

We correct the inaccuracies in the proof of Theorem 4.10 of [BE04]. We are thankful to Shishir Agrawal and Lei Fu for alerting us about them.

The functor  $F$  is defined in (4.30) of *loc.cit.*. It follows from (4.31) *loc.cit.* that the functor is pro-representable. It follows from (4.34) *loc. cit.* that the functor is pro-smooth. It follows from (4.33) *loc. cit.* that the tangent space is  $H^1(X, j_{1*}\mathcal{E}nd(M))$ . We first detail this point.

One defines  $\hat{X}$  to be the completion along  $D$ , and  $\hat{U} = \hat{X} \setminus D$  to be the punctured completion. For any scheme  $Z$  (formal or not) defined over  $k$ , and any  $k$ -algebra  $R$ , one sets  $Z_R = X \times_k \text{Spec}(R)$ .

On  $U$  one has the abelian category of complexes of coherent sheaves with  $k$ -linear differentials. And one has the category of connections on  $U$ . An element in  $F(k[\epsilon])$  is a connection

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{M} \rightarrow (\omega_U \oplus \epsilon\omega_U) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{U[\epsilon]}} \mathcal{M}$$

which is thus an extension (skipping the zeroes left and right)

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \epsilon\mathcal{M} \cong M & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M} \cong N & \longrightarrow & M \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\omega_U \oplus \epsilon\omega_U) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{U[\epsilon]}} \epsilon\mathcal{M} \cong \omega_U \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_U} M & \longrightarrow & (\omega_U \oplus \epsilon\omega_U) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{U[\epsilon]}} \mathcal{M} \cong \omega_U^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_U} N & \longrightarrow & \omega_U \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_U} M \end{array}$$

where  $N$  is the  $U$ -coherent sheaf, an extension of  $M$  by  $M$ , associated to  $\mathcal{M}$ , and (2) has the property that the extension restricted to  $\hat{U}$

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \hat{M} & \longrightarrow & \hat{N} & \longrightarrow & \hat{M} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \omega_{\hat{U}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\hat{U}}} \hat{M} & \longrightarrow & \omega_{\hat{U}}^1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\hat{U}}} \hat{N} & \longrightarrow & \omega_{\hat{U}} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{\hat{U}}} \hat{M} \end{array}$$

splits. Here we used the shorthand  $\hat{M} = M|_{\hat{U}}$ . Indeed, one has  $\hat{N} \cong p^*\hat{M}$  with  $p : \hat{U} \otimes_k k[\epsilon] \rightarrow \hat{U}$ . Thus as a coherent sheaf on  $\hat{U} \otimes_k k[\epsilon]$ , one has  $\hat{N} \cong \hat{M} \oplus \hat{M}$  and the connection is just  $\nabla_{\hat{M}}$  factor-wise. This means that (3) splits. And vice-versa, if (3) splits, since the vertical left arrow is the de Rham complex of  $M$ , one has  $\hat{N} \cong p^*\hat{M}$ . Extensions (2) build a finite dimensional  $k$ -vector space  $H_{dR}^1(U, \mathcal{E}nd(M))$  while extensions in (3) build a finite dimensional  $k$ -vector space  $H_{dR}^1(\hat{U}, \mathcal{E}nd(M))$ . Thus

$$(4) \quad F(k[\epsilon]) = \text{Ker}(H_{dR}^1(U, \mathcal{E}nd(M)) \rightarrow H_{dR}^1(\hat{U}, \mathcal{E}nd(M))).$$

Thus by Remark 4.1 of *loc.cit.* one has

$$(5) \quad F(k[\epsilon]) = H^1(X, j_{1*}\mathcal{E}nd(M)).$$

Let  $R$  be the pro-smooth  $k$ -algebra pro-representing  $F$ . Write  $\mathfrak{m} \subset R$  for the maximal ideal. Set  $R_n := R/\mathfrak{m}^n$ . Let  $M_n$  be the universal connection on  $U \times \text{Spec}(R_n)$ . Recall (p.591 of *loc.cit.*) that a pair of good lattices  $(V, W)$  for  $M$  on  $U$  is a pair of vector bundles on  $X$  extending  $M$  such that  $V \subset W$ ,  $\nabla(V) \subset \omega_X(D) \otimes W$  and such that for any  $m \geq 1$  the inclusion of complexes  $(V \rightarrow \omega_X(D) \otimes W) \hookrightarrow (V(mD) \rightarrow \omega_X(D) \otimes W(mD))$  is a quasi-isomorphism.

**Proposition 1.** *For any pair of good lattices  $(V, W)$ , there exist algebraic vector bundles  $\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W}$  on  $X_R$ , together with an algebraic connection  $\nabla : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \omega_{X_R/R}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}$  such that*

- 0)  $\mathcal{V}|_{U_R} = \mathcal{W}|_{U_R}$ ;
- 1)  $\nabla|_{U_{R_n}}$  is isomorphic to the connection  $M_n$ ;
- 2)  $\nabla|_X$  is isomorphic to the connection  $V \rightarrow \omega_X(D) \otimes W$ ;
- 3)  $\nabla|_{\hat{U}_R}$  is isomorphic to  $M|_{\hat{U}} \otimes_k R$ .

*Proof.* We have the connections  $M_n$  on  $U_{R_n}$  and isomorphisms

$$\phi_{n,n+1} : M_{n+1}|_{U_{R_n}} \cong M_n.$$

Denoting again by  $\widehat{M}$  the restriction of  $M$  to  $\hat{U}$ , we also have

$$(6) \quad \rho_n : \widehat{M} \otimes_k R_n \cong M_n|_{\hat{U}_{R_n}}.$$

Write

$$(7) \quad \hat{\phi}_{n,n+1} : M_{n+1}|_{\hat{U}_{R_n}} \cong M_n|_{\hat{U}_{R_n}}$$

for the map induced by  $\phi_{n,n+1}$ . Define

$$(8) \quad \mu_n := \rho_n^{-1} \circ \hat{\phi}_{n,n+1} \circ (\rho_{n+1} \otimes R_n) : \widehat{M} \otimes_k R_n \cong \widehat{M} \otimes_k R_n.$$

These isomorphisms lift, so we may choose

$$(9) \quad \sigma_{n+1} : \widehat{M} \otimes_k R_{n+1} \cong \widehat{M} \otimes_k R_{n+1}$$

lifting  $\mu_n$ . Now redefine

$$(10) \quad \rho_{n+1,\text{new}} := \rho_{n+1,\text{old}} \circ \sigma_{n+1}.$$

We have

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{\phi}_{n,n+1} \circ (\rho_{n+1,\text{new}} \otimes R_n) &= \hat{\phi}_{n,n+1} \circ (\rho_{n+1,\text{old}} \otimes R_n) \circ \mu_n^{-1} = \\ &= \hat{\phi}_{n,n+1} \circ (\rho_{n+1,\text{old}} \otimes R_n) \circ (\rho_{n+1,\text{old}} \otimes R_n)^{-1} \circ \hat{\phi}_{n,n+1}^{-1} \circ \rho_n = \rho_n. \end{aligned}$$

Modifying the  $\rho_n$  in this way, we obtain commutative diagrams

$$(12) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \widehat{M} \otimes_k R_n & \xrightarrow{\rho_{n+1} \otimes R_n} & M_{n+1}|_{\hat{U}_{R_n}} \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \hat{\phi}_{n,n+1} \\ \widehat{M} \otimes_k R_n & \xrightarrow{\rho_n} & M_n|_{\hat{U}_{R_n}} \end{array}$$

Using  $\rho_n$ , we glue  $M_n$  and  $V \otimes_k R_n$  resp.  $W \otimes_k R_n$  to obtain a vector bundle  $\mathcal{V}_n$  on  $X_{R_n}$ , resp.  $\mathcal{W}_n$  on  $X_{R_n}$ , together with a connection  $\mathcal{V}_n \rightarrow \omega_{X_{R_n}/R_n}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}_n$  restricting to  $M_n$  on  $U_{R_n}$ . The  $\phi_{n,n+1}$  give isomorphisms  $\mathcal{V}_{n+1} \otimes R_n \cong \mathcal{V}_n$  and  $\mathcal{W}_{n+1} \otimes R_n \cong \mathcal{W}_n$ . Thus one obtains a formal connection  $(\nabla_n)_n : (\mathcal{V}_n)_n \rightarrow (\omega_{X_{R_n}/R_n}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}_n)_n$  which fulfils 0), 1), 2), 3) with  $\nabla$  replaced by  $(\nabla_n)_n$ .

By Grothendieck formal function theorem ([8], Cor. 5.1.6 in *loc. cit.*)  $\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W}$  are algebraic vector bundles on  $X_R$ . Replacing the pair  $(V, W)$  by the pair  $(V(mD), W(mD))$  for  $m$  large enough, we may assume that  $H^0(X_R, \mathcal{V})$  spans  $\mathcal{V}$ , and satisfies base change, that  $H^0(X_R, \omega_{X_R}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W})$  spans  $\omega_{X_R}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}$  and satisfies base change. In particular  $H^0(X_R, \mathcal{V})$  and  $H^0(X_R, \omega_{X_R}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W})$  are projective modules of finite rank over  $R$ . The connection defines a  $R$ -linear map

$$\partial : H^0(X_R, \mathcal{V}) \rightarrow H^0(X_R, \omega_{X_R/R}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}).$$

From the surjectivity  $H^0(X_R, \mathcal{V}) \otimes_R \mathcal{O}_{X_R} \twoheadrightarrow \mathcal{V}$ , every local section  $\sigma$  of  $\mathcal{V}$  can be written (non-uniquely) as  $\sigma = \sum_{\text{finite}} v \otimes \lambda$  with  $v \in H^0(X_R, \mathcal{V})$  and  $\lambda \in \mathcal{O}_{X_R}$ .  $(\nabla_n)_n(\sigma) = \sum_{\text{finite}} (\partial(v) \otimes \lambda + v \otimes d(\lambda))$ , which is a local algebraic section of  $\omega_{X_R}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}$ . This shows that the connection is algebraic, proving 0), 1), 2), 3) at the same time.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.** *With notations as in Proposition 1, there exists a finitely generated  $k$ -algebra  $A \subset R$  such that*

- 1)  $\nabla : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \omega_{X_R/R} \otimes \mathcal{W}$  is defined over  $A$ ;
- 2) the isomorphism  $\nabla|_{\hat{X}_R}$  with  $(\mathcal{V}|_{\hat{X}_R} \rightarrow \omega_{\hat{X}_R/R}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}|_{\hat{X}_R})$  is defined over  $A$ ;
- 3) the isomorphism  $\nabla|_{\hat{U}_R}$  with  $(\mathcal{V}|_{\hat{U}_R} \rightarrow \omega_{\hat{U}_R/R} \otimes \mathcal{V}|_{\hat{U}_R})$  is defined over  $A$ .

*Proof.* By the algebraicity of  $\nabla$  from Proposition 1, we deduce 1). Then 2) is the restriction of 1) to  $\hat{X}_R$  and 3) to  $\hat{U}_R$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$

We set  $S = \text{Spec}(A)$  and for any scheme  $Z$  (formal or not) over  $k$ , we denote by  $Z_S$  its base change  $Z \times_k S$ . We denote by  $\nabla_S : \mathcal{V}_S \rightarrow \omega_{X_S/S}(D) \otimes \mathcal{W}_S$  the algebraic connection on  $X_S$ .

**Proposition 3.** *The sheaf of  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -modules  $\mathrm{Hom}_{\nabla}(\mathcal{V}_{U_S}, M \times_k S)$  of flat sections is coherent.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 2 2), 3), the restriction homomorphism

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\nabla}(\mathcal{V}_{X_S}, V \times_k S) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\nabla}(\mathcal{V}_{U_S}, M \times_k S)$$

is an isomorphism. The left term is equal to

$$\mathrm{Ker}(\mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{V}_{X_S}, V \times_k S) \rightarrow \mathrm{Hom}(\mathcal{W}_{X_S}, \omega_X(D) \otimes W \times_k S))$$

where both terms are coherent and the map is  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -linear. This finishes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 4.** *In Proposition 3, we assume now  $M$  to be rigid. Then there a torsor  $\pi : T \rightarrow S$  under the constant groupscheme  $\mathrm{Iso}_{\nabla}(M, M) \otimes_k S$ , together with an isomorphism between*

$$(\mathcal{V}_T, \mathcal{W}_T, \nabla_T) \cong (V, W, \nabla) \times_k T.$$

*If  $M$  is irreducible, this is a  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -torsor.*

*Proof.* By definition, for each geometric point  $s \in S$  ( $k$ ), one has an isomorphism between  $(\mathcal{V}_s, \mathcal{W}_s, \nabla_s)$  and  $(V, W, \nabla)$ . The Zariski subsheaf of sets  $\mathrm{Iso}_{\nabla}(\mathcal{V}|_{U_S}, M \otimes_k S) \subset \mathrm{Hom}_{\nabla}(\mathcal{V}|_{U_S}, M \times_k S)$  is acted on on the right by  $\mathrm{Iso}_{\nabla}(M, M) \times_k S$ , which endows it with the structure of a torsor. Then  $T$  is the total space of the torsor. The existence of the isomorphism then follows from the definition of the torsor.  $\square$

We now finish the proof of [BE04, Thm. 4.10]. We have a diagram

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & T & \\ & \downarrow \pi & \\ \mathrm{Spec}(R) & \xrightarrow{f} & S \end{array}$$

As  $k$  has characteristic 0 and  $\pi$  is a torsor under a constant group-scheme,  $\pi$  is smooth. As  $k$  is algebraically closed,  $f$  lifts to  $g$

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & T & \\ g \nearrow & \downarrow \pi & \\ \mathrm{Spec}(R) & \xrightarrow{f} & S \end{array}$$

and thus

$$(15) \quad (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{W}, \nabla) = g^* \pi^*(\mathcal{V}_A, \mathcal{W}_A, \nabla_A) = (V, W, \nabla) \otimes_k R.$$

By universality and pro-smoothness of  $R$ , this shows

$$(16) \quad F(k[\epsilon]) = 0$$

thus Theorem 4.10 of *loc.cit.* follows from (5).

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