

Fibers of a morphism:

X a scheme, $x \in X$ $\mathcal{O}_{X,x} \supset m_x$

Def: The residue field of X at x is

$$k(x) := \mathcal{O}_{X,x} / m_x$$

Ex. II.2.7 The datum of a morphism from $\text{Spec } K$ (K any field) to X with image x is equivalent to the datum of an inclusion $k(x) \hookrightarrow K$.

\Rightarrow Given $x \in X$, we always have a morphism $\text{Spec } k(x) \rightarrow X$ with image x , using the identity $k(x) \xrightarrow{\text{id}} k(x)$.

Def: Given a morphism of schemes $f: X \rightarrow Y$, let $y \in Y$ be a point, and $\text{Spec } k(y) \hookrightarrow Y$ be the natural morphism as above.

The fiber X_y of f at y is

$$X_y := X \times_Y \text{Spec } k(y) \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_y & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & \square & \downarrow f \\ \text{Spec } k(y) & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

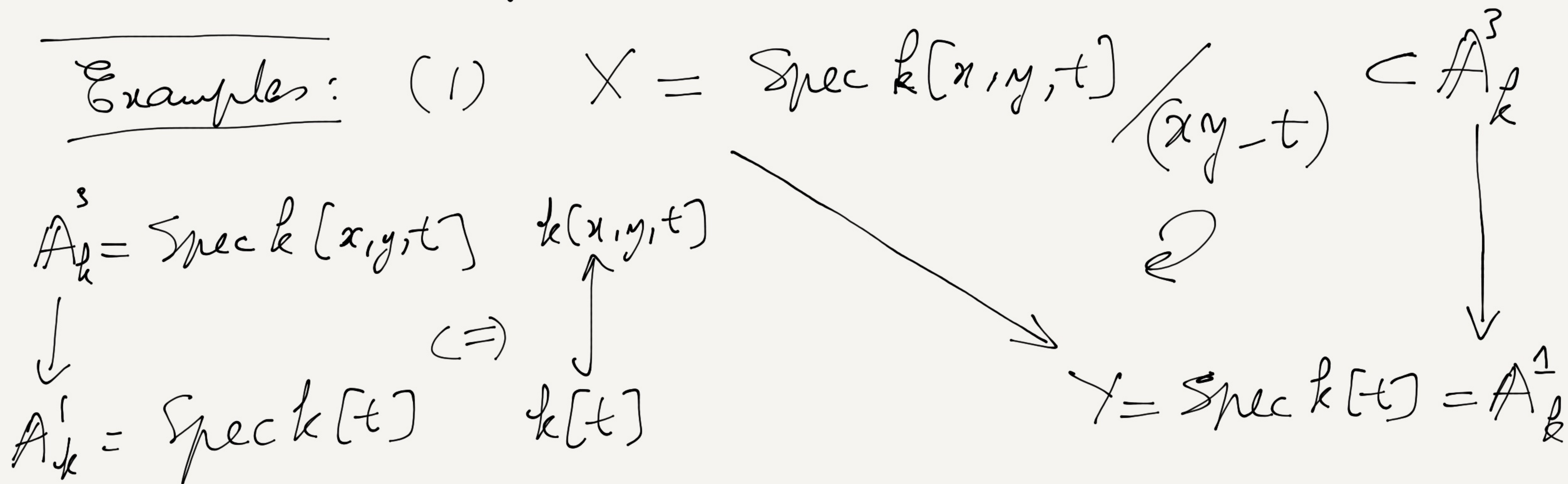
Ex. II.3.10: The underlying topological space of X_y

$$\text{is } f^{-1}(y) \subset X.$$

This allows us to think of $f: X \rightarrow Y$ as a family of

schemes $\{X_y, y \in Y\}$ parametrized by Y .

Def: Given a field k , a scheme X_0/k ,
 (i.e., $X_0 \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$) a deformation of X_0 over a
 scheme Y over k is a k -morphism $X \rightarrow Y$ (i.e., $X \rightarrow Y$
 $\downarrow \text{Spec } k$)
 s.t. $\exists y_0 \in Y$ with $k(y_0) \cong k$ and $X_{y_0} \cong X_0$ as k -schemes.
 The other fibers of f (at k -rational points, i.e., y s.t. $k(y) \cong k$)
 are called deformations of X_0 .



$$k[x, y, t] / (xy - t) \otimes k[t] \cong k[t] / (t - a)$$

$$0 \rightarrow (t - a) \rightarrow k[t] \rightarrow k[t] / (t - a) \rightarrow 0$$

tensor:

$$k[x, y, t] / (xy - t)$$

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$$\otimes k[t] \rightarrow$$

$$k[x, y, t] / (xy - t) \otimes_{k[t]} (t - a) \rightarrow k[x, y, t] / (xy - t) \otimes_{k[t]} k[t] \rightarrow$$

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$$\Rightarrow k[x, y, t] / (xy - t) \otimes_{k[t]} k(y) \cong k[x, y, t] / (xy - t, t - a) \cong k[x, y] / (xy - a)$$

$$\Rightarrow X_y = \text{Spec } k[x, y] / (xy - a) \quad \text{at } y = (t - a) \\ \text{"="} a \in k$$

We have a family of hyperbolas X_y parametrized by \mathbb{A}^1 , embedded in \mathbb{A}^3 . When $a \neq 0$, $(xy - a)$ is prime $\Rightarrow X_y$ is irreducible (it is also reduced)

When $a = 0$, then X_y is reducible, ideal is (xy)

$$X_y = \text{Spec } k[x] \cup \text{Spec } k[y] \subset \mathbb{A}^2 = \text{Spec } k[x, y]$$

meet at one point.

$$= \text{Spec } k[x, y] / (xy)$$

Similarly, when $X = \text{Spec } k[x, y, t] / (ty - x^2) \subset \mathbb{A}_k^3$

we obtain a family of parabolas: $X_y = \text{Spec } k[x, y] / (ay - x^2)$

When $a \neq 0$, X_y is an integral scheme.

When $a = 0$, $X_y = \text{Spec } k[x]/(x^2)$ is non-reduced.

Separated and proper morphisms.

The Zariski topology is almost never Hausdorff.
(e.g. \mathbb{A}_k^1 , k alg closed).

Separated \Leftrightarrow Hausdorff

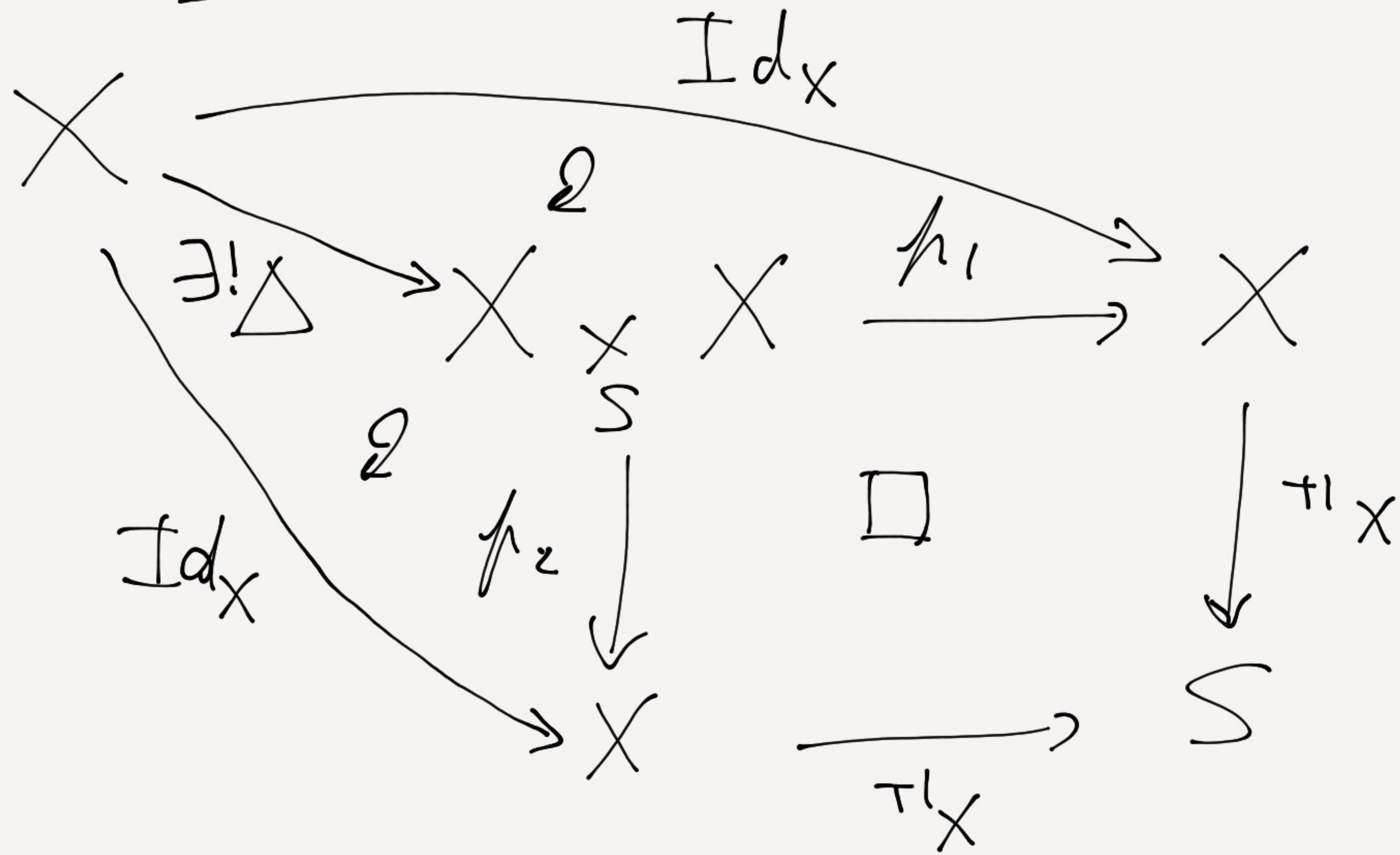
Proper \Leftrightarrow proper topologically

Idea: when a topology is Hausdorff, the diagonal is closed in the product topology on $X \times X$.

Def: Given $X \xrightarrow{\pi_X} S$, the diagonal morphism of X over S is the unique morphism

$$\Delta: X \longrightarrow X \times_S X \quad \text{s.t.} \quad p_1 \circ \Delta = p_2 \circ \Delta = \text{Id}_X,$$

i.e.,



Definition: A morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is separated if the diagonal $\Delta: X \rightarrow X \times_Y X$ is a closed embedding.

Lemma: Any morphism of affine schemes is separated.

Proof: $f: X \rightarrow Y$ $X = \text{Spec } A, Y = \text{Spec } B$

$$\Leftrightarrow f^\#: B \rightarrow A$$

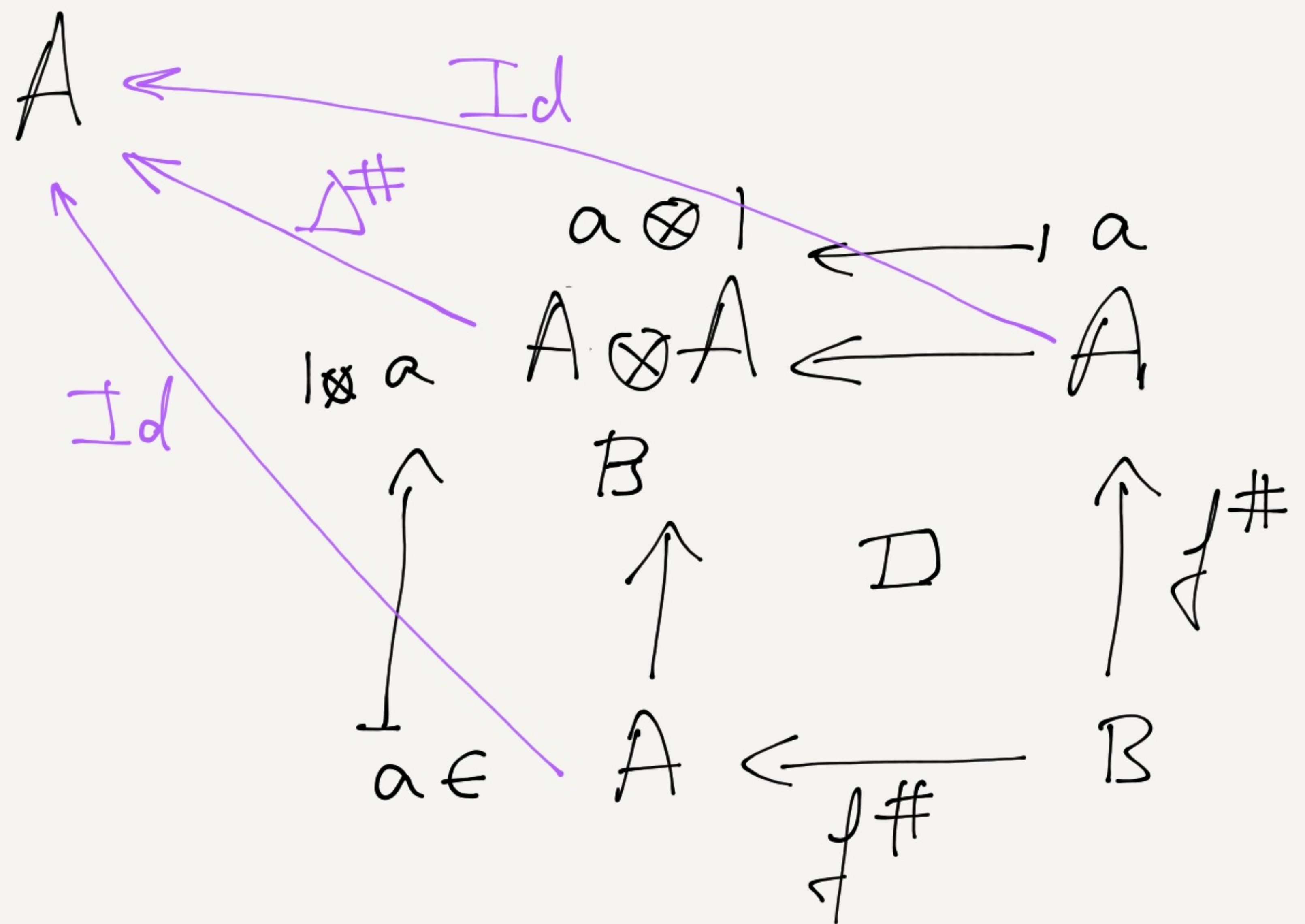
$$X \times_Y X = \text{Spec } A \otimes_B A$$

$$\Delta^\#(1 \otimes a) = \Delta^\#(a \otimes 1) = a$$

$$\forall a \in A$$

(uniqueness of $\Delta^\#$) \Rightarrow

$$\Delta^\#(a \otimes a') = aa'$$



$$\Delta: \text{Spec } A \longrightarrow \text{Spec } A \otimes_B A$$

Δ is a closed embedding because $A \otimes_B A \twoheadrightarrow A$ is surjective. □

Note: the ideal of Δ in the affine case is

$$\text{Ker} \left(\begin{array}{c} A \otimes A \\ B \end{array} \longrightarrow A \right)$$

Quintessential example of a non-separated morphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k \text{ a field} & X = \text{Spec } k[x] & , & Y = \text{Spec } k[y] & k[y] \\ & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \uparrow \\ & \text{Spec } k & & \text{Spec } k & k \end{array}$$

Define X to Y as follows:

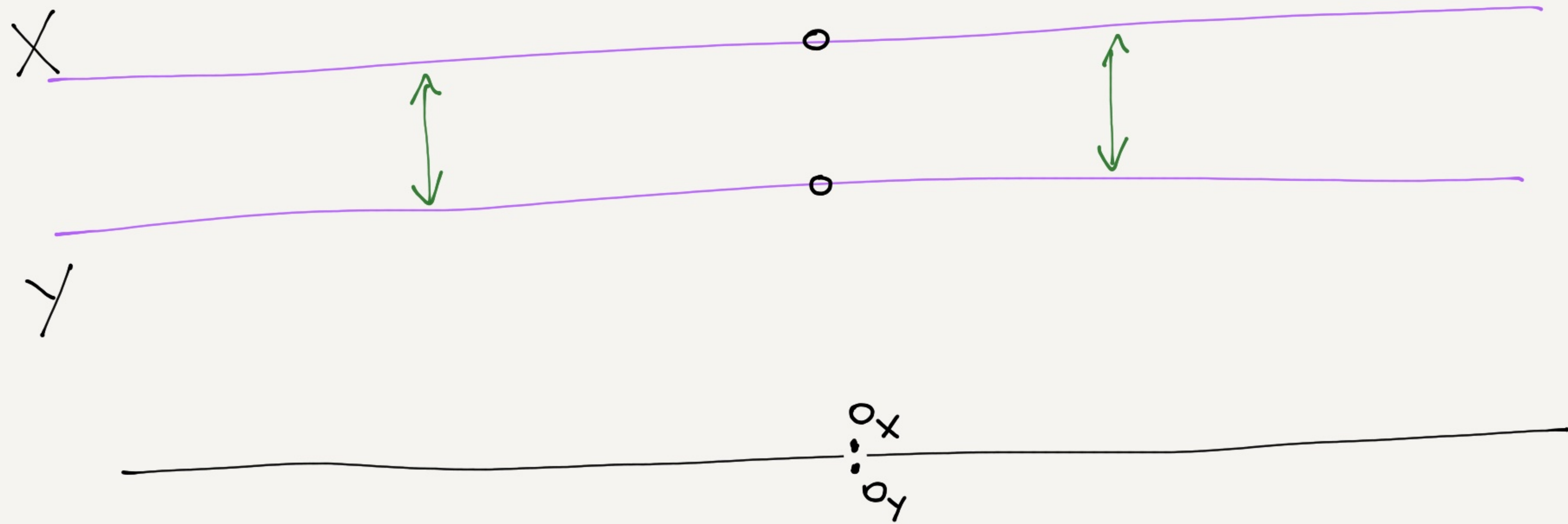
$$U \subset X : U = \text{Spec } k[x, x^{-1}]$$

$$V \subset Y : V = \text{Spec } k[y, y^{-1}]$$

$$\varphi : U \xrightarrow{\cong} V, \quad \varphi^\# : k[x, x^{-1}] \xrightarrow{\cong} k[y, y^{-1}]$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x \longleftrightarrow y \\ x^{-1} \longleftrightarrow y^{-1} \end{array}$$

Define $Z := X \cup_{\varphi} Y$ glued along φ . (see framework on glueing schemes)



These are non separated points (do not satisfy the valuative criterion).