

# The prismatic site

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# Presheaves on a topological spaces as functors

$X = \text{topological space}$   $(X) = \text{category where}$   
 $\text{small}$   
 $\text{ob; } (U) = \text{open sets}$

A presheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $X$  morphisms are inclusions,  
valued in some category  $\mathcal{C}$   
is a contravariant functor  $\mathcal{F}: (X) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

A sheaf is a presheaf that preserves colimit of  
diagrams of form  $\{V_i \rightrightarrows V_j\} \rightrightarrows \{V_i\} \rightarrow U$   
where  $U$  open covered by  $\{V_i\}$ .

# Indiscrete Grothendieck topologies

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a (small) category. global sections

$$\Gamma \dashv \dashv \Gamma^{\circ}(\mathcal{C}, F) = \lim_{X \in \mathcal{C}} F(X)$$

left exact  $\Rightarrow$  right derived functors

$$H^i(\mathcal{C}, F) = R\Gamma^i(\mathcal{C}, F)$$

$\text{Pshv}(\mathcal{C}) =$   
presheaves of  
abelian groups on  $\mathcal{C}$   
[declare all  
presheaves are  
sheaves]

## Example: inverse limits and $R^1$

$$C = \{ 0 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \dots \}$$

$$H^0(C, F) = \varprojlim F(n) \quad H^1(C, F) = R^1 \varprojlim F(n)$$

$$\sim \quad H^i(C, F) = 0 \quad \forall i \geq 2.$$

Weakly final objects  $\mathcal{C} = \text{category}$

Final object is  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  s.t.  $\forall Y \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X)$   
is a singleton.

Weakly final object is  $X \in \mathcal{C}$  s.t.  $\forall Y \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, X) \neq \emptyset$ .

$K = \text{field}$

e.g.  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Rings}_K$  all subrings of ~~algebraic~~ algebraic field  
has weakly final objects (algebraic closure)  
(related to Galois cohomology)  
extensions

## Cohomology via a weakly final object

Lemma  $\mathcal{C}$  = (small) category admits finite nonempty products, & suppose  $X$  = weakly final.

Then for any  $F \in \text{Psh}(\mathcal{C})$ ,  $R\Gamma(\mathcal{C}, F) \leftarrow D(\mathcal{A})$  equals the Čech-Alexander complex

$$0 \rightarrow F(X) \rightarrow F(X * X) \rightarrow F(X * X * X) \rightarrow \dots$$

derived from Čech nerve.

(Check equality to  $H^0$

and check coefficientable  $\mathcal{J}$ -functor.)

# Preview: the Čech nerve as a simplicial object

$\Delta =$  category of finite <sup>nonempty</sup> ordered sets  
 (order preserving map)

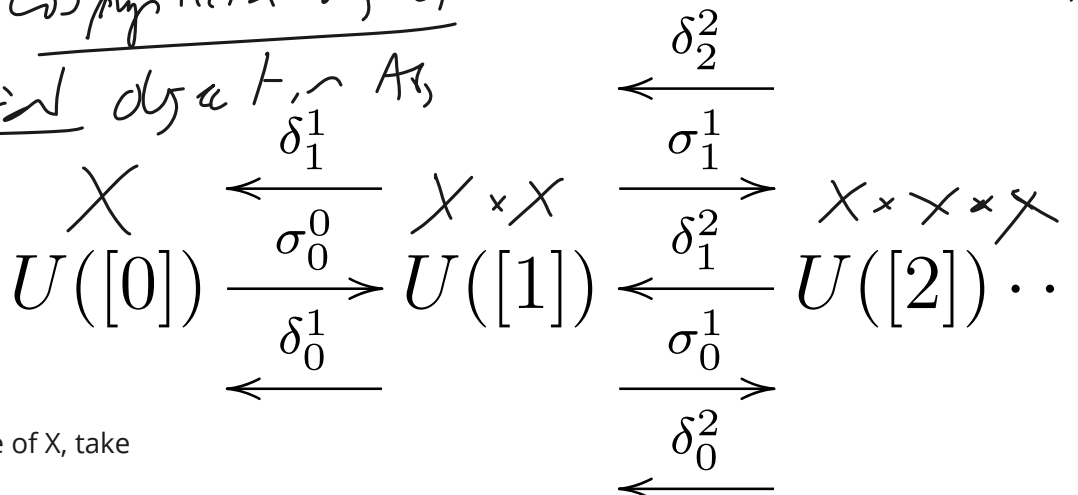
$\{0\} \rightleftarrows \{0,1\} \rightleftarrows \{0,1,2\}$

$\mathcal{C} =$  any category. A simplicial object is functor  $\Delta^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$   
 A cosimplicial object is cov. functor  $\Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

Given a cosimplicial object  $t_n$  in  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

Set  $\check{C}-A$  complex

$$d^n = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \delta_i^{n+1}$$



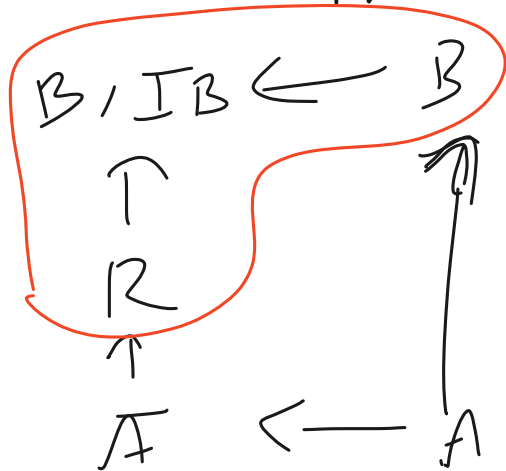
A generic simplicial object. For the Čech nerve of  $X$ , take  $U([n])$  to be the  $(n+1)$ -fold product of  $X$ .

# The prismatic (oppo-)site

Let  $(A, I) = \text{prism}$   
 $\bar{A} = A/I$  slice

$R \in \text{Rings}$   $\bar{A}$   
 naive prismatic oppo-site

$(R/A)_{\Delta}^{\text{op}}$  is category of objects



$$(A, I) \rightarrow (B, IB) +$$

$$R \rightarrow B/I$$

morphisms are morphisms of these diagrams (in Rings)



## Some sample objects of the prismatic site

If  $R = \bar{A}$ , then  $\Delta_{R/A}$  final object:  $(R \cong \bar{A} \leftarrow A)$   
( $R = A$ )

but if  $R \neq \bar{A}$ , usually no final object  
(but there is a weakly final object!)

$R = \bar{A}\langle X \rangle$  (completion of  $\bar{A}\langle X \rangle$ )

$B = (p, \mathbb{I})$ -completion of  $A\langle X \rangle$   $\mathcal{J}(X) = 0$ .

# Prismatic and Hodge-Tate cohomology

on  $(R/A)_{\Delta}$  define (pre) sheaves of rings:

$$\Theta_{\Delta} : (R \rightarrow B \rightrightarrows B \leftarrow B) \leadsto B \quad \text{structure preserved}$$

$$\bar{\Theta}_{\Delta} : (R \rightarrow B \rightrightarrows B \leftarrow B) \leadsto B/I \quad \text{"reduced structure preserved"}$$

cohomology of this is prismatic cohomology,  $\mathbb{D}_{R/A} \in \mathcal{D}^{\geq 0}(A)$

cohomology of this is Hodge-Tate cohomology,  $\bar{\mathbb{D}}_{R/A} \in \mathcal{D}^{\geq 0}(\bar{A})$  (no canonical ops)

## Prismatic envelopes

Lemma:  $(A, I)$  prism.

Forgetful functor  $\text{Prism}_{(A, I)} \rightarrow \text{Rings}_{\sqrt{A}}$

has a left adjoint (prismatic envelope).

PT  $A \rightarrow B$  need to have:

$B = \text{derived } (e, d)\text{-complete}$ .

and  $d$  is a non-zero-divisor  
( $\pi_B(d) \neq 0$ ).

(assume  
 $I = (d)$ )

## Finite nonempty products in the prismatic site

$\Rightarrow$  existence of <sup>finite</sup> products in  $\text{Prism}_{\mathbb{A}^1} \mathbb{E}$   
(b/c  $\mathbb{R}ms$  of  $\mathbb{A}^1$  are products)

## The prismatic site has weakly final objects

- Also get weakly final objects.

- Core is/w/with free  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $A$ ,  
etc.

1.  $\mathcal{F}$  from  $\overline{A}$  to  $A$

is not

canonical (anything else is canonical).