A Topology for Gluing Differential Bundles A Zariski Topology for Tangent Categories

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When $\mathscr{C} = \mathsf{Cring}^\mathrm{op}$, J_Zar and J_fpqc coincide with the Zariski and fpqc topologies.

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The Take-Away

The sheaf topos $\text{Shv}(\mathscr{C},J_{\text{Zar}})$ lets us talk about a category where we can glue differential bundles and, by carefully choosing a subcategory of $\mathsf{Shv}(\mathscr{C},\mathcal{J}_{\mathsf{Zar}})^{\mathsf{a}}$, this in turn gives us a way to define what it means to be a scheme in a tangent category!

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^aThere are details that go into this which remain to be checked carefully.

An Important Question

The question I hope to answer for you all today:

How do we glue differential bundles on, if not all tangent categories, those which are sufficiently "affine scheme-y" with "module-like" differential bundles? What do "sufficiently affine scheme-y" and "module-like" mean?

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The Reconstruction Theorem (Gabriel, Rosenberg)

Let X and Y be quasi-separated schemes and let $\mathbf{QCoh}(X)$ and $\mathbf{QCoh}(Y)$ denote their categories of quasi-coherent sheaves. If $\mathsf{QCoh}(X) \simeq \mathsf{QCoh}(Y)$ then $X \cong Y$.

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But What is a Quasi-Coherent Sheaf Really?

The full definition of a $\mathbf{QCoh}(X)$ is as the full subcategory of \mathcal{O}_X -Mod generated by sheaves on X which are locally cokernels of morphisms of free sheaves of ${\cal O}_{U_i}$ -modules.

Is there a different/more direct/tangent-theoretic to describe $\mathbf{QCoh}(X)$?

And Now, a Tangent

In [1], G. Cruttwell and J.-S. Lemay showed that for the tangent category **Sch** of schemes, for any scheme X there is an opposite equivalence

 $DBun(X) \simeq \mathsf{QCoh}(X)^{op},$

where **DBun**(X) denotes the category of differential bundles over X. So when $\mathscr{C} =$ Sch, we can glue differential bundles by working Zariski locally in X . But what should "Zariski locally" mean in a tangent category?

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What Does Being Zariski Open Buy You?

We want to give a short description of what it means to be a Zariski open

$$
f:V\to U
$$

in AffSch. Here are some observations from algebraic geometry that help us describe this.

What Does Being Zariski Open Buy You?

A Zariski open $V \rightarrow U$ must be described by an open immersion $\gamma : V \to U$ of schemes. This means f satisfies three properties right away:

- **D** It is flat (so the pullback $f^* : \mathbf{QCoh}(U) \to \mathbf{QCoh}(V)$ is left exact).
- 2 It is monic in AffSch.
- **3** It is finitely presented.

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By saying that a morphism $f: V \to U$ is finitely presented, because we are working with **AffSch** \simeq Cring^{op} we mean in the usual algebraic sense by [EGA 4, Proposition 8.14.2]: for any filtered diagram $D: I \rightarrow AffSch_{/U}$, the natural map

$$
\lim_{i \in I} \mathbf{AffSch}_{/U}(Di, V) \cong \mathbf{AffSch}_{/U}\left(\lim_{i \in I} Di, V\right)
$$

is an isomorphism.

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Because scheme theory, it is worth noting that there is some magic that happens because the schemes V and U are *affine*. In general, a morphism $f: X \to Y$ of schemes is locally finitely presented (cf. [EGA 4]) if for any filtered diagram $D: I \rightarrow$ Sch_{/Y} the map

$$
\lim_{i \in I} \mathbf{Sch}_{/Y}(Di, X) \cong \mathbf{Sch}_{/Y}\left(\lim_{i \in I} Di, X\right)
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is an isomorphism. To get full on finite presentation, we need f to also be quasi-compact and quasi-separated. However, this is not a problem for affine schemes!

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So if we have an arbitrary map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ of affine schemes, when is it a Zariski open? That is, is it enough to assume the three points (being flat, being monic, and being of finite presentation) given above?

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Let's assume that we have a flat and finitely presented morphism $f: X \rightarrow Y$ of affine schemes. Then a technical lemma Stacks Project, Tag 0011 shows that f is an open morphism. The only thing we're missing is that we need to know that $f : X \to Y$ is monic, but this is not automatic. We need to ask for this!

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So if we ask for $f: X \to Y$ to be flat, finitely presented, and monic we know that f is necessarily an open immersion and hence a Zariski open in **AffSch!** Equivalently, the affine Zariski opens Spec $B \rightarrow$ Spec A are exactly the morphisms which are:

- \bullet flat:
- 2 monic:
- **3** finitely presented.

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Since we know Zariski opens now, once we explain what it means for differential bundles to be sufficiently module-like, we'll be able to start talking a Zariski topology on tangent categories.

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In [2], B. Toën and M. Vaquiè took an approach towards extending the notion of a scheme to a category of commutative monoids in a complete and cocomplete symmetric monoidal closed category equipped with a sufficiently "module-like" (quasi-coherent) pseudofunctor.

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- For any morphism $f : X \to Y$ in \mathscr{C} , the functor $M(f) : M(Y) \to M(X)$ possesses a right adjoint $R(f) : M(X) \to M(Y)$ which is isomorphism-reflecting and pseudofunctorial in $\mathscr C$.

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Module-Like Differential Bundles

An Important (Relative) Approach

• For all pullback diagrams

in \mathscr{C} , the corresponding mate of the natural isomorphism

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M(Z) \xrightarrow{M(f)} M(X)
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Why Isomophism Reflecting?

Here is an important remark justifying needing the adjoint f_* of f^* to be isomorphism-reflecting.

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Given a map f : Spec $B \to$ Spec A, the adjoint

corresponds to the adjunction:

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Our Take-Away

We will need to know that **DBun** is sufficiently module like by having a pseudofunctor taking values $\mathsf{DBun} : \mathscr{C}^\mathsf{op} \to \mathsf{Adj}$ with isomorphism-reflecting adjoints to the pullback functors f^* .

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An Important Remark

Recall that $[1]$ showed that for a scheme X,

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As such, if we want to work with the differential bundle technology we need to flip the arrows of literally everything in sight and be really, really careful.

Algebraic Geometry Tangent Categories

An affine tangent category $\mathscr C$ is a tangent category which satisfies the following assumptions:

The differential bundle pseudofunctor takes values in the bicategory Adj whose objects are categories, whose morphisms $f : \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{D}$ are adjunctions

and whose 2-cells α : $f \Rightarrow g$ are natural transformations α : $f \Rightarrow g$:

 $DBun : \mathscr{C}^{op} \to \text{Adj}$

Algebraic Geometry Tangent Categories

The right adjoint component of $\mathsf{DBun} : \mathscr{C}^\mathsf{op} \to \mathsf{Adj}$ is a pseudofunctor $\mathsf{DBun} : \mathscr{C}^\mathrm{op} \to \mathfrak{Cat}$ where for any morphism $f: X \to Y$ in \mathscr{C} , the functor $f^* : \mathsf{DBun}(Y) \to \mathsf{DBun}(X)$ acts via pullback, i.e., via the formula (induced by)

$$
f^*(q:E \to Y) := \text{pr}_2 : E \times_Y X \longrightarrow X
$$

for all differential Y-bundles F .

The left adjoint $f_!$ of f^* is isomorphism-reflecting for all morphisms f of $\mathscr C$

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Tangent Categories for Algebraic Geometry

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Examples of affine Tangent Categories

Here are three nice examples of affine tangent categories.

- The category $AffSch_{A} = AffSch \downarrow Spec A$ for any commutative ring A.
- The CDC R Smooth of smooth maps between finite dimensional Euclidean spaces.
- \bullet For any commutative rig C, the CDC APoly of polynomials in finitely many variables with coefficients in A.

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A Non-Example of an affine Tangent Category

The category SMan is not an affine tangent category! This is because for any smooth manifold M , **DBun**(M) is equivalent to the category of vector bundles on M and in general the pullback functor

 $f^*:\mathbf{DBun}(N)\to\mathbf{DBun}(M)$ need not have an isomorphism-reflecting left adjoint.

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The category **Sch** is not an affine tangent category! This is because in general if we have a pullback square

the base change

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\beta: f^* \circ g_! \Rightarrow t_! \circ s^*
$$

need not be an isomorphism. It is when g is affine or when f is flat and g is quasi-compact quasi-separated, however.

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Theorem/A Recipe for Building More affine Tangent Categories

Let $\mathscr C$ be an affine tangent category. Then $Ind(\mathscr C)$ is an affine tangent category.

Corollary

The category Ind(**AffSch**) of affine formal schemes, the category $Ind(\mathbb{R}$ Smooth) of ind-Euclidean spaces, and the category $Ind($ *APoly*) of ind-polynomials are all affine categories.

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Flat Morphisms in a Tangent Category

Let $\mathscr C$ be an affine tangent category. We say that a morphism $f : X \to Y$ is flat if the functor

 $f^* : \mathsf{DBun}(Y) \to \mathsf{DBun}(X)$

is right exact.

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Finitely Presented Morphisms in a Tangent Category

Let $\mathscr C$ be an affine tangent category. We say that a morphism $f : X \to Y$ is finitely presented if for all cofiltered diagrams $D: I \rightarrow (\mathscr{C} \downarrow Y)$ admitting a limit there is an isomorphism

$$
(\mathscr{C} \downarrow Y) \left(\varprojlim_{i \in I} D(i), X \right) \cong \varinjlim_{i \in I} (\mathscr{C} \downarrow Y) (D(i), X).
$$

Zariski Opens in a Tangent Category

Let $\mathscr C$ be an affine tangent category. We say that a morphism $f : X \to Y$ is a Zariski open if f is monic, flat, and finitely presented.

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Quasi-Compact Covers in a Tangent Category

Let $\mathscr C$ be an affine tangent category. Then we say that a collection of morphisms $\mathcal{C} = \{f_i: X_i \rightarrow X \mid i \in I\}$ is a cover in \mathscr{C} if the functor

DBun
$$
(X)
$$
 $\xrightarrow{\langle f_i^* \rangle_{i \in I}} \prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{DBun}(X_i)$

is isomorphism-reflecting. Additionally, we say that C is quasi-compact if it admits a finite refinement.

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The Covers and Pretopologies

Let $\mathscr C$ be an affine tangent category and let X be an object of $\mathscr C$ with $C = \{f_i : X_i \to X \mid i \in I\}$ is a cover of X in \mathscr{C} . We say:

- C is a Zariski cover of X if C is quasi-compact and if f_i is a Zariski open for all $i \in I$.
- C is an fpqc cover of X if C is quasi-compact and if f_i is flat for all i ∈ I.

Write τ_{Zar} for the collection of all Zariski covers in $\mathscr C$ and τ_{fvac} for the collection of all fpqc covers in $\mathscr C$.

Theorem

Let $\mathscr C$ be an affine tangent category. The pretopologies τ_{Zar} and τ_{fpac} both induce Grothendieck topologies on $\mathscr C$.

Proposition

Let A be a commutative ring and let $\mathscr{C} := \mathsf{AffSch}_{\mathsf{A}}$. Then if J_{Zar} and J_{fnoc} are the tangent Zariski and fpqc topologies from algebraic geometry on $AffSch_{/A}$, these topologies coincide with the classical Zariski and fpqc topologies.

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- Figure out if there's a way to get **SMan** into this story...

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