

## INTRODUCTION

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### 1. Overview

Besides the book by Laumon and Moret-Bailly, see [LMB00], and the work (in progress) by Fulton et al, we think there is a place for an open source textbook on algebraic stacks and the algebraic geometry that is needed to define them. The Stacks Project attempts to do this by building the foundations starting with commutative algebra and proceeding via the theory of schemes and algebraic spaces to a comprehensive foundation for the theory of algebraic stacks.

We expect this material to be read online as a key feature are the hyperlinks giving quick access to internal references spread over many different pages. If you use an embedded pdf or dvi viewer in your browser, the cross file links should work.

This project is a collaborative effort and we encourage you to help out. Please email any typos or errors you find while reading or any suggestions, additional material, or examples you have to [stacks.project@gmail.com](mailto:stacks.project@gmail.com). You can download a tarball containing all source files, extract, run make, and use a dvi or pdf viewer locally. Please feel free to edit the LaTeX files and email your improvements.

### 2. Attribution

The scope of this work is such that it is a daunting task to attribute correctly and succinctly all of those mathematicians whose work has led to the development of the theory we try to explain here. We hope eventually to generate enough community interest to find contributors willing to write sections with historical remarks for each and every chapter.

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Those who contributed to this work are listed on the title page of the book version of this work and online. Here we would like to name a selection of major contributions:

- (1) Jarod Alper wrote Guide to Literature.
- (2) Bhargav Bhatt wrote the initial version of *Étale Morphisms of Schemes*.
- (3) Bhargav Bhatt wrote the initial version of *More on Algebra*, Section 63.
- (4) Kiran Kedlaya contributed the initial writeup of *Descent*, Section 4.
- (5) The initial versions of
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  - (b) *Injectives*, Section 2, and
  - (c) the chapter *Fields*
 are from The CRing Project, courtesy of Akhil Mathew et al.
- (6) Alex Perry wrote the material on projective modules, Mittag-Leffler modules, including the proof of *Algebra*, Theorem 92.5.
- (7) Alex Perry wrote *Formal Deformation Theory*.
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- (10) The material in the chapter *Pro-étale Cohomology* is taken from a paper by Bhargav Bhatt and Peter Scholze.

### 3. Other chapters

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