

Čech cohomology

X scheme, E Grothendieck topology on C/X, site X_E.

U = (U_i \xrightarrow{\phi_i} X)_{i \in I} covering of X (or replace X w/ any obj U \to X in C/X)

Put U_{i_0, \dots, i_p} := U_{i_0} \times_X \dots \times_X U_{i_p} \quad i_j \in I

(in topology U_i \subset X open and enough to consider U_{i_0, \dots, i_p} = U_{i_0} \cap \dots \cap U_{i_p})

P presheaf on X_E. Restriction maps:

$$U_{i_0, \dots, i_p} \xrightarrow{\text{res}_j} U_{i_0, \dots, i_j, \dots, i_p}$$

$$P(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}) \xrightarrow{\text{res}_j} P(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p})$$

Čech complex:

$$C^0(U, P) := (C^p(U, P), d^p)$$

$$C^p(U, P) = \prod_{\substack{(i_0, \dots, i_p) \\ \in I^{p+1}}} P(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p})$$

$$(d^p(s))_{i_0, \dots, i_{p+1}} = \sum_{j=0}^{p+1} (-1)^j \text{res}_j(s_{i_0, \dots, i_j, \dots, i_{p+1}})$$

$$d^{p+1} d^p = 0$$

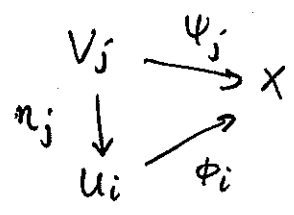
H^p(U, P) = coh. grp of C^p(U, P) = Čech coh groups of P w.r.t. U.

Rmk: $H^0(U, P) = \ker \left(\prod_{i \in I} P(U_i) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i, j \in I} P(U_{ij}) \right)$

Thus have natural map P(X) \to H^0(U, P) which is iso if P is a sheaf.

Refinement: $\mathcal{V} = (V_j \xrightarrow{\psi_j} X)_{j \in J}$ another cover of X . \mathcal{V} refinement of \mathcal{U} if

$\exists \tau: J \rightarrow I$ and commutative diagrams ($i = \tau(j)$)



This gives $\tau^p: C^p(\mathcal{U}, P) \rightarrow C^p(\mathcal{V}, P)$

$$s \longmapsto \left(\text{res}_{\eta_{j_0}^*} \circ \dots \circ \eta_{j_p}^* (s_{\tau(j_0)}, \dots, \tau(j_p)) \right)_{j_0, \dots, j_p}$$

Respects d so obtain:

$$f(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{U}, \tau): \check{H}^p(\mathcal{U}, P) \longrightarrow \check{H}^p(\mathcal{V}, P)$$

Lemma: $f(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{U}, \tau)$ independent of τ and η_j .

If \mathcal{W} refinement of \mathcal{V} , then $f(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{U}) = f(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{V}) \circ f(\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{U})$.

Cech coh. grps: $\check{H}^p(X_E, P) := \varinjlim \check{H}^p(\mathcal{U}, P)$

similarly: $\check{H}^p(U, P) := \varinjlim \check{H}^p(\mathcal{U}/U, P)$

Presheaf $\underline{H}^p(X, P): U \longmapsto \check{H}^p(U, P)$

Remark: In general $\check{H}^p(X, P)$ cannot be computed using $i_0 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow i_p$ as in topology unless all $U_i \rightarrow X$ monomorphisms (e.g. open immersions).

Ex: $U = (U \rightarrow X)$, $X = \text{Spec } A$, $U = \text{Spec } B$, $P = \mathbb{G}_m$. Then $C^\bullet(U, P)$ is:

$$0 \rightarrow B^* \rightarrow (B \otimes_A B)^* \rightarrow (B \otimes_A B \otimes_A B)^* \rightarrow \dots$$

S.E.S of presheaves $0 \rightarrow P' \rightarrow P \rightarrow P'' \rightarrow 0$ gives

S.E.S of abelian grps: $0 \rightarrow C^\bullet(U, P') \rightarrow C^\bullet(U, P) \rightarrow C^\bullet(U, P'') \rightarrow 0$ gives

LES of Čech cohomology groups:

$$0 \rightarrow \check{H}^0(P') \rightarrow \check{H}^0(P) \rightarrow \check{H}^0(P'') \rightarrow \check{H}^1(P') \rightarrow \check{H}^1(P) \rightarrow \check{H}^1(P'') \rightarrow \dots$$

Prop: $\check{H}^p(U, -) = R^p \check{H}^0(U, -)$ where $\check{H}^0(U, -): \text{PSh}(X_E) \rightarrow \text{Ab}$

pf: Remarks to verify that $\check{H}^p(U, I) = 0$ for all $p > 0$ and I injective presheaf.

See Milne lemma III 2.4.

Remark: Even when S is a sheaf, so that $\check{H}^0(X, S) = H^0(X, S)$, $R^p \check{H}^0(X, S)$ need not equal $R^p H^0(X, S)$

Reason: H^0 derived from $\text{Sh}(X_E) \rightarrow \text{Ab}$.

Warning: S.E.S of sheaves need not give LES of Čech coh. grps. (only obstruction).

Prop: There exists a spectral seq.

$$E_2^{p,q} = \check{H}^p(U, \underline{H}^q(\mathcal{F})) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(X, \mathcal{F})$$

and $\check{H}^p(X, \underline{H}^q(\mathcal{F})) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(X, \mathcal{F})$

pf: $F: \text{Sheaves} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \text{Presheaves}$, $G = \check{H}^0(U, -): \text{Presheaves} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$

$$F \circ \underline{H}^0 = i$$

$$GF: \text{Sheaves} \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

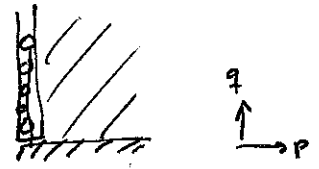
$$\parallel$$

$$\Gamma(X, -)$$

Since $i(i_{inj}) = i_{inj}$ we get a Grothendieck spectral seq. □

(b/c left adjoint a is exact)

Prop: $\check{H}^q(U, \underline{H}^q(\mathcal{F})) = 0 \quad \forall q > 0$



pf: Take inj. res $F \rightarrow I^\bullet$.

$\underline{H}^q(\mathcal{F}) = \text{coh. of } i(I^\bullet)$ a exact

$\check{H}^0(U, \underline{H}^q(\mathcal{F})) = (a \underline{H}^q(\mathcal{F}))(U) = a H^q(I^\bullet) \xrightarrow{\downarrow} H^q(ai I^\bullet) = H^q(I^\bullet) = 0 \quad \square$

Cor: $(\check{H}^0(U, \mathcal{F}) \cong H^0(U, \mathcal{F}))$

$\check{H}^1(U, \mathcal{F}) \cong H^1(U, \mathcal{F})$

Rmk: If U/U covering s.t. $H^q(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall i_0, \dots, i_p, q > 0$

then $\check{H}^p(U, \underline{H}^q(\mathcal{F})) = 0 \quad \forall q > 0$ so spectral seq. gives

$\check{H}^p(U, \mathcal{F}) \cong H^p(U, \mathcal{F})$

(Compare: Take covering by contractibles (topology) s.t. intersections are contractible)

Prop: \mathcal{F} quasi-coherent sheaf of \mathcal{O}_X -modules

X Zariski topology, X separated then $\check{H}^p(X_{\text{zar}}, \mathcal{F}) \cong H^p(X_{\text{zar}}, \mathcal{F}) \quad \forall p$

pf: Take open covering by affines, then intersections are also affine (bc X sep.)

then $H^q(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall q > 0$ by following

lemma: X affine, \mathcal{F} q-coh \mathcal{O}_X -mod. $H^p(X_{\text{zar}}, \mathcal{F}) = 0 \quad \forall p > 0.$

To prove that $\check{H}^p(X, -) = H^p(X, -)$ we need that a SES of sheaves gives a LES of Čech cohomology. The problem is that for a surjection $F \rightarrow F''$, then

$$F(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}) \rightarrow F''(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p})$$

is not necessarily locally surjective, i.e. for any $s \in F''(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p})$

\exists refinement $(V_j \rightarrow U_{i_0, \dots, i_p})$ s.t. $s|_{V_j}$ lifts to F . If we can find a refinement of the form $V_{i_0, \dots, i_p} \rightarrow U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}$ then

$$\varinjlim_{\mathcal{U}} \prod F(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p}) \rightarrow \varinjlim_{\mathcal{U}} \prod F''(U_{i_0, \dots, i_p})$$

is surjective and $\check{H}^p = H^p$. This happens in the following case:

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Thm (Artin) X quasi-compact scheme, s.t. every finite subset contained in an open affine (e.g. X quasi-proj over affine), F sheaf on $X_{\text{ét}}$. Then

$$\check{H}^p(X_{\text{ét}}, F) \cong H^p(X_{\text{ét}}, F).$$

After some limits, \exists of refinements as above boils down to:

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Lemma: A ring, $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r$ prime ideals, $A' = A_{\mathfrak{p}_1}^{\text{sh}} \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{p}_2}^{\text{sh}} \otimes_A \dots \otimes_A A_{\mathfrak{p}_r}^{\text{sh}}$,

$A' \xrightarrow{\varphi} B$ faithfully flat, étale. Then φ has a section.

X integral qc scheme, $g: \text{Spec } K \hookrightarrow X$ generic point

$$\phi: \mathcal{O}_{m,x} \hookrightarrow g_* \mathcal{O}_{m,K}$$

$$\Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_U^*) \hookrightarrow R(U)^* \text{ rational functions on } U$$

$$(*) \quad 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{m,x} \rightarrow g_* \mathcal{O}_{m,K} \rightarrow \text{Div}_X \rightarrow 0$$

sheaf of Cartier divisors

If X regular then $\text{Div}_X \cong D_X = \bigoplus_{x \in X_1} i_{x,*} \mathbb{Z}$ $X_1 = \text{codim } 1 \text{ points of } X$

sheaf of Weil divisors

Long-exact seq from (*)

$$\rightarrow H^r(X_{\text{ét}}, D_X) \rightarrow H^{r+1}(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{O}_{m,x}) \rightarrow H^{r+1}(X_{\text{ét}}, g_* \mathcal{O}_{m,K}) \rightarrow \dots$$

Leray s.s. from $i_x: x \hookrightarrow X$

$$H^p(X, R^q i_{x,*} \mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(x, \mathbb{Z})$$

Galois cohomology computation: $H^0(x, \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}$, $H^1(x, \mathbb{Z}) = 0$, $R^1 i_{x,*} \mathbb{Z} = 0$ s.s. \Rightarrow

$$H^0(X, D_X) = \bigoplus_{x \in X_1} \mathbb{Z} \quad H^1(X, D_X) = 0 \quad (H^2(X, D_X) \neq 0 \text{ in general})$$

Leray s.s. for $g: \text{Spec } K \hookrightarrow X$.

$$H^p(X, R^q g_* \mathbb{Q}_m) \Rightarrow H^{p+q}(\text{Spec } K, \mathbb{Q}_m)$$

Hilbert's Thm 90: $H^0(X, g_* \mathbb{Q}_m) = K$
 $R^1 g_* \mathbb{Q}_m = 0$ \Rightarrow s.s. $H^1(X, g_* \mathbb{Q}_m) = 0$

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)^* \rightarrow K^* \rightarrow \bigoplus_{x \in X} \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow 0$$

\parallel
 $H^0(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$

$$H^1(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathbb{G}_m) = (\text{divisors / principal div.}) = \text{Pic } X = H^1(X_{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{O}_X^*)$$

Ex: X sm. curve, $h = \bar{h}$. Then $H^r(X, \mathcal{O}_X) = 0 \quad \forall r > 1$.