

T.A.G. 2016/02/24. Some examples of sheaves on étale sites.

1. The small étale site of a point.

let  $k$  be a field,  $S := \text{Spec}(k) = \{s\}$ ,  $k \rightarrow k^{sep}$  a separable closure,  
 $\bar{s} = \text{Spec}(k^{sep}) \rightarrow S$  the corresponding geometric point,  $\Gamma := \text{Aut}_k(k^{sep})$   
 with its profinite topology.

We recall (Pol's talk):  $\text{Set}$  objects  $f \downarrow \text{étale morphisms } X \xrightarrow{k} Y$   
 (full subcat. of  $\text{Sch}/S$ ),  $f \downarrow S \swarrow \searrow$   
 coverings: jointly surjective families  $\{X_i \rightarrow X\}_{i \in I}$   
 $\downarrow S \swarrow$

From Raoul:  $\text{Set} \xrightarrow{\text{equivalence}} \Gamma\text{-Sets} := \text{cat. of discrete continuous } \Gamma\text{-sets}$   
 $X/S \mapsto X(\bar{s})$   
 $(\text{Spec}(A) \mapsto \text{Hom}_{k\text{-alg}}(A, k^{sep}))$

$\text{Spec}(\text{Hom}_{\Gamma\text{-set}}(M, k^{sep})) \leftarrow M$  for  $M$  finite (See ~~SP 03QR~~ SP 03QR.)

$\coprod_{i \in I} \text{Spec}(\text{Hom}_{\Gamma\text{-set}}(M_i, k^{sep})) \leftarrow M = \coprod_{i \in I} M_i$   $M_i$  finite

Now sheaves:  $\text{Sh}(\text{Set}) \xrightarrow{\text{continuous action}} \Gamma\text{-sets (for discr. top)}$   $(\mathbb{F}_s)^\mathcal{U}$   
 $\mathbb{F} \mapsto \mathbb{F}_s := \text{colim}_{\substack{k \subseteq K \subseteq k^{sep} \\ \text{finite}}} \mathbb{F}(\text{Spec } k) = \text{colim}_{\substack{U \subseteq \Gamma \text{ open} \\ \text{subgroup}}} \mathbb{F}(k^{sep, U})$   
 is an equivalence, see SP 03QT.

In particular: all sheaves are representable by étale  $k$ -schemes.

Example 1.  $\mathcal{G}_m: (X \rightarrow \text{Spec } k) \mapsto \mathcal{O}(X)^\times$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_{m, \bar{s}} = k^{sep, \times} + \Gamma\text{-action}$ .  
 (exercise: what is the étale  $k$ -scheme representing this sheaf?)

2. Constant sheaves. Let  $M$  be a set. This gives the sheaf  
 $M_k: X \mapsto \{ \text{top}(X) \xrightarrow{f} M \text{ loc. const.} \}$ .  
 (exercise: what is  $(M_k)_s$ , what is the étale  $k$ -scheme representing it?)  
 SP 03YZ

Why is the fibre functor an equivalence?

2.

Set  
 $X = \coprod \text{conn. comp'ts}$

$\Gamma$ -Sets  
 $M = \coprod \text{orbits, non-empty transitive } \Gamma\text{-sets}$

$k \rightarrow K$  fin. separable  
 $\downarrow \swarrow$  field ext'n  
 $k^{sep}$

$m \uparrow M$  transitive, non-empty  
 $\uparrow \downarrow$   
 $e \uparrow \Gamma / \Gamma_m$

$k \subset K \subset k^{sep} \supset (k^{sep})^{\Gamma_m}$  now use classical Galois correspondence.

Also:  $\forall k \subset K_1 \subset k^{sep}, \forall K_1 \xrightarrow{f} K_2$   
 $\subset K_2 \subset$   $\swarrow \searrow$   $k$   $\exists \sigma \in \Gamma$  inducing  $f$ .

Important exercise.



fields, finite sep. / k,  $K \rightarrow L$  Galois,  $G := \text{Gal}(L/K)$ .

Then  $\text{Spec}(K) \leftarrow \text{Spec}(L)$  is an étale cover.

$$\text{Spec}(K) \leftarrow \text{Spec}(L) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{p_1} \\ \xleftarrow{p_2} \end{array} \text{Spec}(L \otimes_K L)$$

$$K \longrightarrow L \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p_1^*} \\ \xrightarrow{p_2^*} \end{array} L \otimes_K L$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 x & \xrightarrow{p_1^*} & x \otimes 1 \\
 x & \xrightarrow{p_2^*} & 1 \otimes x
 \end{array}$$

Now  $L \otimes_K L \longrightarrow \prod_{g \in G} L$  is an isomorphism of  $K$ -algebras, even of  $L$ -algebras  
 $x \otimes y \longmapsto (g \mapsto x \cdot g(y))$

Use this to show that for  $\mathcal{F}$  a presheaf on  $\text{Set}$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}(\text{Spec } L) \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p_1^*} \\ \xrightarrow{p_2^*} \end{array} \mathcal{F}(\text{Spec}(L \otimes_K L)) \text{ has}$$

equaliser  $\mathcal{F}(\text{Spec } L)^G$ .

2.  $G_m$  is a sheaf, Kummer sequences. (SP 03PK)

Let  $S$  be a scheme.

As Pol said,  $\forall X \rightarrow S$  in  $Sch/S$ ,  $(T \rightarrow S) \mapsto X(T) := \{ T \xrightarrow{\text{étale}} X \}$  is a sheaf for the étale topology. Maybe we will look at the proof later. (and fppf)

Example:  $G_{m,S} : \begin{array}{ccc} G_{m,S} & \rightarrow & G_m = \text{Spc}(\mathbb{Z}[x,y]/(xy-1)) \\ \downarrow \square & & \downarrow \\ S & \rightarrow & \text{Spc} \mathbb{Z} \end{array}$

Then  $\forall T \rightarrow S : G_m(T) = \text{Hom}_{Sch}(T, G_m) = \mathcal{O}(T)^\times$ .  
So we have a sheaf of groups.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\neq 1}$ . Then  $\mu_{n,S} : (T \rightarrow S) \mapsto \{ z \in \mathcal{O}(T)^\times : z^n = 1 \}$  is represented by the pullback to  $S$  of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -scheme  $\text{Spc}(\mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^n-1))$ .

So we have the sequence:  $0 \rightarrow \mu_{n,S} \rightarrow G_{m,S} \rightarrow G_{m,S} \rightarrow 0$

s.t.  $\forall T \rightarrow S : \begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mu_n(T) & \hookrightarrow & \mathcal{O}(T)^\times & \xrightarrow{f \mapsto f^n} & \mathcal{O}(T)^\times \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$

Lemma 1. The sequence is left-exact (for any topology, actually, as pre-sheaves)

- 2. If  $n \in \mathcal{O}(S)^\times$ , i.e.,  $S$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}[1/n]$ -scheme, then it is also exact on the right for the étale topology
- 3. The sequence is exact on the right for the fppf topology.

Proof. 1 is clear. For 2 and 3, let  $T \rightarrow S$  be an  $S$ -scheme, and let  $a \in G_{m,S}(T) = \mathcal{O}(T)^\times = A^\times$ .

Then  $\begin{array}{ccc} G_m & \xrightarrow{(\cdot)^n} & G_m \\ \uparrow & \square & \uparrow a \end{array}$

$\text{Spc} \left( \frac{A[x]}{(x^n-a)} \right) \rightarrow T = \text{Spc} A$   
is fppf, even finite loc. free rank  $n$ , and étale if  $n$  is inv. in  $A$ .