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for some coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{I}$  of ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ . An *open analytic subspace* of  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is just a restriction  $(U, \mathcal{O}_X \mid U)$ ,  $U$  open in  $X$ . An *analytic subspace* of an analytic space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is a closed analytic subspace  $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$  of the open analytic subspace  $(\mathbb{C} \bar{Y} \cup Y, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C} \bar{Y} \cup Y})$  of  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , provided  $\mathbb{C} \bar{Y} \cup Y$  is indeed open in  $X$ , i.e.  $Y$  is locally closed in  $X$ .

*Examples.* The “single point”  $(0, \mathbb{C})$  is an analytic subspace of the “double point”  $(0, \mathbb{C} \{x\}/(x^2))$ , but not conversely. The double point is, however, a closed analytic subspace of, e.g.,  $(\mathbb{C}, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}})$ . A “point” of an analytic space will always mean a single point embedded in  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  by means of a map  $(0, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

### 1.3. Operations on analytic spaces.

In this section we shall write  $X$  for the analytic space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ .

a) *Product.* By a general definition in the theory of categories, a product of two analytic spaces  $X, X'$  is a triple  $(Z, \pi, \pi')$  where  $Z$  is an analytic space and  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X, \pi' : Z \rightarrow X'$  are two morphisms with the following property:

Given any analytic space  $Y$  and any pair  $f : Y \rightarrow X, f' : Y \rightarrow X'$  of morphisms there exists a unique morphism  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  such that  $f = \pi \circ g, f' = \pi' \circ g$ .

For example, the product of  $\mathbb{C}^p$  and  $\mathbb{C}^q$  is  $\mathbb{C}^{p+q}$ , according to proposition 1.2.4.

We shall see that a product of analytic spaces always exists. The uniqueness of  $g$  clearly implies the uniqueness of the product  $(Z, \pi, \pi')$  up to isomorphism; we denote one such  $Z$  by  $X \times X'$ .

To prove that the product always exists, let us suppose first that  $X$  and  $X'$  are special models, i.e.  $X$  is defined by a triple  $(U, f, F)$  where  $U$  is open in  $\mathbb{C}^n, F$  is a finite-dimensional complex linear space, and  $f : U \rightarrow F$  is an analytic map; similarly for  $X'$ . We claim that the special model  $Z$  defined by  $(U \times U', f \times f', F \times F')$  is a product. Indeed, from the description of the morphisms into a special model provided by Proposition 1.2.5. it follows that we have natural maps  $\pi : Z \rightarrow X, \pi' : Z \rightarrow X'$  induced by the projections  $U \times U' \rightarrow U, U \times U' \rightarrow U'$ . Also, if  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  and  $f' : Y \rightarrow X'$  are given,  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  is determined by

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccccc} & f \nearrow & X & \rightarrow & U & \searrow & & \\ & & & & & & U \times U' & \\ Y & & & & & & & \\ & f \searrow & X' & \rightarrow & U' & \nearrow & & \end{array} \end{array}$$

In the general case we take  $X \times X'$  as the ringed space whose topological underlying space is the cartesian product of the underlying space of  $X$  and  $X'$ , and whose structure sheaf is given locally by the product of local models for  $X$  and  $X'$ . (From the uniqueness “up to isomorphism” of the product results that these sheaves stick together in a well-determined way).

b) *Kernel of a double arrow.* If  $X \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{u} \\ \xrightarrow{v} \end{matrix} Y$  is a double arrow, i.e. a pair of morphisms, a kernel  $X'$  of  $(u, v)$  is an analytic subspace of  $X$  such that the morphisms of an arbitrary analytic space  $Z$  into  $X'$  are exactly the morphisms  $h$  of  $Z$  into  $X$  such that  $u \circ h = v \circ h$ . In other words, if  $i : X' \rightarrow X$  is the natural map of  $X'$  into  $X$ , the morphisms  $h : Z \rightarrow X'$  satisfy  $u \circ i \circ h = v \circ i \circ h$  and if a morphism  $g : Z \rightarrow X$  satisfies  $u \circ g = v \circ g$ , then  $g = i \circ h$  for some  $h : Z \rightarrow X'$ . To prove the existence of the kernel it suffices, again, to do this locally, i.e. for special models. If  $X$  is defined by  $(U, f, F)$  and  $Y$  by  $(V, g, G)$  we may (perhaps, after restricting  $U$ ) extend  $u$  and  $v$  to maps  $\bar{u}, \bar{v} : U \rightarrow E$  where  $E$  denotes the complex linear space of which  $V$  is an open subset. The kernel is then defined by the triple

$$(U, f \times (\bar{u} - \bar{v}), F \times E).$$

It follows from the Proposition 1.2.5. that this special model satisfies the universal property of kernels.

*Example 1.* The kernel of  $\mathbf{C} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{t} \\ \xrightarrow{-t} \end{matrix} \mathbf{C}$  is the simple point  $\{0\}$ ,  $t$  denoting the identity of  $\mathbf{C}$ .

*Example 2.* The kernel of  $\mathbf{C} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{t} \\ \xrightarrow{t+t^2} \end{matrix} \mathbf{C}$  is  $\{0\}$  counted as a double point.

c) *Fiber product.* If  $u : X \rightarrow S$  and  $v : Y \rightarrow S$  are given morphisms of analytic spaces, the fiber product  $X \times_s Y$  of  $X$  and  $Y$  over  $S$  is the kernel of the double arrow

$$X \times Y \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{u \circ \pi} \\ \xrightarrow{v \circ \pi'} \end{matrix} S$$

where  $\pi : X \times Y \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi' : X \times Y \rightarrow Y$  are the maps defined by the product. Note that when  $S$  is a simple point,  $X \times_s Y = X \times Y$ .

One may also introduce the category of analytic spaces over  $S$ . Its objects are morphisms  $u : X \rightarrow S$  of an analytic space  $X$  onto  $S$  and its morphisms are morphisms  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ u \searrow & & \swarrow v \\ & S & \end{array}$$

is commutative. The product in this category, i.e. the object satisfying the universal property given above for the product  $X \times Y$ , is then exactly the fiber product  $X \times_S Y$ . If  $S$  is a point, we have the category of analytic spaces.

*Example 3.* If  $U$  and  $V$  are open subspaces of an analytic space  $X$ , the open subspace  $U \cap V$  is isomorphic to  $U \times_X V$ . We may thus define, in general, the intersection of two analytic subspaces  $X' \rightarrow X$  and  $X'' \rightarrow X$  of  $X$  to be the fiber product  $X' \times_X X''$ .

*Example 4.* If  $\varphi : Y \rightarrow X$  is a morphism of analytic spaces and  $a \in X$  a point, i.e. a map  $a : (0, \mathbf{C}) \rightarrow X$  we may consider the space  $Y(a) = Y \times_X a$ . It is natural to call this the inverse image of  $a$  under  $\varphi$  and to denote it by  $\varphi^{-1}(a)$ ; its underlying space is exactly  $\varphi_0^{-1}(a)$ .

If  $\varphi_0(b) = a$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{Y(a),b}$  is  $\mathcal{O}_{Y,b}$  taken modulo the image under  $\varphi^1 : \mathcal{O}_{X,a} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{Y,b}$  of the maximal ideal in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,a}$ .

*Example 5.* The pull-back of a linear bundle  $E$  over  $X$  by a map  $Y \rightarrow X$  is exactly  $Y \times_X E$ .

#### 1.4. Relations between reduced and non-reduced spaces.

We shall first characterize those analytic spaces which are reduced.

*Proposition 1.4.1.* A analytic space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is reduced if and only if  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  has no nilpotent element for  $x$  arbitrary in  $X$ .

*Proof.* The necessity of the condition is obvious for  $\mathcal{O}_X$  can be considered as a submodule of  $\mathcal{C}_X$  if  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  is reduced.

Conversely, if  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  has no nilpotent elements, we shall prove that in any local model  $(V, \mathcal{O}_V)$  for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ , a germ  $g$  at  $a \in V$  which vanishes on  $V$  belongs to the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  defining  $\mathcal{O}_V$ . The Nullstellensatz implies that  $g^k \in \mathcal{I}_a$  if  $k$  is large enough. But it is then clear that  $g \in \mathcal{I}_a$  if  $\mathcal{O}_{V,a}/\mathcal{I}_a$  is free from nilpotent elements.

Given an analytic space  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  we can associate to it a reduced space in the following way. Let  $\mathcal{N}_x$  be the ideal in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$  consisting of all nilpotent elements (the nil-radical of 0). Then  $\mathcal{N} = U\mathcal{N}_x$  is a coherent sheaf by the Oka-Cartan theorem, for in a local model  $(V, \mathcal{O}_V)$  for  $(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$  we have  $\mathcal{N}_X = (\mathcal{I}'/\mathcal{I})_X$  where  $\mathcal{I}'$  is the sheaf of germs vanishing on  $V$  and  $\mathcal{I}$  the