

1) (1): Note that it suffices to show the gluing property of sections for coverings $\{U_i\}$ s.t. $\nexists i \neq j$ with $U_i \subseteq U_j$.

For $U = \emptyset, \{p\}, X_1, X_2$ every open cover of U contains the element U
 \Rightarrow gluing property trivially true

For $U = X$ only have to check cover $\{X_1, X_2\}$. But

$$\begin{aligned} & \{(s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{O}_X(X_1) \times \mathcal{O}_X(X_2) \mid s_1 = s_2 \in \mathcal{O}_X(X_1 \cap X_2)\} = \\ & = \{(s_1, s_2) \in k[x]_{(x)} \times k[x]_{(x)} \mid s_1 = s_2 \in k(x)\} = k[x]_{(x)} \\ & \text{(as } k[x]_{(x)} \hookrightarrow k(x) \text{ injective)}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore $X_1 \cong \text{Spec } k[x]_{(x)} \cong X_2$ as schemes

$\Rightarrow X$ is scheme

(2) Assume X affine. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \cong \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_X(X) = \text{Spec } k[x]_{(x)} & & \\ \uparrow \text{3 pts.} & \uparrow \text{2 pts.} & \downarrow \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } K & \xrightarrow{g} & \text{Spec } X \\ \downarrow i & \nearrow f_i & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } R & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec } k \end{array}$$

Let $X = \text{Spec } k[x_1] \cup \text{Spec } k[x_2]$ (identifying $k[x_1][\frac{1}{x_1}] \cong k[x_2][\frac{1}{x_2}]$)

Let $\eta \in X$ generic point (i.e. zero ideal).

Definition of g :

$$g: |\text{Spec } K| \longrightarrow |X|$$

$$(0) \longmapsto \eta$$

$$g^\#: \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow g_* \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } K}$$

$$\text{given by } \mathcal{O}_X(U) \xrightarrow{\text{restr.}} \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta} \cong k(x) = (g_* \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } K})(U) \quad (\forall U \neq \emptyset).$$

Definition of f_i ($i=1,2$)

$$f_i: |\text{Spec } R| \longrightarrow |X|$$

$$(0) \longmapsto \eta$$

$$(x) \longmapsto (x_i) \in \text{Spec } k[x_i] \subseteq X.$$

$f_i^\# : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow f_{i*} \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R}$ given by:

• If $U \subseteq X$ with $(x_i) \notin U$:

$$\mathcal{O}_X(U) \xrightarrow{\text{res.}} \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta} \cong k(x) = \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R}^{(0)} = (f_{i*} \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R})(U)$$

• If $U \subseteq X$ with $(x_i) \in U$

$$\mathcal{O}_X(U) \xrightarrow{\text{res.}}, \mathcal{O}_{X, (x_i)} \cong k[x]_{(x)} = \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R}(\text{Spec } R) = (f_{i*} \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R})(U).$$

It remains to see $f_i \circ \alpha = \alpha \forall i = 1, 2, 3$:

This is obvious on topol. spaces. On sheaves we have

Case 1: $(x_i) \notin U$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (f_i \circ \alpha)^\# : \mathcal{O}_X(U) & \xrightarrow{f_i^\#} & \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta} & \cong & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R}^{(0)} & \xrightarrow{\alpha^\#} & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } k}^{(0)} \\ & & \parallel & & k[x]_{(x)} & \xrightarrow{=} & k(x) \\ \alpha^\# : \mathcal{O}_X(U) & \xrightarrow{\alpha^\#} & \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta} & \cong & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } k}^{(0)} & \xrightarrow{=} & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } k}^{(0)} \end{array}$$

and everything commutes.

Case 2: $(x_i) \in U$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (f_i \circ \alpha)^\# : \mathcal{O}_X(U) & \xrightarrow{f_i^\#} & \mathcal{O}_{X, (x_i)} & \cong & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R}(\text{Spec } R) & \xrightarrow{\alpha^\#} & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } k}(\text{Spec } k) \\ & & \parallel & & k[x]_{(x)} & \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} & k(x) \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ & & \textcircled{*} & & k(x) & \xrightarrow{=} & k(x) \\ \alpha^\# : \mathcal{O}_X(U) & \xrightarrow{\alpha^\#} & \mathcal{O}_{X, \eta} & \cong & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } k}(\text{Spec } k) & \xrightarrow{=} & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } k}(\text{Spec } k) \end{array}$$

Commutativity of $\textcircled{*}$:

Note that $\alpha^\#$ and $f_i^\#$ factor over $\mathcal{O}_X(U \cap \text{Spec } k[x_i])$! Hence

assume wlog $U \subseteq \text{Spec } k[x_i]$. Then the commutativity is simply

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{O}_{A^1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\text{res.}} & \mathcal{O}_{A^1, (x_i)} & \cong & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R}(\text{Spec } R) \\ & & \parallel & & k[x]_{(x)} \\ & & \parallel & & \downarrow \\ & & \parallel & & k(x_i) = k(x) \\ \mathcal{O}_{A^1}(U) & \xrightarrow{\text{res.}} & \mathcal{O}_{A^1, (0)} & = & \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } k}(\text{Spec } k) \end{array}$$

Less explicit but faster:

Both α and f_i are factors over $\text{Spec } k[x_i] \subseteq X$. Thus it suffices to

show:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Spec } K & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{Spec } k[x_i] \subseteq X \\ \downarrow \iota & \circlearrowleft G & \\ \text{Spec } R & \xrightarrow{f_i} & \end{array}$$

This can be done by considering the morphisms between global sections

(everything is affine!):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K & \xleftarrow{\alpha^\#} & k[x_i] \\ \uparrow \iota^\# & & \\ R & \xleftarrow{f_i^\#} & \end{array}$$

but this is nothing else than

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k(x) & \xleftarrow{x \mapsto x_i} & k[x_i] \\ \uparrow \int & & \\ k[x]_{(x)} & \xleftarrow{x \mapsto x_i} & \end{array}$$

which commutes.

3+4)

WARNING: The presheaf Nil defined by $\text{Nil}(U) = \text{Nil}(\mathcal{O}_X(U))$ (nilradical) is not a sheaf (unless X quasi-compact noeth.)

Example: $X = \coprod_{i \geq 0} X_i$, $X_i = \text{Spec } k[x]/(x^i)$. Then consider the open cover $\{X_i\}_{i \geq 0}$ of X . Then

$$x \in \text{Nil}(X_i) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X(X_i) \quad \forall i$$

but $(x, x, x, \dots) \in \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ is not in $\text{Nil}(X)$!

(1) If $s_x \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ nilpotent (for some x) $\Rightarrow s_x^n = 0 \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$
 $\Rightarrow \exists$ representative: $s \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$ ($x \in U \subseteq X$) with $s_x^n = 0$
 $\Rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ not reduced.

If $s \in \mathcal{O}_X(V)$ nilpotent (for some $V \subseteq X$) $\Rightarrow s^n = 0 \in \mathcal{O}_X(V)$
 $\Rightarrow \forall x \in V: s_x^n = 0 \in \mathcal{O}_{X,x} \Rightarrow \forall x \in X \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ non-reduced.

(2) As $(X, (\mathcal{O}_X)_{\text{red}})$ is a ringed space it suffices to show that it is locally an affine scheme. Pick any $U \subseteq X$ open s.th.

$(U, \mathcal{O}_X(U)) \cong \text{Spec } k[R]$ is affine.

Claim: $(U, (\mathcal{O}_X)_{\text{red}}|_U) \cong \text{Spec } R_{\text{red}} = \text{Spec } R/\text{Nil}(R)$.

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\rightarrow \text{Nil}(R) \rightarrow R \rightarrow R/\text{Nil}(R) \rightarrow 0 \\ \rightsquigarrow 0 &\rightarrow \text{Nil}(R)_f \rightarrow R_f \rightarrow (R/\text{Nil}(R))_f \rightarrow 0 \quad \forall f \in R \\ \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R/\text{Nil}(R)}(D_f) &= (R/\text{Nil}(R))_f \cong R_f/\text{Nil}(R)_f = R_f/\text{Nil}(R)_f \\ &= (R_f)_{\text{red}} = (\mathcal{O}_X(D_f))_{\text{red}} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow The sheaf $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R/\text{Nil}(R)}$ and the presheaf defined by $U \mapsto \mathcal{O}_X(U)_{\text{red}}$ coincide on a basis of U .

\Rightarrow The sheaves $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Spec } R/\text{Nil}(R)}$ and $(\mathcal{O}_X)_{\text{red}}|_U$ coincide

$\Rightarrow (U, (\mathcal{O}_X)_{\text{red}}|_U) \cong \text{Spec } R/\text{Nil}(R)$.

(3) Define $r: X_{\text{red}} \rightarrow X$ as the identity on topol. spaces and on sheaves as the sheafification of $\mathcal{O}_X(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(U)_{\text{red}} \quad \forall U \subseteq X$.
 (which induces $r^\# : \mathcal{O}_X(U) \rightarrow r_x(\mathcal{O}_{X_{\text{red}}})(U) = \mathcal{O}_{X_{\text{red}}}(U)$.)

(4):

Claim 1: The assertion is true for $X = \text{Spec } R$ affine.

Proof:

Then $X_{\text{red}} = \text{Spec } R/\text{Nil}(R)$ is affine as well. Then the global sections of f define:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}_Y(Y) & \xleftarrow{f^\#} & R \\ & \searrow^{g^\#} & \downarrow \text{pr.} \\ & & R_{\text{red}} \end{array}$$

As Y is reduced, $\text{Nil}(R) \subseteq \ker(f^\# : R \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(Y))$. Hence $f^\# : R \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(Y)$ factors ^{uniquely} over R_{red} and gives $g^\# : R_{\text{red}} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_Y(Y)$. Via

$\text{Hom}(Y, X_{\text{red}}) \subseteq \text{Hom}(R_{\text{red}}, \mathcal{O}_Y(Y))$ we get a ^{unique} morphism $g : Y \rightarrow X_{\text{red}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ & \searrow^{g} & \uparrow \\ & & X_{\text{red}} \end{array}$$

Claim 2: The assertion is true for all X .

Proof:

Let $X = \{U_i\}$ be an open cover of X by affines U_i . Then we have $\forall i$

a unique factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^{-1}(U_i) & \xrightarrow{f_i^\#} & U_i \\ & \searrow^{g_i} & \uparrow \\ & & U_{i, \text{red}} \end{array}$$

By uniqueness of g_i we have $g_i = g_j : f^{-1}(U_i) \cap f^{-1}(U_j) \rightarrow U_{i, \text{red}} \cap U_{j, \text{red}} \subseteq X_{\text{red}}$.

Hence the g_i glue to a unique morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \cancel{Y} & \xrightarrow{\cancel{f}} & \cancel{X} \\ Y & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ & \searrow^{g} & \uparrow \\ & & X_{\text{red}} \end{array}$$