Notes on $p$-adic Hodge theory

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CHAPTER I

Introduction

1. A first glimpse of $p$-adic Hodge theory

Our goal in this section is to give a rough idea of what $p$-adic Hodge theory is about. By nature, $p$-adic Hodge theory has two sides of the story, namely the arithmetic side and the geometric side. We will briefly motivate and describe each side of the story, and discuss how the two sides are related.

1.1. The arithmetic perspective

From the arithmetic perspective, $p$-adic Hodge theory is the study of $p$-adic Galois representations, i.e., continuous representations $\Gamma_K := \text{Gal}(\overline{K}/K) \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_p)$ where $K$ is a $p$-adic field. This turns out to be much more subtle and interesting than the study of $\ell$-adic Galois representations, i.e. continuous representations $\Gamma_K \rightarrow \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{Q}_\ell)$ with $\ell \neq p$. In the $\ell$-adic case, the topologies on $\Gamma_K$ and $\mathbb{Q}_\ell$ do not get along with each other very well, thereby imposing a huge restriction on the kinds of continuous representations that we can have. In the $p$-adic case, on the other hand, we don’t have this “clash” between the topologies on $\Gamma_K$ and $\mathbb{Q}_p$, and consequently have much more Galois representations than in the $\ell$-adic case.

Remark. Our definition of $p$-adic field allows infinite extensions of $\mathbb{Q}_p$. For a precise definition, see Definition 3.1.1 in Chapter II.

In this subsection, we discuss a toy example to motivate and demonstrate some key ideas from the arithmetic side of $p$-adic Hodge theory. Let $E$ be an elliptic curve over $\mathbb{Q}_p$ with good reduction. This means that we have a unique elliptic scheme $E$ over $\mathbb{Z}_p$ with $E_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \simeq E$. For each prime $\ell$ (which may be equal to $p$), the Tate module $T_\ell(E) := \varprojlim E[\ell^n](\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p) \simeq \mathbb{Z}_\ell^2$ is equipped with a continuous $G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$-action, which means that the rational Tate module $V_\ell(E) := T_\ell(E) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell} \mathbb{Q}_\ell \simeq \mathbb{Q}_\ell^2$ is an $\ell$-adic Galois representation. The Tate module $T_\ell(E)$ and the rational Tate module $V_\ell(E)$ contain important information about $E$, as suggested by the following fact:

Fact. For two elliptic curves $E_1$ and $E_2$ over $\mathbb{Q}_p$, the maps

$$\text{Hom}(E_1, E_2) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_\ell \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(T_\ell(E_1), T_\ell(E_2))$$
$$\text{Hom}(E_1, E_2) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_\ell \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(V_\ell(E_1), V_\ell(E_2))$$

(1.1)

are injective; in other words, a map between $E_1$ and $E_2$ is determined by the induced map on the (rational) Tate modules as Galois representations.

Remark. The above fact remains true if $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is replaced by an arbitrary field $L$ of characteristic is not equal to $\ell$. Moreover, the maps in (1.1) become isomorphism if $L$ is a finite field, a global function field or a number field, as shown respectively by Tate, Zarhin and Faltings.
For $\ell \neq p$, we can explicitly describe the Galois action on $T_\ell(E)$ (and $V_\ell(E)$) by passing to the mod $p$ reduction $\mathcal{E}_{F_p}$ of $\mathcal{E}$. Note that $\mathcal{E}_{F_p}$ is an elliptic curve over a finite field $\mathbb{F}_p$, so the Galois action of $\Gamma_{F_p}$ on the Tate module $T_\ell(\mathcal{E}_{F_p})$ and the rational Tate module $V_\ell(\mathcal{E}_{F_p})$ are very well understood. In fact, the Frobenius element of $\Gamma_{F_p}$, which topologically generates the Galois group $\Gamma_{F_p}$, acts on $T_\ell(\mathcal{E}_{F_p})$ with characteristic polynomial $x^2 - ax + p$ where $a = p + 1 - \#\mathcal{E}_{F_p}(\mathbb{F}_p)$. Now the punchline is that we have isomorphisms

$$T_\ell(E) \cong T_\ell(\mathcal{E}_{F_p}) \quad \text{and} \quad V_\ell(E) \cong V_\ell(\mathcal{E}_{F_p})$$

(1.2)
as $\Gamma_{Q_p}$-representations, where the actions on $T_\ell(\mathcal{E}_{F_p})$ and $V_\ell(\mathcal{E}_{F_p})$ are given by $\Gamma_{Q_p} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F_p}$. In other words, we can describe the Galois action on $T_\ell(E)$ (and $V_\ell(E)$) as follows:

1. The action of $\Gamma_{Q_p}$ factors through the map $\Gamma_{Q_p} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F_p}$.
2. The Frobenius element of $G_{F_p}$ acts with characteristic polynomial $x^2 - ax + p$ where $a = p + 1 - \#\mathcal{E}_{F_p}(\mathbb{F}_p)$.

A Galois representation of $\Gamma_{Q_p}$ which satisfies the statement [1] is said to be unramified. The terminology comes from the fact that $\Gamma_{F_p}$ is isomorphic to $\text{Gal}(Q^\text{un}_p/Q_p)$, where $Q^\text{un}_p$ denotes the maximal unramified extension of $Q_p$. It is worthwhile to mention that our discussion in the preceding paragraph shows one direction of the following important criterion:

**Theorem 1.1.1** (Néron-Ogg-Shafarevich). An elliptic curve $E$ on $Q_p$ has a good reduction if and only if the Tate module $T_\ell(E)$ is unramified for all primes $\ell \neq p$.

Let us now turn to the case $\ell = p$, which is our primary interest. In this case, we never have an isomorphism between the (rational) Tate modules as in [1]; indeed, $T_p(\mathcal{E}_{F_p})$ is isomorphic to either $\mathbb{Z}_p$ or $0$ whereas $T_p(E)$ is always isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$. This suggests that the action of $\Gamma_{Q_p}$ on $T_p(E)$ has a nontrivial contribution from the kernel of the map $\Gamma_{Q_p} \rightarrow \Gamma_{F_p}$, called the inertia group of $Q_p$, which we denote by $I_{Q_p}$.

Therefore we need another invariant of $E$ which does not lose too much information about the Galois action under passage to the mod $p$ reduction $\mathcal{E}_{F_p}$. A solution by Grothendieck and Tate is to replace the Tate module $T_p(E)$ by the direct limit of $p$-power torsion groups

$$E[p^{\infty}] := \lim \limits_{\small \rightarrow} E[p^n]$$
called the $p$-divisible group of $E$. Here we consider each $E[p^n]$ as a finite flat group scheme over $Q_p$. It is not hard to see that $E[p^{\infty}]$ contains all information about the Galois action on $T_p(E)$ in the following sense:

**Fact.** We can recover the Galois action of $\Gamma_{Q_p}$ on $T_p(E)$ from $E[p^{\infty}]$.

We can similarly define the $p$-divisible groups $\mathcal{E}[p^{\infty}]$ and $\mathcal{E}_{F_p}[p^{\infty}]$ associated to $\mathcal{E}$ and $\mathcal{E}_{F_p}$. The $p$-divisible groups of $E, \mathcal{E}$ and $\mathcal{E}_{F_p}$ are related as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{E}[p^{\infty}] & \otimes_{Q_p} & E[p^{\infty}] \\
\mathcal{E}_{F_p}[p^{\infty}] & \otimes_{F_p} & \mathcal{E}_{F_p}[p^{\infty}]
\end{array}$$

We wish to study $E[p^{\infty}]$ using $\mathcal{E}_{F_p}[p^{\infty}]$, as we expect that the theory of $p$-divisible groups becomes simpler over $F_p$ than it is over $Q_p$. The first step towards this end is provided by the following fundamental result:
Theorem 1.1.2 (Tate). The generic fiber functor

\[ \left\{ \text{p-divisible groups} \right\}_{\text{over } \mathbb{Z}_p} \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \left\{ \text{p-divisible groups} \right\}_{\text{over } \mathbb{Q}_p} \]

is fully faithful.

Remark. Theorem 1.1.2 is the main result of Tate’s seminal paper [Tat67], which marks the true beginning of p-adic Hodge theory. Here we already see how this result provides the first significant progress in the arithmetic side of the theory. In the next subsection we will see how its proof initiates the geometric side of the theory.

Let us now consider the problem of studying \( E[p^\infty] \) using the mod p reduction \( E_{F_p}[p^\infty] \). Here the key is to realize \( E[p^\infty] \) as a characteristic 0 lift of \( E_{F_p}[p^\infty] \). More precisely, we identify the category of p-divisible groups over \( \mathbb{Z}_p \) with the category of p-divisible groups over \( F_p \) equipped with “lifting data”. Such an identification is obtained by switching to another category, as stated in the following fundamental result:

Theorem 1.1.3 (Dieudonné, Fontaine). There are (anti-)equivalences of categories

\[ \left\{ \text{p-divisible groups} \right\}_{\text{over } \mathbb{F}_p} \overset{\sim}{\longleftarrow} \left\{ \text{Dieudonné modules over } \mathbb{F}_p \right\} \]

\[ \left\{ \text{p-divisible groups} \right\}_{\text{over } \mathbb{Z}_p} \overset{\sim}{\longleftarrow} \left\{ \text{Dieudonné modules over } \mathbb{F}_p \text{ with an “admissible” filtration} \right\} \]

where a Dieudonné module over \( \mathbb{F}_p \) means a finite free \( \mathbb{Z}_p \)-module \( M \) equipped with a (Frobenius-semilinear) endomorphism \( \varphi \) such that \( pM \subset \varphi(M) \).

Remark. The description of Dieudonné modules in our situation is misleadingly simple. In general, the endomorphism \( \varphi \) should be Frobenius-semilinear in an appropriate sense. Here we don’t get this semilinearity since the Frobenius automorphism of \( \mathbb{F}_p \) acts trivially on \( \mathbb{Z}_p \).

We have thus transformed the study of the p-adic Galois action on the Tate modules to the study of certain explicit semilinear algebraic objects. Roughly speaking, the actions of the inertia group \( I_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \) and the Frobenius element in \( \Gamma_{\mathbb{F}_p} \) on \( T_p(E) \) are respectively encoded by the “admissible” filtration and the (semilinear) endomorphism \( \varphi \) on the corresponding Dieudonné module.

If we instead want to study the p-adic Galois representation of the rational Tate module, all we have to do is to invert \( p \) in the corresponding Dieudonné module. The resulting algebraic object is a finite dimensional vector space over \( \mathbb{Q}_p \) with a (Frobenius-semilinear) automorphism \( \varphi \). Such an object is called an isocrystal.

Our discussion here shows an example of the defining theme of p-adic Hodge theory. In fact, much of p-adic Hodge theory is about constructing a dictionary that relates good categories of p-adic Galois representations to various categories of semilinear algebraic objects. The dictionary that we described here serves as a prototype for many other dictionaries.

Another recurring theme of p-adic Hodge theory is base change of the ground field \( K \) to the completion \( \hat{K}^{un} \) of its maximal unramified extension. In terms of the residue field, this amounts to passing to the algebraic closure. In most cases, such a base change preserves key information about the Galois action of \( \Gamma_K \). In fact, most good properties of p-adic representations of \( \Gamma_K \) turn out to be detected on the inertia group, which is preserved under passing to \( \hat{K}^{un} \) as follows:

\[ I_K \simeq \Gamma_K^{un} \simeq \Gamma_{\hat{K}^{un}}. \]
Moreover, base change to $\hat{K}^{\text{un}}$ often greatly simplifies the study of the Galois action of $\Gamma_K$. For example, in our discussion base change to $\hat{Q}_p^{\text{un}}$ amounts to replacing the residue field by $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$, thereby allowing us to make use of the following fundamental result:

**Theorem 1.1.4 (Manin).** The category of isocrystals over $\hat{Q}_p^{\text{un}}$ is semisimple.

In summary, we have motivated and described several key ideas in $p$-adic Hodge theory via Galois representations that arise from an elliptic curve over $\mathbb{Q}_p$ with good reduction. In particular, our discussion shows a couple of recurring themes in $p$-adic Hodge theory, as stated below.

1. Construction of a dictionary between good categories of $p$-adic representations and various categories of semilinear algebraic objects.
2. Base change of the ground field $K$ to $\hat{K}^{\text{un}}$.

It is natural to ask whether there is a general framework for these themes. To answer this question, we need to investigate the geometric side of the story.

### 1.2. The geometric perspective

From the geometric perspective, $p$-adic Hodge theory is the study of the geometry of a (proper smooth) variety $X$ over a $p$-adic field $K$. Our particular interests are various cohomology theories related to $X$, such as

- the étale cohomology $H^n_{\text{ét}}$,
- the algebraic de Rham cohomology $H^n_{\text{dR}}$,
- the crystalline cohomology $H^n_{\text{cris}}$.

Note that $p$-adic Galois representations naturally come into play via the étale cohomology groups $H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$. Hence we already see a vague connection to the arithmetic side of $p$-adic Hodge theory.

In this subsection, we motivate and state three fundamental comparison theorems about these cohomology theories. These theorems share a general theme of extracting some information about the geometry of $X$ from the $\Gamma_K$-representation on $H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$.

Recall that, for a proper smooth $\mathbb{C}$-scheme $Y$, we have the *Hodge decomposition*

$$H^n(Y(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \mathbb{C} \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H^i(Y, \Omega^j_Y).$$

During the proof of Theorem 1.1.2, Tate observed the existence of an analogous decomposition for the étale cohomology of an abelian variety over $K$ with good reduction. This discovery led to his conjecture that such a decomposition should exist for all étale cohomology groups of an arbitrary proper smooth varieties over $K$. This conjecture is now a theorem, commonly referred to as the *Hodge-Tate decomposition*.

**Theorem 1.2.1 (Faltings).** Let $\mathbb{C}_K$ denote the $p$-adic completion of $\overline{K}$. For a proper smooth variety $X$ over $K$, there is a canonical isomorphism

$$H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p \mathbb{C}_K \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H^i(X, \Omega^j_{X/K}) \otimes \mathbb{C}_K(-j)$$

compatible with $\Gamma_K$-actions.

**Remark.** Since the action of $\Gamma_K$ on $\overline{K}$ is continuous, it uniquely extends to an action on $\mathbb{C}_K$. Thus $\Gamma_K$ acts diagonally on the left side of (1.3) and only through the Tate twists $\mathbb{C}_K(-j)$ on the right side of (1.3).
For an analogy to other two comparison theorems, let us rewrite (1.3) as

\[ H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{HT}} \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H^i(X, \Omega^j_{X/K}) \otimes_K B_{\text{HT}} \]

where \( B_{\text{HT}} := \bigoplus_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}_K(j) \) is the Hodge-Tate period ring. By a theorem of Tate and Sen, we have \( B_{\text{HT}}^{\Gamma_K} = K \). Hence we obtain an isomorphism of finite dimensional graded \( K \)-vector spaces

\[ (H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{HT}})^{\Gamma_K} \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H^i(X, \Omega^j_{X/K}), \]

which allows us to recover the Hodge numbers from the \( \Gamma_K \)-representation on \( H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \).

Next we discuss the comparison theorem between étale cohomology and de Rham cohomology. Recall that, for a proper smooth \( \mathbb{C} \)-scheme \( Y \) of dimension \( d \), we have a comparison isomorphism

\[ H^n(Y(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{Q}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{C} \cong H^n_{\text{dR}}(Y/\mathbb{C}) \]  

(1.4)

given by Poincare duality and the “period paring”

\[ H^n_{\text{dR}}(Y(\mathbb{C})/\mathbb{C}) \times H^{2d-n}(Y(\mathbb{C}), \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \quad (\omega, \Gamma) \mapsto \int_\Gamma \omega. \]

One may hope to obtain a \( p \)-adic analogue of (1.4) by tensoring both \( H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \) and \( H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K) \) with an appropriate “period ring”. Fontaine formulated this idea into a conjecture using his construction of a ring \( B_{\text{dR}} \) that satisfies the following properties:

1. \( B_{\text{dR}} \) is equipped with a filtration such that the associated graded ring is \( B_{\text{HT}} \).
2. \( B_{\text{dR}} \) is endowed with an action of \( \Gamma_K \) such that \( B_{\text{dR}}^{\Gamma_K} = K \).

Below is a precise statement of this conjecture, which is now a theorem commonly referred to as the \( p \)-adic de Rham comparison isomorphism.

**Theorem 1.2.2** (Faltings). For a proper smooth variety \( X \) over \( K \), there is a canonical isomorphism

\[ H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}} \cong H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K) \otimes_K B_{\text{dR}} \]  

(1.5)

compatible with \( \Gamma_K \)-actions and filtrations.

**Remark.** By construction, the de Rham cohomology group \( H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K) \) is endowed with the Hodge filtration whose associated graded \( K \)-space is the Hodge cohomology \( \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H^i(X, \Omega^j_{X/K}) \).

The filtration on the right side of (1.5) is given by the convolution filtration.

An important consequence of Theorem 1.2.2 is that one can recover the de Rham cohomology \( H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K) \) from the \( \Gamma_K \)-representation on \( H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \) by

\[ (H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}})^{\Gamma_K} \cong H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K). \]

Moreover, one can recover Theorem 1.2.1 from Theorem 1.2.2 by passing to the associated graded \( K \)-vector spaces.

However, Theorem 1.2.2 (or Theorem 1.2.1) does not provide any way to recover the \( \Gamma_K \)-representation on \( H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \). It is therefore natural to seek for a refinement of \( H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K) \) which recovers the \( \Gamma_K \)-representation on \( H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \). Grothendieck conjectured that, when \( X \) has good reduction, such a refinement should be given by the crystalline cohomology in the following sense:
Conjecture 1.2.3 (Grothendieck). Let $k$ be the residue field of $\mathcal{O}_K$. Denote by $W(k)$ the ring of Witt vectors over $k$, and by $K_0$ its fraction field. There should exist a (purely algebraic) fully faithful functor $\mathcal{D}$ on a category of certain $p$-adic Galois representations such that

$$\mathcal{D}(H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)) = H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k)) \otimes_{W(k)} K_0$$

for all proper smooth variety $X$ with a proper smooth integral model $\mathcal{X}$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$.

**Remark.** The functor $\mathcal{D}$ in Conjecture 1.2.3 has become to known as the Grothendieck mysterious functor.

It is worthwhile to mention that Conjecture 1.2.3 is motivated by the dictionary that we described in 1.1. Recall that, for an elliptic curve $E$ over $\mathbb{Q}_p$ with good reduction, we discussed how the $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$-representation on $V_p(E)$ is determined by the associated filtered isocrystal. We may regard this dictionary as a special case of the Grothendieck mysterious functor, as $V_p(E)$ and the associated filtered isocrystal are respectively identified with the dual of $H^1_{\text{ét}}(E_{\mathbb{Q}_p}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ and $H^1_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}/\mathbb{Z}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p$. The key insight of Grothendieck was that there should be a way to go directly from $H^1_{\text{ét}}(E_{\mathbb{Q}_p}, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ to $H^1_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}/\mathbb{Z}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p$ without using $p$-divisible groups.

Fontaine reformulated Conjecture 1.2.3 in terms of a comparison isomorphism between étale cohomology and crystalline cohomology. His idea is to construct another period ring $B_{\text{cris}}$ that satisfies the following properties:

1. $B_{\text{cris}}$ is equipped with an action of $\Gamma_K$ such that $B_{\text{cris}}^\Gamma_K = K_0$.
2. There is a Frobenius-semilinear endomorphism $\varphi$ on $B_{\text{cris}}$.
3. There is a natural map

$$B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K \hookrightarrow B_{\text{dR}}$$

which induces a filtration on $B_{\text{cris}}$ from the filtration on $B_{\text{dR}}$.

The endomorphism $\varphi$ in (2) is referred to as the Frobenius action on $B_{\text{cris}}$. Fontaine’s conjecture is now a theorem, which we state as follows:

**Theorem 1.2.4 (Faltings).** Suppose that $X$ has good reduction, meaning that it has a proper smooth model $\mathcal{X}$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$. There exists a canonical isomorphism

$$H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}} \cong H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))[1/p] \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}}$$

compatible with $\Gamma_K$-actions, filtrations, and Frobenius actions.

**Remark.** By construction, the crystalline cohomology $H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))$ carries a natural Frobenius action. Moreover, the Hodge filtration on $H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K)$ induces a filtration on $H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))[1/p]$ via the comparison isomorphism

$$H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))[1/p] \otimes_{K_0} K \cong H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K).$$

By Theorem 1.2.4 we have an isomorphism

$$\left( H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}} \right)^{\Gamma_K} \cong H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))[1/p].$$

With some additional work, we can further show that the $\Gamma_K$-action on $H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ can be recovered from $H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))[1/p]$ by taking the filtration and the Frobenius action into account. In fact, the mysterious functor in Conjecture 1.2.3 turns out to be

$$\mathcal{D}(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K}.$$

However, we still need to specify the source and the target categories such that $\mathcal{D}$ is fully faithful. The answer turns out to come from the interplay between the arithmetic and the geometric perspectives, as we will see in the next subsection.
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1.3. The interplay via representation theory

The Grothendieck mysterious functor, which we have yet to give a complete description, is an example of various functors that link the arithmetic side and the geometric side of \( p \)-adic Hodge theory. Such functors provide vital means for studying \( p \)-adic Hodge theory via the interplay between the arithmetic and geometric perspectives.

Here we describe a general formalism due to Fontaine for constructing functors that connect the arithmetic and geometric sides of \( p \)-adic Hodge theory. Let \( \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \) denote the category of \( p \)-adic representations of \( \Gamma_K \) for a \( p \)-adic field \( K \). For a \( p \)-adic period ring \( B \), such as \( B_{\text{HT}} \), \( B_{\text{dR}} \) or \( B_{\text{cris}} \) as introduced in the preceding subsection, we define

\[
D_B(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{\Gamma_K}
\]

for each \( V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \).

We say that \( V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \) is \( B \)-admissible if the natural morphism

\[
\alpha_V : D_B(V) \otimes_{B^{\Gamma_K}} B \longrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B
\]

is an isomorphism. Let \( \text{Rep}_B(\Gamma_K) \subset \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \) be the full subcategory of \( B \)-admissible representations. Then \( D_B \) defines a functor from \( \text{Rep}_B(\Gamma_K) \) to the category of finite dimensional vector spaces over \( B^{\Gamma_K} \) with some additional structures. Here the additional structures that we consider for the target category reflect the structure of the ring \( B \), as indicated by the following examples:

(a) The target category of \( D_{B_{\text{HT}}} \) is the category of finite dimensional graded \( K \)-spaces, reflecting the graded algebra structure on \( B_{\text{HT}} \).

(b) The target category of \( D_{B_{\text{dR}}} \) is the category of finite dimensional filtered \( K \)-spaces, reflecting the filtration on \( B_{\text{dR}} \).

(c) The target category of \( D_{B_{\text{cris}}} \) is the category of finite dimensional filtered \( K_0 \)-spaces with a Frobenius-semilinear endomorphism, reflecting the filtration and the Frobenius action on \( B_{\text{cris}} \).

In particular, we have a complete description of the Grothendieck mysterious functor given by \( D_{B_{\text{cris}}} \). We also obtain its fully faithfulness from the following fundamental result:

**Theorem 1.3.1 (Fontaine).** The functors \( D_{B_{\text{HT}}} \), \( D_{B_{\text{dR}}} \), and \( D_{B_{\text{cris}}} \) are all exact and faithful. Moreover, the functor \( D_{B_{\text{cris}}} \) is fully faithful.

**Remark.** We will see in Chapter \( \text{III} \) that the first statement of Theorem 1.3.1 is (almost) a formal consequence of some algebraic properties shared by \( B_{\text{HT}} \), \( B_{\text{dR}} \) and \( B_{\text{cris}} \).

Note that, for each \( B = B_{\text{HT}}, B_{\text{dR}}, \) or \( B_{\text{cris}} \), the definition of \( B \)-admissibility is motivated by the corresponding comparison theorem from the preceding subsection, while the target category of the functor \( D_B \) consists of semilinear algebraic objects that arise in the arithmetic side of \( p \)-adic Hodge theory. In other words, the functor \( D_B \) relates a certain class of “geometric” \( p \)-adic representations to a class of semilinear algebraic objects that carry some arithmetic information. Hence we can consider Fontaine’s formalism as a general framework for connecting the following themes:

1. Study of the geometry of a proper smooth variety over a \( p \)-adic field via the Galois action on the étale cohomology groups.
2. Construction of a dictionary that relates certain \( p \)-adic representations to various semilinear algebraic objects.

In fact, this tidy connection provided by Fontaine’s formalism forms the backbone of classical \( p \)-adic Hodge theory.
2. A first glimpse of the Fargues-Fontaine curve

In this section, we provide a brief introduction to a remarkable geometric object called the Fargues-Fontaine curve, which serves as the fundamental curve of $p$-adic Hodge theory. Our goal for this section is twofold: building some intuition about what this object is, and explaining why this object plays a pivotal role in modern $p$-adic Hodge theory.

2.1. Definition and some key features

The Fargues-Fontaine curve has two different incarnations, namely the schematic curve and the adic curve. In this subsection, we will only consider the schematic curve, as we don’t have a language to describe the adic curve. The two incarnations are essentially equivalent due to a GAGA type theorem, as we will see in Chapter IV.

Throughout this section, let us restrict our attention to the case $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$ for simplicity. We denote by $\mathcal{F}$ the completion of the algebraic closure of $\mathbb{F}_p((u))$. Recall that Fontaine constructed a $p$-adic period ring $\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}$ which is equipped with a $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$-action and a Frobenius semilinear endomorphism $\varphi$. There is also a subring $\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^+$ of $\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}$ with the following properties:

(i) $\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^+$ is stable under $\varphi$ with $(\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^+)_{\varphi=1} \simeq \mathbb{Q}_p$.
(ii) there is an element $t \in \mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^+$ with $\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}} = \mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^+[1/t]$ and $\varphi(t) = pt$.

**Definition 2.1.1.** The schematic Fargues-Fontaine curve (associated to the pair $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \mathcal{F})$) is defined by

$$X := \text{Proj} \left( \bigoplus_{n \geq 0} (\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^+)_{\varphi=p^n} \right).$$

Note that $X$ can be regarded as a $\mathbb{Q}_p$-scheme by the property (i) of $\mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^+$. However, as we will see in a moment, the scheme $X$ is not of finite type over $\mathbb{Q}_p$. In particular, $X$ is not a curve in the usual sense, and not even a projective scheme over $\mathbb{Q}_p$.

Nonetheless, the scheme $X$ is not completely exotic. In fact, $X$ is geometrically akin to the complex projective line $\mathbb{P}^1_\mathbb{C}$ in many aspects.

**Theorem 2.1.2** (Fargues-Fontaine). We have the following facts about the Fargues-Fontaine curve $X$:

1. As a $\mathbb{Q}_p$-scheme, $X$ is noetherian, connected and regular of dimension 1.
2. $X$ is a union of two spectra of Dedekind domains.
3. $X$ is complete in the sense that the divisor of every rational function on $X$ has degree zero.
4. $\text{Pic}(X) \simeq \mathbb{Z}$.

**Remark.** The statements (1) and (3) together suggest that $X$ behaves almost as a proper curve, thereby justifying the use of the world “curve” to describe $X$.

We can also describe $X$ as an affine scheme of a principal domain plus “a point at infinity”, in the same way as we describe $\mathbb{P}^1_\mathbb{C}$ as $\text{Spec} (\mathbb{C}[z])$ plus a point at infinity. More precisely, for some “preferred” closed point $\infty \in X$ we have identifications

$$X - \{\infty\} = \text{Spec} (\mathcal{O}_e) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{O}_{X,\infty} = \mathcal{B}_{\text{dR}}^+$$

where $\mathcal{O}_e := \mathcal{B}_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1}$ and $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dR}}^+$ is the ring of integers of $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dR}}$. The fact that $\mathcal{O}_e$ is a principal ideal domain is due to Fontaine.

**Remark.** The above discussion provides a geometric description of the period ring $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dR}}$. 
2.2. Relation to the theory of perfectoid spaces

The Fargues-Fontaine curve turns out to have a surprising connection to Scholze’s theory of perfectoid spaces. In this subsection, we describe this connection after recalling some basic definitions and fundamental facts about perfectoid fields.

Definition 2.2.1. Let $C$ be a nonarchimedean field of residue characteristic $p$.

1. $C$ is called a perfectoid field if it satisfies the following conditions:
   (i) its valuation is nondiscrete,
   (ii) the $p$-th power Frobenius map on $O_C/p$ is surjective.

2. If $C$ is a perfectoid field with valuation $|\cdot|$, we define the tilt of $C$ by
   $$C^\flat := \lim_{\leftarrow} C$$

which carries a ring structure with a valuation $|\cdot|^\flat$ as follows:

(a) $(a \cdot b)_n := a_n b_n$,
(b) $(a + b)_n := \lim_{m \to \infty} (a_{m+n} + b_{m+n})^{p^n}$,
(c) $|a|^\flat := |a_0|$.

Remark. It is not hard to see that $C^\flat$ is a perfectoid field of characteristic $p$.

Example 2.2.2. The $p$-adic completion $C_p$ of $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p$ is a perfectoid field with $C_p^\flat \simeq F$.

The theory of perfectoid fields (and perfectoid spaces) has numerous applications in $p$-adic Hodge theory. As a key example, we mention Scholze’s generalization of Theorem 1.2.2 (and Theorem 1.2.1) to the category of rigid analytic varieties. Here we state one of the fundamental results for such applications, known as the tilting equivalence.

Theorem 2.2.3 (Scholze). Let $C$ be a perfectoid space.

1. Every finite extension of $C$ is a perfectoid field.
2. The tilting operation induces an equivalence of categories
   $$\{\text{finite extensions of } C\} \overset{\sim}{\leftrightarrow} \{\text{finite extensions of } C^\flat\}.$$ 
3. There is an isomorphism $\Gamma_C \simeq \Gamma_{C^\flat}$ of absolute Galois groups.

An amazing fact is that, given a characteristic $p$ perfectoid field $F$, the Fargues-Fontaine curve $X$ parametrizes the characteristic $0$ untilts of $F$, which are pairs $(C, \iota)$ consisting of a characteristic $0$ perfectoid field $C$ and an isomorphism $\iota : C^\flat \simeq F$. Note that there is an obvious notion of isomorphism for untilts of $F$. In addition, the $p$-th power Frobenius automorphism $\varphi_F$ of $F$ acts on untilts of $F$ by $\varphi_F : (C, \iota) := (C, \varphi_F \circ \iota)$.

Theorem 2.2.4 (Fargues-Fontaine). For every closed point $x \in X$, the residue field $k(x)$ is a perfectoid field of characteristic $0$ with $k(x)^\flat \simeq F$. Moreover, there is a bijection

$$\{\text{closed points of } X\} \overset{\sim}{\leftrightarrow} \{\varphi_F\text{-orbits of characteristic }0\text{ untilts of } F\}$$

given by $x \mapsto (k(x), k(x)^\flat \simeq F)$.

Remark. Theorem 2.2.4 implies that $X$ is not of finite type over $\mathbb{Q}_p$.

This moduli interpretation of the Fargues-Fontaine curve is one of the main inspirations for Scholze’s theory of diamonds, which is a perfectoid analogue of Artin’s theory of algebraic spaces. In fact, many perfectoid spaces or diamonds that arise in $p$-adic geometry have moduli interpretations involving (vector bundles on) the Fargues-Fontaine curve.
2.3. Geometrization of $p$-adic Galois representations

Let us now demonstrate how the Fargues-Fontaine curve provides a way to geometrically study $p$-adic Galois representations. The geometric objects that we will consider are as follows:

**Definition 2.3.1.** Let us fix a closed point $\infty \in X$.

1. A *vector bundle* on $X$ is a locally free $\mathcal{O}_X$-module of finite rank.
2. A *modification of vector bundles at* $\infty$ is a tuple $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}, i)$ where
   - $\mathcal{E}$ and $\mathcal{F}$ are vector bundles on $X$,
   - $i: \mathcal{E}|_{X - \{\infty\}} \sim \mathcal{F}|_{X - \{\infty\}}$ is an isomorphism outside $\infty$.

We will see in Chapter IV that vector bundles on the Fargues-Fontaine curve admit a complete classification. The following theorem summarizes some of its key consequences.

**Theorem 2.3.2 (Fargues-Fontaine).** There is a functorial commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\{ \text{isocrystals over } \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \{ \text{vector bundles on } X \} \\
\uparrow & & \uparrow \\
\{ \text{filtered isocrystals over } \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \} & \longrightarrow & \{ \text{modifications of vector bundles on } X \}
\end{array}
\]

where the vertical maps are forgetful maps defined by $(N, \text{Fil}^* N) \mapsto N$ and $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}, i) \mapsto \mathcal{E}$.

Now recall that Fontaine constructed a fully faithful functor $D_{B_{\text{cris}}} : \{ B_{\text{cris}}\text{-admissible }p\text{-adic representations of } \Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \} \longrightarrow \{ \text{filtered isocrystals over } \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \}$. If we compose $D_{B_{\text{cris}}}$ with the base change functor to $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ and the bottom map in Theorem 2.3.2, we obtain a functor

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\{ B_{\text{cris}}\text{-admissible }p\text{-adic representations of } \Gamma_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \} & \longrightarrow & \{ \text{modifications of vector bundles on } X \}
\end{array}
\]

Hence we can study $B_{\text{cris}}$-admissible $p$-adic Galois representations by purely geometric objects, namely modifications of vector bundles on $X$. As an application, we obtain the following fundamental result:

**Theorem 2.3.3 (Colmez-Fontaine).** Let $N^\bullet := (N, \text{Fil}^* N)$ be a filtered isocrystal over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$. We denote by $\overline{N}^\bullet := ((\overline{N}), \text{Fil}^* (\overline{N}))$ the associated filtered isocrystal over $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ (obtained by base change), and by $(\mathcal{E}(\overline{N}^\bullet), \mathcal{F}(\overline{N}^\bullet), i(\overline{N}^\bullet))$ its image under the bottom map in Theorem 2.3.2. Then $N^\bullet$ is in the essential image of $D_{B_{\text{cris}}}$ if and only if the vector bundle $\mathcal{F}(\overline{N}^\bullet)$ is trivial (i.e., isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus n}$ for some $n$).

**Remark.** Since $D_{B_{\text{cris}}}$ is fully faithful, its essential image gives a purely algebraic category which is equivalent to the category of $B_{\text{cris}}$-admissible representations.

Theorem 2.3.3 is commonly stated as “weakly admissible filtered isocrystals are admissible”. It was initially proved by Colmez-Fontaine in 2000 by a very complicated and technical argument. In Chapter IV, we will provide a very short and conceptual proof of Theorem 2.3.3. The key point of our proof is that the left inverse $V_{B_{\text{cris}}}$ of $D_{B_{\text{cris}}}$ can be cohomologically realized by the following identity:

\[ V_{B_{\text{cris}}}(N^\bullet) \simeq H^0 (X, \mathcal{F}(\overline{N}^\bullet)). \]
Theorem 2.3.3 has a couple of interesting implications as follows:

1. $B_{\text{cris}}$-admissibility is a “geometric” property.
2. $B_{\text{cris}}$-admissibility is insensitive to replacing the residue field $\mathbb{F}_p$ by $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$, which amounts to replacing the ground field $\mathbb{Q}_p$ by $\widehat{\mathbb{Q}}_p^{\text{un}}$.

These two implications are closely related since base change of the ground field $\mathbb{Q}_p$ to $\widehat{\mathbb{Q}}_p^{\text{un}}$ can be regarded as “passing to the geometry” via the bottom map in Theorem 2.3.2.

**Remark.** The Fargues-Fontaine curve also provides a way to geometrically study $\ell$-adic Galois representations. In fact, in 2016 Fargues initiated a remarkable problem called the geometrization of the local Langlands correspondence, which aims to realize the local Langlands correspondence as the geometric Langlands correspondence on the Fargues-Fontaine curve.
CHAPTER II

Foundations of $p$-adic Hodge theory

1. Finite flat group schemes

In this section we develop some basic theory of finite flat group schemes, in preparation for our discussion of $p$-divisible groups in §2. Our primary reference is Tate’s article [Tat97]. Throughout this section, all rings are assumed to be commutative.

1.1. Basic definitions and properties

We begin by recalling the notion of group scheme.

Definition 1.1.1. Let $S$ be a scheme. A group scheme over $S$ is an $S$-scheme $G$ along with morphisms

- $m : G \times_S G \to G$, called the multiplication,
- $e : S \to G$, called the unit section,
- $i : G \to G$, called the inverse,

that fit into the following commutative diagrams:

(a) associativity axiom:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G \times_S G \times_S G & \xrightarrow{(m, \text{id})} & G \times_S G \\
\downarrow{(\text{id}, m)} & & \downarrow{m} \\
G \times_S G & \xrightarrow{m} & G
\end{array}
\]

(b) identity axiom:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G \times_S S & \xrightarrow{\sim} & G \\
\downarrow{(\text{id}, e)} & & \downarrow{\text{id}} \\
G \times_S G & \xrightarrow{m} & G \\
\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc}
S \times_S G & \xrightarrow{\sim} & G \\
\downarrow{(e, \text{id})} & & \downarrow{m} \\
G \times_S G & \xrightarrow{m} & G
\end{array}
\]

(c) inverse axiom:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G & \xrightarrow{(i, \text{id})} & G \times_S G \\
\downarrow{(\text{id}, i)} & & \downarrow{m} \\
S & \xrightarrow{e} & G
\end{array}
\]

In other words, a group scheme over $S$ is a group object in the category of $S$-schemes.

Lemma 1.1.2. Given a scheme $S$, an $S$-scheme $G$ is a group scheme if and only if the set $G(T)$ for any $S$-scheme $T$ carries a functorial group structure.

Proof. This is immediate by Yoneda’s lemma. \qed

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Definition 1.1.3. Let \( G \) and \( H \) be group schemes over a scheme \( S \).

1. A morphism \( G \to H \) of \( S \)-schemes is called a homomorphism if for any \( S \)-scheme \( T \) the induced map \( G(T) \to H(T) \) is a group homomorphism.
2. The kernel of a homomorphism \( f : G \to H \), denoted by \( \ker(f) \), is a group scheme such that \( \ker(f)(T) \) for any \( S \)-scheme \( T \) is the kernel of the induced map \( G(T) \to H(T) \).

Equivalently, by Lemma 1.1.2 \( \ker(f) \) is the fiber of \( f \) over the unit section of \( H \).

Example 1.1.4. Let \( G \) be a group scheme over a scheme \( S \), and let \( n \) be a positive integer. The multiplication by \( n \) on \( G \), denoted by \([n]_G\), is a homomorphism \( G \to G \) defined by \( g \mapsto g^n \).

In this section, we are mostly interested in affine group schemes over an affine base. Let us generally denote the base ring by \( R \).

Definition 1.1.5. Let \( G = \text{Spec}(A) \) be an affine group scheme over \( R \). We define

- the comultiplication \( \mu : A \to A \otimes_R A \),
- the counit \( \epsilon : A \to R \)
- the coinverse \( \iota : A \to A \),

as the maps respectively induced by the multiplication, unit section, and inverse of \( G \).

Example 1.1.6. We present some important examples of affine group schemes.

1. The additive group over \( R \) is a scheme \( \mathbb{G}_a := \text{Spec}(R[t]) \) with the natural additive group structure on \( \mathbb{G}_a(B) = B \) for each \( R \)-algebra \( B \). The comultiplication, counit, and coinverse are given by
   \[ \mu(t) = t \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t, \quad \epsilon(t) = 0, \quad \iota(t) = -t. \]

2. The multiplicative group over \( R \) is a scheme \( \mathbb{G}_m := \text{Spec}(R[t, t^{-1}]) \) with the natural multiplicative group structure on \( \mathbb{G}_m(B) = B^\times \) for each \( R \)-algebra \( B \). The comultiplication, counit, and coinverse are given by
   \[ \mu(t) = t \otimes t, \quad \epsilon(t) = 1, \quad \iota(t) = t^{-1}. \]

3. The \( n \)-th roots of unity is a scheme \( \mu_n := \text{Spec}(R[t]/(t^n - 1)) \) with the natural multiplicative group structure on \( \mu_n(B) = \{ b \in B : b^n = 1 \} \) for each \( R \)-algebra \( B \).

4. If \( R \) has characteristic \( p \), then we have a group scheme \( \alpha_p := \text{Spec}(R[t]/t^p) \) with the natural additive group structure on \( \alpha_p(B) = \{ b \in B : b^p = 0 \} \) for each \( R \)-algebra \( B \).

5. If \( A \) is an abelian scheme over \( R \), its \( n \)-torsion subgroup \( A[n] := \ker([n]_A) \) is an affine group scheme over \( R \) since \([n]_A \) is a finite morphism.

6. If \( M \) is an abstract group, the constant group scheme on \( M \) over \( R \) is a scheme \( M := \coprod_{m \in M} \text{Spec}(R) \simeq \text{Spec}(A) \), where \( A \simeq \prod_{m \in M} R \) is the ring of \( R \)-valued functions on \( M \), with the natural group structure (induced by \( M \)) on \( M(B) = \{ \text{locally constant functions } \text{Spec}(B) \to M \} \) for each \( R \)-algebra \( B \). Note that \( A \otimes_R A \) is identified with the ring of \( R \)-values functions on \( M \times M \). The comultiplication, counit, and coinverse are given by
   \[ \mu(f)(m, m') = f(mm'), \quad \epsilon(f) = f(1_M), \quad \iota(f)(m) = f(m^{-1}). \]
Let us now introduce the objects of main interest for this section. For the rest of this section, we assume that $R$ is noetherian unless stated otherwise.

**Definition 1.1.7.** Let $G = \text{Spec}(A)$ be an affine group scheme over $R$. We say that $G$ is a (commutative) finite flat group scheme of order $n$ if it satisfies the following conditions:

(i) $G$ is locally free of rank $n$ over $R$; that is, $A$ is a locally free $R$-algebra of rank $n$.

(ii) $G$ is commutative in the sense of the following commutative diagram

$$
G \times_R G \xrightarrow{(x,y) \mapsto (y,x)} G \times_R G \xrightarrow{m} G
$$

where $m$ denotes the multiplication of $G$.

**Remark.** As a reality check, we have the following facts:

1. $G$ satisfies (i) if and only if the structure morphism $G \to \text{Spec}(R)$ is finite flat.
2. $G$ satisfies (ii) if and only if $G(B)$ is commutative for each $R$-algebra $B$.

However, even if $G$ is finite flat, $G(B)$ can be infinite for some $R$-algebra $B$ such as an infinite product of $R$.

**Example 1.1.8.** Some of the group schemes that we introduced in Example [1.1.6] are finite flat group schemes, as easily seen by their affine descriptions.

1. The $n$-th roots of unity $\mu_n$ is a finite flat group scheme of order $n$.
2. The group scheme $\alpha_p$ is a finite flat group scheme of order $p$.
3. If $A$ is an abelian scheme of dimension $g$ over $R$, its $n$-torsion subgroup $A[n]$ is a finite flat group scheme of order $n^{2g}$.
4. If $M$ is an abelian group of order $n$, the constant group scheme $\underline{M}$ is a finite flat group scheme of order $n$.

Many basic properties of finite abelian groups extend to finite flat group schemes. Here we state two fundamental theorems without proof.

**Theorem 1.1.9** (Grothendieck). Let $G$ be a finite flat $R$-group scheme, and let $H$ be a closed finite flat subgroup scheme of $G$. Denote by $m$ and $n$ the orders of $G$ and $H$ over $R$, respectively. Then the quotient $G/H$ exists as a finite flat group scheme of order $m/n$ over $R$, thereby giving rise to a short exact sequence of group schemes

$$
0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow G/H \longrightarrow 0.
$$

**Theorem 1.1.10** (Serre). Let $G$ be a finite flat group scheme of order $n$ over $R$. Then $[n]_G$ annihilates $G$; in other words, it factors through the unit section of $G$.

**Remark.** It is unknown whether Theorem 1.1.10 holds if $G$ is not assumed to be commutative.

We also note that finite flat group schemes behave well under base change.

**Lemma 1.1.11.** Let $G = \text{Spec}(A)$ be a finite flat group scheme over $R$. For any $R$-algebra $B$, $G_B$ is a finite flat group scheme over $B$.

**Proof.** Let $\mu, \epsilon$, and $\iota$ be the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse of $G$, respectively. It is straightforward to check that $G_B = \text{Spec}(A \otimes_R B)$ is a group scheme with comultiplication, counit and coinverse given by $\mu \otimes 1, \epsilon \otimes 1$, and $\iota \otimes 1$. The finite flatness of $G_B$ is immediate from the finite flatness of $G$. 

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1.2. Cartier duality

In this subsection, we discuss an important notion of duality for finite flat group schemes.

Definition 1.2.1. Let $G = \text{Spec } (A)$ be a finite flat group scheme over $R$. We define the \textit{Cartier dual} of $G$ to be an $R$-group scheme $G^\vee$ such that

$$G^\vee(B) = \text{Hom}_{B-\text{grp}}(G_B, (\mathbb{G}_m)_B)$$

for each $R$-algebra $B$, where the group structure on $\text{Hom}(G_B, (\mathbb{G}_m)_B)$ is induced by the multiplication map on $(\mathbb{G}_m)_B$.

Remark. Equivalently, we may define $G^\vee := \text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{G}_m)$ as a sheaf on the big fppf site.

Lemma 1.2.2. Let $G$ be a finite flat $R$-group scheme such that $[n]_G = 0$. Then we have

$$G^\vee(B) = \text{Hom}_{B-\text{grp}}(G_B, (\mu_n)_B).$$

Proof. The assertion follows immediately by observing $\mu_n = \ker([n]_{\mathbb{G}_m})$.

Theorem 1.2.3 (Cartier duality). Let $G = \text{Spec } (A)$ be a finite flat group scheme of order $n$ over $R$. We let $\mu, \epsilon,$ and $\iota$ respectively denote the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse of $A$. In addition, we let $s : R \to A$ be the structure morphism, and $m_A : A \otimes_R A \to A$ be the ring multiplication map. Define $A^\vee := \text{Hom}_{R-mod}(A,R)$ to be the dual $R$-module of $A$.

1. The dual maps $\mu^\vee$ and $\epsilon^\vee$ define an $R$-algebra structure on $A^\vee$.
2. We have an identification $G^\vee \cong \text{Spec } (A^\vee)$ with $m^\vee_A, s^\vee$, and $\iota^\vee$ as the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse.
3. $G^\vee$ is a finite flat group scheme of order $n$ over $R$.
4. There is a canonical isomorphism $(G^\vee)^\vee \cong G$.

Proof. The proof of [1] is straightforward and thus omitted here.

Let us now prove [2]. It is not hard to verify that $G^\vee := \text{Spec } (A^\vee)$ carries a structure of groups scheme with $m^\vee_A, s^\vee$, and $\iota^\vee$ as the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse. Let $B$ be an arbitrary $R$-algebra. We wish to establish a canonical isomorphism

$$G^\vee(B) \cong G^\vee(B). \quad (1.1)$$

Let us write $\mu_B := \mu \otimes 1, \epsilon_B := \epsilon \otimes 1,$ and $\iota_B : \iota \otimes 1$ for the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse of $A_B := A \otimes_R B$. We also write $s_B : s \otimes 1$ for the structure morphism $B \to A_B$. By the group scheme axioms, we have

$$(\epsilon_B \otimes \text{id}) \circ \mu_B = \text{id} \quad \text{and} \quad (\iota_B \text{id}) \circ \mu_B = s_B \circ \epsilon_B. \quad (1.2)$$

Now we use Definition 1.2.1 and the affine description of $\mathbb{G}_m$ given in Example 1.1.6 to obtain

$$G^\vee(B) = \text{Hom}_{B-\text{grp}}(G_B, (\mathbb{G}_m)_B)$$

$$\cong \{ f \in \text{Hom}_{B-\text{alg}}(B[t, t^{-1}], A_B) \mid \mu_B(f(t)) = f(t) \otimes f(t), \epsilon_B(f(t)) = 1, \iota_B(f(t)) = f(t)^{-1} \}$$

where the conditions on the last set come from compatibility with the comultiplications, counits, and coinverses on $G_B$ and $(\mathbb{G}_m)_B$. Furthermore, an element of $\text{Hom}(B[t, t^{-1}], A_B)$ is determined by its value at $t$, which must be a unit in $A_B$ since $t$ is a unit. We thus obtain

$$G^\vee(B) \cong \{ u \in A_B^\times : \mu_B(u) = u \otimes u, \epsilon_B(u) = 1, \iota_B(u) = u^{-1} \}.$$  

Moreover, by [1.2] every element $u \in A_B^\times$, with $\mu_B(u) = u \otimes u$ must satisfy $\epsilon_B(u) = 1$ and $\iota_B(u) = u^{-1}$. Therefore we find an identification

$$G^\vee(B) \cong \{ u \in A_B^\times : \mu_B(u) = u \otimes u \}.$$  

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Meanwhile, by (1) we have a $B$-algebra structure on $A^\vee_B := A^\vee \otimes_R B$ defined by $\mu^\vee_B := \mu^\vee \otimes 1$ and $\epsilon^\vee_B := \epsilon^\vee \otimes 1$. We also have an identification

$$G^\vee(B) \cong \text{Hom}_{-\text{alg}}(A^\vee, B) \cong \text{Hom}_{-\text{alg}}(A^\vee \otimes_R B, B). \tag{1.4}$$

Let $m_B : B \otimes B \to B$ be the ring multiplication map on $B$. Note that $\text{Hom}_{-\text{alg}}(A^\vee \otimes_R B, B)$ is the set $B$-module homomorphisms $A^\vee \otimes_R B \to B$ through which $\mu^\vee_B$ and $\epsilon^\vee_B$ are compatible with $m_B$ and $\text{id}_B$, respectively. Taking $B$-duals, we identify this set with the set of $B$-module homomorphisms $B \to A \otimes_R B = A_B$ through which $m^\vee_B$ and $\text{id}^\vee_B$ are compatible with $\mu_B$ and $\epsilon_B$. Moreover, the dual maps $m^\vee_B$ and $\text{id}^\vee_B$ send 1 to 1 and 1, respectively. Since every $B$-module homomorphism $B \to A_B$ is determined by its value at 1, we have obtained an identification

$$\text{Hom}_{-\text{alg}}(A^\vee \otimes_R B, B) \cong \{ u \in A_B : \mu_B(u) = u \otimes u, \epsilon_B(u) = 1 \}.$$  

Then by (1.2) we find

$$\text{Hom}_{-\text{alg}}(A^\vee \otimes_R B, B) \cong \{ u \in A^\vee_B : \mu_B(u) = u \otimes u \},$$

which yields an identification

$$G^\vee(B) \cong \{ u \in A_B : \mu_B(u) = u \otimes u \} \tag{1.5}$$

by (1.4). We thus obtain the desired isomorphism (1.1) by (1.3) and (1.5), thereby completing the proof of (2).

Now (3) follows from (2) since $A^\vee$ is a free $R$-module of rank $n$ by construction. We also deduce (4) from (2) using the canonical isomorphism $(A^\vee)^\vee \cong A$. \hfill \Box

We now exhibit some important examples of Cartier duality.

**Lemma 1.2.4.** Given a finite flat group scheme $G$ over $R$, the dual map of $[n]_G$ is $[n]_{G^\vee}$.

**Proof.** For an arbitrary $R$-algebra $B$, the dual map of $[n]_G$ sends each $f \in G^\vee(B) = \text{Hom}_{-\text{grp}}(G_B, (G_m)_B)$ to $f \circ [n]_G = [n]_{G^\vee}(f)$. \hfill \Box

**Proposition 1.2.5.** For every positive integer $n$, we have $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\vee \simeq \mu_n$.

**Proof.** By the affine description given in Example 1.1.6, we can write $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \simeq \text{Spec}(A)$ where $A \cong \bigoplus_{i=0}^{n-1} Re_i$ with the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse given by

$$\mu(e_i) = \sum_{p+q=i} e_p \otimes e_q, \quad \epsilon(e_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad \iota(e_i) = e_i \cdot n.$$

Let $m_A : A \otimes_R A \to A$ and $s : R \to A$ respectively denote the ring multiplication map and structure morphism. Let $\{ e_i^\vee \}$ be the dual basis for $A^\vee := \text{Hom}_{R\text{-mod}}(A, R)$ such that

$$e_i^\vee(e_j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 1.2.3 we have an $R$-algebra structure on $A^\vee$, defined by $\mu^\vee$ and $\epsilon^\vee$, and a group scheme structure on $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\vee \cong \text{Spec}(A^\vee)$ with $m^\vee_A, s^\vee$, and $\iota^\vee$ as the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse. In addition, it is not hard to see that the dual maps are given by

$$\mu^\vee(e_i^\vee \otimes e_j^\vee) = e_{i+j}^\vee, \quad \epsilon^\vee(1) = e_0^\vee, \quad m^\vee_A(e_i^\vee) = e_i^\vee \otimes e_i^\vee, \quad s^\vee(e_i) = 1, \quad \iota^\vee(e_i) = e_i^\cdot n.$$ 

Hence, by the affine description given in Example 1.1.6 the map $A^\vee \to R[t]/(t^n - 1)$ given by $e_i^\vee \mapsto t^i$ induces an isomorphism of $R$-group schemes $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\vee \simeq \mu_n$ as desired. \hfill \Box
**Proposition 1.2.6.** Suppose that $R$ has characteristic $p$. Then the $R$-group scheme $\alpha_p$ is self-dual.

**Proof.** By the affine description given in Example 1.1.6, we have $\alpha_p = \text{Spec}(R[t]/(t^p))$ with the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse given by

$$\mu(t^i) = \sum_{p+q=i} \binom{i}{p} t^p \otimes t^q, \quad \epsilon(t^i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad \iota(t^i) = (-t)^i.$$  

Let us set $A := R[t]/(t^p)$ for notational simplicity. Let $m_A : A \otimes_R A \to A$ and $s : R \to A$ respectively denote the ring multiplication map and structure morphism. Let $\{ f_i \}$ be the dual basis for $A^\vee := \text{Hom}_{R\text{-mod}}(A, R)$ such that

$$f_i(t^j) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 1.2.3, we have an $R$-algebra structure on $A^\vee$, defined by $\mu^\vee$ and $\epsilon^\vee$, and a group scheme structure on $\alpha_p^\vee \cong \text{Spec}(A^\vee)$ with $m_A^\vee, s^\vee$, and $\iota^\vee$ as the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse. In addition, it is not hard to see that the dual maps are given by

$$\mu^\vee(f_i \otimes f_j) = \binom{i+j}{i} f_{i+j}, \quad \epsilon^\vee(1) = 0,$$

$$m_A^\vee(f_i) = \sum_{p+q=i} f_p \otimes f_q, \quad s^\vee(f_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad \iota^\vee(f_i) = (-1)^i f_i.$$  

Hence the ring homomorphism $A^\vee \to A$ given by $f_i \mapsto t^i/i!$ induces an isomorphism of group schemes $\alpha_p^\vee \cong \alpha_p$ as desired. \qed

**Remark.** When $R$ has characteristic $p$, the underlying schemes of $\mu_p$ and $\alpha_p$ are isomorphic as we have a ring isomorphism $R[t]/(t^p) \to R[t]/(t^p-1)$ given by $t \mapsto t+1$. Propositions 1.2.5 and 1.2.6 together show that they are not isomorphic as group schemes.

**Proposition 1.2.7.** Let $f : A \to B$ be an isogeny of abelian schemes over a ring $R$. Then the kernel of the dual map $f^\vee$ is naturally isomorphic to the Cartier dual of $\ker(f)$.

**Proof.** By definition, we have an exact sequence

$$0 \to \ker(f) \to A \xrightarrow{f} B \to 0$$

which gives rise to a long exact sequence

$$0 \to \text{Hom}(B, \mathbb{G}_m) \to \text{Hom}(A, \mathbb{G}_m) \to \text{Hom}(\ker(f), \mathbb{G}_m) \to \text{Ext}^1(B, \mathbb{G}_m) \to \text{Ext}^1(A, \mathbb{G}_m).$$

Note that the first two group schemes are trivial; in fact, abelian schemes are proper and thus admit no nontrivial maps to any affine scheme. We also have identifications

$$\text{Hom}(\ker(f), \mathbb{G}_m) \cong \ker(f)^\vee, \quad \text{Ext}^1(B, \mathbb{G}_m) \cong B^\vee, \quad \text{Ext}^1(A, \mathbb{G}_m) \cong A^\vee$$

where $A^\vee$ and $B^\vee$ denote the dual abelian schemes of $A$ and $B$, respectively. Furthermore, we may identify the last arrow in the above sequence as $f^\vee$. We thus obtain an exact sequence

$$0 \to \ker(f)^\vee \to B^\vee \xrightarrow{f^\vee} A$$

which yields the desired isomorphism $\ker(f)^\vee \cong \ker(f^\vee)$. \qed

**Corollary 1.2.8.** Given an abelian scheme $A$ over a ring $R$ with the dual abelian scheme $A^\vee$, we have a natural isomorphism $A[n]^\vee \cong A^\vee[n]$. 

Let us conclude this subsection by the exactness of Cartier duality.

Lemma 1.2.9. Let \( f : H \hookrightarrow G \) be a closed embedding of \( R \)-group schemes. Then we have \( \ker(f^\vee) \cong (G/H)^\vee \), where \( f^\vee \) denotes the dual map of \( f \).

**Proof.** For each \( R \)-algebra \( B \) we get
\[
\ker(f^\vee)(B) = \ker\left( \text{Hom}_{B, \text{grp}}(G_B, (\mathbb{G}_m)_B) \xrightarrow{f} \text{Hom}_{B, \text{grp}}(H_B, (\mathbb{G}_m)_B) \right)
\cong \text{Hom}_{B, \text{grp}}((G/H)_B, (\mathbb{G}_m)_B) = (G/H)^\vee(B)
\]
by the universal property of the quotient group scheme \( G_B/H_B \cong (G/H)_B \).

Proposition 1.2.10. Given a short exact sequence of finite flat \( R \)-group schemes
\[
0 \rightarrow G' \rightarrow G \rightarrow G'' \rightarrow 0,
\]
the Cartier duality gives rise to a short exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow G'^\vee \rightarrow G^\vee \rightarrow G''^\vee \rightarrow 0.
\]

**Proof.** Let \( f \) and \( g \) respectively denote the maps \( G' \rightarrow G \) and \( G \rightarrow G'' \) in the given short exact sequence, and let \( f^\vee \) and \( g^\vee \) denote their dual maps. Injectivity of \( g^\vee \) is easy to verify using surjectivity of \( g \) and Definition 1.2.1. In addition, Lemma 1.2.9 yields \( \ker(f^\vee) \cong G'^{\vee} \). Hence it remains to prove that \( f^\vee \) is surjective. Since \( G''^{\vee} \cong \ker(f^\vee) \) is a closed subgroup of \( G^\vee \), we have a quotient \( G^\vee/G''^{\vee} \) as a finite flat group scheme by Theorem 1.1.9. Then \( f^\vee \) gives rise to a homomorphism \( G'/G''^{\vee} \rightarrow G'^{\vee} \). This is an isomorphism since its dual map
\[
G' \rightarrow ((G'/G''^{\vee})^\vee \cong \ker((g^\vee)^\vee) \cong \ker(g)
\]
is an isomorphism by the given exact sequence, where we use Lemma 1.2.9 for the identification \((G'/G''^{\vee})^\vee \cong \ker((g^\vee)^\vee)\). Hence we obtain surjectivity of \( f^\vee \) as desired.

1.3. Finite étale group schemes

In this subsection, we discuss several basic facts about finite étale group schemes. Such group schemes naturally arise in the study of Galois representations by the following fact:

Proposition 1.3.1. Assume that \( R \) is a henselian local ring with maximal ideal \( \mathfrak{m} \) and residue field \( k := R/\mathfrak{m} \). There is an equivalence of categories
\[
\{ \text{finite étale group schemes over } R \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ \text{finite abelian groups with a continuous } \Gamma_k\text{-action} \}
\]
defined by \( G \mapsto G(k^{\text{sep}}) \).

**Proof.** Let \( \overline{m} : \text{Spec}(\overline{k}) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R) \) denote the geometric point associated to \( \mathfrak{m} \in \text{Spec}(R) \). Then \( \Gamma_k = \text{Gal}(k^{\text{sep}}/k) \) is identified with the étale fundamental group \( \pi_1(\text{Spec}(R), \overline{m}) \). Hence we have an equivalence of categories
\[
\{ \text{finite étale schemes over } R \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ \text{finite sets with a continuous } \Gamma_k\text{-action} \}
\]
defined by \( T \mapsto T(k^{\text{sep}}) \). The desired equivalence follows by passing to the corresponding categories of commutative group objects.

**Remark.** It is not hard to see that the functor in Proposition 1.3.1 is compatible with the notion of order in both categories. Hence Proposition 1.3.1 provides an effective way to study finite étale group schemes in terms of finite groups.

Corollary 1.3.2. If \( R \) is a henselian local ring with the residue field \( k \), the special fiber functor yields an equivalence of categories
\[
\{ \text{finite étale group schemes over } R \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ \text{finite étale group schemes over } k \}.
\]
Let us now explain a very useful criteria for étaleness of finite flat group schemes.

**Definition 1.3.3.** Let \( G = \text{Spec}(A) \) be an affine group scheme over \( R \). We define the **augmentation ideal** of \( G \) to be the kernel of the counit \( \epsilon : A \to R \).

**Lemma 1.3.4.** Let \( G = \text{Spec}(A) \) be an affine group scheme over \( R \) with the augmentation ideal \( I \). Then \( A \cong R \oplus I \) as an \( R \)-module.

**Proof.** The assertion follows from the observation that the structure morphism \( R \to A \) splits the exact sequence \( 0 \to I \to A \xrightarrow{\epsilon} R \to 0 \). \( \square \)

**Proposition 1.3.5.** Let \( G = \text{Spec}(A) \) be an affine group scheme over \( R \) with the augmentation ideal \( I \). Then we have \( I/I^2 \otimes_A A \cong \Omega_{A/R} \) and \( I/I^2 \cong \Omega_{A/R} \otimes_A A/I \).

**Proof.** Let us write \( m, e \) and \( i \) respectively for the multiplication, unit section and inverse of \( G \). We have a commutative diagram

\[
G \times_R G \xrightarrow{(g,h)\mapsto (g,gh^{-1})} G \times_R G
\]

\[
\Delta \quad (id,e)
\]

where the horizontal map can be also written as \((\text{pr}_1, m) \circ (id, i)\). We verify that the horizontal map is an isomorphism by writing down the inverse map \((x, y) \mapsto (x, y^{-1}x)\).

Let us now consider the induced commutative diagram on the level of \( R \)-algebras

\[
A \otimes_R A \xleftarrow{\sim} A \otimes_R A
\]

\[
x \otimes y \mapsto xy \quad x \otimes y \mapsto x \cdot \epsilon(y)
\]

where \( \epsilon \) denotes the counit of \( G \). Let \( J \) denote the kernel of the left downward map. Then we have an identification

\[
\Omega_{A/R} \cong J/J^2. \tag{1.6}
\]

Moreover, as Lemma 1.3.4 yields a decomposition

\[
A \otimes_R A \cong A \otimes_R R \oplus A \otimes_R I,
\]

we deduce that the kernel of the right downward map is \( A \otimes_R I \). Hence the horizontal map induces an isomorphism between the two kernels \( J \cong A \otimes_R I \), which also yields an isomorphism

\[
J^2 \cong (A \otimes R I)^2 \cong A \otimes R I^2.
\]

We thus have

\[
J/J^2 \cong (A \otimes R I)/(A \otimes R I^2) = A \otimes R (I/I^2),
\]

thereby obtaining a desired isomorphism \( \Omega_{A/R} \cong A \otimes R (I/I^2) \) by (1.6). We then complete the proof by observing

\[
\Omega_{A/R} \otimes_A (A/I) \cong ((I/I^2) \otimes_A A) \otimes_A A/I \cong (I/I^2) \otimes_R A/I \cong I/I^2
\]

where the last isomorphism follows from the fact that \( A/I \cong R \). \( \square \)

**Remark.** The multiplication map on \( G \) defines a natural action on \( \Omega_{A/R} \). We can geometrically interpret the statement of Proposition 1.3.5 as follows:

1. An invariant form under this action should be determined by its value along the unit section, or equivalently its image in \( I/I^2 \).
2. An arbitrary form should be written as a function on \( G \) times an invariant form.
Corollary 1.3.6. Let $G = \text{Spec} (A)$ be a finite flat group scheme over $R$ with the augment ideal $I$. Then $G$ is étale if and only if $I = I^2$.

Proof. Since $G$ is flat over $R$, it is étale if and only if $\Omega_{A/R} = 0$. Hence the assertion follows from Proposition [1.3.5].

We discuss a number of important applications of Corollary 1.3.6.

Proposition 1.3.7. Every finite flat constant group scheme is étale.

Proof. Let $M$ be a finite group. By the affine description in Example 1.1.6, we have

$$M \approx \text{Spec} \left( \bigoplus_{i \in M} Re_i \right)$$

with the counit given by the projection to $Re_{1_M}$. Hence the augment ideal of $M$ is given by

$$I = \bigoplus_{i \neq 1} Re_i.$$ 

Since $I$ has its own ring structure, we find $I = I^2$. Thus $M$ is étale by Corollary 1.3.6.

Proposition 1.3.8. Assume that $R$ is an algebraically closed field of characteristic $p$. Then $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ is a unique finite étale group scheme of order $p$. In particular, $\mu_p$ and $\alpha_p$ are not étale.

Proof. Note that $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ is étale by Proposition 1.3.7. For uniqueness, we use Proposition 1.3.1 together with the fact that $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ is a unique group of order $p$. The last statement then follows by observing that $\mu_p$ and $\alpha_p$ are not isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ for being nonreduced.

Proposition 1.3.9. Let $G$ be a finite flat group scheme over $R$. Then $G$ is étale if and only if the (scheme theoretic) image of the unit section is open.

Proof. Let us write $G = \text{Spec} (A)$ where $A$ is a locally free $R$-algebra of finite rank. Let $I$ denote the augment ideal of $G$ so that the (scheme theoretic) image of the unit section is $\text{Spec} (A/I)$. By Corollary 1.3.6, $G$ is étale if and only if $I = I^2$. It is thus enough to show that the closed embedding $\text{Spec} (A/I) \hookrightarrow \text{Spec} (A)$ is an open embedding if and only if $I = I^2$.

Suppose that $I = I^2$. By Nakayama’s lemma there exists an element $f \in A$ with $f - 1 \in I$ and $fI = 0$. Note that $f$ is idempotent; indeed, we quickly check $f^2 = f(f-1) + f = f$. Now consider the natural map $A \to A_f$. This map is surjective since we have

$$
a \cdot f^n = a \cdot f^{n+1} = a \cdot f = \frac{a}{1} \quad \text{for any } a \in A.
$$

Moreover, as $fI = 0$, the last identity shows that $I$ is contained in the kernel. Conversely, for any element $a$ in the kernel we have $f^n a = 0$ for some $n$, or equivalently $fa = 0$ as $f$ is idempotent, and consequently see that $a = -(f-1)a + fa = -(f-1)a \in I$. We thus get a ring isomorphism $A/I \cong A_f$, thereby deducing that the closed embedding $\text{Spec} (A/I) \hookrightarrow \text{Spec} (A)$ is an open embedding.

For the converse, we now suppose that $\text{Spec} (A/I) \hookrightarrow \text{Spec} (A)$ is an open embedding. Then it is a flat morphism, implying that the ring homomorphism $A \to A/I$ is also flat. Hence we obtain a short exact sequence

$$0 \to I \otimes_A A/I \to A \otimes_A A/I \to A/I \otimes_A A/I \to 0,$$

which reduces to

$$0 \to I/I^2 \to A/I \to A/I \to 0$$

where the third arrow is the identity map. We thus deduce that $I/I^2 = 0$ as desired.
**Theorem 1.3.10.** Let $G$ be a finite flat group scheme over $R$. If the order of $G$ is invertible in $R$, then $G$ is étale.

**Proof.** Let us write $G = \text{Spec } (A)$ where $A$ is a locally free $R$-algebra of finite rank. As usual, we let $m, e, \mu$, and $\epsilon$ respectively denote the multiplication map, unit section, comultiplication, and counit of $G$. We have commutative diagrams of schemes

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Spec } (R) & \xrightarrow{e} & G \\
(e,\epsilon) & \downarrow & \downarrow m \\
G \times_R G & \xrightarrow{(id,e)} & G \times_R G
\end{array}
$$

which induce the following commutative diagrams of $R$-algebras:

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
R & \xleftarrow{\epsilon} & A \\
\epsilon \otimes \epsilon & \downarrow & \downarrow \mu \\
A \otimes_R A & \xleftarrow{id} & A
\end{array}
\quad \quad
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xleftarrow{id} & A \\
\epsilon \otimes id & \downarrow & \downarrow \mu \\
A \otimes_R A & \xleftarrow{id} & A
\end{array}
$$

(1.7)

Let $I = \ker(\epsilon)$ be the augmentation ideal of $G$, and let $x$ be an arbitrary element in $I$. Since $\epsilon(x) = 0$, the first diagram in (1.7) implies $\mu(x) \in \ker(\epsilon \otimes \epsilon)$. Moreover, since Lemma 1.3.4 yields a decomposition

$$
A \otimes_R A \simeq (R \otimes_R R) \oplus (I \otimes_R R) \oplus (R \otimes_R I) \oplus (I \otimes_R I)
$$

as an $R$-module, we deduce that

$$
\ker(\epsilon \otimes \epsilon) \simeq (I \otimes_R R) \oplus (R \otimes_R I) \oplus (I \otimes_R I).
$$

Hence we have $\mu(x) \in a \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes b + I \otimes_R I$ for some $a, b \in I$. Then we find $a = b = x$ using the second diagram of (1.7), thereby deducing

$$
\mu(x) \in x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x + I \otimes_R I.
$$

(1.8)

We assert that $[n]_G$ for each $n \geq 1$ acts as multiplication by $n$ on $I/I^2$. For each $n \geq 1$, let $[n]_A : A \to A$ denote the $R$-algebra map induced by $[n]_G$. We have commutative diagrams

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
G & \xrightarrow{[n]_G} & G \\
([n-1]_G, id) & \downarrow & \downarrow m \\
G \times_R G & \xrightarrow{[n-1]_A \otimes id} & A \otimes_R A
\end{array}
$$

The second diagram and (1.8) together yield

$$
[n]_A(x) \in [n-1]_A(x) + x + I^2
$$

for each $x \in I$.

Since $[1]_A = \text{id}_A$, the desired assertion follows by induction.

Now we let $m$ be the order of $G$. Since $[m]_G$ factors through the unit section of $G$ by Theorem 1.1.10, its induced map on $\Omega_{A/R}$ factors as $\Omega_{A/R} \to \Omega_{R/R} \to \Omega_{A/R}$. As $\Omega_{R/R} = 0$, we deduce that $[m]_G$ induces a zero map on $\Omega_{A/R}$, and also on $\Omega_{A/R} \otimes_A A/I \simeq I/I^2$ by Proposition 1.3.5. On the other hand, as noted in the preceding paragraph $[m]_G$ acts as a multiplication by $m$ on $I/I^2$, which is an isomorphism if $m$ is invertible in $R$. Hence we have $I/I^2 = 0$ if $m$ is invertible in $R$, thereby completing the proof by Corollary 1.3.6.

**Corollary 1.3.11.** Every finite flat group scheme over a field of characteristic 0 is étale.
1.4. The connected-étale sequence

For this subsection, we assume that $R$ is a henselian local ring with residue field $k$. Under this assumption, we have a number of useful criteria for connectedness or étaleness of finite flat $R$-group schemes.

**Lemma 1.4.1.** A finite flat $R$-scheme is étale if and only if its special fiber is étale.

**Proof.** This is immediate from a general fact as stated in [Sta, Tag 02GM]. □

**Lemma 1.4.2.** Let $T$ be a finite scheme over $R$. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(i) $T$ is connected.

(ii) $T$ is a spectrum of a henselian local finite $R$-algebra.

(iii) The action of $\Gamma_k$ on $T(\overline{k})$ is transitive.

**Proof.** Let us write $T \simeq \text{Spec}(B)$ where $B$ is a finite $R$-algebra. Since $R$ is a henselian local ring, we have

$$B \simeq \prod_{i=1}^{n} B_i$$

where each $B_i$ is a henselian local ring. Note that each $T_i := \text{Spec}(B_i)$ corresponds to a connected component of $T$. Hence we see that [i] implies [ii]. Conversely, [ii] implies [i] since the spectrum of a local ring is connected.

Let $k_i$ denote the residue field of $B_i$ for each $i$. Then we have

$$T(\overline{k}) = \text{Hom}_{R-\text{alg}}(B, \overline{k}) \cong \prod_{i=1}^{n} \text{Hom}_{k}(k_i, \overline{k})$$

where $\Gamma_k$ acts through $\overline{k}$. Since each $\text{Hom}_{k}(k_i, \overline{k})$ is the orbit of the action of $\Gamma_k$, we deduce the equivalence between [i] and [iii]. □

**Corollary 1.4.3.** A finite $R$-scheme is connected if and only if its special fiber is connected.

**Remark.** This is a special case of SGA 4 1/2, Exp. 1, Proposition 4.2.1, which says that for every proper $R$-scheme the special fiber functor induces a bijection between the connected components.

**Definition 1.4.4.** Given a finite flat group scheme $G$ over $R$, we denote by $G^\circ$ the connected component of the unit section.

**Proposition 1.4.5.** For a finite flat $R$-group scheme $G$, we have $G^\circ(\overline{k}) = 0$.

**Proof.** As usual, we write $G = \text{Spec}(A)$ with some free $R$-algebra $A$ of finite rank. By Lemma 1.4.2, we have $G^\circ = \text{Spec}(A^\circ)$ for some henselian local free $R$-algebra $A^\circ$ of finite rank. As the unit section factors through $G^\circ$, it induces a surjective ring homomorphism $A^\circ \rightarrow R$. Denoting its kernel by $J$, we obtain an isomorphism $A^\circ/J \simeq R$, which induces an isomorphism between the residue fields of $A^\circ$ and $R$. We thus find that

$$G^\circ(\overline{k}) = \text{Hom}_{R-\text{alg}}(A^\circ, \overline{k}) \cong \text{Hom}_{k}(k, \overline{k}) = 0$$

as desired. □

**Theorem 1.4.6.** Let $G$ be a finite flat group scheme over $R$. Then $G^\circ$ is a closed subgroup scheme of $G$ such that the quotient $G^{\text{ét}} := G/G^\circ$ is étale, thereby giving rise to a short exact sequence of finite flat group schemes

$$0 \rightarrow G^\circ \rightarrow G \rightarrow G^{\text{ét}} \rightarrow 0.$$
Proof. Proposition 1.4.5 implies that \((G^o \times_R G^o)(\overline{k}) \cong G^o(\overline{k}) \times G^o(\overline{k})\) is trivial. Therefore \(G^o \times_R G^o\) is connected by Lemma 1.4.2.

We assert that \(G^o\) is a closed subgroup of \(G\). By construction, the unit section of \(G\) factors through \(G^o\). Moreover, as \(G^o \times_R G^o\) is connected, its image under the multiplication map is a connected subscheme of \(G\) containing the unit section, and thus lies in \(G^o\). Similarly, the inverse of \(G\) maps \(G^o\) into itself by connectedness. We thus obtain the desired assertion.

Since \(G^o\) is a closed subgroup of \(G\), the quotient \(G^\text{ét} = G/G^o\) is a finite flat group scheme. Its unit section \(G^o\) has an open image as the connected component \(G^o\) is open in \(G\) by the noetherian hypothesis on \(R\). Hence we find that \(G^\text{ét}\) is étale by Proposition 1.3.9, thereby completing the proof. □

Remark. We make several remarks about Theorem 1.4.6 and its proof.

1. Theorem 1.4.6 essentially reduces the study of finite flat group schemes over \(R\) to two cases, namely the connected case and the étale case. We have seen in the previous subsection that finite étale group schemes are relatively easy to understand (in terms of finite groups with a Galois action). Hence most technical difficulties for us will arise in trying to understand (a system of) connected finite flat group schemes.

2. Theorem 1.4.6 also holds when \(G\) is not commutative. To see this, we only have to prove that \(G^o\) is a normal subgroup scheme of \(G\). Let us consider the map \(\nu : G^o \times_R G \to G\) defined by \((g, h) \mapsto hgh^{-1}\). Let \(H\) be an arbitrary connected component of \(G\). As \(G^o \times_R H\) is connected by Lemma 1.4.2 and Proposition 1.4.5, its image under \(\nu\) is a connected subscheme of \(G\) containing the unit section, and thus lies in \(G^o\). Since \(G\) is a disjoint union of its connected component, we find that the image of \(\nu\) lies in \(G^o\), thereby deducing the desired assertion.

3. We present an alternative proof of the fact that \(G^o \times_R G^o\) is connected. By Corollary 1.4.3, connectedness of \(G^o\) implies connectedness of \(G^o_k\). Moreover, the image of the unit section yields a \(k\)-point in \(G^o_k\). Hence \(G^o_k\) is geometrically connected by a general fact as stated in \(\text{Sta, Tag 04KV}\). Then another general fact as stated in \(\text{Sta, Tag 0385}\) implies that \(G^o_k \times_{\text{Spec}(k)} G^o_k\) is connected. We thus deduce the desired assertion by Corollary 1.4.3.

Definition 1.4.7. Given a finite flat group scheme \(G\) over \(R\), we refer to the exact sequence in Theorem 1.4.6 as the connected-étale sequence of \(G\).

Corollary 1.4.8. A finite flat scheme \(G\) is connected if and only if \(G(\overline{k}) = 0\).

Proof. This follows from Lemma 1.4.2, Proposition 1.4.5, and Theorem 1.4.6. □

Corollary 1.4.9. A finite flat group scheme \(G\) over \(R\) is étale if and only if \(G^o = 0\).

Proof. If \(G^o = 0\), then \(G\) is étale by Theorem 1.4.6. Conversely, if \(G\) is étale the (scheme theoretic) image of the unit section is closed by definition and open by Proposition 1.3.9, thereby implying that \(G^o\) is precisely the image of the unit section. □

Corollary 1.4.10. Let \(f : G \to H\) be a homomorphism of finite flat \(R\)-group schemes with \(H\) étale. Then \(f\) uniquely factors through \(G^\text{ét} := G/G^o\).

Proof. The image of \(G^o\) should lie in \(H^o\), which is trivial by Corollary 1.4.9. Hence the assertion follows from the universal property of the quotient \(G^\text{ét} = G/G^o\). □
Proposition 1.4.11. Assume that \( R = k \) is a perfect field. For every finite flat group \( k \)-scheme \( G \), the connected-étale sequence canonically splits.

Proof. Let us write \( G^{\text{ét}} := G/G^\circ \) as in Theorem 1.4.6. We wish to prove that the homomorphism \( G \to G^{\text{ét}} \) admits a section. If \( k \) has characteristic 0, the assertion is obvious by Corollary 1.3.11 and Corollary 1.4.9. Hence we may assume that \( k \) has characteristic \( p \).

As usual, we write \( G = \text{Spec}(A) \) with some free \( k \)-algebra \( A \) of finite rank. Let \( G^{\text{red}} \) be the reduction of \( G \); in other words, \( G^{\text{red}} = \text{Spec}(A/n) \) where \( n \) denotes the nilradical of \( A \). Since \( k \) is perfect, the product of two reduced \( k \)-schemes is reduced by some general facts as stated in [Sta Tag 0201] and [Sta Tag 035Z]. In particular, \( G^{\text{red}} \times_k G^{\text{red}} \) must be reduced. Hence its image under the multiplication map should factor through \( G^{\text{red}} \). Similarly, the inverse of \( G \) maps \( G^{\text{red}} \) into itself by reducedness. In addition, the unit section of \( G \) factors through \( G^{\text{red}} \) as \( k \) is reduced. We thus deduce that \( G^{\text{red}} \) is reduced.

Note that \( G^{\text{red}} \) is étale for being finite and reduced over \( k \). Hence it suffices to prove that the homomorphism \( G \to G^{\text{ét}} \) induces an isomorphism \( G^{\text{red}} \simeq G^{\text{ét}} \). We have an identification \( G^{\text{red}}(\overline{k}) \) by reducedness of \( \overline{k} \). Moreover, the homomorphism \( G \to G^{\text{ét}} \) induces an isomorphism \( G^{\text{red}}(\overline{k}) \simeq G^{\text{ét}}(\overline{k}) \) by Theorem 1.4.6 and Corollary 1.4.8. We thus find that the homomorphism \( G^{\text{red}} \simeq G^{\text{ét}} \) induces an isomorphism \( G^{\text{red}}(\overline{k}) \simeq G^{\text{ét}}(\overline{k}) \) which is clearly \( \Gamma_k \)-equivariant. The desired assertion now follows by Proposition 1.3.1.

Remark. Interested readers can find an example of non-split connected-étale sequence over a non-perfect field in [Pin §15].

Example 1.4.12. Let \( E \) be an elliptic curve over \( \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \). By Theorem 1.4.6, the group scheme \( E[p] \) admits a connected-étale sequence

\[
0 \longrightarrow E[p]^\circ \longrightarrow E[p] \longrightarrow E[p]^{\text{ét}} \longrightarrow 0.
\]

Moreover, we have \( E[p](\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) \simeq E[p]^{\text{ét}}(\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p) \) by Proposition 1.4.5. Hence Proposition 1.3.1 implies that \( E[p]^{\text{ét}} \) has order 1 when \( E \) is supersingular and order \( p \) when \( E \) is ordinary.

Let us now assume that \( E \) is ordinary. We have \( E[p]^{\text{ét}} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \) by Proposition 1.3.8 and thus obtain

\[
\mu_p \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\vee \longrightarrow E[p]^\circ \simeq E^\vee[p] \simeq E[p]
\]

by Proposition 1.2.5 Proposition 1.2.10 Corollary 1.2.8 and self-duality of \( E \). Since \( \mu_p \) is of order \( p \) and not étale as noted in Proposition 1.3.8, it must be connected by Theorem 1.4.6. We thus have an embedding \( \mu_p \hookrightarrow E[p]^\circ \), which must be an isomorphism by order consideration. Hence the connected-étale sequence for \( E[p] \) becomes

\[
0 \longrightarrow \mu_p \longrightarrow E[p] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow 0.
\]

We thus find \( E[p] \simeq \mu_p \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \) by Proposition 1.4.11.

Remark. If \( E \) is supersingular, it is quite difficult to describe the \( p \)-torsion subgroup scheme \( E[p] \). Note that \( E[p] \) must be a self-dual connected finite flat group scheme of order \( p^2 \) over \( \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \). It is known that the only simple objects in the category of finite flat group schemes over \( \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \) are \( \mu_p, \alpha_p, \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \), and \( \mathbb{Z}/\ell\mathbb{Z} \) for all \( \ell \neq p \). In particular, \( \alpha_p \) is the only connected simple object with connected Cartier dual. Hence \( E[p] \) should fit into an exact sequence

\[
0 \longrightarrow \alpha_p \longrightarrow E[p] \longrightarrow \alpha_p \longrightarrow 0.
\]

It turns out that \( E[p] \) is a unique self-dual finite flat group scheme over \( \overline{\mathbb{F}}_p \) which arises as a non-splitting self-extension of \( \alpha_p \).
1.5. The Frobenius morphism

For this subsection, we assume that $R = k$ is a field of characteristic $p$. We let $\sigma$ denote the Frobenius endomorphism of $k$.

We introduce several crucial notions for studying finite flat group schemes over $k$.

Definition 1.5.1. Let $T = \text{Spec}(B)$ be an affine $k$-scheme.

(1) We define the Frobenius twist of $T$ by $T^{(p)} := T \times_{k, \sigma} k$. In other words, $T^{(p)}$ fits into the cartesian diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
T^{(p)} & \longrightarrow & T \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\text{Spec}(k) & \longrightarrow & \text{Spec}(k)
\end{array}
$$

where the bottom map is induced by $\sigma$.

(2) The absolute Frobenius of $T$ is the morphism $\text{Frob}_T : T \to T$ induced by the $p$-th power map on $B$.

(3) The relative Frobenius of $T$ (over $k$) is the morphism $\varphi_T : T \to T^{(p)} := T \times_{\text{Spec}(k), \sigma} k$ defined by $(\text{Frob}_T, s)$ where $s$ denotes the structure morphism of $T$ over $k$.

(4) For any $r \geq 1$, we inductively define the $p^r$-Frobenius twist and the relative $p^r$-Frobenius of $T$ as follows:

$$
T^{(p^r)} := (T^{(p^{r-1})})^{(p)} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_T^r := \varphi_{T^{(p^{r-1})}} \circ \varphi_T^{r-1}.
$$

Lemma 1.5.2. Let $T = \text{Spec}(B)$ be an affine $k$-scheme. Then $\varphi_T^r$ is induced by the $k$-algebra homomorphism $B^{(p^r)} := B \otimes_{k, \sigma} k \to B$ defined by $x \otimes c \mapsto c \cdot x^{p^r}$.

Proof. The assertion follows from alternative identifications

$$
T^{(p^r)} \cong T \times_{k, \sigma} k \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_T^r = (\text{Frob}_T^r, s) : T \to T^{(p^r)} \cong T \times_{k, \sigma} k
$$

where $s$ denotes the structure morphism of $T$ over $k$. □

Lemma 1.5.3. Let $T$ and $U$ be $k$-schemes.

(a) We have identifications $(T \times_k U)^{(p)} \cong T^{(p)} \times_k U^{(p)}$ and $\varphi_{(T \times_k U)} = (\varphi_T, \varphi_U)$.

(b) Any $k$-scheme morphism $T \to U$ yields a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
T & \xrightarrow{\varphi_T} & T^{(p)} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
U & \xrightarrow{\varphi_U} & U^{(p)}
\end{array}
$$

where the second vertical arrow is the induced by the first vertical arrow.

Proof. Considering the Frobenius twist as a functor on $k$-schemes, both statements are straightforward to verify using Definition 1.5.1. □

Corollary 1.5.4. Let $G$ be a finite flat $k$-scheme, and let $q = p^r$ for some $r \geq 1$.

(1) The $q$-Frobenius twist $G^{(q)}$ is a finite flat $k$-group scheme.

(2) The relative $q$-Frobenius $\varphi_G^q$ is a group scheme homomorphism.

Proof. By induction, we immediately reduce to the case $p = q$. Then the desired assertions easily follow from Lemma 1.5.3. □
Definition 1.5.5. Let $G$ be a finite flat $k$-group scheme. We define the *Verschiebung* of $G$ by $\psi_G := \varphi_G^\vee$, i.e., the dual map of the relative Frobenius of $G^\vee$.

Remark. From the affine description of the Frobenius twist as noted in Lemma 1.5.2, we obtain a natural identification $((G^\vee)^{(p)})^\vee \cong G^{(p)}$. We can thus regard $\psi_G$ as a homomorphism from $G^{(p)}$ to $G$.

Lemma 1.5.6. Let $G$ and $H$ be finite flat $k$-group schemes.

(a) We have an identification $\psi_{(G \times_k H)} = (\psi_G, \psi_H)$.

(b) Any $k$-group scheme homomorphism $G \to H$ yields a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
G & \xleftarrow{\psi_G} & G^{(p)} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
H & \xleftarrow{\psi_H} & H^{(p)}
\end{array}
$$

where the second vertical arrow is the induced by the first vertical arrow.

Proof. This is obvious by Lemma 1.5.3 and Definition 1.5.5.

Proposition 1.5.7. We have the following statements:

1. $\varphi_{\alpha_p} = \psi_{\alpha_p} = 0$.
2. $\varphi_{\mu_p} = 0$ and $\psi_{\mu_p}$ is an isomorphism.
3. $\varphi_{\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}}$ is an isomorphism and $\psi_{\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}} = 0$.

Proof. All statements are straightforward to verify using the affine descriptions from Example 1.1.6 and the duality results from Propositions 1.2.5 and 1.2.6.

The Frobenius and Verschiebung turn out to satisfy a very simple relation.

Proposition 1.5.8. Given a finite flat $k$-group scheme $G$, we have

$$
\psi_G \circ \varphi_G = [p]_G \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_G \circ \psi_G = [p]_{G^{(p)}}.
$$

Proof. The following proof is excerpted from [Pin, §14].

Let us write $G = \text{Spec}(A)$ and $G^\vee = \text{Spec}(A^\vee)$ with some free $k$-algebra $A$ of finite rank. We also write $A^{(p)} := A \otimes_{k,\sigma} k$ and $(A^\vee)^{(p)} := A^\vee \otimes_{k,\sigma} k$. We let $\varphi_A$ and $\varphi_A^\vee$ denote the $k$-algebra maps inducing $\varphi_G$ and $\varphi_{G^\vee}$, respectively. Note that, by definition, $\psi_G$ is induced by $\varphi_A^\vee$.

By the Lemma 1.5.2 the map $\varphi_A : A^{(p)} \to A$ is given by $x \otimes c \mapsto c \cdot x^p$. We also have a similar description for $\varphi_A^\vee$, which yields a commutative diagram

$$
(A^\vee)^{(p)} = A^\vee \otimes_{k,\sigma} k \xrightarrow{f \otimes c \mapsto [c \cdot f^{\otimes p}]} \text{Sym}^p A^\vee \xrightarrow{\otimes f_i = \prod_{A^\vee} f_i} A^\vee
$$
where \( \prod A \) denotes the ring multiplication in \( A^\vee \). Note that the left horizontal map is \( k \)-algebra homomorphism since \( k \) has characteristic \( p \). By dualizing (1.9) over \( k \), we obtain a commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \rightarrow & (A \otimes p)^{S_p} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda \\
A \otimes p & \rightarrow & A \otimes_{k,\sigma} k = A^{(p)}
\end{array}
\]

(1.10)

where \( S_p \) denotes the symmetric group of order \( p \).

Let us give an explicit description of the map \( \lambda \) in (1.10). It is not hard to see that any nontrivial \( S_p \)-orbit in \( (A \otimes p)^{\leq p} \) has \( p \) terms and thus maps to 0 as \( k \) has characteristic \( p \). Hence we only need to specify \( \lambda(a \otimes p) \) for each \( a \in A \). By the isomorphism \( A \cong (A^\vee)^\vee \), for each \( f \in A^\vee \) we have

\[
\lambda(a \otimes p)(f \otimes c) = (\epsilon_a)(f \otimes c) = (f \otimes c)(a \otimes 1) = (\epsilon_a \otimes 1)(f \otimes c)
\]

where the third equality follows from the identity \( f(a) \otimes c = 1 \otimes f(a)^p \) in \( A \otimes_{k,\sigma} k \). We thus find \( \lambda(a \otimes p) = a \otimes 1 \).

By our discussion in the preceding paragraph, the diagram (1.10) extends to a commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \rightarrow & (A \otimes p)^{S_p} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \lambda \\
A \otimes p & \rightarrow & A \otimes_{k,\sigma} k = A^{(p)}
\end{array}
\]

where \( \prod A \) denotes the ring multiplication in \( A \). Note that the diagonal map is given by the comultiplication of \( A \), as it is the dual of the diagonal map in (1.10) given by the ring multiplication in \( A^\vee \). Hence we obtain a commutative diagram of \( k \)-group schemes

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G & \rightarrow & G^{(p)} \\
\downarrow \psi_G & & \downarrow \varphi_G \\
G^{(p)} & \leftarrow & G^{\times p}
\end{array}
\]

which yields \( \psi_G \circ \varphi_G = [p]_G \). Then we use Lemma 1.5.3 and Lemma 1.5.6 to obtain a commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G^{(p)} & \rightarrow & G^{(p^2)} \\
\downarrow \psi_G & & \downarrow \psi_G \\
G & \rightarrow & G^{(p)}
\end{array}
\]

which yields \( \varphi_G \circ \psi_G = \psi_{G^{(p)}} \circ \varphi_{G^{(p)}} = [p]_{G^{(p)}} \).

Let us now present a couple of important applications of the Frobenius morphism.
Proposition 1.5.9. Let $G = \text{Spec } (A)$ be a finite flat $k$-group scheme.

1. $G$ is connected if and only if $\varphi_G^r$ vanishes for some $r$.
2. $G$ is étale if and only if $\varphi_G$ is an isomorphism.

Proof. Let $I$ denote the augmentation ideal of $A$. Note that $I$ is a maximal ideal since $A/I \simeq k$. We also have a $k$-space decomposition $A \simeq k \oplus I$ by Lemma 1.3.4.

Suppose that $G$ is connected. Lemma 1.4.2 implies that $A$ is a local ring, which is artinian for being finite over a field $k$. Hence its maximal ideal $I$ is nilpotent, implying that there exists some $r$ with $x^r = 0$ for all $x \in I$. We thus find $\varphi_G^r = 0$ by the decomposition $A \simeq k \oplus I$ and Lemma 1.5.2.

Conversely, suppose that $\varphi_G^r = 0$ for some $r$. By observing that $\varphi_G^r$ induces an isomorphism $G(k) \simeq G^{(p)}(k)$, we find that $G(k)$ is trivial. Hence $G$ is connected by Corollary 1.4.8. We have thus proved 1.

Next we suppose that $\varphi_G$ is an isomorphism. Then $\varphi_G$ induces an isomorphism on $G^o$; in other words, $\varphi_{G^o}$ is an isomorphism. This inductively implies that $\varphi_{(G^o)^{(p^r)}}$ is an isomorphism for all $r$, and consequently that $\varphi_{G^o}$ is an isomorphism for all $r$. On the other hand, we have $\varphi_{G^o}^r = 0$ for some $r$ by 1. We thus find $G^o = 0$, which implies étaleness of $G$ by Corollary 1.4.9.

Conversely, we assume that $G$ is étale. Note that $\ker(\varphi_G)$ is connected by 1 which must be trivial as $G^o$ is trivial by Corollary 1.4.9. We then conclude that $\varphi_G$ is an isomorphism by comparing the orders of $G$ and $G^{(p)}$. □

Proposition 1.5.10. The order of a connected finite flat $k$-group scheme is a power of $p$.

Proof. Let $G = \text{Spec } (A)$ be a connected finite flat $k$-group scheme of order $n$. We proceed by induction on $n$. The assertion is trivial when $n = 1$, so we only need to consider the inductive step.

Let us set $H := \ker(\varphi_G)$. Denote by $I$ be the augmentation ideal of $G$, and choose elements $x_1, \ldots, x_d \in I$ which lift a basis of $I/I^2$. Connectedness of $G$ implies that $A$ is a local ring with maximal ideal $I$, as noted in the proof of Proposition 1.5.9. Hence $x_1, \ldots, x_d$ generate $I$ by Nakayama’s Lemma. In turn we have

$$H \simeq \text{Spec } (A/(x_1^p, \ldots, x_d^p))$$

by the affine description of $\varphi_G$ as noted in Lemma 1.5.2. We also have $d > 0$ by Corollary 1.3.6 as $G$ is not étale by Corollary 1.4.9.

We assert that the order of $H$ is $p^d$. It suffices to show that the map

$$\lambda : k[t_1, \ldots, t_d]/(t_1^p, \ldots, t_d^p) \longrightarrow A/(x_1^p, \ldots, x_d^p)$$

defined by $t_i \mapsto x_i$ is an isomorphism. Surjectivity is clear by definition, so we only need to show injectivity. Recall that we have a $k$-space decomposition $A \simeq k \oplus I$ by Lemma 1.3.4. We let $\pi : A \rightarrow I/I^2$ be the natural projection map, and denote by $\mu$ the comultiplication of $A$. For each $j = 1, \ldots, d$, we define a $k$-algebra map

$$D_j : A \xrightarrow{\mu} A \otimes_k A \xrightarrow{(\text{id, } \pi)} A \otimes_k I/I^2 \longrightarrow A$$

where the last arrow is induced by the map $I/I^2 \rightarrow k$ taking $x_j$ to 1 and $x_i$ to 0 for all $i \neq j$. Note that

$$\mu(x_i) \in x_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x_i + I \otimes_k I$$

for all $i = 1, \ldots, d$. 
as noted in (1.8) in the proof of Theorem 1.3.10. We thus find \( \lambda \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} = D_j \lambda \) as both sides agree on \( t_i \)'s. This means that \( \ker(\lambda) \) is stable under \( \frac{\partial}{\partial t_j} \) for each \( j = 1, \cdots, d \). In particular, every nonzero element in \( \ker(\lambda) \) with minimal degree must be constant. Hence \( \ker(\lambda) \) is either the zero ideal or the unit ideal. However, the latter is impossible since \( \lambda \) is surjective. We thus deduce that \( \ker(\lambda) \) is trivial as desired.

As \( G \) is connected, we have \( \varphi^r_G = 0 \) for some \( r \) by Proposition 1.5.9. Then \( \varphi^r_G = 0 \) induces a trivial map on \( G/H \), which means that \( G/H \) is also connected by Proposition 1.5.9. Hence its order \( n/p^d \) must be a power of \( p \) by the induction hypothesis. We thus conclude that \( n \) is a power of \( p \) as desired.

**Corollary 1.5.11.** Let \( G \) be a connected finite flat \( k \)-group scheme with the augmentation ideal \( I \). If \( \varphi_G = 0 \), the order of \( G \) is \( p^d \) where \( d \) is the dimension of \( I/I^2 \) over \( k \).

**Proof.** This follows from the proof of Proposition 1.5.10. \( \square \)

**Remark.** Proposition 1.5.9 and Proposition 1.5.10 will be very useful for us, even when the base ring is not necessarily a field. In fact, if the base ring is a local ring with perfect residue field of characteristic \( p \), we can check the order, connectedness, or étaleness of a finite flat group scheme by passing to the special fiber as noted in Lemma 1.4.1 and Lemma 1.4.2.

As a demonstration, we present another proof of Theorem 1.3.10 in the case where \( R \) is a local ring, without using Theorem 1.1.10. As remarked above, we may assume that \( R \) is a field by passing to the special fiber. By Corollary 1.4.9 it suffices to prove that \( G^\circ \) is trivial. When \( R \) has characteristic \( p \), this immediately follows from Proposition 1.5.10 by invertibility of the order. Let us now suppose that \( R \) has characteristic 0. Arguing as in the proof of Proposition 1.5.10, we can show

\[
G^\circ \simeq \text{Spec } (R[t_1, \cdots, t_d])
\]

for some \( d \). Then we must have \( d = 0 \) as \( G \) is finite over \( R \), thereby deducing that \( G^\circ \) is trivial as desired.

In fact, with some additional work we can even prove Theorem 1.1.10 when the base ring is a field, as explained in [Tat97 §3.7]. The curious reader can also find Deligne’s proof of Theorem 1.1.10 in [Sti §3.3]. We are also very close to a complete classification of all simple objects in the category of finite flat group schemes over \( \bar{k} \) as remarked after Example 1.4.12. Instead of pursuing it here, we refer the readers to [Sti Theorem 54] for a proof.
2. \(p\)-divisible groups

While finite flat group schemes have an incredibly rich theory, their structure is too simple to capture much information about \(p\)-adic Galois representations. More explicitly, as stated in Proposition 1.3.1, they are only capable of carrying information about Galois actions on finite groups. This fact leads us to consider a system of finite flat group schemes.

In this section, we develop some basic theory about \(p\)-divisible groups, which play a crucial role in many parts of \(p\)-adic Hodge theory and arithmetic geometry. While our focus is on their relation to the study of \(p\)-adic Galois representations, we also try to indicate their applications to the study of abelian varieties. The primary references for this section are Demazure’s book [Dem72] and Tate’s paper [Tat67].

2.1. Basic definitions and properties

Throughout this section, we let \(R\) denote a noetherian base ring.

**Definition 2.1.1.** Let \(G = \varinjlim G_v\) be an inductive limit of finite flat group schemes over \(R\) with group scheme homomorphisms \(i_v : G_v \to G_{v+1}\). We say that \(G\) is a \(p\)-divisible group of height \(h\) over \(R\) if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) Each \(G_v\) has order \(p^{vh}\).

(ii) Each \(i_v\) fits into an exact sequence

\[
0 \longrightarrow G_v \xrightarrow{i_v} G_{v+1} \xrightarrow{[p^v]} G_{v+1}.
\]

For each \(v\) and \(t\), we often write \(G_v[p^t] := \ker([p^t]_{G_v})\).

**Remark.** The condition (ii) amounts to saying that each \(G_v\) is identified via \(i_v\) with \(G_{v+1}[p^v]\). We may thus regard \(G\) as an fpqc sheaf where \(G(T) := \varinjlim G_v(T)\) for each \(R\)-scheme \(T\).

**Example 2.1.2.** We present some important examples of \(p\)-divisible groups.

1. The constant \(p\)-divisible group over \(R\) is defined by \(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p := \varinjlim \mathbb{Z}/p^v\mathbb{Z}\) with the natural inclusions. Note that the height of \(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p\) is 1.

2. The \(p\)-power roots of unity over \(R\) is defined by \(\mu_{p^\infty} := \varinjlim \mu_{p^v}\) with the natural inclusions. Note that the height of \(\mu_{p^\infty}\) is 1.

3. Given an abelian scheme \(\mathcal{A}\) over \(R\), we define its \(p\)-divisible group by \(\mathcal{A}[p^\infty] := \varinjlim \mathcal{A}[p^v]\) with the natural inclusions. The height of \(\mathcal{A}[p^\infty]\) is \(2g\) where \(g\) is the dimension of \(\mathcal{A}\).

**Remark.** Another standard notation for \(\mu_{p^\infty}\) is \(\mathbb{G}_m[p^\infty]\). Tate used a similar notation \(\mathbb{G}_m(p)\) in [Tat67]. These notations are motivated by the identifications \(\mu_{p^v} \cong \mathbb{G}_m[p^v] := \ker([p^v]_{\mathbb{G}_m})\).

**Definition 2.1.3.** Let \(G = \varinjlim G_v\) and \(H = \varinjlim H_v\) be \(p\)-divisible groups over \(R\).

1. A system \(f = (f_v)\) of group scheme homomorphisms \(f_v : G_v \to H_v\) is called a homomorphism from \(G\) to \(H\) if it is compatible with the transition maps for \(G\) and \(H\) in the sense of the commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G_v & \xrightarrow{f_v} & H_v \\
\downarrow{i_v} & & \downarrow{j_v} \\
G_{v+1} & \xrightarrow{f_{v+1}} & H_{v+1}
\end{array}
\]

where \(i_v\) and \(j_v\) are transition maps of \(G\) and \(H\), respectively.
(2) Given a homomorphism $f = (f_v)$ from $G$ to $H$, we define its kernel by $\ker(f) := \varinjlim \ker(f_v)$.

**Example 2.1.4.** Given a $p$-divisible group $G = \varprojlim G_v$ over $R$, we define the multiplication by $n$ on $G$ by a homomorphism $[n]_G := ([n]_{G_v})$.

**Lemma 2.1.5.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $R$. There exist homomorphisms $i_{v,t} : G_v \to G_{v+t}$ and $j_{v,t} : G_{v+t} \to G_t$ for each $v$ and $t$ with the following properties:

(i) The map $i_{v,t}$ induces an isomorphism $G_v \cong G_{v+t}[p^v]$.

(ii) There exists a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
G_{v+t} & \xrightarrow{[p^v]} & G_{v+t} \\
\downarrow j_{v,t} & & \downarrow i_{v,t} \\
G_t & & G_t
\end{array}
$$

(iii) We have a short exact sequence

$$
0 \longrightarrow G_v \xrightarrow{i_{v,t}} G_{v+t} \xrightarrow{j_{v,t}} G_t \longrightarrow 0.
$$

**Proof.** Let us denote the transition map $G_v \to G_{v+1}$ by $i_v$, and take $i_{v,t} := i_{v+t-1} \circ \cdots \circ i_v$ for each $v$ and $t$. We may regard $G_v$ as a closed subgroup scheme of $G_{v+t}$ via $i_{v,t}$. The property (i) is then obvious for $t = 1$ by definition. For $t > 1$, we inductively proceed by observing

$G_{v+t}[p^v] \cong G_{v+t}[p^{v+t-1}] \cap G_{v+t}[p^v] \cong G_{v+t-1} \cap G_{v+t}[p^v] \cong G_{v+t-1}[p^v]$.

Now (i) implies that each $G_v$ is annihilated by $[p^v]$. More generally, the image of $[p^v]_{G_{v+t}}$ is annihilated by $[p^t]$ for each $v$ and $t$. Hence the map $[p^v]_{G_{v+t}}$ uniquely factors over a map $j_{v,t} : G_{v+t} \to G_t$, thereby yielding a commutative diagram as stated in (iii).

We now have left exactness of the sequence in (iii) by (i) and (ii). Moreover, $j_{v+t}$ induces a closed embedding $G_{v+t}/G_v \hookrightarrow G_t$, which is easily seen to be an isomorphism by comparing the orders. We thus deduce the exactness of the sequence in (iii). □

**Corollary 2.1.6.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $R$.

(1) We have an identification $G_v \cong \ker([p^v]_G)$ for each $v$.

(2) The homomorphism $[p]$ is surjective as a map of fpqc shaves.

**Remark.** Corollary 2.1.6 shows that the kernel of a homomorphism between two $p$-divisible groups may not be a $p$-divisible group.

We note some fundamental properties of $p$-divisible groups inherited from finite flat group schemes.

**Proposition 2.1.7.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group of height $h$ over $R$.

(1) For each $v$, we have an exact sequence

$$
G_{v+1} \xrightarrow{[p^v]} G_{v+1} \xrightarrow{j_v} G_v \longrightarrow 0.
$$

(2) The inductive system $G^\vee := \varprojlim G^\vee_v$ with the $j^\vee$ as transition maps is a $p$-divisible group of height $h$ over $R$.

(3) There is a canonical isomorphism $(G^\vee)^\vee \cong G$. 
Proof. Let us take $i_v$ and $j_v$ as in Lemma 2.1.5. Then we have a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & G_v & \overset{i_v}{\longrightarrow} & G_{v+1} & \overset{[p^v]}{\longrightarrow} & G_{v+1} & \overset{j_v}{\longrightarrow} & G_v & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow{i_v} & & \downarrow{[p^v]} & & \downarrow{j_v} & & \downarrow{} & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & G^\circ_v & \longrightarrow & G_v & \longrightarrow & G^\text{ét}_v & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow{i^\circ_v} & & \downarrow{i_v} & & \downarrow{i^\text{ét}_v} & & \downarrow{} & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & G^\circ_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G^\text{ét}_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow{[p^v]} & & \downarrow{[p^v]} & & \downarrow{[p^v]} & & \downarrow{} & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & G^\circ_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G^\text{ét}_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}
$$

where the horizontal arrows form an exact sequence. In particular, we obtain an exact sequence as stated in (1). Moreover, as $[p^v]_{G_{v+1}} = [p^v]_{G^\circ_{v+1}}$ by Lemma 1.2.4 we have a dual exact sequence

$$
0 \longrightarrow G^\circ_v \overset{j^\circ_v}{\longrightarrow} G^\circ_{v+1} \longrightarrow [p^v]_{G^\circ_{v+1}} 
$$

by Proposition 1.2.10. Hence we deduce (2) and (3) by Theorem 1.2.3. \qed

Definition 2.1.8. Given a $p$-divisible group $G$ over $R$, we refer to the $p$-divisible group $G^\circ$ in Proposition 2.1.7 as the Cartier dual of $G$.

Example 2.1.9. The Cartier duals for $p$-divisible groups from Example 2.1.2 are as follows:

(1) We have an identification $(\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}_p)^\vee \cong \mu_p^\infty$ by Proposition 1.2.5.

(2) Given an abelian scheme $A$ over $R$, we have $A[p^\infty]^\vee \cong A^\vee[p^\infty]$ by Corollary 1.2.8 where $A^\vee$ denotes the dual abelian scheme of $A$.

Proposition 2.1.10. Assume that $R$ is a henselian local ring with residue field $k$. Let $G = \lim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $R$, and write $G^\circ_v := G_v/G^\circ_v$ for each $v$. Then we have a short exact sequence of $p$-divisible groups

$$
0 \longrightarrow G^\circ \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow G^\text{ét} \longrightarrow 0
$$

where $G^\circ = \lim G^\circ_v$ and $G^\text{ét} = \lim G^\text{ét}_v$.

Proof. Let $i_v : G_v \to G_{v+1}$ denote the transition map. It suffices to construct homomorphisms $i^\circ_v : G^\circ_v \to G^\circ_{v+1}$ and $i^\text{ét}_v : G^\text{ét}_v \to G^\text{ét}_{v+1}$ so that the diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & G^\circ_v & \longrightarrow & G_v & \longrightarrow & G^\text{ét}_v & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow{i^\circ_v} & & \downarrow{i_v} & & \downarrow{i^\text{ét}_v} & & \downarrow{} & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & G^\circ_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G^\text{ét}_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow{[p^v]} & & \downarrow{[p^v]} & & \downarrow{[p^v]} & & \downarrow{} & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & G^\circ_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & G^\text{ét}_{v+1} & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}
$$

is commutative with exact rows and columns. Exactness of three rows directly follows from Theorem 1.4.6 while exactness of the middle column is immediate by definition. In addition, the bottom two squares clearly commute.

By Corollary 1.4.10 there is a unique choice of $i^\text{ét}_v$ such that the top right square commutes. We assert that the third column is exact with this choice. By Proposition 1.3.1 we may work on the level of $\bar{k}$-points. Since the first column vanishes on $\bar{k}$-points by Proposition 1.4.5 all horizontal arrows between the second and the third column become isomorphism on $k$-points. Hence the desired exactness follows from exactness of the middle column.
Let us now regard $G_v^o$ as a subgroup of $G_{v+1}$ via the embedding $i_v$. Then $G_v^o$ must lie in $G_{v+1}^o$ for being connected. Hence there exists a unique closed embedding $i_v^o$ which makes the top left square commutative.

It remains to show that the first column is exact with our choice of $i_v^o$. As $i_v^o$ is a closed embedding by construction, we only need to show that $G_v^o \cong G_{v+1}^o[p^e]$ via $i_v^o$. Indeed, as $G_v^o$ is a subgroup of both $G_v \cong G_{v+1}[p^e]$ and $G_{v+1}^o$, it must be a subgroup of $G_{v+1}^o[p^e]$. Hence it remains to show that $G_{v+1}^o[p^e]$ is a subgroup of $G_v^o$. As $G_{v+1}^o[p^e]$ is a subgroup of $G_{v+1}^o[p^e] \cong G_v$, it suffices to show that $G_{v+1}^o[p^e]$ is connected. Since $G_{v+1}^o(k) = 0$ by Corollary 1.4.8, we have $G_{v+1}^o[p^e](\bar{k}) = 0$ as well. Hence $G_{v+1}^o[p^e]$ is connected by Corollary 1.4.8.

**Definition 2.1.11.** Assume that $R = k$ is a field of characteristic $p$. Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $k$.

1. The Frobenius twist $G^{(p)}$ of $G$ is an inductive limit $G^{(p)} := \varprojlim G_v^{(p)}$ where the transition maps are induced by the transition maps for $G$.
2. We define the Frobenius of $G$ by $\varphi_G := (\varphi_{G_v})$ and the Verschiebung of $G$ by $\psi_G := (\psi_{G_v})$.

**Proposition 2.1.12.** Assume that $R = k$ is a field of characteristic $p$. Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group of height $h$ over $k$.

1. The Frobenius twist $G^{(p)}$ is a $p$-divisible group of height $h$ over $k$.
2. The Frobenius $\varphi_G$ and the Verschiebung $\psi_G$ are homomorphisms.
3. We have $\psi_G \circ \varphi_G = [p]_G$ and $\varphi_G \circ \psi_G = [p]_{G^{(p)}}$.

**Proof.** The statements (1) and (2) are straightforward to check using Lemma 1.5.3 and Lemma 1.5.6. The statement (3) is a direct consequence of Proposition 1.5.8. □

We finish this subsection by describing a connection between $p$-divisible groups and continuous Galois representations.

**Definition 2.1.13.** Assume that $R = k$ is a field. Given a $p$-divisible group $G = \varprojlim G_v$ over $k$, we define the Tate module of $G$ by

$$T_p(G) := \varprojlim G_v(\bar{k})$$

where the transition maps are induced by the homomorphisms $j_{v,1} : G_{v+1} \to G_v$ from Lemma 2.1.5.

**Proposition 2.1.14.** Assume that $R = k$ is a field with characteristic not equal to $p$. Then we have an equivalence of categories

$$\{ \text{p-divisible groups over } k \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{ \text{finite free } \mathbb{Z}_p \text{-modules with a continuous } \Gamma_k \text{-action} \}$$

defined by $G \mapsto T_p(G)$.

**Proof.** Let us first verify that the functor is well-defined. Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be an arbitrary $p$-divisible group over $k$. Since $G_v$ is killed by $[p^e]$ as noted in Lemma 2.1.5 each $G_v(\bar{k})$ is a finite free module over $\mathbb{Z}/p^e\mathbb{Z}$ with a continuous $\Gamma_k$-action. Hence $T_p = \varprojlim G_v(\bar{k})$ is a finite free $\mathbb{Z}_p$-module with a continuous $\Gamma_k$-action.

As all finite flat $k$-group schemes of $p$-power order are étale by Theorem 1.3.10, we deduce full faithfulness of the functor from Proposition 1.3.1. Hence it remains to prove essential surjectivity of the functor. Let $M$ be a finite free $\mathbb{Z}_p$-module with a continuous $\Gamma_k$-action. As each $M_v := M/(p^e)$ gives rise to a finite étale group scheme $G_v$ by Proposition 1.3.1, we form a $p$-divisible group $G = \varprojlim G_v$ with $T_p(G) = M$. □
2.2. Serre-Tate equivalence for connected $p$-divisible groups

In this subsection, we assume that $R$ is a complete noetherian local ring with residue field $k$ of characteristic $p$.

**Definition 2.2.1.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $R$.

1. We say that $G$ is **connected** if each $G_v$ is connected, and **étale** if each $G_v$ is étale.
2. The $p$-divisible groups $G^\circ$ and $G^\text{ét}$ as constructed in Proposition 2.1.10 are respectively called the **connected part** and the **étale part** of $G$.

**Example 2.2.2.** Below are essential examples of étale/connected $p$-divisible groups.

1. The constant $p$-divisible group $\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p$ is étale by Proposition 1.3.7.
2. The $p$-power roots of unity $\mu_p^\infty$ is connected by Corollary 1.4.8.

For the rest of this subsection, we let $A := R[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]]$ denote the ring of power series over $R$ with $d$ variables. Note that $A \hat{\otimes}_R A \cong R[[t_1, \cdots, t_d, u_1, \cdots, u_d]]$. We often write $T := (t_1, \cdots, t_d)$ and $U := (u_1, \cdots, u_d)$.

Let us introduce the key objects for studying connected $p$-divisible groups over $R$.

**Definition 2.2.3.** A continuous ring homomorphism $\mu : A \to A \hat{\otimes}_R A$ is called a (commutative) *formal group law of dimension $d$* over $R$ if the power series $\Phi_i(T, U) := \mu(t_i) \in A \hat{\otimes}_R A$ form a family $\Phi(T, U) := (\Phi_i(T, U))$ that satisfies the axioms

1. associativity: $\Phi(T, \Phi(U, V)) = \Phi(\Phi(T, U), V)$,
2. unit section: $\Phi(T, 0_d) = T = \Phi(0_d, T)$,
3. commutativity: $\Phi(T, U) = \Phi(U, T)$

where $V = (v_1, \cdots, v_d)$ is a tuple of $d$ independent variables.

**Example 2.2.4.** The *multiplicative formal group law* over $R$ is a 1-dimensional formal group law $\mu_{\mathbb{G}_m} : R[[t]] \to R[[t, u]]$ defined by $\mu_{\mathbb{G}_m}(t) = t + u + tu = (1 + t)(1 + u) - 1$.

**Lemma 2.2.5.** Let $\mu$ be a formal group law of dimension $d$ over $R$.

1. We have commutative diagrams

   $\mu \downarrow \quad \mu \downarrow$

   $\Rightarrow \quad \Rightarrow$

   $\Rightarrow \quad \Rightarrow$

   $\Rightarrow \quad \Rightarrow$

2. The ring homomorphism $\epsilon : A \to R$ given by $\epsilon(t_i) = 0$ fits into commutative diagrams

3. There exists a ring homomorphism $\iota : A \to A$ that fits into the commutative diagram
Lemma 2.2.7. By the axiom (iii) in Definition 2.2.3, we only need to consider the equation \( \Phi(T, I(T)) = 0 \); in fact, we can get the same reduction by using the axioms (i) and (ii) in Definition 2.2.3. We wish to present the desired family as a limit \( \lim_{j \to \infty} P_j(T) \) where each \( P_j \) is a family of degree \( j \) polynomials in \( t_1, \cdots, t_d \) such that

(a) \( P_j = P_{j-1} \text{ mod } (t_1, \cdots, t_d)^j \),

(b) \( \Phi(P_j(T), T) = 0 \text{ mod } (t_1, \cdots, t_d)^{j+1} \).

As \( \Phi(T, U) = T + U \text{ mod } (t_1, \cdots, t_d, u_1, \cdots, u_d)^2 \) by the axiom (ii) in Definition 2.2.3, we must set \( P_1(T) := -T \). Now we proceed by induction on \( j \) to construct \( P_j(T) \) for all \( j \geq 1 \). By the property (b) for \( P_2 \), there exists a unique homogeneous polynomial \( \Delta_2(T) \) of degree \( j + 1 \) such that

\[
\Delta_2(T) = -\Phi(P_2(T), T) \text{ mod } (t_1, \cdots, t_d)^{j+2}.
\]

Setting \( P_{j+1}(T) := P_j(T) + \Delta_2(T) \), we immediately verify the property (a) for \( P_{j+1} \), and also verify the property (b) for \( P_{j+1} \) by

\[
\Phi(P_{j+1}(T), T) = \Phi(P_j(T) + \Delta_2(T), T) = \Phi(P_j(T), T) + \Delta_2(T) = 0 \text{ mod } (t_1, \cdots, t_d)^{j+2}
\]

where the second equality comes from observing \( \Delta_2(T)^2 = 0 \text{ mod } (t_1, \cdots, t_d)^{j+2} \) by degree consideration.

Remark. Lemma 2.2.5 shows that a formal group law \( \mu \) over \( R \) amounts to a formal group structure on the formal scheme \( \text{Spf}(\mathcal{O}) \) with \( \mu, \epsilon, \) and \( \iota \) as the comultiplication, counit, and coinverse.

Definition 2.2.6. Let \( \mu \) and \( \nu \) be formal group laws of dimension \( d \) over \( R \). A continuous ring homomorphism \( \gamma : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \) is called a homomorphism from \( \mu \) to \( \nu \) if the following diagram commutes:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{\nu} & \mathcal{O} \otimes_R \mathcal{O} \\
\gamma \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma \otimes \gamma \\
\mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \mathcal{O} \otimes_R \mathcal{O}
\end{array}
\]

Remark. Note that \( \gamma \) goes from the power series ring for \( \nu \) to the power series ring for \( \mu \). This is so that \( \gamma \) corresponds to a formal group homomorphism between the formal groups associated to \( \mu \) and \( \nu \) in the sense of the remark after Lemma 2.2.5.

Lemma 2.2.7. Let \( \mu \) and \( \nu \) be formal group laws of dimension \( d \) over \( R \), represented by families of power series \( \Phi(T, U) := (\Phi_i(T, U)) \) and \( \Psi(T, U) := (\Psi_i(T, U)) \) with \( \Phi_i(T, U) := \mu(t_i) \) and \( \Psi_i(T, U) := \nu(t_i) \). A continuous ring homomorphism \( \gamma : \mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O} \) is a homomorphism from \( \mu \) to \( \nu \) if and only if the family \( \Xi(T) = (\Xi_i(T)) \) of \( d \) power series (in \( d \) variables) defined by \( \Xi_i(T) := \gamma(t_i) \) satisfies \( \Psi(\Xi(T), \Xi(U)) = \Xi(\Phi(T, U)) \).

Proof. The diagram in Definition 2.2.6 becomes commutative if and only if we have \( f(\Psi(\Xi(T), \Xi(U))) = f(\Xi(\Phi(T, U))) \) for every \( f(T) \in \mathcal{O} \).

Example 2.2.8. Let \( \mu \) be a formal group law of dimension \( d \) over \( R \). The multiplication by \( n \) on \( \mu \), denoted by \([n]_\mu\), is inductively defined by \([1]_\mu := \text{id}_\mathcal{O} \) and \([n]_\mu := ([n-1]_\mu \otimes \text{id}) \circ \mu \).
Remark. As expected, \([n]_\mu\) corresponds to the multiplication by \(n\) map on the formal group associated to \(\mu\) in the sense of the remark after Lemma \ref{2.2.5}.

**Definition 2.2.9.** Let \(\mu\) be a formal group law of dimension \(d\) over \(R\).

1. The ideal \(\mathcal{I} := (t_1, \cdots, t_d)\) is called the augmentation ideal of \(\mu\).
2. We say that \(\mu\) is \(p\)-divisible if \([p]_\mu : \mathcal{I} \to \mathcal{I}\) is finite flat in the sense that it makes \(\mathcal{I}\) a free module of finite rank over itself.

Remark. The ideal \(\mathcal{I}\) is the kernel of the ring homomorphism \(\epsilon : \mathcal{A} \to R\) from Lemma \ref{2.2.5} which corresponds to the counit of the formal group associated to \(\mu\) as remarked after Lemma \ref{2.2.5}. Hence the notion of augmentation ideal for formal group laws is coherent with the notion of augmentation ideal for affine group schemes as defined in Definition \ref{1.3.3}.

It turns out that every \(p\)-divisible formal group law yields a connected \(p\)-divisible group.

**Proposition 2.2.10.** Let \(\mu\) be a \(p\)-divisible formal group law over \(R\) with the augmentation ideal \(\mathcal{I}\). Define \(A_v := \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I})\) and \(\mu[p^v] := \text{Spec}(A_v)\) for each \(v\).

1. Each \(\mu[p^v]\) carries the natural structure of a connected finite flat \(R\)-group scheme.
2. The inductive limit \(\mu[p^\infty] := \varprojlim \mu[p^v]\) with the natural transition maps is a connected \(p\)-divisible group over \(R\).

**Proof.** Let us take \(\epsilon\) and \(\iota\) as in Lemma \ref{2.2.5}. For each \(v\), we have

\[
A_v = \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) \cong \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{I} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}/\mu([p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}))} \mathcal{A} \cong R \otimes_{\mathcal{A}/\mu([p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}))} \mathcal{A}. \tag{2.1}
\]

Hence \(\mu[p^v] = \text{Spec}(A_v)\) has the structure of an \(R\)-group scheme with \(1 \otimes \mu, 1 \otimes \epsilon, \) and \(1 \otimes \iota\) as the commutation, counit, and coinverse.

Denote by \(r\) the rank of \(\mathcal{A}\) over \([p]_\mu(\mathcal{A})\) as a free module. A simple induction shows that the rank of \(\mathcal{A}\) over \([p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{A})\) is \(r^v\). We then deduce from \ref{2.1} that \(A_v\) is finite free over \(R\) of rank \(r^v\). Thus \(\mu[p^v]\) is indeed finite flat of order \(r^v\) over \(R\).

Moreover, as \(R\) is a local ring, the power series ring \(\mathcal{A}\) is also a local ring. Hence \(A_v = \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I})\) is a local ring as well. We thus deduce that \(\mu[p^v]\) is connected.

By Proposition \ref{1.5.10} the order of \(\mu[p]\) is \(p^h\) for some \(h\). Then our discussion above shows that \(\mu[p^v]\) has order \(p^{hv}\). Furthermore, the ring homomorphism

\[
A_v = \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) \longrightarrow [p]_\mu(\mathcal{A})/[p^{v+1}]_\mu(\mathcal{I})
\]

induced by \([p]\) is an isomorphism for being a surjective map between two free \(R\)-algebras of the same rank. Hence we get a surjective ring homomorphism

\[
A_{v+1} = \mathcal{A}/[p^{v+1}]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) \twoheadrightarrow [p]_\mu(\mathcal{A})/[p^{v+1}]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) \cong A_v,
\]

which induces an embedding \(i_v : \mu[p^v] \hookrightarrow \mu[p^{v+1}]\). It is then straightforward to check that \(i_v\) identifies \(\mu[p^v]\) as the kernel of \([p^v]\) on \(\mu[p^{v+1}]\). We thus conclude that \(\mu[p^\infty] := \varprojlim \mu[p^v]\) is a connected \(p\)-divisible group of height \(h\) over \(R\). \(\square\)

**Remark.** Let \(\mathcal{G}_\mu\) denote the formal group associated to \(\mu\). Then by construction we have \(\mu[p^v] \cong \mathcal{G}_\mu[p^v]\) for each \(v\). With this observation the proof of \ref{2.2.4} becomes almost trivial.

**Example 2.2.11.** Consider the multiplicative formal group law \(\mu_{\mathbb{G}_m}\) introduced in Example \ref{2.2.4}. An easy induction shows \([p^v]_{\mu_{\mathbb{G}_m}}(t) = (1+t)p^v - 1\) for each \(v\). We then find \(\mu_{\mathbb{G}_m}[p^v] \cong \mu_{p^v}\) for each \(v\) by the affine description in Example \ref{1.1.6}, thereby deducing \(\mu_{\mathbb{G}_m}[p^\infty] = \mu_{p^\infty}\).
The association described in Proposition 2.2.10 defines a functor from the category of $p$-divisible formal group laws to the category of connected $p$-divisible groups. Our next goal is to prove a theorem of Serre and Tate that this functor is an equivalence of categories.

**Proposition 2.2.12.** Let $G = \varprojlim_v G_v$ be a connected $p$-divisible group over $R$ with $G_v = \text{Spec}(A_v)$ for each $v$. We have a continuous isomorphism

$$\varprojlim(A_v \otimes_R k) \simeq k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]]$$

for some positive integer $d$.

**Proof.** Let us write $\overline{G} := G \times_R k$ and $\overline{G}_v := G_v \times_R k$. As $G$ is connected, each $\overline{G}_v$ is connected by Corollary 1.4.3. Hence each $A_v \otimes_R k$ is a local ring by Lemma 1.4.2.

Let us take $H_v := \ker(\varphi_v^v)$. Note that each $H_v$ must be a closed subgroup scheme of $\overline{G}^{[p]} = \overline{G}_v$ since $\psi_v^v \circ \varphi_v^v = [p]^\overline{G}_v$ by Proposition 2.1.12. Hence we have $H_v \simeq \text{Spec}(B_v)$ for some free $k$-algebra $B_v$ with a surjective $k$-algebra map $A_v \otimes_R k \to B_v$. In addition, $B_v$ is a local ring for being a quotient of a local ring $A_v$. We also note that each $\overline{G}_v$ is a subgroup of $\ker(\varphi_v^\overline{G}_v) = H_v$ for some large $w$ by Proposition 1.5.9. In other words, for each $v$ we have a surjective $k$-algebra map $B_v \to A_v \otimes_R k$. Hence we obtain a continuous isomorphism

$$\varprojlim A_v \otimes_R k \simeq \varprojlim B_v. \quad (2.2)$$

Let $J_v$ be the augmentation ideal of $H_v$, and take $J := \varprojlim J_v$. By definition, we have $B_v/J_v \simeq k$. Let $y_1, \ldots, y_d$ be elements of $J$ which lift a basis for $J_1/J_1^2$. As $H_1 \cong \ker(\varphi_{H_v})$ by construction, we use Lemma 1.5.2 to obtain a cartesian diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
B_v^{(p)} \cong B_v \otimes_R k & \xrightarrow{x \otimes c \mapsto x^p} & B_v \\
\uparrow & & \uparrow \\
(B_v/J_v) \otimes_R k & \xrightarrow{} & B_1
\end{array}
$$

which yields $B_1 \cong B_v/J_v^{(p)}$ where $J_v^{(p)}$ denotes the ideal generated by $p$-th powers of elements in $J_v$. We thus find $J_1 \cong J_v/J_v^{(p)}$ and consequently $J_1/J_1^2 \cong J_v/J_v^{(p)}$. Therefore the images of $y_1, \ldots, y_d$ form a basis of $J_v/J_v^{(p)}$, and thus generate the ideal $J_v$ by Nakayama’s lemma. In particular, we have a surjective $k$-algebra map

$$k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to B_v$$

which sends each $t_i$ to the image of $y_i$ in $B_v$. Furthermore, as $\varphi_{H_v}^v$ vanishes on $H_v$ by construction, the above map induces a surjective $k$-algebra map

$$k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]]/(t_1^{p_v}, \ldots, t_d^{p_v}) \to B_v \quad (2.3)$$

by Lemma 1.5.2. By passing to the limit we obtain a continuous ring homomorphism

$$k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to \varprojlim B_v.$$

By (2.2), it remains to prove that this map is an isomorphism. It suffices to prove that the $k$-algebra homomorphism (2.3) is an isomorphism for each $v$. By surjectivity, we only need to show that the source and the target have equal dimensions over $k$. In other words, it is enough to show that the dimension of $B_v$ over $k$ is $p^{d_v}$, or equivalently that $H_v$ has order $p^{d_v}$. When $v = 1$, this is an immediate consequence of Corollary 1.5.11. Let us now proceed by induction on $v$. As $\varphi_{H_v}^{v+1} : H_{v+1} \to H_{v+1}^{(p)}$ vanishes, it should factor through $\ker(\varphi_{G_v}^v) \cong H_v^{(p)}$. Moreover, as $\varphi_{G_v}^v \circ \psi_{G_v}^v = [p]_{G_v}^v$ is surjective by Corollary 2.1.6, $\varphi_{G_v}^v$ is also
surjective. Since the preimage of $H_v^{(p)} \cong \ker(\varphi^v_{G_v(p)})$ under $\varphi_{G_v}$ must lie in $\ker(\varphi^{v+1}_{G_v}) = H_{v+1}$, we deduce that the map $H_{v+1} \to H_v^{(p)}$ induced by $\varphi_{H_{v+1}}$ is surjective. We thus obtain a short exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow H_1 \rightarrow H_{v+1} \xrightarrow{\varphi_{H_{v+1}}} H_v^{(p)} \rightarrow 0.
\]
As the order of $H_v^{(p)}$ is the same as the order of $H_v$, we complete the induction step by the multiplicativity of orders in short exact sequences. \qed

**Lemma 2.2.13.** Let $\mu$ be a formal group law of dimension $d$ over $R$ with the augmentation ideal $\mathcal{I}$. For each positive integer $n$, we have
\[
[n]_\mu(t_i) \in nt_i + \mathcal{I}^2.
\]

**Proof.** For each $n$, we define the family $\Xi_n(T) = (\Xi_{n,i}(T))$ of $d$ power series in $d$ variables by $\Xi_{n,i}(T) := [n]_\mu(t_i)$. We can rewrite the desired assertion as
\[
\Xi_n(T) = nT \mod \mathcal{I}^2.
\]
Let us define the family $\Phi(T, U) = (\Phi_i(T, U))$ of $d$ power series in $2d$ variables by $\Phi_i(T, U) := \mu(t_i)$. By the axiom [ii] in Definition 2.2.3 we have
\[
\Phi(T, U) = T + U \mod (t_1, \cdots, t_d, u_1, \cdots, u_d)^2.
\]
Hence the inductive formula $[n]_\mu = ([n-1]_\mu \circ \id) \circ \mu$ yields
\[
\Xi_n(T) = \Phi(\Xi_{n-1}(T), T) = \Xi_{n-1}(T) + T \mod \mathcal{I}^2.
\]
Moreover, we have $\Xi_1(T) = T$ since $[1]_\mu = \id_{\mathcal{I}}$. We thus obtain (2.4) by induction on $n$. \qed

**Lemma 2.2.14.** Let $\mu$ be a formal group law over $R$ with the augmentation ideal $\mathcal{I}$. Define $A_v := \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I})$ for each $v$. Then we have a natural continuous isomorphism
\[
\mathcal{A} \cong \lim_{\mathcal{V}} A_v.
\]

**Proof.** Let us write $m$ for the maximal idea of $R$ and $\mathcal{M} := m\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{I}$ for the maximal ideal of $\mathcal{A}$. For each $v$ we define $A_v := \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I})$, which is a free local $R$-algebra of finite rank by Proposition 2.2.10. For each $i$ and $v$ we have $\mathcal{M}^w \subseteq [p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) + m^i\mathcal{A}$ for some $w$ since the algebra $\mathcal{A}/([p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) + m^i\mathcal{A}) = A_v/m^iA_v$ is local artinian. Moreover, by Lemma 2.2.13 we find $[p]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq m\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{I}^2 \subseteq \mathcal{M}\mathcal{I}$ and thus $[p]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) \subseteq \mathcal{M}^w$ for all $v$. Hence for each $i$ and $v$ we have $[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) + m^i\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^w$ for some $w$. We thus obtain
\[
\mathcal{A} \cong \lim_{\mathcal{V}} \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M}^w \cong \lim_{i,v} \mathcal{A}/([p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I}) + m^i\mathcal{A}) \cong \lim_{i,v} A_v/m^iA_v \cong \lim_{v} A_v
\]
where the last isomorphism comes from the fact that each $A_v$ is $m$-adically complete for being finite free over $R$ by a general fact as stated in [Sta Tag 031B]. \qed

**Theorem 2.2.15** (Serre-Tate). There exists an equivalence of categories
\[
\{ \text{p-divisible formal group laws over } R \} \overset{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \{ \text{connected p-divisible groups over } R \}
\]
defined by $\mu \mapsto [p^\infty]$. \vspace{10pt}

**Proof.** Let $\mu$ and $\nu$ be formal group laws of degree $d$ over $R$. Let us define $A_v := \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\mu(\mathcal{I})$ and $B_v := \mathcal{A}/[p^v]_\nu(\mathcal{I})$. By Proposition 2.2.10 $[p^\infty] := \text{Spec}(A_v)$ and $[p^\infty] := \text{Spec}(B_v)$ are connected finite flat $R$-group scheme. Let $\mu_v$ and $\nu_v$ denote the comultiplications of $\mu[p^v]$ and $\nu[p^v]$. We write $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}/\mu}(B_v, A_v)$ for the set of $R$-algebra maps $B_v \to A_v$ which are compatible with the comultiplications $\nu_v$ and $\mu_v$, and $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}/\mu}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A})$ for the set of
continuous ring homomorphisms $\mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}$ which are compatible with $\nu$ and $\mu$ in the sense of the commutative diagram in Definition 2.2.6. By Lemma 2.2.14 we have
\[
\text{Hom}(\mu, \nu) = \text{Hom}_{\nu, \mu}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}) = \text{Hom}_{\nu, \mu}(\lim B_v, \lim A_v) = \lim \text{Hom}_{\nu, \mu}(B_v, A_v) = \lim \text{Hom}_{R, \text{grp}}(\mu[p^v], \nu[p^v]) = \text{Hom}(\mu[p^\infty], \nu[p^\infty]).
\]
We thus deduce that the functor is fully faithful.

Let $G = \lim G_v$ be an arbitrary connected $p$-divisible group over $R$. We write $G_v = \text{Spec}(A_v)$ where $A_v$ is a free local $R$-algebra of finite rank. Let $p_v : A_{v+1} \to A_v$ denote the $R$-algebra homomorphism induced by the transition map $G_v \to G_{v+1}$. Note that each $p_v$ is surjective as the corresponding transition map $G_v \to G_{v+1}$ is a closed embedding.

By Proposition 2.2.12 we have a continuous isomorphism
\[
k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \cong \lim(A_v \otimes R k).
\]
We aim to lift this isomorphism to a homomorphism
\[
f : \mathcal{A} = R[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to \lim A_v.
\]
In other words, we construct a lift $f_v : \mathcal{A} \to A_v$ of each projection $k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to A_v \otimes_R k$ so that the following diagram commutes:
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{f_{v+1}} & A_{v+1} \\
\downarrow{f_v} & & \downarrow{p_v} \\
A_v & \xrightarrow{\mu} & A_v \otimes_R k
\end{array}
\]
After taking $f_1$ to be any lift of the projection $k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to A_1 \otimes_R k$, we proceed by induction on $v$. Let us choose $y_1, \ldots, y_d \in A_{v+1}$ which lift the images of $t_1, \ldots, t_d$ under the projection $k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to A_{v+1} \otimes_R k$. Then $p_v(y_1), \ldots, p_v(y_d)$ should lift the images of $t_1, \ldots, t_d$ under the projection $k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to A_v \otimes_R k$. Since $f_v$ is a lift of the projection $k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to A_v \otimes_R k$, we have $f_v(t_i) - p_v(y_i) \in mA_v$ where $m$ denotes the maximal ideal of $R$. By surjectivity of $p_v$, we may choose $z_1, \ldots, z_d \in mA_{v+1}$ with $p_v(z_i) = f_v(t_i) - p_v(y_i)$. Let us now define $f_{v+1} : \mathcal{A} \to A_{v+1}$ by setting $f_{v+1}(t_i) = y_i + z_i$. From our construction, we quickly verify that $f_{v+1}$ is a desired lift of the projection $k[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]] \to A_{v+1} \otimes_R k$.

We assert that $f$ is indeed an isomorphism. Nakayama’s lemma implies surjectivity of each $f_v$, which in turn implies surjectivity of $f$. Moreover, we find $\lim A_v \simeq R[[u]]$ as an $R$-module since each $p_v : A_{v+1} \to A_v$ admits an $R$-module splitting for being a surjective map between two free $R$-modules. Hence $f$ splits in the sense of $R$-modules as well. It is also clear that this splitting is compatible with passage to the quotient modulo $m$. In particular, by the isomorphism (2.5) we have $\ker(f) \otimes_R k = 0$, or equivalently $m \ker(f) = \ker(f)$. Denoting by $\mathfrak{M}$ the maximal ideal of $\mathcal{A}$, we find
\[
\mathfrak{M} \ker(f) = (m \mathcal{A} + (t_1, \ldots, t_d)) \ker(f) = \ker(f).
\]
As $\mathcal{A} = R[[t_1, \ldots, t_d]]$ is noetherian, we deduce $\ker(f) = 0$ by Nakayama’s lemma.

The formulation of $f$ commutes with passing to quotients modulo $m^n$ for any $n$. Moreover, the kernels of the projections $\mathcal{A} \to A_v$ form a system of open ideals in $\mathcal{A}$ as the $R$-algebras $A_v$ are of finite length. Hence by a theorem of Chevalley as stated in [Mat87] Exercise 8.7 we deduce that $f$ is a continuous isomorphism.

Let us now denote the comultiplication of $G_v$ by $\mu_v$, and take $\mu : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A} \otimes_R \mathcal{A}$ to be $\lim \mu_v$ via the isomorphism $f$. The axioms for each comultiplication $\mu_v$ imply that $\mu$ fits in the commutative diagrams in (1) and (2) of Lemma 2.2.5 which in turn implies that $\mu$
is indeed a formal group law over $R$. Now let $\eta_{v,t} : A_t \hookrightarrow A_{v+t}$ denote the injective ring homomorphism induced by $f_{v,t} : G_{v+t} \to G_t$ as defined in Lemma 2.1.5. Since $[p^v]_G = \lim j_{v,t}$, the isomorphism $f$ yields an identification $[p^v]_\mu = \lim \eta_{v,t}$. It is then straightforward to check that $[p]_\mu$ is finite flat, which means that $\mu$ is $p$-divisible. We then find $\mu[p^v] \cong G_v$ and $\mu[p^\infty] \cong G$, thereby establishing the essential surjectivity of the functor. 

**Remark.** The last paragraph of the proof can be simplified by considering the formal group $G_\mu$ associated to $\mu$. In fact, as it makes sense to write $G_\mu \cong \lim G_v$ as a formal scheme, we immediately obtain the identification $G_\mu[p^v] \cong G_v$, and the $p$-divisibility of $G_\mu$ by observing $[p^v]_G = \lim j_{v,t}$. Then we complete the proof by identifying $\mu[p^v] \cong G_\mu[p^v]$ for each $v$ as remarked after Proposition 2.2.10.

**Definition 2.2.16.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $R$. We define the *dimension* of $G$ to be the dimension of the formal group law $\mu$ over $R$ such that $\mu[p^\infty] \cong G^\circ$.

**Corollary 2.2.17.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $R$. Let us write $\overline{G} := G \times_R k$. Then $\ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}})$ has order $p^d$ where $d$ is the dimension of $G$.

**Proof.** Proposition 1.5.9 implies that $\ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}})$ lies in $\overline{G}^\circ := G^\circ \times_R k$. Hence the assertion follows from Proposition 2.2.12 Theorem 2.2.15 and their proofs.

We finish this subsection by discussing several important applications of Theorem 2.2.15.

**Theorem 2.2.18.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group of height $h$ over $R$. Let $d$ and $d^\vee$ denote the dimensions of $G$ and $G^\vee$, respectively. Then we have $h = d + d^\vee$.

**Proof.** Let us write $\overline{G} := G \times_R k$ and $\overline{G} = \lim G_v$ where each $G_v$ is a finite flat $k$-group scheme. Note that $\ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}})$ must lie in $\overline{G}[p] \cong \overline{G}_1$ since $\psi_{\overline{G}} \circ \varphi_{\overline{G}} = [p]_{\overline{G}}$ by Proposition 2.1.12. In particular, we have $\ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}}) \cong \ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}_1})$. We similarly find $\ker(\psi_{\overline{G}}) \cong \ker(\psi_{\overline{G}_1})$.

Let us consider the diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & \ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}}) & \longrightarrow & \overline{G} & \overset{\varphi_{\overline{G}}}{\longrightarrow} & \overline{G}^{(p)} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
0 & \longrightarrow & 0 & \longrightarrow & \overline{G} & \overset{\id}{\longrightarrow} & \overline{G} & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}
$$

The left square commutes since $\ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}})$ must lie in $\overline{G}[p]$ as already noted, while the right square commutes by Proposition 2.1.12. In addition, the first row is exact since $\varphi_{\overline{G}}$ is surjective as noted in the proof of Proposition 2.2.12, while the second row is visibly exact. Hence by the snake lemma we obtain an exact sequence

$$
0 \longrightarrow \ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}}) \longrightarrow \ker([p]_{\overline{G}}) \longrightarrow \ker(\psi_{\overline{G}}) \longrightarrow 0. \tag{2.6}
$$

We now compute the order of $\ker(\psi_{\overline{G}}) \cong \ker(\psi_{\overline{G}_1})$. As $\psi_{\overline{G}_1} = \varphi_{\overline{G}_1}^\vee$ by definition, we may identify $\ker(\psi_{\overline{G}_1})$ with the cokernel of $\varphi_{\overline{G}_1}$ by the exactness of Cartier duality. Moreover, since $\overline{G}_1^\vee$ and $(\overline{G}_1^\vee)^{(p)}$ have the same order, we use the multiplicativity of orders in short exact sequences to find that the cokernel of $\varphi_{\overline{G}_1}$ has the same order as $\ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}_1}) \cong \ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}_1}^\vee)$. We thus deduce from Corollary 2.2.17 that $\ker(\psi_{\overline{G}})$ has order $p^{d^\vee}$.

Note that $\ker(\varphi_{\overline{G}})$ has order $p^d$ by Corollary 2.2.17. Since $\ker([p]_{\overline{G}}) \cong G_1$ has order $p^h$, the multiplicativity of orders in the exact sequence (2.6) yields $p^h = p^{d+d^\vee}$, or equivalently $h = d + d^\vee$ as desired.
Proposition 2.2.19. Assume that \( k \) is an algebraically closed field of characteristic \( p \). Every \( p \)-divisible group of height 1 over \( k \) is isomorphic to either \( \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \) or \( \mu_p \).

Proof. Let \( G = \lim G_v \) be an étale \( p \)-divisible group of height \( h \) over \( k \). Proposition 2.1.10 implies that \( G \) is either étale or connected.

Let us first consider the case where \( G \) is étale. Then each \( G_v \) is a finite étale \( R \)-group scheme of order \( p^{hv} \) such that \( G_v = G_{v+1} [p^v] \). By Proposition 1.3.1 each \( G_v(\bar{k}) \) is an abelian group of order \( p^{hv} \) such that \( G_v(\bar{k}) \) is the \( p^v \)-torsion subgroup of \( G_{v+1} (\bar{k}) \). An easy induction shows \( G_v(\bar{k}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/p^v \mathbb{Z} \), which in turn implies \( G_v \cong \mathbb{Z}/p^v \mathbb{Z} \) by Proposition 1.3.1. We thus find \( G \cong \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \).

Let us now turn to the case where \( G \) is connected. As \( G \) has dimension 1, Theorem 2.2.18 implies that \( G^\vee \) is zero dimensional and thus étale. Hence by the discussion in the preceding paragraph we find \( G^\vee \cong \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \) or equivalently \( G \cong (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^\vee \cong \mu_p \).

Remark. The argument in the second paragraph readily extends to show that every étale \( p \)-divisible group of height \( h \) over \( k \) is isomorphic to \( \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p )^h \).

Example 2.2.20. Let \( E \) be an ordinary elliptic curve over \( \mathbb{F}_p \). By Proposition 2.1.10 we have an exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow E[p^\infty]^0 \rightarrow E[p^\infty] \rightarrow E[p^\infty]^{\text{ét}} \rightarrow 0.
\]
Note that both \( E[p^\infty]^0 \) and \( E[p^\infty]^{\text{ét}} \) are nontrivial since both \( E[p]^0 \) and \( E[p]^{\text{ét}} := E[p]/E[p]^0 \) are nontrivial as seen in Example 1.4.12. Since \( E[p^\infty] \) has height 2, we deduce that \( E[p^\infty]^0 \) and \( E[p^\infty]^{\text{ét}} \) both have height 1. Hence the above exact sequence becomes
\[
0 \rightarrow \mu_p \rightarrow E[p^\infty] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 0
\]
by Proposition 2.2.19. Moreover, this exact sequence splits as it splits at every finite level by Proposition 1.4.11. We thus find
\[
E[p^\infty] \cong \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mu_p.
\]

Remark. Let us extend our discussion in Example 2.2.20 to describe the Serre-Tate deformation theory for ordinary elliptic curves. The general Serre-Tate deformation theory says that a deformation of an abelian variety over a perfect field of characteristic \( p \) is equivalent to a deformation of its \( p \)-divisible group. Hence the deformation theory of an ordinary elliptic curve \( E \) over \( \mathbb{F}_p \) is the same as the deformation theory for the \( p \)-divisible group \( E[p^\infty] \cong \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mu_p \).

Moreover, as our discussion in Example 1.4.12 equally applies for ordinary elliptic curves over any deformation ring, every deformation of \( E \) should be an extension of \( \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \) by \( \mu_p \).

We thus find that the deformation space of \( E \) is naturally isomorphic to \( \text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p, \mu_p) \). Furthermore, by the short exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow 0
\]
we obtain an identification \( \text{Ext}^1(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p, \mu_p) \cong \text{Hom}(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mu_p) \), which has the natural structure of a formal torus of dimension 1 as described in Example 2.2.4. The unit section corresponds to a unique deformation of \( E \), called the canonical deformation of \( E \), for which the exact sequence as described in Example 1.4.12 splits. The canonical deformation is also a unique deformation of \( E \) which lifts all endomorphisms of \( E \).
2.3. Dieudonné-Manin classification

For this subsection, we assume that $R = k$ is a perfect field of characteristic $p$. We write $W(k)$ for the ring of Witt vectors over $k$, and $K_0(k)$ for the fraction field of $W(k)$.

**Definition 2.3.1.** For every $x \in k$, we let $[x]$ denote the Teichmüller lift of $x$ in $W(k)$.

1. The Frobenius automorphism of $W(k)$ is the endomorphism $\sigma_{W(k)}$ on $W(k)$ with
   \[
   \sigma_{W(k)} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [x_n]p^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [x_n^p]p^n \quad \text{for all } x_n \in k.
   \]

2. The Frobenius automorphism of $K_0(k)$ is a unique field endomorphism $\sigma_{K_0(k)}$ on $K_0(k)$ which extends $\sigma_{W(k)}$.

3. Given two $W(k)$-modules $M$ and $N$, we say that an additive map $f : M \rightarrow N$ is \(\sigma\)-semilinear if it satisfies $f(am) = \sigma_{W(k)}(a)f(m)$ for all $a \in W(k)$ and $m \in M$.

**Remark.** The existence of the Frobenius automorphism on $W(k)$ follows from the universal property of $W(k)$ to be discussed in Chapter III, Lemma 2.2.2.

**Example 2.3.2.** Under the canonical identifications $W(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p[\zeta_{q-1}]$ and $K_0(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong \mathbb{Q}_p[\zeta_{q-1}]$ where $\zeta_{q-1}$ denotes a primitive $(q - 1)$-st root of unity, the Frobenius automorphisms $\sigma_{W(\mathbb{F}_q)}$ and $\sigma_{K_0(k)}$ send $\zeta_{q-1}$ to $\zeta_{q}^p$ while acting trivially on $\mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\mathbb{Q}_p$, respectively.

**Definition 2.3.3.** Let $\sigma$ denote the Frobenius automorphism on $K_0(k)$.

1. A Dieudonné module over $k$ is a free $W(k)$-module $M$ of finite rank with a $\sigma$-semilinear endomorphism $\varphi_M$, called the Frobenius endomorphism of $M$, whose image contains $pM$.

2. An isocrystal over $K_0(k)$ is a finite dimensional vector space $N$ over $K_0(k)$ with a $\sigma$-semilinear automorphism $\varphi_N$ called the Frobenius automorphism of $N$.

3. Given two Dieudonné modules $M_1$ and $M_2$ over $k$, a $W(k)$-linear map $f : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ is called a morphism of Dieudonné modules if it satisfies $f(\varphi_{M_1}(m)) = \varphi_{M_2}(f(m))$ for all $m \in M_1$.

4. Given two isocrystals $N_1$ and $N_2$ over $K_0(k)$, a $K_0(k)$-linear map $g : N_1 \rightarrow N_2$ is called a morphism of isocrystals if it satisfies $g(\varphi_{N_1}(n)) = \varphi_{N_2}(g(n))$ for all $n \in N_1$.

**Lemma 2.3.4.** Let $\sigma$ denote the Frobenius automorphism on $K_0(k)$.

1. Every Dieudonné module $M$ over $k$ naturally gives rise to an isocrystal $M[1/p] = M \otimes_{W(k)} K_0(k)$ over $K_0(k)$ with the Frobenius automorphism $\varphi_M \otimes 1$.

2. Given an isocrystal $N$ over $K_0(k)$, the dual space $N^\vee = \text{Hom}_{K_0(k)}(N, K_0(k))$ is naturally an isocrystal over $K_0(k)$ with the Frobenius automorphism $\varphi_{N^\vee}$ given by $\varphi_{N^\vee}(f)(n) = \sigma(f(\varphi_{N}^{-1}(n)))$ for all $f \in N^\vee$ and $n \in N$.

3. Given two isocrystals $N_1$ and $N_2$ over $K_0(k)$, the vector space $N_1 \otimes_{K_0(k)} N_2$ is naturally an isocrystal over $K_0(k)$ with the Frobenius automorphism $\varphi_{N_1} \otimes \varphi_{N_2}$.

**Proof.** All statements are straightforward to verify using Definition 2.3.3. \(\square\)

**Remark.** The category of Dieudonné modules over $k$ also admits a natural notion of tensor product and dual.
We now introduce several fundamental theorems that allow us to study $p$-divisible groups and abelian varieties over $k$ using semilinear algebraic objects defined in Definition 2.3.3. We won’t provide their proofs, as we will only use these theorems as motivations for some key constructions in Chapters III and IV. The readers may find an excellent exposition of these theorems in [Dem72, Chapters III and IV].

**Theorem 2.3.5** (Dieudonné). There is an exact anti-equivalence of categories

$$
\mathcal{D} : \{ \text{p-divisible groups over } k \} \overset{\sim}{\longrightarrow} \{ \text{Dieudonné modules over } k \}
$$

such that for an arbitrary $p$-divisible group $G$ over $k$ we have the following statements:

1. The rank of $\mathcal{D}(G)$ is equal to the height of $G$.
2. $G$ is étale if and only if $\varphi_{\mathcal{D}(G)}$ is bijective.
3. $G$ is connected if and only if $\varphi_{\mathcal{D}(G)}$ is topologically nilpotent.
4. $[p]_G$ induces the multiplication by $p$ on $\mathcal{D}(G)$.
5. There exists a canonical identification $\mathcal{D}(G^\vee)[1/p] \cong \mathcal{D}(G)[1/p]^\vee$.

**Example 2.3.6.** We describe the functor in Theorem 2.3.5 for some simple cases.

1. $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p) \cong W(k)$ together with $\varphi_{\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)} = \sigma_W(k)$.
2. $\mathcal{D}(\mu_{p^\infty}) \cong W(k)$ together with $\varphi_{\mathcal{D}(\mu_{p^\infty})} = p\sigma_W(k)$.
3. If $E$ is an ordinary elliptic curve over $\overline{k}$, we have $\mathcal{D}(E[p^\infty]) \cong W(\overline{k})^{\oplus 2}$ together with $\varphi_{\mathcal{D}(E[p^\infty])} = \sigma_{W(\overline{k})} \oplus p\sigma_{W(\overline{k})}$.

**Definition 2.3.7.** A homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow H$ of $p$-divisible groups over $k$ is called an isogeny if it is surjective (as a map of fpqc sheaves) with finite flat kernel.

**Example 2.3.8.** We present some important examples of isogenies between $p$-divisible groups.

1. Given a $p$-divisible group $G$ over $k$, the homomorphisms $[p]_G, \varphi_G,$ and $\psi_G$ are all isogenies.
2. An isogeny $A \rightarrow B$ of two abelian varieties over $k$ induces an isogeny $A[p^\infty] \rightarrow B[p^\infty]$.

**Proposition 2.3.9.** A homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow H$ of $p$-divisible groups over $k$ is an isogeny if and only if the following equivalent conditions are satisfied.

(i) The induced map $\mathcal{D}(H) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(G)$ is injective.

(ii) The induced map $\mathcal{D}(H)[1/p] \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(G)[1/p]$ is an isomorphism.

**Corollary 2.3.10.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $k$. The isogeny class of $G$ is determined by the isomorphism class of the isocrystal $\mathcal{D}(G)[1/p]$.

**Definition 2.3.11.** Let $\lambda = d/r$ be a rational number written in lowest terms with $r > 0$. The simple isocrystal of slope $\lambda$ over $K_0(k)$, denoted by $N(\lambda)$, is the $K_0(k)$-space $K_0(k)^{\oplus r}$ together with the $\sigma$-semilinear automorphism $\varphi_{N_\lambda}$ given by

$$
\varphi_{N(\lambda)}(e_1) = e_2, \ldots, \varphi_{N(\lambda)}(e_{r-1}) = e_r, \varphi_{N(\lambda)}(e_r) = p^d e_1,
$$

where $e_1, \ldots, e_r$ denote the standard basis vectors.

**Theorem 2.3.12** (Manin). The category of isocrystals over $K_0(\overline{k})$ is semisimple with the $N_\lambda$’s as simple objects. In other words, every isocrystal $N$ over $K_0(\overline{k})$ admits a unique direct sum decomposition of the form

$$
N \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^{l} N(\lambda_i)^{\oplus m_i}.
$$
Let us present some consequences of Theorem 2.3.5 and Theorem 2.3.12.

**Definition 2.3.13.** Let $N$ be an isocrystal over $K_0(\overline{k})$ with a direct sum decomposition

$$N \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{l} N(\lambda_i)^{\oplus m_i}$$

where $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \cdots < \lambda_l$. For each $i$, let us write $\lambda_i = d_i/r_i$ for the lowest form with $r_i > 0$.

1. The **Newton polygon** of $N$, denoted by $\text{Newt}(N)$, is the lower convex hull of the points $(0, 0)$ and $(m_1 r_1 + \cdots + m_i r_i, m_1 d_1 + \cdots + m_i d_i)$.
2. The **rank** of $N$, denoted by $\text{rk}(N)$, is the rank of $N$ over $K_0(K)(\overline{k})$.
3. The **degree** of $N$ is defined by $\text{deg}(N) := m_1 d_1 + \cdots + m_l d_l$.
4. The **slope** of $N$ is defined by $\mu(N) := \frac{\text{deg}(N)}{\text{rk}(N)}$.

**Remark.** Each line segment in the Newton polygon of $N$ represents a direct summand in $N$ with a particular slope.

**Example 2.3.14.** Assume $k = \overline{k}$.

1. $\mathbb{D}(\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)[1/p] \simeq N(0)$ has rank 1 and degree 0. Its Newton polygon is a line segment from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 0)$, as illustrated by the red line in Figure 1.
2. $\mathbb{D}(\mu_{p^{\infty}})[1/p] \simeq N(1)$ has rank 1 and degree 1. Its Newton polygon is a line segment from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$, as illustrated by the blue line in Figure 1.
3. For an ordinary elliptic curve $E$ over $\overline{k}$, we have $\mathbb{D}(E[p^{\infty}])[1/p] \simeq N(0) \oplus N(1)$. Its Newton polygon connects the points $(0, 0), (1, 0)$, and $(2, 1)$, as illustrated by the green polygon in Figure 1.

**Figure 1.** Examples of Newton polygons

**Proposition 2.3.15.** Let $N$ be an isocrystal over $K_0(\overline{k})$ with a direct sum decomposition

$$N \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{l} N(\lambda_i)^{\oplus m_i}$$

where $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \cdots < \lambda_l$. Then $N \simeq \mathbb{D}(G)[1/p]$ for some $p$-divisible group $G$ of height $h$ and dimension $d$ over $\overline{k}$ if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) $0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$ for all $i$.
(ii) $\text{rk}(N) = h$ and $\text{deg}(N) = d$.

Moreover, if $N \simeq \mathbb{D}(G)[1/p]$ for some $p$-divisible group $G$ over $\overline{k}$, we get an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{D}(G^\vee)[1/p] \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{l} N(1 - \lambda_i)^{\oplus m_i}.$$
Theorem 2.3.16 (Serre, Honda-Tate, Oort). Let $N$ be an isocrystal over $K_0(\bar{k})$ with a direct sum decomposition

$$N \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{l} N(\lambda_i)^{\otimes m_i}$$

where $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \cdots < \lambda_l$. Then there exists a principally polarized abelian variety $A$ of dimension $g$ over $\bar{k}$ with $N \simeq \mathbb{D}(A[p^\infty])[1/p]$ if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

(i) For each $i$, we have $0 \leq \lambda_i = 1 - \lambda_{l+1-i} \leq 1$ and $m_i = m_{l+1-i}$.

(ii) $\text{rk}(N) = 2g$ and $\deg(N) = g$.

Remark. The conditions in Theorem 2.3.16 amounts to saying that $\text{Newt}(N)$ is a symmetric polygon joining $(0, 0)$ and $(2g, g)$ with all slopes in the interval $[0, 1]$. The necessity of these conditions follows immediately from Proposition 2.3.15. The main difficulty lies in proving the sufficiency of these conditions as initially conjectured by Manin.

Definition 2.3.17. Let $A$ be a principally polarized abelian variety of dimension $g$ over $\bar{k}$. We say that $A$ is ordinary if its Newton polygon connects the points $(0, 0)$, $(g, 0)$, and $(2g, g)$, and supersingular if its Newton polygon is a straight line segment from $(0, 0)$ to $(2g, g)$.

Example 2.3.18. Let $A$ be an ordinary abelian variety of dimension $g$ over $\bar{k}$. A priori, this means that there exists an isogeny $A[p^\infty] \to \mu_{p^\infty}^g \times (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^g$. We assert that there exists an isomorphism

$$A[p^\infty] \simeq \mu_{p^\infty}^g \times (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^g.$$ 

By Proposition 2.1.10 we have an exact sequence

$$0 \to A[p^\infty]^{\circ} \to A[p^\infty] \to A[p^\infty]^{\text{et}} \to 0.$$ 

Moreover, this sequence splits as it splits at every finite level by Proposition 1.4.11. Hence we have a decomposition

$$A[p^\infty] \simeq A[p^\infty]^{\circ} \times A[p^\infty]^{\text{et}}.$$ 

Proposition 2.3.15 implies that $A[p^\infty]^{\text{et}}$ should correspond to the slope 0 part of $\text{Newt}(A[p^\infty])$, and thus have height $g$. We then deduce $A[p^\infty]^{\text{et}} \simeq (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^g$ by the remark after Proposition 2.2.19 and $A[p^\infty]^{\circ} \simeq (A[p^\infty]^{\text{et}})^{\vee} \simeq \mu_{p^\infty}^g$ by self-duality of $A[p^\infty]$. Therefore we obtain a decomposition $A[p^\infty] \simeq \mu_{p^\infty}^g \times (\mathbb{Q}_p/\mathbb{Z}_p)^g$ as asserted. In addition, we can argue as in the remark after Example 2.2.20 to deduce that the deformation space of $A$ has the structure of a formal torus of dimension $g(g+1)/2$.

Proposition 2.3.19. For an abelian variety $A$ over $k$, there exist a natural identification

$$H^1_{\text{cris}}(A/W(k)) \simeq \mathbb{D}(A[p^\infty]).$$

Remark. In light of the crystalline comparison theorem as introduced in Chapter I, Theorem 1.2.4 this identification provides a powerful tool to study abelian varieties and their moduli spaces, such as (local) Shimura varieties of PEL or Hodge type, using $p$-adic Hodge theory and the theory of Dieudonné modules/isocrystals.

Definition 2.3.20. A Honda system over $W(k)$ is a Dieudonné module $M$ over $k$ together with a $W(k)$-submodule $L$ such that $\varphi_M$ induces an isomorphism $L/pL \simeq M/\varphi_M(M)$.

Theorem 2.3.21 (Fontaine). If $p > 2$, there exists an anti-equivalence of categories

$$\{p\text{-divisible groups over }W(k)\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \{\text{Honda systems over }W(k)\}$$

such that for every $p$-divisible group $G$ over $W(k)$ with the mod $p$ reduction $\overline{G} := G \times_{W(k)} k$, the Dieudonné module of the associated Honda system coincides with $\mathbb{D}(\overline{G})$. 
3. Hodge-Tate decomposition

In this section, we finally enter the realm of $p$-adic Hodge theory. Assuming some technical results from algebraic number theory, we prove two fundamental theorems regarding $p$-divisible groups, namely the Hodge-Tate decomposition for the Tate modules and the full-faithfulness of the generic fiber functor. The primary reference for this section is Tate’s paper [Tat67].

3.1. The completed algebraic closure of a $p$-adic field

Throughout this course, we use the following definition of $p$-adic fields:

**Definition 3.1.1.** A $p$-adic field is a discretely valued complete nonarchimedean extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ with perfect residue field.

**Example 3.1.2.** We present some essential examples of $p$-adic fields.

1. Every finite extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is a $p$-adic field.
2. Given a perfect field $k$ of characteristic $p$, the fraction field of the ring of Witt vectors $W(k)$ is a $p$-adic field.

**Remark.** The fraction field of $W(\mathbb{F}_p)$ is the $p$-adic completion of the maximal unramified extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$. Hence it is a $p$-adic field which is not an algebraic extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$.

For the rest of this section, we let $K$ be a $p$-adic field with absolute Galois group $\Gamma_K$ and valuation ring $\mathcal{O}_K$. We also write $m$ and $k$ for the maximal ideal and the residue field of $\mathcal{O}_K$.

**Definition 3.1.3.** We define the completed algebraic closure of $K$ by $\mathbb{C}_K := \hat{K}$; in other words, $\mathbb{C}_K$ is the $p$-adic completion of the algebraic closure of $K$. We denote by $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}$ the valuation ring of $\mathbb{C}_K$.

**Remark.** The field $\mathbb{C}_K$ is not a $p$-adic field as its valuation is not discrete. In fact, it is the first example of a characteristic 0 perfectoid field.

**Lemma 3.1.4.** The action of $\Gamma_K$ on $K$ uniquely extends to a continuous action on $\mathbb{C}_K$.

**Proof.** This is obvious by continuity of the $\Gamma_K$-action on $K$. □

For the rest of this section, we fix a valuation $\nu$ on $\mathbb{C}_K$ such that $\nu(p) = 1$.

**Proposition 3.1.5.** The field $\mathbb{C}_K$ is algebraically closed.

**Proof.** Let $p(t)$ be an arbitrary non-constant polynomial over $\mathbb{C}_K$. We wish to prove that $p(t)$ has a root in $\mathbb{C}_K$. By scaling the variable if necessary, we may assume that $p(t)$ is a monic polynomial over $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}$. In other words, we may write

$$p(t) = t^d + a_1t^{d-1} + \cdots + a_d$$

where $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}$. Let $\mathcal{O}_K$ denote the valuation ring of $K$. For each $n$, we choose a polynomial

$$p_n(t) = t^d + a_{1,n}t^{d-1} + \cdots + a_{d,n}$$

where $a_i \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $\nu(a_i - a_{i,n}) \geq dn$.

Let us choose $a_1 \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $p_1(a_1) = 0$. We proceed by induction on $n$ to choose $a_n \in \mathcal{O}_K$ with $p_n(a_n) = 0$ and $\nu(a_n - a_{n-1}) \geq n - 1$. Since $a_{i,n} - a_{i,n-1} = (a_{i,n} - a_i) + (a_i - a_{i,n-1})$ has valuation at least $d(n - 1)$, we find $\nu(p_n(a_{n-1})) \geq d(n - 1)$ by observing

$$p_n(a_{n-1}) = p_n(a_{n-1}) - p_{n-1}(a_{n-1}) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} (a_{i,n} - a_{i,n-1})a_{n-1}^{d-i}.$$
Moreover, we have
\[ p_n(\alpha_{n-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^{d}(\alpha_{n-1} - \beta_{n,i}) \]
where \( \beta_{n,1}, \ldots, \beta_{n,d} \) are roots of \( p_n(t) \). Note that \( \beta_{n,i} \in \mathcal{O}_K \) since \( \mathcal{O}_K \) is integrally closed. As \( \nu(p_n(\alpha_{n-1})) \geq d(n-1) \), we deduce that \( \nu(\alpha_{n-1} - \beta_{n,i}) \geq n-1 \) for some \( i \). We thus complete the induction step by taking \( \alpha_n := \beta_{n,i} \).

Since the sequence \( (\alpha_n) \) is Cauchy by construction, it converges to an element \( \alpha \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \). Moreover, for each \( n \) we find \( \nu(p(\alpha_n)) \geq dn \) by observing
\[ p(\alpha_n) = p(\alpha_n) - p_n(\alpha_n) = \sum_{i=1}^{d}(a_i - a_{i,n})\alpha_n^{d-i}. \]
We thus have \( p(\alpha) = 0 \), thereby completing the proof. \( \square \)

Let us now introduce the central objects for this course.

**Definition 3.1.6.** A \( p \)-adic representation of \( \Gamma_K \) is a finite dimensional \( \mathbb{Q}_p \)-vector space \( V \) together with a continuous homomorphism \( \Gamma_K \to \text{GL}(V) \). We denote by \( \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \) the category of \( p \)-adic \( \Gamma_K \)-representations.

**Example 3.1.7.** Below are two essential examples of \( p \)-adic representations.

1. By Proposition 2.1.14, every \( p \)-divisible group \( G \) over \( K \) gives rise to a \( p \)-adic \( \Gamma_K \)-representation \( V_p(G) := T_p(G) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p \), called the rational Tate module of \( G \).

2. For an arbitrary variety \( X \) over \( K \), the étale cohomology \( H^{i}_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \) is a \( p \)-adic \( \Gamma_K \)-representation.

Our main task in this section is to understand the \( p \)-adic \( \Gamma_K \)-representation on the rational Tate module of a \( p \)-divisible group over \( K \). We will make extensive use of the following notion:

**Definition 3.1.8.** Given a \( \mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_K] \)-module \( M \), we define its \( n \)-th Tate twist to be the \( \mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_K] \)-module
\[ M(n) := \begin{cases} M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} T_p(\mu_p^{\infty}) \otimes^n & \text{for } n \geq 0, \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_K]}(T_p(\mu_p^{\infty}) \otimes^{-n}, M) & \text{for } n < 0. \end{cases} \]

**Example 3.1.9.** By definition, we have \( \mathbb{Z}_p(1) = T_p(\mu_p^{\infty}) = \lim \mu_p^{\nu}(\overline{K}) \). The homomorphism \( \chi_K : \Gamma_K \to \text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_p(1)) \cong \mathbb{Z}_p^{\times} \) which represents the \( \Gamma_K \)-action on \( \mathbb{Z}_p(1) \) is called the \( p \)-adic cyclotomic character of \( K \). We will often simply write \( \chi \) instead of \( \chi_K \) to ease the notation.

**Lemma 3.1.10.** Let \( M \) be a \( \mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_K] \)-module. For each \( m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \), we have canonical \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant isomorphisms
\[ M(m) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p(n) \cong M(m+n) \quad \text{and} \quad M(n)^\vee \cong M^\vee(-n). \]

**Proof.** This is straightforward to check by definition. \( \square \)

**Lemma 3.1.11.** Let \( M \) be a \( \mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_K] \)-module, and let \( \rho : \Gamma_K \to \text{Aut}(M) \) be the homomorphism which represents the action of \( \Gamma_K \) on \( M \). For every \( n \in \mathbb{Z} \) the action of \( \Gamma_K \) on \( M(n) \) is represented by \( \chi^n \cdot \rho \).

**Proof.** Upon choosing a basis element \( e \) of \( \mathbb{Z}_p(n) \), we obtain an isomorphism \( M(n) \cong M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p(n) \xrightarrow{\sim} M \) given by \( m \otimes e \mapsto m \). The assertion now follows by observing that the \( \Gamma_K \)-action on \( M(n) \cong M \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Z}_p(n) \) is given by \( \rho \otimes \chi^n \). \( \square \)
We assume the following fundamental result about the Galois cohomology of the Tate twists of \( \mathbb{C}_K \).

**Theorem 3.1.12** (Tate-Sen). We have canonical isomorphisms

\[
H^i(\Gamma_K, \mathbb{C}_K(n)) \cong \begin{cases} 
K & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } n = 0 \\
0 & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases}
\]

**Remark.** The proof of this result requires the full power of the higher ramification theory as well as some knowledge about the local class field theory. We refer curious readers to [BC, §14] for a complete proof.

When \( i = n = 0 \), the theorem says that the fixed field of \( \Gamma_K \) in \( \mathbb{C}_K \) is \( K \). This particular statement has an elementary proof as sketched in [BC, Proposition 2.1.2].

We now introduce the first class of \( p \)-adic \( \Gamma_K \)-representations.

**Lemma 3.1.13** (Serre-Tate). For every \( V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \), the natural \( \mathbb{C}_K \)-linear map

\[
\hat{\alpha}_V : \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(-n))^\Gamma_K \otimes_K \mathbb{C}_K(n) \to V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K
\]

is \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant and injective.

**Proof.** For each \( n \in \mathbb{Z} \), we have a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant \( K \)-linear map

\[
(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(-n))^\Gamma_K \otimes_K K(n) \hookrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(-n) \otimes_K K(n) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K,
\]

which gives rise to a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant \( \mathbb{C}_K \)-linear map

\[
\hat{\alpha}_V^{(n)} : (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(-n))^\Gamma_K \otimes_K \mathbb{C}_K(n) \to V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K
\]

by extension of scalars. Hence we deduce that \( \hat{\alpha}_V = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{\alpha}_V^{(n)} \) is \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant.

For each \( n \in \mathbb{Z} \), we choose a basis \( (v_{m,n}) \) of \( (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(-n))^\Gamma_K \otimes_K K(n) \) over \( K \). We may regard \( v_{m,n} \) as a vector in \( V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K \) via the map (3.1). Moreover, the source of the map \( \hat{\alpha}_V \) is spanned by the vectors \( (v_{m,n}) \).

Assume for contradiction that the kernel of \( \hat{\alpha}_V \) is not trivial. Then we have a nontrivial relation of the form \( \sum c_{m,n} v_{m,n} = 0 \). Let us choose such a relation with minimal length. We may assume that \( c_{m_0,n_0} = 1 \) for some \( m_0 \) and \( n_0 \). For every \( \gamma \in \Gamma_K \) we find

\[
0 = \gamma \left( \sum c_{m,n} v_{m,n} \right) - \chi(\gamma)^{n_0} \left( \sum c_{m,n} v_{m,n} \right) = \sum (\gamma(c_{m,n})\chi(\gamma)^n - \chi(\gamma)^{n_0}c_{m,n}) v_{m,n}
\]

by \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariance of \( \hat{\alpha}_V \) and Lemma 3.1.11. Note that the coefficient of \( v_{m_0,n_0} \) in the last expression is 0. Hence the minimality of our relation implies that all coefficients in the last expression must vanish, thereby yielding relations

\[
\gamma(c_{m,n})\chi(\gamma)^{n-n_0} = c_{m,n} \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in \Gamma_K.
\]

Then by Lemma 3.1.11 and Theorem 3.1.12 we find \( c_{m,n} = 0 \) for \( n \neq n_0 \) and \( c_{m,n} \in K \) for \( n = n_0 \). Therefore our relation \( \sum c_{m,n} v_{m,n} = 0 \) becomes a nontrivial \( K \)-linear relation among the vectors \( v_{m,n_0} \), thereby yielding a desired contradiction. \( \square \)

**Definition 3.1.14.** We say that \( V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \) is Hodge-Tate if the map \( \hat{\alpha}_V \) in Lemma 3.1.13 is an isomorphism.

**Remark.** We will see in §3.4 that \( p \)-adic representations discussed in Example 3.1.7 are Hodge-Tate in many cases.
3.2. Formal points on $p$-divisible groups

For the rest of this section, we fix the base ring $R = \mathcal{O}_K$. We also let $L$ be the $p$-adic completion of an algebraic extension of $K$. We denote by $\mathcal{O}_L$ the valuation ring of $L$ and by $\mathfrak{m}_L$ its maximal ideal. We are particularly interested in the case where $L = \mathbb{C}_K$.

We investigate the notion of formal points on $p$-divisible groups over $\mathcal{O}_K$.

**Definition 3.2.1.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$. We define the group of $\mathcal{O}_L$-valued formal points on $G$ by

$$G(\mathcal{O}_L) := \varprojlim_i G(\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L) = \varprojlim_v \lim_i G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L).$$

**Example 3.2.2.** By definition, $\mu_{p^\infty}(\mathcal{O}_L) = \varprojlim_i \mu_{p^i}(\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L)$ is the group of elements $x \in \mathcal{O}_L^\times$ such that $\nu(x^{p^i} - 1)$ can get arbitrarily large. Hence we clearly have $1 + \mathfrak{m}_L \subseteq \mu_{p^\infty}(\mathcal{O}_L)$. Moreover, as the residue field of $\mathcal{O}_L$ has characteristic $p$, we also obtain the opposite inclusion by observing $x^{p^i} - 1 = (x - 1)^{p^i} \mod \mathfrak{m}_L$. We thus find $\mu_{p^\infty}(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong 1 + \mathfrak{m}_L$.

**Remark.** On the other hand, the group of “ordinary” $\mathcal{O}_L$-valued points on $\mu_{p^\infty}$ is given by

$$\varprojlim_v \mu_{p^\infty}(\mathcal{O}_L) = \varprojlim_v \{ x \in \mathcal{O}_L^\times : x^{p^i} = 1 \}$$

which precisely consists of $p$-power torsion elements in $\mathcal{O}_L^\times$. We thus see that $\mu_{p^\infty}(\mathcal{O}_L)$ contains many “non-ordinary” points.

**Proposition 3.2.3.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$.

1. Writing $G_v = \text{Spec}(A_v)$ for each $v$, we have an identification

$$G(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{cont}}(\varprojlim_v A_v, \mathcal{O}_L).$$

2. $G(\mathcal{O}_L)$ is a $\mathbb{Z}_p$-module with the torsion part given by

$$G(\mathcal{O}_L)_{\text{tors}} \cong \varprojlim_v \lim_i G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L).$$

3. If $G$ is étale, then $G(\mathcal{O}_L)$ is isomorphic to a torsion group $G(k_L)$ where $k_L$ denotes the residue field of $\mathcal{O}_L$.

**Proof.** Note that we have $\mathcal{O}_L = \varprojlim_i \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L)$ by completeness of $\mathcal{O}_L$. We also have $\varprojlim_v A_v = \varprojlim_i A_v/\mathfrak{m}^iA_v$ since each $A_v$ is $\mathfrak{m}$-adically complete for being finite free over $\mathcal{O}_K$ by a general fact as stated in [Sta Tag 031B]. We thus obtain an identification

$$G(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \varprojlim_i \varprojlim_v \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K}(A_v, \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \varprojlim_i \lim_v \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K}(A_v/\mathfrak{m}^iA_v, \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L)$$

$$\cong \lim_i \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K}(\varprojlim_v A_v/\mathfrak{m}^iA_v, \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L)$$

$$\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{cont}}(\varprojlim_i A_v/\mathfrak{m}^iA_v, \lim_i \mathcal{O}_L/\mathfrak{m}^i\mathcal{O}_L)$$

$$\cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{cont}}(\lim_i A_v, \mathcal{O}_L)$$

as asserted in (1).
Next we consider the statement \([2]\). Observe that \(G(\mathcal{O}_L)\) is a \(\mathbb{Z}_p\)-module since each \(G(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L) = \lim \limits_v G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L)\) is a \(\mathbb{Z}_p\)-module by Corollary 2.1.6. Hence \(G(\mathcal{O}_L)_{\text{tors}}\) only contains \(p\)-power torsions. Moreover, by Corollary 2.1.6 we have an exact sequence
\[
0 \longrightarrow G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L) \longrightarrow G(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L) \xrightarrow{[p^i]} G(\mathcal{O}_L/m^{i+1}\mathcal{O}_L),
\]
which in turn yields an exact sequence
\[
0 \longrightarrow \lim \limits_i G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L) \longrightarrow G(\mathcal{O}_L) \xrightarrow{[p^i]} G(\mathcal{O}_L).
\]
We find that the \(p^i\)-torsion part of \(G(\mathcal{O}_L)\) is given by \(\lim \limits_i G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L)\), thereby deducing the assertion \([2]\) by taking the limit over \(v\).

If \(G\) is étale, we have identifications \(G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L) \cong G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^{i+1}\mathcal{O}_L)\) by formal étaleness of étale morphisms as stated in \([\text{Sta} \text{ Tag 04AL}]\), thereby obtaining
\[
G(\mathcal{O}_L) = \lim \limits_i \lim \limits_v G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \lim \limits_i \lim \limits_v G_v(\mathcal{O}_L/m^i\mathcal{O}_L) = G(k_L).
\]
We thus deduce the statement \([3]\) by Corollary 2.1.6. \(\square\)

**Remark.** Arguing as in the proof of Theorem 2.2.15 we can show that the formal scheme \(\mathcal{G} := \text{Spf}(\lim \limits_v A_v)\) carries the structure of a formal group induced by the finite flat \(\mathcal{O}_K\)-group schemes \(G_v\). Moreover, we can write the identification in \([1]\) as \(G(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{formal}}(\text{Spf}(\mathcal{O}_L), \mathcal{G})\).

**Corollary 3.2.4.** Let \(G\) be a connected \(p\)-divisible group dimension \(d\) over \(\mathcal{O}_K\). Let \(\mu\) be the associated \(d\)-dimensional formal group law in the sense of Theorem 2.2.15. Then we have a canonical isomorphism of \(\mathbb{Z}_p\)-modules
\[
G(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{cont}}(\mathcal{O}_K[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]], \mathcal{O}_L)
\]
where the multiplication on the target is induced by \([p]_\mu\).

**Remark.** From the above isomorphism we obtain an identification \(G(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \mathfrak{m}^d_{\mathcal{O}_L}\) as a set. It is then straightforward to check that \(\mu\) induces the structure of a \(p\)-adic analytic group over \(L\) on \(\mathfrak{m}^d_{\mathcal{O}_L}\) by Lemma 2.2.5 and the completeness of \(L\).

**Proposition 3.2.5.** Let \(G = \lim \limits_v G_v\) be a \(p\)-divisible group over \(\mathcal{O}_K\). Then we have an exact sequence
\[
0 \longrightarrow G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \longrightarrow G(\mathcal{O}_L) \longrightarrow G^{\text{ét}}(\mathcal{O}_L) \longrightarrow 0.
\]

**Proof.** Let us write \(G^\circ = \lim \limits_v G^\circ_v\) and \(G^{\text{ét}} = \lim \limits_v G_v^{\text{ét}}\) where \(G_v^{\text{ét}} := G_v/G_v^\circ\). We also write \(G_v = \text{Spec}(A_v), G^\circ_v = \text{Spec}(A_v^\circ),\) and \(G_v^{\text{ét}} = \text{Spec}(A_v^{\text{ét}})\) where \(A_v, A_v^\circ,\) and \(A_v^{\text{ét}}\) are finite free \(\mathcal{O}_K\)-algebras. In addition, we define \(\mathcal{A} := \lim \limits_v A_v\) and \(\mathcal{A}^{\text{ét}} := \lim \limits_v A_v^{\text{ét}}\).

Proposition [2.1.10] yields an exact sequence
\[
0 \longrightarrow G^\circ \longrightarrow G \longrightarrow G^{\text{ét}} \longrightarrow 0. \quad (3.2)
\]
We wish to show that the induced sequence on the groups of \(\mathcal{O}_L\)-valued points is exact. The sequence is left exact by construction as limits and colimits are left exact in the category of abelian groups. Hence it remains to show surjectivity of the map \(G(\mathcal{O}_L) \rightarrow G^{\text{ét}}(\mathcal{O}_L)\). By Proposition 3.2.3 it suffices to prove surjectivity of the map
\[
\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{cont}}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{O}_L) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{cont}}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{ét}}, \mathcal{O}_L). \quad (3.3)
\]
By the proof of Theorem 2.2.15 we have a continuous isomorphism

$$\lim_{v} A_v^\circ \simeq \mathcal{O}_K[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]]$$

where \( d \) is the dimension of \( G \). Moreover, as the sequence (3.2) canonically splits after reduction to \( k \) by Proposition 1.4.11 we obtain a continuous isomorphism

$$\left( \mathcal{A}^{\text{\acute et}} \otimes \mathcal{O}_K k \right)[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]] \simeq \mathcal{A} \otimes \mathcal{O}_K k.$$

Arguing as in the proof of Theorem 2.2.15 we can lift the above map to a continuous homomorphism

$$f : \mathcal{A}^{\text{\acute et}}[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]] \to \mathcal{A}.$$

We assert that \( f \) is surjective. Assume for contradiction that \( \text{coker}(f) \neq 0 \). Let \( \mathfrak{M} \) be a maximal ideal of \( \mathcal{A} \) such that \( \text{coker}(f)_{\mathfrak{M}} \neq 0 \). Since \( f \) becomes an isomorphism after reduction to \( k \), we have \( \text{coker}(f) \otimes \mathcal{O}_K k = 0 \), or equivalently \( \text{coker}(f) = \mathfrak{m} \text{coker}(f) \). In particular, we find \( \text{coker}(f)_{\mathfrak{M}} = \mathfrak{m} \text{coker}(f)_{\mathfrak{M}} \subseteq \mathfrak{M} \text{coker}(f)_{\mathfrak{M}} \). Since \( \text{coker}(f)_{\mathfrak{M}} \) is finitely generated (by one element) over the local ring \( \mathcal{A}_{\mathfrak{M}} \), we deduce \( \text{coker}(f)_{\mathfrak{M}} = 0 \) by Nakayama’s lemma, thereby obtaining the desired contradiction.

Let us now prove that \( f \) is injective. As in the previous paragraph, we find \( \text{ker}(f) = \mathfrak{m} \text{ker}(f) \) by the fact that \( f \) becomes an isomorphism after reduction to \( k \). Let us write \( \mathcal{J} := (t_1, \cdots, t_d) \), and denote by \( \widetilde{\mathcal{J}} \) the image of \( \mathcal{J} \) under \( f \). Then we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{ker}(f)/\text{ker}(f) \cap \mathcal{J} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{\acute et}}[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]]/\mathcal{J} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}/\widetilde{\mathcal{J}} \longrightarrow 0.$$

Since \( \mathcal{A}^{\text{\acute et}}[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]]/\mathcal{J} \) is noetherian, we can argue as in the preceding paragraph with the identity \( \mathfrak{m} (\text{ker}(f)/\text{ker}(f) \cap \mathcal{J}) = \text{ker}(f)/\text{ker}(f) \cap \mathcal{J} \) to find \( \text{ker}(f) = \text{ker}(f) \cap \mathcal{J} \). As \( \mathfrak{m} \mathcal{J} = 0 \), we deduce \( \text{ker}(f) = 0 \) as desired.

Now, since \( f \) is an isomorphism as seen above, it yields a surjective map \( \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A}^{\text{\acute et}} \) which splits the natural map \( \mathcal{A}^{\text{\acute et}} \to \mathcal{A} \). We thus deduce the desired surjectivity of the map (3.3), thereby completing the proof.

**Corollary 3.2.6.** For every \( x \in G(\mathcal{O}_L) \), we have \( p^n x \in G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \) for all sufficiently large \( n \).

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 3.2.3 and Proposition 3.2.5.

**Proposition 3.2.7.** Assume that \( L \) is algebraically closed. Then \( G(\mathcal{O}_L) \) is \( p \)-divisible in the sense that the multiplication by \( p \) on \( G(\mathcal{O}_L) \) is surjective.

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.2.5 it suffices to show the surjectivity of the multiplication by \( p \) on each \( G^{\text{\acute et}}(\mathcal{O}_L) \) and \( G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \). The surjectivity on \( G^{\text{\acute et}}(\mathcal{O}_L) \) is obvious by Corollary 2.1.6 and Proposition 3.2.3. Hence it remains to prove the surjectivity on \( G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \). Let \( \mu \) be the \( p \)-divisible formal group law associated to \( G^\circ \) in the sense of Theorem 2.2.15. Let us write \( \mathcal{A}^\circ := \mathcal{O}_K[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]] \) where \( d \) is the dimension of \( G \). By Corollary 3.2.4 the multiplication by \( p \) on \( G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K-\text{cont}}(\mathcal{A}^\circ, \mathcal{O}_L) \) is induced by \( [p]_\mu \) on \( \mathcal{A}^\circ \). Hence we deduce the desired surjectivity by the \( p \)-divisibility of \( \mu \).

**Remark.** If we let \( \mathcal{G}^\circ \) denote the formal group associated to \( G^\circ \), the surjectivity on \( G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \) also follows from the \( p \)-divisibility of \( \mathcal{G}^\circ \) that we remarked after Theorem 2.2.15.
3.3. The logarithm for $p$-divisible groups

We retain the notations in the previous subsection. Our goal in this subsection is to construct and study the logarithm map for $p$-divisible groups over $\mathcal{O}_K$.

**Definition 3.3.1.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$. We denote by $\mu$ the formal group law associated to $G^\circ$ in the sense of Theorem 2.2.15, and by $\mathcal{I}$ the augmentation ideal of $\mu$.

1. Given an $\mathcal{O}_K$-module $M$, we define the tangent space of $G$ with values in $M$ by
   \[ \tau_G(M) := \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K\text{-mod}}(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2, M), \]
   and the cotangent space of $G$ with values in $M$ by
   \[ \tau^*_G(M) := \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} M. \]
2. We define the valuation filtration of $G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$ by setting
   \[ \text{Fil}^\lambda G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) := \{ f \in G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) : \nu(f(x)) \geq \lambda \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{I} \} \]
   for all real number $\lambda > 0$, where we identify $G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K\text{-cont}}(\mathcal{I}^\circ, \mathcal{O}_L)$ as described in Corollary 3.2.4.

**Remark.** We may identify $\tau_G$ and $\tau^*_G$ respectively with the tangent space and cotangent space of the formal group $\mu\circ$ induced by $\mu$.

**Lemma 3.3.2.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$. For every $f \in \text{Fil}^\lambda G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$, we have $pf \in \text{Fil}^{\lambda} G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$ where $\kappa = \min(\lambda + 1, 2\lambda)$.

**Proof.** Let us define $\mu$ and $\mathcal{I}$ as in Definition 3.3.1. Lemma 2.2.13 yields $[p]\mu(x) = px + y$ for some $y \in \mathcal{I}^2$. We thus find
\[
(pf)(x) = f([p]\mu(x)) = f(px + y) = pf(x) + f(y),
\]
which implies $\nu(pf(x)) \geq \min(\lambda + 1, 2\lambda)$ as desired. \(\square\)

**Lemma 3.3.3.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$, and define $\mu$ and $\mathcal{I}$ as in Definition 3.3.1. Let us choose arbitrary elements $f \in G(\mathcal{O}_L)$ and $x \in \mathcal{I}$. Then $\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n}$ exists in $L$, and equals zero if $x \in \mathcal{I}^2$.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.2.13 we may write $[p]\mu(x) = px + y$ for some $y \in \mathcal{I}^2$. In addition, by Corollary 3.2.6 we have $p^n f \in G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$ for all sufficiently large $n$. Then an easy induction using Lemma 3.3.2 shows that there exists some constant $c$ with $p^n f \in \text{Fil}^{\lambda+c} G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$ for all sufficiently large $n$. Hence for all sufficiently large $n$ we find
\[
\frac{(p^{n+1} f)(x)}{p^{n+1}} - \frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n} = \frac{(p^n f)([p]\mu(x))}{p^{n+1}} - \frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n} = \frac{(p^n f)(y)}{p^{n+1}},
\]
which in turn yields
\[
\nu\left( \frac{(p^{n+1} f)(x)}{p^{n+1}} - \frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n} \right) \geq 2(n + c) - (n + 1) = n + (2c - 1).
\]
Therefore the sequence $\frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n}$ converges in $L$ for being Cauchy. Moreover, if $x \in \mathcal{I}^2$ the sequence converges to 0 as
\[
\nu\left( \frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n} \right) \geq 2(n + c) - (n + 1) = n + (2c - 1)
\]
for all sufficiently large $n$. \(\square\)
Lemma 3.3.3 allows us to make the following definition.

**Definition 3.3.4.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$, and let $\mathcal{I}$ be as in Definition 3.3.1. We define the logarithm of $G$ to be the map 

$$\log_G : G(\mathcal{O}_L) \to t_G(L)$$

such that for every $f \in G(\mathcal{O}_L)$ and $x \in \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2$ we have 

$$\log_G(f)(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(p^n f)(\tilde{x})}{p^n}$$

where $\tilde{x}$ is any lift of $x$ to $\mathcal{I}$.

**Remark.** Alternatively, we can construct $\log_G$ using the theory of $p$-adic analytic groups. As remarked after Corollary 3.2.4, $G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$ carries the structure of a $p$-adic analytic group over $L$. Moreover, we can identify its Lie algebra with $t_G(L)$. Hence we have a map $\log_{G^\circ} : G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \to t_G(L)$ induced by the $p$-adic logarithm on the ambient analytic group. We then obtain $\log_G : G(\mathcal{O}_L) \to t_G(L)$ by setting $\log_G(f) := \log_{G^\circ}(p^n f)$ for any $f \in G(\mathcal{O}_L)$ where $n$ is chosen such that $p^n f \in G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$.

**Example 3.3.5.** Let us provide an explicit description of $\log_{\mu_p^\infty}$. As seen in Example 2.2.11, $\mu_p^\infty$ is associated to the 1-dimensional formal group law $\mu_{\widehat{\mathbb{G}_m}}$. Corollary 3.2.4 then yields an identification 

$$\mu_p^\infty(\mathcal{O}_L) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K - \text{cont}}(\mathcal{O}_L[[t]], \mathcal{O}_L) \cong \mathfrak{m}_L \cong 1 + \mathfrak{m}_L$$

where the last two isomorphisms are given by $f \mapsto f(t)$ and $x \mapsto 1 + x$. Note that this identification agrees with the identification obtained in Example 3.2.2. In addition, writing $\mathcal{I} := (t)$ for the augmentation ideal of $\mu_{\widehat{\mathbb{G}_m}}$ we find 

$$t_{\mu_p^\infty}(L) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_K - \text{mod}}(\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2, L) \cong L.$$ 

We thus have a commutative diagram 

$$\begin{align*}
\mu_p^\infty(\mathcal{O}_L) & \xrightarrow{\log_{\mu_p^\infty}} t_{\mu_p^\infty}(L) \\
1 + \mathfrak{m}_L & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{m}_L} L
\end{align*}$$

(3.4)

As remarked after Corollary 3.2.4, $G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$ carries the structure of a $p$-adic analytic group over $L$. Moreover, we can identify its Lie algebra with $t_G(L)$. Hence we have a map $\log_{G^\circ} : G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \to t_G(L)$ induced by the $p$-adic logarithm on the ambient analytic group. We then obtain $\log_G : G(\mathcal{O}_L) \to t_G(L)$ by setting $\log_G(f) := \log_{G^\circ}(p^n f)$ for any $f \in G(\mathcal{O}_L)$ where $n$ is chosen such that $p^n f \in G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L)$.

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$$\begin{align*}
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1 + \mathfrak{m}_L & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{m}_L} L
\end{align*}$$

(3.4)

Let us identify $\log_{\mu_p^\infty}$ with the bottom arrow, which we denote by $\log_p$. We also take an arbitrary element $1 + x \in 1 + \mathfrak{m}_L$. As each $f \in \mu_p^\infty(\mathcal{O}_L)$ satisfies 

$$(p^n f)(t) = f ([p^n]_{\widehat{\mathbb{G}_m}}(t)) = f ((1 + t)p^n - 1) = (1 + f(t))p^n - 1,$$

the diagram (3.4) yields an expression 

$$\log_p(1 + x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(1 + x)p^n - 1}{p^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{p^n} \frac{1}{p^n} \binom{p^n}{i} x^i.$$

(3.5)

In addition, for each $i$ and $n$ we have 

$$\frac{1}{p^n} \binom{p^n}{i} - \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{i} = \frac{(p^n - 1) \cdots (p^n - i + 1) - (-1)^{i-1}(i - 1)!}{i!}.$$ 

Since the numerator is divisible by $p^n$, we obtain an estimate 

$$\nu \left( \frac{1}{p^n} \binom{p^n}{i} x^i - \frac{(-1)^{i-1}x^i}{i} \right) \geq n + \nu(x) - \nu(i!) \geq n + \nu(x) - \frac{i}{p - 1}.$$
Hence we may write the expression (3.5) as
\[ \log_p(1 + x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i-1}}{i} x^i, \]
which coincides with the \( p \)-adic logarithm.

Let us collect some basic properties of the logarithm for \( p \)-divisible groups.

**Proposition 3.3.6.** Let \( G \) be a \( p \)-divisible group over \( \mathcal{O}_K \). We define \( \mathcal{I} \) as in Definition 3.3.1.

1. \( \log_G \) is a group homomorphism.
2. \( \log_G \) is a local isomorphism in the sense that for each real number \( \lambda \geq 1 \) it induces an isomorphism
   \[ \text{Fil}^\lambda G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \to \{ \tau \in t_G(L) : \nu(\tau(x)) \geq \lambda \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \} \).
3. The kernel of \( \log_G \) is the torsion subgroup \( G(\mathcal{O}_L)_{\text{tors}} \) of \( G(\mathcal{O}_L) \).
4. \( \log_G \) induces an isomorphism \( G(\mathcal{O}_L) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p \simeq t_G(L) \).

**Proof.** We denote by \( \mu \) the formal group law associated to \( G^\circ \), and by \( \mathcal{I} \) the augmentation ideal of \( \mu \). We also write \( \mathcal{A}^\circ := \mathcal{O}_K[[t_1, \cdots, t_d]] \) where \( d \) is the dimension of \( G \).

Take arbitrary elements \( f, g \in G(\mathcal{O}_L) \) and \( x \in \mathcal{I} \). Arguing as in Theorem 1.3.10 we find
\[ \mu(x) \in 1 \otimes x + x \otimes 1 + \mathcal{I} \otimes_{\mathcal{A}^\circ} \mathcal{I}. \]

Hence for all sufficiently large \( n \) we have
\[ (p^n(f + g))(x) = (p^n f + p^n g)(x) = (p^n f \otimes p^n g) \circ \mu(x) = (p^n f)(x) + (p^n g)(x) + y \]
for some \( y \in (p^n f)(\mathcal{I}) : (p^n g)(\mathcal{I}) \). Then a similar estimate as in Lemma 3.3.3 shows
\[ \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(p^n f + g)(x)}{p^n} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n} + \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(p^n g)(x)}{p^n}, \]
thereby implying that \( \log_G \) is a homomorphism.

Let us now fix an arbitrary real number \( \lambda \geq 1 \) and write
\[ \text{Fil}^\lambda t_G(L) := \{ \tau \in t_G(L) : \nu(\tau(x)) \geq \lambda \text{ for all } x \in \mathcal{I}/\mathcal{I}^2 \}. \]

If \( f \in \text{Fil}^\lambda G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \), Lemma 3.3.2 yields an estimate \( \nu \left( \frac{(p^n f)(x)}{p^n} \right) \geq \lambda \) for all \( x \in \mathcal{I} \) and \( n > 0 \), thereby implying \( \log_G(f) \in \text{Fil}^\lambda t_G(L) \). It is then straightforward to verify that \( \log_G \) on \( \text{Fil}^\lambda G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \) admits an inverse \( \text{Fil}^\lambda t_G(L) \to \text{Fil}^\lambda G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \) which sends each \( \tau \in \text{Fil}^\lambda t_G(L) \) to the unique \( f \in \text{Fil}^\lambda G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \) with \( f(t_i) = \tau(t_i) \). Therefore we deduce the statement (2).

Next we show \( \ker(\log_G) = G(\mathcal{O}_L)_{\text{tors}} \) as asserted in (3). We clearly have \( G(\mathcal{O}_L)_{\text{tors}} \subseteq \ker(\log_G) \) since \( t_G(L) \) is torsion free for being a vector space over \( L \). Hence we only need to establish the reverse inclusion \( \ker(\log_G) \subseteq G(\mathcal{O}_L) \). Let \( f \) be an element in \( \ker(\log_G) \). By (1) we have \( p^n f \in \ker(\log_G) \) for all \( n \). Moreover, Corollary 3.2.6 and Lemma 3.3.2 together yield \( p^n f \in \text{Fil}^1 G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_L) \) for all sufficiently large \( n \). We then find \( p^n f = 0 \) for all sufficiently large \( n \) by (2), thereby deducing that \( f \) is a torsion element as desired.

Now (3) readily implies the injectivity of the map \( G(\mathcal{O}_L) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p \to t_G(L) \) induced by \( \log_G \). We also deduce the surjectivity of the map from (2) by observing that every element \( \tau \in t_G(L) \) satisfies \( p^n \tau \in \text{Fil}^1 t_G(L) \) for all sufficiently large \( n \). \( \square \)
II. FOUNDATIONS OF $p$-ADIC HODGE THEORY

3.4. Hodge-Tate decomposition for the Tate module

In this subsection, we derive the first main result for this chapter by exploiting our accumulated knowledge of finite flat group schemes and $p$-divisible groups.

Let us first present some easy but useful lemmas.

**Lemma 3.4.1.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$. For each $v$ we have canonical isomorphisms

$$G_v(K) \cong G_v(\mathbb{C}_K) \cong G_v(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}).$$

**Proof.** Since $\mathbb{C}_K$ is algebraically closed as noted in Proposition 3.1.5, the first isomorphism follows from the fact that the generic fiber of $G_v$ is étale by Corollary 1.3.11. The second isomorphism is a direct consequence of the valuative criterion. □

**Lemma 3.4.2.** For every $p$-divisible group $G$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$ we have

$$G(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K})^{\Gamma_K} = G(\mathcal{O}_K) \quad \text{and} \quad t_G(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K})^{\Gamma_K} = t_G(K).$$

**Proof.** By Theorem 3.1.12 we have $\mathbb{C}_K^{\Gamma_K} = K$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}^{\Gamma_K} = \mathcal{O}_K$. Hence the desired identifications immediately follow from Proposition 3.2.3 and Definition 3.3.1. □

**Lemma 3.4.3.** Given a $p$-divisible group $G$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$ we have

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} p^n G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_K) = 0.$$

**Proof.** As the valuation on $K$ is discrete, there exists a minimum positive valuation $\delta$; indeed, we have $\delta = \nu(\pi)$ where $\pi$ is a uniformizer of $K$. Then an easy induction using Lemma 3.3.2 yields $p^n G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_K) \subseteq \text{Fil}^n G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_K)$ for all $n \geq 1$. We thus deduce the desired assertion by observing $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{Fil}^n G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_K) = 0$. □

The main technical ingredient for this subsection is the interplay between the Tate modules and Cartier duality.

**Definition 3.4.4.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$. We define the Tate module of $G$ by

$$T_p(G) := T_p(G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K) = \varprojlim G_v(K),$$

and the Tate comodule of $G$ by

$$\Phi_p(G) := \varinjlim G_v(K).$$

**Remark.** The Tate comodule $\Phi_p(G)$ is nothing other than $G(K)$, where $G$ is regarded as a fpqc sheaf.

**Example 3.4.5.** We have $T_p(\mu_p^{\infty}) = \mathbb{Z}_p(1)$ as noted in Example 3.1.9. In addition, $\Phi(\mu_p^{\infty}) = \varprojlim \mu_p^{\infty}(K) = \mu_p^{\infty}(K)$ is the group of $p$-power roots of unity in $K$.

**Proposition 3.4.6.** Given a $p$-divisible group $G$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$, Cartier duality induces natural $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphisms

$$T_p(G) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^\vee), \mathbb{Z}_p(1)) \quad \text{and} \quad \Phi_p(G) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^\vee), \mu_p^{\infty}(K)).$$
Proof. Note that every finite flat group scheme over $\overline{K}$ is étale by Corollary 1.3.11. For each $v$ we have a natural identification

$$G_v(\overline{K}) \cong (G_v^\vee)^\vee(\overline{K}) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Grp}}\big((G_v^\vee)\overline{K}, (\mu_{p^i})\overline{K}\big) \cong \text{Hom}(G_v^\vee(\overline{K}), \mu_{p^i}(\overline{K}))$$

(3.6)

by Theorem 1.2.3, Lemma 1.2.2, and Proposition 1.3.1. We then obtain a $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism

$$T_p(G) = \lim_v G_v(\overline{K}) \cong \lim_v \text{Hom}(G_v^\vee(\overline{K}), \mu_{p^i}(\overline{K})) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Zp}}(\lim_v G_v^\vee(\overline{K}), \lim_v \mu_{p^i}(\overline{K})) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Zp}}(T_p(G^\vee), \mu_{p^i}(\overline{K})).$$

In addition, by writing (3.6) as $G_v(\overline{K}) \cong \text{Hom}(G_v^\vee(\overline{K}), \mu_{p^\infty}(\overline{K}))$ we find another $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism

$$\Phi_p(G) = \lim_v G_v(\overline{K}) \cong \lim_v \text{Hom}(G_v^\vee(\overline{K}), \mu_{p^\infty}(\overline{K})) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Zp}}(\lim_v G_v^\vee(\overline{K}), \mu_{p^\infty}(\overline{K})) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Zp}}(T_p(G^\vee), \mu_{p^\infty}(\overline{K})),$$

thereby completing the proof.

**Proposition 3.4.7.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$. We have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \Phi_p(G) \longrightarrow G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \xrightarrow{\log_G} \mathbb{C}_K \longrightarrow 0.$$

Proof. Since $G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K})$ is $p$-divisible by Proposition 3.1.5 and Proposition 3.2.7, we obtain the surjectivity of $\log_G$ by Proposition 3.3.6. We then use Proposition 3.3.6, Proposition 3.2.3 and Lemma 3.4.1 to find

$$\ker(\log_G) = G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K})_{\text{tors}} \cong \lim_v \lim_i G_v(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}/m^i\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) = \lim_v G_v(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \cong \lim_v G_v(\overline{K}) = \Phi_p(G),$$

thereby completing the proof.

**Example 3.4.8.** For $G = \mu_{p^\infty}$ Proposition 3.4.7 yields

$$0 \longrightarrow \mu_{p^\infty}(\overline{K}) \longrightarrow 1 + m_{\mathbb{C}_K} \xrightarrow{\log_{\mu_{p^\infty}}} \mathbb{C}_K \longrightarrow 0.$$

by Example 3.3.5 and Example 3.4.5.

**Proposition 3.4.9.** Every $p$-divisible group $G$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$ gives rise to a commutative diagram of exact sequences

$$0 \longrightarrow \Phi_p(G) \longrightarrow G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \xrightarrow{\log_G} t_G(\mathbb{C}_K) \longrightarrow 0$$

where $\alpha$ and $d\alpha$ are $\Gamma_K$-equivariant and injective.

Proof. The top row is as described in Proposition 3.4.7. The bottom row is induced by the short exact sequence in Example 3.4.8 and is exact since $T_p(G^\vee)$ is free over $\mathbb{Z}_p$. The left vertical arrow is the natural $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism given by Proposition 3.4.6.
Let us now construct the maps $\alpha$ and $d\alpha$. As usual, we write $G = \lim_v G_v$ where $G_v$ is a finite flat $\mathcal{O}_K$-group scheme. Lemma 3.4.1 and Lemma 1.2.2 together yield
\[
T_p(G^\vee) = \lim_v G^\vee_v(K) \cong \lim_v G^\vee_v(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \\
= \lim \text{Hom}_{O_{C_K}}\text{-grp} \left( (G_v)_{O_{C_K}}, (\mu_p^\infty)_{O_{C_K}} \right) \\
= \text{Hom}_{p\text{-div}}\text{-grp} \left( G \times_{\mathcal{O}_{C_K}} (\mu_p^\infty)_{O_{C_K}} \right).
\] (3.7)

We define the map $\alpha : G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \to \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^\vee), 1 + m_{C_K})$ by setting
\[
\alpha(g)(u) := u_{\mathcal{O}_{C_K}}(g) \quad \text{for each } g \in G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \text{ and } u \in T_p(G^\vee),
\]
where $u_{\mathcal{O}_{C_K}} : G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \to \mu_p^\infty(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \cong 1 + m_{C_K}$ is the map induced by $u$ under the identification (3.7). We also define the map $d\alpha : t_G(\mathbb{C}_K) \to \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^\vee), \mathbb{C}_K)$ by setting
\[
d\alpha(z)(u) := du_{C_K}(z) \quad \text{for each } z \in t_G(\mathbb{C}_K) \text{ and } u \in T_p(G^\vee),
\]
where $du_{C_K} : t_G(\mathbb{C}_K) \to t_{\mu_p^\infty}(\mathbb{C}_K) \cong \mathbb{C}_K$ is the map induced by $u$ under the identification (3.7).

The maps $\alpha$ and $d\alpha$ are evidently $\mathbb{Z}_p$-linear and $\Gamma_K$-equivariant by construction. The commutativity of the left square follows by observing that the left vertical arrow can be also defined as the restriction of $\alpha$ on $G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \cong \Phi_p(G)$. The commutativity of the right square amounts to the commutativity of the following diagram
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) & \xrightarrow{\log_G} & t_G(\mathbb{C}_K) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\mu_p^\infty(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) = 1 + m_{C_K} & \xrightarrow{\log_{\mu_p^\infty}} & t_{\mu_p^\infty} = \mathbb{C}_K
\end{array}
\]
which is straightforward to verify by definition; indeed, the logarithm map yields a natural transformation between the functor of $\mathcal{O}_{C_K}$-valued formal points and the functor of tangent space with values in $K$.

It remains to prove that $\alpha$ and $d\alpha$ are injective. By snake lemma we have $\mathbb{Z}_p$-linear isomorphisms
\[
\ker(\alpha) \simeq \ker(d\alpha) \quad \text{and} \quad \coker(\alpha) \simeq \coker(d\alpha).
\] (3.8)

Hence it suffices to show that $d\alpha$ is injective.

As both $t_G(\mathbb{C}_K)$ and $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^\vee), \mathbb{C}_K)$ are $\mathbb{Q}_p$-vector spaces, the $\mathbb{Z}_p$-linear map $d\alpha$ is indeed $\mathbb{Q}_p$-linear. Therefore both $\ker(d\alpha)$ and $\coker(d\alpha)$ are $\mathbb{Q}_p$-vector spaces. The isomorphisms (3.8) then tells us that both $\ker(\alpha)$ and $\coker(\alpha)$ are $\mathbb{Q}_p$-vector spaces as well.

We assert that $\alpha$ is injective on $G(\mathcal{O}_K)$. Suppose for contradiction that $\ker(\alpha)$ contains a nonzero element $g \in G(\mathcal{O}_K)$. As $\ker(\alpha)$ is torsion free for being a $\mathbb{Q}_p$-vector space, we may assume $g \in G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_K)$ by Corollary 3.2.6. Let us define the map
\[
\alpha^\circ : G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \to \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p((G^\circ)^\vee), 1 + m_{C_K})
\]
in the same way we define the map $\alpha$. Since the natural map $T_p(G^\vee) \to T_p((G^\circ)^\vee)$ is surjective, we obtain a commutative diagram
\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G^\circ(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha^\circ} & G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p((G^\circ)^\vee), 1 + m_{C_K}) & \xleftarrow{\alpha} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^\vee), 1 + m_{C_K})
\end{array}
\]
where both horizontal arrows are injective. In particular, we have \( g \in \ker(\alpha^p) \cap G^p(\mathcal{O}_K) \). Moreover, Lemma \ref{3.4.2} yields \( \ker(\alpha^p) \cap G^p(\mathcal{O}_K) = \ker(\alpha^p)^G \), which is a \( \mathbb{Q}_p \)-vector space since \( \ker(\alpha^p) \) is a \( \mathbb{Q}_p \)-vector space by the same argument as in the preceding paragraph. Therefore for every \( n \in \mathbb{Z} \) there exists an element \( g_n \in \ker(\alpha^p) \cap G^p(\mathcal{O}_K) \) with \( g = p^n g_n \). However, this means \( g = 0 \) by Lemma \ref{3.4.3}, yielding the desired contradiction.

Next we show that \( d\alpha \) is injective on \( t_G(K) \). Since \( \log_G(G(\mathcal{O}_K)) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p = t_G(K) \) by Proposition \ref{3.3.6}, it is enough to show the injectivity on \( \log_G(G(\mathcal{O}_K)) \). Choose an arbitrary element \( h \in G(\mathcal{O}_K) \) such that \( \log_G(h) \in \ker(d\alpha) \). We wish to show that \( \log_G(h) = 0 \). As the isomorphism \( \ker(\alpha) \cong \ker(d\alpha) \) in \((3.8)\) is induced by \( \log_G \), we can find \( h' \in \ker(\alpha) \) with \( \log_G(h) = \log_G(h') \). Then by Proposition \ref{3.3.6} we have \( h - h' \in \ker(\log_G) = G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K})_{\text{tors}} \), which means that there exists some \( n \) with \( p^n(h - h') = 0 \), or equivalently \( p^n h = p^n h' \). We thus find \( p^n h \in \ker(\alpha) \cap G(\mathcal{O}_K) \), which implies \( p^n h = 0 \) by the injectivity of \( \alpha \) on \( G(\mathcal{O}_K) \).

Hence we have \( h \in G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K})_{\text{tors}} \), thereby deducing \( \log_G(h) = 0 \) by Proposition \ref{3.3.6}.

As \( t_G(K) = t_G(C_K)^G \) by Lemma \ref{3.4.2}, we can factor \( d\alpha \) as \( \alpha : t_G(C_K) \cong t_G(K) \otimes_K C_K \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), C_K)^G \otimes_K C_K \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), C_K) \).

The first arrow is injective by our discussion in the preceding paragraph. The second arrow is injective by Lemma \ref{3.1.13} since we have a canonical isomorphism

\[
\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), C_K) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), K) \otimes_K C_K
\]

due to the freeness of \( T_p(G^{\vee}) \) over \( \mathbb{Z}_p \). Hence we deduce the injectivity of \( d\alpha \) as desired, thereby completing the proof. \( \Box \)

**Theorem 3.4.10** (Tate). Let \( G \) be a \( p \)-divisible group over \( \mathcal{O}_K \). Define \( \alpha \) and \( d\alpha \) as in Proposition \ref{3.4.9}. Then their restrictions to the \( \Gamma_K \)-invariant elements yield bijective maps

\[
\alpha_K : G(\mathcal{O}_K) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), 1 + m_{C_K}),
\]
\[
d\alpha_K : t_G(K) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), C_K).
\]

**Proof.** By Proposition \ref{3.4.9} we have a commutative diagram of exact sequences

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
0 & \rightarrow & G(\mathcal{O}_{C_K}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), 1 + m_{C_K}) & \rightarrow & \text{coker}(\alpha) & \rightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow{\log_G} & & \downarrow{?} & & \downarrow{?} \\
0 & \rightarrow & t_G(C_K) & \xrightarrow{d\alpha} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), C_K) & \rightarrow & \text{coker}(d\alpha) & \rightarrow & 0
\end{array}
\]

where the bijectivity of the right vertical arrow follows from snake lemma as noted in \[(3.8)\].

Taking \( \Gamma_K \)-invariants of the above diagram yields

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
0 & \rightarrow & G(\mathcal{O}_K) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_K} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), 1 + m_{C_K}) & \rightarrow & \text{coker}(\alpha)^{\Gamma_K} & \rightarrow & 0 \\
& & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
0 & \rightarrow & t_G(K) & \xrightarrow{d\alpha_K} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G^{\vee}), C_K) & \rightarrow & \text{coker}(d\alpha)^{\Gamma_K} & \rightarrow & 0
\end{array}
\]

which implies the injectivity of \( \alpha_K \) and \( d\alpha_K \). Moreover, by the exactness of the middle terms we obtain a commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{cccccc}
\text{coker}(\alpha_K) & \xrightarrow{?} & \text{coker}(\alpha)^{\Gamma_K} & \rightarrow & \text{coker}(\alpha_K) & \rightarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\text{coker}(d\alpha_K) & \xrightarrow{?} & \text{coker}(d\alpha)^{\Gamma_K} & \rightarrow & \text{coker}(d\alpha_K) & \rightarrow & 0
\end{array}
\]
where the injectivity of the left vertical arrow follows from the injectivity of the other three arrows. Hence we only need to prove \( \coker(d\alpha_K) = 0 \), or equivalently the surjectivity of \( d\alpha_K \).

Let \( h \) and \( d \) be the height and dimension of \( G \), and let \( d' \) be the dimension of \( G' \). Note that the \( C_K \)-vector spaces

\[
V := \Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G), C_K) \quad \text{and} \quad W := \Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G'), C_K)
\]

are both \( h \)-dimensional. The injectivity of \( d\alpha_K \) yields

\[
\dim_K(W^{T_K}) \geq \dim_K(t_G(K)) = d
\]

where equality holds if and only if \( d\alpha_K \) is surjective. By switching the roles of \( G \) and \( G' \) we also find

\[
\dim_K(V^{T_K}) \geq d' = h
\]

by Theorem 2.2.18.

By Proposition 3.4.11 we have a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant perfect pairing of \( Z_p \)-modules

\[
T_p(G) \times T_p(G') \to Z_p(1).
\]

The scalar extension to \( C_K \) of the dual pairing yields a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant \( C_K \)-linear pairing

\[
V \times W \to C_K(-1),
\]

which is perfect since both \( T_p(G) \) and \( T_p(G') \) are free over \( Z_p \). The image of \( V^{T_K} \times W^{T_K} \) should lie in \( C_K(-1)^{T_K} \), which is zero by Theorem 3.1.12. This means that \( V^{T_K} \otimes_K C_K \) and \( W^{T_K} \otimes_K C_K \) are orthogonal under the perfect pairing (3.11), which further implies

\[
\dim_K(V^{T_K}) + \dim_K(W^{T_K}) \leq \dim_{C_K}(V) = h.
\]

We thus have equality in (3.10), which in turn implies equality in (3.9) and thereby yielding the desired surjectivity of \( d\alpha_K \).

**Corollary 3.4.11.** For every \( p \)-divisible group \( G \) of dimension \( d \) over \( \mathcal{O}_K \), we have an identity

\[
d = \dim_K(\Hom_{Z_p[\Gamma_K]}(T_p(G'), C_K)) = \dim_K(T_p(G) \otimes_{Z_p} C_K(-1))^{T_K}.
\]

**Proof.** The first equality immediately follows from Theorem 3.4.10. The second equality follows by an identification

\[
T_p(G) \otimes_{Z_p} C_K(-1) \cong \Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G'), Z_p(1)) \otimes_{Z_p} C_K(-1) \cong \Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G'), C_K)
\]

where the isomorphisms are given by Proposition 3.4.6 and the freeness of \( T_p(G') \) over \( Z_p \).

We are finally ready to prove the first main result for this chapter.

**Theorem 3.4.12 (Tate).** Let \( G \) be a \( p \)-divisible group over \( \mathcal{O}_K \). There is a canonical isomorphism of \( C_K[\Gamma_K] \)-modules

\[
\Hom(T_p(G), C_K) \cong t_G^\vee(C_K) \oplus t_G^*(C_K)(-1).
\]

**Proof.** Theorem 3.4.10 yields natural isomorphisms

\[
t_G(C_K) \cong \Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G'), C_K)^{\Gamma_K} \otimes_K C_K,
\]

\[
t_G^\vee(C_K) \cong \Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G), C_K)^{\Gamma_K} \otimes_K C_K.
\]

Moreover, the proof of Theorem 3.4.10 shows that \( t_G(C_K) \) and \( t_G^\vee(C_K) \) are orthogonal under the perfect pairing

\[
\Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G), C_K) \times \Hom_{Z_p}(T_p(G'), C_K) \to C_K(-1)
\]
as constructed in \([3.11]\), with equality
\[
\dim_{\mathbb{C}_K}(t_G(C_K)) + \dim_{\mathbb{C}_K}(t_{G^\vee}(C_K)) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}_K}(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G), C_K)).
\]
This means that \(t_G(C_K)\) and \(t_{G^\vee}(C_K)\) are orthogonal complements with respect to the above pairing, thereby yielding an exact sequence
\[
0 \rightarrow t_{G^\vee}(C_K) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(G), C_K) \rightarrow t^*_G(C_K)(-1) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.12)
\]
where for the last term we use the identification \(\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}_K}(t_G(C_K), C_K(-1)) \cong t^*_G(C_K)(-1)\) that follows by observing that \(t^*_G(C_K)\) is the \(C_K\)-dual \(t_G(C_K)\). Writing \(d := \dim_{\mathbb{C}_K}(t_G(C_K))\) and \(d^\vee := \dim_{\mathbb{C}_K}(t_{G^\vee}(C_K))\) we find
\[
\text{Ext}^1_{\mathbb{C}_K[\Gamma]}(t^*_G(C_K)(-1), t_{G^\vee}(C_K)) \cong \text{Ext}^1_{\mathbb{C}_K[\Gamma]}(C_K(-1)^{\oplus d^\vee}, C_K^{\oplus d})
\]
by Theorem \([3.1.12]\) thereby deducing that the exact sequence \((3.12)\) splits. Moreover, such a splitting is unique since we have
\[
\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}_K[\Gamma]}(t^*_G(C_K)(-1), t_{G^\vee}(C_K)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{C}_K[\Gamma]}(C_K(-1)^{\oplus d^\vee}, C_K^{\oplus d})
\]
by Theorem \([3.1.12]\) Hence we obtain the desired assertion. \(\Box\)

**Definition 3.4.13.** Given a \(p\)-divisible group \(G\) over \(\mathcal{O}_K\), we refer to the isomorphism in Theorem \([3.4.12]\) as the Hodge-Tate decomposition for \(G\).

**Corollary 3.4.14.** For every \(p\)-divisible group \(G\) over \(\mathcal{O}_K\), the rational Tate-module
\[
V_p(G) := V_p(G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K) = T_p(G) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p
\]
is a Hodge-Tate \(p\)-adic representation of \(\Gamma_K\).

**Proof.** As the \(C_K\)-duals of \(t_{G^\vee}(C_K)\) and \(t^*_G(C_K)\) are respectively given by \(t^*_G(C_K)\) and \(t_G(C_K)\), Theorem \([3.4.12]\) yields a decomposition
\[
V_p(G) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C_K \cong t^*_G(C_K) \oplus t_G(C_K)(1).
\]
Then for each \(n\) we find
\[
(V_p(G) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C_K(-n))^{\Gamma_K} \cong \begin{cases} t^*_G(C_K) & \text{if } n = 0, \\ t_G(C_K) & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}, \end{cases}
\]
by Theorem \([3.1.12]\) The assertion is now obvious by Definition \([3.1.6]\) \(\Box\)

Let us conclude this subsection with an geometric application of Theorem \([3.4.12]\)

**Proposition 3.4.15.** Let \(A\) be an abelian variety over \(K\) with good reduction. Then we have a canonical \(\Gamma_K\)-equivariant isomorphism
\[
H^i_{\text{et}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C_K \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} H^j(A, \Omega^j_A \otimes_K C_K(-j)).
\]

**Proof.** Let \(A^\vee\) denote the dual abelian variety of \(A\). Since \(A\) has good reduction, there exists an abelian scheme \(A\) over \(\mathcal{O}_K\) with \(A_K \cong A\). Then we have \(T_p(A[p^\infty]) = T_p(A[p^\infty])\) by definition, and \(A^\vee[p^\infty] \cong A[p^\infty]^\vee\) as noted in Example \([2.1.9]\) In addition, we have the following standard facts:
(1) There is a canonical isomorphism
\[ H^1_{\text{ét}}(A_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \cong \text{Hom}_\mathbb{Z}_p(T_p(A[p^\infty]), \mathbb{Z}_p) \otimes \mathbb{Z}_p \mathbb{Q}_p. \]

(2) The formal completion of \( \mathcal{A} \) along the unit section yields the formal group law that corresponds to \( \mathcal{A}[p^\infty] \) in the sense of Theorem 2.2.15.

(3) There are canonical isomorphisms
\[ H^0(A, \Omega_{A/K}^1) \cong t^*_\varepsilon(A) \quad \text{and} \quad H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A) \cong t_\varepsilon(A^\vee) \]
where \( t^*_\varepsilon(A) \) and \( t_\varepsilon(A) \) respectively denote the cotangent space of \( A \) and tangent space of \( A^\vee \) (at the unit section).

(4) We have identifications
\[ H^n_{\text{ét}}(A_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \cong \bigwedge^n H^1_{\text{ét}}(A_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p), \]
\[ H^i(A, \Omega_{A/K}^j) \cong \bigwedge^i H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A) \otimes \bigwedge^j H^0(A, \Omega_{A/K}^1). \]

The statements (2) and (3) together yield identifications
\[ H^0(A, \Omega_{A/K}^1) \cong t^*_\varepsilon[A[p^\infty]](K) \quad \text{and} \quad H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A) \cong t_\varepsilon[A^\vee[p^\infty]](K). \]

Hence Theorem 3.4.12 yields a canonical \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant isomorphism
\[ H^1_{\text{ét}}(A_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p \mathbb{C}_K \cong (H^1(A, \mathcal{O}_A) \otimes \mathbb{C}_K) \oplus (H^0(A, \Omega_{A/K}^1) \otimes \mathbb{C}_K (-1)). \]

We then obtain the desired isomorphism by (4).

\[ \square \]

**Remark.** Proposition 3.4.15 is a special case of the general Hodge-Tate decomposition theorem that we introduced in Chapter I, Theorem 1.2.1. The original proof by Faltings in [Fal88] relies on the language of almost mathematics. Recently, inspired by the work of Faltings, Scholze [Sch13] extended the Hodge-Tate decomposition theorem to rigid analytic varieties using his theory of perfectoid spaces. A good exposition of Scholze’s work can be found in Bhatt’s notes [Bha].

**Corollary 3.4.16.** For every abelian variety \( A \) over \( K \) with good reduction, the étale cohomology \( H^n_{\text{ét}}(A_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \) is a Hodge-Tate \( p \)-adic representation of \( \Gamma_K \).

**Proof.** For each \( j \in \mathbb{Z} \) we find
\[ (H^n_{\text{ét}}(A_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p \mathbb{C}_K(j))^{\Gamma_K} \cong \begin{cases} H^{n-j}(A, \Omega^j_{A/K}) & \text{if } 0 \leq j \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \]
by Proposition 3.4.15 and Theorem 3.1.12. Hence we deduce the desired assertion by Definition 3.1.6.

\[ \square \]

**Remark.** Corollary 3.4.16 readily extends to an arbitrary proper smooth variety \( X \) over \( K \), as for each \( j \in \mathbb{Z} \) the general Hodge-Tate decomposition theorem and Theorem 3.1.12 together yield an identification
\[ (H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p \mathbb{C}_K(j))^{\Gamma_K} \cong \begin{cases} H^{n-j}(X, \Omega^j_{X/K}) & \text{if } 0 \leq j \leq n, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases} \]

Moreover, the above identification shows that \( H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_{\overline{K}}, \mathbb{Q}_p) \) recovers the Hodge number (and Hodge cohomology) of \( X \). This is a \( p \)-adic analogue of the fact from the classical Hodge theory that the Hodge numbers are topological invariants of a smooth proper variety over \( \mathbb{C} \).
3.5. Generic fibers of $p$-divisible groups

The main focus of this subsection is to prove the second main result for this chapter, which says that the generic fiber functor on the category of $p$-divisible groups over $\mathcal{O}_K$ is fully faithful.

We assume the following technical result without proof.

**Proposition 3.5.1.** Let $G = \varprojlim G_v$ be a $p$-divisible group of height $h$ and dimension $d$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$. Let us $G_v = \text{Spec} (A_v)$ where $A_v$ is a finite free $\mathcal{O}_K$-algebra. Then the discriminant ideal of $A_v$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$ is generated by $p^{\text{depth}^h v}$.

**Remark.** For curious readers, we briefly sketch the proof of Proposition 3.5.1. Let $\text{disc}(A_v)$ denote the discriminant ideal of $A_v$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$. By Proposition 2.1.5 we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow G_1 \longrightarrow G_{v+1} \longrightarrow G_v \longrightarrow 0.$$ 

From this we can deduce a relation $\text{disc}(A_{v+1}) = \text{disc}(A_v)^{p^v} \text{disc}(A_1)^{p^h v}$, thereby reducing our proof to the case $v = 1$. Moreover, if we write $G_1 = \text{Spec} (A_1)$ we can find $\text{disc}(A_1) = \text{disc}(A_1)$ from the connected-étale sequence of $G_1$. Hence it suffices to consider the case where $G$ is connected. Let $\mu$ be the formal group law associated to $G$ in the sense of Theorem 2.2.15. We also write $\mathcal{A} := \mathcal{O}_K[[l_1, \cdots, l_d]]$ and $\mathcal{I} = (t_1, \cdots, t_d)$ as usual. Then we have $A_1 \cong \mathcal{O}_K \otimes_{\mathcal{A}[p]} \mathcal{A}$ as shown in the proof of Proposition 2.2.10. Therefore we can compute $\text{disc}(A_1)$ by the discriminant ideal of $\mathcal{A}$ over $[p]_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathcal{A})$. This is the most technical part of the proof; the best reference that we can provide here is Haines’ notes [Hai, §2.3]

Our main strategy is to work on the level of Tate modules. The key ingredient is the fact that, for $p$-divisible groups over $\mathcal{O}_K$, the maps on the generic fibers are completely determined by the maps on the Tate modules by Proposition 2.1.14. Here we present two consequences of this fact as preparation for the proof of the main result.

**Lemma 3.5.2.** Let $f : G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of $p$-divisible groups over $\mathcal{O}_K$. If the restriction of $f$ on the generic fibers is an isomorphism, then $f$ is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** Let us write $G = \varprojlim G_v$ and $H = \varprojlim H_v$ where $G_v = \text{Spec} (A_v)$ and $H_v = \text{Spec} (B_v)$ are finite flat group schemes over $\mathcal{O}_K$. Let $\alpha_v : B_v \rightarrow A_v$ be the map of $\mathcal{O}_K$-algebras induced by $f$. We wish to show that $\alpha_v$ is an isomorphism. Since $\alpha_v \otimes 1 : B_v \otimes \mathcal{O}_K K \rightarrow A_v \otimes \mathcal{O}_K K$ is an isomorphism, $\alpha_v$ must be injective by the freeness of $B_v$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$. Hence it suffices to show that $A_v$ and $B_v$ have the same discriminant ideal over $\mathcal{O}_K$.

As the generic fibers $G \otimes \mathcal{O}_K K$ and $H \otimes \mathcal{O}_K K$ are isomorphic, we have $T_p(G) \cong T_p(H)$. In particular, by Corollary 3.4.11 we find that $G$ and $H$ have the same height and dimension. The desired assertion now follows from Proposition 3.5.1. \(\square\)

**Remark.** As the proof of Lemma 3.5.2 shows, Corollary 3.4.11 and Proposition 3.5.1 are the main technical inputs for our main result in this subsection. They reflect Tate’s key insight that the dimension of a $p$-divisible group should be encoded in the Tate module. Theorem 3.4.12 was indeed discovered as a byproduct in an attempt to verify his insight.

**Proposition 3.5.3.** Let $G$ be a $p$-divisible group over $\mathcal{O}_K$, and let $M$ a $\mathbb{Z}_p$-direct summand of $T_p(G)$ which is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$. There exists a $p$-divisible group $H$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$ with a homomorphism $\iota : H \rightarrow G$ which induces an isomorphism $T_p(H) \cong M$.

**Proof.** As usual, let us write $G = \varprojlim G_v$ where $G_v$ is a finite flat group scheme over $\mathcal{O}_K$. By Proposition 2.1.14 the submodule $M$ of $T_p(G)$ gives rise to a $p$-divisible group
\[ \tilde{H} = \lim_{\to} \tilde{H}_v \text{ over } K \text{ with a homomorphism } \tilde{H} \to G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \text{ which induces a closed embedding } \tau_v : \tilde{H}_v \hookrightarrow G_v \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \text{ at each finite level. Let } h \text{ be the height of } \tilde{H}, \text{ and let } H_v \text{ denote the scheme theoretic closure of } \tilde{H}_v \text{ in } G_v. \text{ We then quickly verify that } H_v \text{ is a finite flat group scheme of order } p^v. \text{ Moreover, the closed embedding } \tilde{H}_v \hookrightarrow H_v \text{ extends to a closed embedding } H_v \hookrightarrow H_{v+1}. \]

Let us now consider the quotient \( H_{v+1}/H_v \). \( \mathbb{O} \) factors through the unit section on the generic fiber \( H_{v+1}/H_v \cong H_1 = \tilde{H}[p] \). Passing to the scheme theoretic closure, we find that \( p \) also factors through the unit section on \( H_{v+1}/H_v \). Therefore \( p H_{v+1} \) induces a homomorphism

\[ \delta_v : H_{v+2}/H_{v+1} \to H_{v+1}/H_v \]

which yields an isomorphism on the generic fibers. Let us write \( \tilde{H}_{v+1}/H_v = \text{Spec} (B_v) \) where \( B_v \) is a finite free \( \mathcal{O}_K \)-algebra. The map \( B_v \to B_{v+1} \) induced by \( \delta_v \) is injective, as it becomes isomorphism upon tensoring with \( K \). Hence the \( B_v \)'s form an increasing sequence of \( \mathcal{O}_K \)-orders in the \( K \)-algebra \( B_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \). In addition, since \( B_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \) is finite étale by Corollary [1.3.11] we adapt the argument of \([\text{AM94}]\) Proposition 5.17 to deduce that the integral closure of \( \mathcal{O}_K \) in \( B_1 \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \) is noetherian. Therefore there exists some \( v_0 \) such that \( B_v \cong B_{v+1} \) for all \( v \geq v_0 \), or equivalently \( \delta_v \) is an isomorphism for all \( v \geq v_0 \).

Let us now consider the quotient \( H_{v+1}/H_v \). We have a closed embedding \( H_v \hookrightarrow H_{v+1} \) induced by the closed embedding \( H_{v+1}/H_v \hookrightarrow H_{v+1}/H_0 \). We assert that \( H = \lim_{\to} H_v \) is a p-divisible group over \( \mathcal{O}_K \). By construction, \( H_v \) is a finite flat \( \mathcal{O}_K \)-group scheme of order \( p^v \). Moreover, we have a commutative diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
H_{v+1} = H_{v+1}/H_0 & \overset{[p^v]}{\longrightarrow} & H_{v+1}/H_0 = H_{v+1} \\
\downarrow & & \uparrow \\
H_{v+1}/H_0 & \cong & H_{v+1}/H_0 = H_1
\end{array}
\]

where the bottom arrow is given by \( \delta_0 \circ \cdots \circ \delta_{v+1} \). We then find that the kernel of \( [p^v] \) on \( H_{v+1} \) is equal to the kernel of the left vertical arrow, thereby deducing \( H_{v+1}/[p^v] = H_{v+1}/H_0 = H_v \).

We now define a homomorphism \( \iota_v : H_v \to G_v \) by the composition

\[ H_v = H_{v+1}/H_0 \overset{[p^v]}{\longrightarrow} H_0 \hookrightarrow G_v \]

It is straightforward to check that the maps \( \iota_v \) give rise to a homomorphism \( \iota : H \to G \). Moreover, on the generic fibers it induces a map

\[ \tilde{H}_{v+1}/\tilde{H}_0 \overset{[p^v]}{\longrightarrow} \tilde{H}_v \hookrightarrow G_v \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \]

where the first arrow is an isomorphism by the \( p \)-divisibility of \( \tilde{H} \). Hence we find that \( \iota \) induces an isomorphism \( T_p(H) \cong T_p(\tilde{H}) \cong M \), thereby completing the proof. \( \square \)

Let us now prove the second main result of this chapter.

**Theorem 3.5.4.** For arbitrary \( p \)-divisible groups \( G \) and \( H \) over \( \mathcal{O}_K \), the natural map

\[ \text{Hom}(G, H) \to \text{Hom}(G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K, H \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K) \]

is bijective.
Proof. Let us write \( G = \lim \limits_{\longrightarrow} G_v \) and \( H = \lim \limits_{\longrightarrow} H_v \) where \( G_v = \text{Spec} (A_v) \) and \( H_v = \text{Spec} (B_v) \) are finite flat group schemes over \( \mathcal{O}_K \). Consider an arbitrary homomorphism \( \tilde{f} : G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \rightarrow H \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \). We wish to show that \( \tilde{f} \) uniquely extends to a homomorphism \( f : G \rightarrow H \).

Let \( \tilde{\alpha}_v : B_v \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \rightarrow A_v \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_K} K \) be the map of \( K \)-algebras induced by \( \tilde{f} \). As \( B_v \) is free over \( \mathcal{O}_K \), there exists at most one \( \mathcal{O}_K \)-algebra homomorphism \( \alpha_v : B_v \rightarrow A_v \) such that \( \alpha_v \otimes 1 = \tilde{\alpha}_v \). Hence we deduce that there exists at most one homomorphism \( f : G \rightarrow H \) that extends \( \tilde{f} \).

It remains to construct an extension \( f : G \rightarrow H \) of \( \tilde{f} \). Recall that \( T_p(G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K) = T_p(G) \) and \( T_p(H \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} K) = T_p(H) \) by definition. Let \( \tau : T_p(G) \rightarrow T_p(H) \) be the map on the Tate modules induced by \( \tilde{f} \). Denote by \( M \) the graph of \( \tau \) in \( T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H) \). Clearly \( M \) is a \( \mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_K] \)-submodule of \( T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H) \). Moreover, the quotient \( (T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H))/M \) is torsion-free as there is an injective \( \mathbb{Z}_p \)-linear map

\[
(T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H))/M \hookrightarrow T_p(H)
\]

defined by \((x, y) \mapsto y - \tau(x)\). Since \( \mathbb{Z}_p \) is a principal ideal domain, we find that \((T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H))/M \) is free over \( \mathbb{Z}_p \), thereby deducing that the exact sequence

\[
0 \rightarrow M \rightarrow T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H) \rightarrow (T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H))/M \rightarrow 0
\]

splits. This means that \( M \) is a \( \mathbb{Z}_p \)-direct summand of \( T_p(G) \oplus T_p(H) \cong T_p(G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} H) \). Hence Proposition 3.5.3 yields a \( p \)-divisible group \( G' \) over \( \mathcal{O}_K \) with a homomorphism \( \iota : G' \rightarrow G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} H \) which induces an isomorphism \( T_p(G') \cong M \). Let us now consider the projection maps \( \pi_1 : G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} H \rightarrow G \) and \( \pi_2 : G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} H \rightarrow H \). The map \( \pi_1 \circ \iota \) induces an isomorphism \( T_p(G') \cong T_p(G) \) by construction, and thus induces an isomorphism on the generic fibers by Proposition 2.1.14. Hence Lemma 3.5.2 implies that \( \pi_1 \circ \iota \) is an isomorphism. We then find that \( f := \pi_2 \circ \iota \circ (\pi_1 \circ \iota)^{-1} \) induces the map \( \tau \) on the Tate modules by construction, and thereby extends \( \tilde{f} \) by Proposition 2.1.14. \( \square \)

Remark. As a related fact, the special fiber functor on the category of \( p \)-divisible groups over \( \mathcal{O}_K \) is faithful. In other words, for arbitrary \( p \)-divisible groups \( G \) and \( H \) over \( \mathcal{O}_K \), the natural map

\[
\text{Hom}(G, H) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(G \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} k, H \times_{\mathcal{O}_K} k)
\]

is injective. A complete proof of this fact can be found in [CCO14, Proposition 1.4.2.3].

It is also worthwhile to mention that Theorem 3.5.4 remains true if the base ring \( \mathcal{O}_K \) is replaced by any ring \( R \) that satisfies the following properties:

(i) \( R \) is integrally closed and noetherian,

(ii) \( R \) is an integral domain whose fraction field has characteristic 0.

In fact, it is not hard to deduce the general case from Theorem 3.5.4 by algebraic Hartog’s Lemma.

Corollary 3.5.5. For arbitrary \( p \)-divisible groups \( G \) and \( H \) over \( \mathcal{O}_K \), the natural map

\[
\text{Hom}(G, H) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p[\Gamma_K]}(T_p(G), T_p(H))
\]

is bijective.

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.1.14 and Theorem 3.5.4. \( \square \)
**Remark.** Let $A$ be an abelian variety over $K$ with good reduction. This means that there exists an abelian scheme $A$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$ with $A_K \cong A$. As noted in the proof of Proposition 3.4.15 we have canonical identifications

$$H^n_{\text{ét}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p) \cong \bigwedge^n H^1_{\text{ét}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p),$$
$$H^1_{\text{ét}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p) \cong \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}(T_p(A[p^\infty]), \mathbb{Z}_p) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p.$$  

Hence Corollary 3.5.5 implies that the $\Gamma_K$-action on $H^n_{\text{ét}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ is determined by $A[p^\infty]$.

Let us now assume that $K$ is an unramified finite extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ with $p > 2$. As noted in Example 2.3.2, we can identify $\mathcal{O}_K$ with the ring of Witt vectors over $k$. Therefore we deduce from Theorem 2.3.21 that $A[p^\infty]$ is determined by the Dieudonné module $\mathbb{D}(A_k[p^\infty])$ over $k$ equipped with some filtration. This implies that the study of the $\Gamma_K$-action on $H^n_{\text{ét}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ is equivalent to the study of the Dieudonné module $\mathbb{D}(A_k[p^\infty])$ over $k$ equipped with some filtration.

Note that our discussion in the preceding paragraph recovers the toy example that we described in §1.1 of Chapter I as a special case. Furthermore, it turns out that the canonical isomorphism

$$H^1_{\text{cris}}(A_k/\mathcal{O}_K) \cong \mathbb{D}(A_k[p^\infty])$$

that we remarked after Example 2.3.17 is compatible with the filtrations on both sides. Hence we can rephrase the conclusion of the preceding paragraph as an equivalence between the study of the $\Gamma_K$-action on $H^n_{\text{ét}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ and the study of $H^1_{\text{cris}}(A_k/\mathcal{O}_K)$.

The discovery of this equivalence is what motivated the “mysterious functor” conjecture and ultimately led to the crystalline comparison theorem as stated in Conjecture 1.2.3 and Theorem 1.2.4 of Chapter I. In fact, in light of the canonical isomorphism

$$H^n_{\text{cris}}(A_k/\mathcal{O}_K) \cong \bigwedge^n H^1_{\text{cris}}(A_k/\mathcal{O}_K),$$

the equivalence that we discussed above can be realized as a special case of the crystalline comparison theorem.
CHAPTER III

Period rings and functors

1. Fontaine’s formalism on period rings

In this section, we discuss some general formalism for $p$-adic period rings and period functors, as originally developed by Fontaine in [Fon94]. Our primary reference for this section Brinon and Conrad’s notes [BC] §5.

1.1. Basic definitions and examples

Throughout this chapter, we let $K$ be a $p$-adic field with the absolute Galois group $\Gamma_K$, the inertia group $I_K$, the valuation ring $O_K$ and the residue field $k$. We also denote by $\chi$ the $p$-adic cyclotomic character of $K$ as defined in Chapter II, Example 3.1.9.

Definition 1.1.1. Let $B$ be a $\mathbb{Q}_p$-algebra with an action of $\Gamma_K$. We denote by $C$ the fraction field of $B$, endowed with a natural action of $\Gamma_K$ which extends the action on $B$. We say that $B$ is $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular if it satisfies the following conditions:

(i) We have an identity $B^{\Gamma_K} = C^{\Gamma_K}$.

(ii) An element $b \in B$ is a unit if the set

$$\mathbb{Q}_p \cdot b := \{ c \cdot b : c \in \mathbb{Q}_p \}$$

is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$.

Remark. For any field $F$ and any group $G$, we can similarly define the notion of $(F, G)$-regular rings. Then the formalism that we develop in this section readily extends to $(F, G)$-regular rings. In particular, the topologies on $\mathbb{Q}_p$ and $\Gamma_K$ do not play any role in our formalism.

Example 1.1.2. Every field extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ with an action of $\Gamma_K$ is $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular, as easily seen by Definition 1.1.1.

Definition 1.1.3. Let $B$ be a $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular ring. Let us write $E := B^{\Gamma_K}$, and denote by $\text{Vec}_E$ the category of finite dimensional vector spaces over $E$.

(1) We define the functor $D_B : \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \rightarrow \text{Vec}_E$ by

$$D_B(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{\Gamma_K} \quad \text{for every } V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K).$$

(2) We say that $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$ is $B$-admissible if

$$\dim_E D_B(V) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V,$$

and denote by $\text{Rep}^B_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$ the category of $B$-admissible $p$-adic $\Gamma_K$-representations.

Remark. Let us briefly describe a cohomological interpretation of the notion of $B$-admissibility. For any topological ring $R$ with an action of $\Gamma_K$, there is a natural bijection between the pointed set $H^1(\Gamma_K, \text{GL}_d(R))$ and the set of isomorphism classes of continuous semilinear $\Gamma_K$-representation over $R$ of rank $d$. Hence every $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$ corresponds to a class $[V] \in H^1(\Gamma_K, \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{Q}_p))$, which in turn gives rise to a class $[V]_B \in H^1(\Gamma_K, \text{GL}_d(B))$. It turns out that $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$ is $B$-admissible if and only if $[V]_B$ is trivial.
Theorem 1.1.8 \[ \text{recovers the essential part of the Tate-Sen theorem as stated in} \]
\[ \text{Remark.} \]

We now describe how Hodge-Tate representations fit into the formalism that we have developed so far.

Definition 1.1.5. \[ \text{Let } \eta : \Gamma_K \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p^\times \] \[ \text{be a character. For every } \mathbb{Q}_p[\Gamma_K]\text{-module } M, \text{ we define its } \text{twist by } \eta \text{ to be the } \mathbb{Q}_p[\Gamma_K]\text{-module} \]
\[ M(\eta) := M \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \]
\[ \text{where } \mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \text{ denotes the } \Gamma_K\text{-representation on } \mathbb{Q}_p \text{ given by } \eta. \]

Example 1.1.6. \[ \text{Given a } \mathbb{Q}_p[\Gamma_K]\text{-module } M, \text{ we have an identification } M(n) \cong M(\chi^n) \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ by Lemma 3.1.11 in Chapter II.} \]

Lemma 1.1.7. \[ \text{The group } \chi(I_K) \text{ is infinite.} \]

Proof. By definition \( \chi \) encodes the action of \( \Gamma_K \) on \( \mu_{p^n}(\overline{K}) \). In particular, we have \( \ker(\chi) = \text{Gal}(K(\mu_{p^n}(\overline{K}))/K) \). Hence it suffices to show that \( K(\mu_{p^n}(\overline{K})) \) is infinitely ramified over \( K \).

Let \( e_n \) be the ramification degree of \( K(\mu_{p^n}(\overline{K})) \) over \( K \), and let \( e \) be the ramification degree of \( K \) over \( \mathbb{Q}_p \). Then \( e_n \cdot e \) is greater than or equal to the ramification degree of \( \mathbb{Q}_p(\mu_{p^n}(\overline{K})) \) over \( \mathbb{Q}_p \), which is equal to \( p^{n-1}(p-1) \). We thus find that \( e_n \) grows arbitrarily large as \( n \) goes to \( \infty \), thereby deducing the desired assertion. \( \Box \)

Theorem 1.1.8 (Tate). \[ \text{Let } \eta : \Gamma_K \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\times \text{ be a continuous character. Then for } i = 0, 1 \] \[ \text{we have canonical isomorphisms} \]
\[ H^i(\Gamma_K, \mathbb{C}_K(\eta)) \cong \begin{cases} K & \text{if } \eta(I_K) \text{ is finite,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \]

Remark. \[ \text{Theorem 1.1.8 recovers the essential part of the Tate-Sen theorem as stated in} \]
\[ \text{Chapter II.} \] \[ \text{Theorem 3.1.12} \] \[ \text{indeed, if we take } \eta = \chi^n \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ then Theorem 1.1.8} \]
\[ \text{yields canonical isomorphisms} \]
\[ H^0(\Gamma_K, \mathbb{C}_K(n)) \cong H^1(\Gamma_K, \mathbb{C}_K(n)) \cong \begin{cases} K & \text{for } n = 0, \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq 0, \end{cases} \]
\[ \text{by Example 1.1.6 and Lemma 1.1.7. Moreover, for } i = 0 \text{ Theorem 1.1.8} \]
\[ \text{says that } \mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \text{ is} \]
\[ \mathbb{C}_K\text{-admissible if and only if it is potentially unramified, as we have already mentioned in} \]
\[ \text{Example 1.1.4.} \]

Definition 1.1.9. \[ \text{We define the } \text{Hodge-Tate period ring by} \]
\[ B_{HT} := \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{C}_K(n). \]
Proposition 1.1.10. The Hodge-Tate period ring $B_{HT}$ is $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular.

Proof. Let us first check the condition in Definition 1.1.1. Let $C_{HT}$ denote the fraction field of $B_{HT}$. Since we have $B_{HT}^{\Gamma_K} = K$ by Theorem 3.1.12 in Chapter II, we need to show $C_{HT}^{\Gamma_K} = K$.

By Lemma 3.1.11 in Chapter II we have a $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism

$$B_{HT} \simeq C_K[t, t^{-1}]$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.1)

where the action of $\Gamma_K$ on $C_K[t, t^{-1}]$ is defined by

$$\gamma \left( \sum c_n t^n \right) = \sum \gamma(c_n) \chi(\gamma)^n t^n \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma_K.$$  \hspace{1cm} (1.2)

Let us similarly define the action of $\Gamma_K$ on $C_K(t)$ and the field of formal Laurent series over $C_K$. Then the isomorphism (1.1) induces a $\Gamma_K$-equivariant injective homomorphism

$$C_{HT} \simeq C_K(t) \hookrightarrow C_K((t)).$$

Hence it suffices to show $C_K((t))^{\Gamma_K} = K$.

Consider an arbitrary formal Laurent series $p(t) = \sum c_n t^n$ over $C_K$. Then by (1.2) we have $p(t) \in C_K((t))^{\Gamma_K}$ if and only if $c_n = \gamma(c_n) \chi(\gamma)^n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and every $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$, or equivalently $c_n \in C_K(n)^{\Gamma_K}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ by Lemma 3.1.11 in Chapter II. We thus obtain the desired assertion by Theorem 3.1.12 in Chapter II.

It remains to check the condition in Definition 1.1.1. Let $q(t) = \sum d_n t^n$ be an arbitrary nonzero element in $C_K[t, t^{-1}]$ such that $\mathbb{Q}_p \cdot q(t)$ is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$. We wish to show that $q(t)$ is a unit in $C_K[t, t^{-1}]$. Since $q(t) \neq 0$, we have $d_n \neq 0$ for some $m$. It suffices to show that $d_n = 0$ if $n \neq m$.

Let $\eta : \Gamma_K \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ be the character that encodes the action of $\Gamma_K$ on $\mathbb{Q}_p \cdot q(t)$. Then $\eta$ is continuous since the action of $\Gamma_K$ on each $C_K(n)$ is continuous. In particular, we may consider $\eta$ as a character with values in $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$. Now for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and every $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$ we have $\eta(\gamma) \cdot d_n = \eta(d_n) \chi(\gamma)^n$, or equivalently $d_n = (\eta^{-1} \chi^n)(\gamma) \gamma(d_n)$. This means $d_n \in C_K(\eta^{-1} \chi^n)^{\Gamma_K}$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, which implies by Theorem 1.1.8 that $(\eta^{-1} \chi^n)(I_K)$ is finite for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $d_n \neq 0$.

Suppose for contradiction that we have $d_n \neq 0$ for some $n \neq m$. Our discussion in the preceding paragraph shows that both $\eta^{-1} \chi^n$ and $\eta^{-1} \chi^m$ have finite images on $I_K$. Hence $\chi^{n-m} = (\eta^{-1} \chi^n) \cdot (\eta^{-1} \chi^m)^{-1}$ also has a finite image, thereby yielding a desired contradiction by Lemma 1.1.7 \hspace{1cm} $\square$

Proposition 1.1.11. A $p$-adic representation $V$ of $\Gamma_K$ is Hodge-Tate if and only if it is $B_{HT}$-admissible.

Proof. By definition we have

$$D_{B_{HT}}(V) = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{HT})^{\Gamma_K} = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C_K(n))^{\Gamma_K}.$$ \hspace{1cm} (1.3)

Define $\tilde{\alpha}_V$ as in Chapter II Lemma 3.1.13. Since $\tilde{\alpha}_V$ is injective, it is an isomorphism if and only if the source and the target have the same dimension over $C_K$, which amounts to the identity $\dim_K D_{B_{HT}}(V) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$. The desired assertion now follows from definition of Hodge-Tate representations and $B_{HT}$-admissibility. \hspace{1cm} $\square$
Example 1.1.12. Let $V$ be a $p$-adic representation of $\Gamma_K$ which fits into an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p(l) \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p(m) \longrightarrow 0$$

where $l$ and $m$ are distinct integers. We assert that $V$ is Hodge-Tate. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we obtain an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_K(l + n) \longrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(n) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_K(m + n) \longrightarrow 0$$

as $\mathbb{C}_K(n)$ is flat over $\mathbb{Q}_p$, and consequently get a long exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_K(l + n)^{\Gamma_K} \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(n))^{\Gamma_K} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_K(m + n)^{\Gamma_K} \longrightarrow H^1(\Gamma_K, \mathbb{C}_K(l + n)).$$

Then by Theorem 3.1.12 in Chapter II we find

$$(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(n))^{\Gamma_K} \cong \begin{cases} K & \text{for } n = -l, -m, \\ 0 & \text{for } n \neq -l, -m. \end{cases}$$

Hence by (1.3) we have

$$\dim_K D_{\text{BuT}}(V) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \dim_K (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(n))^{\Gamma_K} = 2 = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V,$$

thereby deducing the desired assertion.

Remark. On the other hand, a self extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ may not be Hodge-Tate. For example, the two-dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{Q}_p$ where each $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$ acts as the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \log_p(\chi(\gamma)) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is not Hodge-Tate. The proof of this statement requires some knowledge about the Sen theory.

Proposition 1.1.13. Let $\eta : \Gamma_K \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ be a continuous character. Then $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$ is Hodge-Tate if and only if there exists some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(n))^{\Gamma_K} \neq 0$, which amounts to the condition $\mathbb{C}_K(\eta \chi^n)^{\Gamma_K} \neq 0$ by Example 1.1.6. We thus obtain the desired assertion by Theorem 1.1.8. $\square$

Definition 1.1.14. Let $V$ be a Hodge-Tate representation. We say that an integer $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a Hodge-Tate weight of $V$ with multiplicity $m$ if we have

$$\dim_K (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{C}_K(n))^{\Gamma_K} = m > 0.$$ 

Example 1.1.15. We record the Hodge-Tate weights for some Hodge-Tate representations.

1. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the Tate twist $\mathbb{Q}_p(n)$ of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is a Hodge-Tate representation with the Hodge-Tate weight $-n$.
2. For every $p$-divisible group $G$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$, the rational Tate module $V_p(G)$ is a Hodge-Tate representation with the Hodge-Tate weights $0$ and $-1$ by the proof of Corollary 3.4.14 in Chapter II.
3. For an abelian variety $A$ over $K$ with good reduction, the étale cohomology $H^i_{\text{ét}}(A_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ is a Hodge-Tate representation with the Hodge-Tate weights $0, 1, \cdots, n$ by the proof of Corollary 3.4.16 in Chapter II.

Remark. The readers should be aware that many authors use the opposite sign convention for Hodge-Tate weights. We will explain the reason for our choice in §2.4.
1.2. Formal properties of admissible representations

Throughout this subsection, we fix a \((\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)\)-regular ring \(B\) and write \(E := B^{\Gamma_K}\).

**Theorem 1.2.1.** For every \(V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)\) we have the following statements:

1. The natural map
   \[ \alpha_V : D_B(V) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \]
   is \(B\)-linear, \(\Gamma_K\)-equivariant, and injective.

2. We have an inequality
   \[ \dim_E D_B(V) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.4)
   with equality if and only if \(\alpha_V\) is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** Let us first consider the statement (1). The natural map \(\alpha_V\) is given by
   \[ \alpha_V : D_B(V) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \otimes_E B \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B \otimes_E B) \longrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B, \]
   which is \(B\)-linear and \(\Gamma_K\)-equivariant by inspection. We need to show that \(\alpha_V\) is injective.

   By Example 1.1.2 the fraction field \(C\) of \(B\) is \((\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)\)-regular. We thus have a natural map
   \[ \beta_V : D_C(V) \otimes_E C \longrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C \]
   which fits into a commutative diagram
   \[ D_B(V) \otimes_E B \xrightarrow{\alpha_V} V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \]
   \[ \downarrow \hspace{1cm} \downarrow \]
   \[ D_C(V) \otimes_E C \xrightarrow{\beta_V} V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C \]
   where both vertical maps are injective. Therefore it suffices to prove the injectivity of \(\beta_V\).

   Let \((x_i)\) be a basis of \(D_C(V) = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C)^{\Gamma_K}\) over \(C\). We regard each \(x_i\) as an element in \(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C\). Note that \((x_i)\) spans \(D_C(V) \otimes_E C\) over \(C\).

   Assume for contradiction that the kernel of \(\beta_V\) is not trivial. Then we have a nontrivial relation of the form \(\sum b_i x_i = 0\) with \(b_i \in C\). Let us choose such a relation with minimal length. We may assume \(b_r = 1\) for some \(r\). For every \(\gamma \in \Gamma_K\) we find
   \[ 0 = \gamma \left( \sum b_i x_i \right) - \sum b_i x_i = \sum (\gamma(b_i) - b_i) x_i. \]
   Since the coefficient of \(x_r\) vanishes, the minimality of our relation yields \(b_i = \gamma(b_i)\) for each \(b_i\), or equivalently \(b_i \in C^{\Gamma_K} = E\). Hence our relation gives a nontrivial relation for \((x_i)\) over \(E\), thereby yielding a desired contradiction.

   We now proceed to the statement (2). Since the extension of scalars from \(B\) to \(C\) preserves injectivity, \(\alpha_V\) induces an injective map
   \[ D_B(V) \otimes_E C \hookrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C. \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.5)
   The desired inequality (1.4) now follows by observing
   \[ \dim_C D_B(V) \otimes_E C = \dim_E D_B(V) \quad \text{and} \quad \dim_C V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} C = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V. \]  \hspace{1cm} (1.6)
   Hence it remains to consider the equality condition.

   If \(\alpha_V\) is an isomorphism, the map (1.5) also becomes an isomorphism, thereby yielding equality in (1.4) by (1.6). Let us now assume that equality in (1.4) holds, and write
   \[ d := \dim_E D_B(V) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V. \]
By (1.6) we find that the map (1.5) is an isomorphism for being an injective map between two vector spaces of the same dimension. Let us choose a basis $(e_i)$ of $D_B(V) = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{\Gamma_K}$ over $E$ and a basis $(v_i)$ of $V$ over $\mathbb{Q}_p$. Then we can represent $\alpha_V$ by a $d \times d$ matrix $M_V$. We have $\det(M_V) \neq 0$ as $\alpha_V$ induces an isomorphism (1.5). We wish to show $\det(M_V) \in B^\times$. Let us consider the identity

$$\alpha_V(e_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge e_d) = \det(M_V)(v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_d).$$

By construction, $\Gamma_K$ acts trivially on $e_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge e_d$ and by some $\mathbb{Q}_p$-valued character $\eta$ on $v_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_d$. Since $\alpha_V$ is $\Gamma_K$-equivariant, we deduce that $\Gamma_K$ acts on $\det(M_V)$ by $\eta^{-1}$. Hence we obtain $\det(M_V) \in B^\times$ as $B$ is $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular, thereby completing the proof. 

**Proposition 1.2.2.** The functor $D_B$ is exact and faithful on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$.

**Proof.** Let $V$ and $W$ be $B$-admissible representations. Suppose that $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{Q}_p[\Gamma_K]}(V, W)$ induces a zero map $D_B(V) \longrightarrow D_B(W)$. Then $f$ induces a zero map $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \longrightarrow W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B$ by Theorem 1.2.1, which means that $f$ must be a zero map. We thus find that the functor $D_B$ is faithful on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$.

It remains to verify that $D_B$ is exact on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$. Let us consider an arbitrary short exact sequence of $B$-admissible representations

$$0 \longrightarrow U \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow 0.$$ 

Recall that every algebra over a field is faithfully flat; in particular, $B$ is faithfully flat over both $\mathbb{Q}_p$ and $E$. Therefore we find that the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow U \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \longrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \longrightarrow W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \longrightarrow 0$$

is exact, which implies that the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow D_B(U) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow D_B(V) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow D_B(W) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow 0$$

is also exact by Theorem 1.2.1. The desired assertion now follows by the fact that $B$ is faithfully flat over $E$. 

**Proposition 1.2.3.** The category $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$ is closed under taking subquotients.

**Proof.** Consider a short exact sequence of $p$-adic representations

$$0 \longrightarrow U \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow 0 \quad (1.7)$$

with $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$. We wish to show that both $U$ and $W$ are $B$-admissible. Since the functor $D_B$ is left exact by construction, we have a left exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow D_B(U) \longrightarrow D_B(V) \longrightarrow D_B(W). \quad (1.8)$$

In addition, by Theorem 1.2.1 we have inequalities

$$\dim_E D_B(U) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} U \quad \text{and} \quad \dim_E D_B(W) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W. \quad (1.9)$$

Then the exact sequences (1.7) and (1.8) together yield inequalities

$$\dim_E D_B(V) \leq \dim_E D_B(U) + \dim_E D_B(W) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} U + \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V,$$

which are in fact equalities as $V$ is $B$-admissible. We thus have equalities in (1.9), thereby deducing the desired assertion. 

**Remark.** However, in general the category $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$ is not closed under taking extensions, as noted after Example 1.1.12.
Proposition 1.2.4. Given $V, W \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$, we have $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$ with a natural isomorphism

$$D_B(V) \otimes_E D_B(W) \cong D_B(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W).$$

Proof. By Theorem 1.2.1 we have natural isomorphisms

$$\alpha_V : D_B(V) \otimes E B \sim V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_W : D_B(W) \otimes E B \sim W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B.$$  

Let us consider the natural map

$$D_B(V) \otimes_E D_B(W) \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \otimes_E (W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B. \quad (1.10)$$

The image of the first arrow is a $\Gamma_K$-invariant space $(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{\Gamma_K} \otimes (W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{\Gamma_K}$, while the second arrow is evidently $\Gamma_K$-equivariant. Hence we obtain a natural $E$-linear map

$$D_B(V) \otimes_E D_B(W) \longrightarrow ((V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \otimes_E (W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B. \quad (1.11)$$

Moreover, this map is injective since the map (1.10) extends to a $B$-linear map

$$(D_B(V) \otimes_E D_B(W)) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow ((V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \otimes_E (W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)) \otimes_E B \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B$$

which coincides with the isomorphism $\alpha_V \otimes \alpha_W$ under the identifications

$$(D_B(V) \otimes_E D_B(W)) \otimes_E B \cong (D_B(V)) \otimes_B (D_B(W) \otimes_E B),$$

$$((V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \otimes_E (W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)) \otimes_E B \cong (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \otimes_B (W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \otimes_E B),$$

$$(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B \cong (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B) \otimes_B (W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B).$$

Therefore the map (1.11) yields an inequality

$$\dim_E D_B(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W) \geq (\dim_E D(V)) \cdot (\dim_E D_B(W)) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W$$

where the equality follows from the $B$-admissibility of $V$ and $W$. We then find that this inequality is indeed an equality by Theorem 1.2.1, thereby deducing that $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} W$ is a $B$-admissible representation with the natural isomorphism (1.11). \qed

Proposition 1.2.5. For every $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$, we have $\wedge^n V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$ and $\text{Sym}^n V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$ with natural isomorphisms

$$\wedge^n(D_B(V)) \cong D_B(\wedge^n(V)) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Sym}^n(D_B(V)) \cong D_B(\text{Sym}^n(V)).$$

Proof. Let us only consider exterior powers here, as the same argument works with symmetric powers. By Proposition 1.2.4 we have $V^{\otimes n} \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$ with a natural isomorphism $D_B(V^{\otimes n}) \cong D_B(V)^{\otimes n}$. Hence by Proposition 1.2.3 we have $\wedge^n V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$ with a natural $E$-linear map

$$D_B(V)^{\otimes n} \simarrow D_B(V^{\otimes n}) \longrightarrow D_B(\wedge^n V)$$

where the surjectivity of the second arrow follows from the exactness of $D_B$ as noted in Proposition 1.2.2. It is then straightforward to check that this map factors through the natural surjection $D_B(V)^{\otimes n} \rightarrow \wedge^n D_B(V)$. We thus obtain a natural surjective $E$-linear map

$$\wedge^n D_B(V) \longrightarrow D_B(\wedge^n V),$$

which turns out to be an isomorphism since we have

$$\dim_E \wedge^n D_B(V) = \dim_E D_B(\wedge^n V)$$

by the $B$-admissibility of $V$ and $\wedge^n V$. \qed
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Proposition 1.2.6. For every $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$, the dual representation $V^\vee$ lies in $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^B(\Gamma_K)$. Moreover, the natural map

$$D_B(V) \otimes_E D_B(V^\vee) \cong D_B(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V^\vee) \to D_B(\mathbb{Q}_p) \cong E$$

(1.12)

is a perfect pairing.

Proof. Let us first consider the case where $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V = 1$. We fix a basis vector $v$ for $V$ over $\mathbb{Q}_p$, and denote by $v^\vee$ the corresponding basis vector for $V^\vee$ over $\mathbb{Q}_p$. Then we have a character $\eta : \Gamma_K \to \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ that satisfies

$$\gamma(v) = \eta(\gamma)v \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma_K. \quad (1.13)$$

Since $D_B(V) = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{\Gamma_K}$ is 1-dimensional over $E$ by the $B$-admissibility of $V$, it admits a $\Gamma_K$-invariant basis vector $v \otimes b$ for some $b \in B$. Hence by (1.13) we find

$$v \otimes b = \gamma(v \otimes b) = \gamma(v) \otimes b = \eta(\gamma)v \otimes b = v \otimes \eta(\gamma)\gamma(b) \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma_K,$$

or equivalently

$$b = \eta(\gamma)\gamma(b) \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma_K. \quad (1.14)$$

Moreover, we have $b \in B^\times$ as Theorem 1.2.1 yields a natural isomorphism

$$D_B(V) \otimes_E B \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B$$

which sends $v \otimes b$ to a basis vector for $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B$ over $B$. We then find by (1.14) that $D_B(V^\vee) = (V^\vee \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B)^{\Gamma_K}$ contains a nonzero vector $v^\vee \otimes b^{-1}$. Hence the inequality

$$\dim_E D_B(V^\vee) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V^\vee = 1$$

given by Theorem 1.2.1 must be an equality, which implies that $V^\vee$ is $B$-admissible. We also find that $v^\vee \otimes b^{-1}$ is a basis vector for $D_B(V^\vee)$ over $E$, and consequently verify that the map (1.12) is a perfect pairing.

We now prove the $B$-admissibility of $V^\vee$ in the general case. Let us write $d := \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$. We have a natural $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism

$$\Phi : \det(V^\vee) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V^\vee \to V^\vee$$

such that

$$\Phi : ((f_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f_d) \otimes (v_2 \wedge \cdots \wedge v_d)) \mapsto \det(f_i(v_j))$$

for all $f_i \in V^\vee$ and $v_j \in V$. Proposition 1.2.5 implies that both $\det(V) = \wedge^d V$ and $\wedge^{d-1} V$ are $B$-admissible. Then our discussion in the preceding paragraph shows that $\det(V^\vee) \cong \det(V)^\vee$ is also $B$-admissible since $\dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \det(V) = 1$. Therefore we find that $V^\vee$ is $B$-admissible by Proposition 1.2.4.

It remains to show that the map (1.12) is a perfect pairing in the general case. Since both $V$ and $V^\vee$ are $B$-admissible, we have

$$d = \dim_E D_B(V) = \dim_E D_B(V^\vee).$$

Upon choosing bases for $D_B(V)$ and $D_B(V^\vee)$ over $E$, we can represent the map (1.12) as a $d \times d$ matrix $M$. Then the map (1.12) is perfect if and only if $\det(M)$ is not zero, or equivalently the induced pairing

$$\det(D_B(V)) \otimes_E \det(D_B(V^\vee)) \to E$$

is perfect. We thus deduce the desired assertion from the first paragraph using the identifications

$$\det(D_B(V)) \cong D_B(\det(V)) \quad \text{and} \quad \det(D_B(V^\vee)) \cong D_B(\det(V^\vee))$$

given by Proposition 1.2.5. \qed
2. de Rham representations

The main goal of this section is to define and study the de Rham period ring and de Rham representations. We will use some basic theory of perfectoid fields to provide a modern perspective of Fontaine’s original work. Our discussion will introduce many ideas that we will further investigate in Chapter IV. The primary references for this section are Brinon and Conrad’s notes \([\text{BC}]\) §4 and §6 and Scholze’s paper \([\text{Sch12}]\).

2.1. Perfectoid fields and tilting

Definition 2.1.1. Let \(C\) be a complete nonarchimedean field of residue characteristic \(p\). Denote by \(O_C\) the valuation ring of \(C\). We say that \(C\) is a perfectoid field if it satisfies the following conditions:

(i) The valuation on \(C\) is nondiscrete.

(ii) The \(p\)-th power map on \(O_C/pO_C\) is surjective.

Lemma 2.1.2. Let \(C\) be a complete nonarchimedean field of residue characteristic \(p\). Assume that the \(p\)-th power map is surjective on \(C\). Then \(C\) is a perfectoid field.

Proof. Let us write \(\nu\) for the valuation on \(C\), and \(O_C\) for the valuation ring of \(C\). We assert that \(\nu\) is nondiscrete. Suppose for contradiction that \(\nu\) is discrete. Take an element \(x \in C\) with a minimum positive valuation. Since the \(p\)-th power map is surjective on \(C\), we have \(x = y^p\) for some \(y \in C\). Then we find

\[ 0 < \nu(y) = \nu(x)/p < \nu(x), \]

thereby obtaining a desired contradiction.

It remains to verify that the \(p\)-th power map on \(O_C/pO_C\) is surjective. It suffices to show that the \(p\)-th power map on \(O_C\) is surjective. Take an arbitrary element \(z \in O_C\). We may write \(z = w^p\) for some \(w \in C\) as the \(p\)-th power map is surjective on \(C\) by the assumption. Then we find \(w \in O_C\) by observing

\[ \nu(w) = \nu(z)/p > 0. \]

Hence we obtain the desired surjectivity of the \(p\)-th power map on \(O_C\).

Proposition 2.1.3. The field \(\mathbb{C}_K\) is a perfectoid field.

Proof. The field \(\mathbb{C}_K\) is algebraically closed by Proposition 3.1.5 in Chapter II. Hence the assertion follows by Lemma \([\text{2.1.2}]\).

Proposition 2.1.4. A nonarchimedean field of characteristic \(p\) is perfectoid if and only if it is complete and perfect.

Proof. By definition, every perfectoid field of characteristic \(p\) is complete and perfect. Conversely, every complete nonarchimedean perfect field of characteristic \(p\) is perfectoid by Lemma \([\text{2.1.2}]\).

For the rest of this subsection, we let \(C\) be a perfectoid field. We also write \(\nu\) for the valuation on \(C\), and \(O_C\) for the valuation ring of \(C\).

Definition 2.1.5. We define the tilt of \(C\) by

\[ C^p := \lim_{x \to x^p} C \]

endowed with the natural multiplication.
Remark. If $C$ is of characteristic $p$, we have a natural identification $C^\flat \cong C$ by Lemma 2.1.4.

A priori, the tilt of $C$ is just a multiplicative monoid. We aim to show that it has a natural structure of a perfectoid field of characteristic $p$.

**Lemma 2.1.6.** Fix an element $\varpi \in C^\times$ with $0 < \nu(\varpi) \leq \nu(p)$. Then for arbitrary elements $x, y \in \mathcal{O}_C$ with $x - y \in \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$ we have

$$x^p - y^p \in \varpi^{n+1} \mathcal{O}_C \quad \text{for each } n = 0, 1, 2, \ldots.$$ 

**Proof.** The inequality $\nu(\varpi) \leq \nu(p)$ implies that $p$ is divisible by $\varpi$ in $\mathcal{O}_C$. We also have

$$x^p - y^p = \left( y^{p^{n-1}} + (x^{p^{n-1}} - y^{p^{n-1}}) \right)^p - y^p \quad \text{for each } n = 1, 2, \ldots.$$ 

Since we have $x - y \in \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$, the desired assertion follows by induction. \qed

**Proposition 2.1.7.** For every element $\varpi \in C^\times$ with $0 < \nu(\varpi) \leq \nu(p)$, the natural projection $\mathcal{O}_C \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$ induces a multiplicative bijection

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C \simeq \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C.$$ 

**Proof.** We wish to construct an inverse

$$\ell : \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C \longrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C.$$ 

Take an arbitrary element $\bar{c} = (\bar{c}_n) \in \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$. For each $n$, we choose a lift $c_n \in \mathcal{O}_C$ of $\bar{c}_n$. By construction we have

$$c_{n+m+l}^p - c_{n+m} \in \varpi \mathcal{O}_C \quad \text{for all } l, m, n \geq 0,$$

and consequently find

$$c_{n+m+l}^p - c_{n+m}^p \in \varpi^{m+1} \mathcal{O}_C \quad \text{for all } n, m \geq 0$$

by Lemma 2.1.6. Hence for each $n \geq 0$ the sequence $(c_{n+m}^p)_{m \geq 0}$ converges in $\mathcal{O}_C$ for being Cauchy. In addition, the limit does not depend on the choice of the $c_n$'s by Lemma 2.1.6. Let us now write

$$\ell_n(\bar{c}) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_{n+m}^p \quad \text{for each } n \geq 0.$$ 

We then obtain the desired inverse by setting

$$\ell(\bar{c}) := (\ell_n(\bar{c})) \in \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C,$$

thereby completing the proof. \qed

**Proposition 2.1.8.** The tilt $C^\flat$ of $C$ has a natural structure of a perfectoid field of characteristic $p$ with the valuation ring

$$\mathcal{O}_{C^\flat} := \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C.$$ 

**Proof.** Fix an element $\varpi \in C^\times$ with $0 < \nu(\varpi) \leq \nu(p)$. The ring $\mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$ is of characteristic $p$ since $\varpi$ divides $p$ in $\mathcal{O}_C$ by construction. Hence the ring structure on $\mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$ induces a natural ring structure on $\lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$, which in turn yields a ring structure on $\mathcal{O}_{C^\flat}$ via the bijection

$$\mathcal{O}_{C^\flat} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C \simeq \lim_{x \rightarrow x^p} \mathcal{O}_C / \varpi \mathcal{O}_C$$

(2.1)
as given by Proposition \ref{prop:2.1.7}. Moreover, this ring structure on \( \mathcal{O}_{C^0} \) does not depend on the choice of \( \varpi \); indeed, by the proof of Proposition \ref{prop:2.1.7} we find that the sum of two arbitrary elements \( a = (a_n) \) and \( b = (b_n) \) in \( \mathcal{O}_{C^0} \) is given by
\[
(a + b)_n = \lim_{m \to \infty} (a_{m+n} + b_{m+n}) p^m.
\]

We then identify \( C^0 \) as the fraction field of \( \mathcal{O}_{C^0} \). It is clear by construction that \( C^0 \) is perfect of characteristic \( p \).

We assert that \( C^0 \) admits a valuation \( \nu^\flat \) given by
\[
\nu^\flat(c) := \nu(c_0) \quad \text{for every } c = (c_n)_{n \geq 0} \in C^0.
\]

We immediately verify the multiplicativity of \( \nu^\flat \) by construction. Let us now take arbitrary elements \( a = (a_n) \) and \( b = (b_n) \) in \( C^0 \). We wish to establish an inequality
\[
\nu^\flat(a + b) \geq \min(\nu^\flat(a), \nu^\flat(b)).
\]

We may assume \( \nu^\flat(a) \geq \nu^\flat(b) \), or equivalently \( \nu(a_0) \geq \nu(b_0) \). Then for each \( n \geq 0 \) we have
\[
\nu(a_n) = \frac{1}{p^n} \nu(a_0) \geq \frac{1}{p^n} \nu(b_0) = \nu(b_n),
\]
which means \( a_n/b_n \in \mathcal{O}_C \). Therefore we may write \( a = br \) for some \( r \in \mathcal{O}_C \), and find
\[
\nu^\flat(a + b) = \nu^\flat((r + 1)b) = \nu^\flat(r + 1) \nu^\flat(b) \geq \nu^\flat(b) = \min(\nu^\flat(a), \nu^\flat(b))
\]
where the inequality follows by observing \( r + 1 \in \mathcal{O}_{C^0} \).

Let us now take an arbitrary element \( c = (c_n) \in C^0 \). We have an inequality
\[
\nu(c_n) = \frac{1}{p^n} \nu(c_0) = \frac{1}{p^n} \nu^\flat(c) \quad \text{for each } n \geq 0. \tag{2.2}
\]
Hence we deduce that \( \mathcal{O}_{C^0} \) is the valuation ring. Moreover, given any \( N > 0 \) the inequality \((2.2)\) implies that we have \( \nu(c_n) \geq \nu(\varpi) \) for all \( n \leq N \) if and only if \( \nu^\flat(c) \geq p^N \nu(\varpi) \).

Therefore the bijection \( (2.1) \) becomes a homeomorphism if we endow \( \mathcal{O}_{C^0} \) and \( \varprojlim_{x \to \varpi^p} \mathcal{O}_C/\varpi \mathcal{O}_C \) respectively with the \( \nu^\flat \)-adic topology and the inverse limit topology. As the latter topology is complete, it follows that \( C^0 \) is complete. We thus conclude the proof by Proposition \ref{prop:2.1.4}.

\begin{remark}
Our proof of Proposition \ref{prop:2.1.8} differs from Scholze’s original proof in several details. First, Scholze shows that the bijection in Proposition \ref{prop:2.1.7} is a homeomorphism when both sides are given the inverse limit topology. Second, Scholze constructs the “sharp map” by composing (the inverse of) the bijection in Proposition \ref{prop:2.1.7} and the projection map onto the first component, and shows that there exists \( \varpi^\flat \in \varprojlim_{x \to \varpi^p} \mathcal{O}_C/\varpi \mathcal{O}_C \) whose image \( (\varpi^\flat)^\sharp \) under the sharp map satisfies \( \nu \left( (\varpi^\flat)^\sharp \right) = \nu(\varpi) \). Third, Scholze defines the tilt of \( C \) by
\[
C^0 := \varprojlim_{x \to \varpi^p} \mathcal{O}_C/\varpi \mathcal{O}_C[1/\varpi^\flat]
\]
and obtain a homeomorphism
\[
C^0 \simeq \varprojlim_{x \to \varpi^p} C.
\]

The main difference is the second point; indeed, all other differences essentially come from this difference. However, the existence of \( \varpi^\flat \) does not play any essential role in the proof of Proposition \ref{prop:2.1.8}. Instead, it plays a significant role in proving the “tilting equivalence” that we briefly introduced in Chapter \[ IV \] Theorem \ref{thm:2.2.3}.
2.2. The de Rham period ring \( B_{\text{dR}} \)

For the rest of this chapter, we write \( F := \mathbb{C}_K \) for the tilt of \( \mathbb{C}_K \), and \( \mathcal{O}_F \) for the valuation ring of \( F \). In addition, for every element \( c = (c_n)_{n \geq 0} \) in \( F \) we write \( c^\sharp := c_0 \). We also fix a valuation \( \nu \) on \( \mathbb{C}_K \) with \( \nu(p) = 1 \), and let \( \nu^\flat \) denote the valuation on \( F \) given by \( \nu^\flat(c) = \nu(c^\sharp) \) for every \( c \in F \).

**Definition 2.2.1.** We define the *infinitesimal period ring*, denoted by \( A_{\text{inf}} \), to be the ring of Witt vectors over \( \mathcal{O}_F \). For every \( c \in \mathcal{O}_F \) we denote by \([c]\) its Teichmüller lift in \( A_{\text{inf}} \).

**Remark.** The terminology is potentially misleading, as the ring \( A_{\text{inf}} \) is not \((\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)\)-regular.

We recall without proof that the ring of Witt vectors over a perfect \( \mathbb{F}_p \)-algebra satisfies the following universal property:

**Lemma 2.2.2.** Let \( A \) be a perfect \( \mathbb{F}_p \)-algebra, and let \( R \) be a \( p \)-adically complete ring. Denote by \( W(A) \) the ring of Witt vectors over \( A \). In addition, for every \( a \in A \) we write \([a]\) for its Teichmüller lift in \( W(A) \). Let \( \pi : A \to R/pR \) be a ring homomorphism. Then \( \pi \) uniquely lifts to a multiplicative map \( \hat{\pi} : A \to R \) and a ring homomorphism \( \pi : W(A) \to R \). In addition, we have

\[
\pi \left( \sum [a_n]p^n \right) = \sum \hat{\pi}(a_n)p^n
\]

for every \( a_n \in A \).

**Remark.** There is another universal property for \( W(A) \) as stated in [BC, Proposition 4.2.3]. However, as pointed out in loc. cit., this universal property is not useful for our purpose. In fact, our first goal is to construct a ring homomorphism \( \theta : W(\mathcal{O}_F) \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) where \( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) is not a \( p \)-ring despite being \( p \)-adically complete.

**Lemma 2.2.3.** For every \( x \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) there exists an element \( y \in \mathcal{O}_F \) with \( x - y^\sharp \in p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \).

**Proof.** Let \( \overline{x} \) denote the image of \( x \) in \( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}/p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \). Since the \( p \)-th power map on \( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}/p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) is surjective, there exists an element \( y' = (y_n) \in \varprojlim_{x^\sharp \to x^p} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}/p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) with \( y'_0 = \overline{x} \).

The assertion now follows by taking \( y \in \mathcal{O}_F \) as the image of \( y' \) under the bijection

\[
\mathcal{O}_F \simeq \varprojlim_{x^\sharp \to x^p} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}/p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}
\]

as given by Proposition 2.1.7. \( \Box \)

**Proposition 2.2.4.** There exists a surjective ring homomorphism \( \theta : A_{\text{inf}} \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) such that

\[
\theta \left( \sum [c_n]p^n \right) = \sum c_n^\sharp p^n \tag{2.3}
\]

for every \( c_n \in \mathcal{O}_F \).

**Proof.** Let us define a map \( \overline{\theta} : \mathcal{O}_F \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}/p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) by

\[
\overline{\theta}(c) = c^\sharp \quad \text{for every } c \in \mathcal{O}_F
\]

where \( c^\sharp \) denotes the image of \( c^\flat \) in \( \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}/p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \). It is straightforward to check that \( \overline{\theta} \) is a ring homomorphism. Moreover, by construction \( \overline{\theta} \) lifts to a map \( \hat{\theta} : \mathcal{O}_F \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) defined by

\[
\hat{\theta}(c) = c^\flat \quad \text{for every } c \in \mathcal{O}_F.
\]

Since \( \hat{\theta} \) is clearly multiplicative, Lemma 2.2.2 yields a ring homomorphism \( \theta : A_{\text{inf}} \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \) satisfying (2.3).
It remains to establish the surjectivity of \( \theta \). Let \( x \) be an arbitrary element in \( \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K} \). Since \( \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K} \) is \( p \)-adically complete, it is enough to find elements \( c_0, c_1, \cdots \in \mathcal{O}_F \) with

\[
x - \sum_{n=0}^{m} c_n p^n \in p^{m+1} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K} \quad \text{for each } m = 0, 1, \cdots.
\]

In fact, by Lemma 2.2.3 we can inductively define each \( c_m \) to be any element in \( \mathcal{O}_F \) with

\[
\frac{1}{p^m} \left( x - \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} c_n p^n \right) - c_m \in p \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K},
\]

thereby completing the proof.

\[ \square \]

**Remark.** As explained in [BC] Lemma 4.4.1, it is possible to construct the homomorphism \( \theta \) in Proposition 2.2.4 without using Lemma 2.2.2. In this approach, we first define \( \theta \) as a set theoretic map given by (2.3), then show that \( \theta \) is indeed a ring homomorphism using the explicit addition and multiplication rules for \( A_{\inf} \).

For the rest of this chapter, we let \( \theta : A_{\inf} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K} \) be the ring homomorphism constructed in Proposition 2.2.4 and let \( \theta_{\mathcal{Q}} : A_{\inf}[1/p] \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_K \) be the induced map on \( A_{\inf}[1/p] \). We also choose an element \( p^x \in \mathcal{O}_F \) with \( (p^x)^p = p \), and set \( \xi := [p^x] - p \in A_{\inf} \).

**Definition 2.2.5.** We define the de Rham period ring \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) as the fraction field of the ring

\[
B^{+}_{\text{dR}} := \lim_{\rightarrow} A_{\inf}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_{\mathcal{Q}})^j.
\]

We denote by \( \theta^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) the natural projection \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \rightarrow A_{\inf}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_{\mathcal{Q}}) \).

**Remark.** At this point, it is instructive to explain Fontaine’s insight behind the construction of \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \). As briefly discussed in Chapter I, the main motivation for constructing the de Rham period ring \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) is to obtain the de Rham comparison isomorphism as stated in Chapter I, Theorem 1.2.2. Recall that the de Rham cohomology admits a canonical filtration, called the Hodge filtration, whose associated graded vector space recovers the Hodge cohomology. Since the Hodge-Tate decomposition can be stated in terms of the Hodge-Tate period ring \( B^{\text{HT}} \) as noted after Theorem 1.2.1 in Chapter I, Fontaine sought to construct \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) as a ring with a canonical filtration which recovers \( B^{\text{HT}} \) as the associated graded algebra. His idea was to construct the subring \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) as a complete discrete valuation ring with an action of \( \Gamma_K \) such that there exist \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant isomorphisms

\[
B^{+}_{\text{dR}}/m_{\text{dR}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_K \quad \text{and} \quad m_{\text{dR}}/m^{2}_{\text{dR}} \simeq \mathcal{C}_K(1)
\]

where \( m_{\text{dR}} \) denotes the maximal ideal of \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \). In characteristic \( p \), the theory of Witt vectors provides a natural way to construct a complete discrete valuation ring with a specified perfect residue field. Fontaine judiciously applied the Witt vector construction to the field \( \mathcal{C}_K \) of characteristic 0 by passing to characteristic \( p \). More precisely, he first defined the ring \( A_{\inf} \) as the ring of Witt vectors over the perfect ring

\[
R_K := \lim_{\rightarrow} \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K}/p \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K},
\]

which he called the perfection of \( \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K}/p \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{C}_K} \), then constructed the homomorphism \( \theta_{\mathcal{Q}} \) as above to realize \( \mathcal{C}_K \) as a quotient of \( A_{\inf}[1/p] \); indeed, since \( R_K \) is naturally isomorphic to \( \mathcal{O}_F \) by Proposition 2.1.7, our construction provides a modern interpretation for the construction of \( R_K \) and \( A_{\inf} \). Fontaine then define \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) as the completion of \( A_{\inf}[1/p] \) with respect to \( \ker(\theta_{\mathcal{Q}}) \) as in Definition 2.2.5 and showed that \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) and its fraction field \( B^{+}_{\text{dR}} \) satisfy all the desired properties.
We now aim to show that $B_{\text{dr}}^+$ is a complete discrete valuation ring with $\mathbb{C}_K$ as the residue field. To this end we study several properties of $\ker(\theta)$.

**Lemma 2.2.6.** For each $n \geq 0$ we have $\ker(\theta) \cap p^n A_{\text{inf}} = p^n \ker(\theta)$.

**Proof.** We only need to show $\ker(\theta) \cap p^n A_{\text{inf}} \subseteq p^n \ker(\theta)$ since the reverse containment is obvious. Let $x$ be an arbitrary element in $\ker(\theta) \cap p^n A_{\text{inf}}$. We may write $x = p^n y$ for some $y \in A_{\text{inf}}$. Then we have

$$0 = \theta(x) = \theta(p^n y) = p^n \theta(y),$$

and consequently find $\theta(y) = 0$ since $O_{\mathbb{C}_K}$ has no nonzero $p$-torsion. We thus deduce that $x = p^n y$ lies in $p^n \ker(\theta)$.

**Lemma 2.2.7.** Every element $x \in \ker(\theta)$ is of the form $x = c \xi + dp$ for some $c,d \in A_{\text{inf}}$.

**Proof.** We wish to show that $x$ lies in the ideal $(\xi,p) = ([p^\flat],p)$. Let us write

$$x = \sum [c_n] p^n = [c_0] + \sum_{n \geq 1} [c_n] p^n$$

for some $c_n \in \mathcal{O}_F$. It suffices to show that $[c_0]$ is divisible by $[p^\flat]$. By definition we have

$$0 = \theta(x) = \sum c_n^\flat p^n.$$ 

We then find that $c_0^\flat$ is divisible by $p$, which in turn implies

$$\nu^\flat(c_0) = \nu(c_0^\flat) \geq \nu(p) = \nu([p^\flat]) = \nu^\flat(p^\flat).$$

Hence there exists some $r \in \mathcal{O}_F$ with $c_0 = p^\flat r$, which yields $[c_0] = [p^\flat][r]$ as desired.

**Proposition 2.2.8.** The ideal $\ker(\theta)$ in $A_{\text{inf}}$ is generated by $\xi$.

**Proof.** By definition we have

$$\theta(\xi) = \theta([p^\flat] - p) = (p^\flat)^\sharp - p = p - p = 0.$$ 

Hence we only need to show that $\ker(\theta)$ lies in the ideal $(\xi)$. Let $x$ be an arbitrary element in $\ker(\theta)$. Since $A_{\text{inf}}$ is $p$-adically separated and complete by construction, it suffices to show that there exist elements $c_0, c_1, \cdots, \in A_{\text{inf}}$ with

$$x - \sum_{n=0}^m c_n \xi p^n \in p^{m+1} A_{\text{inf}}$$

for each $m \geq 0$.

We proceed by induction on $m$ to find such $c_0, c_1, \cdots, \in A_{\text{inf}}$. As both $\xi$ and $x$ lie in $\ker(\theta)$, we have

$$x - \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} c_n \xi p^n \in \ker(\theta) \cap p^m A_{\text{inf}} = p^m \ker(\theta)$$

by the induction hypothesis and Lemma 2.2.6. Then by Lemma 2.2.7, we find some $c_m, d_m \in A_{\text{inf}}$ with

$$x - \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} c_n \xi p^n = p^m(c_m \xi + pd_m),$$

or equivalently

$$x - \sum_{n=0}^m c_n \xi p^n = p^{m+1} d_m$$

as desired.
Lemma 2.2.9. For all \( j \geq 1 \) we have \( A_{\text{inf}} \cap \ker(\theta_Q)^j = \ker(\theta)^j \).

PROOF. We clearly have \( \ker(\theta) \subseteq A_{\text{inf}} \cap \ker(\theta_Q) \). Conversely, for every \( x \in A_{\text{inf}} \cap \ker(\theta_Q) \) we have \( p^nx \in \ker(\theta) \) for some \( n \geq 0 \) and consequently find \( x \in \ker(\theta) \) by Lemma 2.2.6. Hence we verify the assertion for \( j = 1 \).

Let us now proceed by induction on \( j \). We only need to show \( A_{\text{inf}} \cap \ker(\theta_Q)^j \subseteq \ker(\theta)^j \) since the reverse containment is obvious. Let \( x \) be an arbitrary element in \( A_{\text{inf}} \cap \ker(\theta_Q)^j \). Take some \( n \geq 0 \) with \( p^nx \in \ker(\theta)^j \). Then Proposition 2.2.8 yields some \( r \in A_{\text{inf}} \) with \( p^nx = \xi^jr \). In addition, as we have \( A_{\text{inf}} \cap \ker(\theta_Q)^j \subseteq A_{\text{inf}} \cap \ker(\theta_Q)^{j-1} = \ker(\theta)^{j-1} \) by the induction hypothesis, we may write \( x = \xi^{j-1}s \) for some \( s \in A_{\text{inf}} \). Therefore we find

\[
0 = p^nx - p^nx = \xi^jr - p^n\xi^{j-1}s = \xi^{j-1}(\xi^r - p^ns),
\]

which in turn yields \( \xi^r = p^ns \) since \( A_{\text{inf}} \) is an integral domain by construction. Then Lemma 2.2.6 implies \( s \in \ker(\theta) \) as \( p^ns = \xi^r \) lies in \( \ker(\theta) \) by Proposition 2.2.8. Hence by Proposition 2.2.8 we obtain an element \( s' \in A_{\text{inf}} \) with \( s = \xi^r \), thereby deducing that \( x = \xi^{j-1}s = \xi^js' \) lies in \( \ker(\theta)^j \). \( \square \)

Proposition 2.2.10. We have \( \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta)^j = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta_Q)^j = 0 \).

PROOF. By Lemma 2.2.9 we find

\[
\bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta_Q)^j = \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta)^j \right) [1/p]. \tag{2.4}
\]

Hence it suffices to prove \( \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta)^j = 0 \). Take an arbitrary element \( c \in \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta)^j \). As usual, let us write \( c = \sum [c_n]p^n \) for some \( c_n \in O_F \). By Proposition 2.2.8 we find that \( c \) is divisible by arbitrarily high powers of \( \xi = [p^j] - p \). This implies that \( c_0 \) is divisible by arbitrarily high powers of \( p^j \), which in turn means \( c_0 = 0 \) as we have

\[
\nu^j(p^j) = \nu^j((p^j)^j) = \nu(p) = 1 > 0.
\]

Therefore we find some \( c' \in A_{\text{inf}} \) with \( c = pc' \). Moreover, Lemma 2.2.9 and (2.4) together yield

\[
c' \in A_{\text{inf}} \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta)^j \right) [1/p] = A_{\text{inf}} \cap \left( \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta_Q)^j \right) = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker(\theta)^j.
\]

Hence an easy induction shows that \( c \) is infinitely divisible by \( p \), which in turn implies \( c = 0 \) as \( A_{\text{inf}} \) is \( p \)-adically complete. \( \square \)

Remark. In fact, we have \( c' = \sum_{n \geq 1} [c_1/p]p^{n-1} \) as easily seen using the Frobenius and Verschiebung maps on \( A_{\text{inf}} \).

Corollary 2.2.11. The natural map

\[
A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \longrightarrow \lim_{\stackrel{\longrightarrow}{j}} A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_Q)^j = B_{\text{dR}}^+
\]

is injective. In particular, we may canonically identify \( A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \) as a subring of \( B_{\text{dR}}^+ \).
**Proposition 2.2.12.** The ring $B^+_{\text{dr}}$ is a complete discrete valuation ring with $\ker(\theta^+_{\text{dr}})$ as the maximal ideal and $\mathbb{C}_K$ as the residue field. Moreover, the element $\xi$ is a uniformizer of $B^+_{\text{dr}}$.

**Proof.** Since both $\theta^+_{\text{dr}}$ and $\theta_Q$ are surjective by construction, we have an isomorphism

$$B^+_{\text{dr}}/\ker(\theta^+_{\text{dr}}) \simeq A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_Q) \simeq \mathbb{C}_K.$$ 

In addition, a general fact as stated in [Sta 05G1] implies that every element $b \in B^+_{\text{dr}}$ is a unit if and only if $\theta^+_{\text{dr}}(b)$ is a unit in $B^+_{\text{dr}}/\ker(\theta^+_{\text{dr}}) \simeq \mathbb{C}_K$, or equivalently $b \notin \ker(\theta^+_{\text{dr}})$. Therefore $B^+_{\text{dr}}$ is a local ring with $\ker(\theta^+_{\text{dr}})$ as the maximal ideal and $\mathbb{C}_K$ as the residue field.

Consider an arbitrary nonzero element $b \in B^+_{\text{dr}}$. For each $j \geq 0$, let $b_j$ and $\xi_j$ respectively denote the image of $b$ and $\xi$ under the projection $B^+_{\text{dr}} \to A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_Q)^j$. Take the maximum $i \geq 0$ with $b_i = 0$. Then for each $j > i$ we have

$$b_j \in \ker(\theta_Q)^j/\ker(\theta)^j \quad \text{and} \quad b_j \notin \ker(\theta_Q)^{i+1}/\ker(\theta)^i.$$ 

Hence by Proposition 2.2.8 we may write $b_j = \xi_j u_j$ for some $u_j \in B^+_{\text{dr}}/\ker(\theta_Q)^j$ with $u_j \notin \ker(\theta_Q)/\ker(\theta)^j$. For each $j > i$ we let $u'_j$ denote the image of $u_j$ in $B^+_{\text{dr}}/\ker(\theta_Q)^{j-i}$. By construction the sequence $(u'_j)_{j > i}$ gives rise to a unit $u \in B^+_{\text{dr}}$ such that $b = \xi^i u$. Moreover, it is not hard to see that $u$ is uniquely determined by $b$ even though the $u_j$’s are not uniquely determined. We thus deduce that $B^+_{\text{dr}}$ is a discrete valuation ring with $\xi$ as a uniformizer. The completeness of $B^+_{\text{dr}}$ then follows by Proposition 2.2.8 and Proposition 2.2.10.

**Corollary 2.2.13.** For every uniformizer $\pi$ of $B^+_{\text{dr}}$, the filtration $\{ \pi^n B^+_{\text{dr}} \}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ of $B_{\text{dr}}$ satisfies the following properties:

(i) $\pi^{n+1} B^+_{\text{dr}} \subseteq \pi^n B^+_{\text{dr}}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(ii) $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}^{n \geq 0} \pi^n B^+_{\text{dr}} = 0$ and $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}^{n \geq 0} \pi^n B^+_{\text{dr}} = B_{\text{dr}}$.

(iii) $(\pi^m B^+_{\text{dr}}) \cdot (\pi^n B^+_{\text{dr}}) \subseteq \pi^{m+n} B^+_{\text{dr}}$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

**Remark.** The filtration $\{ \pi^n B^+_{\text{dr}} \}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ does not depend on the choice of $\pi$; indeed, we have an identification $\pi^n B^+_{\text{dr}} = \ker(\theta^+_{\text{dr}})^n$ for each $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

**Proposition 2.2.14.** Let $W(k)$ denote the ring of Witt vectors over $k$, and let $K_0$ denote the fraction field of $W(k)$.

(1) $K$ is a finite totally ramified extension of $K_0$.

(2) The natural injective map $\overline{K} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}_K$ uniquely factors through $\theta^+_{\text{dr}}$.

**Proof.** Let $m$ denote the maximal ideal of $O_K$. The natural projection $O_K/pO_K \to O_K/m = k$ accepts a canonical section $s: k \to O_K/pO_K$, which induces a homomorphism of discretely valued fields $K_0 \to K$ by Lemma 2.2.2. We thus obtain the statement (1) by observing that both $K_0$ and $K$ are complete with the residue field $k$.

Let us now prove the statement (2). Since $k$ is perfect, the section $s: k \to O_K/pO_K$ induces a natural map

$$k \to \varprojlim \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K}/p\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}_K} \cong \mathcal{O}_F$$

where the isomorphism is given by Proposition 2.1.1. We then obtain a natural isomorphism $K_0 = W(k)[1/p] \to A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]$ by Lemma 2.2.2. Hence $B^+_{\text{dr}}$ is a complete discrete valuation ring over $K_0$ by Corollary 2.2.11 and Proposition 2.2.12. Moreover, the statement (1) implies that $\overline{K}$ is a separable algebraic extension of $K_0$. Therefore by Hensel’s lemma the subfield $\overline{K}$ of the residue field $\mathbb{C}_K$ uniquely lifts to a subfield of $B^+_{\text{dr}}$ over $K_0$. 

\[ \square \]
Our final goal of this subsection is to describe and study the natural action of $\Gamma_K$ on $B_{\text{dR}}$, especially in relation to the natural filtration on $B_{\text{dR}}$ as described in Corollary 2.2.13. We invoke the following technical result without proof.

**Proposition 2.2.15.** There exists a refinement of the discrete valuation topology on $B_{\text{dR}}^+$ that satisfies the following properties:

(i) The natural map $A_{\text{inf}} \longrightarrow B_{\text{dR}}^+$ identifies $A_{\text{inf}}$ as a closed subring of $B_{\text{dR}}^+$.

(ii) The map $\theta_{\mathbb{Q}}$ is continuous and open with respect to the valuation topology on $\mathbb{C}_K$.

(iii) There exists a continuous map $\log : \mathbb{Z}_p(1) \longrightarrow B_{\text{dR}}^+$ such that

$$
\log(c) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{([c]-1)^n}{n} \quad \text{for every } c \in \mathbb{Z}_p(1)
$$

under the natural identification $\mathbb{Z}_p(1) = \varprojlim \mu_{p^n}(\overline{K}) = \{ c \in \mathcal{O}_F : c^p = 1 \}$.

(iv) The multiplication by any uniformizer yields a closed embedding on $B_{\text{dR}}^+$.

(v) The ring $B_{\text{dR}}^+$ is complete.

**Remark.** The readers can find a sketch of the proof in [BC, Exercise 4.5.3] and the discussion after Definition 4.4.7 in loc. cit. The main idea for the proof is to impose a topology on $A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]$ using controlled decay of coefficients of Laurent series in $p$.

Here we provide an indication on why Proposition 2.2.15 is necessary for our discussion. As we will soon describe, the natural $\Gamma_K$-action on $B_{\text{dR}}$ is induced by the action of $\Gamma_K$ on $\mathbb{C}_K$ such that the map $\theta_{\text{dR}}$ is $\Gamma_K$-equivariant. Proposition 2.2.15 ensures that the map $\theta_{\text{dR}}$ is furthermore continuous with respect to the valuation topology on $\mathbb{C}_K$, thereby allowing us to exploit the topological properties of the $\Gamma_K$-action on $\mathbb{C}_K$. However, the continuity of the map $\theta_{\text{dR}}$ fails with respect to the discrete valuation topology on $B_{\text{dR}}^+$ unless $\mathbb{C}_K$ is given the discrete topology.

For the rest of this chapter, we consider the continuous map $\log : \mathbb{Z}_p(1) \longrightarrow B_{\text{dR}}^+$ as given by Proposition 2.2.15. In addition, we fix an element $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}_p(1)$ with $\varepsilon \neq 1$ and write $t := \log(\varepsilon)$. We often identify $\varepsilon$ as an element in $\mathcal{O}_F$ under the natural identification $\mathbb{Z}_p(1) = \varprojlim \mu_{p^n}(\overline{K}) = \{ c \in \mathcal{O}_F : c^p = 1 \}$.

**Lemma 2.2.16.** We have $\nu^\flat(\varepsilon - 1) = \frac{p}{p-1}$.

**Proof.** By construction we may write $\varepsilon = (\zeta_{p^n})$ where each $\zeta_{p^n}$ is a primitive $p^n$-th root of unity in $\overline{K}$. Then we find

$$
\nu^\flat(\varepsilon - 1) = \nu((\varepsilon - 1)^\sharp) = \nu\left(\lim_{n \to \infty} (\zeta_{p^n} - 1)^{p^n}\right)
$$

$$
= \lim_{n \to \infty} p^n \nu(\zeta_{p^n} - 1) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{p^n}{p^{n-1}(p-1)}
$$

$$
= \frac{p}{p-1}
$$

by the proof of Proposition 2.1.8 and the continuity of the valuation $\nu$. \hfill \square

**Proposition 2.2.17.** The element $t \in B_{\text{dR}}^+$ is a uniformizer.

**Proof.** By definition we have

$$
\theta([\varepsilon] - 1) = \varepsilon^\sharp - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0.
$$
Then by Proposition 2.2.8 we find
\[ [\varepsilon] - 1 \in \xi A_{\text{inf}} \quad \text{and} \quad t = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^n}{n} \in \xi B_{\text{dR}}^+. \tag{2.5} \]
Hence it remains to prove \( t \notin \xi^2 B_{\text{dR}}^+. \) Since we have \( \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^n}{n} \in \xi^2 B_{\text{dR}}^+ \) for each \( n \geq 2, \) we only need to show \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \notin \xi^2 B_{\text{dR}}^+. \)

Suppose for contradiction that \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \) lies in \( \xi^2 B_{\text{dR}}^+. \) Then the proof of Proposition 2.2.12 shows that the image of \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \) under the projection \( B_{\text{dR}}^+ \to A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_Q)^2 \) is zero. Since \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \) is an element of \( A_{\text{inf}}, \) we find \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \in \ker(\theta_Q)^2 \cap A_{\text{inf}}. \) Hence Proposition 2.2.8 and Lemma 2.2.9 together imply that \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \) is divisible by \( \xi^2 \) in \( A_{\text{inf}}. \)

Since the first coefficients in the Teichmüller expansions for \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \) and \( \xi^2 \) are respectively equal to \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \) and \( [(p^h)^2] \), we obtain
\[ \nu^h([\varepsilon] - 1) \geq \nu^h((p^h)^2) = 2\nu^h(p^h) = 2\nu((p^h)^4) = 2\nu(p) = 2. \]
On the other hand, if \( p \) is odd we have \( \nu^h([\varepsilon] - 1) < 2 \) by Lemma 2.2.16. Therefore we find \( p = 2. \) Let us now take an element \( c \in A_{\text{inf}} \) with \( [\varepsilon] - 1 = \xi^2 c. \) We then compare the coefficients of \( p \) in the Teichmüller expansions of both sides and find
\[ [\varepsilon] - 1 = c_1 (p^h)^4 \]
where \( c_1 \) denote the coefficient of \( p \) in the Teichmüller expansion of \( c. \) Hence we have
\[ \nu^h([\varepsilon] - 1) \geq \nu^h((p^h)^4) = 4\nu^h(p^h) = 4\nu((p^h)^4) = 4\nu(p) = 4, \]
thereby obtaining a desired contradiction since Lemma 2.2.16 yields \( \nu^h([\varepsilon] - 1) = 2. \)

**Remark.** Since we have \( [\varepsilon] - 1 \in \xi A_{\text{inf}} \) as noted in (2.5), the power series \( (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^n}{n} \) converges with respect to the discrete valuation topology on \( B_{\text{dR}}^+. \) In particular, we can define the uniformizer \( t \in B_{\text{dR}}^+ \) without using Proposition 2.2.15.

**Lemma 2.2.18.** For every \( m \in \mathbb{Z}_p \) we have \( \log(e^m) = m \log(e). \)

**Proof.** Let us first consider the case where \( m \) is an integer. We know that the identity
\[ \log((1 + x)^m) = m \log(1 + x) \]
holds as formal power series. Since \( \log([\varepsilon]) \) converges in \( B_{\text{dR}}^+ \) as noted in the proof of Proposition 2.2.17, we set \( x = [\varepsilon] - 1 \) to obtain the desired assertion.

We now consider the general case. Let us choose a sequence \( (m_i) \) of integers such that \( m_i - m \) is divisible by \( p^i. \) As \( \log(e) = t \) is a uniformizer of \( B_{\text{dR}}^+ \) by Proposition 2.2.17, we find
\[ \lim_{i \to \infty} m_i \log(e) = m \log(e) \]
by Proposition 2.2.15. In addition, it is straightforward to verify
\[ \lim_{i \to \infty} e^{m_i} = e^m \]
with respect to the valuation topology on \( F. \) We thus find
\[ \log(e^m) = \log \left( \lim_{i \to \infty} e^{m_i} \right) = \lim_{i \to \infty} \log(e^{m_i}) = \lim_{i \to \infty} m_i \log(e) = m \log(e) \]
where the second identity follows from the continuity of the logarithm map as noted in Proposition 2.2.15.
Theorem 2.2.19 (Fontaine). The natural action of $\Gamma_K$ on $B_{dR}$ has the following properties:

(i) For every $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$ we have $\gamma(t) = \chi(\gamma)t$.

(ii) Each $t^i B_{dR}^+$ is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$.

(iii) There exists a canonical $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} t^n B_{dR}^+/t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+ \cong \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} C_K(n) = B_{HT}.$$

(iv) $B_{dR}$ is $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular with a natural identification $B_{dR}^{\Gamma_K} \cong K$.

Proof. Let us first describe the natural action of $\Gamma_K$ on $B_{dR}$. The action of $\Gamma_K$ on $C_K$ naturally induces an action on $F = \varprojlim_{\rightarrow n} C_K$ as the $p$-th power map on $C_K$ is $\Gamma_K$-equivariant. More precisely, given an arbitrary element $x = (x_n) \in F$ we have

$$\gamma(x) = (\gamma(x_n)) \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma_K.$$

It is then evident that $O_F$ is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$. Hence by functoriality of Witt vectors we obtain a natural action of $\Gamma_K$ on $A_{inf}[1/p]$ such that

$$\gamma \left( \sum [c_n] p^n \right) = \sum [\gamma(c_n)] p^n \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in \Gamma_K, c_n \in O_F.$$

We then find that $\theta$ and $\theta_Q$ are both $\Gamma_K$-equivariant by construction, and consequently deduce that both $\ker(\theta)$ and $\ker(\theta_Q)$ are stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$. Therefore $\Gamma_K$ naturally acts on $B_{dR}^+ = \varprojlim_{\rightarrow j} A_{inf}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_Q)^j$ and its fraction field $B_{dR}$.

With our discussion in the preceding paragraph, it is not hard to see that the logarithm map is $\Gamma_K$-equivariant. Hence for every $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$ we use Lemma 2.2.18 to find

$$\gamma(t) = \gamma(\log(\varepsilon)) = \log(\varepsilon^{\chi(\gamma)}) = \chi(\gamma) \log(\varepsilon) = \chi(\gamma)t,$$

thereby deducing the property (i). The property (ii) then immediately follows from the property (i) as $B_{dR}^+$ is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$.

Let us now prove the property (iii). We note that the natural isomorphism

$$B_{dR}^+/\ker(\theta_{dR}^+)) = B_{dR}^+/tB_{dR}^+ \simeq A_{inf}[1/p]/\ker(\theta_Q) \simeq C_K.$$

is $\Gamma_K$-equivariant, and consequently obtain $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphisms

$$\ker(\theta_{dR}^+) = \ker(\theta_{dR}^+) = t^n B_{dR}^+/t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+ \simeq C_K(n) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

by the property (i) and Lemma 3.1.11 in Chapter II. These isomorphisms are canonical since $t$ is uniquely determined up to $\mathbb{Z}_p^{	ext{reg}}$-multiple by Lemma 2.2.18. We thus obtain the desired $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism by taking the direct sum of the above isomorphisms.

It remains to verify the property (iv). The field $B_{dR}$ is $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular as noted in Example 1.1.2. In addition, since the map $\theta_{dR}$ is $\Gamma_K$-equivariant by construction, the natural injective homomorphism $K \hookrightarrow B_{dR}^+$ given by Proposition 2.2.14 is also $\Gamma_K$-equivariant, thereby inducing an injective homomorphism

$$K = \mathbb{K}^{\Gamma_K} \hookrightarrow (B_{dR}^+)_{\Gamma_K} \hookrightarrow B_{dR}^{\Gamma_K}.$$

Then by the properties (ii) and (iii) we get an injective $K$-algebra homomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (B_{dR}^{\Gamma_K} \cap t^n B_{dR}^+)/(B_{dR}^{\Gamma_K} \cap t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+) \hookrightarrow B_{dR}^{\Gamma_K}.$$

Since we have $B_{dR}^{\Gamma_K} \cong K$ by Theorem 3.1.12 in Chapter II, the $K$-algebra on the source has dimension at most 1. Hence we find $\dim_K B_{dR}^{\Gamma_K} \leq 1$, thereby completing the proof by (2.6).
2.3. Filtered vector spaces

In this subsection we set up a categorical framework for our discussion of $B_{dR}$-admissible representations in the next subsection.

**Definition 2.3.1.** Let $L$ be an arbitrary field.

1. A **filtered vector space** over $L$ is a vector space $V$ over $L$ along with a collection of subspaces $\{ \text{Fil}^n(V) \}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ that satisfies the following properties:
   - $\text{Fil}^n(V) \supseteq \text{Fil}^{n+1}(V)$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.
   - $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Fil}^n(V) = 0$ and $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Fil}^n(V) = V$.

2. A **graded vector space** over $L$ is a vector space $V$ over $L$ along with a direct sum decomposition $V = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V_n$.

3. A $L$-linear map between two filtered vector spaces $V$ and $W$ over $L$ is called a **morphism of filtered vector spaces** if it maps each $\text{Fil}^n(V)$ into $\text{Fil}^n(W)$.

4. A $L$-linear map between two graded vector spaces $V = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V_n$ and $W = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} W_n$ over $L$ is called a **morphism of graded vector spaces** if it maps each $V_n$ into $W_n$.

5. For a filtered vector space $V$ over $L$, we define its **associated graded vector space** by
   $$\text{gr}(V) := \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \text{Fil}^n(V)/\text{Fil}^{n+1}(V)$$
   and write $\text{gr}^n(V) := \text{Fil}^n(V)/\text{Fil}^{n+1}(V)$ for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

6. We denote by $\text{Fil}_L$ the category of finite dimensional filtered vector spaces over $L$.

**Example 2.3.2.** We present some motivating examples for our discussion.

1. The ring $B_{dR}$ is a filtered $K$-algebra with $\text{Fil}^n(B_{dR}) := t^n B_{dR}^+$ and $\text{gr}(B_{dR}) \cong B_{HT}$ by Corollary $2.2.13$ and Theorem $2.2.19$.

2. For a proper smooth variety $X$ over $K$, the de Rham cohomology $H^n_{dR}(X/K)$ with the Hodge filtration is a filtered vector space over $K$ whose associated graded vector space recovers the Hodge cohomology.

3. For every $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$, we may regard $D_{B_{dR}}(V) = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR})^{\Gamma_K}$ as a filtered vector space over $K$ with
   $$\text{Fil}^n(D_{B_{dR}}(V)) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} t^n B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K}.$$

**Remark.** For an arbitrary proper smooth variety $X$ over $K$, we have a canonical $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{B_{dR}}(H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)) \cong H^n_{dR}(X/K)$$

by Theorem $1.2.2$ in Chapter I. In particular, we can recover the Hodge filtration on $H^n_{dR}(X/K)$ from the $\Gamma_K$-action on $H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$.

**Lemma 2.3.3.** Let $V$ be a finite dimensional filtered vector space over a field $L$. There exists a basis $(v_{i,j})$ for $V$ such that for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the vectors $v_{i,j}$ with $i \geq n$ form a basis for $\text{Fil}^n(V)$.

**Proof.** Since $V$ is finite dimensional, we have $\text{Fil}^n(V) = 0$ for all sufficiently large $n$ and $\text{Fil}^n(V) = 0$ for all sufficiently small $n$. Hence we can construct such a basis by inductively extending a basis for $\text{Fil}^n(V)$ to a basis for $\text{Fil}^{n-1}(V)$.
\qed
Definition 2.3.4. Let $L$ be an arbitrary field.

(1) Given two filtered vector spaces $V$ and $W$ over $L$, we define the convolution filtration on $V \otimes_L W$ by

$$\text{Fil}^n(V \otimes_L W) := \sum_{i+j=n} \text{Fil}^i(V) \otimes_L \text{Fil}^j(W).$$

(2) For every filtered vector space $V$ over $L$, we define the dual filtration on the dual space $V^\vee = \text{Hom}_L(V, L)$ by

$$\text{Fil}^n(V^\vee) := \{ f \in V^\vee : \text{Fil}^{1-n}(V) \subseteq \ker(f) \}.$$

(3) We define the unit object $L[0]$ in $\text{Fil}_L$ to be the vector space $L$ with the filtration

$$\text{Fil}^n(L[0]) := \begin{cases} L & \text{if } n \leq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 0. \end{cases}$$

Remark. The use of $\text{Fil}^{1-n}(V)$ rather than $\text{Fil}^{-n}(V)$ in (2) is to ensure that $L[0]$ is self-dual.

Proposition 2.3.5. Let $V$ be a filtered vector space over a field $L$. Then we have canonical isomorphisms of filtered vector spaces

$$V \otimes_L L[0] \cong L[0] \otimes_L V \cong V \quad \text{and} \quad (V^\vee)^\vee \cong V.$$

Proof. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we find

$$\text{Fil}^n(V \otimes_L L[0]) = \sum_{i+j=n} \text{Fil}^i(V) \otimes_L \text{Fil}^j(L[0]) \cong \sum_{i \geq n} \text{Fil}^i(V) = \text{Fil}^n(V),$$

and consequently obtain an identification of filtered vector spaces

$$V \otimes_L L[0] \cong L[0] \otimes_L V \cong V.$$ 

Moreover, the natural evaluation isomorphism $\epsilon : V \cong (V^\vee)^\vee$ yields an isomorphism of filtered vector spaces since for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$\text{Fil}^n((V^\vee)^\vee) \cong \{ v \in V : \text{Fil}^{1-n}(V^\vee) \subseteq \ker(\epsilon(v)) \}$$

$$= \{ v \in V : f(v) = 0 \text{ for all } f \in \text{Fil}^{1-n}(V^\vee) \}$$

$$= \{ v \in V : f(v) = 0 \text{ for all } f \in V^\vee \text{ with } \text{Fil}^n(V) \subseteq \ker(f) \}$$

$$= \text{Fil}^n(V).$$

Therefore we complete the proof. \qed

Proposition 2.3.6. Let $V$ and $W$ be finite dimensional filtered vector spaces over a field $L$. Then we have a natural identification of filtered vector spaces

$$(V \otimes_L W)^\vee \cong V^\vee \otimes_L W^\vee.$$ 

Proof. By Lemma 2.3.3, we can choose bases $(v_{i,k})$ and $(w_{j,l})$ for $V$ and $W$ such that for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the vectors $(v_{i,k})_{i \geq n}$ and $(w_{j,l})_{j \geq n}$ respectively form bases for $\text{Fil}^n(V)$ and $\text{Fil}^n(W)$. Let $(f_{i,k})$ and $(g_{j,l})$ be the dual bases for $V^\vee$ and $W^\vee$. Then the vectors $(f_{i,k} \otimes g_{j,l})$ form a basis for the vector space $(V \otimes_L W)^\vee \cong V^\vee \otimes_L W^\vee$. Moreover, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the vectors $(f_{i,k})_{i \leq -n}$ and $(g_{j,l})_{j \leq -n}$ respectively form bases for $\text{Fil}^n(V^\vee)$ and $\text{Fil}^n(W^\vee)$. Hence we find that for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ both $\text{Fil}^n((V \otimes_L W)^\vee)$ and $\text{Fil}^n(V^\vee \otimes_L W^\vee)$ are spanned by the vectors $(f_{i,k} \otimes g_{j,l})_{i+j \leq -n}$, thereby deducing the desired assertion. \qed
Lemma 2.3.7. Let $V = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} V_n$ and $W = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} W_n$ be graded vector spaces over a field $L$. A morphism $f : V \rightarrow W$ of graded vector spaces is an isomorphism if and only if it is bijective.

Proof. The assertion immediately follows by observing that $f$ is the direct sum of the induced morphisms $f_n : V_n \rightarrow W_n$. □

Proposition 2.3.8. Let $L$ be an arbitrary field. A bijective morphism $f : V \rightarrow W$ in $\text{Fil}_L$ is an isomorphism in $\text{Fil}_L$ if and only if the induced map $\text{gr}(f) : \text{gr}(V) \rightarrow \text{gr}(W)$ is bijective.

Proof. If $f$ is an isomorphism of filtered vector spaces, then $\text{gr}(f)$ is clearly an isomorphism. Let us now assume that $\text{gr}(f)$ is an isomorphism. We wish to show that for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the induced map $\text{Fil}^n(f) : \text{Fil}^n(V) \rightarrow \text{Fil}^n(W)$ is an isomorphism. Since each $\text{Fil}^n(f)$ is injective by the bijectivity of $f$, it suffices to show

$$\dim_L \text{Fil}^n(V) = \dim_L \text{Fil}^n(W) \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$ 

The map $\text{gr}(f)$ is an isomorphism of graded vector spaces by Lemma 2.3.7, and consequently induces an isomorphism

$$\text{gr}^n(V) \cong \text{gr}^n(W) \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$ 

Hence for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we find

$$\dim_L \text{Fil}^n(V) = \sum_{i \geq n} \dim_L \text{gr}^i(V) = \sum_{i \geq n} \dim_L \text{gr}^i(W) = \dim_L \text{Fil}^n(W)$$

as desired. □

Example 2.3.9. Let us define $L[1]$ to be the vector space $L$ with the filtration

$$\text{Fil}^n(L[1]) := \begin{cases} L & \text{if } n \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

The bijective morphism $L[0] \rightarrow L[1]$ given by the identity map on $L$ is not an isomorphism since $\text{Fil}^1(L[0]) = 0$ and $\text{Fil}^1(L[1]) = L$ are not isomorphic. Moreover, the induced map $\text{gr}(L[0]) \rightarrow \text{gr}(L[1])$ is a zero map.

Proposition 2.3.10. Let $L$ be an arbitrary field. For any $V, W \in \text{Fil}_L$ there exists a natural isomorphism of graded vector spaces

$$\text{gr}(V \otimes_L W) \cong \text{gr}(V) \otimes_L \text{gr}(W).$$

Proof. Since we have a direct sum decomposition

$$\text{gr}(V) \otimes_L \text{gr}(W) = \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \left( \bigoplus_{i+j=n} \text{gr}^i(V) \otimes_L \text{gr}^j(W) \right),$$

it suffices to find a natural isomorphism

$$\text{gr}^n(V \otimes_L W) \cong \bigoplus_{i+j=n} \text{gr}^i(V) \otimes_L \text{gr}^j(W) \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (2.7)$$

By Lemma 2.3.3 we can choose bases $(v_{i,k})$ and $(w_{j,l})$ for $V$ and $W$ such that for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the vectors $(v_{i,k})_{i \geq n}$ and $(w_{j,l})_{j \geq n}$ respectively span $\text{Fil}^n(V)$ and $\text{Fil}^n(W)$. Let $\tau_{i,k}$ denote the image of $v_{i,k}$ under the map $\text{Fil}^i(V) \rightarrow \text{gr}^i(V)$, and let $\overline{w}_{j,l}$ denote the image of $w_{j,l}$ under the map $\text{Fil}^j(W) \rightarrow \text{gr}^j(W)$. Since each $\text{Fil}^n(V \otimes_L W)$ is spanned by the vectors $(v_{i,k} \otimes w_{j,l})_{i+j \geq n}$, we obtain the identification (2.7) by observing that both sides are spanned by the vectors $(\tau_{i,k} \otimes \overline{w}_{j,l})_{i+j=n}$. □
2.4. Properties of de Rham representations

**Definition 2.4.1.** We say that $V \in \text{Rep}_{Q_p}(\Gamma_K)$ is de Rham if it is $B_{dR}$-admissible. We write $\text{Rep}_{Q_p}^d(\Gamma_K) := \text{Rep}_{Q_p}^{B_{dR}}(\Gamma_K)$ for the category of de Rham $p$-adic $\Gamma_K$-representations. In addition, we write $D_{HT}$ and $D_{dR}$ respectively for the functors $D_{B_{HT}}$ and $D_{B_{dR}}$.

**Example 2.4.2.** Below are some important examples of de Rham representations.

1. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ the Tate twist $Q_p(n)$ of $Q_p$ is de Rham; indeed, the inequality
   \[
   \dim_K D_{dR}(Q_p(n)) \leq \dim_{Q_p} Q_p(n) = 1
   \]
   given by Theorem 1.2.1 is an equality, as $D_{dR}(Q_p(n)) = (Q_p(n) \otimes_{Q_p} B_{dR})^{\Gamma_K}$ contains a nonzero element $1 \otimes t^{-n}$ by Theorem 2.2.19.

2. Every $\mathbb{C}_K$-admissible representation is de Rham by a result of Sen.

3. For every proper smooth variety $X$ over $K$, the étale cohomology $H^n_{\acute{e}t}(X, Q_p)$ is de Rham by a theorem of Faltings as briefly discussed in Chapter I, Theorem 1.2.2.

The general formalism discussed in § readily yields a number of nice properties for de Rham representations and the functor $D_{dR}$. Our main goal in this subsection is to extend these properties in order to incorporate the additional structures induced by the filtration $\{ t^n B_{dR}^+ \}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ on $B_{dR}$.

**Lemma 2.4.3.** Given any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, every $V \in \text{Rep}_{Q_p}(\Gamma_K)$ is de Rham if and only if $V(n)$ is de Rham.

**Proof.** Since we have identifications
\[
V(n) \cong V \otimes_{Q_p} Q_p(n) \quad \text{and} \quad V \cong V(n) \otimes_{Q_p} Q_p(-n),
\]
the assertion follows from Proposition 1.2.4 and the fact that every Tate twist of $Q_p$ is de Rham as noted in Example 3.2.2.

**Proposition 2.4.4.** Let $V$ be a de Rham representation of $\Gamma_K$. Then $V$ is Hodge-Tate with a natural $K$-linear isomorphism of graded vector spaces
\[
\text{gr}(D_{dR}(V)) \cong D_{HT}(V).
\]

**Proof.** For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have a short exact sequence
\[
0 \longrightarrow t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow t^n B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow t^n B_{dR}^+/t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow 0,
\]
which induces an exact sequence
\[
0 \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{Q_p} t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{Q_p} t^n B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{Q_p} (t^n B_{dR}^+/t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+))^{\Gamma_K}
\]
and consequently yields an injective $K$-linear map
\[
\text{gr}^n(D_{dR}(V)) = \text{Fil}^n(D_{dR}(V))/\text{Fil}^{n+1}(D_{dR}(V)) \hookrightarrow (V \otimes_{Q_p} (t^n B_{dR}^+/t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+))^{\Gamma_K}.
\]
Therefore we obtain an injective $K$-linear map of graded vector spaces
\[
\text{gr}(D_{dR}(V)) \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (V \otimes_{Q_p} (t^n B_{dR}^+/t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+))^{\Gamma_K} \cong (V \otimes_{Q_p} B_{HT})^{\Gamma_K} = D_{HT}(V)
\]
where the middle isomorphism follows from Theorem 2.2.19. We then find
\[
\dim_K D_{dR}(V) = \dim_K \text{gr}(D_{dR}(V)) \leq \dim_K D_{HT}(V) \leq \dim_{Q_p} V
\]
where the last inequality follows from Theorem 1.2.1. Since $V$ is de Rham, both inequalities should be in fact equalities, thereby yielding the desired assertion.
Example 2.4.5. Let $V$ be an extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p(m)$ by $\mathbb{Q}_p(n)$ with $m < n$. We assert that $V$ is de Rham. By Lemma 2.4.3 we may assume $m = 0$. Then we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p(n) \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \longrightarrow 0. \tag{2.8}$$

Since the functor $D_{dR}$ is left exact by construction, we obtain a left exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p(n)) \longrightarrow D_{dR}(V) \longrightarrow D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

We wish to show $\dim_K D_{dR}(V) = \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V = 2$. Since we have

$$\dim_K D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p(n)) = \dim_K D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p) = 1$$

by Example 3.2.2, it suffices to show the surjectivity of the map $D_{dR}(V) \longrightarrow D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \cong K$.

As $B_{dR}^+$ is faithfully flat over $\mathbb{Q}_p$, the sequence (2.8) yields a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow 0.$$

In addition, by Theorem 2.2.19 and Proposition 2.2.14 we have identifications

$$(\mathbb{Q}_p(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} \cong (t^n B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} = 0,$$

$$(\mathbb{Q}_p \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} \cong (B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} \cong K.$$

We thus obtain a long exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} \longrightarrow K \longrightarrow H^1(\Gamma_K, t^n B_{dR}^+).$$

Since we have $(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR}^+)^{\Gamma_K} \subseteq (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR})^{\Gamma_K} = D_{dR}(V)$, it suffices to prove

$$H^1(\Gamma_K, t^n B_{dR}^+) = 0. \tag{2.9}$$

By Theorem 2.2.19 we have a short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow t^n B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_K(n) \longrightarrow 0,$$

which in turn yields a long exact sequence

$$\mathcal{C}_K(n)^{\Gamma_K} \longrightarrow H^1(\Gamma_K, t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+) \longrightarrow H^1(\Gamma_K, t^n B_{dR}^+) \longrightarrow H^1(\Gamma_K, \mathcal{C}_K(n)).$$

Then by Theorem 3.1.12 in Chapter II we obtain an identification

$$H^1(\Gamma_K, t^{n+1} B_{dR}^+) \cong H^1(\Gamma_K, t^n B_{dR}^+). \tag{2.10}$$

Hence by induction we only need to prove (2.9) for $n = 1$.

Take an arbitrary element $\alpha_1 \in H^1(\Gamma_K, t B_{dR}^+)$. We wish to show $\alpha_1 = 0$. Regarding $\alpha_1$ as a cocycle, we use (2.10) to inductively construct sequences $(\alpha_m)$ and $(y_m)$ with the following properties:

(i) $\alpha_m \in H^1(\Gamma_K, t^m B_{dR}^+)$ and $y_m \in t^m B_{dR}^+$ for all $m \geq 1$,

(ii) $\alpha_{m+1}(\gamma) = \alpha_m(\gamma) + \gamma(y_m) - y_m$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$ and $m \geq 1$.

Now, since $t$ is a uniformizer in $B_{dR}^+$ as noted in Proposition 2.2.17 we may take an element $y = \sum y_m \in B_{dR}^+$. Then we have

$$\alpha_1(\gamma) + \gamma(y) - y \in H^1(\Gamma_K, t^m B_{dR}^+) \quad \text{for all } \gamma \in \Gamma_K \text{ and } m \geq 0,$$

and consequently find $\alpha_1(\gamma) + \gamma(y) - y = 0$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$. We thus deduce $\alpha_1 = 0$ as desired.
Remark. It is a highly nontrivial fact that every non-splitting extension of $\mathbb{Q}_p(1)$ by $\mathbb{Q}_p$ in $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$ is Hodge-Tate but not de Rham. The existence of such an extension follows from the identification

$$\text{Ext}^1_{\mathbb{Q}_p}[\Gamma_K](\mathbb{Q}_p(1), \mathbb{Q}_p) \cong H^1(\Gamma_K, \mathbb{Q}_p(-1)) \cong K$$

where the second isomorphism is a consequence of the Tate local duality for $p$-adic representations. Moreover, such an extension is a consequence of the Tate local duality as noted in Example 1.1.12. The difficult part is to prove that such an extension is not de Rham. For this part we need a very deep result that every de Rham representation is potentially semistable.

**Proposition 2.4.6.** Let $V$ be a de Rham representation of $\Gamma_K$. For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $\text{gr}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \neq 0$ if and only if $n$ is a Hodge-Tate weight of $V$.

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 2.4.4 and Definition 1.1.14. □

**Remark.** Proposition 2.4.6 provides the main reason for our choice of the sign convention in the definition of Hodge-Tate weights. In fact, under our convention the Hodge-Tate weights of a de Rham representation $V$ indicate where the filtration of $D_{\text{dR}}(V)$ has a jump. In particular, for a proper smooth variety $X$ over $K$, the Hodge-Tate weights of the étale cohomology $H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ give the positions of “jumps” for the Hodge filtration on the de Rham cohomology $H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K)$ by the isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{dR}}(H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)) \cong H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K).$$

**Example 2.4.7.** The Tate twist $\mathbb{Q}_p(m)$ of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is a 1-dimensional de Rham representation with the Hodge-Tate weight $-m$ as noted in Example 1.1.15 and Example 3.2.2. Hence by Proposition 2.4.6 we find

$$\text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(\mathbb{Q}_p(m))) \cong \begin{cases} K & \text{for } n \leq -m, \\ 0 & \text{for } n > -m. \end{cases}$$

In particular, when $m = 0$ we obtain an identification $D_{\text{dR}}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \cong K[0]$.

**Proposition 2.4.8.** For every $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^\text{dR}(\Gamma_K)$, we have a natural $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{dR}} \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}}.$$

**Proof.** Since $V$ is de Rham, Theorem 1.2.1 implies that the natural map

$$D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{dR}} \rightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}}) \otimes_K B_{\text{dR}} \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{dR}} \otimes_K B_{\text{dR}}) \rightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}}$$

is a $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism of vector spaces over $B_{\text{dR}}$. Moreover, this map is a morphism of filtered vector spaces as each arrow above is easily seen to be a morphism of filtered vector spaces. Hence by Proposition 2.3.8 it suffices to show that the induced map

$$\text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{dR}}) \rightarrow \text{gr}(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}})$$

is an isomorphism. By Proposition 2.3.10, Proposition 2.4.4 and Theorem 2.2.19 we obtain identifications

$$\text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{dR}}) \cong \text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \otimes_K \text{gr}(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong D_{\text{HT}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{HT}},$$

$$\text{gr}(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}}) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \text{gr}(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{HT}}.$$

We thus identify the map (2.11) with the natural map

$$D_{\text{HT}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{HT}} \rightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{HT}}$$

given by Theorem 1.2.1. The desired assertion now follows by Proposition 2.4.4. □
**Proposition 2.4.9.** The functor $D_{\text{dR}}$ with values in $\text{Fil}_K$ is faithful and exact on $\text{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}}(\Gamma_K)$.

**Proof.** Let $\text{Vec}_K$ denote the category of finite dimensional vector spaces over $K$. The faithfulness of $D_{\text{dR}}$ on $\text{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}}(\Gamma_K)$ is an immediate consequence of Proposition 1.2.2 since the forgetful functor $\text{Fil}_K \rightarrow \text{Vec}_K$ is faithful. Hence it remains to verify the exactness of $D_{\text{dR}}$ on $\text{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}}(\Gamma_K)$. Consider an exact sequence of de Rham representations

$$0 \longrightarrow U \longrightarrow V \longrightarrow W \longrightarrow 0. \quad (2.12)$$

The functor $D_{\text{dR}}$ with values in $\text{Fil}_K$ is left exact by construction. In other words, for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have a left exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(U)) \longrightarrow \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \longrightarrow \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(W)). \quad (2.13)$$

We wish to show that this sequence extends to a short exact sequence. By Proposition 1.2.2 the sequence $(2.12)$ induces a short exact sequence of vector spaces

$$0 \longrightarrow D_{\text{HT}}(U) \longrightarrow D_{\text{HT}}(V) \longrightarrow D_{\text{HT}}(W) \longrightarrow 0.$$

Moreover, by the definition of $D_{\text{HT}}$ we find that this sequence is indeed a short exact sequence of graded vector spaces. Then by Proposition 2.4.4 we may rewrite this sequence as

$$0 \longrightarrow \text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(U)) \longrightarrow \text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \longrightarrow \text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(W)) \longrightarrow 0.$$

by Proposition 2.4.4. Hence for every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$\dim_K \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) = \sum_{i \geq n} \dim_K \text{gr}^i(D_{\text{dR}}(V))$$

$$= \sum_{i \geq n} \dim_K \text{gr}^i(D_{\text{dR}}(U)) + \sum_{i \geq n} \dim_K \text{gr}^i(D_{\text{dR}}(W))$$

$$= \dim_K \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(U)) + \dim_K \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(W)),$$

thereby deducing that the sequence $(2.13)$ extends to a short exact sequence as desired. □

**Corollary 2.4.10.** Let $V$ be a de Rham representation. Every subquotient $W$ of $V$ is a de Rham representation with $D_{\text{dR}}(W)$ naturally identified as a subquotient of $D_{\text{dR}}(V)$ in $\text{Fil}_K$.

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 1.2.3 and Proposition 2.4.9. □

**Proposition 2.4.11.** Given any $V, W \in \text{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}}(\Gamma_K)$, we have $V \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}} W \in \text{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}}(\Gamma_K)$ with a natural isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_K D_{\text{dR}}(W) \cong D_{\text{dR}}(V \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}} W). \quad (2.14)$$

**Proof.** By Proposition 1.2.4 we find $V \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}} W \in \text{Rep}_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}}(\Gamma_K)$ and obtain the desired isomorphism $(2.14)$ as a map of vector spaces. Moreover, since the construction of the map $(2.14)$ rests on the multiplicative structure of $B_{\text{dR}}$ as shown in the proof of Proposition 1.2.4 it is straightforward to verify that the map $(2.14)$ is a morphism in $\text{Fil}_K$. Hence by Proposition 2.3.8 it suffices to show that the induced map

$$\text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_K D_{\text{dR}}(W)) \longrightarrow \text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(V \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}} W)) \quad (2.15)$$

is an isomorphism. Since both $V$ and $W$ are Hodge-Tate by Proposition 2.4.4 we have a natural isomorphism

$$D_{\text{HT}}(V) \otimes_K D_{\text{HT}}(W) \cong D_{\text{HT}}(V \otimes_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}} W) \quad (2.16)$$

by Proposition 1.2.4. Therefore we complete the proof by identifying the maps $(2.15)$ and $(2.16)$ using Proposition 2.3.10 and Proposition 2.4.4. □
Proposition 2.4.12. For every de Rham representation $V$, we have $\wedge^n V \in \text{Rep}_\text{dR}^p(\Gamma_K)$ and $\text{Sym}^n V \in \text{Rep}_\text{dR}^p(\Gamma_K)$ with natural isomorphisms of filtered vector spaces
\[
\wedge^n(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \cong D_{\text{dR}}(\wedge^n(V)) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Sym}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \cong D_{\text{dR}}(\text{Sym}^n(V)).
\]

Proof. Proposition 1.2.5 implies that both $\wedge^n V$ and $\text{Sym}^n V$ are de Rham for every $n \geq 1$. In addition, Proposition 1.2.5 yields the desired isomorphisms as maps of vector spaces. Then Corollary 2.4.10 and Proposition 2.4.11 together imply that these maps are isomorphisms in $\text{Fil}_K$. □

Proposition 2.4.13. For every de Rham representation $V$, the dual representation $V^\vee$ is de Rham with a natural perfect pairing of filtered vector spaces
\[
D_{\text{dR}}(V)^\vee \otimes_K D_{\text{dR}}(V^\vee) \cong D_{\text{dR}}(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V^\vee) \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(\mathbb{Q}_p) \cong K[0]. \quad (2.17)
\]

Proof. By Proposition 1.2.6 we find $V^\vee \in \text{Rep}_\text{dR}^p(\Gamma_K)$ and obtain the desired perfect pairing as a map of vector spaces. Moreover, Proposition 2.4.11 implies that this pairing is a morphism in $\text{Fil}_K$. We thus obtain a bijective morphism of filtered vector spaces
\[
D_{\text{dR}}(V)^\vee \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(V^\vee).
\]
Therefore by Proposition 2.3.8 it suffices to show that the induced map
\[
gr(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \longrightarrow gr(D_{\text{dR}}(V^\vee)) \quad (2.18)
\]
is an isomorphism. Since $V$ is Hodge-Tate by Proposition 2.4.4 we have a natural isomorphism
\[
D_{\text{HT}}(V) \cong D_{\text{HT}}(V^\vee) \quad (2.19)
\]
by Proposition 1.2.6. We thus deduce the desired assertion by identifying the maps (2.18) and (2.19) using Proposition 2.4.4. □

Let us now discuss some additional facts about de Rham representations and the functor $D_{\text{dR}}$.

Proposition 2.4.14. Let $V$ be a $p$-adic representation of $\Gamma_K$. Let $L$ be a finite extension of $K$ with absolute Galois group $\Gamma_L$.

(1) There exists a natural isomorphism of filtered vector spaces
\[
D_{\text{dR},K}(V) \otimes_K L \cong D_{\text{dR},L}(V)
\]
where we set $D_{\text{dR},K}(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}})^{\Gamma_K}$ and $D_{\text{dR},L}(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}})^{\Gamma_L}$.

(2) $V$ is de Rham if and only if it is de Rham as a representation of $\Gamma_L$.

Proof. We only need to prove the first statement, as the second statement immediately follows from the first statement. Let $L'$ be the Galois closure of $L$ over $K$ with the absolute Galois group $\Gamma_{L'}$ and set $D_{\text{dR},L'}(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}})^{\Gamma_{L'}}$. Then we have identifications
\[
D_{\text{dR},K}(V) \otimes_K L = (D_{\text{dR},K}(V) \otimes_K L')^{\text{Gal}(L'/L)} \quad \text{and} \quad D_{\text{dR},L}(V) = D_{\text{dR},L'}(V)^{\text{Gal}(L'/L)}.
\]
Hence we may replace $L$ by $L'$ to assume that $L$ is Galois over $K$. Moreover, since the construction of $B_{\text{dR}}$ depends only on $\mathbb{C}_K$, we get a natural $L$-linear map
\[
D_{\text{dR},K}(V) \otimes_K L \longrightarrow D_{\text{dR},L}(V).
\]
It is evident that this map induces a morphism of filtered vector spaces over $L$ where the filtrations on the source and the target are given as in Example 3.2.2. We then have
\[
\text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR},K}(V)) = \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR},L}(V))^{\text{Gal}(L/K)} \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z},
\]
thereby deducing the desired assertion by the Galois descent for vector spaces. □
Remark. Proposition 2.4.14 extends to any complete discrete-valued extension $L$ of $K$ inside $C_K$, based on the “completed unramified descent argument” as explained in [BC] Proposition 6.3.8. This fact has the following immediate consequences:

1. Every potentially unramified $p$-adic representation is de Rham; indeed, we have already mentioned this in Example 3.2.2 since being $C_K$-admissible is the same as being potentially unramified as noted in Example 1.1.4.

2. For one-dimensional $p$-adic representations, being de Rham is the same as being Hodge-Tate by Proposition 1.1.13 and Lemma 2.4.3.

Example 2.4.15. Let $\eta : \Gamma_K \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$ be a continuous character with finite image. Then there exists a finite extension $L$ of $K$ with absolute Galois group $\Gamma_L$ such that $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$ is trivial as a representation of $\Gamma_L$. Hence by Example 2.4.7 and Proposition 2.4.14 we find that $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$ is de Rham with an isomorphism of filtered vector spaces $D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)) \otimes_K L \cong L[0]$, and consequently obtain an identification $D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)) \cong K[0] \cong D_{dR}(\mathbb{Q}_p)$.

In particular, we deduce that the functor $D_{dR}$ on $\text{Rep}_{dR}^{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$ with values in $\text{Fil}_K$ is not full.

We close this section by introducing a very important conjecture, known as the Fontaine-Mazur conjecture, which predicts a criterion for the “geometricity” of global $p$-adic representations.

Conjecture 2.4.16 (Fontaine-Mazur). Fix a number field $E$, and denote by $\mathcal{O}_E$ the ring of integers in $E$. Let $V$ be a finite dimensional representation of $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/E)$ over $\mathbb{Q}_p$ with the following properties:

1. For all but finitely many prime ideals $\mathfrak{p}$ of $\mathcal{O}_E$, the representation $V$ is unramified at $\mathfrak{p}$ in the sense that the action of the inertia group at $\mathfrak{p}$ is trivial.

2. For all prime ideals of $\mathcal{O}_E$ lying over $p$, the restriction of $V$ to $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}_p/E_p)$ is de Rham.

Then there exist a proper smooth variety $X$ over $E$ such that $V$ appears as a subquotient of the étale cohomology $H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_p(m))$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Remark. If $V$ is one-dimensional, then Conjecture 2.4.16 follows essentially by the class field theory. For two-dimensional representations, Conjecture 2.4.16 has been verified in many cases by the work of Kisin and Emerton. However, Conjecture 2.4.16 remains wide open for higher dimensional representations.

The local version of Conjecture 2.4.16 is known to be false. More precisely, there exists a de Rham representation of $\Gamma_K$ which does not arises as a subquotient of $H_{\text{ét}}^n(X_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}}, \mathbb{Q}_p)(m)$ for any proper smooth variety $X$ over $K$ and integers $n, m$. 
3. Crystalline representations

In this section we define and study the crystalline period ring and crystalline representations. Our primary reference for this section is Brinon and Conrad’s notes \cite[§9]{BC}.

3.1. The crystalline period ring $B_{\text{cris}}$

Throughout this section, we write $W(k)$ for the ring of Witt vectors over $k$, and $K_0$ for its fraction field. Recall that we have fixed an element $p^\flat \in \mathcal{O}_F$ with $(p^\flat)^\flat = p$ and set $\xi = [p^\flat] - p \in A_{\inf}$.

**Definition 3.1.1.** We define the integral crystalline period ring by

$$A_{\text{cris}} := \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{\xi^n}{n!} \in B_{dR}^+ : a_n \in A_{\inf} \text{ with } \lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0 \right\},$$

and write $B_{\text{cris}}^+ := A_{\text{cris}}[1/p]$.

**Remark.** In the definition of $A_{\text{cris}}$ above, it is vital to consider the refinement of the discrete valuation topology on $B_{dR}^+$ as described in Proposition 2.2.15. While the convergence of the infinite sum $\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n \frac{\xi^n}{n!}$ relies on the discrete valuation topology on $B_{dR}^+$, the limit of the coefficients $a_n$ should be taken with respect to the $p$-adic topology on $A_{\inf}$.

We warn the readers that the terminology given in Definition 3.1.1 is not standard at all. In fact, most authors do not give a separate name for the ring $A_{\text{cris}}$. Our choice of the terminology comes from the fact that $A_{\text{cris}}$ plays the role of the crystalline period ring in the integral $p$-adic Hodge theory.

**Proposition 3.1.2.** We have $t \in A_{\text{cris}}$ and $t^{p-1} \in pA_{\text{cris}}$.

**Proof.** Since we have $[\varepsilon] - 1 \in \xi A_{\inf}$ as noted in the proof of Proposition 2.2.17, we may write $[\varepsilon] - 1 = \xi c$ for some $c \in A_{\inf}$. Then we obtain an expression

$$t = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^n}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} (n-1)! \xi^n : \xi^n \frac{n!}{n!}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.1)

We thus find $t \in A_{\text{cris}}$ as we have $\lim_{n \to \infty} (n-1)! \xi^n = 0$ in $A_{\inf}$ relative to the $p$-adic topology.

It remains to show $t^{p-1} \in pA_{\text{cris}}$. Let us set

$$\tilde{t} := \sum_{n=1}^{p} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^n}{n}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.2)

Since $(n-1)!$ is divisible by $p$ for all $n > p$, we find $t - \tilde{t} \in pA_{\text{cris}}$ by (3.1). Hence it suffices to prove $\tilde{t}^{p-1} \in pA_{\text{cris}}$.

The terms for $n < p$ in (3.2) are all divisible by $[\varepsilon] - 1$ in $A_{\text{cris}}$, whereas the term for $n = p$ in (3.2) can be written as

$$(-1)^{p+1} \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^p}{p} = (-1)^{p+1} \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^{p-1}}{p} \cdot ([\varepsilon] - 1).$$

In other words, we may write

$$\tilde{t} = ([\varepsilon] - 1) \left( a + (-1)^{p+1} \frac{([\varepsilon] - 1)^{p-1}}{p} \right)$$

for some $a \in A_{\text{cris}}$. It is therefore enough to show $([\varepsilon] - 1)^{p-1} \in pA_{\text{cris}}$.\hfill \qed
Remark. As a consequence, we find
\[ t^p/p! = t^{p-1} \cdot \frac{t}{(p-1)!} \in A_{\text{cris}}. \]
In fact, it is not hard to prove that for every \( a \in A_{\text{cris}} \) with \( \theta_{\text{dR}}^+(a) = 0 \) we have \( a^n/n! \in A_{\text{cris}} \) for all \( n \geq 1 \).

**Corollary 3.1.3.** We have an identification \( B^+_{\text{cris}}[1/t] = A_{\text{cris}}[1/t] \).

**Proof.** Proposition 3.1.2 implies that \( p \) is a unit in \( A_{\text{cris}}[1/t] \), thereby yielding \( B^+_{\text{cris}}[1/t] = A_{\text{cris}}[1/p, 1/t] = A_{\text{cris}}[1/t] \) as desired. \( \square \)

**Definition 3.1.4.** We define the **crystalline period ring** by
\( B_{\text{cris}} := B^+_{\text{cris}}[1/t] = A_{\text{cris}}[1/t] \).

**Remark.** Let us briefly explain Fontaine’s insight behind the construction of \( B_{\text{cris}} \). The main motivation for constructing the crystalline period ring \( B_{\text{cris}} \) is to obtain the Grothendieck mysterious functor as described in Chapter 1, Conjecture 1.2.3. Recall that, for a proper smooth variety \( X \) over \( K \) with a proper smooth integral model \( \mathcal{X} \) over \( \mathcal{O}_K \), the crystalline cohomology \( H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k, W(k)) \) admits a natural Frobenius action and refines the de Rham cohomology \( H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K) \) via a canonical isomorphism
\( H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k, W(k))[1/p] \otimes_{K_0} K \cong H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K). \)
In addition, since \( A_{\text{inf}} \) is by construction the ring of Witt vectors over a perfect \( \mathbb{F}_p \)-algebra \( \mathcal{O}_F \), there exists a natural Frobenius endomorphism \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) on \( A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \) as we will see in Proposition 3.1.10. Fontaine thus sought to construct \( B_{\text{cris}} \) as a sufficiently large subring of \( B_{\text{dR}} \) on which \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) naturally extends. For \( B_{\text{dR}} \) there is no natural extension of \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) since \( \ker(\theta_{\mathcal{O}}) \) is not stable under \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \). Fontaine’s key observation is that by adjoining to \( A_{\text{inf}} \) the elements of the form \( \xi^n/n! \) for \( n \geq 1 \) we obtain a subring of \( A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \) such that the image of \( \ker(\theta_{\mathcal{O}}) \) is stable under \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \). This observation led Fontaine to define the ring \( A_{\text{cris}} \) as in Definition 3.1.1.

The only issue with \( A_{\text{cris}} \) is that it is not \( (\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K) \)-regular, which turns out to be resolved by considering the ring \( B_{\text{cris}} = A_{\text{cris}}[1/t] \).

**Proposition 3.1.5.** The ring \( B_{\text{cris}} \) is naturally a filtered subalgebra of \( B_{\text{dR}} \) over \( K_0 \) which is stable under the action of \( \Gamma_K \).

**Proof.** By construction we have
\( A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \subseteq A_{\text{cris}}[1/p] = B^+_{\text{cris}} \subseteq B_{\text{cris}} \subseteq B_{\text{dR}} \).
In addition, the proof of Proposition 2.2.14 yields a unique homomorphism \( K \rightarrow B_{\text{dR}} \) which extends a natural homomorphism \( K_0 \rightarrow A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \). Hence by Example 2.3.2 we naturally identify \( B_{\text{cris}} \) as a filtered subalgebra of \( B_{\text{dR}} \) over \( K_0 \) with \( \text{Fil}^n(B_{\text{cris}}) := B_{\text{cris}} \cap t^n B^+_{\text{dR}} \).

It remains to show that \( B_{\text{cris}} = A_{\text{cris}}[1/t] \) is stable under the action of \( \Gamma_K \). Since \( \Gamma_K \) acts on \( t \) by the cyclotomic character as noted in Theorem 2.2.19 we only need to show that \( A_{\text{cris}} \)
is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$. Consider an arbitrary element $\gamma \in \Gamma_K$ and an arbitrary sequence $(a_n)$ in $A_{\text{inf}}$ with $\lim_{n \to \infty} a_n = 0$. Since $\ker(\theta)$ is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$ as noted in the proof of Theorem \ref{thm:2.2.19}, we may write $\gamma(\xi) = c_\gamma \xi$ for some $c_\gamma \in A_{\text{inf}}$ by Proposition \ref{prop:2.2.8}. We then have $\lim_{n \to \infty} \gamma(a_n)c_\gamma^n \xi n = 0$ as the $\Gamma_K$-action on $A_{\text{inf}}$ is evidently continuous with respect to the $p$-adic topology. Hence we find
\[
\gamma \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{\xi^n}{n!} \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \gamma(a_n)c_\gamma^n \frac{\xi^n}{n!} \in A_{\text{cris}}
\]
as desired. \hfill \Box

**Remark.** We provide a functorial perspective for the $\Gamma_K$-actions on $B_{\text{cris}}$ and $B_{\text{dR}}$ which can be useful in many occasions. Since the definitions of $B_{\text{cris}}$ and $B_{\text{dR}}$ only depend on the valued field $C_K$, we may regard $B_{\text{cris}}$ and $B_{\text{dR}}$ as functors which associate topological rings to each complete and algebraically closed valued field. Then by functoriality the action of $\Gamma_K$ on $C_K$ induces the actions of $\Gamma_K$ on $B_{\text{cris}}$ and $B_{\text{dR}}$. In particular, since $B_{\text{cris}}$ is a subfunctor of $B_{\text{dR}}$ we deduce that the $\Gamma_K$-action on $B_{\text{cris}}$ is given by the restriction of the $\Gamma_K$-action on $B_{\text{dR}}$ as asserted in Proposition \ref{prop:3.1.5}.

We also warn that $\text{Fil}^i(B_{\text{cris}}) = B_{\text{cris}} \cap B_{\text{dR}}^+$ is not equal to $B_{\text{cris}}^+$. For example, the element
\[
\alpha = \left[ \frac{e^{1/p^2}}{p} - 1 \right]
\]
lies in $B_{\text{cris}} \cap B_{\text{dR}}^+$ but not in $B_{\text{cris}}^+$.

In order to study the $\Gamma_K$-action on $B_{\text{cris}}$ we invoke the following crucial (and surprisingly technical) result without proof.

**Proposition 3.1.6.** The natural $\Gamma_K$-equivariant map $B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K \to B_{\text{dR}}$ is injective.

**Remark.** The original proof by Fontaine in [Fon94] is incorrect. A complete proof involving the semistable period ring can be found in Fontaine and Ouyang’s notes [FO, Theorem 6.14]. Note however that the assertion is obvious if we have $K = K_0$, which amounts to the condition that $K$ is unramified over $\mathbb{Q}_p$.

**Proposition 3.1.7.** There exists a natural isomorphism of graded $K$-algebras
\[
\text{gr}(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong \text{gr}(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong B_{\text{HT}}.
\]

**Proof.** We only need to establish the first identification as the second identification immediately follows from Theorem \ref{thm:2.2.19} as noted in Example \ref{ex:2.3.2}. By Proposition \ref{prop:3.1.6} the natural map $B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K \to B_{\text{dR}}$ induces an injective morphism of graded $K$-algebras
\[
\text{gr}(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \hookrightarrow \text{gr}(B_{\text{dR}}).
\]
In particular, we have an injective map
\[
\text{gr}^0(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \hookrightarrow \text{gr}^0(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong C_K
\]
where the isomorphism is induced by $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+$. Moreover, this map is surjective since the image of $B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K$ in $B_{\text{dR}}$ contains $A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]$ and consequently maps onto $C_K$ by $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+$. Therefore we obtain an isomorphism
\[
\text{gr}^0(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong \text{gr}^0(B_{\text{dR}}) \cong C_K.
\]
This implies that each $\text{gr}^n(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)$ is a vector space over $C_K$. Moreover, each $\text{gr}^n(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)$ contains a nonzero element given by $t^n \otimes 1$. Hence the injective map (3.3) must be an isomorphism since each $\text{gr}^n(B_{\text{dR}})$ has dimension 1 over $C_K$. \hfill \Box
Theorem 3.1.8 (Fontaine). The ring $B_{\text{cris}}$ is $(\mathbb{Q}_p, \Gamma_K)$-regular with $B_{\text{cris}}^{\Gamma_K} \cong K_0$.

Proof. Let $C_{\text{cris}}$ denote the fraction field of $B_{\text{cris}}$. Proposition 3.1.5 implies that $C_{\text{cris}}$ is a subfield of $B_{\text{dR}}$ which is stable under the action of $\Gamma_K$. Hence we have $K_0 \subseteq B_{\text{cris}}^{\Gamma_K} \subseteq C_{\text{cris}}^{\Gamma_K}$. Then Proposition 3.1.6 and Theorem 2.2.19 together yield injective maps

$$B_{\text{cris}}^{\Gamma_K} \otimes_{K_0} K \hookrightarrow B_{\text{dR}}^{\Gamma_K} \cong K$$

and

$$C_{\text{cris}}^{\Gamma_K} \otimes_{K_0} K \hookrightarrow B_{\text{dR}}^{\Gamma_K} \cong K,$$

thereby implying $K_0 = B_{\text{cris}}^{\Gamma_K} = C_{\text{cris}}^{\Gamma_K}$.

It remains to check the condition (ii) in Definition 1.1.1. Consider an arbitrary nonzero element $b \in B_{\text{cris}}$ on which $\Gamma_K$ acts by a character $\eta : \Gamma_K \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$. We wish to show that $b$ is a unit in $B_{\text{cris}}$.

By Proposition 2.2.17 we may write $b = t^i b'$ for some $b' \in (B_{\text{dR}}^+)^\times$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since $t$ is a unit in $B_{\text{dR}}$, the element $b$ is a unit in $B_{\text{cris}}$ if and only if $b'$ is a unit in $B_{\text{cris}}$. Moreover, Theorem 2.2.19 implies that $\Gamma_K$ acts on $b' = b \cdot t^{-i}$ by the character $\eta \chi^{-i}$. Hence we may replace $b$ by $b'$ to assume that $b$ is a unit in $B_{\text{dR}}^+$.

Since $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+$ is $\Gamma_K$-equivariant as noted in the proof of Theorem 2.2.19, the action of $\Gamma_K$ on $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+(b) \in \mathbb{C}_K$ is given by the character $\eta$. Then by the continuity of the $\Gamma_K$-action on $\mathbb{C}_K$ we find that $\eta$ is continuous. Therefore we may consider $\eta$ as a character with values in $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$. Moreover, we have $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+(b) \neq 0$ as $b$ is assumed to be a unit in $B_{\text{dR}}^+$. Hence Theorem 1.1.8 implies that $\eta^{-1} (I_K)$ is finite.

Let us denote by $K^\text{un}$ the maximal unramified extension of $K$ in $\overline{K}$, and by $\widehat{K^\text{un}}$ the $p$-adic completion of $K^\text{un}$. By definition $\widehat{K^\text{un}}$ is a $p$-adic field with $I_K$ as the absolute Galois group. Therefore by our discussion in the preceding paragraph there exists a finite extension $L$ of $\widehat{K^\text{un}}$ with the absolute Galois group $\Gamma_L$ such that $\eta^{-1}$ becomes trivial on $\Gamma_L \subseteq I_K$. Since $\Gamma_K$ acts on $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+(b)$ by $\eta$, we find $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+(b) \in \mathbb{C}_K^\Gamma_L = \mathbb{C}_L^\Gamma_L = L$ by Theorem 3.1.12 in Chapter II.

Let us write $W(\overline{k})$ for the ring of Witt vectors over $\overline{k}$, and $K_0^\text{un}$ for the fraction field of $W(\overline{k})$. Proposition 2.2.14 (and its proof) yields a commutative diagram

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
K_0^\text{un} & \longrightarrow & A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
L & \longrightarrow & B_{\text{dR}} \\
\downarrow \theta_{\text{dR}}^+ & & \downarrow \\
\mathbb{C}_K & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}_K
\end{array}
$$

(3.4)

where all maps are $\Gamma_K$-equivariant. Moreover, both horizontal maps are injective as $\widehat{K_0^\text{un}}$ and $L$ are fields. We henceforth identify $K_0^\text{un}$ and $L$ with their images in $B_{\text{dR}}$. Then we have

$$K_0^\text{un} \subseteq A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \subseteq B_{\text{cris}}. \quad (3.5)$$

We assert that $b$ lies in (the image of) $L$. Let us write $\hat{b} := \theta_{\text{dR}}^+(b)$. If suffices to show $b = \hat{b}$. Suppose for contradiction that $b$ and $\hat{b}$ are distinct. Since we have $\theta_{\text{dR}}^+(\hat{b}) = \hat{b} = \theta_{\text{dR}}^+(b)$ by the commutativity of the diagram (3.4), we may write $b - \hat{b} = tu$ for some $j > 0$ and $u \in (B_{\text{dR}}^+)^\times$. Moreover, we find

$$\gamma(b - \hat{b}) = \gamma(b) - \gamma(\hat{b}) = \eta(\gamma)(b - \hat{b}) \quad \text{for every } \gamma \in \Gamma_K.$$
Then under the $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism
\[ t^j B^+_{\text{dr}}/t^{j+1} B^+_{\text{dr}} \cong C_K(j) \]
given by Theorem 2.2.19 the element $b - \tilde{b} \in t^j B^+_{\text{dr}}$ yields a nonzero element in $C_K(j)$ on which $\Gamma_K$ acts by the character $\eta$. Therefore Theorem 1.1.8 implies that $(\chi^j \eta^{-1})(I_K)$ is finite. Since $\eta^{-1}(I_K)$ is also finite as noted above, we deduce that $\chi^j(I_K)$ is finite as well, thereby obtaining a desired contradiction by Lemma 1.1.7.

Let us now regard $b$ as an element in $L$. Proposition 2.2.14 implies that $L$ is a finite extension of $\overline{K_0^{\un}}$. Hence we can choose a minimal polynomial equation
\[ b^d + a_1 b^{d-1} + \cdots + a_{d-1} b + a_d = 0 \]
with $a_n \in \overline{K_0^{\un}}$. Since the minimality of the equation implies $a_d \neq 0$, we obtain an expression
\[ b^{-1} = -a_d^{-1}(b^{d-1} + a_1 b^{d-2} + \cdots + a_{d-1}). \]
We then find $b^{-1} \in B_{\text{cris}}$ by (3.5), thereby completing the proof. \(\square\)

Our final goal in this subsection is to construct the Frobenius endomorphism on $B_{\text{cris}}$. To this end we state another technical result without proof.

**Proposition 3.1.9.** Let $A_{\text{cris}}^0$ be the $A_{\text{inf}}$-subalgebra in $A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]$ generated by the elements of the form $\xi^n/n!$ with $n \geq 0$. Then the $p$-adic completion of $A_{\text{cris}}^0$ is naturally identified with $A_{\text{cris}}$.

**Remark.** In fact, Fontaine originally defined the ring $A_{\text{cris}}$ as the $p$-adic completion of $A_{\text{cris}}^0$, and obtained an identification with our definition of $A_{\text{cris}}$. The readers can find a sketch of the proof in [BC Proposition 9.1.1].

**Proposition 3.1.10.** There exists a unique automorphism $\varphi_{\text{inf}}$ on $A_{\text{inf}}$ with
\[ \varphi_{\text{inf}} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [c_n] p^n \right) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [c_n p^n] \quad \text{for all } c_n \in O_F. \quad (3.6) \]

**Proof.** The $p$-th power map on $O_F$ lifts to a multiplicative map $O_F \rightarrow A_{\text{inf}}$ which sends each $c \in O_F$ to $[c^p]$. Hence Lemma 2.2.2 yields an endomorphism $\varphi_{\text{inf}}$ on $A_{\text{inf}}$ which satisfies (3.6). We then obtain the bijectivity of $\varphi_{\text{inf}}$ by (3.6) and the perfectness of $O_F$, thereby deducing the desired assertion. \(\square\)

**Definition 3.1.11.** We define the Frobenius automorphism on $A_{\text{inf}}$ as the map $\varphi_{\text{inf}}$ constructed in Proposition 3.1.10.

**Remark.** Proposition 3.1.10 and Definition 3.1.11 readily extend to the ring $W(A)$ of Witt vectors over any perfect $\mathbb{F}_p$-algebra $A$. More precisely, we can apply the same argument as in Proposition 3.1.10 to define the Frobenius automorphism $\varphi_{W(A)}$ on $W(A)$ which raises each coefficient in the Teichmüller expansion to the $p$-th power. In addition, we can define the Verschiebung endomorphism $\psi_{W(A)}$ on $W(A)$ which satisfies
\[ \psi_{W(A)} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [a_n] p^n \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_{n-1}] p^n \quad \text{for all } a_n \in A \]
where $[a_n]$ denotes the Teichmüller lift of $a_n$ in $W(A)$. It is then straightforward to check that $\varphi_{W(A)} \circ \psi_{W(A)}$ and $\psi_{W(A)} \circ \varphi_{W(A)}$ are both equal to the multiplication by $p$ on $W(A)$. When $A$ is a field, we can recover these relations from Proposition 1.5.8 in Chapter II using the Dieudonné equivalence as stated in Chapter II Theorem 2.3.5.
**Proposition 3.1.12.** The Frobenius automorphism \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) on \( A_{\text{inf}} \) uniquely extends to a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant endomorphism \( \varphi \) on \( B_{\text{cris}} \) with \( \varphi(t) = pt \).

**Proof.** The automorphism \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) on \( A_{\text{inf}} \) uniquely extends to an automorphism on \( A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \), which we also denote by \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \). By definition we have

\[ \varphi_{\text{inf}}(\xi) = [(p^\flat)^p] - p = [p^\flat] - p = (\xi + p)^p - p. \]

Hence we may write \( \varphi_{\text{inf}}(\xi) = \xi^p + pc \) for some \( c \in A_{\text{inf}} \).

Let us define \( A_{\text{cris}}^0 \) as in Proposition 3.1.9. Then we have

\[ \varphi_{\text{inf}}(\xi) = p \cdot (c + (p - 1)! \cdot (\xi^p/p!)), \]

and consequently find

\[ \varphi_{\text{inf}}(\xi^n/n!) = (p^n/n!) \cdot (c + (p - 1)! \cdot (\xi^p/p!))^n \in A_{\text{cris}}^0 \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1 \]

by observing that \( p^n/n! \) is an element of \( \mathbb{Z}_p \). We thus deduce that \( A_{\text{cris}}^0 \) is stable under \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \).

It is straightforward to verify that \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) is continuous on \( A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \) with respect to the \( p \)-adic topology. Then by Proposition 3.1.9 the endomorphism \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) on \( A_{\text{cris}}^0 \) uniquely extends to a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant endomorphism on \( A_{\text{cris}} \). Hence the automorphism \( \varphi_{\text{inf}} \) on \( A_{\text{inf}}[1/p] \) uniquely extends to a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant endomorphism \( \varphi \) on \( B_{\text{cris}}^+ = A_{\text{cris}}[1/p] \).

To complete the proof, it remains to verify the identity \( \varphi(t) = pt \). The proof of Proposition 3.1.2 shows that the power series expression

\[ t = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left( \frac{[\varepsilon] - 1}{n} \right)^n \]

converges with respect to the \( p \)-adic topology in \( A_{\text{cris}} \). Hence we use Lemma 2.2.18 and the continuity of \( \varphi \) on \( A_{\text{cris}} \) to find

\[ \varphi(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left( \frac{[\varepsilon] - 1}{n} \right)^n = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \left( \frac{[\varepsilon^p] - 1}{n} \right)^n = \log(\varepsilon^p) = p \log(\varepsilon) = pt \]

as desired. \( \square \)

**Definition 3.1.13.** We refer to the endomorphism \( \varphi \) in Proposition 3.1.12 as the Frobenius endomorphism on \( B_{\text{cris}} \). We also write

\[ B_e := \{ b \in B_{\text{cris}} : \varphi(b) = b \} \]

for the ring of Frobenius-invariant elements in \( B_{\text{cris}} \).

**Remark.** The filtration on \( B_{\text{cris}} \) is not stable under \( \varphi \).

We close this subsection by stating two fundamental results about \( \varphi \) without proof.

**Theorem 3.1.14.** The Frobenius endomorphism \( \varphi \) on \( B_{\text{cris}} \) is injective.

**Remark.** Unfortunately, we do not know of a published reference for the proof.

**Theorem 3.1.15.** The natural sequence

\[ 0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p \longrightarrow B_e \longrightarrow B_{dR}/B_{dR}^+ \longrightarrow 0 \]

is exact.

**Remark.** The proof requires a thorough analysis on the Frobenius endomorphism \( \varphi \) on \( B_{\text{cris}} \), as explained in [FO] Theorem 6.26.

**Definition 3.1.16.** We refer to the exact sequence in Theorem 3.1.15 as the fundamental exact sequence of \( p \)-adic Hodge theory.
3.2. Properties of crystalline representations

Definition 3.2.1. We say that $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$ is crystalline if it is $B_{\text{cris}}$-admissible. We write $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K) := \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{B_{\text{cris}}}(\Gamma_K)$ for the category of crystalline $p$-adic $\Gamma_K$-representations. In addition, we write $D_{\text{cris}}$ the functors $D_{B_{\text{cris}}}$.

Example 3.2.2. We record some essential examples of crystalline representations.

1. Every Tate twist $\mathbb{Q}_p(n)$ of $\mathbb{Q}_p$ is crystalline; indeed, the inequality
   \[ \dim_K D_{\text{cris}}(\mathbb{Q}_p(n)) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \mathbb{Q}_p(n) = 1 \]
   given by Theorem 1.2.1 is an equality, as $D_{\text{cris}}(\mathbb{Q}_p(n)) = (\mathbb{Q}_p(n) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K}$ contains a nonzero element $1 \otimes t^{-n}$ by Theorem 2.2.19.

2. For every proper smooth variety $X$ over $K$ with with a proper smooth integral model $\mathcal{X}$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$, the étale cohomology $H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)$ is crystalline by a theorem of Faltings as discussed in Chapter II, Theorem 1.2.4; moreover, there exists a canonical isomorphism
   \[ D_{\text{cris}}(H^n_{\text{ét}}(X_K, \mathbb{Q}_p)) \cong H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_K/K_0) = H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))[1/p] \]
   where $H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))$ denotes the crystalline cohomology of $\mathcal{X}_k$.

3. For every $p$-divisible group $G$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$, the rational Tate module $V_p(G)$ is crystalline as proved by Fontaine; indeed, there exists a natural identification
   \[ D_{\text{cris}}(V_p(G)) \cong \mathbb{D}(\mathcal{G})[1/p] \]
   where $\mathbb{D}(\mathcal{G})$ denotes the Dieudonné module associated to $\mathcal{G} := G \times \mathcal{O}_K/k$ as described in Chapter II, Theorem 2.3.5.

We aim to promote $D_{\text{cris}}$ to a functor that incorporates both the Frobenius endomorphism and the filtration on $B_{\text{cris}}$. Let us denote by $\sigma$ the Frobenius automorphism on $K_0$ as defined in Chapter II, Definition 2.3.1. The readers may wish to review the definition and basic properties of isocrystals as discussed in Chapter II, Definition 2.3.3 and Lemma 2.3.4.

Definition 3.2.3. A filtered isocrystal over $K$ is an isocrystal $N$ over $K_0$ with a collection of $K$-spaces $\{ \text{Fil}^{n}(N_K) \}$ which yields a structure of a filtered vector space over $K$ on $N_K := N \otimes_{K_0} K$.

Remark. Many authors use an alternative terminology filtered $\varphi$-modules.

Example 3.2.4. Let $X$ be a proper smooth variety over $K$ with a proper smooth integral model $\mathcal{X}$ over $\mathcal{O}_K$. The crystalline cohomology $H_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_K/K_0) = H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/W(k))[1/p]$ is naturally a filtered isocrystal over $K$ with the Frobenius automorphism $\varphi^{*}_{\mathcal{X}_k}$ induced by the relative Frobenius of $\mathcal{X}_K$ and the filtration on $H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_K/K_0) \otimes_{K_0} K$ given by the Hodge filtration on the de Rham cohomology $H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K)$ via the canonical comparison isomorphism
   \[ H^n_{\text{cris}}(\mathcal{X}_k/K_0) \otimes_{K_0} K \cong H^n_{\text{dR}}(X/K). \]

Definition 3.2.5. We denote by $\text{MF}^\varphi_{K}$ the category of filtered isocrystals over $K$ with the natural notions of morphisms, tensor products, and duals inherited from the corresponding notions for $\text{Fil}_K$ and the category of isocrystals over $K_0$.

Lemma 3.2.6. The automorphism $\sigma$ on $K_0$ extends to the endomorphism $\varphi$ on $B_{\text{cris}}$.

Proof. By the proof of Proposition 2.2.14, the natural injective map $K_0 \hookrightarrow A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]$ is a unique lift of the natural map $k \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_F$. Hence $\sigma$ extends to $\varphi_{\text{inf}}$ on $A_{\text{inf}}[1/p]$ by definition, and consequently extends to $\varphi$ by Proposition 3.1.13. \qed
Lemma 3.2.7. Let $N$ be a finite dimensional vector space over $K_0$. Every injective $\sigma$-semilinear additive map $f : N \rightarrow N$ is bijective.

Proof. The additivity of $f$ implies that $f(N)$ is closed under addition. Moreover, for all $c \in K_0$ and $n \in N$ we have

$$cf(n) = \sigma(\sigma^{-1}(c))f(n) = f(\sigma^{-1}(c)n) \in f(N).$$

Therefore $f(N)$ is a subspace of $N$ over $K_0$. We wish to show $f(N) = N$. Let us choose a basis $(n_i)$ for $N$ over $K_0$. It suffices to prove that the vectors $f(n_i)$ are linearly independent over $K_0$. Assume for contradiction that there exists a nontrivial relation $\sum c_i f(n_i) = 0$ with $c_i \in K_0$. Then we find $f(\sum \sigma(c_i)n_i) = 0$ by the $\sigma$-semilinearity of $f$, and consequently obtain a relation $\sum \sigma(c_i)n_i = 0$ by the injectivity of $f$. Hence we have a nontrivial relation among the vectors $n_i$ as $\sigma$ is an automorphism on $K_0$, thereby obtaining contradiction as desired. \quad \Box

Proposition 3.2.8. Let $V$ be a $p$-adic representation of $\Gamma_K$. Then $D_{\text{cris}}(V) = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K}$ is naturally a filtered isocrystal over $K$ with the Frobenius automorphism $1 \otimes \varphi$ and the filtration on $D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K = D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} K$ given by

$$\text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \text{Fil}^n(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K))^{\Gamma_K}.$$

Proof. Since $\Gamma_K$ acts trivially on $K$, we have a natural identification

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K} \otimes_{K_0} K = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K))^{\Gamma_K}.$$

Then Proposition 3.1.6 implies that $D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K$ is a filtered vector space over $K$ with the filtration $\text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K)$ as defined above. Therefore it remains to verify that the map $1 \otimes \varphi$ is $\sigma$-semilinear and bijective on $D_{\text{cris}}(V)$. For arbitrary $v \in V, b \in B_{\text{cris}}$, and $c \in K_0$ we have

$$(1 \otimes \varphi)(c(v \otimes b)) = (1 \otimes \varphi)(v \otimes bc) = v \otimes \varphi(b) \varphi(c) = \varphi(c) \cdot (1 \otimes \varphi)(v \otimes b).$$

Hence by Lemma 3.2.6 we find that the additive map $1 \otimes \varphi$ is $\sigma$-semilinear. Moreover, the map $1 \otimes \varphi$ is injective on $D_{\text{cris}}(K)$ by Theorem 3.1.14 and the left exactness of the functor $D_{\text{cris}}$. Thus we deduce the desired assertion by Lemma 3.2.7. \quad \Box

Proposition 3.2.9. Let $V$ be a crystalline representation of $\Gamma_K$. Then $V$ is de Rham with a natural isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K = D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} K \cong D_{\text{dR}}(V).$$

Proof. Proposition 3.1.5 and Proposition 3.1.6 together imply that the natural map $B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K \rightarrow B_{\text{dR}}$ identifies $B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K$ as a filtered subspace of $B_{\text{dR}}$ over $K$; in other words, we have an identification

$$\text{Fil}^n(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) = (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cap \text{Fil}^n(B_{\text{dR}}) \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Therefore Proposition 3.2.8 yields a natural injective morphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K))^{\Gamma_K} \hookrightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}})^{\Gamma_K} = D_{\text{dR}}(V)$$

with an identification

$$\text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} K) = (D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} K) \cap \text{Fil}^n(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \quad \text{for every } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

We then find

$$\dim_{K_0} D_{\text{cris}}(V) = \dim_K D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K \leq \dim_K D_{\text{dR}}(V) \leq \dim_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V$$

where the last inequality follows from Theorem 1.2.1. Since $V$ is crystalline, both inequalities should be in fact equalities, thereby yielding the desired assertion. \quad \Box
Example 3.2.10. Let $\eta : \Gamma_K \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_p^\times$ be a nontrivial continuous character which factors through $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ for some totally ramified finite extension $L$ of $K$. Then $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$ is de Rham by Proposition 2.4.14. We assert that $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$ is not crystalline. Let us write $\Gamma_L$ for the absolute Galois group of $L$. Since $L$ is totally ramified over $K$, we have $B_{\text{cris}}^L \cong K_0$ by Theorem 3.1.8 and the fact that the construction of $B_{\text{cris}}$ depends only on $\mathbb{C}_K$. Moreover, we have $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)^{\Gamma_L} = \mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)$ and $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)^{\text{Gal}(L/K)} = 0$ by construction. Hence we find an identification

$$D_{\text{cris}}(\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)) = (\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K} = ((\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_L})^{\text{Gal}(L/K)}$$

$$= (\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_L} \cong (\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p K_0)^{\text{Gal}(L/K)}$$

$$= \mathbb{Q}_p(\eta)^{\text{Gal}(L/K)} \otimes \mathbb{Q}_p K_0 = 0,$$

thereby deducing the desired assertion.

We now adapt the argument in §2.4 to verify that the general formalism discussed in §1 extends to the category of crystalline representations with the enhanced functor $D_{\text{cris}}$ that takes values in $\text{MF}^\varphi_K$.

Proposition 3.2.11. Every $V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$ induces a natural $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}} \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}}$$

which is compatible with the natural Frobenius endomorphisms on both sides and induces a $K$-linear isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_K (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K).$$

Proof. Since $V$ is crystalline, Theorem 1.2.1 implies that the natural map

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}} \rightarrow (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}}) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}} \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}}) \rightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}}$$

is a $\Gamma_K$-equivariant $B_{\text{cris}}$-linear isomorphism. Moreover, this map is visibly compatible with the natural Frobenius endomorphisms on $D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}} = (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K} \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}}$ and $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}}$ respectively given by $1 \otimes \varphi \otimes \varphi$ and $1 \otimes \varphi$. Let us now consider the induced $K$-linear bijective map

$$(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_K (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \rightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K).$$

It is straightforward to check that this map is a morphism of filtered vector spaces. Therefore by Proposition 2.3.8 it suffices to show that the induced map

$$\text{gr} (D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_K (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)) \rightarrow \text{gr} (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K))$$

is an isomorphism. As $V$ is crystalline, it is also Hodge-Tate with the natural isomorphism of graded vector spaces

$$\text{gr}(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_K (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)) \cong \text{gr}(D_{\text{dR}}(V)) \cong D_{\text{HHT}}(V)$$

by Proposition 3.2.9 and Proposition 2.4.4. Hence Proposition 2.3.10 and Proposition 3.1.7 together yield identifications

$$\text{gr} (D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_K (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)) \cong \text{gr} (D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{cris}}) \otimes_K \text{gr} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong D_{\text{HHT}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{HHT}},$$

$$\text{gr} (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} \text{gr} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{HHT}}.$$

We thus identify the map (3.7) with the natural map

$$D_{\text{HHT}}(V) \otimes_K B_{\text{HHT}} \rightarrow V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{HHT}}$$

given by Theorem 1.2.1, thereby deducing the desired assertion by the fact that $V$ is Hodge-Tate.

□
**Proposition 3.2.12.** The functor $D_{\text{cris}}$ with values in $\text{MF}_{K}^{\varphi}$ is faithful and exact on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$.

**Proof.** Let $\text{Vec}_{K_0}$ denote the category of finite dimensional vector spaces over $K_0$. The faithfulness of $D_{\text{cris}}$ on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$ follows immediately from Proposition 1.2.2 since the forgetful functor $\text{MF}_{K}^{\varphi} \rightarrow \text{Vec}_{K_0}$ is faithful. Hence it remains to verify the exactness of $D_{\text{cris}}$ on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$. Consider an arbitrary exact sequence of crystalline representations

$$0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow V \rightarrow W \rightarrow 0.$$  

We wish to show that the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(U) \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(V) \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(W) \rightarrow 0 \quad (3.8)$$

is exact in $\text{MF}_{K}^{\varphi}$. This sequence is exact in $\text{Vec}_{K_0}$ by Proposition 1.2.2 and thus is also exact in the category of isocrystals over $K_0$. Moreover, Proposition 3.2.9 and Proposition 2.4.9 together imply that we can identify the induced sequence of filtered vector spaces

$$0 \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(U)_K \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(W)_K \rightarrow 0$$

with the exact sequence of filtered vector spaces

$$0 \rightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(U) \rightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(V) \rightarrow D_{\text{dR}}(W) \rightarrow 0$$

induced by (3.2). We thus deduce that the sequence (3.8) is exact in $\text{MF}_{K}^{\varphi}$ as desired. □

**Corollary 3.2.13.** Let $V$ be a crystalline representation. Every subquotient $W$ of $V$ is a crystalline representation with $D_{\text{cris}}(W)$ naturally identified as a subquotient of $D_{\text{dR}}(V)$.

**Proof.** This is an immediate consequence of Proposition 1.2.3 and Proposition 3.2.12. □

**Proposition 3.2.14.** Given any $V, W \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$, we have $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}} W \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$ with a natural isomorphism of filtered isocrystals

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} D_{\text{cris}}(W) \cong D_{\text{cris}}(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}} W). \quad (3.9)$$

**Proof.** By Proposition 1.2.4 we find $V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}} W \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$ and obtain the desired isomorphism (3.9) as a map of vector spaces. Moreover, since the construction of the map (3.9) rests on the multiplicative structure of $B_{\text{cris}}$ as shown in the proof of Proposition 1.2.4, it is straightforward to verify that the map (3.9) is a morphism of isocrystals over $K_0$. In addition, Proposition 3.2.9 implies that we can identify the induced bijective $K$-linear map

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V)_K \otimes_K D_{\text{cris}}(W)_K \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}} W)_K.$$

with the natural isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_K D_{\text{dR}}(W)_K \cong D_{\text{dR}}(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}} W)$$

given by Proposition 2.4.11. Therefore we deduce that the map (3.9) is an isomorphism in $\text{MF}_{K}^{\varphi}$ as desired. □

**Proposition 3.2.15.** For every crystalline representation $V$, we have $\wedge^n V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$ and $\text{Sym}^n V \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_{p}}^{\text{cris}}(\Gamma_K)$ with natural isomorphisms of filtered isocrystals

$$\wedge^n(D_{\text{cris}}(V)) \cong D_{\text{cris}}(\wedge^n(V)) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Sym}^n(D_{\text{cris}}(V)) \cong D_{\text{cris}}(\text{Sym}^n(V)).$$

**Proof.** Proposition 1.2.5 implies that both $\wedge^n V$ and $\text{Sym}^n V$ are crystalline for every $n \geq 1$. In addition, Proposition 1.2.5 yields the desired isomorphisms as maps of vector spaces. Then Corollary 3.2.13 and Proposition 3.2.14 together imply that these maps are isomorphisms in $\text{MF}_{K}^{\varphi}$. □
Proposition 3.2.16. For every crystalline representation $V$, the dual representation $V^\vee$ is crystalline with a natural perfect pairing of filtered isocrystals

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes K_0, D_{\text{cris}}(V^\vee) \cong D_{\text{cris}}(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} V^\vee) \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(\mathbb{Q}_p).$$

Proof. By Proposition 1.2.6 we find $V^\vee \in \text{Rep}_{\text{cris}}^\text{dR}(\Gamma_K)$ and obtain the desired perfect pairing as a map of vector spaces. Moreover, Proposition 3.2.14 implies that this pairing is a morphism in $\text{MF}^\varphi_K$. We thus obtain a bijective morphism of filtered isocrystals

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V)^\vee \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(V).$$

Furthermore, by Proposition 3.2.9 we identify the induced morphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V)^\vee_K \rightarrow D_{\text{cris}}(V^\vee)_K$$

with the natural isomorphism $D_{\text{dR}}(V) \cong D_{\text{dR}}(V^\vee)$ in $\text{Fil}_K$ given by Proposition 2.4.13. Hence we deduce that the map (3.10) is an isomorphism in $\text{MF}^\varphi_K$, thereby completing the proof.

Finally, we discuss some additional key properties of crystalline representations and the functor $D_{\text{cris}}$ which resolve the main defects of de Rham representations and the functor $D_{\text{dR}}$.

Definition 3.2.17. Let $N$ be a vector space over $K_0$ with an action of $\varphi$. For every $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ we refer to the set

$$N^\varphi =: \{ n \in N : \varphi(n) = p^r n \}$$

as the Frobenius eigenspace of $N$ with eigenvalue $p^r$.

Lemma 3.2.18. We have an identification

$$B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \cap \text{Fil}^0(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) = B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \cap B_{\text{dR}}^+ = \mathbb{Q}_p.$$

Proof. By Proposition 3.1.6 and Theorem 3.1.15 we find

$$B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \cap \text{Fil}^0(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \subseteq B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \cap \text{Fil}(B_{\text{dR}}) = B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1} \cap B_{\text{dR}}^+ = \mathbb{Q}_p,$$

and thus obtain the desired identification as both $B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1}$ and $\text{Fil}^0(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)$ contain $\mathbb{Q}_p$.

Proposition 3.2.19. Every $V \in \text{Rep}_{\text{cris}}^\text{dR}(\Gamma_K)$ admits canonical isomorphisms

$$V \cong (D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}})^{\varphi=1} \cap \text{Fil}^0(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong (D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}})^{\varphi=1} \cap \text{Fil}^0(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{dR}}).$$

Proof. Proposition 3.2.11 yields a natural $\Gamma_K$-equivariant isomorphism

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}} \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}}$$

which is compatible with the natural Frobenius endomorphisms on both sides and induces an isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K).$$

In addition, there exists a canonical isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{dR}} \cong D_{\text{dR}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{dR}} \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}}$$

given by Proposition 3.2.9 and Proposition 2.4.8. Therefore we have identifications

$$(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}})^{\varphi=1} \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}}^{\varphi=1},$$

$$\text{Fil}^0(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} (B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K)) \cong \text{Fil}^0(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K) \cong \text{Fil}^0(B_{\text{cris}} \otimes_{K_0} K),$$

and

$$\text{Fil}^0(D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{dR}}) \cong V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{dR}}^+.$$
**Theorem 3.2.20** (Fontaine). The functor $D_{\text{cris}}$ with values in $\text{MF}^\varphi_K$ is exact and fully faithful on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$.

**Proof.** By Proposition 3.12, we only need to establish the fullness of $D_{\text{cris}}$ on $\text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K)$. Let $V$ and $W$ be arbitrary crystalline representations. Consider an arbitrary morphism $f : D_{\text{cris}}(V) \to D_{\text{cris}}(W)$ in $\text{MF}^\varphi_K$. Then $f$ gives rise to a $\Gamma_K$-equivariant map

$$V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}} \cong D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}} \xrightarrow{f \otimes 1} D_{\text{cris}}(W) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}} \cong W \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}} \quad (3.11)$$

where the isomorphisms are given by Proposition 3.11. Moreover, Proposition 3.19 implies that this map restricts to a linear map $\phi : V \to W$. In other words, we may identify the map (3.11) as $\phi \otimes 1$. In particular, since the isomorphisms in (3.11) are $\Gamma_K$-equivariant, we recover $f$ as the restriction of $\phi \otimes 1$ on $(V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K} \cong (D_{\text{cris}}(V) \otimes_{K_0} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K} \cong D_{\text{cris}}(V)$. This precisely means that $f$ is induced by $\phi$ via the functor $D_{\text{cris}}$. \hfill $\Box$

**Proposition 3.2.21.** Let $V$ be a $p$-adic representation of $\Gamma_K$. Let $L$ be a finite unramified extension of $K$ with the residue field extension $l$ of $k$. Denote by $\Gamma_L$ the absolute Galois group of $L$ and by $L_0$ the fraction field of the ring of Witt vectors over $l$.

1. There exists a natural isomorphism of filtered isocrystals

$$D_{\text{cris},K}(V) \otimes_{K_0} L_0 \cong D_{\text{cris},L}(V)$$

where we set $D_{\text{cris},K}(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_K}$ and $D_{\text{cris},L}(V) := (V \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{\text{cris}})^{\Gamma_L}$.

2. $V$ is crystalline if and only if it is crystalline as a representation of $\Gamma_L$.

**Proof.** We only need to prove the first statement, as the second statement immediately follows from the first statement. By definition $L$ and $L_0$ are respectively unramified extensions of $K$ and $K_0$ with the residue field extension $l$ of $k$. Hence $L$ and $L_0$ are respectively Galois over $K$ and $K_0$ with $\text{Gal}(L/K) \cong \text{Gal}(L_0/K_0)$. Furthermore, since the construction of $B_{\text{cris}}$ depends only on $\mathbb{C}_K$, we have an identification

$$D_{\text{cris},K}(V) = D_{\text{cris},L}(V)^{\text{Gal}(L/K)} = D_{\text{cris},L}(V)^{\text{Gal}(L_0/K_0)}.$$ 

Then by the Galois descent for vector spaces we obtain a natural bijective $L_0$-linear map

$$D_{\text{cris},K}(V) \otimes_{K_0} L_0 \to D_{\text{cris},L}(V). \quad (3.12)$$

This map is evidently compatible with the natural Frobenius automorphisms on both sides induced by $\varphi$ as explained in Lemma 3.2.6 and Proposition 3.2.8. Moreover, Proposition 2.4.14 and Proposition 3.2.9 together imply that the map (3.12) induces a natural $L$-linear isomorphism of filtered vector spaces

$$(D_{\text{cris},K}(V) \otimes_{K_0} K) \otimes_{L_0} L \cong D_{\text{cris},L}(V) \otimes_{L_0} L.$$ 

We thus deduce that the map (3.12) is an isomorphism of filtered isocrystals over $L$. \hfill $\Box$

**Remark.** Proposition 3.2.21 also holds when $L$ is the completion of the maximal unramified extension of $K$. As a consequence, we have the following facts:

1. Every unramified $p$-adic representation is crystalline.

2. For a continuous character $\eta : \Gamma_K \to \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$, we have $\mathbb{Q}_p(\eta) \in \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^\text{cris}(\Gamma_K)$ if and only if there exists some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\eta \chi^n$ is trivial on $I_K$. 

On the other hand, Example 3.2.10 shows that Proposition 3.2.21 fails when \( L \) is a ramified extension of \( K \). Fontaine interpreted this “failure” as a good feature of the crystalline condition, and conjectured that the crystalline condition should provide a \( p \)-adic analogue of the Néron-Ogg-Shafarevich criterion introduced in Theorem 1.1.1 of Chapter I; more precisely, Fontaine conjectured that an abelian variety \( A \) over \( K \) has good reduction if and only if the rational Tate module \( V_p(A[p^\infty]) \) is crystalline. Fontaine’s conjecture is now known to be true by the work of Coleman-Iovita and Breuil.

We conclude this section with a discussion of a classical example which is enlightening in many ways. We assume the following technical result without proof.

**Proposition 3.2.22.** The continuous map \( \log : \mathbb{Z}_p(1) \rightarrow B^+_{dR} \) extends to a \( \Gamma_K \)-equivariant homomorphism \( \log : A_{inf}[1/p]^\wedge \rightarrow B^+_{dR} \) such that \( \log([p^\gamma]) \) is transcendental over the fraction field of \( B_{cris} \).

**Example 3.2.23.** The Tate curve \( E_p \) is an elliptic curve over \( K \) with \( E_p(K) \cong K^\times/p^\mathbb{Z} \) where we set \( p^\mathbb{Z} := \{ p^n : n \in \mathbb{Z} \} \). We assert that the rational Tate module \( V_p(E_p[p^\infty]) \) is de Rham but not crystalline. It is evident by construction that \( \varepsilon \) and \( p^\gamma \) form a basis of \( V_p(E_p[p^\infty]) \) over \( \mathbb{Q}_p \). Moreover, for every \( \gamma \in \Gamma_K \) we have

\[
\gamma(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon \chi(\gamma) \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma(p^\gamma) = p^\gamma \varepsilon^{c(\gamma)} \quad (3.13)
\]

for some \( c(\gamma) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \). Hence \( V_p(E_p[p^\infty]) \) is an extension of \( \mathbb{Q}_p \) by \( \mathbb{Q}_p(1) \) in \( \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\Gamma_K) \), and thus is de Rham by Example 2.4.5.

We present a basis for \( D_{dR}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) = (V_p(E_p[p^\infty]) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR})^{\Gamma_K} \). By (3.13) we find \( \varepsilon \otimes t^1 \in D_{dR}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) \). Let us now consider the homomorphism \( \log : A_{inf}[1/p]^\wedge \rightarrow B^+_{dR} \) as in Proposition 3.2.22 and set \( u := \log([p^\gamma]) \). Then for \( \gamma \in \Gamma_K \) we find

\[
\gamma(u) = \gamma(\log([p^\gamma])) = \log([\gamma(p^\gamma)]) = \log([p^\gamma \varepsilon^{c(\gamma)}]) = \log([p^\gamma]) + c(\gamma) \log([\varepsilon]) = u + c(\gamma) t
\]

by (3.13) and Lemma 2.2.18, and consequently obtain

\[
\gamma(-\varepsilon \otimes ut^{-1} + p^\gamma \otimes 1) = -\varepsilon \chi(\gamma) \otimes (u + c(\gamma)) t \chi(\gamma)^{-1} t^{-1} + p^\gamma \varepsilon^{c(\gamma)} \otimes 1
\]

\[
= -\varepsilon \otimes (ut^{-1} + c(\gamma)) + c(\gamma) \cdot (\varepsilon \otimes 1) + p^\gamma \otimes 1
\]

\[
= -\varepsilon \otimes ut^{-1} + p^\gamma \otimes 1
\]

by (3.13) and Theorem 2.2.19. In particular, we have \( -\varepsilon \otimes ut^{-1} + p^\gamma \otimes 1 \in D_{dR}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) \). Since the elements \( \varepsilon \otimes t^{-1} \) and \( -\varepsilon \otimes ut^{-1} + p^\gamma \otimes 1 \) are linearly independent over \( B_{dR} \), they form a basis for \( D_{dR}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) \) = \( (V_p(E_p[p^\infty]) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{dR})^{\Gamma_K} \).

Let us now consider an arbitrary element \( x \in D_{cris}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) = (V_p(E_p[p^\infty]) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}_p} B_{cris})^{\Gamma_K} \). We may write \( x = \varepsilon \otimes c + p^\gamma \otimes d \) for some \( c, d \in B_{cris} \). We have \( D_{cris}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) \subseteq D_{dR}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) \) there exist some \( r, s \in K \) with

\[
x = r \cdot (\varepsilon \otimes t^{-1}) + s \cdot (-\varepsilon \otimes ut^{-1} + p^\gamma \otimes 1) = \varepsilon \otimes (r - su)t^{-1} + p^\gamma \otimes s.
\]

Then we find \( c = (r - su)t^{-1} \), and consequently obtain \( s = 0 \) by Proposition 3.2.22. Therefore we deduce that \( D_{cris}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) \otimes_{B_{cris}} K \) is \( K \)-linearly spanned by \( \varepsilon \otimes t^{-1} \). In particular, we have \( \dim_{K_0} D_{cris}(V_p(E_p[p^\infty])) \leq 1 \), thereby concluding that \( V_p(E_p[p^\infty]) \) is not crystalline.

**Remark.** Fontaine constructed the semistable period ring \( B_{st} \) as the \( B_{cris} \)-subalgebra of \( B_{dR} \) generated by \( \log([p^\gamma]) \).
CHAPTER IV

The Fargues-Fontaine curve

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