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It is known that the construction of the ring of fractions $S^{-1}A$ of a commutative ring A by a multiplicative subset S of A can be extended to the differential case. This means that for a given differential ring (A, d), the differential ring of fractions of (A, d) by S is constructed simply by defining a derivation operator on $S^{-1}A$ in terms of the derivation operator d on A. We seek to explain in the categorical setting of adjunctions and comonads the reasons for which this and other constructions can be extended to the differential case. A natural product of this investigation is the construction of the differential affine scheme of a differential ring.

1. Introduction. Stated simply, there are three points which explain why certain constructions involving commutative rings can be carried over to the differential case. These three points are adjunction, comonad and compatibility. The reader is referred to [9] for the necessary background on adjunctions and monads (to which comonads are dual). We add a few words to clarify each of these points.

By adjunction we mean that each of the constructions we consider is part of an adjunction, i.e., is an adjoint functor. This point will be made clearer as we discuss each example in §§ 3, 4 and 5.

By comonad we mean that for each of the categories related to commutative rings there is a comonad on that category whose coalgebras are isomorphic to the differential analogue of that category. For example, the category **Diff** of differential rings is isomorphic to the category $\mathbf{Comm}_\Omega$ of Ω-coalgebras for a comonad Ω on the category **Comm** of commutative rings [7]. Since this example is of central importance for this paper, and since each of the other comonads we shall discuss is defined in terms of Ω, we elaborate on this point below.

For the remainder of this paper we adopt the convention that all rings are commutative with unit and all ring homomorphisms preserve the unit. We also make frequent use of the notation F: $\mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$: $A \to FA$: $f \to Ff$ when defining a functor $F: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$ to describe its action upon objects $A \in \mathscr{A}$ and morphisms $f \in \mathscr{A}$.

The category **Diff** has as its objects differential rings which are pairs (A, d) where A is a ring and d is a derivation operator on A, i.e., $d: A \to A$ is additive and satisfies the product rule $d(ab) =$

$d(a)b + ad(b)$ for any $a, b \in A$. A differential ring homomorphism $f: (A, d) \to (A', d')$ is a ring homomorphism $f: A \to A'$ with $d'f = fd$.

There is an adjunction $\langle U, G, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle$: **Diff** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm** where U: **Diff** $\to$ **Comm**: $(A, d) \to A: f \to f$ is the forgetful functor. The right adjoint G is defined by G: **Comm** $\to$ **Diff**: $A \to (\omega A, \partial_A): f \to \omega f$, where for any ring A, ωA is defined as follows. The elements of ωA are countable sequences in A, i.e., of the form (a_n) where $a_n \in A$, $n \in N = \{0, 1, 2, \cdots\}$, with operations $(a_n) + (b_n) = (a_n + b_n)$ and $(a_n)\cdot(b_n) = (c_n)$, where $c_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} C_{n,k} a_k b_{n-k}$. Here $C_{n,k} = n!/k!(n-k)!$ denotes the usual binomial coefficient. The derivation operator ∂_A on ωA is defined by $\partial_A((a_n)) = (a_{n+1})$, and for any ring homomorphism $f: A \to A'$, $\omega f: (\omega A, \partial_A) \to (\omega A', \partial_{A'})$ is defined by $\omega f((a_n)) = (f(a_n))$. The unit η: **Diff** $\to GU$ is, for any $(A, d) \in$ **Diff** and any $a \in A$, a differential ring homomorphism $\eta_{(A,d)}: (A, d) \to (\omega A, \partial_A)$ given by $\eta_{(A,d)}(a) = (d^{(n)}(a))$, where $d^{(n)}$ denotes the n^{th} iterate of d for $n \geqq 1$, and $d^{(0)} = id_A$. The counit ε: $UG \to$ **Comm** is, for any $A \in$ **Comm** and any $(a_n) \in \omega A$, a ring homomorphism $\varepsilon_A: \omega A \to A$ given by $\varepsilon_A((a_n)) = a_0$.

It follows from [9, p. 135] that the adjunction $\langle U, G, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle$: **Diff** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm** defines a comonad $\Omega = (\omega, \varepsilon, \delta) = (UG, \varepsilon, U\eta G)$ on **Comm**. If **Comm**$_\Omega$ denotes the category of Ω-coalgebras and their morphisms, the cocomparison functor Φ: **Diff** $\to$ **Comm**$_\Omega$ which exists by [9, Theorem 1, p. 138] is an isomorphism since U satisfies the hypothesis of the dual of Beck's theorem [9, Theorem 1, p. 147]. We need not concern ourselves herein with the description of either the category **Comm**$_\Omega$ or the isomorphism Φ, but only with existence of the isomorphism Φ: **Diff** $\to$ **Comm**$_\Omega$.

Finally, by compatibility we mean that each of the adjunctions is compatible with the comonads involved in the sense that the right adjoint of each adjunction commutes with the comonads. As a consequence of the main result of § 2, the adjunction extends to one between the coalgebras, which are seen to be the differential analogues of the categories in the original adjunction. It is in this sense that the constructions extend to the differential case.

2. Comonad adjunctions. Let $\mathscr{G} = (G, \varepsilon, \delta)$ and $\mathscr{G}' = (G', \varepsilon', \delta')$ be comonads on $\mathscr{A}$ and $\mathscr{A}'$ respectively. We say that (S, κ): $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \to (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$ is a comonad functor if $S: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{A}'$ is a functor and $\kappa: SG \to G'S$ is a natural transformation such that $\varepsilon'S \cdot \kappa = S\varepsilon$ and $\delta'S \cdot \kappa = G'\kappa \cdot \kappa G \cdot S\delta$.

If $(S, \kappa): (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \to (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$ and $(S', \kappa'): (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}') \to (\mathscr{A}'', \mathscr{G}'')$ are comonad functors, the composite $(S', \kappa') \cdot (S, \kappa) = (S'S, \kappa'S \cdot S'\kappa)$: $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \to (\mathscr{A}'', \mathscr{G}'')$ is also a comonad functor. Hence there is a category **Cmnd** whose objects are pairs $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G})$ where $\mathscr{A}$ is a category and $\mathscr{G}$ is a comonad on $\mathscr{A}$ and whose morphisms are the comonad functors defined above. If **Cat** denotes the category of all (small) categories, there is a functor **Coalg**: **Cmnd** $\to$ **Cat**: $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \to \mathscr{A}_{\mathscr{G}}: (S, \kappa) \to S_\kappa$, where for a comonad functor $(S, \kappa): (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \to (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$, $S_\kappa: \mathscr{A}_{\mathscr{G}} \to (\mathscr{A}')_{\mathscr{G}'}: (A, \alpha) \to (SA, \kappa_A \cdot S\alpha): f \to Sf$. Other purely formal considerations in this direction may be found in [13].

We say that $\langle (S, \kappa), (T, \lambda), \sigma, \tau \rangle: (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \rightharpoonup (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$ is a comonad adjunction if $(S, \kappa): (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \to (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$ and $(T, \lambda): (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}') \to (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G})$ are comonad functors and $\sigma: \mathscr{A} \to TS$ and $\tau: ST \to \mathscr{A}'$ are natural transformations such that

(i) $\langle S, T, \sigma, \tau \rangle: \mathscr{A} \rightharpoonup \mathscr{A}'$ is an adjunction,

(ii) $\lambda S \cdot T\kappa \cdot \sigma G = G\sigma$, and

(iii) $G'\tau \cdot \kappa T \cdot S\lambda = \tau G'$.

We also say that an adjunction $\langle \bar{S}, \bar{T}, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau} \rangle: \bar{\mathscr{A}} \rightharpoonup \bar{\mathscr{A}}'$ extends another adjunction $\langle S, T, \sigma, \tau \rangle: \mathscr{A} \rightharpoonup \mathscr{A}'$ by (U, U') if $U: \bar{\mathscr{A}} \to \mathscr{A}$ and $U': \bar{\mathscr{A}}' \to \mathscr{A}'$ are functors such that $U'\bar{S} = SU$, $U\bar{T} = TU'$, $U\bar{\sigma} = \sigma U$ and $U'\bar{\tau} = \tau U'$, or equivalently if (U, U') constitutes a map from the first adjunction to the second [9, Proposition 1, p. 97].

THEOREM 2.1. *If* $\langle (S, \kappa), (T, \lambda), \sigma, \tau \rangle: (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \rightharpoonup (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$ *is a comonad adjunction, there are natural transformations* $\bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau}$ *such that* $\langle S_\kappa, T_\lambda, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau} \rangle: \mathscr{A}_{\mathscr{G}} \rightharpoonup (\mathscr{A}')_{\mathscr{G}'}$ *is an adjunction which extends* $\langle S, T, \sigma, \tau \rangle: \mathscr{A} \rightharpoonup \mathscr{A}'$ *by* $(U_{\mathscr{G}}, (U')_{\mathscr{G}'})$.

Proof. This theorem follows from a theorem of Jean-Pierre Meyer [10, Theorem 2.2] in the case that $\mathscr{C} = \mathbf{Cat}_*$, the 2-category **Cat** with 2-cells reversed. In this case the natural transformation $\bar{\sigma}: \mathscr{A}_{\mathscr{G}} \to T_\lambda S_\kappa$ may be defined for any $\mathscr{G}$-coalgebra (A, α) by $\bar{\sigma}_{(A,\alpha)} = \sigma_A$, and similarly $\bar{\tau}$ may be defined for any $\mathscr{G}'$-coalgebra (A', α') by $\bar{\tau}_{(A',\alpha')} = \tau_{A'}$.

Let $\mathscr{G} = (G, \varepsilon, \delta)$ and $\mathscr{G}' = (G', \varepsilon', \delta')$ be comonads on $\mathscr{A}$ and $\mathscr{A}'$ respectively, and let $S: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{A}'$ be a functor. We say that S commutes with $\mathscr{G}$ and $\mathscr{G}'$ if $G'S = SG$, $\varepsilon' S = S\varepsilon$ and $\delta' S = S\delta$, or equivalently if the identity natural transformation id: $SG \to G'S$ makes $(S, \mathrm{id}): (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \to (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$ a comonad functor.

THEOREM 2.2. *Let* $\mathscr{G} = (G, \varepsilon, \delta)$ *and* $\mathscr{G}' = (G', \varepsilon', \delta')$ *be comonads on* $\mathscr{A}$ *and* $\mathscr{A}'$ *respectively, and let* $\langle S, T, \sigma, \tau \rangle: \mathscr{A} \rightharpoonup \mathscr{A}'$ *be an adjunction. If* T *commutes with* $\mathscr{G}'$ *and* $\mathscr{G}$, *there is a natural transformation* $\kappa: SG \to G'S$ *such that* $\langle (S, \kappa), (T, \mathrm{id}), \sigma, \tau \rangle: (\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{G}) \rightharpoonup (\mathscr{A}', \mathscr{G}')$ *is a comonad adjunction.*

Proof. Define κ to be the composite $\tau G'S \cdot S\lambda^{-1}S \cdot SG\sigma$, where $\lambda = \mathrm{id}\colon TG' \to GT$. One may then easily check that $\langle (S, \kappa), (T, \mathrm{id}), \sigma, \tau \rangle$ is a comonad adjunction.

REMARK. We observe that the conclusion of Theorem 2.2 remains valid if we replace the hypothesis that T commutes with $\mathscr{G}'$ and $\mathscr{G}$ by the hypothesis that T commutes with $\mathscr{G}'$ and $\mathscr{G}$ up to an isomorphism, i.e., there is a natural isomorphism $\lambda\colon TG' \to GT$ which makes (T, λ) a comonad functor. We do not need the added generality, however.

We now combine Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 to obtain the main result of this section. We will use this result in the subsequent sections to obtain the extensions of the constructions to the differential case.

COROLLARY 2.3. *Let $\mathscr{G}$ and $\mathscr{G}'$ be comonads on $\mathscr{A}$ and $\mathscr{A}'$ respectively, and let $\langle S, T, \sigma, \tau \rangle\colon \mathscr{A} \rightharpoonup \mathscr{A}'$ be an adjunction. If T commutes with $\mathscr{G}'$ and $\mathscr{G}$, there is an adjunction $\langle \bar{S}, \bar{T}, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau} \rangle\colon \mathscr{A}_{\mathscr{G}} \rightharpoonup (\mathscr{A}')_{\mathscr{G}'}$ which extends $\langle S, T, \sigma, \tau \rangle\colon \mathscr{A} \rightharpoonup \mathscr{A}'$ by $(U_{\mathscr{G}}, (U')_{\mathscr{G}'})$.*

REMARK. The dual of Corollary 2.3 was discovered independently by Peter Johnstone [6, Theorem 4].

3. **Differential rings of fractions.** The reader is referred to [2] for the basic results concerning rings of fractions. We begin by defining suitable categories for the adjunctions we develop in this section.

Let **Comm′** denote the category whose objects are pairs (A, S) where A is a ring and S is a multiplicative subset of A. A morphism $f\colon (A, S) \to (B, T)$ in **Comm′** is a ring homomorphism $f\colon A \to B$ such that $f(S) \subset T$. Similarly let **Diff′** denote the category whose objects are pairs $((A, d), S)$ with $(A, d) \in$ **Diff** and S a multiplicative subset of A, and whose morphisms are the obvious ones.

PROPOSITION 3.1. *There is an adjunction $\langle U', G', \eta', \varepsilon' \rangle$: **Diff′** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm′**, and the comonad Ω' defined by this adjunction is such that $(\mathbf{Comm}')_{\Omega'} \cong$ **Diff′**.*

Proof. The adjunction is defined in terms of the adjunction $\langle U, G, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle$: **Diff** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm**. The left adjoint U' is given by U': **Diff′** $\to$ **Comm′**: $((A, d), S) \to (A, S)\colon f \to f$, while the right adjoint G' is defined by G': **Comm′** $\to$ **Diff′**: $(A, S) \to ((\omega A, \partial_A), S_0)\colon f \to \omega f$, where $S_0 =$

$\varepsilon_A^{-1}(S) = \{(a_n) \in \omega A \colon a_0 \in S\}$. The unit η': **Diff**$' \to G'U'$ and counit ε': $U'G' \to$ **Comm**$'$ are given by $(\eta')_{((A,d),S)} = \eta_{(A,d)}$ and $(\varepsilon')_{(A,S)} = \varepsilon_A$. Observe that there are faithful functors F: **Comm**$' \to$ **Comm**: $(A, S) \to A \colon f \to f$ and F': **Diff**$' \to$ **Diff**: $((A, d), S) \to (A, d) \colon f \to f$ which forget the multiplicative subset and are such that $F'G' = GF$, $FU' = UF'$, $F'\eta' = \eta F'$, and $F\varepsilon' = \varepsilon F$. It follows from this observation that $\langle U', G', \eta', \varepsilon' \rangle$: **Diff**$' \rightharpoonup$ **Comm**$'$ is an adjunction. The cocomparison functor Φ': **Diff**$' \to ($**Comm**$')_{\Omega'}$ which exists by [9, Theorem 1, p, 138] is an isomorphism since U' satisfies the hypothesis of the dual of Beck's theorem [9, Theorem 1, p. 147].

We now observe that the construction of $S^{-1}A$, the ring of fractions of A by S, is part of an adjunction $\langle L, I, \sigma, \tau \rangle$: **Comm**$' \rightharpoonup$ **Comm**. The left adjoint is defined by L: **Comm**$' \to$ **Comm**: $(A, S) \to S^{-1}A \colon f \to f'$, where for a morphism $f \colon (A, S) \to (B, T)$ in **Comm**$'$, $f' \colon S^{-1}A \to T^{-1}B$ is the unique ring homomorphism given by $f'(a/s) = f(a)/f(s)$ [2, Proposition 2, p. 77]. The right adjoint is given by I: **Comm** $\to$ **Comm**$'$: $A \to (A, A^*) \colon f \to f$, where A^* denotes the multiplicative set of invertible elements in A, i.e., the units of A.

LEMMA 3.2. *An element $(a_n) \in \omega A$ is invertible if and only if a_0 is invertible in A,* i.e., $(\omega A)^* = \varepsilon_A^{-1}(A^*)$.

Proof. Clearly if $(a_n) \in \omega A$ is invertible, then $\varepsilon_A((a_n)) = a_0$ is invertible in A. Conversely suppose that $(a_n) \in \omega A$ is such that a_0 is invertible in A. Let $b_0 \in A$ be such that $a_0 b_0 = 1$, and for $n \geqq 1$ define b_n inductively by

$$b_n = -b_0\left(\sum_{k=1}^{n} C_{n,k} a_k b_{n-k}\right).$$

One checks that $(a_n)(b_n) = 1 = (\delta_{0,n})$, where $\delta_{0,0} = 1$ and $\delta_{0,n} = 0$ for $n \geqq 1$.

REMARK. Notice that Lemma 3.2 bears a strong resemblance to a theorem about formal power series rings, i.e., a power series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n$ is invertible in the ring $A[[t]]$ of formal power series in one variable with coefficients in A if and only if the constant term a_0 is invertible in A [8, p. 30]. The resemblance is no mere coincidence, however, since for any ring A there is a natural differential ring homomorphism $\phi_A \colon (A[[t]], d/dt) \to (\omega A, \partial_A)$ defined by $\phi_A(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n) = (n! a_n)$, where d/dt denotes the usual termwise differentiation of power series. Moreover, if A contains the ring of rationals, ϕ_A is an isomorphism.

COROLLARY 3.3. *There is an adjunction* $\langle L', I', \sigma', \tau' \rangle$: **Diff'** $\rightharpoonup$ **Diff** *which extends the adjunction* $\langle L, I, \sigma, \tau \rangle$: **Comm'** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm** *by* (U', U).

Proof. We first claim that I commutes with Ω and Ω'. The equality $I\omega = \omega' I$ follows from Lemma 3.2, and since F: **Comm'** $\to$ **Comm**: $(A, S) \to A: f \to f$ is faithful, it suffices to show that $FI\varepsilon = F\varepsilon' I$ and $FI\delta = F\delta' I$. But $FI =$ **Comm**, so that $FI\varepsilon = \varepsilon = \varepsilon FI = F\varepsilon' I$, and similarly for the other equation. Now by Corollary 2.3 there is an adjunction $\langle \bar{L}, \bar{I}, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau} \rangle$: $(\mathbf{Comm}')_{\Omega'} \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Comm}_{\Omega}$ which extends $\langle L, I, \sigma, \tau \rangle$: **Comm'** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm**. The desired adjunction is induced by $\langle \bar{L}, \bar{I}, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau} \rangle$ and the isomorphisms $\mathbf{Diff} \cong \mathbf{Comm}_{\Omega}$ and $\mathbf{Diff}' \cong (\mathbf{Comm}')_{\Omega'}$.

REMARK. The functor L': **Diff'** $\to$ **Diff** constructs the differential ring of fractions of (A, d) by S. Since $UL' = LU'$, we see that $L'((A, d), S) = (S^{-1}A, d')$ for some uniquely determined derivation operator d' on $S^{-1}A$. It is possible to show from what we have done that d' is the derivation operator defined for any $a \in A$ and $s \in S$ by

$$d'(a/s) = (sd(a) - ad(s))/s^2 .$$

This is the usual quotient rule for the derivative of a fraction [1, p. 310], [3, p. 198], [8, p. 63].

4. **Sheaves of differential rings.** In this section we adopt the notation and conventions of [11]. In particular, if X is a topological space and $\mathscr{A}$ is an $\mathscr{F}$-category, then $\mathscr{F}(H, \mathscr{A})$ denotes the category of sheaves in $\mathscr{A}$ over X.

If S: $\mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$ is any continuous functor between $\mathscr{F}$-categories, there is an induced functor S^*: $\mathscr{F}(H, \mathscr{A}) \to \mathscr{F}(H, \mathscr{B})$: $F \to SF$: $\alpha \to S\alpha$. This follows from the observation that if S is continuous then S preserves the equalizer property which characterizes the sheaves among the presheaves. In particular, if S has a left adjoint, there is an induced S^*.

PROPOSITION 4.1. *For any topological space X there is an adjunction* $\langle U^*, G^*, \eta^*, \varepsilon^* \rangle$: $\mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff}) \rightharpoonup \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})$, *and the comonad* Ω^* *defined by this adjunction is such that* $\mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*} \cong \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff})$.

Proof. From the adjunction $\langle U, G, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle$: **Diff** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm** we see that G has a left adjoint U, and since U is an algebraic functor it also has a left adjoint [12, Theorem 18.5.3. p. 238]. Hence by the observation made above there are induced functors U^* and G^*. If we define η^* and ε^* by $(\eta^*)_F = \eta F$ and $(\varepsilon^*)_F = \varepsilon F$, then it is easy to see that $\langle U^*, G^*, \eta^*, \varepsilon^* \rangle$ is an adjunction. The cocomparison functor $\Phi^*: \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff}) \to \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*}$ which exists by [9, Theorem 1, p. 138] is an isomorphism since U^* satisfies the hypothesis of the dual of Beck's theorem [9, Theorem 1, p. 147].

Recall from [11, Theorem 5.1, p. 253] that if $\mathscr{A}$ is an $\mathscr{F}$-category and $f: X \to Y$ is a continuous map, there is an adjunction $\langle f^*, f_*, \phi, \psi \rangle: \mathscr{F}(Y, \mathscr{A}) \rightharpoonup \mathscr{F}(X, \mathscr{A})$. The left adjoint f^* is called the inverse image functor, while the right adjoint f_* is called the direct image functor and is defined for any sheaf F in $\mathscr{A}$ over X and open set V in Y by $(f_*F)(V) = F(f^{-1}(V))$.

LEMMA 4.2. *If $S: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$ is a continuous functor between $\mathscr{F}$-categories and if $f: X \to Y$ is continuous, then $S^*f_* = f_*S^*$.*

Proof. Let F be a sheaf in $\mathscr{A}$ over X and let V be open in Y. Then $(S^*f_*)(F)(V) = S((f_*F)(V)) = SF(f^{-1}(V)) = (f_*SF)(V) = (f_*S^*)(F)(V)$.

COROLLARY 4.3. *If $f: X \to Y$ is continuous, there is an adjunction $\langle f^*, f_*, \phi, \psi \rangle$: $\mathscr{F}(Y, \mathbf{Diff}) \rightharpoonup \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff})$ which extends the adjunction $\langle f^*, f_*, \phi, \psi \rangle: \mathscr{F}(Y, \mathbf{Comm}) \rightharpoonup \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})$ by (U^*, U^*).*

Proof. It follows from Lemma 4.2 that $f_*: \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm}) \to \mathscr{F}(Y, \mathbf{Comm})$ commutes with the relevant Ω^*'s. Hence from Corollary 2.3 there is an adjunction $\langle \bar{f}^*, \bar{f}_*, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\psi} \rangle: \mathscr{F}(Y, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*} \rightharpoonup \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*}$. But $\mathscr{F}(?, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*} \cong \mathscr{F}(?, \mathbf{Diff})$ by Proposition 4.1, which gives the desired adjunction.

REMARK. We observe from Corollary 4.3 that direct and inverse images of sheaves of differential rings over a topological space X are constructed by forming direct or inverse images of the sheaves of the underlying rings, and the derivation operator on any section is then uniquely determined in terms of the derivation operator on the section of the original sheaf of differential rings.

We now observe that, for any complete and cocomplete category $\mathscr{A}$, topological space X and $x \in X$, there is an adjunction $\langle S_x, K_x, \sigma, \tau \rangle: \mathscr{F}(X, \mathscr{A}) \rightharpoonup \mathscr{A}$, where S_x is the stalk functor, defined for any sheaf F in $\mathscr{A}$ over X by $S_xF = F_x = \varinjlim F(U)$, the colimit taken over all open sets U in X which contain x. The right adjoint K_x is sometimes called the skyscraper sheaf functor, and is defined for any object A and open set U in X by $K_x A(U) = A$ or 1 depending whether $x \in U$ or $x \notin U$, where 1 is the terminal object in $\mathscr{A}$.

COROLLARY 4.4. *For any topological space X and any $x \in X$, there is an adjunction $\langle S_x, K_x, \sigma, \tau \rangle: \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff}) \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Diff}$ which extends the adjunction $\langle S_x, K_x, \sigma, \tau \rangle: \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm}) \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Comm}$ by (U^*, U).*

Proof. The right adjoint $K_x: \mathbf{Comm} \rightarrow \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})$ can be seen to commute with Ω and Ω^*, and hence by Corollary 2.3 there is an adjunction $\langle \bar{S}_x, \bar{K}_x, \bar{\sigma}, \bar{\tau} \rangle: \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*} \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Comm}_\Omega$. The desired adjunction follows from Proposition 4.1 and the isomorphism Φ: $\mathbf{Diff} \rightarrow \mathbf{Comm}_\Omega$.

REMARK. It follows from Corollary 4.4 that the stalk of a sheaf of differential rings over a point $x \in X$ is a differential ring whose underlying ring is the stalk of the sheaf of the underlying rings over x, and the derivation operator on that ring is again uniquely determined.

5. Differential local ringed spaces and the differential affine scheme of a differential ring.

In this section we show that an adjunction which is of fundamental importance in modern algebraic geometry is a comonad adjunction. The induced adjunction on the coalgebras gives the construction of the affine scheme of a differential ring. A second related adjunction yields the differential affine scheme of a differential ring.

For most of this section the notation and terminology will be consistent with that of [4]. We begin by stating several lemmas concerning local rings and local ring homomorphisms [2, p. 102]. A^* will denote the units of the ring A.

LEMMA 5.1. (i) *Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a ring homomorphism such that $f^{-1}(B^*) = A^*$. Then if B is local, so is A, and f is a local ring homomorphism.*

(ii) *Let A and B be local rings and let $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow A$ be ring homomorphisms with $gf = \mathrm{id}_A$. Then if g is local, so is f.*

LEMMA 5.2. *Let $(A_\alpha, \phi_{\beta\alpha})$ be a directed system of rings, and let $A = \varinjlim A_\alpha$ be the direct limit. Then the A_α^* form a directed system of sets with respect to restrictions of the $\phi_{\beta\alpha}$, and we have $A^* = \varinjlim A_\alpha^*$.*

We will say that a sheaf F in $\mathbf{Comm}$ over X is local if for each $x \in X$, F_x is a local ring, and a morphism $\alpha: F \to F'$ of local sheaves in **Comm** over X will be called local if $\alpha_x: F_x \to F'_x$ is a local ring homomorphism for each $x \in X$. The following proposition says that the comonad $\Omega^* = (\omega^*, \varepsilon^*, \delta^*)$ on $\mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})$ of Proposition 4.1 restricts to the subcategory of local sheaves and local morphisms.

PROPOSITION 5.3. *Let F be a local sheaf in* **Comm** *over X. Then ω^*F is also a local sheaf in* **Comm** *over X, and $\varepsilon^*_F: \omega^*F \to F$ and $\delta^*_F: \omega^*F \to \omega^*\omega^*F$ are local morphisms. Moreover, if $\alpha: F \to F'$ is a local morphism, so is $\omega^*\alpha: \omega^*F \to \omega^*F'$.*

Proof. To show that ω^*F and ε^*_F are both local, it suffices by Lemma 5.1 to show that $(\varepsilon^*_F)^{-1}_x(F^*_x) = (\omega^*F)^*_x$ for any $x \in X$. Taking all $\varinjlim$ over the directed system $\mathscr{U}_x$ of open sets U in X containing x, we see that $(\varepsilon^*_F)^{-1}_x(F^*_x) = (\varepsilon^*_F)^{-1}_x(\varinjlim F(U))^* \overset{(1)}{=} (\varepsilon^*_F)^{-1}_x(\varinjlim F(U)^*) \overset{(2)}{=} \varinjlim \varepsilon^{-1}_{F(U)}(F(U)^*) \overset{(3)}{=} \varinjlim \omega F(U)^* \overset{(1)}{=} (\varinjlim \omega F(U))^* = (\omega^*F)^*_x$. Here the equations (1) follow from Lemma 5.2, (2) since inverse images in the category of sets, **Ens**, are really pullbacks, hence finite limits, and that in **Ens** finite limits commute with colimits over directed sets ($\mathscr{U}_x$ in this case) [9, Theorem 1, p. 211], and (3) from Lemma 3.2. Now from the comonad equations we have $\varepsilon^*_{\omega^*F} \cdot \delta^*_F = \mathrm{id}_{\omega^*F}$, and since $\varepsilon^*_{\omega^*F}$ is local by the above argument, Lemma 5.1 shows that δ^*_F is local. Finally, suppose that $\alpha: F \to F'$ is a local morphism of local sheaves. Then since $\varepsilon^*_{F'} \cdot \omega^*\alpha = \alpha \cdot \varepsilon^*_F$ and $(\omega^*F)^*_x = (\varepsilon^*_F)^{-1}_x(F^*_x)$, we see that $(\omega^*\alpha)^{-1}_x((\omega^*F')^*_x) = (\omega^*F)^*_x$, so again by Lemma 5.1 $\omega^*\alpha$ is local.

We will denote the category of local ringed spaces and their morphisms [4, p. 92–93] by **Loc**. We define a differential local ringed space to be a pair $(X, \mathscr{O}_X)$ where X is a topological space and $\mathscr{O}_X$ is a sheaf in **Diff** on X such that $U^*\mathscr{O}_X$ is local, i.e., $(U^*\mathscr{O}_X)_x = U\mathscr{O}_{X,x}$ is a local ring for each $x \in X$. Observe that we are not yet requiring the maximal ideal in $U\mathscr{O}_{X,x}$ to be a differential ideal. If $(X, \mathscr{O}_X)$ and $(Y, \mathscr{O}_Y)$ are differential local ringed spaces, then (ψ, θ): $(X, \mathscr{O}_X) \to (Y, \mathscr{O}_Y)$ is called a morphism of differential local ringed spaces if $\psi: X \to Y$ is continuous and $\theta: \mathscr{O}_Y \to \mathscr{O}_X$ is a local ψ-morphism of sheaves in **Diff**, i.e., $\theta: \mathscr{O}_Y \to \psi_*\mathscr{O}_X$ is a morphism in $\mathscr{F}(Y, \mathbf{Diff})$ such that $U^*\theta: U^*\mathscr{O}_Y \to U^*\psi_*\mathscr{O}_X = \psi_* U^*\mathscr{O}_X$ is a local morphism in $\mathscr{F}(Y, \mathbf{Comm})$. If $(\psi, \theta): (X, \mathscr{O}_X) \to (Y, \mathscr{O}_Y)$ and (ψ', θ'): $(Y, \mathscr{O}_Y) \to (Z, \mathscr{O}_Z)$ are morphisms of differential local ringed spaces, then their composite is given by $(\psi', \theta') \cdot (\psi, \theta) = (\psi'\psi, \psi'_*\theta \cdot \theta')$: $(X, \mathscr{O}_X) \to (Z, \mathscr{O}_Z)$. The category of differential local ringed spaces will be denoted by **Diff Loc**.

We have seen that the adjunction $\langle U, G, \eta, \varepsilon\rangle$: **Diff** $\rightharpoonup$ **Comm** defines the comonad Ω on **Comm** with $\mathbf{Comm}_{\Omega} \cong$ **Diff**, and similarly the adjunction $\langle U^*, G^*, \eta^*, \varepsilon^*\rangle: \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff}) \rightharpoonup \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})$ defines the comonad Ω^* on $\mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})$ with $\mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*} \cong \mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff})$. We extend the parallel to differential local ringed spaces.

THEOREM 5.4. *There is an adjunction* $\langle G^0, U^0, \varepsilon^0, \eta^0\rangle$: **Loc** $\rightharpoonup$ **Diff Loc**, *and the monad* Ω^0 *defined by this adjunction is such that* $\mathbf{Loc}^{\Omega^0} \cong$ **Diff Loc**.

REMARK. We note that differential local ringed spaces are algebras for a monad, rather than coalgebras for a comonad as differential rings and sheaves of differential rings have been. This is due to the nature of the morphisms in **Loc** and **Diff Loc**, i.e., $(\psi, \theta): (X, \mathscr{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathscr{O}_Y)$ with $\theta: \mathscr{O}_Y \rightarrow \psi_* \mathscr{O}_X$ backwards (literally!).

Proof. The right adjoint is defined by U^0: **Diff Loc** $\rightarrow$ **Loc**: $(X, \mathscr{O}_X) \rightarrow (X, U^*\mathscr{O}_X): (\psi, \theta) \rightarrow (\psi, U^*\theta)$, while the left adjoint is defined by G^0: **Loc** $\rightarrow$ **Diff Loc**: $(X, \mathscr{O}_X) \rightarrow (X, G^*\mathscr{O}_X): (\psi, \theta) \rightarrow (\psi, G^*\theta)$. Note that by Proposition 5.3 if $(X, \mathscr{O}_X)$ is a local ringed space then $U^*G^*\mathscr{O}_X = \omega^*\mathscr{O}_X$ is a local sheaf over X, and if (ψ, θ) is a morphism of local ringed spaces then $U^*G^*\theta = \omega^*\theta$ is a local morphism of sheaves over Y, so that G^0 is well defined. Define the unit ε^0: **Loc** $\rightarrow U^0G^0$ and counit $\eta^0: G^0U^0 \rightarrow$ **Diff Loc** by $\varepsilon^0_{(X,\mathscr{O}_X)} = (\mathrm{id}_X, \varepsilon^*_{\mathscr{O}_X})$ and $\eta^0_{(X,\mathscr{O}_X)} = (\mathrm{id}_X, \eta^*_{\mathscr{O}_X})$. Again by Proposition 5.3, $\varepsilon^*_{\mathscr{O}_X}$ is local and $\varepsilon^*_{U^*\mathscr{O}_X} \cdot U^*\eta^*_{\mathscr{O}_X} = \mathrm{id}_{U^*\mathscr{O}_X}$, so that by Lemma 5.1, $U^*\eta^*_{\mathscr{O}_X}$ is also local. It is clear that the adjunction equations for $\langle G^0, U^0, \varepsilon^0, \eta^0\rangle$ follow from those for $\langle U^*, G^*, \eta^*, \varepsilon^*\rangle$ and the (backward) composition of morphisms in both **Loc** and **Diff Loc**. It remains to show that the comparison functor Φ^0: **Diff Loc** $\rightarrow \mathbf{Loc}^{\Omega^0}$ which exists by [9, Theorem 1, p. 138] is an isomorphism, and for this we use Beck's theorem [9, Theorem 1, p. 147].

Let $(\psi_i, \theta_i): (X, \mathscr{O}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathscr{O}_Y)$, $i = 1, 2$, be a parallel pair in **Diff Loc** for which $U^0(\psi_i, \theta_i) = (\psi_i, U^*\theta_i)$ has a split coequalizer in **Loc**, say

$$(X, U^*\mathscr{O}_X) \underset{(\psi_2,\, U^*\theta_2)}{\overset{(\psi_1,\, U^*\theta_1)}{\rightrightarrows}} (Y, U^*\mathscr{O}_Y) \underset{(h,\, \mu)}{\overset{(q,\, e)}{\rightleftarrows}} (Z, \bar{\mathscr{O}}_Z), \qquad (k, \gamma): (Y, U^*\mathscr{O}_Y) \rightarrow (X, U^*\mathscr{O}_X)$$

Using the rule $(f', \theta') \cdot (f, \theta) = (f'f, f'_*\theta \cdot \theta')$ for composition in **Loc**, it is not difficult to see that

$$\bar{\mathcal{O}}_Z \underset{q_*\mu}{\overset{e}{\rightleftarrows}} U^*q_*\mathcal{O}_Y \underset{U^*q_*\theta_2}{\overset{U^*q_*\theta_1}{\rightrightarrows}} U^*q_*(\psi_i)_*\mathcal{O}_X \quad (q_*(\psi_1)_*\gamma : U^*q_*(\psi_i)_*\mathcal{O}_X \to U^*q_*\mathcal{O}_Y)$$

is a split equalizer in $\mathscr{F}(Z, \mathbf{Comm})$. Now since the cocomparison functor $\Phi^*: \mathscr{F}(Z, \mathbf{Diff}) \to \mathscr{F}(Z, \mathbf{Comm})_{\Omega^*}$ is an isomorphism by Proposition 4.1, the dual of Beck's theorem implies that U^* creates an equalizer for the parallel pair $q_*\theta_1$, $q_*\theta_2$ in $\mathscr{F}(Z, \mathbf{Diff})$. Hence $\bar{\mathcal{O}}_Z = U^*\mathcal{O}_Z$ and $e = U^*\theta$ for a unique $\mathcal{O}_Z \in \mathscr{F}(Z, \mathbf{Diff})$ and a unique $\theta: \mathcal{O}_Z \to q_*\mathcal{O}_Y$ in $\mathscr{F}(Z, \mathbf{Diff})$, and θ is the equalizer of $q_*\theta_1$ and $q_*\theta_2$ in $\mathscr{F}(Z, \mathbf{Diff})$. It follows that $(q, \theta): (Y, \mathcal{O}_Y) \to (Z, \mathcal{O}_Z)$ is the coequalizer of (ψ_i, θ_i), $i = 1, 2$, in **Diff Loc**, and from Beck's theorem we now conclude that Φ^0: **Diff Loc** $\to \mathbf{Loc}^{\Omega^0}$ is an isomorphism.

Recall now from [4] that there is an adjunction which enjoys a central role in modern algebraic geometry and which gives rise to the fundamental notion of the affine scheme of a ring. This adjunction will be denoted by $\langle \mathrm{Spec}, \Gamma, \theta, \rho \rangle: \mathbf{Comm} \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Loc}^{op}$, where $\mathbf{Loc}^{op}$ is the category dual to **Loc**. Its left adjoint is the (contravariant) functor Spec: $\mathbf{Comm} \to \mathbf{Loc}^{op}$, which defines the affine scheme (Spec (A), $\tilde{A}$) of a ring A [4, 1.6.1, p. 209]. The right adjoint of the adjunction is the (contravariant) global sections functor $\Gamma: \mathbf{Loc}^{op} \to \mathbf{Comm}$: $(X, \mathcal{O}_X) \to \mathcal{O}_X(X): (\psi, \theta) \to \Gamma(\theta)$. We also observe that the unit $\theta: \mathbf{Comm} \to \Gamma$ Spec of the adjunction is a natural isomorphism [4, 1.3.7, p. 199].

COROLLARY 5.5. *There is an adjunction* $\langle \mathrm{Spec}', \Gamma', \theta', \rho' \rangle: \mathbf{Diff} \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Diff\ Loc}^{op}$ *which extends the adjunction* $\langle \mathrm{Spec}, \Gamma, \theta, \rho \rangle: \mathbf{Comm} \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Loc}^{op}$, *and* $\theta': \mathbf{Diff} \to \Gamma'\,\mathrm{Spec}'$ *is a natural isomorphism.*

Proof. We first note that by the dual of Theorem 5.4 there is a comonad, which we shall denote by Ω^0, on $\mathbf{Loc}^{op}$ such that $(\mathbf{Loc}^{op})_{\Omega^0} \cong \mathbf{Diff\ Loc}^{op}$. Furthermore, the right adjoint Γ of the adjunction $\langle \mathrm{Spec}, \Gamma, \theta, \rho \rangle: \mathbf{Comm} \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Loc}^{op}$ commutes with the comonads Ω^0 and Ω. By Corollary 2.3 there is an adjunction $\langle \overline{\mathrm{Spec}}, \bar{\Gamma}, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\rho} \rangle: \mathbf{Comm}_\Omega \rightharpoonup (\mathbf{Loc}^{op})_{\Omega^0}$ which extends $\langle \mathrm{Spec}, \Gamma, \theta, \rho \rangle: \mathbf{Comm} \rightharpoonup \mathbf{Loc}^{op}$, and the desired adjunction may be defined in terms of the adjunction $\langle \overline{\mathrm{Spec}}, \bar{\Gamma}, \bar{\theta}, \bar{\rho} \rangle$: $\mathbf{Comm}_\Omega \rightharpoonup (\mathbf{Loc}^{op})_{\Omega^0}$ and the isomorphisms $\mathbf{Comm}_\Omega \cong \mathbf{Diff}$ and $(\mathbf{Loc}^{op})_{\Omega^0} \cong \mathbf{Diff\ Loc}^{op}$. Finally, since $\langle \mathrm{Spec}', \Gamma', \theta', \rho' \rangle$ extends $\langle \mathrm{Spec}, \Gamma, \theta, \rho \rangle$ by (U, U^0) we see that $U\theta' = \theta U$ is a natural isomorphism. But U reflects isomorphisms, so that θ' is a natural isomorphism.

For any differential ring (A, d), $\mathrm{Spec}'(A, d) = (\mathrm{Spec}(A), (\tilde{A}, \tilde{d}))$ is called the affine scheme of the differential ring (A, d) and has many properties in common with the affine scheme of a ring. For example, we see from Corollary 5.5 that θ': **Diff** $\to \Gamma'$ Spec$'$ is a natural isomorphism. This means that the differential coordinate ring of the affine scheme of any differential ring is naturally isomorphic to the differential ring, which in the non-differential case is a well known result. Moreover, one can easily show that the sheaf $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{d})$ on Spec(A) is such that for any $x \in \mathrm{Spec}(A)$, $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{d})_x \cong (A_x, d_x)$, where A_x is the local ring of fractions $S^{-1}A$ with $S = A - j_x$ and d_x is the derivation operator on A_x defined by

$$d_x(a/s) = (sd(a) - ad(s))/s^2$$

for any $a \in A$, $s \notin j_x$(cf. § 3).

Recall from [1, p. 315] that a local differential ring is a differential ring (A, d) whose underlying ring A is a local ring and whose maximal ideal m_A is a differential ideal, i.e., $d(m_A) \subset m_A$ or equivalently $d^{-1}(A^*) \subset A^*$. We now define an LDR-space to be a differential local ringed space $(X, \mathscr{O}_X)$ such that for any $x \in X$, $\mathscr{O}_{X,x}$ is a local differential ring. The full subcategory of **Diff Loc** consisting of the LDR-spaces will be denoted by **LDR.**

PROPOSITION 5.6. **LDR** *is a coreflective subcategory of* **Diff Loc.**

Proof. We show that the inclusion functor K: **LDR** $\to$ **Diff Loc** has a right adjoint D: **Diff Loc** $\to$ **LDR.** For any $(X, \mathscr{O}_X) \in$ **Diff Loc**, define $D(X, \mathscr{O}_X) = (X_0, \mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0)$, where $X_0 = \{x \in X: \mathscr{O}_{X,x}$ is a local differential ring$\}$ with the subspace topology and $\mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0$ is the restriction of $\mathscr{O}_X$ to X_0. Note that $(\mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0)_x = \mathscr{O}_{X,x}$ for any $x \in X_0$, so that $(X_0, \mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0) \in$ **LDR.** Now let (i_X, ϕ_X): $(X_0, \mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0) \to (X, \mathscr{O}_X)$ denote the canonical injection, where $i_X: X_0 \to X$ is the inclusion of the subspace and $\phi_X: \mathscr{O}_X \to (i_X)_*(\mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0) = (i_X)_*(i_X)^*\mathscr{O}_X$ is the unit of the adjunction $\langle (i_X)^*, (i_X)_*, \phi, \psi \rangle$: $\mathscr{F}(X, \mathbf{Diff}) \rightharpoonup \mathscr{F}(X_0, \mathbf{Diff})$ from Corollary 4.3. To see that D is a functor, let (ψ, θ): $(X, \mathscr{O}_X) \to (Y, \mathscr{O}_Y)$ be a morphism of differential local ringed spaces. Then if $x \in X_0$, $\mathscr{O}_{X,x}$ is a local differential ring, so that $d_x^{-1}(\mathscr{O}_{X,x}^*) \subset \mathscr{O}_{X,x}^*$, where d_x denotes the derivation operator of $\mathscr{O}_{X,x}$. Since $\theta_x^\#: \mathscr{O}_{Y,\psi(x)} \to \mathscr{O}_{X,x}$ is a differential ring homomorphism it follows that $(\theta_x^\#)^{-1} d_x^{-1}(\mathscr{O}_{X,x}^*) = d_{\psi(x)}^{-1}(\theta_x^\#)^{-1}(\mathscr{O}_{X,x}^*) \subset (\theta_x^\#)^{-1}(\mathscr{O}_{X,x}^*)$, and since (ψ, θ) is a morphism in **Diff Loc** we see that $(\theta_x^\#)^{-1}(\mathscr{O}_{X,x}^*) = \mathscr{O}_{Y,\psi(x)}^*$. Hence $d_{\psi(x)}^{-1}(\mathscr{O}_{Y,\psi(x)}^*) \subset \mathscr{O}_{Y,\psi(x)}^*$, so that $\mathscr{O}_{Y,\psi(x)}$ is a local differential ring and $\psi(x) \in Y_0$. Therefore there exists a unique continuous $\psi_0: X_0 \to Y_0$ such that $\psi \cdot i_X = i_Y \cdot \psi_0$. One checks that $\theta: \mathscr{O}_Y \to \psi_* \mathscr{O}_X$ also restricts properly to give $\theta \mid Y_0$: $\mathscr{O}_Y \mid Y_0 \to (\psi_0)_*(\mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0)$ by observing that $\mathscr{O}_X \mid X_0 = (i_X)^*\mathscr{O}_X$, $\mathscr{O}_Y \mid Y_0 = (i_Y)^*\mathscr{O}_Y$ and $\psi \cdot i_X = i_Y \cdot \psi_0$. Hence D is a functor, and clearly $DK = \mathrm{id}_{\mathbf{LDR}}$. There is also a natural transformation i: $KD \to \mathrm{id}_{\mathbf{Diff\ Loc}}$ with components $i_{(X,\mathcal{O}_X)} = (i_X, \phi_X)$: $(X_0, \mathcal{O}_X \mid X_0) \to (X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ as above. Finally, one checks that $\langle K, D, \mathrm{id}, i\rangle$: **LDR** ⇀ **Diff Loc** is the desired adjunction.

COROLLARY 5.7. *There is an adjunction* $\langle \mathrm{Spec}_D, \Gamma_D, \theta_D, \rho_D\rangle$: **Diff** ⇀ **LDR**^{op}.

Proof. By the dual of Proposition 5.6 there is an adjunction $\langle D, K, i, \mathrm{id}\rangle$: **Diff Loc**^{op} ⇀ **LDR**^{op}, and by Corollary 5.5 there is an adjunction $\langle \mathrm{Spec}', \Gamma', \theta', \rho'\rangle$: **Diff** ⇀ **Diff Loc**^{op}. The two adjunctions can be composed [9, Theorem 1, p. 101] to give the adjunction $\langle \mathrm{Spec}_D, \Gamma_D, \theta_D, \rho_D\rangle = \langle D\,\mathrm{Spec}', \Gamma' K, \Gamma' i\,\mathrm{Spec}' \cdot \theta', \mathrm{id} \cdot D\rho' K\rangle$: **Diff** ⇀ **LDR**^{op}.

REMARK. We observe that the adjunction $\langle \mathrm{Spec}_D, \Gamma_D, \theta_D, \rho_D\rangle$: **Diff** ⇀ **LDR**^{op} does not extend $\langle \mathrm{Spec}, \Gamma, \theta, \rho\rangle$: **Comm** ⇀ **Loc**^{op}, and more importantly that θ_D: **Diff** $\to \Gamma_D\,\mathrm{Spec}_D$ is not a natural isomorphism. The latter observation follows since $\theta_D = \Gamma' i\,\mathrm{Spec}' \cdot \theta'$, and while θ': **Diff** $\to \Gamma'\,\mathrm{Spec}'$ is a natural isomorphism, i is not an isomorphism.

The adjunction of Corollary 5.7 has considerable significance for differential algebraists, since the basic objects that one usually considers in differential algebraic geometry do not involve all the prime ideals in a differential ring but rather only the prime differential ideals. We claim that for any differential ring (A, d), $\mathrm{Spec}_D(A, d)$ is exactly a basic object. By definition, $\mathrm{Spec}_D(A, d) = D\,\mathrm{Spec}'(A, d) = D(\mathrm{Spec}(A), (\tilde{A}, \tilde{d})) = (\mathrm{Spec}(A)_0, (\tilde{A}, \tilde{d}) \mid \mathrm{Spec}(A)_0)$, where $\mathrm{Spec}(A)_0 = \{x \in \mathrm{Spec}(A): (\tilde{A}, \tilde{d})_x$ is a local differential ring$\}$. But $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{d})_x = (A_x, d_x)$ is a local differential ring if and only if $m_x = j_x A_{j_x}$, the maximal ideal of A_x, is a differential ideal, and this is so if and only if j_x is a differential ideal. Hence $\mathrm{Spec}(A)_0$ consists of the prime differential ideals of (A, d), and we denote this subspace of $\mathrm{Spec}(A)$ by $\mathrm{Spec}_D(A)$.

We will call $\mathrm{Spec}_D(A, d) = (\mathrm{Spec}_D(A), (\tilde{A}, \tilde{d})^*)$ the differential affine scheme of the differential ring (A, d). We observe that since Spec_D is part of an adjunction, $(\mathrm{Spec}_D(A), (\tilde{A}, \tilde{d})^*)$ has many properties in common with the affine scheme $(\mathrm{Spec}(A), (\tilde{A}, \tilde{d}))$ defined earlier. Moreover, these differential affine schemes will be the basic objects used to define differential schemes which are the differential analogue of schemes. The definitions and important properties of differential schemes will be the topic of a separate paper.

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