

# Talk 4 - Ringed Spaces

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## 4.1 Ringed Spaces

**Definition 1.** Let  $R$  be a ring. A *ringed space* is a pair  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  where  $X$  is a topological space and  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is the sheaf of  $R$ -algebras on  $X$ .

**Example 2.** The following pairs are ringed spaces:

- (a)  $(X, \mathbb{Z}_X)$  where  $\mathbb{Z}_X$  is the constant sheaf on  $X$ . (for  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ )
- (b)  $(X, \mathcal{C}^{\mathbb{R}})$  where  $X$  is an arbitrary topological space and  $\mathcal{C}^{\mathbb{R}}$  is the sheaf of continuous ( $\mathbb{R}$ -valued) functions on  $X$ . (for  $R = \mathbb{R}$ )
- (c)  $(X, \mathcal{C}^r)$  where  $X$  is an arbitrary banach space and  $\mathcal{C}^r$  is the sheaf of  $r$ -times continuous differentiable functions (with values in  $\mathbb{R}$ ). (for  $R = \mathbb{R}$ )

**Definition 3.** Let  $R$  be a ring, then a map  $\Phi : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  is *morphism of ringed spaces over  $R$*  given by a continuous map  $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$  together with a  $\phi$ -morphism of sheaves of  $R$ -algebras.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  and  $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  be ringed spaces. The map  $\Phi : (X, \mathcal{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  is an *isomorphism of ringed spaces (over  $R$ )*

$\Leftrightarrow \Phi$  is invertible

$\Leftrightarrow$  The underlying cont. map  $\phi : X \rightarrow Y$  is a homeomorphism and  $\mathcal{O}_Y \rightarrow \phi_* \mathcal{O}_X$  is an isomorphism of sheaves of  $R$ -algebras.

## 4.2 Geometric Spaces and Manifolds

**Definition 5.** Let  $R$  be a ring. A ringed space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  (over  $R$ ) is called a *geometric space* if and only if for all  $x \in X$  the stalks  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  are local rings and the stalk maps  $\Psi_x : \mathcal{O}_{Y,\phi(x)} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  are local morphisms of local rings. (i.e.  $\Psi_x(m_{\phi(x)} \subset m_x)$ )

**Remark 6.** Morphisms of geometric space are just morphisms of ringed spaces. Therefore we get a sub category  $GeoSp \subset RSP$  of ringed spaces.

**Example 7.** The following pairs are geometric spaces:

- (a)  $(\text{Spec}(R), \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec}(R)})$  where  $R$  is a ring. Thus all affine schemes are geometric spaces.
- (b)  $(X, \mathcal{C}^F)$  where  $R$  is a ring,  $F$  an  $R$ -algebra (which is a topological field),  $X$  a topological space and  $\mathcal{C}^F$  the sheaf of  $F$ -valued functions on  $X$ .
- (c)  $(X, \mathcal{C}^r)$  where  $R = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X$  a banach space and  $\mathcal{C}^r$  the sheaf of  $r$ -times differentiable,  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued functions on  $X$ .

**Definition 8.** Fix a ring  $R$  and suppose we have geometric space  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  over  $R$  (to be regarded as a 'model'). We say that a geometric space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is *locally isomorphic* to  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  if and only if for all  $x \in X$  exists an open neighbourhood  $U \subset X$  of  $x$  and an open subset  $V \subset M$  such that there exists an isomorphism  $\varphi : (U, \mathcal{O}_X|_U) \rightarrow (V, \mathcal{O}_M|_V)$ .

Given  $\mathcal{M}$  a class of model spaces  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  we say that  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is a *manifold of type*  $\mathcal{M}$  (over  $R$ ) if and only if there exists an open cover  $(U_i)_{i \in I}$  of  $X$  such that for all  $i$  the restriction of the sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X|_{U_i}$  is isomorphic to a model space  $(M, \mathcal{O}_M)$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**Example 9.** If the geometric space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  (over  $R$ ) is a manifold of type:

- (a)  $\mathcal{M} = \{(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{C}^{\mathbb{R}}) | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  we obtain topological manifolds of dimension  $n$ . (for  $R = \mathbb{R}$ )
- (b)  $\mathcal{M} = \{(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{C}^r) | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  we obtain differential manifolds of class  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  and dimension  $n$ . (for  $R = \mathbb{R}$ )
- (c)  $\mathcal{M} = \{(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{C}^w)\}$  we obtain Riemann surfaces. (for  $R = \mathbb{C}$ )
- (d)  $\mathcal{M} = \{(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathcal{C}^w) | n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  we obtain complex analytic manifolds. (for  $R = \mathbb{C}$ )
- (e)  $\mathcal{M} = \{\text{affine schemes}\}$  we obtain schemes. (for  $R = \mathbb{Z}$ )