

The projective line over \mathbb{Z} , as functor.

$$\text{For } k \text{ a field: } (a_0 : a_1) \mapsto k \cdot \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{(-a_1 \ a_0)} k^2 \twoheadrightarrow k$$

$$\mathbb{P}^1(k) = k^x \setminus (k^2 - \{0\}) = \{ \text{1-dim. subsp. of } k^2 \} = \{ \text{1-dim. quotients of } k^2 \} / \sim$$

We want to generalise this to arbitrary locally ringed spaces X .

Advantage:
 L has 2 given elements; the subspace in k^2 has a given elemt in its dual.
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 $\{ \text{1-dim. } k\text{-v.sp. } L \text{ with } s_0, s_1 \in L \text{ s.t. } L = k \cdot s_0 + k \cdot s_1 \} / \sim$
 where $(V, s_0, s_1) \sim (V', s'_0, s'_1)$
 \Downarrow
 $\exists f: V \xrightarrow{\sim} V' \text{ s.t. } f(s_0) = s'_0, f(s_1) = s'_1$

Def. Let F be an \mathcal{O}_X -module, and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$.

Then F is called locally free of rank n if $\forall x \in X \exists U \subset X$ open, containing x , s.t. $\exists \varphi: \mathcal{O}_U^n \xrightarrow{\sim} F|_U$.

Equivalently: $\forall x \in X \exists U \ni x, s_1, \dots, s_n \in F(U)$ s.t. $\mathcal{O}_U^n \xrightarrow{(s_1 \dots s_n)} F|_U$ is an isom.

Def. For X a LRS we put: $\mathbb{P}^1(X) = \{ (Z, s_0, s_1) \mid Z \text{ loc. free } \mathcal{O}_X\text{-mod. rk } 1, s_0, s_1 \in Z(X) \text{ s.t. } \mathcal{O}_X^2 \xrightarrow{(s_0 \ s_1)} Z \} / \sim$,

where $(Z, s_0, s_1) \sim (Z', s'_0, s'_1) \iff \exists \varphi: Z \xrightarrow{\sim} Z', s_0 \mapsto s'_0, s_1 \mapsto s'_1$.

Note: such a φ is unique, because, locally on X , s_0 or s_1 generates Z .

Note: $\forall U \subset X$ open: $\mathbb{P}^1(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(U)$, gives a presheaf: $\text{Open}(X) \rightarrow \text{Set}$.

Thm. This presheaf is a sheaf.

Proof. Let $(U_i)_{i \in I}$ be an open cover of X , $\bigvee_{i \in I} U_i = X$, $[(Z_i, s_{i,0}, s_{i,1})] \in \mathbb{P}^1(U_i)$, s.t. $\forall i, j: \exists \varphi_{ij}: Z_i|_{U_{ij}} \xrightarrow{\sim} Z_j|_{U_{ij}}$ s.t. $s_{i,0} \mapsto s_{j,0}, s_{i,1} \mapsto s_{j,1}$.

We must show that $\exists! [(Z, s_0, s_1)] \in \mathbb{P}^1(X)$ s.t. $\forall i \exists \psi_i: Z_i \xrightarrow{\sim} Z|_{U_i}$, $s_{i,0} \mapsto s_0, s_{i,1} \mapsto s_1$.

Let us first show the uniqueness: assume that

we have (Z, s_0, s_1) with ψ_i 's and (Z', s'_0, s'_1) with ψ'_i 's.

Then, $\forall i$ we have: $Z|_{U_i} \xrightarrow{\psi_i^{-1}} Z_i \xrightarrow{\psi'_i} Z'|_{U_i}$, s.t. $s_0|_{U_i} \mapsto s'_0|_{U_i}, s_1|_{U_i} \mapsto s'_1|_{U_i}$.

So, $\forall i, j: \psi'_i \circ \psi_i^{-1}|_{U_{ij}} = \psi'_j \circ \psi_j^{-1}|_{U_{ij}}$ bec. both do $s_0 \mapsto s'_0, s_1 \mapsto s'_1$.

Therefore $\exists! \psi: Z \xrightarrow{\sim} Z'$ s.t. $\psi|_{U_i} = \psi'_i \circ \psi_i^{-1}$, and $s_0 \mapsto s'_0, s_1 \mapsto s'_1$.

This concludes the uniqueness proof.

Now we prove the existence of a $(\mathcal{L}, s_0, s_1) \in \mathbb{P}^1(X)$ s.t.

$$\forall i \exists \psi_i: \mathcal{L}_i \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}|_{U_i}, \quad s_{i,0} \mapsto s_0, \quad s_{i,1} \mapsto s_1.$$

Here is it: for $U \subset X$ open, put:

$$\mathcal{L}(U) = \left\{ (s_i \in \mathcal{L}_i(U \cap U_i))_{i \in I} \mid \forall i, j \in I: \psi_{ij}(s_i|_{U \cap U_{ij}}) = s_j|_{U \cap U_{ij}} \right\}$$

$$s_0 \in \mathcal{L}(X): (s_{i,0})_{i \in I}, \quad s_1 \in \mathcal{L}(X): (s_{i,1})_{i \in I}.$$

One checks that \mathcal{L} is a sheaf of \mathcal{O}_X -modules, loc. free of rank 1, generated by s_0 & s_1 . Note: $\mathcal{L}|_{U_i} = \mathcal{L}_i$. □

Remark. For $(\mathcal{L}, s_0, s_1) \in \mathbb{P}^1(X)$, we set $\mathcal{L}^\vee := \underline{\text{Hom}}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{O}_X) = (U \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_U}(\mathcal{L}|_U, \mathcal{O}_U))$ as "line" in \mathcal{O}_X^2 via: $\mathcal{L}^\vee \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} s_0 \\ s_1 \end{pmatrix}} \mathcal{O}_X^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} s_0 & s_1 \end{pmatrix}} \mathcal{L}$.

Let us indeed prove that for A a ring, $a_0, a_1 \in A$ s.t. $A = A \cdot a_0 + A \cdot a_1$, the sequence $0 \rightarrow A \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix}} A^2 \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} -a_1 & a_0 \end{pmatrix}} A \rightarrow 0$ is exact.

Take b_0, b_1 in A s.t. $1 = a_0 b_0 + a_1 b_1$, and consider the homotopy:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix}} & A^2 & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} -a_1 & a_0 \end{pmatrix}} & A \\ \text{id} \downarrow & \swarrow \begin{pmatrix} b_0 & b_1 \end{pmatrix} & \downarrow \text{id} & \swarrow \begin{pmatrix} -b_1 \\ b_0 \end{pmatrix} & \downarrow \text{id} \\ A & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \end{pmatrix}} & A^2 & \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} -a_1 & a_0 \end{pmatrix}} & A \end{array}$$

This proves that $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \rightarrow 0$ is locally ~~exact~~ exact, and therefore exact.

Example. Let $A = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^2+5) = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, let $L = (2, \sqrt{-5}-1)$. $\mathbb{O}_{\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-5})}$, all non-zero ideals are invertible.

Then we have $(\tilde{L}, 2, \sqrt{-5}-1) \in \mathbb{P}^1(A)$. This point cannot be written with the usual homogeneous coordinates, because L is not free of rank 1.

Thm. $\mathbb{P}^1 : \text{LRS} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ is represented by a scheme, denoted \mathbb{P}^1 , or $\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{Z}}$.

~~Proof.~~ There are various ways to construct such a scheme.

HAG: "Proj $\mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1]$ "; glue two A^1 's along G_m . The last constr. does not respect the symmetry ($GL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ acts on \mathbb{P}^1 , in fact $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{P}^1) = PGL_2(\mathbb{Z})$)

The first constr. is nice, but should be better motivated by relating it to $\text{co}_k^x(\mathbb{A}^2 - \{0\})$, which is what I want to do now.

Recall: $G_m(A) = A^\times$. $G_m = \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[\epsilon, \epsilon^{-1}]$. $A^2 = \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1]$.

Let $U = A^2 - Z(x_0, x_1)$, open subscheme of A^2 , not affine.

For $(a_0, a_1) \in A^2(A) = A^2$:

$$(a_0, a_1) \text{ factor through } U \iff (a_0, a_1)^{-1} Z(x_0, x_1) = \emptyset \iff \begin{array}{c} \text{Spec } A \\ \cup \\ Z(a_0, a_1) = \emptyset \end{array} \iff Aa_0 + Aa_1 = A.$$

G_m acts on U : $\lambda \cdot (a_0, a_1) = (\lambda a_0, \lambda a_1)$
 \cap
 A^2 .

We can take the naive quotient: $A \mapsto Q(A) = A^\times \backslash U(A)$, but this is not a sheaf.

We have $U_\bullet = U_0 \cup U_1$, $U_0 = D(x_0)$, $U_1 = D(x_1)$, $U_0(A) = A^\times \times A$, $U_1(A) = A \times A^\times$.

G_m acts on U_0 and on U_1 , and their naive quotients are representable:

$$U_0 \xrightarrow{q_0} Q_0 : A^\times \times A \rightarrow A, (a_0, a_1) \mapsto a_0^{-1} a_1$$

$$\longleftarrow \text{Id}$$

$$(1, a) \longleftarrow a$$

These are affine; rings: $\mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{x_0}] \longleftarrow \mathbb{Z}[x_0, 1]$
 $\frac{x_1}{x_0} \longleftarrow x_{0,1}$

$\mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{x_0}]_0$: degree zero part; the G_m -action gives the \mathbb{Z} -grading; quotient \sim invariant functions.

More generally: for $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1]_d$:

$$U \supset D(f) \xrightarrow{q} D_+(f) = \text{Spec} \left(\mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{f}]_0 \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(D_+(f)) = \mathbb{Z}[x_0, x_1, \frac{1}{f}]_1, \quad s_0 = x_0, \quad s_1 = x_1.$$

This is the universal (\mathcal{L}, s_0, s_1) .