

SHEAVES ON PRIME SPECTRUMS OF QUASI B -RINGS

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1. Introduction.

Let A be a commutative ring with 1, the prime spectrum $\text{Spec}(A)$ of A is the topological space with Zariski topology. That is, $\text{Spec}(A)$ is the set of all prime ideals of A whose closed sets are of the form $V(E)$, where E is a subset of A and $V(E)$ the set of all prime ideals of A which contain E ([1], [7]).

The object of this paper is to define a quasi B -ring (§2), since we can define a sheaf on the prime spectrum of such a ring by using basic open sets (§2 and §4).

We also give an example of a quasi B -ring in §3, and finally prove that

$$H_{\varphi}^0(X, \bar{S}) \cong \Gamma_{\varphi}(X: \prod_{x \in X} A_{p_x})$$

$$H_{\varphi}^n(X, \bar{S}) = 0 \quad (n > 1).$$

where A is a quasi B -ring, $X = \text{Spec}(A)$, \bar{S} = the sheaf on X is defined by using basic open sets of X , $\{H^n\}$ = the cohomology functors and φ a family of supports on X (Theorem 3 in §4).

Throughout this paper the word "ring" shall mean a commutative ring with 1.

2. Properties of $\text{Spec}(A)$.

Let A be a ring, For each $f \in A$ we denote the complement of $V(f)$ in $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ by X_f . Then every open set in X is the union of open sets X_f , since

$$X - V(E) = X - \bigcap_{f \in E} V(f) = \left(\bigcap_{f \in E} V(f) \right)^c = \bigcup_{f \in E} V(f)^c = \bigcup_{f \in E} X_f,$$

where $V(f)^c$ is the complement of $V(f)$ and E is a subset of A . This means that the family of open sets X_f is a basis of open sets for the Zariski topology ([6]). The sets X_f are called *basic open sets* of X .

PROPOSITION 1. $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ is compact. More generally, each X_f ($f \in A$) is compact.

PROOF. Assume $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i\}_{i \in I}$ is open covering of X . Since $\{X_f\}_{f \in A}$ is a base, for each $x \in U_i$ there exists an open set X_{f_i} with $x \in X_{f_i} \subset U_i$. Therefore we have an open covering $\{X_{f_i}\}_{i \in I}$ of X which is induced by \mathcal{U} . Thus, it follows from $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} X_{f_i} \in \bigcup_{i \in I} V(f_i)^c = (\bigcap_{i \in I} V(f_i))^c = (V(\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i))^c$ that $V(\bigcup_{i \in I} f_i) = \emptyset = V(1)$, and therefore there exist g_1, \dots, g_n in A such that $\sum_{i=1}^n g_i f_i = 1$, where $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \bigcup_{i \in I} f_i$. This implies that $V(\{f_1, \dots, f_n\}) = V(1)$, and thus $X = X_{f_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{f_n}$. The second part of this proposition is proved by the same way as above.

We give the following conditions into $\text{Spec}(A) = X$:

- (C₁) Each element of X is closed.
- (C₂) Each X_f is open and closed in X .
- (C₃) Each open set of X is a compact subset.

THEOREM 1. Let $\text{Spec}(A)$ satisfy the above conditions (C₁), (C₂), (C₃). Then $\text{Spec}(A)$ is a discrete topological space.

PROOF. Let x be a point of X . By (C₁) x is a closed set of X . We have to prove that x is also open in X . Since $X - x$ is open there exist f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n in A such that $X - x = X_{f_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{f_n}$. Since each X_{f_i} is closed in X (by (C₂)), $X_{f_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{f_n} = X - x$ is closed. Therefore x is open.

Note that $x = p_x$ (: a prime ideal of A) is closed in X if and only if p_x is a maximal ideal of A . We give one more condition (C₄) below into $\text{Spec}(A)$:

- (C₄) a finite union $X_{f_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{f_n}$ ($f_i \in A$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$) is equal to X_f for some $f \in A$.

A ring satisfying conditions (C₁)-(C₄) above is called a *quasi B-ring* (for examples, see the next section).

3. Boolean rings.

Let A be a ring. If for each $x \in A$ $2x = 0$ and $x(1+x) = 0$ then A is called a *Boolean ring*. In a Boolean ring A , for each $x \in A$ $x^2 = x$, because of $2x = 0$ and $x(1+x) = 0$, $x^2 = -x$. Therefore we have that A is a Boolean ring and for each $x \in A$ $x = x^2$.

PROPOSITION 2. *Let A be a Boolean ring. Then*

- i) *every prime ideal p of A is maximal and A/p is a field with two elements,*
- ii) *every finitely generated ideal in A is principal ideal.*

PROOF. Suppose a prime ideal p of A . Then there exists an element x in A such that $x \notin p$. By the definition, $x(1+x) = 0 \in p$ which implies that $1+x \in p$. Thus $1 \equiv x \pmod{p}$ and therefore $A/p = \{[0], [1]\}$, where $[0]$ and $[1]$ are the classes containing 0 and 1, respectively. We complete the proof of i). For proof of ii), it suffices to consider an ideal $Ax_1 + Ax_2$, where $x_1, x_2 \in A$. Put $y = x_1 + x_2 + x_1x_2$, then we get $x_1 = x_1y$, $x_2 = x_2y$ and $x_1x_2 = x_1x_2y$ and therefore $Ax_1 + Ax_2 = Ay$.

For a Boolean ring A , we shall prove the following.

PROPOSITION 3. *Let $X = \text{Spec}(A)$. Then*

- i) *Each $x \in X$ is closed in X .*
- ii) *For each $f \in A$, the set X_f is open and closed in X .*
- iii) *For $f_1, \dots, f_n \in A$ there exists an element f in A such that $X_{f_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{f_n} = X_f$*
- iv) *X is a compact Hausdorff space.*

PROOF. i) is easily proved by i) of the preceding proposition.

ii) : There exists a maximal ideal p of A such that $f \in p$. In this case $g = 1+f$ is not in p . By the definition of a Boolean ring we have $f+g=1$. Thus

$$V(\{f, g\}) = V(1) = V(f) \cap V(g) = \phi,$$

$$(V(f) \cap V(g))^c = V(f)^c \cup V(g)^c = \phi^c = X, \quad X_f \cup X_g = X$$

Since $X_f \cap X_g = X_{fg}$ and $f \circ g \equiv f(1+f) = 0$ we have $X - X_g = X_f - X_{fg} \equiv X_f - X_0 = X_f$ and therefore X_f is closed (Note: $X_0 = X - V(0) = \phi$).

iii) : $X_{f_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{f_n} = V(f_1)^c \cup \dots \cup V(f_n)^c = (V(f_1) \cap \dots \cap V(f_n))^c = V(\{f_1, \dots, f_n\})^c = V(A_{f_1} + \dots + A_{f_n})^c$. By ii) of Proposition 2, there exists an element f in A such that $Af = Af_1 + \dots + Af_n$, and thus $X_{f_1} \cup \dots \cup X_{f_n} = V(Af)^c = V(f)^c = X_f$.

iv) : Note that each element x of X is the maximal ideal p_x of A . Take two elements x and y in X with $x \neq y$. Then $p_x \neq p_y$. We can choose two elements f and g in A such that $f \in p_x$, $g \in p_y$, $f \notin p_y$, $g \notin p_x$ and $f+g=1$ (see proof of ii of this proposition). In this case, X_f is an open neighborhood of y , X_g is an open neighborhood of x , and $X_f \cap X_g = X_{fg} = \phi$. Therefore X is a Hausdorff space.

Let A be a finite Boolean ring. By the preceding proposition, A is a quasi B-ring.

4. The sheaf of a quasi B -ring.

In this section we only deal with quasi B -rings. Therefore the word "ring" means a quasi B -ring. Let A be a ring, and let $X = \text{Spec}(A)$. By the definition in the section 2, each open set in $\text{Spec}(A)$ is of the form X_f for some $f \in A$. We want to define a presheaf on $\text{Spec}(A)$, using basic open sets.

PROPOSITION 4. *If $X_g \subset X_f$ in $\text{Spec}(A)$, then there exists an equation of the form $g^n = uf$ for some integer $n > 0$ and some $u \in A$*

PROOF. $X_g \subset X_f$ implies that $X - V(g) \subset X - V(f)$. From $V(f) \subset V(g)$ we know that there exist $u \in A$ and $n > 0$ such that $g^n = uf$.

We put $S = \{f, f^2, \dots\}$ and $S^{-1}A = A_f$. The process of passing from A to A_f is *localization at $\{f, f^2, \dots\}$* .

Using the preceding proposition we define a A -module map $\rho_{g,f}: A_f \rightarrow A_g$ by $\rho_{g,f}(a/f^m) = u^m a/g^{nm}$ where $X_g \subset X_f$ and $a \in A$. In this case, if $X_g = X_f$ then $A_g = A_f$, because there exist u_1, u_2 in A such that $g^m = u_1 f$ and $f^n = u_2 g$ for some $m, n > 0$, and

$$[\rho_{f,g} \circ \rho_{g,f}](a/f^p) = \frac{u_1^p u_2^{mp} a}{f^{mnp}} = \frac{a}{f^p}.$$

We define two categories X_A and M_A as follows:

X_A = the category of all basic open sets of $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ and inclusion map,

M_A = the category of all A -modules and A -module maps.

PROPOSITION 5. *The contravariant functor $S: X_A \rightarrow M_A$ which is defined by $S(X_f) = A_f$ and $S(i) = \rho_{g,f}$ for any inclusion map $i: X_g \rightarrow X_f$ is a presheaf on X . Furthermore, for every point $x \in X$, the stalk S_x at x is isomorphic to A_p where $x = p$ is a prime ideal of A .*

PROOF. For the first part of this proposition, it suffices to prove that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_f & \xrightarrow{\rho_{h,f}} & A_h \\ & \searrow \rho_{g,f} & \nearrow \rho_{h,g} \\ & A_g & \end{array}$$

is commutative, where $X_h \subset X_g \subset X_f$, because $\rho_{f,f}$ is the identity map ([5], [8]). From the relation $X_h \subset X_g \subset X_f$ we have equations $g^n = u_1 f$, $h^p = u_2 g$ and $h^q = u_3 f$, where $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in A$ and $n, p, q > 0$. For any element $\frac{a}{f^m} \in A_f$,

$$\rho_{h,g} \circ \rho_{g,f} \left(\frac{a}{f^m} \right) = \frac{u_2^{nm} u_1^m a}{h^{pnm}}, \rho_{h,f} \left(\frac{a}{f^m} \right) = \frac{u_3^m a}{h^{qm}}$$

Since we have

$$au_2^{nm} u_1^m h^{qm} = au_3^m u_2^{nm} u_1^m f^m = au_3^m u_2^{mn} g^{nm} = au_3^m h^{pnm}$$

we get

$$\frac{u_2^{nm} u_1^m a}{h^{pnm}} = \frac{u_3^m a}{h^{qm}} \text{ in } A_h.$$

Thus the above diagram is commutative.

Next, we have to prove that

$$\lim_{x \in X_f} A_f \cong A_p.$$

Noting that the following are equivalent

- (i) $x \in X_f$, (ii) $x \in X - V(f)$, (iii) $f \in A - p_x$.

we know that there is the canonical map $A_f \rightarrow A_p$, assigns $\frac{a}{f_n}$ with $\frac{a}{f^n}$. Thus

we have to prove that

i) If $\frac{a}{f} = \frac{b}{g}$ in A_p , where $\frac{a}{f} \in A_f$ and $\frac{b}{g} \in A_g$, then there exists α in A such that $x \in X_\alpha \subset X_f$, $X_\alpha \subset X_g$ and $\rho_{\alpha,f} \left(\frac{a}{f} \right) = \rho_{\alpha,g} \left(\frac{b}{g} \right)$ in X_α ,

ii) Conversely, if $\frac{a}{f} \in A_f$ and $\frac{b}{g} \in A_g$ are equal in some A_h such that $x \in X_h \subset X_f$ and $X_h \subset X_g$ then $\frac{a}{f} = \frac{b}{g}$ in A_p .

Proof of i): Note that

$$\frac{a}{f} = \frac{b}{g} \text{ in } A_p, \text{ iff there exists } h \in A - p_x \text{ such that } h(ag - bf) = 0$$

There are two maps $\rho_{fgh,f} : A_f \rightarrow A_{fgh}$ and $\rho_{fgh,g} : A_g \rightarrow A_{fgh}$ such that $\rho_{fgh,f} \left(\frac{a}{f} \right) = \frac{agh}{fgh}$ and $\rho_{fgh,g} \left(\frac{b}{g} \right) = \frac{bfh}{fgh}$, respectively. Since $agh = bfh$ we have $\frac{agh}{fgh} = \frac{bfh}{fgh}$ in A_{fgh} . Put $\alpha = fgh$ then i) has been proved.

Proof of ii). From $\rho_{h,f}\left(\frac{a}{f}\right) = \rho_{h,g}\left(\frac{b}{g}\right)$ we get $\rho_{fgh,f}\left(\frac{a}{f}\right) = \frac{agh}{fgh} = \rho_{fgh,g}\left(\frac{b}{g}\right) = \frac{bfh}{fgh}$ in A_{fgh} . Thus we have the equation $(fgh)^m(agh - bfh) = 0$ i. e. $(fgh)^m h(ag - bf) = 0$. Since f, g and h are in $A - p_x$, $(fgh)^m h$ is also in $A - p_x$ and therefore $\frac{a}{f} = \frac{b}{g}$ in A_{p_x} .

THEOREM 2. *The presheaf S as above is the sheaf (\bar{S}, π, X) on $\text{Spec}(A) = X$ such that for each $x \in X$, $\pi^{-1}(x) = A_{p_x}$ and for each open set U of X , $S(U) = \bar{S}(U)$, where $x = p_x$, π the canonical projection and $\bar{S}(U) =$ the set of all sections of \bar{S} over U .*

PROOF. We want to prove that for $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} X_{f_i}$ and $\left\{ \frac{a_i}{f_i} \in A_{f_i} \right\}_{i \in I}$ with $\rho_{f_i f_j, f_i} \left(\frac{a_i}{f_i} \right) = \rho_{f_i f_j, f_j} \left(\frac{a_j}{f_j} \right)$, there exists a unique element a in A such that $\rho_{f_i, 1}(a) = \frac{a_i}{f_i}$ for all $i \in I$ (note: $X = X - V(1) = X_1 \supset X_{f_i}$). In order to do this, it suffices to deal with the cases that f_i has no a_i as a factor for all $i \in I$. Assume f_i is not divisor of a_i , then

$$\frac{a_i f_j}{f_i f_j} = \frac{a_j f_i}{f_i f_j} \quad \text{in } A_{f_i f_j} \quad (\text{note: } X_{f_i} \cap X_{f_j} = X_{f_i f_j}).$$

Therefore there is a positive integer $n \geq 1$ such that $(f_i f_j)^n (a_i f_j - a_j f_i) = 0$ and we have $(f_i f_j)^n a_i f_j = (f_i f_j)^n a_j f_i = 0$, because of $a_i f_j \neq a_j f_i$ except $a_i f_j = 0 = a_j f_i$. This implies that

$$\frac{a_i f_j}{f_i f_j} = \frac{a_j f_i}{f_i f_j} = 0 \quad \text{in } A_{f_i f_j}.$$

Therefore

$$\frac{a_i f_j}{f_i f_j} = \frac{a_j f_i}{f_i f_j} \neq 0$$

in $A_{f_i f_j}$ implies that there exists a unique element a in A such that $a_i = a f_i$ for all $i \in I$. For all $i \in I$, $\rho_{f_i, 1}(a) = \frac{a f_i}{f_i}$, where $\rho_{f_i, 1} : A \rightarrow A_{f_i}$ and therefore we complete our proof (because the presheaf S satisfies the conditions (S_1) and (S_2) in pages 5-6 of [5]).

Recall that $\text{Spec}(A)$ is a discrete topological space (§2). This implies that \bar{S} is

also a discrete topological space, and therefore we have the sheaf isomorphism $\bar{S} \approx \prod_{i \in X} A_p$ (with the discrete topology) (for details see [5] or [8]). In consequence the sheaf \bar{S} on $\text{Spec}(A)$ is *flabby*. Let φ be a family of supports on X , and $\Gamma_\varphi(U, \bar{F})$ be the set of all sections of a sheaf \bar{F} on U over X , where U is an open set of X . Since each \bar{F} has an injective resolution we can define the cohomology functors of \bar{F} as follows:

$$H_\varphi^n(X, \bar{F}) = R^n \Gamma_\varphi(X, \bar{F}) \quad (n \geq 0)$$

where $\{R_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ are the right derived functors of the contravariant functors Γ_φ (for details see [5] or [8]), Using that every flabby sheaf is φ -acyclic for any φ the following is clear (see p. 35 of [5]).

THEOREM 3. *Let A be a quasi B-ring. There exists a unique sheaf \bar{S} on $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ up to isomorphism such that for each open set $U (= X_f$ for some $f \in A$) $\bar{S}(U) \cong A_f$, which is flabby. That is, for any family φ of supports on X*

$$H_\varphi^0(X, \bar{S}) \cong \Gamma_\varphi(X; \prod_{x \in X} A_p), \quad H_\varphi^n(X, \bar{S}) = 0, \quad n > 1$$

Moreover, if φ is the set of all closed subsets of X then $H_\varphi^0(X; \bar{S}) = H^0(X, \bar{S}) \cong \prod_{x \in X} A_p$.

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