

# Geometric Morphisms

Prop: Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a locale and let  $\mathbb{1} \in \text{Sh}(\mathcal{L})$  be the terminal sheaf. Then there is an isomorphism of locales

$$\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Sub}(\mathbb{1}).$$

Pf Given  $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ , the  $\ell \xrightarrow{!} \mathbb{1}$  is mono since every arrow in a poset is, and  $\mathcal{L} \xrightarrow{y} \text{Set}^{\mathcal{L}^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{a} \text{Sh}(\mathcal{L})$  is left exact  $\Rightarrow y(\ell) \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$  is also mono.

$\leadsto \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \text{Sub}(\mathbb{1})$  which is clearly injective, (underlying sets)

It also preserves arbitrary meets since  $y$  preserve all limits and any representable is a sheaf (we didn't show this, but it's easy),

$$\text{Let } \text{Sub}(\mathbb{1}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}$$

$$S \xrightarrow{\text{!}} \mathbb{1} \longrightarrow \bigvee \{ \ell \in \mathcal{L} \mid S(\ell) \neq \emptyset \} =: \bigvee_S$$

Claim  $y(\bigvee_S) \cong S$ . To see this, note that since  $S$  is a sheaf, if  $(\ell_i)_i$  is a set s.t.  $S(\ell_i) \neq \emptyset \forall i \Rightarrow S(\bigvee \ell_i) \neq \emptyset$ , since if  $S(\ell_i) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow S(\ell_i) = \mathbb{1}$  and

$$S(\bigvee_i \ell_i) \xrightarrow{\sim} \lim_{\leftarrow} (\prod_i S(\ell_i) \rightrightarrows \prod_{i,j} S(\ell_i \wedge \ell_j))$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $S(\ell_i) \neq \emptyset$  then  $S(\ell_i \wedge \ell_j) \neq \emptyset$  and hence  $\lim_{\leftarrow} (\# \rightrightarrows \#) \cong \#$ .

$\therefore S(\bigvee_S) \cong \#$ . (This argument shows  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \text{Sub}(\mathbb{1})$  preserves joins).

Now, if  $S(U) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow S(U) = \#$  and  $U \leq \bigvee_S \Rightarrow y(\bigvee_S)(U) = \#$ .

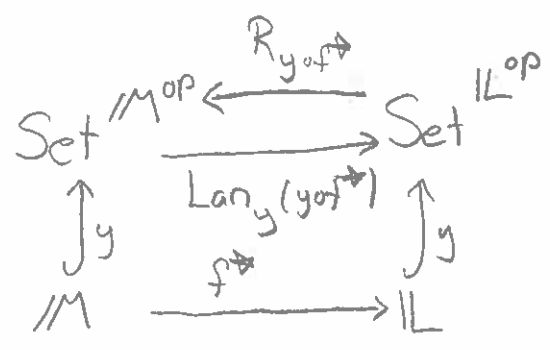
Conversely, if  $y(\bigvee_S)(U) = \# \Rightarrow U \leq \bigvee_S \Rightarrow \exists! \underset{\#}{\ell} \in \mathcal{L} \text{ s.t. } S(\bigvee_S) \longrightarrow S(\ell) \Rightarrow S(\ell) \neq \emptyset$

$\therefore S(U) \cong \#$ .  $\square$

Let  $f: \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{M}$  be a morphism of locales.

$$\begin{matrix} \downarrow \\ f^* \end{matrix} : \mathbb{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{L} \text{ in Frm.}$$

Consider:



$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{y \circ f^*}(X)(m) &\cong \text{Hom}(y(m), R_{y \circ f^*}(X)) \\
 &\cong X(f^*(m))
 \end{aligned}$$

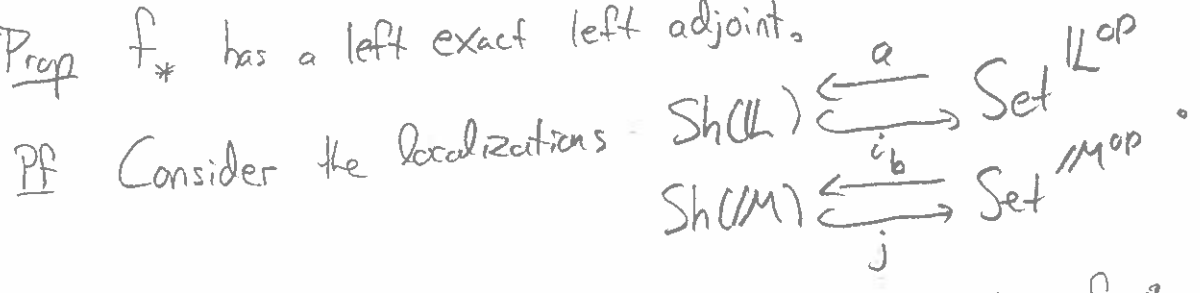
$$\Rightarrow R_{(y \circ f^*)}(X) = X \circ (f^*)^{op}$$

Prop  $R_{(y \circ f^*)}$  restricts to a functor

$$f_* : \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathbb{M}).$$

Pf  $f^*$  sends covers to covers.

Prop  $f_*$  has a left exact left adjoint.



Claim:  $a \circ \text{Lan}_y(y \circ f^*) \circ j$  is left adjoint to  $f_*$ .

Let  $F \in \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L}), G \in \text{Sh}(\mathbb{M})$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hom}_{\text{Sh}(\mathbb{L})}(a \circ \text{Lan}_y(y \circ f^*) \circ j(G), F) &\cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}^{\mathbb{L}^{op}}}(\text{Lan}_y(y \circ f^*) \circ j(G), i(F)) \\
 &\cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}^{\mathbb{M}^{op}}}(j(G), R_{(y \circ f^*)} \circ i(F)) \\
 &\cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}^{\mathbb{M}^{op}}}(j(G), j(f_* F)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Sh}(\mathbb{M})}(G, f_* F).
 \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $a$  and  $j$  preserve all limits, so it suffices to

show that  $\text{Lan}_y(y \circ f^*)$  is left exact. But  $\mathcal{M}$  has

finite limits,  $y \circ f^*$  is left exact and  $\text{Set}^{\text{LOP}}$  is a topos

(so satisfies Girard's axioms) so the lemma from last time

$\Rightarrow \text{Lan}_y(y \circ f^*)$  is left exact.

Notation  $a \circ \text{Lan}_y(y \circ f^*) \circ j =: f^*$

So we get that from a morphism of locales

$f: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  a pair of adjoint functors

$$\text{Sh}(\mathcal{L}) \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{f^*} \\ \xrightarrow{f_*} \end{matrix} \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M}), f^* \dashv f_*$$

s.t.  $f^*$  preserves finite limits.

Def Let  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  be Grothendieck topoi.

A geometric morphism  $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{F}$  consists of a pair of adjoint functors  $\mathcal{E} \begin{matrix} \xleftarrow{\mathcal{Y}^*} \\ \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Y}_*} \end{matrix} \mathcal{F}$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}^* \dashv \mathcal{Y}_*$  s.t.  $\mathcal{Y}^*$  is left exact

Prop For  $\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{M}$  locales, there is a natural bijection between

1) morphisms of locales  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$

2) isomorphism classes of geometric morphisms  $\text{Sh}(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M})$

Pf We have already seen that  $f: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  gives rise to

a geometric morphism  $\text{Sh}(f) := (f_*, f^*): \text{Sh}(\mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M})$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $(\mathcal{Y}_*, \mathcal{Y}^*) : \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathbb{M})$

is a geometric morphism.

Both  $\mathcal{Y}_*$  and  $\mathcal{Y}^*$  are left exact  $\Rightarrow$  they restrict to adjoint functors

$$\text{Sub}_{\mathbb{L}}(\mathbb{1}) \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\overline{\mathcal{Y}^*}} \\ \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Y}_*} \end{matrix} \text{Sub}_{\mathbb{M}}(\mathbb{1})$$

with  $\overline{\mathcal{Y}^*}$  left exact since  $\mathcal{Y}^*$  is. By the first proposition,

$$\leadsto \mathbb{L} \xleftarrow{\overline{\mathcal{Y}^*}} \mathbb{M} \text{ in } \overline{\text{Frm}}.$$

It remains to show these constructions are mutually inverse.

Let  $f : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{M}$ . Since  $f^* : \mathbb{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$  preserves arbitrary joins, (colimits)  $\exists!$  right adjoint  $f_* : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathbb{M}$  (functor of posets).

It suffices to show  $f_*$  restricted to  $\text{Sub}_{\mathbb{L}}(\mathbb{1})$  is  $f_{\rightarrow}$ .

But for,  $l \in \mathbb{L}$ ,  $f_*(y(l)) = y(l) \circ (f^*)^{\text{op}}$ , i.e.

$$f_*(y(l))(m) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{L}}(f^*(m), l) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{M}}(m, f_{\rightarrow}(l))$$

$\Rightarrow f_*(y(l)) = y(f_{\rightarrow}(l))$  as desired.

Conversely, let  $\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{P}_*, \mathcal{P}^*) : \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L}) \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathbb{M})$ .

Let  $\Psi = \text{Sh}(\overline{\mathcal{P}^*})$ . WTS  $\Psi \cong \mathcal{P}$ .

Note: For  $F \in \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_*(F)(m) &\cong F(\overline{\mathcal{P}^*}(m)) \cong \text{Hom}(y(\overline{\mathcal{P}^*}(m)), F) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}(\mathcal{Y}^*(y(m)), F) \\ &\cong \text{Hom}(y(m), \mathcal{Y}_*(F)) \cong (\mathcal{P}_*(F))(m). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Def Let  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{top}}$  denote the following 2-category:

The objects are Grothendieck topoi. For two objects  $\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}$ ,

$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{top}}}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F})$  is the following category:

objects: geometric morphism  $(\mathcal{Y}_*, \mathcal{Y}^*) : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

arrows:  $\alpha : (\mathcal{Y}_*, \mathcal{Y}^*) \rightarrow (\mathcal{Z}_*, \mathcal{Z}^*)$  are

natural transformations  $\alpha : \mathcal{Y}^* \Rightarrow \mathcal{Z}^*$

Denote by  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{top}}'$  the (2,1)-category obtained by only considering natural isomorphisms above.

Rmk With a little care, one can improve the previous proposition to give an eq'l of categories

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Loc}}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{top}}}(\text{Sh}(\mathcal{I}), \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M})),$$

where  $\nearrow$  has objects frame morphisms  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$  and arrows are natural transformations  $\mathcal{M} \Downarrow \mathcal{I}$  (if they exist, they are unique).

In particular there is an eq'l

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\text{Loc}}(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{M}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{T}_{\text{top}}'}(\text{Sh}(\mathcal{I}), \text{Sh}(\mathcal{M})) \\ \downarrow \text{set} & & \downarrow \text{groupoid} \end{array}$$

so that  $\text{Sh} : \text{Loc} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T}_{\text{top}}'$  is full and faithful.

Def A Grothendieck topos is localic if it is in the essential image of  $\text{Sh}$ .

Rmk By composition,  $\exists$  a functor

$$\text{Top} \xrightarrow{\Theta} \text{Loc} \xrightarrow{\text{Sh}} \mathcal{Y}_{\text{op}}$$

which is f&f when restricted to sober spaces.

Rmk For sober  $T_1$  spaces (e.g. Hausdorff spaces)  $X, Y$

$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{Y}_{\text{op}}}(\mathcal{O}(X), \mathcal{O}(Y))$  has only identity arrow, so

$$\text{Top} \xrightarrow{\text{Sh}} \mathcal{Y}_{\text{op}}$$

(Non-identity morphisms in  $\mathcal{Y}_{\text{op}}$  for non  $T_1$ -spaces are useful in algebraic geometry.)

Question: Given  $\mathcal{E}$  a Groth. tops and  $\mathbb{L}$  a locale, what do geometric morphism  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L})$  look like?

$\Leftarrow$   $\mathcal{Y}^* : \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  colimit preserving and left exact, so are determined by  $\mathcal{Y}^* \circ \bar{y} : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}^* = \text{Lan}_{\bar{y}}(\mathcal{Y}^* \circ \bar{y})$

where  $\bar{y} = (\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{y} \text{Set}^{\text{loc}} \xrightarrow{a} \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L}))$ .

Note:  $\mathcal{Y}^* \circ \bar{y}$  is left exact, so  $\mathcal{Y}^*$  is determined by a left exact functor  $\Theta : \mathbb{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ .

When does such a left exact  $\Theta$  induce a  $\mathcal{Y}^*$ ?

$$\Theta \circ \bar{y} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \text{Set}^{\text{loc}} & \xleftarrow{R_\Theta} & \mathcal{E} \\ \uparrow y & \xrightarrow{\text{Lan}_y \Theta} & \uparrow \mathcal{Y}^* \\ \mathbb{L} & \xrightarrow{\Theta} & \mathcal{E} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E} & \xleftarrow{\mathcal{Y}^*} & \text{Sh}(\mathbb{L}) \\ \uparrow \bar{y} & & \end{array}$$

(claim: which induces an adjunction  $\Leftrightarrow R_\Theta(\mathcal{E})$  is a sheaf  $\forall E \in \mathcal{E}$ .

In such a situation,  $\mathcal{Y}^*$  will be left exact since  $\text{Lan}_y \Theta$  is. since  $\mathbb{L}$  and  $\Theta$  are.

⇐ is clear and for ⇒ given  $(\mathcal{F}_*, \mathcal{F}^*)$  consider 7.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Set}^{\mathcal{L}^{\text{op}}} & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\mathcal{E}} \\ \xrightarrow{\alpha} \end{array} & \text{Sh}(\mathcal{L}) & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\mathcal{F}_*} \\ \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}^*} \end{array} & \mathcal{E} \\
 \uparrow \mathcal{Y} & & & & \\
 \mathcal{L} & \xrightarrow{\Theta = \mathcal{F}^* \circ \mathcal{Y}} & & & R_{\Theta} = \mathcal{E} \circ \mathcal{F}_* \text{ takes values in sheaves.}
 \end{array}$$

$\mathcal{F}^* \circ \alpha = \text{Lan}_{\mathcal{Y}} \Theta$  by universality.  
(both admit preserving...)

So, when is  $R_{\Theta}(E)$  a sheaf  $\forall E$ ?

⇔  $\forall (I_{\alpha} \subseteq I)$  with  $I = \bigvee_{\alpha} I_{\alpha}$ ,

$$R_{\Theta}(E)(I) \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \lim_{\leftarrow \alpha} (\prod_{\alpha} R_{\Theta}(E)(I_{\alpha}) \rightrightarrows \prod_{\alpha/\beta} R_{\Theta}(E)(I_{\alpha} \wedge I_{\beta})) \quad \forall E$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Hom}}{\cong} \lim_{\leftarrow \alpha} (\prod_{\alpha} \text{Hom}(\Theta(I_{\alpha}), E) \rightrightarrows \prod_{\alpha/\beta} \text{Hom}(\Theta(I_{\alpha} \wedge I_{\beta}), E))$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Hom}}{\cong} \text{Hom}(\text{colim}_{\alpha/\beta} (\prod_{\alpha/\beta} \Theta(I_{\alpha} \wedge I_{\beta}) \rightrightarrows \prod_{\alpha} \Theta(I_{\alpha})), E)$$

$$\text{so } R_{\Theta}(E) \text{ is a sheaf } \forall E \Leftrightarrow \left( \Theta(\bigvee_{\alpha} I_{\alpha}) = \text{colim}_{\alpha/\beta} (\prod_{\alpha/\beta} \Theta(I_{\alpha} \wedge I_{\beta}) \rightrightarrows \prod_{\alpha} \Theta(I_{\alpha})) \right)$$

$\forall I_{\alpha} \quad \star$

But note:  $\Theta$  is left exact  $\Rightarrow \Theta(1) = 1$  and  $\Theta(I \rightarrow 1) : \Theta(I) \rightarrow 1$  is mono,

so  $\Theta$  factors through  $\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1) \rightsquigarrow \tilde{\Theta} : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1)$  'left exact'

(i.e. preserves finite meets) and  $\star \Rightarrow \tilde{\Theta}$  preserves arbitrary joins

$\Rightarrow \tilde{\Theta}$  is a map of frames  $\Leftrightarrow \hat{\Theta} : \text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  in  $\text{Loc}$ .

Remark If  $\mathcal{E} \cong \text{Sh}(M)$  and  $\mathcal{F} \cong \text{Sh}(f)$  for  $f : M \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ ,

then  $\text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1) \cong M$  and  $\hat{\Theta} = f$ .

Cor:  $\text{Sh} : \text{Loc} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_{\text{op}}$  has a left adjoint  $\mathcal{Y}_{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Loc}$   
 $\mathcal{E} \mapsto \text{Sub}_{\mathcal{E}}(1) =: \text{Loc}(\mathcal{E})$

Def  $\text{Loc}(\mathcal{E})$  is called the localic reflection of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

Cor Set is the terminal object in  $\mathcal{Yop}$ . 8.

Pf Sh is a right adjoint so preserves limits.

If  $\mathbb{F}$  is a frame,  $\exists! \{0, 1\} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathbb{F}$  since  $\mathcal{F}$  must preserve 0 and 1  
 $\Rightarrow \{0, 1\} = \mathcal{O}(\ast)$  is terminal in Loc.

$\Rightarrow \text{Sh}(\mathcal{O}(\ast)) \cong \text{Sh}(\ast) \cong \text{Set}$  is terminal in  $\mathcal{Yop}$ .  $\square$

Explicitly: If  $\mathcal{E} \xleftarrow[\mathcal{F}_\ast]{\mathcal{F}^\ast} \text{Set}$  is a geometric

morphism,  $\mathcal{F}^\ast$  is left exact  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\ast(1) = 1$  and preserves colimits

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{F}^\ast(X) \cong \mathcal{F}^\ast\left(\coprod_{x \in X} \ast\right) \cong \coprod_{x \in X} 1.$$

Now,  $\mathcal{F}_\ast(E) \cong \text{Hom}(1, \mathcal{F}_\ast(E)) \cong \text{Hom}(\mathcal{F}^\ast 1, E) \cong \text{Hom}(1, E).$

Notation  $\mathcal{F}^\ast = \Delta$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_\ast = \Gamma$  = "global sections".

If  $\mathcal{E} = \text{Sh}(Y)$ ,  $\Delta(X)$  is the sheafification of the constant sheaf w/ value  $X$ , and  $\Gamma(F) = F(Y)$  = global sections.

Def A geometric morphism  $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{F}$  is a geometric embedding if  $\mathcal{F}_\ast$  is full and faithful.

From the Homework (HW 7) we have the following corollary:

Cor There is a bijection between

1) (isom classes of) geometric embeddings  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \text{Set}^{\text{cop}}$

2) Grothendieck topologies on  $\mathcal{C}_0$