

Let  $X$  be a topological space containing a point  $x$  that does not have a smallest open neighborhood. Then the category  $\text{Ab}(X)$  of sheaves of abelian groups on  $X$  does not have enough injectives.

1. Suppose that  $U$  and  $V$  are open subsets of  $X$ . Show that the map  $\mathbf{Z}_U \oplus \mathbf{Z}_V \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_X$  is surjective if and only if  $U \cup V = X$ . Prove as well that, for any sheaf  $F$ , the map  $F_U \oplus F_V \rightarrow F$  is surjective if  $U \cup V = X$ . (What condition on  $F$  guarantees the converse?)
2. Suppose that there is a projective sheaf  $P$  and a map  $P \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_X$ . Prove that for any open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$  in  $X$ , the map  $P(U) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_X(U) = \mathbf{Z}$  is the zero map. (Hint: Consider the cover  $(X - \{x\}) \cup V = X$  where  $V \subsetneq U$  is a smaller open neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X$ .)
3. Conclude that if  $P$  is projective and  $x$  is a point of  $X$  with no smallest open neighborhood then  $P_x = 0$ .