

Recall $M_n / \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{n}]$ functor of $(E, \alpha) / \cong$
level- n -str.

Lemma Assume $M_n[\frac{1}{a}] / \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{an}]$ & $M_n[\frac{1}{b}] / \mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{bn}]$
representable, $(a, b) = 1$.

Then M_n representable.

If $M_n[\frac{1}{a}]$, $M_n[\frac{1}{b}]$ affine, then so is M_n .

Proof Gluing. \square

.) Our aim is to construct $M_n[\frac{1}{3}]$ using known
representability of M_3 .

(Case of $M_n[\frac{1}{2}]$ same using M_4 instead.)

.) Have projection maps $M_{mn} \rightarrow M_n$
 $(E, \alpha) \mapsto (E, m \cdot \alpha)$

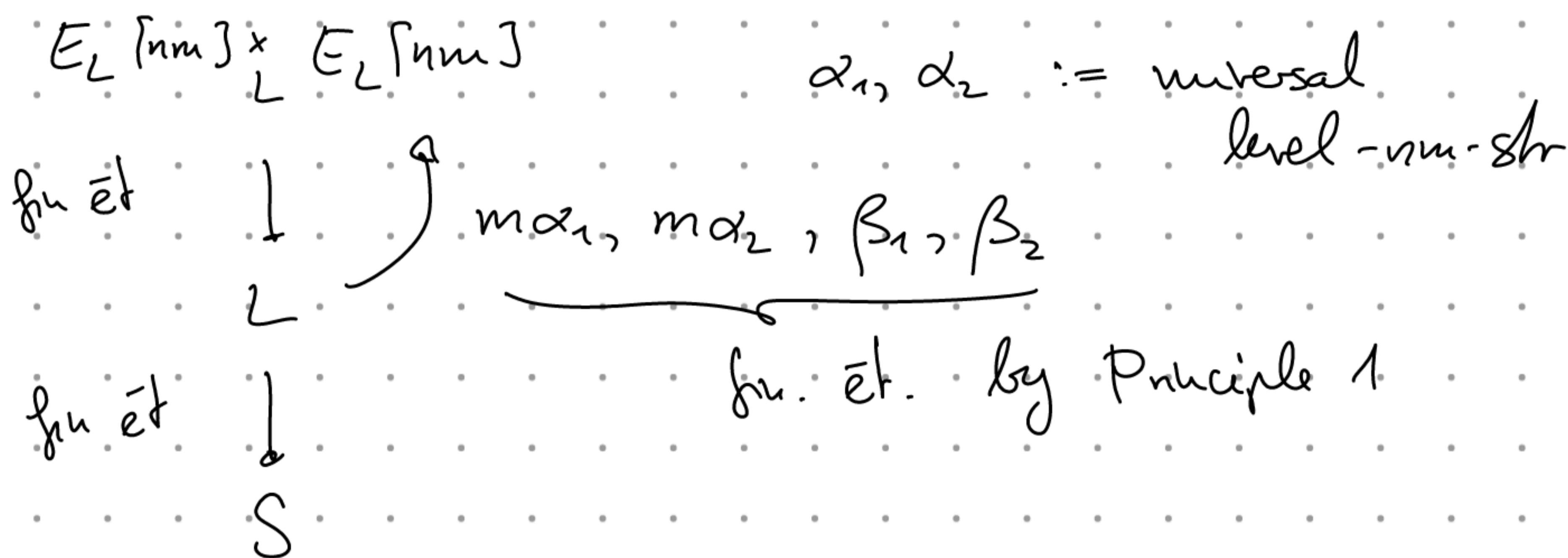
Relation: If $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in (\mathbb{Z}/mn)^{\oplus 2}$ basis as \mathbb{Z}/mn -module,
then $m\alpha_1, m\alpha_2 \in (\mathbb{Z}/n)^{\oplus 2}$ basis as \mathbb{Z}/n -module.

Lemma M_n representable $\Rightarrow M_{m \cdot n}$ representable $\forall m \geq 1$.

Proof Given $(E, \beta) / S$ EC + level- n -str,
 \exists finite étale $L(E, \beta), nm \rightarrow S$ ($nm \in \mathcal{O}_S^\times$)

$$L_{(E, \beta), nm}(T) = \left\{ \text{level-}n\text{-}m\text{-str } \alpha \text{ for } E_T \text{ s.t. } m \cdot \alpha = \beta_T \right\}$$

Indeed, $L_{(E, \beta), nm} \subseteq L := L_{E, nm}$
 open + closed subscheme where $m \cdot \alpha = \beta_T$ holds:



$$L_{(E, \beta), nm} = L_{(m\alpha_1, m\alpha_2), E_L[nm] \times E_L[nm], (\beta_1, \beta_2)} \cap L$$

\cap open + closed subscheme
 L via any projection.

Apply this to universal pair $(E, \beta) / \mu_n$. \square

Just as $L_{E, n} \rightarrow S$ ($u \in \mathcal{O}_S^\times$) before,

$$L_{(E, \beta), nm} \rightarrow S \text{ is torsor for } K_{nm-n} := \ker(GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/n) \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/n))$$

Cor $\forall n$, $M_{3n}/2\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{3n}]$ is representable by affine scheme.

Situation

$$Y_n := K_{3n \rightarrow n} \backslash M_{3n} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{q} M_{3n} \\ \xrightarrow{\phi} M_n \\ \xrightarrow{\Psi} M_n \end{array}$$

•) Assume $n \geq 3$. Then $K_{3n \rightarrow n} \subset M_{3n}$ freely. (Highly recommended) exercise.

$\Rightarrow q$ is a $K_{3n \rightarrow n}$ -torsor, u is finite étale.

•) Let $y \in Y_n(S)$. $\exists S' \xrightarrow{u} S$ finite
+ $(E, \alpha) \in M_{3n}(S')$ s.t. $q(E, \alpha) = y \circ u$.

E.g. take $S' := M_{3n} \times_{q, Y_n, y} S$

Then $\phi(E, \alpha) = (E, \exists \alpha = \beta) \in M_n(S')$

Would like $(E, \beta) \in M_n(S)$ in unique way,

then put $\Phi(y) = (E, \beta)$.

-) Conversely $(E, \beta)/S$, $\exists S' \rightarrow S$ fun et

+ level $\exists n$ str. α for $E_{S'}$ s.t. $\exists \alpha = \beta_{S'}$.

Would like $q(E_{S'}, \alpha) \in \mathcal{Y}_n(S)$ in unique way,

then put $\mathbb{F}(E, \beta) = q(E_{S'}, \alpha)$.

Descent References: Vistoli "Grothendieck topologies, fibered categories, ..." in FGA explained

BLR §6.

$R \xrightarrow{p^*} R'$ ring map, M R -module.

Have two maps $p_1^*, p_2^*: R' \rightarrow R'' := R' \otimes_R R'$

+ natural iso

$$R'' \otimes_{p_1^*, R'} (R' \otimes_R M) \xrightarrow{\cong} R'' \otimes_{p_2^*, R'} (R' \otimes_R M)$$

$$(1 \otimes 1) \otimes (1 \otimes m) \longmapsto (1 \otimes 1) \otimes (1 \otimes m)$$

Get functor $R\text{-Mod} \xrightarrow{p^*} \left\{ (M', \phi) \mid \begin{array}{l} M' \text{ } R'\text{-mod} \\ \phi: p_1^* M' \xrightarrow{\cong} p_2^* M' \end{array} \right\}$

Thm (Grothendieck, BLR Thm 6.1.4)

Assume $R \rightarrow R'$ faithfully flat. Then

1) p^* is fully faithful

2) Essential image is those (M', ϕ) that

satisfy couple conditions

$$p_1^* M' \xrightarrow{p_{12}^* \phi} p_2^* M'$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p_1^* M' & & p_2^* M' \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & p_3^* M' & \end{array}$$

p_i, p_{ij} are projections

$$\text{Spec } R'' \rightarrow \text{Spec } R', \text{Spec } R'$$

Quasi-inverse for p^* :

$$M = \{ m' \in M' \mid \phi(1 \otimes m') = 1 \otimes m' \}$$

Most important step in proof:

$$R = \{ r' \in R' \mid r' \otimes 1 = 1 \otimes r' \text{ in } R'' \}$$

Induction

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{} & X & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ \boxed{} & S & \end{array}$$

functions on S
 = fiber-wise const. fct. on X
 = functions f on X

$$\text{s.t. } f \circ p_1 = f \circ p_2$$

$$\text{for } X \times_S X \cong X$$

[BLR §6.2]

Example $(f_1, \dots, f_n) = 1$ in $R \Leftrightarrow \text{Spec } R = \bigcup_i D(f_i)$

1) $R \rightarrow R' := \prod_{i=1}^n R[f_i^{-1}]$ faith. flab.

$$R'' = \prod_{i,j} R[(f_i f_j)^{-1}], \quad R''' = \prod_{i,j,k} R[(f_i f_j f_k)^{-1}]$$

and this becomes Zariski gluing of q -coh. modules.

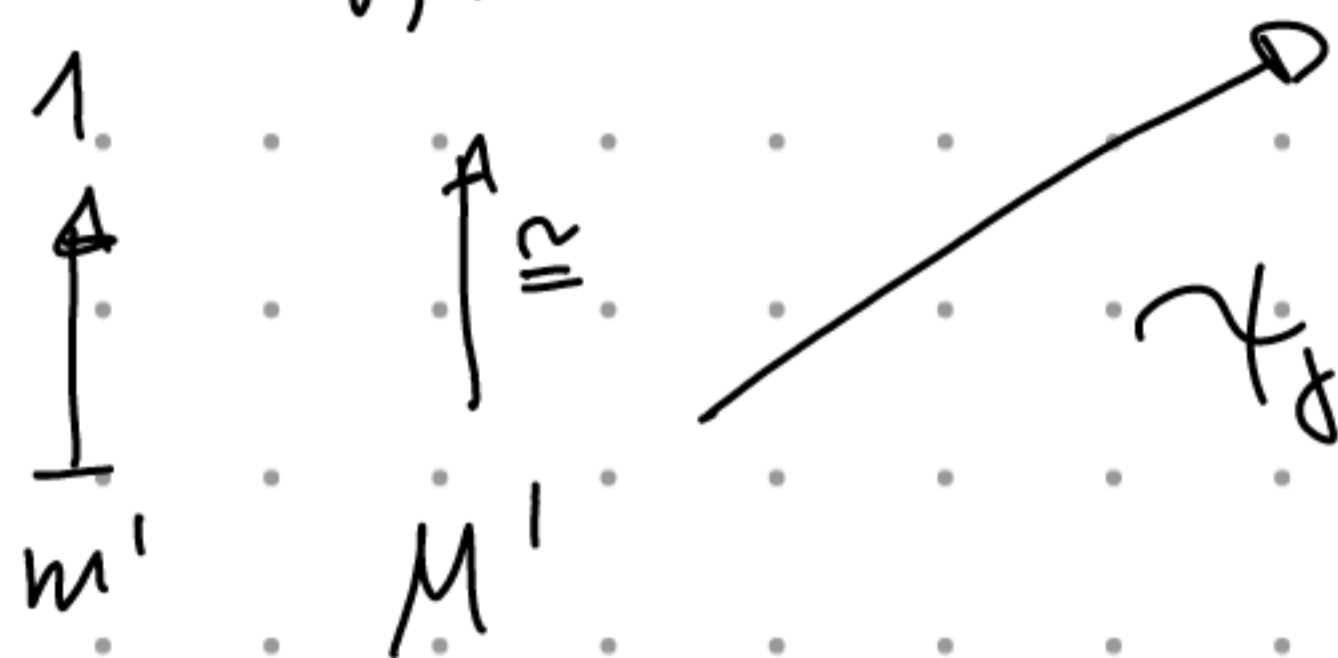
2) $\Gamma \subset R' / R$ finite étale Galois extension.

def Γ finite group $\subset R'$ s.t. $\prod_{\gamma \in \Gamma} R' \xrightarrow{\cong} R' \otimes R'$
 $\gamma: R' \xrightarrow{\cong} R'$ $(r')_\gamma \mapsto (r', \gamma(r'))$

Then $\mathcal{P}'' = \prod_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mathcal{P}'$, $\mathcal{P}''' = \prod_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2} \mathcal{P}'$.

Define $\phi : \mathcal{P}' \otimes_{\mathcal{P}'} M' \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}'' \otimes_{\mathcal{P}'} M'$

same as a family $\{ \phi_\gamma : \mathcal{P}' \otimes_{\gamma, \mathcal{P}'} M' \xrightarrow{\cong} M' \}$



Then ϕ_γ \mathcal{P}' -linear $\iff \gamma_\gamma$ γ -semilinear

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_\gamma(r' \cdot m) &= \phi_\gamma(1 \otimes r' \cdot m) = \phi_\gamma(\gamma(r') \otimes m) \\ &= \gamma(r') \cdot m \end{aligned}$$

[BLR §6.2.B]

May check: $\{ \phi_\gamma \}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$ satisfy cocycle condition

$\iff \{ \gamma_\gamma \}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$ give group action $\Gamma \curvearrowright M'$

Then specializes to $\mathcal{P}\text{-Mod} \cong \left\{ (M', \gamma) \begin{array}{l} M' \text{ } \mathcal{P}'\text{-module} \\ + \gamma : \Gamma \curvearrowright M' \end{array} \right\}$

Γ -action s.t. $\gamma(r'm) = \gamma(r') \cdot \gamma(m)$.

Functor $M \longmapsto \mathcal{P}' \otimes_{\mathcal{P}} M + \gamma(r' \otimes m) = \gamma(r') \otimes m$.

Example \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R} , σ Galois conj. $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} = \text{Spec } \mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}]$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & \text{Spec } \mathbb{C} \end{array} \quad \text{as } \sigma(\lambda t^n) = \sigma(\lambda) \cdot t^{-n}$$

Is descent datum by Example 2. Compatible w/ group

str on $\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C} \Rightarrow (\text{Aut}_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}, \sigma)$ descends to

affine group scheme $/\mathbb{R}$.

$$\text{It is } \text{Spec } (\mathbb{C}[t^{\pm 1}])^{\sigma = \text{id}}$$

$$= \text{Spec } (\mathbb{R}[t + t^{-1}, i(t - t^{-1})])$$

$$\cong \text{Spec } (\mathbb{R}[X, Y] / (X^2 + Y^2 - 1))$$

$$X = \frac{t + t^{-1}}{2}, \quad Y = \frac{i(t - t^{-1})}{2}$$

Represents functor:

$$\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{R} \longmapsto \{ x \in \mathbb{C} \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{R} \mid x \cdot (\sigma \otimes 1)(x) = 1 \}$$

Torus of elements of norm 1 in \mathbb{C} .

fppc morphisms

Def $S' \xrightarrow{p} S$ fppc $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{flat, surjective}$

+ $\forall U \subseteq S$ open quasi-compact

$\exists V \subseteq S'$ open quasi-compact w/ $p(V) = U$.

Example p flat, surj, quasi-compact.

$$S'' := S' \times_S S', \quad S''' := S' \times_S S' \times_S S'$$

Formalities like cycle condition etc. carry over.

Thm $p: S' \rightarrow S$ fppc

$$\text{Qcoh}(S) \xrightarrow{\cong} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\mathcal{F}', \phi) \quad \mathcal{F}' \text{ qcoh } \mathcal{O}_{S'}\text{-mod} \\ \phi: p_1^* \mathcal{F}' \xrightarrow{\cong} p_2^* \mathcal{F}' \end{array} \right\}$$

s.t. cycle cond holds

Idea $U = \text{Spec } R \subseteq S$ affine.

Choose $V \subseteq S'$ qc s.t. $p(V) = U$.

Write $V = \cup \text{Spec } R'_i$, pub $R' = \prod R'_i$

Then $V \times_U V = \cup \text{Spec } R'_i \otimes_R R'_j$, $R'' = \prod R'_i \otimes_R R'_j$.

Zariski descent for qcoh sheaves allows to reduce
to affine diagrams $R \leftarrow R' \rightrightarrows R''$.

Cor $p: S' \rightarrow S$ fpqc. Then

$$\left\{ X \rightarrow S \text{ affine} \right\} \xrightarrow[p^*]{\cong} \left\{ (X' \rightarrow S', \phi) \begin{array}{l} X'/S' \text{ affine} \\ \phi: p_1^* X' \xrightarrow{\cong} p_2^* X' \\ + \text{cocycle} \end{array} \right\}$$

Reason $\left\{ X \rightarrow S \text{ affine} \right\} \cong \left\{ \text{qcoh } \mathcal{O}_S\text{-algebras} \right\}$
+ above descent for qcoh modules compatible w/ \otimes

Variants Descent for affine group schemes, torsors under affine
group schemes, ...

It is NOT true that schemes satisfy fpqc
(or even étale) descent, cf. [BLR §6.7] or
[Stacks 08KE] for examples.

(This is the motivation for the defn. of algebraic spaces.)

(Schemes satisfy Zariski descent, of course.)

Descent for schemes

Def $S' \xrightarrow{p} S$ fpqc. Category of descent data

1) $\text{Des}_{S'/S} := \{ (X', \phi), X'/S' \text{ scheme}, \phi: p_1^* X' \xrightarrow{\sim} p_2^* X' \}$
s.t. cocycle holds

2) Descent datum (X', ϕ) effective $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{lies in essential image.}$

Example Assume \exists section $S \xrightarrow{s} S'$. Then every descent datum is effective: $(X', \phi) = p^* s^* X'$

Recall X quasi-affine $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X \text{ qc} + \text{isomorphic to open in affine}$

$(\Leftrightarrow) X \text{ qc} + X \rightarrow \text{Spec } \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ open immersion.

$(X \xrightarrow{f} S \text{ quasi-affine} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f \text{ qc} + \forall \text{ affine open } U \subseteq S \text{ affine open, } f^{-1}(U) \text{ quasi-aff.})$

Thm [BLR Thm 6.1.6]

1) $p^*: \text{Sch}/S \longrightarrow \text{Des}_{S'/S}$ fully faithful.

2) quasi-affine descent data are effective.

3) Assume S', S affine. Then (X', ϕ) effective \Leftrightarrow

$\Leftrightarrow \exists$ open covering of X' by ϕ -stable quasi-affines. (Equivalent: ϕ -stable affines.)

Here $U' \subseteq S'$ ϕ -stable $\Leftrightarrow \phi$ restricts to $p_i^* U' \xrightarrow{\cong} p_i^* U'$

(Rule Logic here same as for construction of quotients

for finite group actions: First construct $\text{Spec } A/G$.

Then extend to all $G \curvearrowright X$ s.t. X covered by G -stable affine opens.)

Sketch 1) & 3) omitted.

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2) By fully faithfulness from 1), may work locally on

S , i.e. assume S affine.

Replace S' by $\coprod_{i=1}^r U_i$ for $U_i \subseteq S'$ affine,

$U_i \rightarrow S$ surjective (fpqc property) \Rightarrow wlog S' affine.

Then $X' \hookrightarrow T' := \text{Spec } A'$, $A' = \Gamma(X', \mathcal{O}_{X'})$ quasi-affine.

Since $X' \rightarrow S'$ is fpqc, $\Gamma(p_i^* X', \mathcal{O}) = p_i^* A'$

ϕ provides descent datum $p_1^* A' \xrightarrow{\cong} p_2^* A'$.

Effective, yields affine $T = \text{Spec } A/S$.

$$\Rightarrow X' \subseteq \left(p^* T = S'_S \times_S T, \phi \right)$$

qc ϕ -stable open subset of descent datum.

Claim 1 $|X'| = p^{-1}(|X|)$ for subset $|X| \subseteq T$.

Proof Assume $(s'_1, t), (s'_2, t) \in S'_S \times_S T$ (scheme valued points)

where $(s'_1, t) \in X'$

In particular, s'_1 & s'_2 lie above same point in S .

Then $(s'_1, s'_2, t) \in p_1^* X'$

ϕ -stability $\Rightarrow \phi(s'_1, s'_2, t) = (s'_1, s'_2, t) \in p_2^* X'$

$\Rightarrow (s'_2, t) \in X'$ \square

Left to show

Claim 2 $|X|$ is open.

Proof $S' \rightarrow S$ flat, qc, surjective

$\Rightarrow S'_S \times_S T \rightarrow T$ flat, qc, surjective.

Prop $f: T' \rightarrow T$ flat qc surjective

$\Rightarrow f$ submersive i.e.

$U \subset T$ is open $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}U$ is open.

(Means that T has quotient topology.)

Proof Local on T , so wlog $T = \text{Spec } A$.

$T' = \bigcup_{i=1}^r T_i$ affine open covering.

Then $f^{-1}U$ open $\Leftrightarrow f^{-1}U \cap T_i$ open $\forall i$

\Rightarrow wlog $T' = \coprod T_i = \text{Spec } B$.

Assume $f^{-1}(Z) = \text{Spec } B/\mathfrak{J}$ closed.

Surjectivity of $f \Rightarrow Z = f(f^{-1}(Z))$

= image of $\text{Spec}(A \rightarrow B/\mathfrak{J})$

Fact Flat maps are generalizing (= going down).

($R \rightarrow S$ flat, $\mathfrak{p} \subset \mathfrak{p}' \subset R$, $\mathfrak{q}' \subset S$ above \mathfrak{p}'

$\Rightarrow R_{\mathfrak{p}'} \rightarrow S_{\mathfrak{q}'}$ faithfully flat, unimic surjective.)

$\Rightarrow \text{Spec } A \setminus Z = f(\text{Spec } B \setminus f^{-1}(Z))$

stable under generalizations

$\Rightarrow Z$ stable under specializations.

Final argument This implies Z closed.

$\mathbb{I} = \ker(A \rightarrow B/\mathfrak{I})$. Then Z contains all minimal primes of $\text{Spec } A/\mathbb{I}$.

Indeed, \mathfrak{p} such a prime. Then $\text{Spec}(A/\mathbb{I})_{\mathfrak{p}} = \{\mathfrak{p}\}$, and $(A/\mathbb{I})_{\mathfrak{p}} \rightarrow (B/\mathfrak{I})_{\mathfrak{p}}$ surjective by exactness of localisation. So $(B/\mathfrak{I})_{\mathfrak{p}} \neq 0$.

+ Z stable under specialisation $\Rightarrow Z = V(\mathbb{I})$. \square^3

Example $X/\text{Spec } k$ curve. Then $\coprod_{x \in X} \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{X, x} \rightarrow X$

flat + surjective. Not qc and, indeed, X does not carry quotient topology.

Question: How to conveniently ensure existence of \mathfrak{p} -stable (quasi-) affine covers?

Answer: Enrich descent datum by ample line bundle.

§ Descent w/ ample line bundles [Stacks II:28.26 II:29.37]

Def \mathcal{L} on X ample $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X$ quasi-compact & 1)

$\forall x \in X \exists n \geq 1, s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n})$ s.t.

$x \in X_s := D(s)$ & X_s affine.

2) $f: X \rightarrow S$, \mathcal{L} on X f -ample

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists$ open affine covering $S = \cup S_i$ s.t. $\mathcal{L}|_{f^{-1}(S_i)}$ ample.

Prop Existence of an ample l.b. $\implies X$ resp. f separated.

Construction X qc, \mathcal{L} lb on X .

$A := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n})$ graded ring

$U := \cup X_s, s \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}) \quad n \geq 1$
(ie $s \in A_+$)

Canonical $\gamma: U \rightarrow \text{Proj}(A)$

$x \mapsto$ ideal of s s.t. $s(x) = 0$.

Analogous $f: X \rightarrow S \in \mathbb{C}$, \mathcal{L} on X

$$\mathcal{U} := \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} f_* (\mathcal{L}^{\otimes n})$$

$$U = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \{s \mid f^* f_* (\mathcal{L}^{\otimes n}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n} \text{ surjective on } s\}$$

$$\rightarrow \exists \gamma: U \rightarrow \text{Proj } \mathcal{U}$$

Prop [Stacks 01VJ]

1) \mathcal{L} ample (resp. f -ample)

2) X quasi-separated (resp. f q.s.),

$U = X$ & γ open immersion.

Let now again $S' \rightarrow S \in \mathbb{C}$, (X', ϕ) descent datum.

compatible descent datum for line bundle \mathcal{L}' on X'

$$\text{def } \lambda: p^* \mathcal{L}' \xrightarrow{\cong} \phi^* p^* \mathcal{L}' \quad (\text{on } p_i^* X')$$

s.t. cocycle cond holds:

(on $S'' \times_{p_i S'} X'$)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 p^* \mathcal{L}' & \xrightarrow{p_{12}^* \lambda} & (p_{12}^* \phi)^* p^* \mathcal{L}' \\
 & \searrow p_{13}^* \lambda & \downarrow (p_{12}^* \phi)^* (p_{23}^* \lambda) \\
 & & (p_{13}^* \phi)^* p^* \mathcal{L}' = (p_{12}^* \phi)^* (p_{23}^* \phi)^* p^* \mathcal{L}'
 \end{array}$$

Exercise $\mathcal{L} \mapsto$ total space $L = \text{Spec}_{\mathcal{O}_S} \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} \mathcal{L}^{-n}$.

Then $\lambda: S'' \times_{P, S'} L \xrightarrow{\cong} S'' \times_{P', S'} L$

\downarrow \downarrow
 $\phi: S'' \times_{P, S'} X \xrightarrow{\cong} S'' \times_{P', S'} X$

& couple condition for λ is same as for schemes.

Thm (Grothendieck) $S' \rightarrow S$ qcqc, $X' \xrightarrow{f'} S'$ qc
 + \mathcal{L}' f' -ample. (X', \mathcal{L}', ϕ) descent datum.

Then (X', \mathcal{L}', ϕ) effective, i.e. there is (unique up to iso)

$X \xrightarrow{f} S$ + \mathcal{L} f -ample s.t.

$$(X', \mathcal{L}', \phi) \cong p^*(X, \mathcal{L}).$$

Sketch S, S' affine.

λ induces descent datum for $\mathcal{A}' = \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} f'^*(\mathcal{L}')^{\otimes n}$.

Descends to qcqc graded \mathcal{O}_S -algebra \mathcal{A} .

Given $x' \in X'$, $\exists n$ & $s' \in \Gamma(X', \mathcal{L}^{\otimes n})$

s.t. $x' \in X_{s'}$. (use \mathcal{L} ample)

Can write $s' = \sum a_i \otimes s_i$ with $s_i \in \mathcal{O}_n$

Then $s'(x') \neq 0 \implies \exists i$ with $s_i(x) \neq 0$.

Since $\lambda(1 \otimes s_i) = 1 \otimes s_i$, X_{s_i} is ϕ -stable.

Moreover, X_{s_i} quasi-affine since it equals

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{Y}(X') \cap D_+(s_i)}_{\text{affine} \subseteq \text{Proj } \mathcal{O}'} + \mathcal{Y} \text{ is } \neq \text{open immersion.}$$

□

§ Application to ECs

Prop $S' \rightarrow S$ p.p.c. Any descent datum of elliptic curves $(E', \phi)/S'$ is effective.

Proof $\mathcal{L}' := \mathcal{O}_{E'}([e'])$ relatively ample.

$\phi: p_1^* E' \rightarrow p_2^* E'$ map of ECs

$\Rightarrow \phi^*(p_2^*[e']) = p_1^*[e']$ in sense of equality of closed subschemes.

In other words, the natural map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \phi^* \mathcal{O}_{p_2^* E'} & \xrightarrow{\phi^*} & \mathcal{O}_{p_1^* E'} \\ \cup & & \cup \\ \phi^* \mathcal{I}_{p_2^*[e']} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathcal{I}_{p_1^*[e']} \end{array}$$

Its inverse provides a descent datum for \mathcal{L}' .

(Cocycle condition follows from that of ϕ .) \square

Other examples

1) Families C/S of curves of genus $g \geq 2$

($\Omega'_{C/S}$ is canonical ample line bundle)

Same with $g=0$, take $(\Omega'_{C/S})^{-1}$

2) Pairs (A, λ) , A/S projective abelian scheme

+ $\lambda : A \rightarrow A^\vee$ polarization

satisfy descent. (λ roughly corresponds to ample line bundle.)

3) Abelian schemes themselves at least satisfy étale descent.

(Group algebraic spaces are schemes.)