

If $\varphi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is a morphism of sheaves, we define the cokernel of φ , denoted $\text{coker } \varphi$, to be the sheaf associated to the presheaf cokernel of φ . 14

Remark: A morphism $\varphi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ of sheaves is injective \Leftrightarrow the map on the sections $\varphi(U): \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U)$ is injective for each U .

The corresponding statement for surjective morphisms is not true: if $\varphi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ is surjective, the maps $\varphi(U): \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U)$ on sections need not be surjective.

However, we can say that φ is surjective \Leftrightarrow the map $\varphi_p: \mathcal{F}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_p$ on stalks are surjective for each p .

More generally, a sequence of sheaves and morphisms is exact \Leftrightarrow it is exact on stalks. (Ex. 1.2)

See for more details. Hartshorne P60 ~ P64 Algebraic Geometry.

Example $X = \mathbb{C}^* = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \exp: \mathcal{O} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}^* \\ \downarrow f & \longmapsto & e^{2\pi i f} \end{array}$$

We have U, V s.t. U, V contractible &

$$U \cup V = \mathbb{C}^*.$$

$$z \in \mathcal{O}^*(\mathbb{C}^*) \Rightarrow z|_U \in \mathcal{O}^*(U) \Rightarrow \exists \sigma_1 \in \mathcal{O}(U) \text{ s.t. } \exp(\sigma_1) = z|_U. \quad \text{Similarly we have } \sigma_2 \in \mathcal{O}(V)$$

$$\text{s.t. } \exp(\sigma_2) = z|_V. \quad \Rightarrow \quad \exp(\sigma_1)|_{U \cap V} = \exp(\sigma_2)|_{U \cap V}$$

$$\Rightarrow z|_U = 0 \text{ in } \frac{\mathcal{O}^*}{\mathcal{O}}(U), \text{ by the sheaf property (i)}$$

Since

$$\Rightarrow z|_U = 0 \text{ in } \left(\frac{\mathcal{O}^*}{\mathcal{O}}\right)(U) \text{ \& } z|_V = 0 \text{ in } \left(\frac{\mathcal{O}^*}{\mathcal{O}}\right)(V)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{By the sheaf property (i). } z = 0 \text{ in } \frac{\mathcal{O}^*}{\mathcal{O}} \Rightarrow *$$

If we assume $\frac{\mathcal{O}^*}{\mathcal{O}}$ is a sheaf, we have a contradiction.