

STACKS

# Why stacks?

$$X = \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / (f_1, \dots, f_m)$$

Rings  $\longrightarrow$  Sets

$A$

$\longmapsto$

$X(A)$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \bar{a} \in A^n \text{ s.t. } \right.$

$\left. \forall i, f_i(\bar{a}) = 0 \right\}$

is

$$h_X(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Hom}(\text{Spec } A, X)$$

Yoneda:  $Sch \longrightarrow \text{Fun}(Sch^{\text{op}}, \text{Sets})$

$$X \longmapsto h_X = \text{Hom}(-, X)$$

is fully faithful, i.e.  $\text{Hom}(X, Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}(h_X, h_Y)$

Fact:  $h_X$  is a sheaf.

(Zariski) Morphisms glue

(Étale)  $L/K$  Galois

$$X(K) \xrightarrow{\sim} X(L) \quad \text{Gal}(L/K)$$

Many functors are not sheaves.

$$Mg : \text{Sch} \longrightarrow \text{Sets}$$

$$B \longmapsto Mg(B) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth, proper genus } g \\ \text{curves } / B \end{array} \right\}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{smooth, proper genus } g \\ \text{curves } / B \end{array} \right\} / \cong$

$$Mg(\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow Mg(\mathbb{C}(\sqrt{d})) \text{ not inj}$$

$$H: y^2 = f(x)$$

$$H_d: dy^n = f(x)$$

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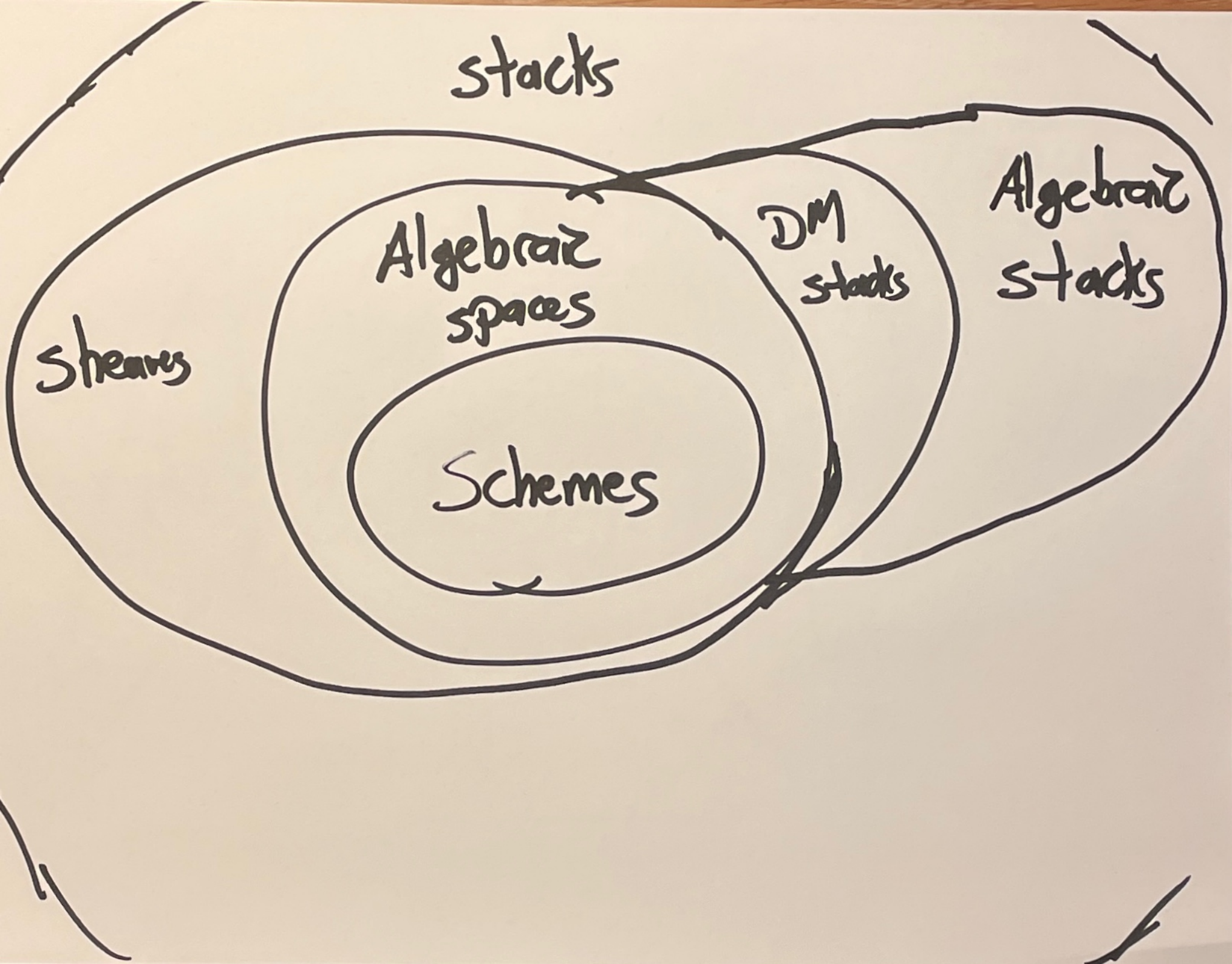
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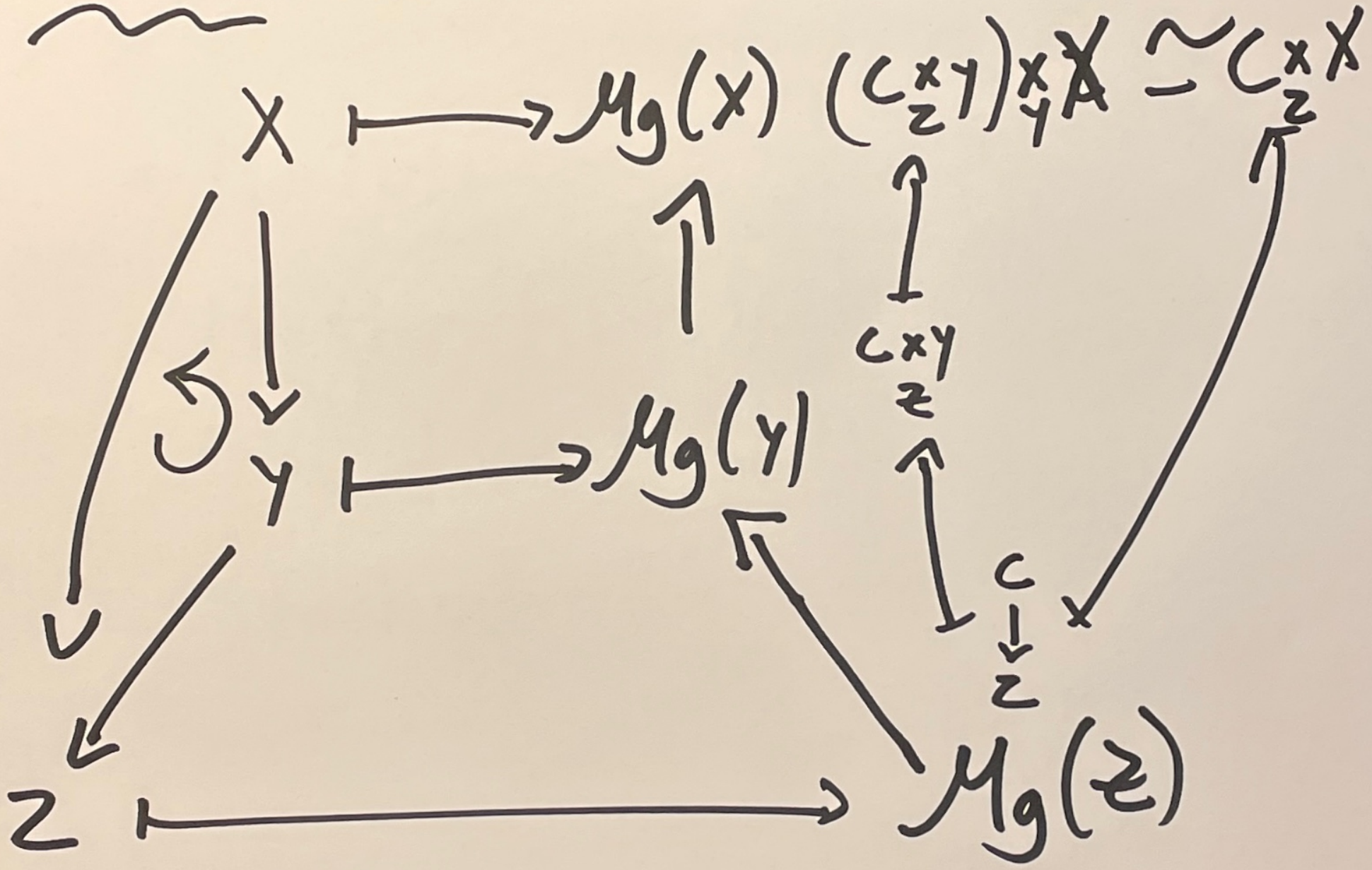
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Sheaves

Schemes



Idea: slightly weaken sheaf axioms



# Why bother?

- Moduli
- Better quotients
- "Fractional" points
- Stack of all "answers"

# Quotients

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$$X = \text{Spec } A$$

$G$  finite group

$G \curvearrowright X$  free action

$X$



$$X/G =$$

$$\text{Spec } A^G$$

is a torsor



# Non-free action



$X$

Still a torsor



$[X/G]$

= Stack quotient



$X/G$

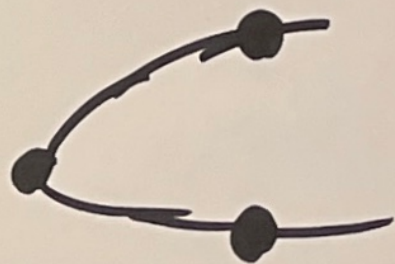
# Example

$$G = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$$



$A'$

$$z \mapsto -z$$

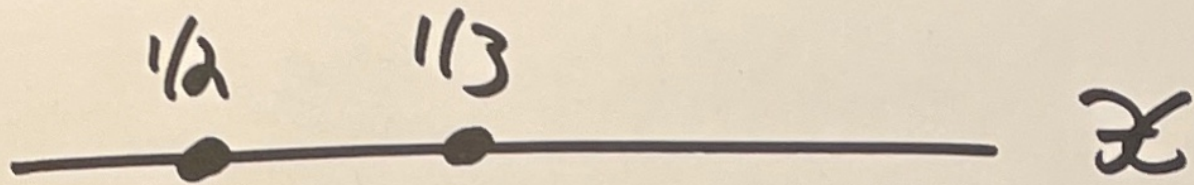


$$\downarrow$$
$$[A'/G]$$



$$A'/G = \text{Spec } k[z^2] \cong A' \quad \downarrow$$

# 1. Stacky Curves



Problem: Local-to-global principles  
Arithmetic of stacky curves

## 2. Canonical rings

$$\mathcal{H} \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{C} \quad (f(z)dz)|_{\sigma} = f(z)dz$$

$\sigma \in \Gamma$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \curvearrowright & & \\ \uparrow \cong & \text{eg } \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) & \\ \mathcal{H} & \xrightarrow{[\quad]} & \mathcal{H}/\text{SL}_2 \cong \mathbb{P}^1 \end{array}$$

$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{2}$

Problems: study  $\oplus H^0(\mathcal{X}, \omega_{\mathcal{X}}^{\otimes k})$   
on stacks

### 3. Heights and rational points

$$\mathbb{P}^N(\mathbb{Q}) \ni P = [x_0 : \dots : x_N] \quad \text{w/ gcd} = 1$$
$$ht(P) = \max \{ |x_0|, \dots, |x_N| \}$$

$$X \hookrightarrow \mathbb{P}^N$$

$$N_X(B) = \# \{ P \in X(\mathbb{Q}) \mid ht(P) \leq B \}$$
$$\stackrel{\text{Conj}}{\sim} \ll B^a (\log B)^b$$

Problem: Study  $N_X(B)$  for stacks

#### 4. Cohomology of Stacky Curves

#### 5. Chow rings & intersection theory

$$\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{M}_{1,1} = \frac{\frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{2}}{0 \quad 12^3}$$

$j \downarrow$   
 $A'$

$$\text{Pic } \mathcal{X} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z}$$

6. Global quotient stacks

7. Functorial resolution of singularities

8. Expository projects