

DAG Exercises - I - Functor of points

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I.1. Let k be a field and let $X = \mathbf{A}_k^4 = \text{Spec } k[x, y, z, w]$. Let Y be the union of the planes $\{x = 0, y = 0\}$ and $\{z = 0, w = 0\}$ and let W be the plane $\{x = z, y = w\}$. Write down the coordinate rings of Y and W . Compute $\text{Tor}_i^{\mathcal{O}(X)}(\mathcal{O}(Y), \mathcal{O}(W))$ for all i . Compute

$$\sum_i (-1)^i \text{len}_k(\text{Tor}_i^{\mathcal{O}(X)}(\mathcal{O}(Y), \mathcal{O}(W))).$$

I.2. Let \mathcal{C} be a (small) category and let $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C})^\heartsuit = \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set})$.

- Show that limits and colimits in $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C})^\heartsuit$ are computed pointwise in the following sense: for any object $X \in \mathcal{C}$ and any diagram $F: I \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C})^\heartsuit$, the limit and colimit $\lim_{i \in I} F_i$ and $\text{colim}_{i \in I} F_i$ exist and the natural maps $(\lim_{i \in I} F_i)(X) \rightarrow \lim_{i \in I} (F_i(X))$ and $\text{colim}_{i \in I} (F_i(X)) \rightarrow (\text{colim}_{i \in I} F_i)(X)$ are isomorphisms.
- Show that the Yoneda embedding $h: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C})^\heartsuit$ preserves any limits that exist in \mathcal{C} .
- Find an example of a category \mathcal{C} which has finite colimits but where $h: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C})^\heartsuit$ does not preserve finite colimits.

I.3. Find necessary and sufficient conditions for $\text{Spec } R$ to represent a functor $\text{Aff}_k \rightarrow \text{Set}$ valued in groups. What about in commutative groups? The answer should be expressed in terms of extra structures on R .

I.4. Write down the structures you found in Exercise I.3 in the case of the group schemes \mathbf{G}_a , \mathbf{G}_m , μ_n , and α_p . Here, for $R \in \text{CAlg}_{\mathbf{Z}}$,

- $\mathbf{G}_a(R) = R$ as a group under addition,
- $\mathbf{G}_m(R) = R^\times$ as a group under multiplication, and
- $\mu_n(R) = \{u \in R : u^n = 1\}$,

while for $R \in \text{CAlg}_{\mathbf{F}_p}$

- $\alpha_p(R) = \{x \in R : x^p = 0\}$.

I.5. Prove that in characteristic p the schemes μ_p and α_p are isomorphic, but not as group schemes.

I.6. Recall that \mathbf{P}^1 is covered by two copies of \mathbf{A}^1 which intersect in \mathbf{G}_m . Show that the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{G}_m & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{A}^1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{A}^1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{P}^1 \end{array}$$

is a pushout square in $\text{Shv}_\tau(\text{Aff}_k)^\heartsuit$ but not in $\mathcal{P}(\text{Aff}_k)^\heartsuit$. Let P denote the pushout in $\mathcal{P}(\text{Aff}_k)^\heartsuit$. Show that the τ -sheafification of P is \mathbf{P}^1 .