

# Etale cohomology #5

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## The étale fundamental group

Sources: Milne book  
Milne notes  
Lecture "Galois theory of sh"

Background: topological fund grp

$X$  top space,  $x_0 \in X$

$\pi(X, x_0)$  = grp of homotopy classes of loops in  $X$  based at  $x_0$ .

(no good analogy in algebraic geometry of this description)

(\*)  $X$  (path-connected) semi-locally simply connected ( $x \in X$  has nbhd  $U_x$  s.t. every loop in  $U_x$  can be contracted in  $X$ )

Def:  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  covering map if  $\forall x \in X \exists U$  open nbhd and  $\exists F$  discrete sets and  $\exists$

$$U \times F \xrightarrow{\cong} f^{-1}(U)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \circ & \\ \pi_1 \searrow & & \swarrow f \\ & \text{th} & \end{array}$$

$\text{Cov}(X)$  = category of covering maps.

Thm:  $X$  with (\*), then  $\text{Cov}(X) \xrightarrow[\cong]{F_{x_0}} \pi(X, x_0)\text{-sets} = \begin{cases} \text{Ob: } \pi(X, x_0) \times F \rightarrow F \\ \text{Mor: } g: F \rightarrow F' \\ \pi(X, x_0)\text{-equiv.} \end{cases}$   
 $Y \xrightarrow{f} X \longmapsto f^{-1}(x_0)$   $F$  discrete set

Thm (1):  $X$  connected  $\text{FCov}(X) \xrightarrow[\cong]{F_{x_0}} \text{finite } \hat{\pi}(X, x_0)\text{-sets}$   
 $\exists$  pro-finite grp  $\hat{\pi}(X, x_0)$  and (unique up to top iso)  
~~pro-finite completion.~~

If  $X$  satisfies (\*), then  $\hat{\pi}(X, x_0)$  is the profinite completion of  $\pi(X, x_0)$

Thm (2):  $X$  connected scheme  $\text{FEt}(X) \xrightarrow[\cong]{F_{x_0}} \text{finite } \hat{\pi}_{\text{ét}}(X, \bar{x}_0)\text{-sets}$   
 $\exists$  pro-finite grp  $\hat{\pi}_{\text{ét}}(X, \bar{x}_0)$  (unique up to top iso)

$$\text{Spec } \Omega \xrightarrow{\bar{x}_0} X \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_0 \in X \\ k(x_0) \hookrightarrow \Omega \end{cases}$$

$\Omega$  alg closed (or sep. closed)

## Profinite group

I directed partially ordered set:  $\forall i, j \exists k$  s.t.  $k \geq i, k \geq j$ .

$(\pi_i)_{i \in I}$  finite groups.

$(f_{ij}: \pi_i \rightarrow \pi_j)_{i \geq j}$  s.t.  $f_{ii} = \text{id}$ ,  $f_{il} = f_{jk} \circ f_{ij} \quad \forall i \geq j \geq k$

This is a projective system.

$$\text{inverse limit } \pi = \varprojlim_{i \in I} \pi_i = \left\{ x_i \in \prod_{i \in I} \pi_i : f_{ij}(x_i) = x_j \quad \forall i \geq j \right\}$$

$\pi_i$  is discrete.

$\prod \pi_i$  has product topology,  $\varprojlim \pi_i$  has induced topology.

$\pi$  is a pro-finite group. (equiv definition  $\pi$  is compact and totally disconnected grp).

Ex:  $G$  group,  $I$  collection of normal subgroups of finite index (i.e.  $G/N$  finite)

$$N \geq N' \text{ if } N \subset N' \rightsquigarrow \pi_N = G/N \longrightarrow \pi_{N'} = G/N'$$

$\hat{G} := \varprojlim G/N$  profinite completion of  $G$ . Natural map  $G \rightarrow \hat{G}$ .

$G$  is profinite  $\Leftrightarrow G \rightarrow \hat{G}$  isom.

Ex:  $\hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  profinite ring.  $\hat{\mathbb{Z}} = \prod \hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p$   
 $\hat{\mathbb{Z}}_p = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$  p-adic integers.

Thm (Riemann existence thm)  $X$  non-singular variety /  $\mathbb{C}$ .

$$F\acute{E}t_X \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Fcov}(X(\mathbb{C}^{\text{an}}))$$

$$\text{so } \pi_{\acute{E}t}(X, \bar{x}_0) \cong \hat{\pi}_0(X(\mathbb{C}), x_0)$$

Galois categories

$\mathcal{C}$  category,  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{fin. sets.}$   $\mathcal{C}$  ess. small

G1:  $\exists$  terminal obj,  $\exists$  fiber products.

G2:  $\exists$  finite sums.

G3:  $\exists$  epi-mono fact, every mono is direct summand

G4:  $F$  commutes w/ terminal obj and fiber products

G5:  $F$  commutes w/ finite sums, epis, and quotients by finite grp of autom.

G6:  $u \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}), F(u)$  iso  $\Rightarrow u$  iso (i.e.  $F$  is conservative)

$\text{Aut}(F) = \text{isomorphisms of functors } F \xrightarrow{\sigma} F$

$\forall f: Y \rightarrow Z$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

$$F(Y) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(Z)$$

$$\sigma_Y \downarrow \cong \circ \cong \downarrow \sigma_Z$$

$$F(Y) \xrightarrow{F(f)} F(Z)$$

$$\text{Aut}(F) \subset \prod_{x \in \mathcal{C}} S_{F(x)} \quad S_{F(x)} = \text{perm grp of } F(x)$$

$\cap G_5$   
 $f: Y \rightarrow Z$

$$G_F = \{ (\sigma_x) \in \prod S_{F(x)} : \sigma_Z F(f) = F(f) \sigma_Y \}$$

closed subgroup of  $\prod S_{F(x)}$

$$\text{Aut}(F) = \cap G_f \quad \text{--- } \cup \text{---}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Aut}(F)$  profinite group.

Def:  $\Pi = \text{Aut}(F)$ .

Thm:  $F: \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{H} \Pi\text{-sets} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \text{sets}$ ,  $H$  is an equivalence of categories.

$$X \longmapsto F(X)$$

$$f \longmapsto F(f)$$

$\Pi$  is unique up to (non-unique) iso.

In proof of Thm: One shows that  $F$  is pro-representable by  $(X_i) \in \mathcal{C}$ , i.e.

$$\lim_{\rightarrow} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_i, Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} F(Y)$$

$X_i$  can be chosen to be connected and Galois.

$$\text{Aut}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_i) \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\text{fin}}(F(X_i)) \text{ bijective.}$$

$$\sigma \longmapsto \sigma \circ F$$

$$\text{Then } \Pi = \varprojlim \text{Aut}_{\mathcal{C}}(X_i)$$

Lemma:  $(F_{\text{cov}}, E)$  and  $(F_{\text{ét}}, E)$  are Galois categories.

Finite étale maps  $\Leftrightarrow$  locally a trivial covering in étale topology:

$$(U, \bar{u}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (X, \bar{x}) \text{ étale nbhd.}$$

Given  $f: Y \rightarrow X$  finite étale,  $\exists U \rightarrow X$  étale nbhd

