

## Properties of $R^i F$ :

(1)  $\forall i$ :  $R^i F$  is an additive functor from  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\mathcal{B}$ .

(Can also show that  $R^i F(A \oplus B) = R^i F(A) \oplus R^i F(B)$ )

(2) There is a natural isomorphism  $F \cong R^0 F$

(3) If  $I \in \mathcal{O}b(\mathcal{A})$  is injective, then  $R^i F(I) = 0 \forall i > 0$

(4) For any short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

there are coboundary morphisms  $\delta^i: R^i F(A'') \rightarrow R^{i+1} F(A')$

s.t.

$$\dots \rightarrow R^i F(A') \rightarrow R^i F(A) \rightarrow R^i F(A'') \xrightarrow{\delta^i} R^{i+1} F(A') \rightarrow \dots$$

is exact.

Furthermore, the  $\delta^i$  are functorial, i.e., given a morphism

$$0 \rightarrow A' \rightarrow A \rightarrow A'' \rightarrow 0$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$0 \rightarrow B' \rightarrow B \rightarrow B'' \rightarrow 0$$

the coboundary morphisms form commutative diagrams

$$R^i F(A'') \xrightarrow{\delta^i} R^{i+1} F(A')$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & \partial & \downarrow \\ R^i F(B'') & \xrightarrow{\delta^i} & R^{i+1} F(B') \end{array}$$

Sketch of proof: To construct  $\delta^i$ , choose injective resolutions  $I'$  and  $I''$  of  $A'$  and  $A''$ , use Lemma 2

above to construct morphisms fitting in a commutative

diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & A' & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & A'' \longrightarrow 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \longrightarrow & I'' & \longrightarrow & I' \oplus I''' & \longrightarrow & I'' \longrightarrow 0
\end{array}$$

Definition: An object  $J$  is called acyclic for  $F$  if

$$R^i F(J) = 0 \quad \forall i > 0.$$

Remark: One can use acyclic resolutions instead of injective resolutions to compute the right derived functors.

Sketch of proof: Given an acyclic resolution  $A \rightarrow C^i$ , let  $B^i$  be the image of  $C^i$  in  $C^{i+1}$  for  $i \geq 0$  and put  $B^{-1} := A$ .

The  $n$ -th cohomology of the complex  $F(C^i)$  is then the cokernel of the map  $F(C^{n-1}) \rightarrow F(B^{n-1})$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

For  $i \geq 0$  we have the short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow B^{i-1} \rightarrow C^i \rightarrow B^i \rightarrow 0$$

which gives  $R^i F(A) \cong R^{i-1} F(B^0) \cong \dots \cong R^i F(B^{i-2})$  for  $i \geq 1$

and 
$$0 \rightarrow F(B^{i-2}) \rightarrow F(C^{i-1}) \rightarrow F(B^{i-1}) \rightarrow R^i F(B^{i-2}) \rightarrow 0$$

Hence 
$$R^i F(B^{i-2}) = \text{coker}(F(C^{i-1}) \rightarrow F(B^{i-1})) = h^i(F(C))$$

Now we move towards defining cohomology of sheaves on schemes.

Lemma 3: The category of modules over a ring  $R$  with a unit (not necessarily commutative) has enough injectives.

Idea of proof: The  $R$ -module  $R^* := \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}}(R, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$  is injective. Cyclic modules admit nonzero maps to  $R^*$  and for any  $R$ -module  $A$ :

$$A \hookrightarrow \prod_{a \in A} R^* \quad R a \xrightarrow{\neq 0} R^*$$

$\Rightarrow$  Lemma 4: For a ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , the category of

sheaves of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules has enough injectives.

Idea of proof: Given an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{F}$ , embed each stalk  $\mathcal{F}_x$  ( $x \in X$ ) into an injective  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ -module  $I_x$ . Then put  $\mathcal{I} := \prod_{x \in X} (i_x)_* I_x$

$$i_x: \{x\} \hookrightarrow X$$

$\forall$   $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{G}$ , we have  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{I})$

$$= \prod_{x \in X} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{G}, (i_x)_* I_x),$$

$$\text{and } \forall x \in X, \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{G}, (i_x)_* I_x) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X,x}}(\mathcal{G}_x, I_x)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Corollary: Apply this to  $(X, \mathcal{Z}_X)$  where  $X$  is any

topological space and  $\mathcal{Z}_X$  is the locally constant sheaf.

We obtain that the category of sheaves of abelian groups on  $X$  has enough injectives.

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Fact: The category of modules over a ring  $R$  has enough projectives: any module is the quotient of a free module which is projective.

However, the category of sheaves of abelian groups on a topological space  $X$  does not necessarily have enough projectives.

Example: Suppose  $X$  is a topological space s.t.

$\exists$   $x \in X$  s.t.  $\forall$  open  $V \ni x, \exists$  an open  $U \ni x$   
closed point  
s.t.  $U \not\subseteq V$  and  $U$  is connected.

For such  $U, V$ , let  $\mathcal{Z}_{X,U} := i_! \mathcal{Z}_U$  be the extension by 0 of the constant sheaf  $\mathcal{Z}_U$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(W) = \mathcal{Z}_U(W) \quad \text{if } W \subset U, \text{ and } \mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(W) = 0, \text{ if } W \not\subset U.$$

Let  $\mathcal{Z}_x$  be the skyscraper sheaf supported at  $x$  with stalk  $\mathbb{Z}$ , i.e.,  $\mathcal{Z}_x(W) = \mathbb{Z}$ , if  $x \in W$ , and  $\mathcal{Z}_x(W) = 0$  if  $x \notin W$ .

Note that there is a surjective morphism

$$\mathcal{Z}_{X,U} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$$

Claim:  $\mathcal{Z}_x$  is NOT the quotient of a projective sheaf.

Otherwise if  $\mathcal{P} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$  with  $\mathcal{P}$  projective, then

$$\exists \text{ lift } \mathcal{P} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_{X,U} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$$

We have  $\mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(V) = 0$  because  $V \notin U$

$\Rightarrow$  the map  $\mathcal{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x(V)$  which factors through  $\mathcal{Z}_{X,U}(V)$  is 0.

If we fix  $x$  and  $\mathcal{P}$ , we can change  $U$  and  $V$  as above. This means that  $\forall V \ni x$  open  $\mathcal{P}(V) \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x(V)$  is 0.  $\Rightarrow$  the map on stalks  $\mathcal{P}_x \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}_x$  is 0: contradiction.  $\square$



Definition 1: For a topological space  $X$ , the cohomology functors  $H^i(X, \cdot) : \mathcal{A}b(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}b$  are the right-derived functors of the global sections functor  $\Gamma(\cdot) : \mathcal{A}b(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}b$ , i.e.,  $H^i(X, \mathcal{F}) = R^i \Gamma(\mathcal{F})$ .  
In particular,  $H^0(X, \mathcal{F}) = \Gamma(\mathcal{F})$ .

Notation: From now on, we will use  $H^0(X, \mathcal{F})$  to denote the global sections of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Definition 2: A sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on a topological space  $X$  is called flasque if,  $\forall U \subset X$  open, the restriction map  $H^0(X, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow H^0(U, \mathcal{F})$  is surjective.

Lemma 1: On a ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , injective sheaves of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules are flasque.