

## Problem assignment 7.

Algebraic Geometry and Commutative Algebra

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**1.** (CA) Let  $A$  be a commutative ring with 1. Fix an element  $f \in A$  and consider the localized ring  $B = A_f$ .

Show that the localization functor  $Loc : \mathcal{M}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(B)$  defined by  $M \mapsto M_f := M[t]/(1 - tf)M[t]$  is an exact functor and it commutes with arbitrary direct sums.

Show by example that the localization functor does not commute with infinite direct products.

**[P] 2.** (CA) Let  $A$  be a ring as in problem 1. Consider a subset  $S \subset A$  (in what follows we can always assume  $S$  to be multiplicatively closed which means that  $1 \in S$  and if  $s, t \in S$  then  $st \in S$ ).

An  $A$ -module  $R$  is called  $S$ -inverting if for every element  $s \in S$  the induced endomorphism of the module  $R$  given by  $r \mapsto sr$  is a bijection.

(i) Fix an  $A$ -module  $M$  and consider its morphisms into  $S$ -inverting modules  $R$ . Show that there exists a universal morphism  $M \rightarrow R_0$  with this property.

In more detail, consider the category  $D$  consisting of pairs  $(R, \nu)$  where  $R$  is an  $S$ -inverting module and  $\nu : M \rightarrow R$  a morphism of  $A$ -modules. Define what are morphisms in this category and show that this category has an initial object. This object (defined uniquely up to unique isomorphism) we denote  $(M_S, i)$ .

The module  $M_S$  is defined uniquely up to canonical isomorphism. It is called the **localization** of the module  $M$  with respect to the subset  $S$ .

(ii) Show that the localization functor  $M \mapsto M_S$  is exact and commutes with arbitrary direct sums.

(iii) Show that  $A_S$  is in fact an algebra,  $i : A \rightarrow A_S$  a morphism of algebras; identify  $S$ -inverting  $A$ -modules with  $A_S$ -modules.

**[P] 3.** Let  $\nu : F \rightarrow G$  be a morphism of sheaves on a topological space  $X$ .

(i) Show that  $\nu$  is epimorphic in the category of presheaves iff for any open subset  $U$  the map  $\nu : F(U) \rightarrow G(U)$  is epimorphic.

Show that  $\nu$  is an epimorphism in the category of sheaves iff for any point  $x \in X$  the map of stalks  $\nu : F_x \rightarrow G_x$  is epimorphic.

Give an example when  $\nu$  is an epimorphism of sheaves but not an epimorphism of presheaves.

(ii) Is it possible for  $\nu$  to be an epimorphism of presheaves, but not an epimorphism of sheaves. The same question about monomorphism and isomorphism.

(iii) Let  $F$  be a sheaf of abelian groups and assume that the stalk  $F_a$  equals 0 for some point  $a \in X$ . Does this mean that  $F$  vanishes in some neighborhood of  $a$ ?

**4.** Let  $X$  be a topological space. Let us consider a system of sets  $\mathcal{S} = \{S_x\}$  parameterized by points  $x \in X$ . A correspondence  $\xi : x \mapsto \xi_x \in S_x$  we will call a **section** of the system  $\mathcal{S}$  on  $X$ .

(i) Define presheaf  $D$  by  $D(U) := \{\text{all sections of the system } \mathcal{S} \text{ on } U\}$ . Show that this is a sheaf.

(ii) Suppose that for every open subset  $U \subset X$  we have chosen some family of sections  $\mathcal{O}(U) \subset D(U)$  (we will call them regular sections). Describe the conditions on these families that ensure that  $\mathcal{O}$  is a sheaf on  $X$ .

**[P] 5.** (i) Using construction in problem 4 give a definition of a sheaf  $F$  on a topological space  $X$  in terms of a collection of stalks  $F_x$  - without using the notion of presheaf.

(ii) Let  $F$  be a sheaf on  $X$ . Show that there exists a unique topology on the set  $Y = \coprod F_x$  such that for any open subset  $U$  we have  $F(U) = \{\text{set of all continuous sections } \xi : U \rightarrow Y\}$ . Use this to give one more definition of a sheaf (original Leray's definition).

**6.** Let  $X$  be an affine algebraic variety,  $\mathcal{O}_X$  the structure sheaf on  $X$ ,  $A = \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  the algebra of regular functions on  $X$ .

Show that the localization functor defines an equivalence of categories  $\mathcal{M}(A) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ . Show that  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  is a full subcategory of  $Sh(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ . Show that it is generated by free modules by taking cokernels (this means that any object  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  is a quotient of a morphism of free modules).

**Geometric meaning of localization functor.**

Let  $M$  be an  $A$ -module and  $F = Loc(M)$  the corresponding sheaf. Explain how different geometric objects constructed from  $F$  and geometric properties of  $F$  can be described in terms of  $M$ .

**[P] 7.** (i) Describe  $\Gamma(X, F)$  (ii) For an open subset  $U \subset X$  describe  $\Gamma(U, F)$

(iii) Describe the fiber  $F|_x$  at some point  $x \in X$

(iv) Describe the stalk  $F_x$  of  $F$  at the point  $x$

(v) Describe the property that  $F$  is coherent.

(vi) Describe the support  $supp(F) \subset X$  (do this first in coherent case).

(vii) Describe the property that  $F$  is coherent locally free.

**[P] 8.** Let  $X$  be an algebraic variety.

(i) Show that every quasi-coherent sheaf  $F$  of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules is a union of coherent sheaves of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules.

(ii) Let  $F$  be a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module and  $F_1 \subset F_2 \subset \dots \subset F_n \subset \dots$  an increasing system of submodules. Show that it is stable.

**[P] 9.** (i) Let  $F$  be a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module. Suppose that at some point  $a \in X$  the fiber  $F|_a$  is 0. Show that there exists a neighborhood  $U$  of the point  $a$  such that  $F|_U = 0$ .

(ii) Let  $\nu : G \rightarrow F$  be a morphism of coherent  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules on  $X$ . Suppose that for some point  $a \in X$  the morphism of fibers  $\nu : G|_a \rightarrow F|_a$  is epimorphic. Show that then  $\nu$  is epimorphic in some neighborhood  $U$  of the point  $a$ .

(iii) Is a statement analogous to (ii) correct for monomorphisms? For isomorphisms?