

§ 3.9.4. Finite flat group schemes

R : commutative ring, (+ Noetherian???)

Def: An (affine) **group scheme** over $\text{Spec } R$ is a representable functor from the category of schemes over $\text{Spec } R$ to the category of groups, with a choice of the representing object.

\Leftrightarrow an affine $(\text{Spec } R)$ -scheme G with a morphism of schemes $m: G \times_{\text{Spec } R} G \rightarrow G$ over $\text{Spec } R$, satisfying: If scheme $T/\text{Spec } R$, $(G(T), m)$ is a group.

By **Yoneda embedding**, we have an equivalent definition:

Def': An affine group scheme G over $\text{Spec } R$ is an $\text{Spec } R$ -scheme $\pi: G \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$ together with $\text{Spec } R$ -morphisms $m: G \times_{\text{Spec } R} G \rightarrow G$, $i: G \rightarrow G$ (inverse), and $e: \text{Spec } R \rightarrow G$ (identity section) s.t.

$$(1) m \circ (m \times \text{id}_G) = M \circ (\text{id}_G \times m)$$

$$(2) m \circ (e \times \text{id}_G) = j_1: \text{Spec } R \times_{\text{Spec } R} G \xrightarrow{\sim} G$$

$$(3) m \circ (\text{id}_G \times e) = j_2: G \times_{\text{Spec } R} \text{Spec } R \xrightarrow{\sim} G$$

$$(4) e \circ \pi = M \circ (\text{id}_G \times i) \circ \Delta_{G/\text{Spec } R} = M \circ (i \times \text{id}_G) \circ \Delta_{G/\text{Spec } R}: G \rightarrow G$$

Def: (1) A **homomorphism** of $\text{Spec } R$ -group schemes $G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is a morphism of $\text{Spec } R$ -schemes $f: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ s.t. $f \circ M_1 = M_2 \circ (f \times f): G_1 \times_{\text{Spec } R} G_1 \rightarrow G_2$

(2) A $\text{Spec } R$ -group scheme $\pi: G = \text{Spec } A \rightarrow \text{Spec } R$ is

finite if π is finite (as morphism of schemes), i.e. (for an open cover $\{V_i = \text{Spec } B_i\}$, $f(V_i) = U_i$ is an open affine subscheme $\text{Spec } A_i$, which induces a ring homomorphism $B_i \rightarrow A_i$, makes A_i a finitely generated B_i -module.)

flat if π is flat (as morphism of schemes) ($f: X \rightarrow Y$ is flat $\Leftrightarrow \forall p \in X$,

$f^{-1}(O_{Y,p}) \rightarrow O_{X,p}$ is flat, i.e. $O_{X,p}$ is a flat $(O_{Y,p})$ -module)

Let G be a finite flat group scheme over R .

[Stacks Project, Lemma 29.48.2] $\Rightarrow R$ noetherian + G finite flat $\Rightarrow G$ locally free of finite rank

Def: The rank (order) of G is its local rank.

reference: lecture notes of Ben Moonen, Chapter 3

Basic theory of group schemes

* Hopf algebra

- If $G = \text{Spec } A$ is an affine group scheme over $\text{Spec } R$, then A is a commutative Hopf algebra

→ Boekbe writes "cocommutative", but cocommutative Hopf algebra corresponds to commutative group scheme.

Def: (Hopf algebra). R -algebra with R -linear maps $\mu: A \rightarrow A \otimes_R A$ (comultiplication)

$\epsilon: A \rightarrow R$ (counit)

$\iota: A \rightarrow A$ (inverse)

satisfying:

Example (1) Γ : an abstract group. $\mathcal{A} = \text{Hom}(\Gamma, R)$ is R -algebra.

define • (comultiplication) $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}$, $\mu(f)(a \otimes b) = f(ab)$, $\forall a, b \in \Gamma$

• (counit) $\epsilon: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow R$, $\epsilon(f) = 1$

• (inverse) $\iota: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, $\iota(f)(s) = f(s^{-1})$ $\forall s \in \Gamma$

→ \mathcal{A} is a cocommutative Hopf algebra.

(link, Γ is finite → $\mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{A}$ is naturally isomorphic to $\text{Hom}(\Gamma \times \Gamma, R)$)

(2). $\mathcal{A} = R[X]/(X^m - 1)$, with $\mu(X) = X \otimes X$, $\iota(X) = X^{-1}$ and $\epsilon(X) = 1$.

This defines the multiplicative group scheme μ_m . It is étale over R iff. m is invertible in R .

étale morphism \Leftrightarrow flat + unramified \Leftrightarrow smooth + unramified.

unramified: $f: X \rightarrow Y$, locally of finite presentation,

If $x \in X$ and $y = f(x)$, one has ① $\mathcal{O}_Y(y)$ is finite sep. ext. of $\mathcal{O}_X(x)$

② $f^\#(\mathfrak{m}_y)\mathcal{O}_{X,x} = \mathfrak{m}_x$, where

$f^\#: \mathcal{O}_{Y,y} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X,x}$ and $\mathfrak{m}_y, \mathfrak{m}_x$

are maximal ideals of the local rings.

* K : finite extension of \mathbb{Q}_p .

Def: A flat representation of G_K is a continuous representation of G_K on a finite abelian group V s.t. \exists finite group scheme G over \mathcal{O}_K so that $V \cong G(\mathbb{F})$ as a $\mathbb{Z}[G_K]$ -module.

$\stackrel{f}{\rightarrow}$

$\text{Spec}(\sigma): \text{Spec}(K) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\bar{K})$

[G_K -action on $G(\bar{K})$: $G(\bar{K}) = \text{Hom}(\text{Spec}(\bar{K}), G)$, $\forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(\bar{K}/K)$, $\sigma(f) = f \circ \text{Spec}(\sigma)$, where]

FACI Suppose G is a finite flat group scheme over \mathcal{O}_K of order prime-to-p.

Then the following 3 equivalent conditions hold:

(1) G is étale

(2) The action of G_K on $G(\bar{K})$ is via $\pi_i(\text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_K))$

(3) The action of G_K is unramified.

Conversely, any unramified cont. rep. of G_K on a finite abelian group is flat.

Assumption: V is of p -power order.

Lemma: V : cont. lin. rep of G_K on a finite abelian \mathbb{F} -group.

Then V is flat over $K^{ur} \Rightarrow V$ is flat over K .

If: V is flat over $K^{ur} \Rightarrow V|_{G_{K^{ur}}} \cong g^{ur}(\bar{K}^{ur})$ as a $\mathbb{Z}[G_{K^{ur}}]$ -module
 $\hookrightarrow g^{ur} = \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}^{ur})$ is a finite group scheme / $\mathcal{O}_{K^{ur}}$

For any finite unram. ext. L/K with G_L acts trivially on V ,

$\mathcal{O}_L \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{K^{ur}} \rightsquigarrow g^{ur} \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_{K^{ur}}) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(\mathcal{O}_L)$ as a finite flat group scheme

Let $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{O}_L}$ be the Hopf algebra of the above group scheme $g_{\mathcal{O}_L}|_{\mathcal{O}_L}$,
with $g_{\mathcal{O}_L}(\bar{K}) \cong V$ as $\mathbb{Z}[G_L]$ -modules.

• $\mathcal{A}_L := \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{O}_L} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_L} L$

Ex 3.10, (c) $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{A}_L^{\text{Gal}(L/K)}$ is a finite Hopf algebra \mathcal{A}_K over K s.t.

$g_K(\bar{K}) \cong V$ as $\mathbb{Z}[G_K]$ -modules for the group scheme $\text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}_K)$

• $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{O}_K} := \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{O}_L}^{\text{Gal}(L/K)}$.

Goal to prove: $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{O}_K} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L \cong \mathcal{A}_L$ (*)

(\mathcal{A}_L satisfies the Galois descent for $\text{Gal}(L/K)$)

[Thm (Galois descent)] Let L/K be a finite Galois extension and V be a fin. dim. L -V.S. with a semi-linear $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ -action, (i.e. $\sigma(ax) = \sigma(a) \cdot \sigma(x)$, $\forall \sigma \in \text{Gal}(L/K)$, $a \in L$, $x \in V$). Then we have

$$\sqrt{\text{Gal}(L/K)} \otimes_K L \xrightarrow{\sim} V$$

[Corollary: the Hopf structure on \mathcal{A}_L descents to $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{O}_K} = \mathcal{A}_K \cap \mathcal{A}_L$]

Strategy: Dévissage!

Dévissage: ① Prove the case of mod p
② Prove case of mod $p^n \Rightarrow$ case of mod p^{n+1}
③ taking inverse limit

• π : uniformizer of K (and L , unramified)

To prove (*), it's reduced to prove:

$$(\mathcal{A}_L/\pi^n \mathcal{A}_L)^{\text{Gal}(L/K)} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K/\pi^n \mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L/\pi^n \mathcal{O}_L \cong \mathcal{A}_L/\pi^n \mathcal{A}_L \quad (\#)$$

Then (*) follows from taking inverse limit.

Step ①

(#) for $n=1$: normal basis theorem $\rightarrow k_L \cong k_K[\text{Gal}(L/K)]$

\mathcal{A}_L is a free \mathcal{O}_L -module of rank $r \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}_L/\pi \mathcal{A}_L \cong k_L^r$

$$\cong k_K[\text{Gal}(L/K)]^r$$

$$\cong k_K^r \otimes_{k_K} k_K[\text{Gal}(L/K)]$$

as $k_K[G]$ -modules

$$\text{L.H.S of } (\#)^{n=1} = (\mathcal{A}_L/\pi \mathcal{A}_L)^{\text{Gal}(L/K)} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K/\pi \mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L/\pi \mathcal{O}_L$$

$$\cong k_K^r \otimes_{k_K} k_L \cong k_L^r \cong \mathcal{A}_L/\pi \mathcal{A}_L = \text{R.H.S of } (\#)^{n=1}$$

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(#) for n implies (#) for $n+1$ Step ②

We have the exact seq:

Write $G = \text{Gal}(L/K)$

* By (generalized) Hilbert 90, $H^1(G, \mathcal{A}_L/\pi)$ vanishes.

\Rightarrow taking G -invariant vs exact.

By applying $(-)^G \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L$ on (*), we obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} (\mathcal{A}_L/\pi)^G \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L & \longrightarrow & (\mathcal{A}_L/\pi^{n+1})^G \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L & \longrightarrow & (\mathcal{A}_L/\pi^n)^G \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} \mathcal{O}_L \\ \downarrow \varsigma_1 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \varsigma_1 \\ 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_L/\pi & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_L/\pi^{n+1} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_L/\pi^n \end{array}$$

The first and the third vertical are iso. by th. hypo.
then the result follows from Snake lemma.

Step ③ (*) = $\varprojlim (\#)$

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Coro: If M is a fin. cont. $\mathbb{Z}[\text{Gal}(K^{\text{ur}}/K)]$ -module and G is a finite flat group scheme over \mathcal{O}_K , then the rep $M \otimes G(\bar{K})$ arises from a finite flat group scheme. In particular, M arises from a finite flat group scheme.

Pf: ⁽¹⁾ V : rep of G_K on $G(\bar{K}) \otimes M$.

M is discrete and unramified \Rightarrow \exists finite unram. ext. L/K over which M becomes trivial

G is flat on $\mathcal{O}_K \Rightarrow$ flat on \mathcal{O}_L , we apply the above lemma on V .

(2) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, the trivial G_K -module \mathbb{Z}/p^n arises from a finite flat group scheme G/\mathcal{O}_K (cf. Ex 3.10.5(d)) #

• $\bar{K} = \text{Gal}(K^{\text{ur}}/K)$

