

we let $\overline{\mathcal{X}}(n)$ be the composite: $(\text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins.}}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}} = (\text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins.}^{(n)}}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Spc}$
 $(t \rightarrow S) = (t^{(n)} \rightarrow S^{(n)}) \mapsto \overline{\mathcal{X}}(t^{(n)})$

We claim: $\overline{\mathcal{X}}(S) \rightarrow \varinjlim \overline{\mathcal{X}}(S) = (\varinjlim \mathcal{X}_n)_S(S)$ is an equivalence.

Indeed, ~~one~~ one has this as ~~consequence~~ consequence that R is Henselian, \mathfrak{m} maximal ideal \mathfrak{m}_0 & R/\mathfrak{m}_0 a field k .

[SAG. B.6.5.3]. $\mathcal{Y} = \varinjlim \mathcal{Y}_n$ is an étale sheaf & $\mathcal{Y} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{RkE}$ (Y|fin).
 $(\text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins.}}^{\text{aff}} \hookrightarrow \text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins.}}^{\text{aff}})$

$\mathcal{Y}_0: (\text{Sch}_{\text{ét. ins.}}^{\text{aff}})^{\text{op}} \mid \mathcal{Y}_0$ is an étale sheaf.

Then we claim. $\overline{\mathcal{X}}(t) \cong \varinjlim_{n \geq 1} \overline{\mathcal{X}}(n)(t)$ for any $t \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^{(n)}$ étale.

Indeed, ~~for~~ consider $\mathcal{Z} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ a cover. one has:

$\overline{\mathcal{X}}(t) = L | \mathcal{Z} / \overline{\mathcal{X}} |_{\text{ét.}}(t) \rightarrow L | \varinjlim_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{Z} / \overline{\mathcal{X}}(n) |_{\text{ét.}} \rightarrow \varinjlim_{n \geq 1} \overline{\mathcal{X}}(n)$

the map ϕ' is an equivalence. $\overline{\mathcal{X}}(t) \cong \varinjlim_{n \geq 1} \overline{\mathcal{X}}(n)(t)$ is an étale surjection.

This follows from $\lim_{m \geq 1} \overline{\mathcal{Z}/m} \rightarrow \lim_{m \geq 1} \overline{\mathcal{X}/m}$ being a pullback of $\overline{\mathcal{Z}} \rightarrow \overline{\mathcal{X}}$ which is an étale surjection.

To check ϕ is an isomorphism we induce on n_0 . For $n \geq 1$ this follows from the inductive hypothesis since $\mathcal{Z}/\mathcal{X}^i$ is $(n-1)$ -geometric. $\forall i \geq 0$. So it is enough to consider $n=1$.

Since each $(\mathcal{Z}/\mathcal{X})^i(R) \rightarrow (\mathcal{Z}/\mathcal{X})^0(R)$ for $i \geq 0$ is injective. for R discrete we are reduced to checking it for $\mathcal{Z}(R)$ i.e. $\mathcal{Z} = \coprod_I \bigoplus U_i$ w/ $\bigoplus U_i$ affine.

Finally, let $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n U_i = \text{Spec}(\bigoplus_{i=1}^n A_i)$ and let $\mathcal{E} = \text{Spec}(B_0)$ and $R \rightarrow B$ étale \bigoplus s.t. $B_0 \approx B \otimes_R R/m_0$. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{\mathcal{X}}(\mathcal{E}) & \longrightarrow & \lim_{m \geq 1} \overline{\mathcal{X}/m}(\mathcal{E}) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{Maps}(\mathcal{E}, \text{Spec}(R/m_0 \otimes_R A_i)) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \lim_{m \geq 1} \text{Maps}(\text{Spec}(B \otimes_R R/m_0), U_i) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}^{\text{ét.}}} (R/m_0 \otimes_R A_i, R/m_0 \otimes_R B_0) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \lim_{m \geq 1} \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}} (A_i, B \otimes_R R/m_0) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}} (A_i, B) & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \text{Hom}_{\text{CAlg}} (A_i, \lim_{m \geq 1} (B \otimes_R R/m_0)) \end{array}$$

Since $R \rightarrow B$ is finite étale.

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RK: The result we just sketched the proof is sometimes referred to Grothendieck's formal GAGA Theorem. The classical statement is that for any $m_0 \subseteq R$ as above:

$$\mathcal{X}_0(\text{Spec } R) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_0(\text{Spt } R) \quad \text{is an equivalence.}$$

This follows by bootstrapping from the general fact that

$$\text{Maps}(\text{Spec } R, \text{Spec } A) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Maps}(\text{Spt } R, \text{Spec } A) \quad \text{for}$$

R a weakly admissible topological k -algebra. [See [Stacks-project, § 85.29].

We will try to sketch some of the ideas in the proof of this result. However, for a complete picture the reader should consult [SAG-Chapter 7].

First we flush at the notion of ~~formal~~ formal smoothness ~~map~~ between n -geom morphisms.

Lemma: let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be an n -geometric morphism, then TFAE:

(i) f is smooth;

(ii) f is lft & $\forall S \hookrightarrow S'$ a n.l.p. embedding
 $\hookrightarrow X(S') \rightarrow X(S)$.

(ii) f is lft & $\forall S \xrightarrow{x} X$ $T_x^*(X/Y) \in \text{Perf}(S) \cong 0$;

(iii) f is lft & $\forall S \xrightarrow{x} X$ & $\mathcal{F} \in \text{QCoh}(S)$ one has:

$$T_x^*(X/Y) \in \text{Perf}(S) \text{ \& \& Hom}_{\text{QCoh}(S)}(T_x^*(X/Y), \mathcal{F}[i]) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 1.$$

Idea: (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) by bootstrapping the result from before for affine schemes.

(ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii) is a spectral seq. argument for $\text{Ext}^i(T_x^*(X/Y), \mathcal{F})$ analogous to the relation between $M \in \text{Perf}(R)_{[0, \infty]}$ & $M \in \text{Mod}_{\text{no}}^{\text{QCoh}(S)}$. (See [Antieau-Gopner, Prop. 2.13].)

The main tool in the proof is the following technical lemma. Essentially it says that to find a formally smooth map from an affine scheme to a ^{lft} prostack w/ det' th'y. it is enough to construct the $H^i(-)$ of the relative cotangent complex and up to Zariski localization we can find a formally smooth map.

Tech Lemma: Suppose X satisfies (i) & (ii) and let $f_0: V_0 \rightarrow X$ be a morphism from an affine scheme V_0 and $x: \text{Spec } k \rightarrow V_0$ a point s.t.
 $H^i(T_x^*(V_0/X)) = 0$.

Then there exists a Zariski nbd of x \bar{V}_0 s.t. $f_0: \bar{V}_0 \rightarrow X$ factors, as:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bar{V}_0 & \rightarrow & V \\ & \searrow & \downarrow f \\ & & X \end{array}$$

where (i) $\mathcal{O}_{\bar{V}_0} = \mathcal{O}_V$;
(ii) f is formally smooth.

Moreover, if V_0 is almost of finite type (aff) then so is V .

Additionally, if \mathcal{X} is \mathcal{O} -truncated then we can find $V \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ formally étale, i.e. $\forall S \rightarrow V$ one has $T_Y^*(V/\mathcal{X}) = 0$.

Idea: Use the flexibility of passing to \mathcal{Z} -nbd. & the relation between vanishing of cotangent & int. ext. to kill the \mathcal{O} -complex inductively.

Prop: Assume \mathcal{X} satisfies (i-v) then there exists $U = \coprod_I U_i$ and

$$U \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \text{ a smooth surjection.}$$

Idea: Refine $U := \coprod_I \bar{T}_i$ where $f_i: \bar{T}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is a smooth map. \bar{T}_i is aff. & all non. classes of such \bar{T}_i .

So one only need to check $\rho: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ is surjective.

~~B/c \mathcal{X} is aff.~~ let $x: S \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be a point in \mathcal{X} . Since ρ is formally smooth it is enough to consider $x: S \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$.

B/c \mathcal{X} is \mathcal{O} -lft it is enough to take S of f.t. /k, i.e. $S = \text{Spec } A_w$ w/ A a Noeth. k -algebra.

Since the statement is local for the étale topology we need to check that for a point $x: \text{Spec } k \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$, there exists V_x an nbd. of x s.t. $V_x \rightarrow \bar{T}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ for some \bar{T}_i as above.

Let V_x be the Henselization at x in \mathcal{O}_S . Then $V_x \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$ factors via $V_x \rightarrow W \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$ where $W \approx A_k^n$.

Consider \hat{W}_w the completion of W at w the image of x . Notice \hat{W}_w is of f.t. /k.

The crucial point then is: Claim: One can modify \hat{W}_w to \mathcal{Z}_0 s.t.

- $\text{Spec } k \rightarrow V_x \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ - \mathcal{Z}_0 is of f.t.
- $\mathcal{Z}_0 \approx \mathcal{Z}_0$

$$H^{-1}(T_{\mathcal{Z}_0}^*(\mathcal{Z}_0/\mathcal{X})) = 0.$$

Then Tech. Lemma \Rightarrow one can find $V_x \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ formally smooth

Let \mathcal{X} satisfy (i-v).

Pf of Thm: Assume $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$ is m -geometric for some $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then bc a smooth surj. $p: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ exists, we need to prove p is $(n-1)$ -geometric. For any $S \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ affine we obtain.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{long. exact seq.} \\ \hookrightarrow \tilde{h}_i: (S \times_{\mathcal{X}} U)^{(qT)} \rightarrow \tilde{h}_i: (S \times U)^{(qT)} \rightarrow \tilde{h}_i: (\mathcal{X}^{(qT)}) \\ \rightarrow \tilde{h}_{i-1} (S \times_{\mathcal{X}} U)^{(qT)} \rightarrow \dots \end{array} \quad \text{implies } m \leq n.$$

Since any $(m-1)$ -geometric morphism is $(n-1)$ -geometric for $n \geq m$. This proves \mathcal{X} is n -geometric.

Let's now prove that $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X}$ being m -geometric for some m follows from the ~~assumptions~~ assumptions (i-v).

By induction on n it is enough to consider the case $n=0$.

If $\exists Y$ a 0-geometric stack s.t. $\tilde{h}_0 \mathcal{X}(\varphi_S) \rightarrow \tilde{h}_0 Y(\varphi_S)$ then \mathcal{X} is 0-geometric.

This follows from using Tech. Lemma in the \mathcal{X} 0-truncated case.

Finally, Y can be given by $U \times_{\mathcal{X}} U \rightarrow U \times U$. □

Rk: One can also parse the conditions (i-v) in their derived geometry part & their higher stacks part. I.e.

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X} \text{ is lft} \\ n\text{-geometric stack} \end{array} \right) \iff \left(\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{X} \text{ admits def'n theory.} \\ \& \\ \mathcal{X} \text{ is a classical } n\text{-geometric stack} \\ \text{locally of finite type (lft).} \end{array} \right)$$

where the notion of a classical n -geometric stack is defined analogously to n -geometric stacks but starting w/ classical stacks & classical affine schemes.