

We follow Demazure, Richard Pink, Lenstra [Len19] and Manin [Man63].

## 1. OVERVIEW

1.1. Our goal is to classify finite group scheme of  $p$ -power order by linear-algebraic data. We will define a contravariant functor  $M$  that sets up an anti-equivalence

$$M: (\text{order } p^n) \text{ c.f.g.s} \rightarrow (\text{length-}n) \text{ } E\text{-mods}$$

over a perfect field  $k$ . here  $E$  is the ring of non-commutative polynomials

$$W(k)\langle F, V \rangle / (Fa - \sigma(a)F, Va - \sigma^{-1}(a)V, FV - p, VF - p)$$

We will upgrade this to  $p$ -divisible groups and classify the linear algebraic data.

1.2. Recall that from last time, we know that over a perfect field, a finite group scheme splits into four parts  $G_{rr} \times G_{rl} \times G_{lr} \times G_{ll}$ . We will define the functor for each part. Using Cartier duality, it suffice to define  $M$  for  $G_{ll}, G_{rl}$ , the part on  $G_{lr}$  will be defined by  $M(-^{\vee_{\text{Cariter}}})^{\vee_E}$ .

1.3. Let us note that the previous decomposition only holds for finite [commutative](#) groups schemes over a [perfect](#) field. For example, Cartier duals are not defined for non-commutative affine group schemes. Splitness fails over non-perfect fields.

## 2. FROBENIUS-VERSCHIEBUNG

Let us discuss Frobenius and Verschiebung in full generality. We work with any finite group scheme in a field  $k$  of positive characteristic  $p$ .

2.1. Note that the relative Frobenius morphism commutes with products, therefore  $G^{(p)}$  is a group scheme if  $G$  is, and  $F_G: G \rightarrow G^{(p)}$  is a homomorphism. Explicitly, let  $\sigma: k \rightarrow k$  be the raise to  $p$ -power map, we have  $A^{(p)} = A \otimes_{k, \sigma} k$ , extension of scalars by  $f$ . Sometimes we will use the notion of scalar restriction  $R_{[p]}$ , where  $k$  acts by  $p$ -power. We have  $G^{(p)}(R) = G(R_{[p]})$  by adjunction.

2.2. The Frobenius commutes with products, base extension, and functorial. Furthermore, it is compatible with Cartier duality  $(G^{\vee})^{(p)} \cong (G^{(p)})^{\vee}$ . We check the equality on the functor of points:

$$\begin{aligned} (G^{\vee})^{(p)}(T) &= [G \times_S T_{[p]}, \mathbb{G}_m \times_S T_{[p]}]_{T_{[p]}} \\ &= [G \times_S T_{[p]}, (\mathbb{G}_m \times_S T)_{[p]}]_{T_{[p]}} \\ &= [(G \times_S T_{[p]})^{(p)}, \mathbb{G}_m \times_S T]_T \\ &= [G^{(p)} \times_S (T_{[p]})^{(p)}, \mathbb{G}_m \times_S T]_T \\ &= [G^{(p)} \times_S T, \mathbb{G}_m \times_S T]_T \end{aligned}$$

By Cartier duality,  $F_{G^{\vee}}: G^{\vee} \rightarrow (G^{\vee})^{(p)} = (G^{(p)})^{\vee}$  induces a unique Verschiebung morphism  $V_G: G^{(p)} \rightarrow G$  such that  $(V_G)^{\vee} = F_{G^{\vee}}$

**Theorem 1.** *We have  $F_G \circ V_G = p[1_{G^{(p)}}]$  and  $V_G \circ F_G = p[1_G]$ .*

Note that Frobenius and Verschiebung commutes with base change, therefore the base change of  $F_G$  along  $V_{G^{(p)}}$  shows that  $F_G \circ V_G = V_{G^{(p)}} \circ F_{G^{(p)}}$ , it suffices to show that  $V_G \circ F_G = p[1_G]$ , namely the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\Delta_p} & \bigotimes^p A \\
 \downarrow V & \searrow \Delta_p & \uparrow \wr \\
 & \text{TS}^p A & \\
 & \swarrow \lambda_A & \downarrow \bigotimes^p m \\
 A^{(p)} & \xrightarrow{F_A} & A
 \end{array}$$

Let us check that the dotted arrow exists, the lower square and the left triangle commutes. The first two follows from the decomposition  $\text{TS}^p A \cong A^{(p)} \oplus s(V^{\otimes p})$ , where  $s$  is the symmetrizer without denominators, which we can check on basis<sup>1</sup>. It remains to show the left triangle commutes. Note that  $\lambda_A$  is the unique homomorphism that sends  $c(a \otimes a \cdots \otimes a)$  to  $a \otimes c$ , it suffices to show that  $V(a) = \lambda \circ \Delta_p(a)$ , or  $\langle c \otimes 1, V(a) \rangle = \langle c \otimes 1, \lambda \circ \Delta_p(a) \rangle$ ,  $c \in A^\vee$ . Left hand side equals to  $\langle c^p, a \rangle = \langle \bigotimes^p c, \Delta_P(a) \rangle = \langle \bigotimes^p c, \lambda \circ \Delta_P(a) + s(r) \rangle$ , finally note that  $\langle \bigotimes^p c, s(r) \rangle = \langle s(\bigotimes^p c), r \rangle = 0$ . The middle step uses the Cartier duality of products.

2.3. Using this, one easily shows that  $(F, V) = (0, 0)$  on  $\alpha_p$ ,  $(0, 1)$  on  $\mu_p$  and  $(1, 0)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . More generality, the étaleness can be tested by whether  $F$  is an isomorphism. This is because  $G$  is étale iff tangent space is trivial, but  $F$  is zero on the tangent space, then note that  $F$  is a bijection on points. On the other hand,  $G$  is local iff  $F_G$  is nilpotent: a point  $G(R)$  determines a homomorphism  $A \rightarrow R$ , we want to see if  $\mathfrak{m}_A$  maps to zero. This is clear as  $\mathfrak{m}_A$  itself is nilpotent, killed by absolute Frobenius, therefore it is killed by relative Frobenius, as change of base fields is faithfully flat.

### 3. NAIVE LOCAL-LOCAL GROUP SCHEMES

3.1. We have determined the étale group schemes as  $\pi_1$ -groups. Therefore over a perfect field, it remains to understand finite group schemes of type  $G_{\mathcal{U}}$ . We show that they are made up of  $\alpha_p$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Any finite group scheme with  $F_G = 0, V_G = 0$  is isomorphic to a direct sum of  $\alpha_p$ .*

3.2. A useful observation is that  $\text{End}(\alpha_{p,k}) = k$  over any field. Note that multiplication by  $k$  and action on tangent space gives isomorphism  $k \rightarrow \text{End}(\alpha_p) \rightarrow k$ . We show the second map is injective. Given any  $\phi$  with  $d\phi = 0$ , then  $\ker(\phi)$  has a nonzero tangent space, contradicting the simplicity of  $\alpha_p$ .

<sup>1</sup>Group the basis according to the decomposition types of permutation in  $S_p$ , the only term with  $p$  coefficient has type  $(1, \dots, 1)$ . For example take  $p = 3$ , the symmetrizer of  $a \otimes a \otimes b$  is  $2(aab + aba + baa)$ , here 2 is invertible in char 3

3.3. Let  $I$  be the kernel of  $A \rightarrow k$ . Since  $F_G = 0$ , we know  $I$  is  $p$ -power zero. By Nakayama, we can present  $A$  as a quotient of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]/(X_1^p, \dots, X_n^p)$ . Here  $n = \dim T_{G,0}$ . Let us recall a useful lemma:

**Lemma 3.** *There is an isomorphism of  $k$ -vector spaces  $T_{G,0} \cong \text{Hom}(G^\vee, \mathbb{G}_a)$ .*

Note that the tangent space corresponds to maps  $A \rightarrow k \oplus kt$  of form  $\epsilon + \lambda t$  such that  $\lambda(ab) = \lambda(a)\epsilon(b) + \epsilon(a)\lambda(b)$  and  $\lambda(e(1)) = 0$ . Note that  $k[T] \rightarrow A^\vee$  consists of an element  $\lambda$ . The previous conditions sums up to  $\mu^*(\lambda) = \lambda \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \lambda$ ,  $e^*(\lambda) = 0$ .

3.4. Note that given  $\phi: G^* \rightarrow \mathbb{A}^1$ , by functoriality,  $F_{\mathbb{A}^1} \circ \phi = \phi^{(p)} \circ F_{G^\vee} = \phi^*(p) \circ (V_G)^\vee = 0$ . Therefore  $\phi$  factors through  $\alpha_p$ . We claim there exists an epimorphism  $G^\vee \rightarrow \alpha_p^{\oplus n}$ . Suppose an epimorphism  $G^\vee \rightarrow \alpha_p^i$  is established, then  $k^i \rightarrow \text{Hom}(G^\vee, \alpha_p)$  is an embedding. Any homomorphism  $\varphi^*: G^\vee \rightarrow \alpha_p$  not in the image has nontrivial restriction to  $\phi$ . Since  $\alpha_p$  is simple. The combined  $G^\vee \rightarrow \alpha_p^i \oplus \alpha_p$  is an epimorphism. By Cartier duality we get  $\alpha_p^{\oplus n} \rightarrow G$ , then the order forces this an isomorphism.

#### 4. RING OF WITT VECTORS, AFTER LENSTRA

Let us start our journey to Dieudonne modules. We will begin with the Witt stuff.

4.1. Let  $A$  be an arbitrary ring. We define  $\Lambda(A) = 1 + TA[[T]]$ . This is a torsion free abelian group with respect to multiplication.

**Theorem 4.** *There exists a unique distributive multiplication such that<sup>2</sup>*

$$(1 - aT)^{-1} * (1 - bT)^{-1} = (1 - abT)^{-1}.$$

4.2. Let us remark that given complex vector bundles  $E, E'$  on a space  $X$ , we may associated chern polynomials  $c_{E'}(t), c_{E''}(t)$ . Their sum and tensor satisfy  $c_E(t) = c_{E'}(t) \cdot c_{E''}(t)$  and  $c_{E' \otimes E''}(t) = c_{E'}(t) * c_{E''}(t)$ , where  $\prod(1 - \alpha_i t) * \prod(1 - \beta_j t) = \prod(1 - \alpha_i \beta_j t)$ . Our law resembles this one but different.

4.3. The structure of ring of Witt vectors is transported from  $\Lambda(A)$ . We have commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & \text{ghost} & & \\ & \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowleft & \\ W(A) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \Lambda(A) & \xrightarrow{Tu'/u} & TA[[T]] & \xrightarrow{\text{Coef}} & \prod_1^\infty A \end{array}$$

where  $\varphi$  is bijective map  $\varphi: \prod_1^\infty A \rightarrow \Lambda(A)$  defined by  $(a_m)_{m \geq 1} \mapsto \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - a_m T^m)^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\varphi$  already defines the ring structure on  $W(A)$ .

<sup>2</sup>Let  $M_n(A) \subset \Lambda_n(A)$  be the subgroup generated by  $\{1 - aT\}_{a \in A}$ . We define the  $*$  on  $M_n(A)$ , and extend to  $\Lambda_n(A)$ , take limit to  $\Lambda(A)$ . Consider the  $A$ -algebra endomorphism  $\varphi_a: T \rightarrow aT \in \text{End}(\Lambda_n(A))$ , let  $E \subset \text{End}(\Lambda_n(A))$  be the additive subgroup generated by  $\{\varphi_a\}_{a \in A}$ , is it a subring as  $\varphi_a \varphi_b = \varphi_{ab}$ . The map  $E \rightarrow \Lambda_n(A), e \mapsto e(1 - T)^{-1}$  is a surjection onto  $M_n(E)$ , one transport the multiplication on  $E$  to  $M_n(A)$ .

4.4. Can we understand  $\varphi$  better? We can extract  $x$  from  $(1+x)$  by logarithmic derivative  $u \mapsto Tu'/u$ . The “extraction is faithful” only if  $p$  is invertible, let us call the composition the ghost map. Explicitly, it sends  $(a_n)_1^\infty$  to  $(a^{(n)})_1^\infty$ , where  $a^{(n)} = \sum da_d^{n/d}$

$$\begin{aligned} & T(\log \prod_{m \geq 1} (1 - a_m T^m)^{-1})' \\ &= T(\sum_{m \geq 1} -\log(1 - a_m T^m))' \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 1} m a_m T^m \sum_{k \geq 0} (a_m T^m)^k \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 1} \sum_{k \geq 1} m a_m^k T^{mk} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 1} (\sum_{d|n} da_d^{n/d}) T^n \end{aligned}$$

As  $u'/u$  sends multiplication to addition, the ghost map is a homomorphism, namely, there exists groups laws in  $\mathbb{Z}$ -coefficients. Note that the  $p$ -primary components of  $\prod^{\mathbb{N}} A$  is a summand, it inherits the group structure. How to describe the laws?

4.5. Let us view  $(a_m) \mapsto \prod (1 - a_m T^m)^{-1}$  as

$$\phi: (a_m) \mapsto \prod_{m > 0} \exp(\sum_{k \geq 0} (a_m T^m / m)^k),$$

where the later is  $\prod \exp(-\log(1 - a_m T^m))$ , the natural analogue is

$$E: (a_{p^m}) \mapsto \prod_{m > 1} \exp(\sum_{k \geq 0} (a_{p^m} T^{p^m} / p^m)^k)$$

We call this map the Artin-Hasse exponential, it actually works. The key of this notion is, when  $p$  is not invertible, we cannot operate in the Witt ring via ghost components, we determine the operations<sup>3</sup> via Artin-Hasse exponentials in  $\Lambda(A)$ .

## 5. BASIC OPERATIONS ON WITT VECTORS

5.1. Let  $T: W \rightarrow W$  be the monomorphism defined by  $(a_0, a_1, \dots) \mapsto (0, a_0, \dots)$ . Let us note that  $\Phi_0(Tw) = 0$ ,  $\Phi_n(Tw) = p\Phi_{n-1}(w)$ , therefore  $T$  is a group homomorphism, called translation. We define  $W_n$  the group of Witt vector so length  $n$  by  $\text{Coker}(T^n)$

$$0 \longrightarrow W \xrightarrow{T^n} W \xrightarrow{R_n} W_n \longrightarrow 0.$$

5.2. Let  $\tau: \mathbb{G}_a \rightarrow W$  be the morphism  $a \mapsto (a, 0, \dots)$ , then  $\Phi_n(\tau(a)) = a^{p^n}$ , and the Artin-Hasse exponential  $E(\tau(a), t) = F(at)$ , this is the Teichmüller lift.

5.3. We are interested in finite groups scheme in positive characteristic, rather than lifting. When  $k$  is a field in positive characteristic, the ghost components are  $(a_n) \mapsto a_0^{p^n}$ . We define  $W_k = W_{\mathbb{F}_p} \otimes_{\mathbb{F}_p} k$ ,  $W_{n,k}$ , we study its Frobenius and Verschiebung.

<sup>3</sup>In particular, Frobenius and Verschiebung

5.4. As we are over a finite field, we may identify  $W_k$  with  $W_k^{(p)}$ , the Frobenius  $F$  on  $W$  is given by  $F((a_i)) \mapsto (a_i^p)$ , on  $\Lambda$  is given by raising coefficients to  $p$ -power. The Verschiebung on  $\Lambda_k$  is  $\phi(t) \mapsto \phi(t^p)$ . The Verschiebung on  $W$  is  $T$ .

**Theorem 5.** *We have  $V(Fx \cdot y) = x \cdot Vy$ , as a corollary,  $E(x \cdot Vy, t) = E(Fx \cdot y, t^p)$*

Note that  $F$  is an epimorphism, we can write  $y = Fz$ , then  $V(Fx \cdot y) = V(Fx \cdot Fz) = VF(x \cdot z) = p(x \cdot z) = x \cdot pz = x \cdot VFz = x \cdot Vy$ .

## 6. FINITE WITT SCHEMES: STRUCTURE AND DUALITY

6.1. Let  $W_n^m = \text{Ker}(F^m: W_n \rightarrow W_n)$ . We think of it as the universal group scheme such that  $F^m, V^n$  vanishes.

**Theorem 6.** *Every  $G \in \text{c.g.f.s}$  such that  $F_G^m = 0, V_G^n = 0$  can be written as*

$$0 \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow (W_n^m)^{\oplus r} \longrightarrow (W_n^m)^{\oplus s}$$

The embedding part is essential. It follows from the [key lemma](#) that the following sequence always splits ( $n = 1, m = 1$ ), and standard homological algebra.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & W_n^m & \longrightarrow & G & \longrightarrow & \alpha_p \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow & \swarrow \varphi & & & \\ & & W_{n+1}^{m+1} & & & & \end{array}$$

- Let us assume this is true, we induct on order of  $|G|$ , given  $0 \rightarrow G' \rightarrow G \rightarrow \alpha_p \rightarrow 0$ , assume there exists  $G' \rightarrow (W_n^m)^{\oplus r}$ , take push-out we get  $0 \rightarrow W_n^m \rightarrow G_i \rightarrow \alpha_p \rightarrow 0$ . By the property we get  $G_i \rightarrow W_{n+1}^{m+1}$ . Then take direct sum with  $G \rightarrow \alpha_p$ .
- Let us deduce the key lemma by induction. The first step being  $W_{1,1}$ . Suppose  $G$  is an extension of  $\alpha_p$  by  $\alpha_p$ . Let  $U$  be the kernel of  $rf = fr: W_2^2 \rightarrow \alpha_p$ . It surjects onto  $\ker(f), \ker(r)$ . We have  $0 \rightarrow \alpha_p \rightarrow U \rightarrow \alpha_p \oplus \alpha_p \xrightarrow{(r', f')} 0$ . Since  $F_U, V_U$  acts as zero on  $\alpha_p$ , the  $F_U, V_U$  induces from  $k^{\oplus 2} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\alpha_p^{\oplus 2}, \alpha_p) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(U, U)$ . One finds that  $F_U, V_U$  corresponds to  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, 0)$ . For any

short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \alpha_p \rightarrow U \rightarrow \alpha_p \rightarrow 0$ , we have push-forward

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 0 & & 0 & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & \alpha_p & \longrightarrow & G & \longrightarrow & \alpha_p \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \parallel \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & U & \longrightarrow & G' & \longrightarrow & \alpha_p \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & \alpha_p^{\oplus 2} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \alpha_p^{\oplus 2} & & \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\
 & & 0 & & 0 & & 
 \end{array}$$

There is an induced short exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow \alpha_p \rightarrow G' \rightarrow \alpha_p^{\oplus 3} \rightarrow 0$ . One shows that  $F_{G'}, V_{G'}$  induces  $k^{\oplus 3} \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\alpha_p^{\oplus 3}, \alpha_p) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(G', G')$ . We consider the pullback of  $G'$  induced from  $\alpha_p \rightarrow \alpha_p^{\oplus 3}$ , given by  $(1, -y, -x)$ . One finds  $F_{G''}, V_{G''}$  are zero, therefore  $G''$  splits. This yields the splitting of  $G' = U \oplus \alpha_p$ . Then  $G \rightarrow G' \rightarrow U \rightarrow W_2^2$  yields required embedding.

- Finally we show the  $W_n^m \rightarrow W_{n+1}^{m+1}$  via induction. We take the push-out  $0 \rightarrow W_n^{m+1} \rightarrow G' \rightarrow \alpha_p \rightarrow 0$ . Consider  $F: W_n^{m+1} \rightarrow W_n^m \rightarrow W_n^{m+1}$ , we have  $G' \rightarrow W_n^m$ . However the map is  $F$ , we need to divide out Frobenius by  $f$ . Let  $G''$  be the kernel of  $G' \rightarrow W_n^m$ . We have diagram  $W_n^1 \rightarrow G''$  and  $W_n^{m+1} \rightarrow G'$ , we check this is a push-out. We get the induced map  $G' \rightarrow W_{n+1}^{m+1}$  by universal property of push-out.

6.2. Let  $\sigma_n: W_n \rightarrow W$  be the section to  $R_n: W \rightarrow W_n$  defined by  $\sigma_n(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) = (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, 0, \dots)$ . Clearly  $\sigma_n$  sends  $W_n^m$  to  $W'$ . The image consists of elements which almost all zero and nilpotent. It is easy to check that  $W'(R)$  is an ideal and  $E(w, t)$  is a polynomial for  $w \in W'(R)$ . In particular,  $E(w, 1)$  is defined for any  $w \in W'(R)$ .

**Theorem 7.** For  $x \in W_n^m(R), y \in W_m^n(R)$ , define  $\langle x, y \rangle = E(\sigma_n(x)\sigma_m(y), 1)$ , this is bilinear and gives an isomorphism  $W_n^m \cong W_m^n$ .

The key is to check the map is bilinear and non-degenerate.

6.3. Let us remark without proof that  $M(G^\vee) = M(G)^\vee$ , the dual of modules is given by  $W(k)[1/p]/W(k)$ .

## 7. THE DIEUDONNÉ FUNCTOR

7.1. When  $G$  is local-local, we defined  $M(G) = \text{colim}(G, W_n^m) = \text{colim}(G, W_n)$ . When  $G$  is étale, we define  $M(G) = \text{colim}(G, W_n)$ . This is an anti-equivalence of categories, mainly following from Pontryagin duality, Dieudonné lemma (Lang's theorem).

**Theorem 8** (Lang). *Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of positive char. Let  $G$  be a connected algebraic group of finite type. Let  $F: G \rightarrow G$  be a homomorphism that  $dF = 0$ . Then  $G(k) \rightarrow G(k), g \mapsto g^{-1} \cdot F(g)$  is surjective.*

Note that  $h \mapsto h^{-1}gF(h)$  has derivative  $-1$ , therefore surjective. As  $G$  is connected, the image is an open dense  $U_g$ . Note that  $U_1 \cap U_g \neq \emptyset$ , we have  $h_1^{-1}gF(h_1) = h_2^{-1}F(h_2)$ , therefore  $g = (h_2h_1^{-1})F(h_2h_1^{-1})$ .

**Lemma 9** (Dieudonne). *Let  $k$  be an algebraically closed field of positive char. Let  $N$  be a  $W(k)$ -module with  $\sigma$ -linear automorphism  $F: N \rightarrow N$ . Then  $W(k) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} N^F \rightarrow N$  is an isomorphism. In particular  $\text{length}_{W(k)}(N) = \log_p |N|$ .*

Take an example, say  $N^F = W_n(k^F) = W_n(\mathbb{F}_p) = \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z}$ , for  $N = W_n(k)$  with  $F = \sigma$ . We begin with an isomorphism of  $W(k)$ -modules  $\phi: \oplus W_{n_i}(k) \rightarrow N$ . The endomorphism ring of  $N$  is affine, therefore the automorphisms  $G = \text{Aut}(N)$  is an open subscheme, connected algebraic group over  $k$ . The given  $F$  then can be written as  $\phi g \sigma(\phi^{-1})$  for some  $g \in G(k)$ . Lang's theorem allows us to write  $g = h^{-1}\sigma(h)$ . Then  $F = (\phi h^{-1})\sigma(\phi h^{-1})^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\phi h^{-1}$  is the desired  $F$ -equivariant isomorphism.

7.2. To sum up, we have an equivalence of categories from finite commutative group schemes of  $p$ -power order to the category of left  $E$ -modules of finite length where  $E$  is an isomorphism, over an arbitrary perfect field (Galois descent). Passing to limits we have

**Theorem 10.** *The functor  $G \rightarrow M(G)$  is an equivalence between the category of  $p$ -torsion formal groups and the category of triples  $(M, F_M, V_M)$  where  $M$  is a finitely generated  $W(k)$ -module and the obvious relations. In this correspondence,  $G$  is finite iff  $M$  is,  $G$  is  $p$ -divisible iff  $M$  is torsion-less, the height of  $G$  equals to the rank of  $M$ . The dimension of  $G$  equals to length of  $M/FM$ .*

## 8. CLASSIFICATION OF $p$ -DIVISIBLE GROUPS

8.1. Let  $k$  be a perfect field. We say an  $F$ -lattice a free  $W(k)$ -module together with an injective  $\sigma$ -linear endomorphism. Since  $k$  is perfect, this is also a  $F$ -crystal over  $k$ . Given a  $p$ -divisible group, we have the corresponding  $F$ -crystal  $M(G)$ . And the  $M$ -isocrystal ( $F$ -space)  $E(G)$ . One sees that

- $E(G)$  and  $E(H)$  are isomorphic iff there is an isogeny  $G \rightarrow H$ , as there exists  $m$  such that  $\phi(M(H)) \subset p^{-m}M(G)$ .
- An  $F$ -space is called effective if it contains an lattice that is stable by  $F$ . It comes from a  $p$ -divisible group if it has a lattice stable under  $F, pF^{-1}$  (a Dieudonne module).

Let  $\mathfrak{o}(1)$  be the  $F$ -isocrystal  $B(k) = W(k)[1/p]$ , where  $F$ -action is given by  $x \mapsto p^{-n}x^{(p)}$ . We use notation  $E(n) := E \otimes \mathfrak{o}(n)$ , etc.

8.2. The building blocks of  $F$ -isocrystals are  $M^\lambda = \mathbb{Z}_p[T]/(T^r - p^s)$ , where  $\lambda = s/r$  coprime and  $F$  action is multiplication by  $T$ . When  $0 \leq s \leq r$ , we can consider  $\overline{M}^\lambda = \mathbb{Z}_p[F, V]/(FV - p, F^{r-s} - V^s)$ , assigning  $F = T$  and  $V = p/T = p^{ar+bs}/T = p^{ar}T^{rb-1}$ .

This is a lattice in  $E^\lambda$ . We may consider the kernel  $G$  of  $W(p)$ , the  $p$ -divisible group of  $W_{\mathbb{F}_p}$  via  $F^{r-s} - V^s$ , one see that  $M(G^\lambda) = \overline{M}^\lambda$ .  $G$  has height  $r$  dimension  $s$ ,  $G_\lambda^\vee = G_{1-\lambda}$ . We can also write  $M_k^\lambda$  as  $W(k)[p^{1/r}]$ , where the action is trivial and the Frobenius is given by  $F_s: w_i p^{i/r} \mapsto w_i^{(p)} p^{i+s/r}$ . Let us take  $ar + bs = 1$ , consider the  $B(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})$ -algebra  $K^\lambda$  generated by  $\xi$  such that  $\xi^r = p, \xi\alpha = \alpha^{p^b}\xi$ . It is a left vector space over  $B(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})$  with basis  $1, \dots, \xi^{r-1}$  hence of degree  $r^2$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_p$ . It is central division algebra. Central follows from definition of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^r}$ . Division follows from right multiplication by  $\sum a_i \xi_i$ , the matrix has norm not zero (upper triangular modulo  $p$ , the diagonal give the norm). One checks that sending  $\xi^i \rightarrow p^{i/r}$  yields an isomorphism  $B(k) \otimes_{B(\mathbb{F}_{p^r})} K_\lambda = E_k^\lambda$ . The endomorphism ring is right multiplication by  $K^\lambda$ :

**Lemma 11.**  $\text{Hom}(E^\lambda, H)$  consists of all  $x \in H$  such that  $F^r x = p^s x$ .

Note that  $x = \sum \alpha_i \xi^i$ ,  $F^r x = \sum p^s \alpha_i^{p^r} \otimes \xi^i$ ,  $F^r x = p^s x$  implies that  $\alpha_i^{p^r} = \alpha_i$ . Therefore  $x = 1 \otimes \sum \alpha_i \xi^i \in 1 \otimes K^\lambda$ .

8.3. We show that

- for  $\lambda \neq \lambda'$ , we have  $\text{Hom}(E^\lambda, E^{\lambda'}) = 0$ . By the lemma, we are looking for  $x \in E_k^{\lambda'}$  such that  $F^r x = p^s x$ . Let us write  $x = b_j f_j$ , then  $F^{r'} x = \sum b_j^{p^{r'}} p^{s'} f_j$  hence  $F^{rr'} = \sum b_j^{p^{rr'}} p^{s'r} f_j$ . When  $F^r = p^s$ , this equals  $(p^s)^{r'} x = \sum b_j p^{sr'} f_j$ . We compare the valuation, the two are different as  $sr' \neq s'r$ .
- $E_k^\lambda \otimes E_k^{\lambda'} \cong (E_k^{\lambda+\lambda'})^{\text{gcd}(r,r')}$ ,  $e_{i+k} \otimes e_{j+k}$  for  $g$  running through  $rr'/(r, r')$  form a space with slope  $\lambda + \lambda'$ . We have  $K^\lambda \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} K^{\lambda'} \cong M_{\text{gcd}(r,r')}(K^{\lambda+\lambda'})$ . One sees that  $M_k^\lambda(-n) \cong M_k^{\lambda+n}$ . Let us remark that  $\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Br}(\mathbb{Q}_p), \lambda \mapsto K^\lambda$  is an isomorphism.

8.4. We classify  $F$ -spaces over an algebraically closed field. Every  $F$ -space splits into a direct sum of  $E^\lambda$ s. The key points (both need algebraic closedness) are

- Any extension  $0 \rightarrow E_k^\lambda \rightarrow E \rightarrow E_k^{\lambda'} \rightarrow 0$  splits.
- Let  $P = F^n + a_1 F^{n-1} + \dots + a_n \in W(k)[F]$ , then there exists  $b_0 \dots b_{n-1}$  such that  $P = (b_0 F^{n-1} + \dots + b_{n-1})(F - p^{s/r})u$  with  $b_i, u \in W(k)[p^{1/r}]$ .
- Every nonzero  $F$ -space admits a nonzero morphism  $E \rightarrow E_k^\lambda$  for some  $\lambda$ .

8.5. For the first key point, we easily reduce to show that  $F^r - p^s$  on  $E_k^\lambda$  is surjective. We use the previous lemma, need to find some  $x$  such that  $(F^r - p^s)(x) = 0$ . Surjectivity follows from surjectivity of  $F^{rr'} - p^{s'r'}$ . It acts on  $\sum a_i e'_i$  by as  $\sum (p^{r's'} a_i^{(p^{rr'})} - p^{s'r'} a_i) e'_i$ . It suffice to show  $x \mapsto p^b x^{p^a} - x$  is surjective for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . It follows from iteration by contraction  $x \mapsto px - c$ , except in the case  $b = 0$ , we use algebraic closedness of the residue field and successive approximation: for  $b \in W(k)$  consider  $x^{(p)} - x - b = p^m w$ . We want to find  $x_1 = x + p^m y$  such that  $x_1^{(p)} - x_1 - b = p^{m+1} t$  expanding we reduce to solving  $p^m(y^{(p)} - y + (x^{(p)} - x - b)/p^m) = 0$ , we solve it modulo  $p$ .

8.6. For the second key point, we take  $\lambda_i = \inf(v(a_i)/i)$  and put  $a_i = p^{i\lambda} \alpha_i$ , then  $\alpha_i$  is a unit for some  $i$ . We look for  $b_i$  of the form  $p^{r\lambda} \beta_i$ . We compare the coefficients and solve by successive approximation.



8.7. For the third key point, we may assume  $E$  is simple  $B(k)[F]$ -module. It is a non-commutative Euclidean ring, every simple module can be written as  $B(k)[F]/P$  for a monic polynomial  $P$ . Replacing  $E$  by  $E(-m)$ , we may assume coefficients are integral. Therefore  $E$  is determined by the  $F$ -lattice  $W(k)[F]/P$ . We write  $P = Q(F - p^{s/r})u$ . Then  $x \mapsto xu^{-1}$  induces an epimorphism  $W(k)[p^{1/r}] \otimes M \rightarrow W(k)[p^{1/r}][F]/(F - p^{s/r}) = M_k^\lambda$ . We win by precompose with  $M$ .

8.8. The classification up to isogeny can be refined.

**Theorem 12.** *If  $G$  is isogenous to  $G^{1/r}$  or  $G^{r-1/r}$ , then  $G$  is isomorphic to it.*

Equivalently, we want to show that any  $F$ -lattice in  $E_k^\lambda$  is isomorphic to  $M_k^\lambda$ . Let us pick a basis of  $E_k^\lambda$  such that  $Fe_1 = e_2, \dots, Fe_{r-1} = e_r, Fe_r = pe_1$ . Let  $m_i = \inf\{m | p^m e_i \in M\}$ , then  $m_1 \geq m_2 \geq \dots \geq m_n \geq m_1 - 1$ . Replacing the basis<sup>4</sup> by  $F^\alpha p^\beta e_i$ , we may suppose  $m_i = 0$  for all  $i$ . Namely  $e_i \in M$  but  $p^{-1}e_i \notin M$ . Therefore  $M \supset M_k^\lambda$  we write  $m = \sum a_i e_i$ . There exists  $\alpha$  such that  $F^{\alpha+1} \in M_k$  but  $F^\alpha \notin M_k^\lambda$ . Replacing  $m$  by  $F^\alpha m$ , we can suppose  $m \notin M_k^\lambda$ ,  $Fm \in M_k^\lambda$ . But  $Fm = pa_n e_1 + a_1 e_2 + \dots + a_{n-1} e_n$  hence  $a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \in W(k)$ ,  $a_n \notin W(k)$ ,  $pa_n \in W(k)$ , this implies that  $a_n e_n = m - a_1 e_1 - \dots - a_{n-1} e_{n-1} \in M$ , contradiction.

8.9. We call a formal group equidimensional if the kernel of multiplication by  $p$  is Artinian, or  $M/pM$  has finite length. We say an equidimensional module is special if it is isomorphic to a sum of homogeneous special modules  $E/E(F^m - V^n)$ . Among all special submodules, there exists a unique maximal one  $M_0 \subset M$ . Given a special module  $M_0$ , we say a module  $M$  belongs to  $M_0$  if the maximal special submodule is isomorphic to  $M_0$ . There exists  $h, g$  such that  $M_0 \subset M \subset p^{-h}M_0$  or  $F^{-g}M_0$ , call them the  $P$ -height and  $F$ -height. The  $h, g$  stabilizes.

**Theorem 13.** *There exist a bijection between the set of  $E$ -modules belonging to a fixed special module  $M_0$  with  $M_0 \subset M \subset p^{-h}M_0$ , and the points of a certain algebraic variety over  $k$ .*

We first parameterize all  $W$ -modules satisfying the sandwich condition. Then select those  $E$ -modules. Any such modules is determined by its image in  $p^{-h}M_0/M_0$ , which is isomorphic to  $\oplus W_h(k)/(p^{e_i})$ . We can identify the automorphism group with  $GL(N, W_h(k))$ . The stabilizer is closed, and the  $p$ -divisible groups  $A(M_0, h)$  are parameterized by  $G/G_0$ . There is a finite group  $\Gamma(M_0, h)$  of automorphisms such that two points correspond to isomorphic  $E$ -modules if and only if they belong to the same orbit  $\Gamma(M_0, h)$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be the group of automorphisms of  $M_0$ , it is infinite but acts very ineffectively on  $A(M_0, h)$ . We call an element special if  $F^m x = V^n x$ , one can show that every special element belongs to a finite number of cosets.

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