

# Local to Global: An Introduction to Sheaves

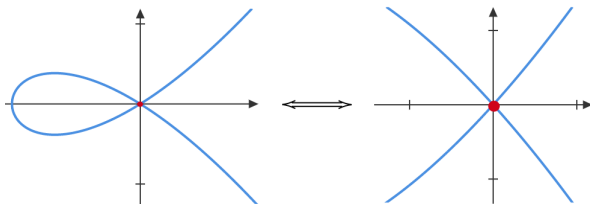
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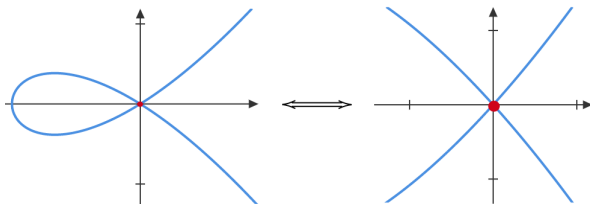
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$$\forall i, j \in I (s_i|_{U_i \cap U_j} = s_j|_{U_i \cap U_j}) \implies \exists ! s \in \mathcal{F}(U), \forall i \in I (s|_{U_i} = s_i)$$

it is called a **sheaf**



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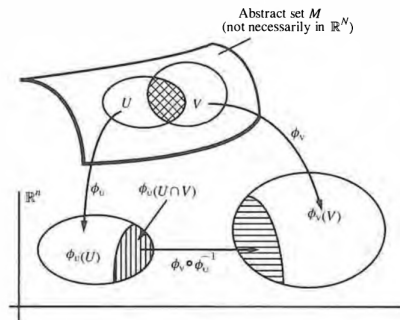
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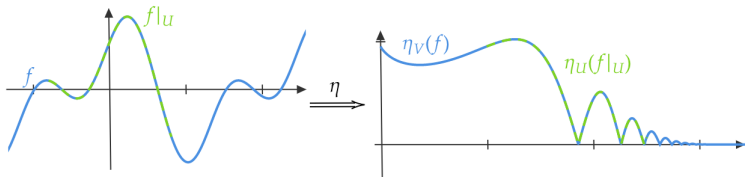
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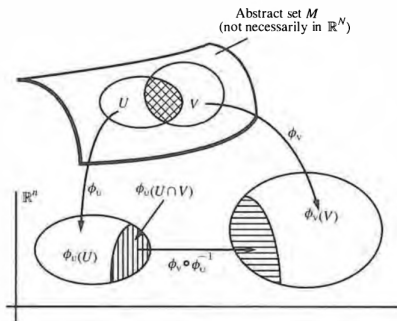
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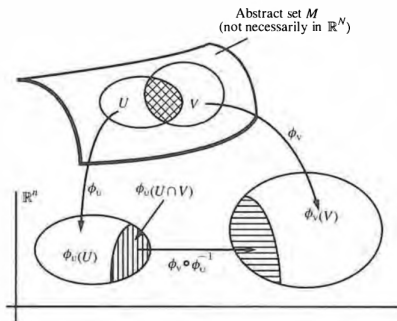
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**Observation:** Differentiation and other operations on functions depend only on local behaviour



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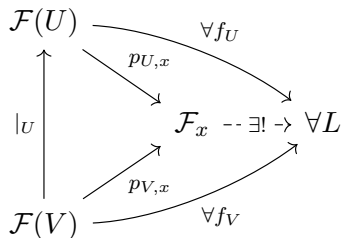
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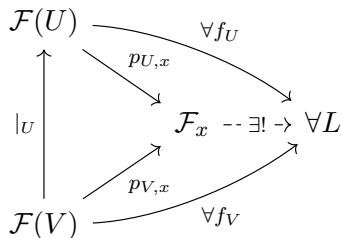
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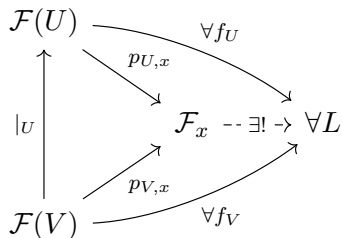
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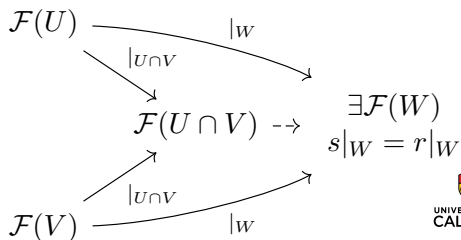
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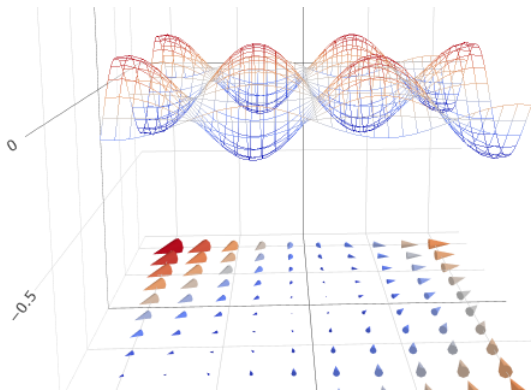
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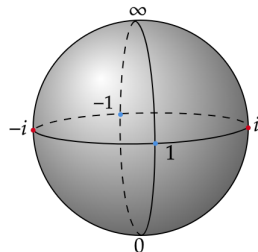


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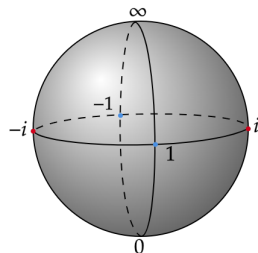


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$\Gamma$  is a left-exact functor

Proof Idea: Let  $0 \rightarrow \mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 0$  be a SES. This induces a diagram

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## Canonical Example:

- Studying global properties of the complex logarithm



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