

**Homework exercises for lecture #14**

1. (cf. Milne Exercise V.1.10a, p. 162) Let  $F$  be a constructible sheaf (of abelian groups) on  $X_{\text{ét}}$ . Show that the following are equivalent
  - (a)  $F$  is locally constant.
  - (b)  $j_{\bar{x}}^* F$  is a constant sheaf for every geometric point  $\bar{x}$ , where  $j_{\bar{x}}: X_{\bar{x}} \rightarrow X$  denotes the map from the strict henselization  $X_{\bar{x}} = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X, \bar{x}}$ .
  - (c) For every specialization  $x_1 \rightsquigarrow x_0$ , the cospecialization map  $F_{\bar{x}_0} \rightarrow F_{\bar{x}_1}$  is bijective (for some choice  $\mathcal{O}_{X, \bar{x}_0} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X, \bar{x}_1}$ ).
2. Give a counter-example to the previous exercise if  $F$  is not constructible. *Hint: take a suitable subsheaf of an infinite direct sum of constant sheaves.*
3. (cf. Milne Exercise V.1.10b, p. 162) Show that every torsion sheaf on  $X_{\text{ét}}$  is a direct limit of constructible sheaves of abelian groups.
4. (cf. Milne p. 164) Let  $X$  be a noetherian scheme. Let  $F = (F_n)$  be a constructible  $\ell$ -adic sheaf on  $X$ . Show that  $X$  is a finite union of locally closed subschemes  $Z_i$  such that  $F_n|_{Z_i}$  is locally constant for all  $n$ .
5. Give an example of a constructible  $\ell$ -adic sheaf  $F = (F_n)$  where  $F_1$  is locally constant but  $F_2$  is not.