

# Sheaves

$X = \text{top. space}$

Def A sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  is the following data

- For each open subset  $U \subset X$ ,  
an object  $\mathcal{F}(U)$

v. space  
ring  
module  
group

- For each inclusion  $V \hookrightarrow U$

a restriction map

ring homomorphism  
module

$$\text{res}_{U,V}: \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V)$$

Satisfying the following conditions:

(1)  $\text{res}_{U,U} = \text{id} \quad \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$

(2)  $U \hookrightarrow V \hookrightarrow W$

$$\mathcal{F}(W) \xrightarrow{\text{res}_{W,V}} \mathcal{F}(V) \xrightarrow{\text{res}_{V,U}} \mathcal{F}(U)$$

$$\text{res}_{W,U}$$

$$\text{res}_{W,U} = \text{res}_{V,U} \circ \text{res}_{W,V} \quad \text{union}$$

(3) (Identity) Suppose  $V = \bigcup_i V_i$  open

presheaf

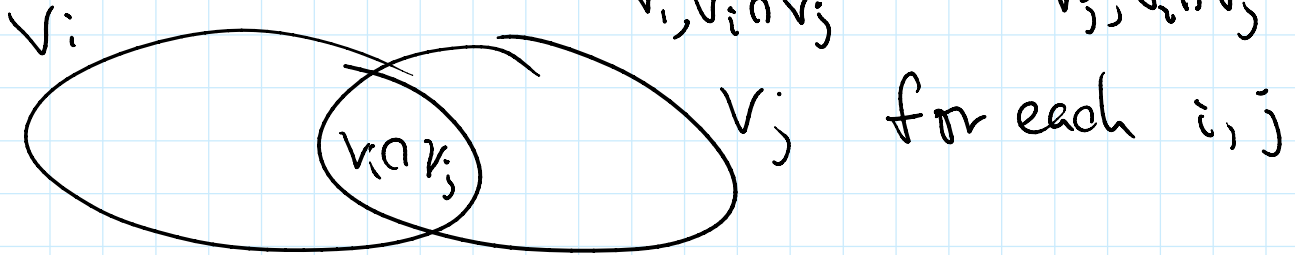
(2)  $V = \bigcup V_i$  open  
 $f, g \in \mathcal{F}(V)$  If we know that  
 $\text{res}_{V_i, V_i} (f) = \text{res}_{V_i, V_i} (g)$

Then  $f = g$

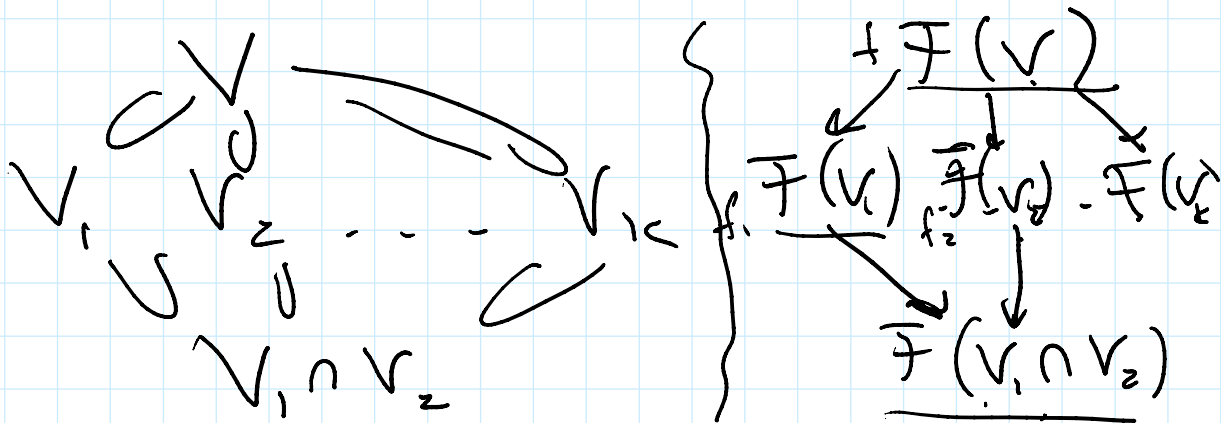
(4) (Gluing) Suppose  $V = \bigcup V_i$

We are given a collection  $f_i \in \mathcal{F}(V_i)$

such that  $\text{res}_{V_i, V_i \cap V_j} f_i = \text{res}_{V_j, V_i \cap V_j} f_j$



Then there exists  $f \in \mathcal{F}(V)$   
such that  $\text{res}_{V_i, V_i} f = f_i$ .



By (2), the condition that

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is necessary for (4) since

$$f_i = \text{res}_{V_i, V_i} f \Rightarrow \text{res}_{V_i, V_i \cap V_j} f_i = \text{res}_{V_i, V_i \cap V_j} f$$

Gluing axiom says that  $\text{res}_{V_j, V_i \cap V_j}$  is sufficient, and by identity axiom gluing is unique.

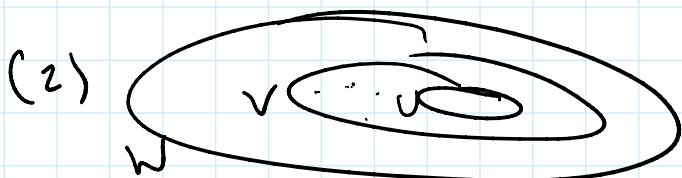
Ex  $\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ \text{all continuous functions on } U \text{ (in normal topology)} \}$

$V \subseteq U$  open  $f$  continuous on  $U$   
 $\Rightarrow$  continuous on  $V$

$\mathcal{F}(U) \xrightarrow{\text{res}} \mathcal{F}(V)$   
 continuous functions on  $U$       continuous functions on  $V$

Check the axioms: (1)  $\text{res}_{U, U} = \text{id}$  clear

$V \subseteq U$   $\text{res}_{V, U}(f) = \text{same function}$

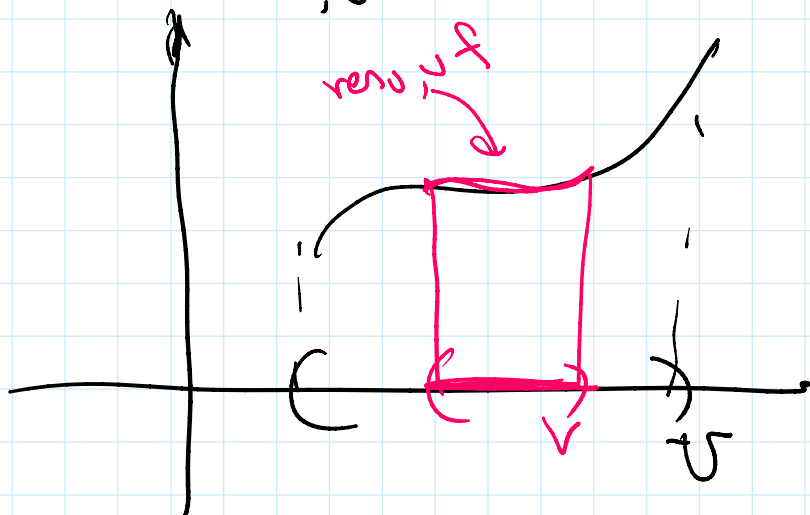


(2)  $(W \supset V \supset U)$

$f = \text{continuous on } W$

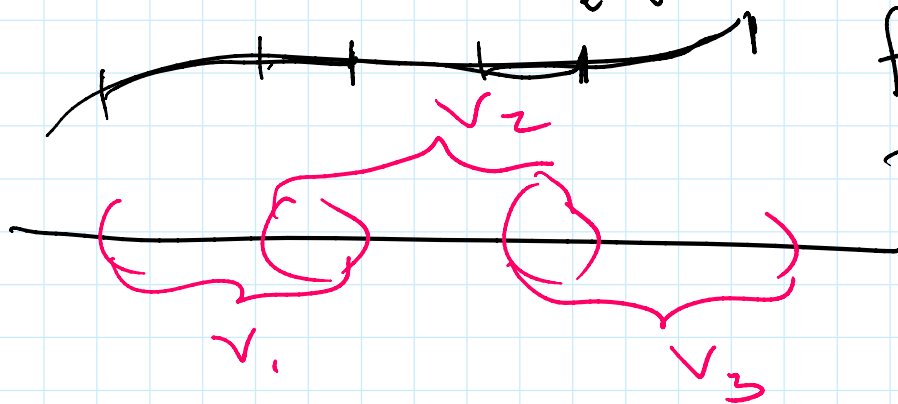
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$$\text{res}_{V,U}(\text{res}_{W,V}(f)) = \text{res}_{W,U}(f)$$

(3) (Identity)  $V = \bigcup V_i$   
 $\text{res}_{V,V_i} f = \text{res}_{V,V_i} g$  for all  $i$

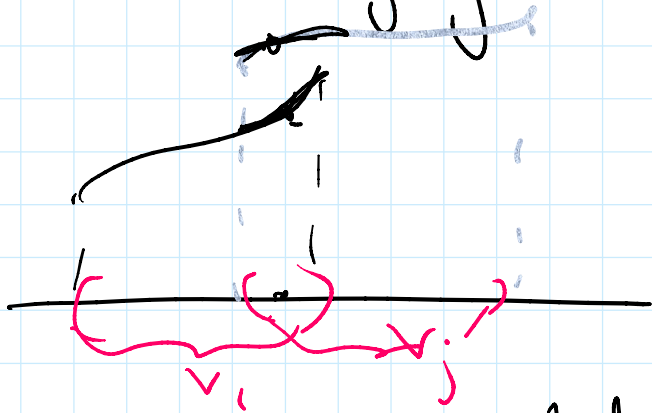


$f(x) = g(x)$   
 for all points  
 $x \in V_i$   
 Since Union of  $V_i$

is the whole space  $V$ , we get  $f(x) = g(x)$   
 for all  $x \in V \Rightarrow f = g$ .

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 When do they glue to a function on  $V$ ?



if  $f_i = f_j$  on  $V_i \cap V_j$   
 for all  $i, j$   
 then we can

define  $f(x) = f_i(x)$   
 if  $x \in V_i$

If all  $f_i$  were continuous on  $V_i$   
 then  $f$  is continuous on  $V$ .

Also, similarly  $X = \mathbb{R}^h$ , we can define  
 sheaves of differentiable functions etc.

②  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}$  = structure sheaf/sheaf of  
 functions on  $\mathbb{P}^n$ .

Use Zariski topology, cover  $\mathbb{P}^n$

by charts  $U_0, \dots, U_n$   $U_i = \{x_i \neq 0\}$

$U$  is open if  $U \cap U_i$  is Zariski open  
 in all  $U_i$

$U$  is open if  $U = \cup U_i \Rightarrow$   $U$  is open in all  $U_i$

$\mathcal{F}(U) =$  ring of algebraic functions on  $U$

$\mathcal{F}(U_i) =$  polynomial functions on  $U_i = \mathbb{A}^n$

$\left\{ f\left(\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i}\right) \mid \left(\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \frac{x_1}{x_i}, \dots, 1, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i}\right) \right\}$   
 "polynomial"

$\mathcal{F}(U_i \cap U_j) =$  algebraic functions on intersection.  $(x_i \neq 0, x_j \neq 0)$

$$\sum_k f\left(\frac{x_0}{x_i}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{x_i}\right) \cdot (x_j)^{-k}$$

= polynomial in  $\frac{x_m}{x_i}, m \neq i$ , Laurent polynomial in  $\frac{x_j}{x_i}$

$\mathcal{F}(U_i \cup U_j) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_i \text{ functions on } U_i \text{ and } U_j \\ \text{which agree on } U_i \cap U_j \end{array} \right\}$

Global functions  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{P}^n) =$

{ collection of functions  $f_i \in \mathcal{F}(U_i)$

which agree on the intersection }  $\leftarrow$  function on  $U_i$

Note:  $\mathcal{F}(\mathbb{P}^n) = \mathbb{C}$  (constant function)

but  $\neq \mathcal{F}(U)$  in general since  $U$  is not

but  $f(U)$  is interesting in general,

③ Non-example: <sup>usual top.</sup> bounded functions on  $\mathbb{R}$

$\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ \text{bounded functions on } U \mid \text{continuous} \}$

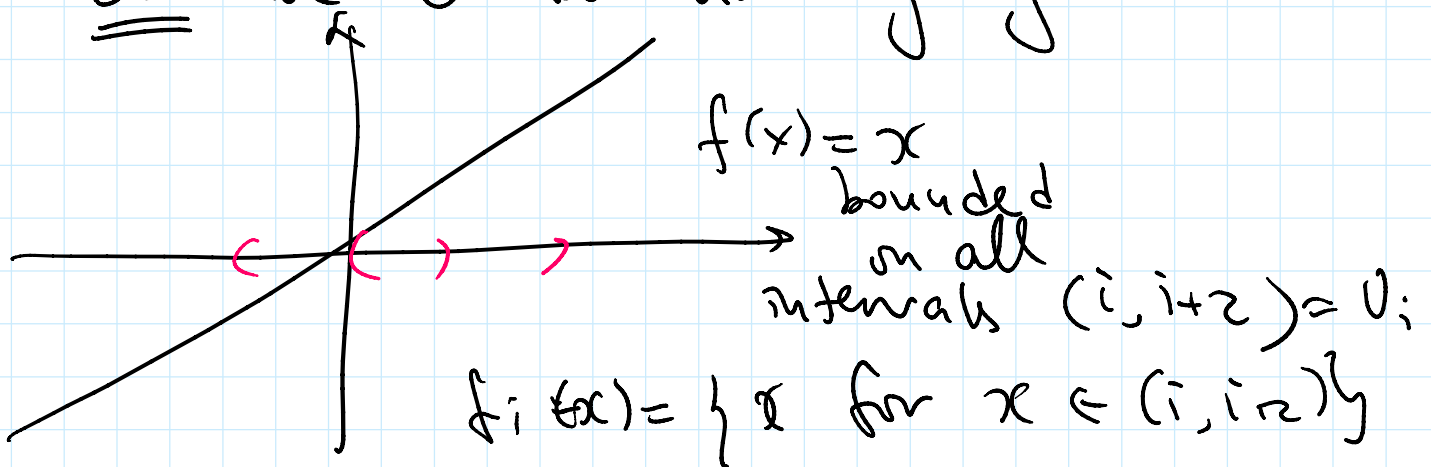
$V \subset U$   $f$  bounded on  $U$

$\Rightarrow f$  bounded on  $V$ .

$\Rightarrow$  yes,  $\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{V}$  is defined, can

check (1), (2), (3)  $\Rightarrow$  presheaf.

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but gluing is not bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

④ Constant functions

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 Clearly, restriction works and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a presheaf

Gluing does not work:

$$f_1 = 1 \text{ on } (1, 2) = U_1$$

$$U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$$

$$\underline{f_2 = -1} \text{ on } (3, 4) = U_2$$

$f_1$  agrees with  $f_2$  on the intersection

~~(\*)~~ locally constant

Can glue  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  to a function  $f = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{on } (1, 2) \\ -1 & \text{on } (3, 4) \end{cases}$  not constant!  
 not a sheaf!

Easy fix  $\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ \text{locally constant functions on } U \}$

$f$  is locally constant, if for every point there is neighborhood where  $f$  is constant,

Prop  $f$  is locally constant

$$(\Rightarrow) f' \equiv 0$$

Remark There is a general notion A



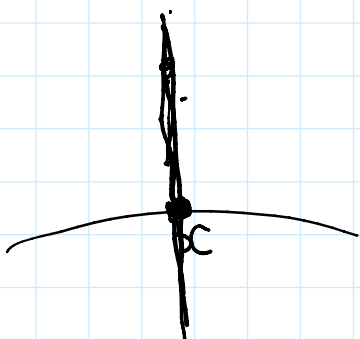
Rank There is a general notion of "sheafification" which turns presheaves to sheaves

If we apply it to constant functions, we get locally constant ones.

⑤ "Sky-scraper sheaf"

Fix a point  $x \in X$

$$\mathcal{F}(U) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{C}, & \text{if } U \text{ contains } x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



This is a sheaf

$V \subset U$   $U$  contains  $x$

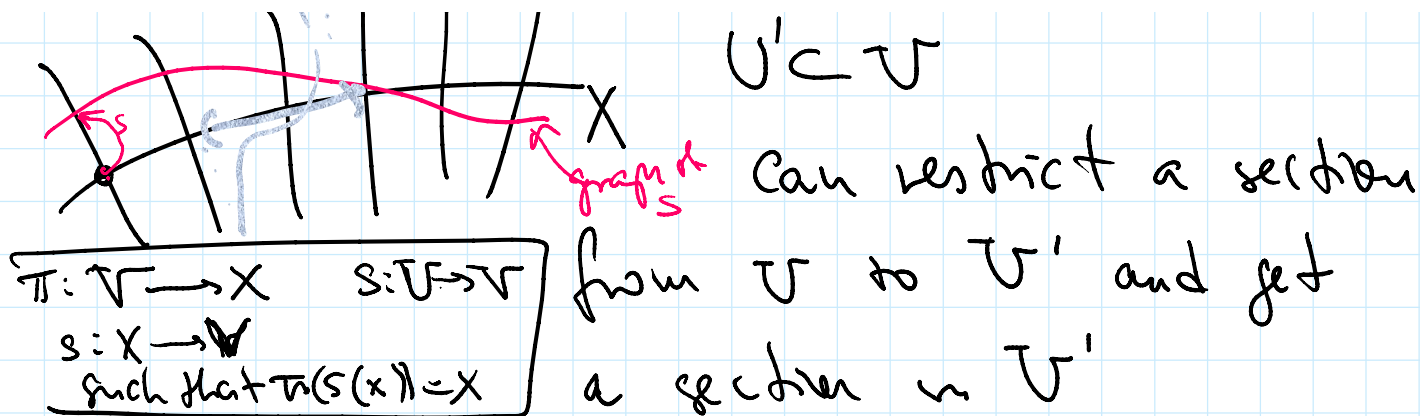
$V$  contains  $x$   
res = id

$V$  does not contain  $x$   
res = 0

⑥  $\mathcal{L}$  = line bundle on  $X$

$$\mathcal{L}(U) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{sections of } \mathcal{L} \\ \text{over } U \end{array} \right\}$$





Can check that (1)-(4) are satisfied  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(U)$  is a sheaf.

If  $U$  is small enough,  $\mathcal{Z}$  is trivial on  $U \Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}(U) = \{ \text{function on } U \}$

On  $\mathbb{P}^n$ ,  $\mathcal{Z}(U_i) = \{ \text{function on } U_i \}$

But: gluing is interesting, depends on transition functions  $\psi_{ij}$ .