113. An Application of Serre-Grothendieck Duality Theorem to Local Cohomology

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The purpose of this note is to prove the following theorem using the Serre-Grothendieck duality theorem and to derive two formulae from it. These formulae show that some algebro-geometric notions can be expressed with local cohomology.

Theorem. Let X and S be locally noetherian preschemes of finite Krull dimension. Let $f: X \rightarrow S$ be a proper, smooth morphism of relative dimension n, and let $s: S \rightarrow X$ be a f-section. We identify the image of s with S and denote by $\mathcal G$ the sheaf of ideals in $\mathcal O_X$ defining the closed subprescheme S. Denote by $\omega_{X/S}$ the sheaf of n-th differential forms on X relative to f. Then for every coherent sheaf $\mathcal F$ on X and for every integer $p \geq 0$, there exists a functorial isomorphism (1) $f_*(\mathcal E_{xt}^p_{\mathcal O_X}(\mathcal F,\mathcal H_S^n(\omega_{X/S}))) \cong \lim_{\longrightarrow} \mathcal E_{xt}^p_{\mathcal O_S}(f_*(\mathcal F \otimes (\mathcal O_X/\mathcal G^{k+1})), \mathcal O_S).$



Remark 1. We can eliminate the regularity condition for f using derived functors. We can treat even more general cases ([N]). The proof becomes, however, so complicated in spite of little merit of generalization.

Proposition (SGA II, exposé VI, Theorem 2.3). Let X be a locally noetherian prescheme and let Y be a closed subprescheme of X defined by a coherent sheaf of ideals $\mathcal G$. Then for every coherent sheaf $\mathcal F$ on X and for every quasi-coherent sheaf $\mathcal G$ on X, there is a spectral sequence

$$(2) \qquad \mathcal{E}_{\mathsf{x}t^{p}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}}}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}^{q}_{\mathsf{Y}}(\mathcal{G})) \Rightarrow \lim_{\substack{\longrightarrow \\ k \geq 0}} \mathcal{E}_{\mathsf{x}t^{p+q}}(\mathcal{F} \underset{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}}{\otimes} (\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{X}}/\mathcal{J}^{k+1}), \mathcal{G}).$$

Lemma. Under the same hypothesis of the theorem, let \mathcal{G} be a sheaf of abelian groups on X with support in S. Then for all p>0, $R^pf_*(\mathcal{G})=0$.

Proof. On the category of sheaves of abelian groups whose supports are in S, it is obvious that the direct image functor f_* is the same as the restriction functor s^* under the above hypothesis. Since s^* is an exact functor and the canonical flasque resolution of \mathcal{G} can be