- (1) Let  $\tau$  be a topology on  $\mathcal{C}$ . Denote by  $L: Sp(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C})) \to Sp(Shv_{\tau}(\mathcal{C}))$  the left adjoint to the inclusion. Make sense of and prove the following statement:  $L({X^n}^n) \simeq {L_\tau(X^n)}^n$ .
- (2) Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos and let  $Sp(\mathcal{X})_{\leq 0}$  consist of spectra E such that  $\Omega^{\infty}E = *$ . Write  $\mathcal{C}$  for the full subcategory of those  $E \in Sp(\mathcal{X})$  which are left orthogonal to  $Sp(\mathcal{X})_{<0}$  and also satisfy  $\underline{\pi}_i E = 0$ for i < 0.
  - (a) Given  $E \in Sp(\mathcal{X})$ , find  $E' \in \mathcal{C}$  with a map  $E' \to E$ , surjective on  $\underline{\pi}_i$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . [Hint: consider  $E' = \Sigma^{\infty} \Omega^{\infty} E.$ ]
  - (b) Let F be the fiber of  $E' \to E$  and  $C_1$  the cofiber of  $F' \to F \to E'$ . Show that  $C_1 \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\underline{\pi}_0 C_1 \simeq \underline{\pi}_0 E$ . Iterating this construction, find  $C_\infty \in \mathcal{C}$  with a map  $C_\infty \to E$  which induces an isomorphism on  $\underline{\pi}_i$  for all  $i \ge 0$ .
  - (c) Suppose now that  $\mathcal{X}$  is hypercomplete. Show that  $C_{\infty} \simeq \tau_{>0} E$  and deduce the description of the *t*-structure in terms of homotopy sheaves.
- (3) Let k be an infinite field,  $w \in \mathbb{A}^n$  closed.
  - (a) Let  $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in \mathbb{A}^n$  closed points, with  $x_i \neq w$  for all *i*. Show that for a general hyperplane H in  $\mathbb{A}^n$ , w + H does not contain any  $x_i$ .
  - (b) Let  $Z \subset \mathbb{A}^n$  be closed of dimension > 0. Show that for a general hyperplane H, dim $(Z \cap H + w) < 0$  $\dim Z$ .
- (4) Let k be an infinite field and C a smooth curve over k. Let  $z \in C$  be a closed point. Show that there exists an open neighborhood C' of z and a map  $f: C' \to \mathbb{A}^1$  such that f is étale at z, and  $f|_z: \{z\} \to \mathbb{A}^1$  is universally injective. (I.e. any base change of  $f_z$  along a map  $T \to \mathbb{A}^1$  remains injective.) [*Hint:* you may wish to show that  $X \to Y$  is universally injective if it is injective and all residue field extensions are purely inseparable.]
- (5) Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a morphism of schemes which is finite, unramified, and universally injective. Show that f is a closed immersion.
- (6) Let  $\varphi: U \to X$  be a separated étale morphism,  $Z \subset U$  closed mapping isomorphically to its image in X. Show that there exists an open neighborhood V of Z in U such that  $\varphi^{-1}(\varphi(Z)) \cap V = Z$ . [In other words,  $U \to X$  is an étale neighborhood of Z in a weak sense, and from it we extract  $V \to X$ , an étale neighborhood in a strong sense.]
- (7) (a) Let G be a sheaf of groups on  $\operatorname{Sm}_k$ . Show that G is strongly  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -invariant if and only if  $K_{\operatorname{Nis}}(G,1)$  $(:= L_{\text{Nis}}K(G, 1))$  is  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -invariant.
  - (b) Let A be a sheaf of abelian groups on  $\operatorname{Sm}_k$ . Show that A is strictly  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -invariant if and only if  $K_{\text{Nis}}(A, n)$  is  $\mathbb{A}^1$ -invariant for all n.
- (8) Let  $Z \subset \mathbb{A}^N$  be a k-variety of dimension  $\leq d$ . Show that a general linear projection  $\mathbb{A}^N \to \mathbb{A}^d$  induces a finite map  $Z \to \mathbb{A}^d$ , as follows. Given a linear map  $\varphi : \mathbb{A}^N \to \mathbb{A}^d$ ,  $\varphi_i(x_1, \ldots, x_N) = \sum_i \varphi_i^j x_j$ , define homogeneous linear forms  $\tilde{\varphi}_0 = X_0, \tilde{\varphi}_i = \sum_j \varphi_i^j X_j$ . Set  $V_{\varphi} = Z(\tilde{\varphi}_0, \dots, \tilde{\varphi}_d) \subset \mathbb{P}^N$ . We obtain a map  $\tilde{\varphi} : \mathbb{P}^N \setminus V_{\varphi} \to \mathbb{P}^d$ . Write  $\overline{Z} \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  for the closure of Z. (a) Show that whenever  $\overline{Z} \cap V_{\varphi} = \emptyset$ ,  $\varphi|_Z : Z \to \mathbb{A}^d$  is finite. [*Hint*: show that  $\varphi|_Z$  is projective and
  - affine.]
  - (b) Let G denote the Grassmannian scheme of (N-1-d)-dimensional linear subspaces of the hyperplane at infinity of  $\mathbb{P}^N$ . Let  $T \subset \overline{Z} \times G$  be the set of pairs (x, V) with  $x \in V$ . Show that  $\dim T < \dim G$ . [Hint: Given a surjective morphism  $X \to Y$  of varieties, such that all fibers have dimension  $\leq n$ , one has dim  $X \leq \dim Y + n$ .] Deduce that  $T \to G$  misses a dense open subset U. Show that  $\{\varphi \mid V_{\varphi} \in U\}$  is the desired open.