

Last time: — categories  $\text{Sets}_X, \text{Rings}_X, \text{Ab}_X, \text{Ab}_X^{\text{pre}}$   
 — notion of an abelian category  
 (can add morphisms,  $\oplus, \ker, \text{coker}$ ,  
 additional properties exist )

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Claim:  $\text{Ab}_X^{\text{pre}}$  is an abelian category.

Why? Can do everything on the level of  $\mathcal{F}(U)$ , e.g.

$$(\mathcal{F} \oplus \mathcal{G})(U) = \mathcal{F}(U) \oplus \mathcal{G}(U) \quad \leftarrow$$

$$(\ker \pi)(U) = \ker(\pi(U): \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(U)).$$

What about  $\text{Ab}_X$ ? Issue is that the sheaf axioms  
aren't directly compatible with doing things  
 "open set by open set"

Can check:  $\oplus, \ker$  are still fine (the presheaf  
 construction actually produces a sheaf)

But there's an issue with coker:

Example:  $X = \text{top. space}$  ( $X = S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  circle  
○)

$\mathcal{M}_Y = \text{sheaf on } X \text{ of cont. functions to } Y = \text{top. space.}$

Note: If  $\pi: Y \rightarrow Z$  is a cont. map, then it induces a morphism of sheaves  $\mathcal{M}_Y \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_Z$ .

(2) if  $Y$  has the structure of an abelian group then  $\mathcal{M}_Y$  is a sheaf of abelian groups.

Consider the maps

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow{g} \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}}$$

Claim: 1) the presheaf cokernel of  $f$  fails gluing property } sheaf axioms  
2) the presheaf cokernel of  $g$  fails identity }  
for  $X = S^1$ .

2): Let  $\mathcal{F} = \text{presheaf cokernel of } g$   
 $= \text{coker}^{\text{pre}} g$

$$\mathcal{F}(U) = \{ U \xrightarrow{\text{cont}} \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \} / (\text{image of } \{ U \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \} \rightarrow \{ U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \})$$

$$\text{Get: } \mathcal{F}(U) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } U \subsetneq X = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z} \\ \mathbb{Z} & \text{if } U = X \end{cases}$$

Fails identity for  $\mathcal{F}(X)$ .

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But it turns out that any morphism in  $\text{Ab}_X$  does have a cokernel inside  $\text{Ab}_X$ ; it just isn't necessarily equal to the cokernel inside  $\text{Ab}_X^{\text{pre}}$  (and takes more work to construct)

Def: Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a presheaf on  $X$ . A sheafification of  $\mathcal{F}$  is a sheaf  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{sh}}$  on  $X$  along with a (presheaf) morphism  $\text{sh}: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}^{\text{sh}}$  s.t. for any sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $X$  and presheaf morphism  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ ,  $\tau$  factors uniquely through  $\text{sh}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F} & \xrightarrow{\text{sh}} & \mathcal{F}^{\text{sh}} \\ \searrow \tau & & \downarrow \exists! \\ & & \mathcal{G} \end{array}$$

univ. prop, so unique if it exists,  
 ("adjoint to forgetful functor")

$$\text{Mor}_{\tau \downarrow \text{Sets}_X^{\text{pre}}}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}) \cong_{\text{canonically}} \text{Mor}_{\text{Sets}_X}(\mathcal{F}^{\text{sh}}, \mathcal{G})$$

Prop: Let  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}$  be sheaves of ab. groups on  $X$  and

let  $\pi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  be a morphism.

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the presheaf cokernel  $\text{cok}^{\text{pre}} \pi$ .

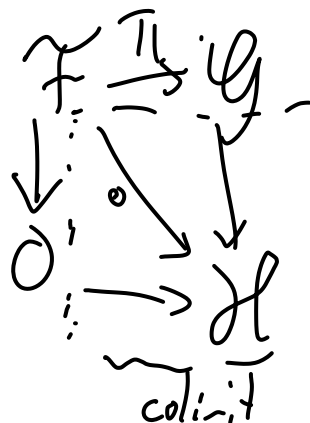
Suppose  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{sh}}$  is a (the) sheafification of  $\mathcal{H}$ .

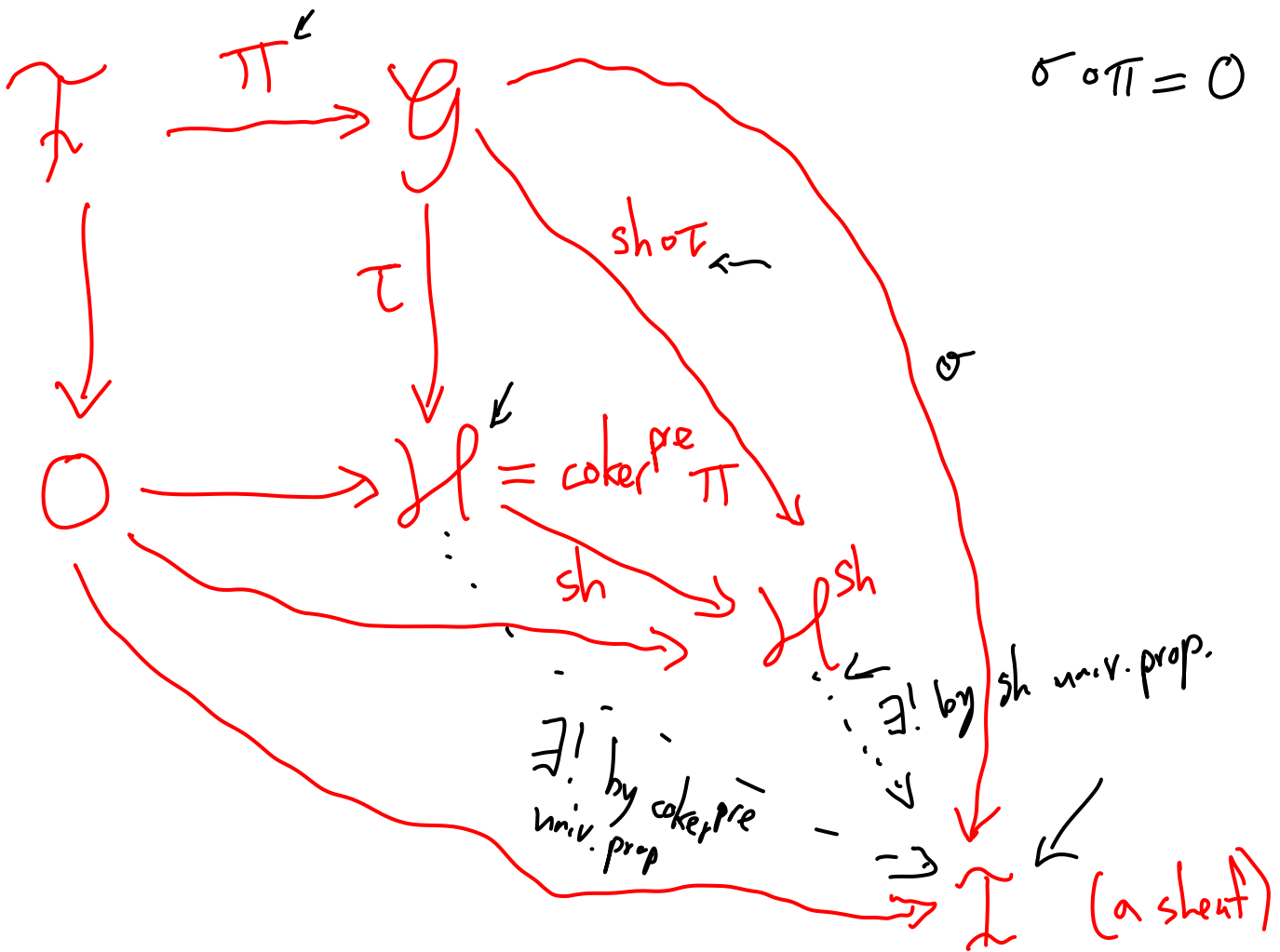
Then  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{sh}}$  is the cokernel of  $\pi$  in  $\text{Ab}_X$ .

(really have  $\mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{\bar{\tau}} \text{cok}^{\text{pre}} \pi$  and compose with

to get  $\mathcal{G} \xrightarrow{\text{sh} \circ \bar{\tau}} \mathcal{H}^{\text{sh}}$ , and that should be the cokernel)

Pf: Recall:  $\text{cokernel}(\pi)$  is the colimit of





Another perspective:

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}_X}(\mathcal{H}^{sh}, \mathcal{I}) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \ker(\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}_X}(G, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}_X}(F, \mathcal{I}))$$

$\parallel \text{sh}$   $\parallel$

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}_X^{pre}}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{I}) \stackrel{\cong}{=} \ker(\text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}_X^{pre}}(G, \mathcal{I}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Ab}_X^{pre}}(F, \mathcal{I}))$$

$\text{coker } \pi$

Thm:  $Ab_X$  is an abelian category.

Two main ingredients to the proof:

(1) Sheafifications exist (hence cokernels exist)

(2) "Exactness can be checked on stalks" }  $+ Ab$  is  
an abelian  
category

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isomorphisms can be checked on the level of stalks.

For both ingredients: useful to have def of sheaves  
in terms of stalks.

Def (of a sheaf, again): A sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  is a presheaf s.t. for any open  $U \subseteq X$ , the map

$\alpha: \mathcal{F}(U) \rightarrow \prod_{p \in U} \mathcal{F}_p$  is injective and has image

described by the "compatible germs" condition:

$(s_p \in \mathcal{F}_p)_{p \in U}$  is in the image of  $\alpha$  if and only if

if  $q \in U$ , then there exists  $\underbrace{V \subseteq U}_{\substack{\text{open} \\ q \in V}}$  and  $\underbrace{s_V \in \mathcal{F}(V)}_{\text{germ}}$

s.t.  $(s_V)_p = s_p$  for all  $p \in V$ .

Then the sheafification  $\mathcal{F}^{sh}$  of a presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  can be constructed by

$$\mathcal{F}^{sh}(U) = \left\{ (s_p) \in \prod_{p \in U} \mathcal{F}_p \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{compatible germs} \\ \text{condition for } \mathcal{F} \end{array} \right\}$$

(Need to check:  $\mathcal{F}^{sh}_p \cong \mathcal{F}_p$ , compatible germs conditions for  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{F}^{sh}$  are equiv.)

Idea here: hold stalks fixed, force presheaf to become a sheaf.

Can check:

$$\text{coker} (f: M_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow M_{\mathbb{R}}) \cong M_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}}$$

$$\text{coker} (g: M_{\mathbb{R}} \rightarrow M_{\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}}) \cong 0.$$

Lemma:  $\pi: \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  is an isomorphism ( $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \text{Sets}_X$ )

$\iff \pi_p: \mathcal{F}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_p$  is an isomorphism for all  $p$ .

Pf:  $\implies$  is immediate.

$\impliedby$ : Want to construct  $\pi^{-1}: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ .

Given  $s \in \mathcal{G}(U)$ ,  $(s_p)_{p \in U}$  are compatible.

Want to check that  $(\pi_p^{-1}(s_p))_{p \in U}$  are also compatible.

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Suppose  $q \in U$  and take  $(V, t \in \mathcal{F}(V)) = \pi_q^{-1}(s_q) \in \mathcal{F}_q$   
for  $q \in V \subseteq U$ ,

Then  $\pi(V)(t)$  and  $s|_V$  have the same germ  $s_q$  at  $q$ ,  
so they agree on some  $W \stackrel{\text{open}}{\subseteq} V$ .

But then  $\pi(W)(t|_W) = s|_W$ , so they have the same germs  
for all  $p \in W$ .

So  $(t|_W)_p = \pi_p^{-1}(s_p)$  for all  $p \in W$ .



So there is some section in  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  with germs  $\pi_p^{-1}(s_p)$  at each  $p \in U$ . Call this  $\pi^{-1}(U)(s)$ , and define a morphism  $\pi^{-1}: \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  in this way. Since  $(\pi^{-1})_p = (\pi_p)^{-1}$ ,

$\pi \circ \pi^{-1}$  and  $\pi^{-1} \circ \pi$  both induce the identity map on all stalks, and hence  $\pi \circ \pi^{-1} = \text{id}_{\mathcal{G}}$  and  $\pi^{-1} \circ \pi = \text{id}_{\mathcal{F}}$ .  $\square$