

3. Sheaves and Cohomology.

Def: X top. space.

A presheaf \mathcal{F} of abelian groups on X consists of the data.

- (a). for every open subset $U \subset X$, an abelian group $\mathcal{F}(U)$.
- (b). for every inclusion $V \subseteq U$ of open subsets of X ,
a morphism of abelian groups $\rho_{UV}: \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(V)$.

subject to the conditions.

- (i) $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset) = 0$.
- (ii) ρ_{UU} identity map $\mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(U)$
- (iii). if $W \subseteq V \subseteq U$, open, $\Rightarrow \rho_{UW} = \rho_{VW} \circ \rho_{UV}$

As a matter of terminology, if \mathcal{F} is a presheaf on X , we refer to $\mathcal{F}(U)$ as the sections of the presheaf \mathcal{F} over the open set U . We call ρ_{UV} restriction map, and we sometimes write $s|_V$ instead of $\rho_{UV}(s)$ if $s \in \mathcal{F}(U)$.

Def: A presheaf \mathcal{F} on X (top) is a sheaf if it satisfies the following conditions.

- (i). If $\sigma \in \mathcal{F}(U \cup V)$ and $\sigma|_U = \sigma|_V = 0$,
 $\sigma = 0$.
- (ii). For any pair of open sets $U, V \subset X$, and
 $\sigma \in \mathcal{F}(U)$, $\tau \in \mathcal{F}(V)$ s.t. $\sigma|_{U \cap V} = \tau|_{U \cap V}$,
then $\exists s \in \mathcal{F}(U \cup V)$ s.t. $s|_U = \sigma$ $s|_V = \tau$.

Examples.

① X top. A abelian group.

We define the constant sheaf \mathcal{A} on X determined by A as follows: