

## Ramified covers and root stacks

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A ramified cover  $X$  of a surface  $S$  gives rise to ramification data in the following sense: the locus in  $S$  over which  $X$  is ramified will look like a union of curves and to each curve we associate the corresponding ramification index. Conversely, given a finite number of curves in  $S$  intersecting only transversely, and a positive integer for each curve, we may ask when such data comes from a ramified cover. We will explain how to give a criteria for when this is the case, using root stacks.

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