

# Cohomology on quasi-coherents, torsors, $H^1$ and the Picard group

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## 1 Quasi-coherent sheaves

**Definition 1** (Ringed site, [Stacks, 04KQ]). A *ringed site* is a pair  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  of a site  $\mathcal{C}$  and a sheaf of rings  $\mathcal{O}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$ , also called the *structure sheaf* of the ringed site.

**Example 2.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the (small or large) (Zariski or étale) site over any scheme  $S$ . The presheaf

$$\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Ab} : T \mapsto \mathcal{O}_T(T)$$

is a sheaf of rings on  $\mathcal{C}$  (cf. prop. 2.5 of Zomervrucht's talk). We choose this sheaf to be the structure sheaf and we denote it by  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_S$  or  $\mathcal{O}_{S,\mathcal{C}}$  depending on the context. Then  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  is a ringed site.

**Example 3.** If  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  is a ringed site and  $U \in \mathcal{C}$  an object, then we can consider the site  $\mathcal{C}/U$  consisting of objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  with a morphism to  $U$  (with the same coverings as in  $\mathcal{C}$ ). The sheaf  $\mathcal{O}$  can be restricted to a sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_U$  on  $\mathcal{C}/U$  and  $(\mathcal{C}/U, \mathcal{O}_U)$  is a ringed site, called *the localisation of  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  at  $U$* .

**Definition 4** (Quasi-coherent sheaf on a site, [Stacks, 03DL]). A sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules on a ringed site  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  is called *quasi-coherent* if for every  $U \in \mathcal{C}$  there is a covering  $\{U_i \rightarrow U\}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}|_{\mathcal{C}/U_i}$  is an  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ -module for which there exists an exact sequence

$$\bigoplus_J \mathcal{O}_{U_i} \longrightarrow \bigoplus_K \mathcal{O}_{U_i} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{\mathcal{C}/U_i} \longrightarrow 0$$

of  $\mathcal{O}_{U_i}$ -modules.

**Theorem 5.** *Generalising the construction in proposition 2.5 of Zomervrucht's talk we define for any quasi-coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $S$  the sheaf  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}} = (T \mapsto \mathcal{F}_T(T))$  on the ringed site  $\mathcal{C} = S_{\acute{e}t}, S_{\text{Zar}}, (\text{Sch}/S)_{\acute{e}t}, (\text{Sch}/S)_{\text{Zar}}$ . This sheaf is quasi-coherent. Furthermore, the cohomology groups are the same:*

$$H^p(S, \mathcal{F}) = H^p(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{C}}).$$

*Proof.* This is difficult, for a proof see for example [Stacks, 03DX] and [Stacks, 03P2].  $\square$

## 2 Torsors and $H^1$

This section is based on notes from Edixhoven's talk in the étale cohomology seminar three years ago, see [Edix11], and on sections [Stacks, 03AG] and [Stacks, 040D] of the Stacks project. In this section we will prove that for any abelian sheaf  $\mathcal{G}$ , the set  $H^1(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{G})$  is canonically isomorphic to the set of isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsors.

**Definition 6** (Torsor, [Stacks, 03AH]). Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a site and  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sheaf of groups on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then a  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor is a sheaf of sets  $\mathcal{F}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  with an action  $\mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ , such that for all  $U \in \mathcal{C}$  the following holds: the action of  $\mathcal{G}(U)$  on  $\mathcal{F}(U)$  is free (i.e. all point stabilizers are trivial) and transitive and there exists a cover  $\{U_i \rightarrow U\}$  of  $U$  such that  $\forall i : \mathcal{F}(U_i) \neq \emptyset$ . Another way to phrase this last condition:  $\mathcal{F}$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}$ .

A *morphism of  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsors* is a morphism of sheaves of sets that respects the action of  $\mathcal{G}$ . A  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor is called *trivial* if it is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}$  as  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor.

**Remark 7.** The category of  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsors is a groupoid, i.e., all morphisms are isomorphisms (proof: check this locally). A  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor  $\mathcal{F}$  is trivial if and only if

$$\emptyset \neq \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{C}) := \lim_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{F} = \left\{ (s_X)_X \in \prod_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{F}(X) \text{ compatible} \right\},$$

in that case  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{F} : g \mapsto g \cdot x$  is an isomorphism for any  $x \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{C})$ .

**Example 8** ([Edix11]). Let  $S$  be a scheme for which  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  is in  $\mathcal{O}(S)^*$ . Consider  $\mu_{n,S} = \ker(\cdot^n : \mathbb{G}_{m,S} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_{m,S})$  in the big étale site  $(\text{Sch}/S)_{\acute{e}t}$ . Then for every  $a \in \mathcal{O}_S(S)^*$ , the fibre  $F_a = (\cdot^n)^{-1}\{a\}$  is a  $\mu_{n,S}$ -torsor.

Let us illustrate this in the case  $S = \text{Spec } A$  is affine. Then for any  $A$ -algebra  $f : A \rightarrow B$  we have that the fibre is  $F_a(B) = \{b \in B^* : b^n = f(a)\}$ . The group  $\mu_{n,A}(B) = \{\zeta \in B^* : \zeta^n = 1\}$  acts on it by multiplication. This action is transitive as  $\frac{b}{b'} \in \mu_{n,A}(B)$  for all  $b, b' \in F_a(B)$ . It is free as every  $b \in F_a(B)$  is a unit. Remark that  $B \rightarrow C := B[x]/(x^n - f(a))$  is standard étale as  $n \cdot \bar{x}^{n-1} \in C$  is invertible. As  $F_a(C) \neq \emptyset$  this proves that  $\mu_{n,A}$  is non-empty on the étale cover  $C$  of  $B$ .

**Definition 9.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a site and  $\mathcal{G}$  be a sheaf of groups on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Suppose that we have sheaves  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  with a right- and left action of  $\mathcal{G}$ , respectively. Then we define the sheaf

$$\mathcal{X} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{Y} = (T \mapsto (\mathcal{X}(T) \times \mathcal{Y}(T))/\mathcal{G}(T))^{\#},$$

where  $\mathcal{G}$  acts on the right on  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  by  $(x, y)g = (xg, g^{-1}y)$ . You can also give a universal property for this sheaf  $\mathcal{X} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{Y}$ : any morphism of sheaves  $\psi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  that is  $\mathcal{G}$ -bilinear, i.e.,  $\forall g, x, y : \psi(xg, y) = \psi(x, gy)$ , factors uniquely through the map  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{Y}$ . This object is also called the *contracted product* and many people use the notation  $\mathcal{X} \wedge^{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{Y}$  to denote it.

**Remark 10.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a site. Suppose that  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$  are locally isomorphic sheaves of sets on  $\mathcal{C}$  (or locally free  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules of rank  $n$  or your other favourite type of objects with the appropriate properties). Let  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}sem(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$  and  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{A}ut(\mathcal{X})$  and let  $\mathcal{G}$  act on  $\mathcal{I}$  on the right and on  $\mathcal{X}$  on the left in the natural way. Then the map

$$\mathcal{I} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} : (i, x) \mapsto i(x)$$

is  $\mathcal{G}$ -bilinear and it induces a morphism  $\mathcal{I} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ . We can construct an inverse locally by  $y \mapsto i \otimes (i^{-1}y)$  for any  $i \in \mathcal{I}$ , we can show that this does not depend on the choice of  $i$  and, hence, that it glues to an inverse morphism  $\mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{X}$ . Instead of constructing the inverse, we could also use the universal property to prove that  $\mathcal{I} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{X} \cong \mathcal{Y}$ , see exercise 11. The morale is that  $\mathcal{A}ut(\mathcal{X})$  naturally acts on  $\mathcal{X}$  and to get  $\mathcal{Y}$  from it you need to twist it by the  $\mathcal{A}ut(\mathcal{X})$ -torsor  $\mathcal{I}sem(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ . In the proof of theorem 12 we will use this on the  $\text{Ext}^1$ .

**Exercise 11.** Check that the  $\mathcal{G}$ -bilinear map  $\mathcal{I} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  defined in remark 10 satisfies the universal property.

**Theorem 12** ([Stacks, 03AJ] & [Edix11]). *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a ringed site and let  $\mathcal{G}$  be an  $\mathcal{O}$ -module on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then there is a canonical bijection*

$$\{\mathcal{G}\text{-torsors}\} / \cong \leftrightarrow H^1(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{G}).$$

**Remark 13.** The final result of theorem 12 does not depend on the choice of  $\mathcal{O}$ ! Hence, if  $\mathcal{G}$  is an arbitrary sheaf of abelian groups on  $\mathcal{C}$ , we could choose  $\mathcal{O}$  to be the constant sheaf of rings  $\underline{\mathbb{Z}}$  and the theorem can be applied.

In fact, it is possible to define a group structure on the set of isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsors and then this bijection will be an isomorphism of groups, see for example [Edix11].

*Proof.* This proof is based on the proof of [Edix11]. The author would like to thank him for sharing and explaining this proof. In this proof the  $H^1$  is first proved to be in bijection with the  $\text{Ext}^1$  and then the latter is proved to be in bijection with the set of isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsors.

For every  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $\mathcal{F}$  there is a canonical natural isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} H^0(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{F}) &= \lim_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{F} = \left\{ (s(X))_X \in \prod_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{F}(X) \text{ compatible} \right\} = \dots \\ &\dots = \left\{ (f_X)_X \in \prod_{X \in \mathcal{C}} \text{Hom}(\mathcal{O}(X), \mathcal{F}(X)) \text{ compatible} \right\} = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}\text{-mod}}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{F}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $H^1(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{G}) = (R^1 \text{Hom}(\mathcal{O}, -))(\mathcal{G}) =: \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{G})$ .

The next lemma we will use in the case of the category of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules on  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Lemma 14.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category with enough injectives. Then we have  $\text{Ext}^1(A, B) = \{B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A\} / \cong$ , where two extensions  $B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A$  and  $B \hookrightarrow E' \twoheadrightarrow A$  are isomorphic if there exists a diagram as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} B & \hookrightarrow & E & \twoheadrightarrow & A \\ \parallel & & \downarrow f & & \parallel \\ B & \hookrightarrow & E' & \twoheadrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

**Remark 15.** In such a diagram the map  $f$  automatically is an isomorphism, because of the 5-lemma.

*Proof.* Let  $B \hookrightarrow I$  be an injective map to an injective object and let  $Q$  be the quotient. Then consider the long exact sequence:

$$\text{Hom}(A, B) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, I) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, Q) \rightarrow \text{Ext}^1(A, B) \rightarrow 0 = \text{Ext}^1(A, I).$$

We will construct a bijection  $\text{Hom}(A, Q)/\text{Im}(\text{Hom}(A, I)) \rightarrow \{B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A\} / \cong$ .

**Exercise 16.** Prove that finite fibered (co)products exist in any abelian category and describe them explicitly.

Given a homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow Q$ , consider the base change  $E_f = A \times_Q I$ . We get an extension in the following way.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} B & \hookrightarrow & I & \twoheadrightarrow & Q \\ \parallel & & \uparrow p_f & & \uparrow f \\ B & \hookrightarrow & E_f & \twoheadrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

If you have two extensions  $B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A$  and  $B \hookrightarrow E' \twoheadrightarrow A$ , we can define their sum in the following way. By taking the direct sum we get an exact sequence  $B \oplus B \hookrightarrow E \oplus E' \twoheadrightarrow A \oplus A$ .

Now consider the diagonal map  $A \rightarrow A \oplus A$  and let  $E$  be the fibered product  $(E_1 \oplus E_2) \times_{A \oplus A} A$ . This gives us an exact sequence  $B \oplus B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A$ .

Now let  $E'$  be the push-out of the maps  $B \oplus B \hookrightarrow E$  and the addition map  $B \oplus B \rightarrow B$ . This gives us an exact sequences  $B \hookrightarrow E' \twoheadrightarrow A$ , which we define to be the sum of  $B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A$  and  $B \hookrightarrow E' \twoheadrightarrow A$ .

The following diagram summarises the construction.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} B \oplus B & \hookrightarrow & E_1 \oplus E_2 & \twoheadrightarrow & A \oplus A \\ \parallel & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \Delta \\ B \oplus B & \hookrightarrow & E & \twoheadrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow + & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\ B & \hookrightarrow & E' & \twoheadrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

**Exercise 17.** Show that this sum construction gives  $\{B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A\} / \cong$  the structure of an abelian group and that the map  $\text{Hom}(A, Q) \rightarrow \{B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A\} / \cong$  constructed in the first paragraph of this proof is a morphism of groups.

Now let us calculate the kernel of this morphism  $\text{Hom}(A, Q) \rightarrow \{B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A\} / \cong$ . The identity element of  $\{B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A\} / \cong$  is the split sequence. So, for which  $f \in \text{Hom}(A, Q)$  does  $E_f$  split? The answer is not hard, it splits if and only if we have a section  $A \rightarrow E_f$  of  $q_f$ , which we have if and only if the map  $f : A \rightarrow Q$  factors via  $I \rightarrow Q$ . Hence, we get an injective homomorphism  $\text{Hom}(A, Q) / \text{Im}(\text{Hom}(A, I)) \rightarrow \{B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A\} / \cong$ .

Now we will prove that this morphism is surjective. Let  $B \hookrightarrow E \twoheadrightarrow A$  be an extension. Then we can extend it to a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} B & \hookrightarrow & E & \twoheadrightarrow & A \\ \parallel & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ B & \hookrightarrow & I & \twoheadrightarrow & Q \end{array}$$

to get a morphism  $f : A \rightarrow Q$ . Then by formal nonsense we get a morphism  $E \rightarrow E_f$  (of extensions), which automatically is an isomorphism.  $\square$

Now we finish the proof of theorem 12. We will prove that  $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}}^1(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{G})$  is canonically isomorphic with the set of isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsors.

Suppose that  $\mathcal{G} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}$  is an extension of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules. Locally the map splits, as  $\mathcal{O}$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}$ -module, i.e., it is locally isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}$ . The sheaf  $\mathcal{I}so_{\text{Ext}}(\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{E})$  can be supplied with the structure of a  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor by remarking that the map

$$\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}ut_{\text{Ext}}(\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}) : g \mapsto ((g', x) \mapsto (g' + x \cdot g, x))$$

is an isomorphism and use the natural action of the latter sheaf. Or, to put it in an informal way,  $g \in \mathcal{G}$  acts on  $\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}$  by means of the following matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Id} & g \\ 0 & \text{Id} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let us also illustrate this with a diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{G} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O} \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \chi & & \parallel \\ \mathcal{G} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O} \end{array}$$

Now  $\chi$  must map  $(g', 0)$  to  $(g', 0)$  for all  $g' \in \mathcal{G}(X)$  and  $(0, 1)$  to  $(g, 1)$  for some  $g \in \mathcal{G}(X)$ . The rest of the map is given by the  $\mathcal{O}$ -module structure.

To summarize, we can associate a  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor to an extension. On the other hand, if we have a  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor  $\mathcal{T}$  we can associate to it an extension

$$\mathcal{G} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} (\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}) \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{O}$$

in the following way. We apply the functor  $\mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} (-)$  to the canonical sequence  $\mathcal{G} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  of sheaves with an action  $\mathcal{G}$ , where  $\mathcal{G}$  acts trivially on  $\mathcal{G}$  (really trivial in the sense of the trivial action, not in the sense of a trivial  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor) and  $\mathcal{O}$ , and it acts on  $\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}$  as before (in particular not trivially):

$$\mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{G} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} (\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}) \rightarrow \mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{O}.$$

Remark that the projection  $\mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  is  $\mathcal{G}$ -equivariant as  $\mathcal{G}$  acts trivially on  $\mathcal{O}$ . Hence, we get a morphism  $\mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ . The sheaf  $\mathcal{T}$  is, as a  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsor, locally isomorphic to  $\mathcal{G}$  (with the multiplicative action) and hence this morphism is an isomorphism. In the same way  $\mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}$  as  $\mathcal{G}$  also acts trivially on  $\mathcal{G}$  in our exact sequence. This finishes our construction.

To prove that these constructions are quasi-inverse it sufficed to prove that we have a morphism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T} &\rightarrow \mathcal{I}sem_{\text{Ext}}(\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{T} \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} (\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O})) \\ t &\mapsto ((g, x) \mapsto t \otimes (g, x)) \end{aligned}$$

of  $\mathcal{G}$ -torsors which then automatically is an isomorphism. Furthermore, we can use remark 10 to prove that the other composition is naturally isomorphic to the identity, i.e., to get an isomorphism

$$\mathcal{E} \cong \mathcal{I}sem_{\text{Ext}}(\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}, \mathcal{E}) \otimes_{\mathcal{G}} (\mathcal{G} \oplus \mathcal{O}).$$

This concludes the proof of the equivalence and the theorem.  $\square$

### 3 Picard group

**Definition 18** (Picard group, [Stacks, 040C]). Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  be a ringed site. Then the *Picard group*  $\text{Pic}(\mathcal{O})$  of the ringed site is the abelian group consisting of isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules locally isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}$  (locally free of rank 1, invertible) with the tensor product as group operation.

**Theorem 19** ([Stacks, 040E]). *Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  be a ringed site. There is a canonical isomorphism*

$$H^1(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O}^*) = \text{Pic}(\mathcal{O})$$

*of abelian groups.*

*Proof.* After everything we did in the previous section this proof is fairly simple. Identify  $H^1(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O}^*)$  with the set of isomorphism classes of  $\mathcal{O}^*$ -torsors on  $\mathcal{C}$  using theorem 12. Then consider the following constructions.

$$\begin{aligned} \{\mathcal{O}^*\text{-torsors}\} / \cong &\leftrightarrow \text{Pic}(\mathcal{O}) \\ T &\mapsto T \otimes_{\mathcal{O}^*} \mathcal{O} \\ \mathcal{I}sem_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) &\leftarrow \mathcal{L} \end{aligned}$$

Here we remark that the action of  $\mathcal{O}^*$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  is given by the identification  $\mathcal{O}^* = \mathcal{A}ut_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O})$ . To check that these constructions are mutually inverse we need to check that

$$\begin{aligned} T &\cong \mathcal{I}som_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}, T \otimes_{\mathcal{O}^*} \mathcal{O}) \\ \mathcal{L} &\cong \mathcal{I}som_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathcal{O}, \mathcal{L}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}^*} \mathcal{O}. \end{aligned}$$

The former follows from the fact that  $t \mapsto (x \mapsto (t \otimes x))$  is an isomorphism. The latter follows again from remark 10, just like in the proof of theorem 12.  $\square$

**Exercise 20.** Let  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{O})$  be a ringed site. Prove that there is a canonical bijection between the set of isomorphism classes of locally free  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules of rank  $n$  and the set of isomorphism classes of  $\mathrm{GL}_n(\mathcal{O})$ -torsors.

**Theorem 21** ([Stacks, 03P7]). *Let  $X$  be a scheme. Then there are canonical identifications*

$$\begin{aligned} H^1((\mathrm{Sch}/X)_{\acute{e}t}, \mathbb{G}_m) &= H^1((\mathrm{Sch}/X)_{\mathrm{Zar}}, \mathbb{G}_m) = H^1(X_{\acute{e}t}, \mathbb{G}_m) = H^1(X_{\mathrm{Zar}}, \mathbb{G}_m) \\ &= H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X^*) = \mathrm{Pic}(X). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* As seen in theorem 19 there is a canonical identification between the  $H^1$  and the Picard group on the site. To prove that the Picard groups are isomorphic, note that every quasi-coherent  $\mathcal{O}_{X, \acute{e}t}$ -module (resp.  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathrm{Zar}}$ ) descends to a quasicohherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module and so do the morphisms between them (it is an equivalence of categories, see for example [Stacks, 03DX]). Hence, locally free rank 1 modules descend to locally free rank 1 modules and the notion of isomorphism descends in a faithful way. In other words, we find identifications  $\mathrm{Pic}(\mathcal{O}_{X, \acute{e}t}) = \mathrm{Pic}(\mathcal{O}_{X, \mathrm{Zar}}) = \mathrm{Pic}(X)$ .  $\square$

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