

for a quasicoherent sheaf of algebras  $\mathcal{S}_\bullet$  on  $Y$  (satisfying “finite generation in degree 1”, Hypotheses 17.2.1). We say  $X$  is a **projective  $Y$ -scheme**, or  $X$  is **projective over  $Y$** . Using Exercise 7.4.D, this generalizes the notion of a projective  $A$ -scheme.

**17.3.2. Warnings.** First, notice that  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , an important part of the concept of *Proj*, is not mentioned in the definition. (I would prefer that it be part of the definition, but this isn’t accepted practice.) As a result, the notion of affine morphism is affine-local on the target, but the notion of projectivity of a morphism is not clearly affine-local on the target. (In Noetherian circumstances, with the additional data of the invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ , it is, as we will see in §17.3.4. We will also later see an example showing that the property of being projective is *not* local on the target, §24.8.7.)

Second, [Ha1, p. 103] gives a different definition of projective morphism; we follow the more general definition of Grothendieck. These definitions turn out to be the same in nice circumstances. (But finite morphisms are not always projective in the sense of [Ha1], while they *are* projective in our sense.)

**17.3.A. EXERCISE.**

(a) (*a useful characterization of projective morphisms*) Suppose  $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism. Show that  $\pi$  is projective if and only if there exist a finite type quasicoherent sheaf  $\mathcal{S}_1$  on  $Y$ , and a closed embedding  $i: X \hookrightarrow \text{Proj}_Y \text{Sym}^\bullet \mathcal{S}_1$  (over  $Y$ , i.e., commuting with the maps to  $Y$ ). Hint: Exercise 17.2.H.

(b) (*a useful characterization of projective morphisms, with line bundle*) Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is an invertible sheaf on  $X$ , and  $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$  is a morphism. Show that  $\pi$  is projective, with  $\mathcal{O}(1) \cong \mathcal{L}$ , if and only if there exist a finite type quasicoherent sheaf  $\mathcal{S}_1$  on  $Y$ , a closed embedding  $i: X \hookrightarrow \text{Proj}_Y \text{Sym}^\bullet \mathcal{S}_1$  (over  $Y$ , i.e., commuting with the maps to  $Y$ ), and an isomorphism  $i^* \mathcal{O}_{\text{Proj}_Y \text{Sym}^\bullet \mathcal{S}_1}(1) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}$ .

(c) Suppose, furthermore, that  $Y$  admits an ample line bundle in the sense of §16.2.5, as is the case whenever  $Y$  is projective, affine or, more generally, quasiprojective. Show that  $\pi$  is projective if and only if there exists a closed embedding  $X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_Y^n$  (over  $Y$ ) for some  $n$ . (If you want to avoid the starred section §16.2.5, you can assume that  $Y$  is projective over  $\text{Spec } A$  and use the definition of ample from §16.2.1. You will then have dealt with the important case where  $Y$  is projective, but missed out on other potentially interesting cases, such as when  $Y$  is affine or otherwise quasiprojective (but not proper).) Hint: the harder direction is the forward implication. Use the finite type quasicoherent sheaf  $\mathcal{S}_1$  from (a). Tensor  $\mathcal{S}_1$  with a high enough power of  $\mathcal{M}$  so that it is finitely globally generated (Theorem 16.2.6, or Theorem 16.2.2 in the proper setting), to obtain a surjection

$$\mathcal{O}_Y^{\oplus(n+1)} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{S}_1 \otimes \mathcal{M}^{\otimes N}.$$

Then use Exercise 17.2.G.

**17.3.3. Definition: Quasiprojective morphisms.** In analogy with projective and quasiprojective  $A$ -schemes (§4.5.10), one may define quasiprojective morphisms. If  $Y$  is quasicoherent, we say that  $\pi: X \rightarrow Y$  is a **quasiprojective morphism** if  $\pi$  can be expressed as a quasicoherent open embedding into a scheme projective over  $Y$ . This is not a great notion, and we will not use it. (The general definition of quasiprojective morphism is slightly delicate — see [Gr-EGA, II.5.3] — and we won’t need it.)