

Hypercohomology

This is a useful generalization of ordinary sheaf cohomology. On a topological space X , a complex of sheaves (K^*, d) is given by sheaves of Abelian sheaves K^p together with sheaf maps

$$K^0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow K^p \xrightarrow{d} K^{p+1} \rightarrow \dots$$

satisfying $d^2 = 0$. In this discussion the notation does not mean that the sheaf sequence is exact. We sometimes write

$$(K^*, d) = \{ K^0 \xrightarrow{d} K^1 \xrightarrow{d} K^2 \rightarrow \dots \}.$$

Associated to a complex of sheaves (K^*, d) are the cohomology sheaves $H^q = H^q(K^*)$: Setting

$$H^q(U, K^*) = \frac{\ker \{ d: K^q(U) \rightarrow K^{q+1}(U) \}}{d K^{q-1}(U)}$$

gives rise to a sheaf H^q whose stalk is

$$H_x^q = \lim_{U \ni x} \frac{\ker \{ d: K^q(U) \rightarrow K^{q+1}(U) \}}{d K^{q-1}(U)}.$$

$$\text{If } U \subset V, \quad \begin{array}{ccc} H^q(U, K^q) & \xleftarrow{\text{restriction}} & H^q(V, K^q) \\ \text{"} & & \text{"} \\ K^q(U) & & K^q(V) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} K^q(U) & \xrightarrow{d} & K^{q+1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\ker \{ d: K^q(V) \rightarrow K^{q+1}(V) \}} & \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} \\ \uparrow r & & \uparrow r & \xrightarrow{d K^{q-1}(V)} & \xrightarrow{\ker d} \\ K^q(V) & \xrightarrow{d} & K^{q+1}(V) & & d K^{q-1}(U) \end{array}$$