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 finiteness: if X is well behaved (e.g. a compact manifold) cohomology groups are finitely generated.

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where  $\operatorname{Cor}(\Delta^i, X)$  is the group of correspondences: free abelian group over all integral subschemes of  $\mathbb{A}^i \times_k X$  that are finite and surjective over  $\mathbb{A}^i$ .

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# Example

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## Ramification

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Why should this work? The tame fundamental group  $\pi_1^t(X/S, \bar{x})$  already exists and has good properties.

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#### Valuations

Valuations of a ring A:

$$v:A\to \Gamma\cup\{0\}$$

- **Γ**: totally ordered group, multiplicative notation,
- v is multiplicative,

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$$v(1) = 1$$
,

• v satisfies the strong triangle inequality:

$$v(a+b) \leq \max\{v(a), v(b)\}.$$

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#### Connection to valuations of fields

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#### Visualization

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#### Generalization

S separated scheme,  $X \rightarrow S$  morphism of schemes.

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## Morphisms

A commutative diagram of schemes



induces a morphism of adic spaces

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{Spa}(f,g) &: \operatorname{Spa}(X',S') \longrightarrow \operatorname{Spa}(X,S), \\ & (x',\mathcal{O}') \ \mapsto \ (x=f(x'),\mathcal{O}=\mathcal{O}'\cap k(x')) \end{split}$$

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If  $X \to S$  is an open immersion and  $U \to T$  is dominant (hence an open immersion), then  $T \to S$  is birational.

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Tame ramification

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