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LIFTINGS(DEFORMATIONS) OF GRADED
ALGEBRAS

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INTRODUCTION

In this paper we study formal deformations of graded algebras and corresponding problems in projective geometry. Given a graded algebra A , we may forget the graded structure and deform (lift) A as an algebra. Clearly we also have a deformation theory respecting the given graded structure of A . This deformation theory is closely related to the corresponding theory of $X = \text{Proj}(A)$. One objective of this paper is to compare these three theories of deformation.

A basic tool is the cohomology groups of André and Quillen. Let $S \rightarrow A$ be a graded ringhomomorphism and let M be a graded A -module. We shall see that the groups

$$H^i(S, A, M)$$

are graded A -modules whenever S is noetherian and $S \rightarrow A$ is finitely generated. In fact, if we let

$$\nu H^i(S, A, M)$$

correspond to S -derivations of degree ν , we shall prove that there are canonical isomorphisms

$$\coprod_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} \nu H^i(S, A, M) \simeq H^i(S, A, M)$$

for every $i \geq 0$.

Deformations of A (forgetting the graded structure) are classified by the groups $H^i(S, A, A)$ for $i=1,2$. Restricting to graded deformations, we shall see that they are classified by the subgroups

$${}_0H^i(S, A, A)$$

for $i=1,2$. These generalities are proved or at least stated in chapter 1.

Let $\pi : R \rightarrow S$ be a graded surjection satisfying $(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$.

Since there is an injection

$${}_0H^2(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \Pi) \rightarrow H^2(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \Pi)$$

we deduce that A is liftable to R iff A is liftable as a graded algebra. We would like to generalize this result to arbitrary surjections of complete local rings. This seems difficult. However if we assume

$$\nu H^1(S, A, A) = 0$$

for $\nu > 0$ or $\nu < 0$ (called negative or positive grading respectively), then the statement above follows from 2.6 of chapter 2 when S is a field k . In fact, let $\underline{1}$ be the category of artinian local V -algebras with residue fields k , $V/m_V = k$, and let $\text{Def}^0(A/k, -)$, resp $\text{Def}(A/k, -)$, be the graded deformation functor, resp non-graded deformation functor on $\underline{1}$ with hulls $R^0(A)$ and $R(A)$ respectively. Consider the local V -morphism

$$R(A) \rightarrow R^0(A)$$

Theorem 2.6 states that this morphism has a section whenever A has negative or positive grading. This follows from the existence of an isomorphisms.

$$R(A) \simeq R^0(A[T])$$

Here $\deg T = 1$ if we have negative grading.

In chapter 3 we enter into projective geometry assuming the graded algebras to be positively graded and generated by elements of degree 1. We compare the groups

$$\nu H^1(S, A, M)$$

with the corresponding groups $\Lambda^i(S, X, \tilde{M}(v))$ in projective geometry, $X = \text{Proj}(\Lambda)$. The groups $\Lambda^i(S, X, -)$ were introduced by Illusie in [I] and by Laudal [L1]. If X is S -smooth, then

$$\Lambda^i(S, X, \tilde{M}) = H^i(X, \theta_X \otimes_S \tilde{M})$$

where θ_X is the sheaf of S -derivations on X . If the depth of M with respect to the ideal

$$m = \bigcap_{v=1}^{\infty} A_v$$

is sufficiently big, the groups

$${}_v H^i(S, A, M)$$

and

$$\Lambda^i(S, X, \tilde{M}(v))$$

coincide. For instance, if $\text{depth}_m A \geq 4$,

$${}_v H^1(S, A, A) \simeq \Lambda^1(S, X, \theta_X(v))$$

and

$${}_v H^2(S, A, A) \hookrightarrow \Lambda^2(S, X, \theta_X(v))$$

This implies that the deformations of Λ and X correspond uniquely to each other. When $\text{depth}_m A \geq 3$ a rigidity theorem of Schlessinger, see (2.2.6) in [K, L], is generalized by the injection

$${}_v H^1(S, A, A) \rightarrow \Lambda^1(S, X, \theta_X(v))$$

Now these depth conditions are usually rather crude, and the exact sequences in which these groups fit are in many cases a better tool.

In chapter 3 we also relate the groups corresponding to embeddings. Let $\varphi: B \rightarrow A$ be a surjective morphism of graded S -algebras such that $B_0 = A_0 = S$ and let

$$f : X = \text{Proj}(A) \rightarrow X = \text{Proj}(B)$$

be the induced embedding. We would like to compare the groups $\check{H}^i(B, A, M)$ and $A^i(S, f, \tilde{M}(\nu))$. If f is locally a complete intersection, one knows that

$$A^i(S, f, \mathcal{O}_X(\nu)) \simeq H^{i-1}(X, N_f(\nu))$$

where N_f is the normal bundle of X in Y . Again putting depth conditions on M , we conclude that

$$\check{H}^i(B, A, M)$$

and

$$A^i(S, f, \tilde{M}(\nu))$$

coincide. If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 2$, then

$$\check{H}^1(B, A, A) \simeq A^1(S, f, \mathcal{O}_X(\nu))$$

and

$$\check{H}^2(B, A, A) \xrightarrow{\simeq} A^2(S, f, \mathcal{O}_X(\nu))$$

From this follows that if B is $S = k$ -free then

$$\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -) \simeq \text{Hilb}_X(-)$$

on $\underline{1}$ where $\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -)$ is the graded deformation functor of φ and where $\text{Hilb}_X(-)$ is the local Hilbert functor at X . From this and the isomorphism

$$R(A) \simeq R^0(A[T])$$

we generalize a theorem of Pinkham [P] as follows. If A has

negative grading and $\text{depth}_m A \geq 1$ and if $X = \text{Proj}(A[T])$ is the projective cone of X in $\mathbb{P}_k^{n+1} = \text{Proj}(B[T])$, then there is a smooth morphism of functors

$$\text{Hilb}_X(-) \rightarrow \text{Def}(A/k, -)$$

In chapter 4 we investigate the conditions of negative and positive grading. We shall assume A to be the minimal cone of a closed subscheme $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}_S^n$. By twisting the embedding we prove that the minimal cone B of $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}_S^N$ for large N very often has negative or positive grading. For instance, if X is S -smooth B will have negative grading. If X is of pure dimension ≥ 2 and locally Cohen-Macaulay, then B will have positive grading. Combining these two results we deduce a theorem of Schlessinger [S3]. See also [M].

Using these results we find that the smooth unliftable projective variety of Serre [Se] gives rise to a graded k -algebra which is unliftable to characteristic zero. This is done in chapter 5. His example is of the form $X = Y/G$. Y is a complete intersection of dimension 3 and the order of G divides the characteristic.

The possibility of using this example to get an unliftable k -algebra may be looked upon as the beginning of this paper. The proof given here is due to O.A. Laudal and the author.

We end chapter 5 by proving that if $\text{ord}(G)$ did not divide the characteristic and if Y was a complete intersection of dimension ≥ 3 then $X = Y/G$ would have been everywhere liftable. This paper contains all the results of [K]. I would like to thank O.A.Laudal for reading the manuscript.

CHAPTER 1

Cohomology groups of graded algebras.

Rings will be commutative with unit. Let S-alg be the category of S-algebras and

$$\underline{SF} \subset \underline{S\text{-alg}}$$

the full subcategory of free S-algebras. Given an S-algebra A and an A-module M, we define

$$H^i(S, A, M) = \varprojlim_{(\underline{SF}/A)^0}^{(i)} \text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

where $\text{Der}_S(-, M)$ is the functor on $(\underline{SF}/A)^0$ with values in Ab defined by

$$\text{Der}_S(-, M)(F \xrightarrow{\varphi} A) = \text{Der}_S(F, M)$$

M being an F-module via φ .

If $S \rightarrow A$ is a graded S-algebra and if M is a graded A-module, we may consider the category of graded S-algebras Sg-alg and the corresponding category

$$\underline{SgF} \subset \underline{Sg\text{-alg}}$$

of free graded S-algebras. Let

$${}_k\text{Der}_S(-, M) : \underline{SgF}/A \rightarrow \text{Ab}$$

be the functor defined by

$${}_k\text{Der}_S(-, M)(F \xrightarrow{\varphi} A) = {}_k\text{Der}_S(F, M) = \{D \in \text{Der}_S(F, M) \mid D \text{ is graded of degree } k\}$$

Then we put

Definition 1.1

$${}_k H^i(S, A, M) = \varprojlim_{\underline{SgF}/A^0}^{(i)} {}_k\text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

As mentioned in the introduction, the groups $H^i(S, A, -)$ and ${}_0H^i(S, A, -)$ classifies formal deformations. Recall that if

$$\begin{array}{c} \pi \\ R \rightarrow S \end{array}$$

is any surjection with nilpotent kernel, we say that an R -algebra A' is a lifting or deformation of A to R if there is given a cocartesian diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R & \longrightarrow & A' \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S & \longrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

such that

$$\text{Tor}_1^R(A', S) = 0$$

Two liftings A' and A'' are considered equivalent if there is an R -algebra isomorphism $A' \cong A''$ reducing to the identity on A . If $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ is a morphism of S -algebras and A' and B' are liftings of A and B respectively, we say that a morphism

$$\varphi' : A' \rightarrow B'$$

is a lifting or deformation of φ with respect to A' and B' if $\varphi' \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \text{id}_S = \varphi$. We define graded liftings of graded algebras and graded liftings of graded morphisms in exactly the same way.

Assume that $R \xrightarrow{\pi} S$ satisfies $(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$

Then it is known that

Theorem 1.2

There is an element

$$\sigma(A) \in H^2(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \pi)$$

which is zero if and only if A can be lifted to R . If $\sigma(A) = 0$, then the set of non-equivalent liftings is a principal homogeneous space over $H^1(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \pi)$

Theorem 1.3

There is an element

$$\sigma(\varphi, A', B') \in H^1(S, A, B \otimes_S \ker \pi)$$

which is zero if and only if φ can be lifted to R with respect to A' and B' . If $\sigma(\varphi; A', B') = 0$ then the set of liftings is a principal homogeneous space over

$$H^0(S, A, B \otimes_S \ker \pi) = \text{Der}_S(A, B \otimes_S \ker \pi)$$

The elements $\sigma(A)$ and $\sigma(\varphi; A', B')$ are called obstructions.

Then corresponding theorems in the graded case are

Theorem 1.4

There is an element

$$\sigma_o(A) \in {}_oH^2(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \pi)$$

which is zero if and only if A can be lifted to a graded R -algebra. If $\sigma_o(A) = 0$, then the set of non-equivalent liftings is a principal homogeneous space over ${}_oH^1(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \pi)$

Theorem 1.5

There is an element

$$\sigma_o(\varphi; A', B') \in {}_oH^1(S, A, B \otimes_S \ker \pi)$$

which is zero if and only if φ can be lifted as a graded morphism to R with respect to A' and B' . Moreover, if $\sigma_o(\varphi; A', B') = 0$, then the set of graded liftings is a principal homogeneous space over ${}_oH^0(S, A, B \otimes_S \ker \pi) = {}_o\text{Der}_S(A, B \otimes_S \ker \pi)$

In [L1] we find proofs of 1.2 and 1.3 and these can easily be carried over to the graded case.

If we want to compare the graded and non-graded theories of deformation, we need to know the relations between the groups ${}_0H^i(S, A, M)$ and $H^i(S, A, M)$. This is given by the following theorem. A proof of this can also be found in [I].

Theorem 1.6

Let $S \rightarrow A$ be a graded ringhomomorphism and let M be a graded A -module. If S is noetherian and $S \rightarrow A$ is finitely generated, then there is a canonical isomorphism

$$\coprod_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} kH^i(S, A, M) \rightarrow H^i(S, A, M)$$

for every $i \geq 0$.

Remark In general, there is an injection

$$\coprod_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} kH^i(S, A, M) \rightarrow H^i(S, A, M)$$

for every $i \geq 0$.

Proof

Let

$$(\underline{SgF/A})_{fg} \subseteq \underline{SgF/A}$$

be the full subcategory defined by the objects $\varphi : F \rightarrow A$ where F is a finitely generated S -algebra.

Look at the diagram of categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\underline{SF/A})_{fg} & \longrightarrow & \underline{SF/A} \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ (\underline{SgF/A})_{fg} & \longrightarrow & \underline{SgF/A} \end{array}$$

where all functors are forgetful. These induce morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \lim^{(i)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) & \longleftarrow & \lim^{(i)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) = H^i(S, A, M) \\
 \longleftarrow & & \longleftarrow \\
 (\underline{SF}/A)_{fg} \downarrow & & \underline{SF}/A \downarrow \\
 \lim^{(i)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) & \longleftarrow & \lim^{(i)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) \\
 \longleftarrow & & \longleftarrow \\
 (\underline{SgF}/A)_{fg} & & \underline{SgF}/A
 \end{array}$$

I claim that these maps are all isomorphisms for $i \geq 0$. This will prove 1.6 since there is a canonical isomorphism of functors

$$(*) \quad \coprod_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \text{Der}_S(-, M) \longrightarrow \text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

on $(\underline{SgF}/A)_{fg}$.

For $i = 0$, the contention of $*$ is easily proved. For $i > 0$ let us prove that the right hand vertical morphisms are isomorphisms.

Let $F \rightarrow A$ be a graded S -algebrasurjection and let

$$F_i = F \underset{A}{\times} F \underset{A}{\times} \dots \underset{A}{\times} F \quad (i+1)\text{-times}$$

Consider the complex

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) & \rightarrow & \lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) & \rightarrow & \lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) \\
 \longleftarrow & & \longleftarrow & & \longleftarrow \\
 \underline{SF}/F_0 & & \underline{SF}/F_1 & & \underline{SF}/F_i
 \end{array}$$

where the differentials are the alternating sum of group-morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) & \rightarrow & \lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) \\
 \longleftarrow & & \longleftarrow \\
 \underline{SF}/F_{i-1} & & \underline{SF}/F_i
 \end{array}$$

induced by the projections $F_i \rightarrow F_{i-1}$. In this situation there

is a Leray spectral sequence given by the term

$$E^p, q = H^p(\lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M))$$

$$\longleftarrow$$

$$\underline{SF}/F.$$

converging to

$$\lim^{(\cdot)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) = H^{(\cdot)}(S, A, M)$$

$$\longleftarrow$$

$$\underline{SF}/A$$

For a proof see (2.1.3) in [L1].

Similarly, there is a Leray spectral sequence with

$${}'E_2^p, q = H^p(\lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M))$$

$$\longleftarrow$$

$$\underline{SgF}/F.$$

converging to

$$\lim^{(\cdot)} \text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

$$\longleftarrow$$

$$\underline{SgF}/A$$

To show that the morphisms

$$\lim^{(i)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) \rightarrow \lim^{(i)} \text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

$$\longleftarrow \qquad \qquad \qquad \longleftarrow$$

$$\underline{SF}/A \qquad \qquad \qquad \underline{SgF}/A$$

are isomorphisms, we use induction on i . If it is an isomorphism for $i \leq n$ and for every object A in Sg-alg, we conclude that the morphism

$$E_2^p, q \rightarrow {}'E_2^p, q$$

is an isomorphism for $q \leq n$ and every p .

Recall that

$$E^0, q \subseteq \lim^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) = H^q(S, F, M)$$

$$\longleftarrow$$

$$\underline{SF}/F$$

Hence $E_2^{0,q} = 0$ for $q \geq 1$.

Since $F \in \text{ob SgF}$, we get

$${}^1E_2^{0,q} \subseteq \lim_{\leftarrow}^{(q)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) = 0 \quad \text{for } q \geq 1$$

$$\text{SgF}/F$$

as well. Since for $r \geq 2$ the differentials of the spectral sequence are of bidegree $(r, 1-r)$, and since for p and q given, $E_\infty^{p,q} = E_r^{p,q}$ for some r , we easily deduce isomorphisms

$$E_\infty^{p,q} \longrightarrow {}^1E_\infty^{p,q}$$

for every p and q with $p+q \leq n+1$. Hence there is an isomorphism

$$\lim_{\leftarrow}^{(n+1)} \text{Der}_S(-, M) \longrightarrow \lim_{\leftarrow}^{(n+1)} \text{Der}_S(-, M)$$

$$\text{SF}/A \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{SgF}/A$$

Q.E.D.

Let $R \xrightarrow{\pi} S$ be a graded surjection such that

$$(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$$

It is easy to see that the injection

$${}_0H^2(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \pi) \longrightarrow H^2(S, A, A \otimes_S \ker \pi)$$

maps the obstruction $\sigma_0(A)$ onto $\sigma(A)$. For definitions of the obstructions see [L1]. This proves

Corollary 1.7

Let $R \xrightarrow{\pi} S$ be a graded surjection such that $(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$.

If A is a graded S -algebra, then A can be lifted to R iff A can be lifted to R as a graded algebra

Remark

Let F_A be the set of non-equivalent liftings of A to

R and F_A^0 the corresponding set of graded liftings. If A' is a graded lifting of A to R , then ~~there~~ are isomorphisms and obvious vertical injections fitting into the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F_A & \xrightarrow{\sim} & H^1(S, A, A) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ F_A^0 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & H^0(S, A, A) \end{array}$$

Hence there is a projection

$$p : F_A \rightarrow F_A^0$$

Now 1.7 can be generalized as follows. Let

$$\varphi : A \rightarrow B$$

be a graded ~~S~~-algebra homomorphism. Assume there are liftings A' and B' , not necessarily graded, of A and B such that φ is liftable to R with respect to A' and B' . Then φ admits a graded lifting to R with respect to $p(A')$ and $p(B')$. We omit the proof.

Similar results for graded S -modules and for graded module morphisms are valid.

CHAPTER 2

Deformation functors and formal moduli.

For the rest of this paper we shall deform only finitely generated algebras.

Let $\pi : R \rightarrow R'$ be a surjective ringhomomorphism. If $(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$, then 1.7 say that A is liftable to R iff A is liftable to R as a graded algebra. We would like to drop the condition $(\ker \pi)^2 = 0$ in 1.7. To do this we shall introduce deformation functors.

Let V be a noetherian local ring with maximal ideal m_V and residue field $k = V/m_V$. Let $\underline{1}$ be the category whose objects are artinian local V -algebras with residue fields k and whose morphisms are local V -homomorphisms. Let S be a finitely generated k -algebra and assume that we can find graded liftings S_R of S to R for any $R \in \text{ob } \underline{1}$ such that for any morphism $\pi : R \rightarrow R'$ of $\underline{1}$ there is a morphism $S_R \rightarrow S_{R'}$ with

$$S_R \otimes_R R' \simeq S_{R'}$$

For each R , fix one S_R with this property and let

$$\varphi : S \rightarrow A$$

be a finitely generated graded S -algebra. Relative to the choice of liftings S_R we define

$$\text{Def}^0(A/S, R) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} S_R & \longrightarrow & A' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ S & \longrightarrow & A \end{array} \right\} \mid A' \text{ is a graded lifting of } A \text{ to } S_R \} / \sim$$

It is easy to see that $\text{Def}^0(A/S, -)$ is a covariant functor on $\underline{1}$ with values in Setz. This is the graded deformation functor or A/S . Correspondingly, we denote by $\text{Def}(A/S, -)$ the non-graded deformation functor of A/S .

Recall that a morphism of covariant functors

$$F \longrightarrow G$$

on $\underline{1}$ is smooth iff the map

$$F(R) \longrightarrow \begin{matrix} F(R') \\ \times \\ G(R') \end{matrix} \times G(R)$$

is surjective whenever $R \rightarrow R'$ is surjective. The tangent space t_F of F is defined to be

$$t_F = F(k[\epsilon])$$

when $k[\epsilon] \in \text{ob } \underline{1}$ is the dual ring of numbers.

Definition 2.1

A pro- $\underline{1}$ object $R(A/S)$, or just $R(A)$ is called a hull for $\text{Def}(A/S, -)$ if there is a smooth morphism of functors

$$\text{Hom}_{\underline{1}}^C(R(A), -) \longrightarrow \text{Def}(A/S, -)$$

on $\underline{1}$ which induces an isomorphism on their tangent spaces.

$R^0(A)$ is similarly defined as the hull of $\text{Def}^0(A/S, -)$.

By 1.2 and 1.4 we see that

$$\text{Def}(A/S, k[\epsilon]) = H^1(S, A, A)$$

$$\text{Def}^0(A/S, k[\epsilon]) = {}_0H^1(S, A, A)$$

Look at the canonical morphism of functors

$$\text{Def}^0(A/S, -) \longrightarrow \text{Def}(A/S, -)$$

and the corresponding V -~~morphism~~

$$R(\Lambda) \longrightarrow R^0(\Lambda)$$

If this morphism splits we have solved the problem mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph.

In [L1] we find a very general theorem describing these hulls. Following [L1] we notice that since Λ is a finitely generated S -algebra, the group $H^i(S, \Lambda, \Lambda)$ for a given i is finite as an Λ -module. We pick a countabel basis $\{v_j\}$ for $H^i(S, \Lambda, \Lambda)$ as a k -vectorspace and define a topology on H^i in which a basis for the neighbourhoods of zero are those subspaces containing all but a finite number of these v_j . Let

$$H^{i*} = \text{Hom}_k^c(H^i, k) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2$$

and let

$$T_{\Lambda}^i, \text{ or just } T^i \quad i = 1, 2$$

be the completion of $\text{Sym}_V(H^{i*})$ in the topology induced by the topology on H^{i*} , i.e. the topology in which a basis for the neighbourhoods of zero are those ideals containing some power of the maximal ideal and intersecting H^{i*} in an open subspace. If H^i is a finite k -vectorspace then T^i is a convergent power series algebra on \hat{V} . The result we need is the following. See (4.2.4.) in [L1].

Theorem 2.2

There is a morphism of complete local rings

$$\sigma = \sigma(\Lambda) : T^2 \longrightarrow T^1$$

such that

$$R(\Lambda) \simeq T^1 \underset{T^2}{\overset{\wedge}{\otimes}} \hat{V}$$

Short remark on the proof.

To simplify ideas, assume $V = k$ and $H^1(S, A, A)$ finite as a k -vectorspace. Let $\underline{1}_n \subseteq \underline{1}$ be the full subcategory of $\underline{1}$ consisting of objects R satisfying $m_R^n = 0$. Put

$$T_n^1 = T^1 / m_{T^1}^n$$

and $R_2 = T_2^1$. If $R \in \text{obl}_2$, then by 1.2

$$\text{Def}(A/S, R) = H^1(S, A, A) \otimes_{m_R}^c = \text{Hom}_k^c(H^{1*}, m_R) = \text{Hom}_{\underline{1}}^c(T_2^1, R) = \text{Hom}_{\underline{1}}^c(R_2, R)$$

Hence R_2 represents the functor $\text{Def}(A/S, -)$ on $\underline{1}_2$. Let

Λ_2 be the universal lifting of A to S_{R_2} . If

$\sigma_2 : T_2^2 \rightarrow k \rightarrow T_2^1$ is the composition,

then
$$R_2 = T_2^1 = T_2^1 \otimes_{T_2^2} k.$$

By induction we shall assume that

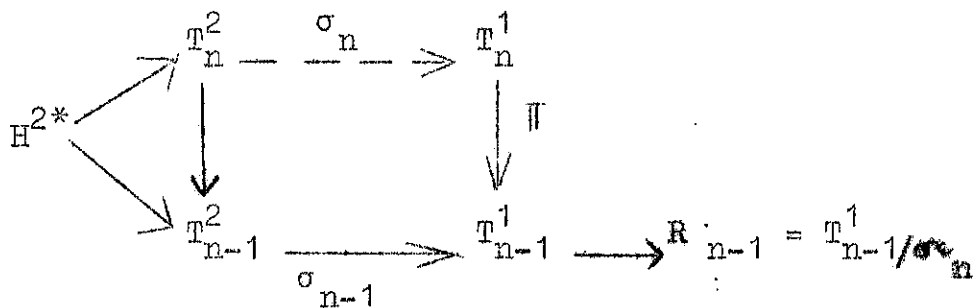
$$\sigma_i : T_i^2 \rightarrow T_i^1 \quad ; 2 \leq i \leq n-1$$

are constructed such that

$$R_i = T_i^1 \otimes_{T_i^2} k$$

and such that Λ_2 is liftable to S_{R_i} .

Consider the following diagram



We shall try to construct $\sigma_n : T_n^2 \rightarrow T_n^1$ such that the diagram

above commutes. In fact it is enough to define σ_n on H^{2*} as a k -linear map. Let

$$R'_n = T_n^1 / \pi^{-1}(\alpha)$$

Then the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T_n^1 & \longrightarrow & R'_n \\ \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \\ T_{n-1}^1 & \longrightarrow & R_{n-1} \end{array}$$

is commutative and $\ker \pi'$ is a k -module via $T_n^1 \rightarrow k$.

Let A_{n-1} be any lifting of A_2 to $S_{R_{n-1}}$. The obstruction for lifting A_{n-1} to $S_{R'_n}$ is given by

$$\sigma(A_{n-1}) \in H^2(S_{R_{n-1}}, A_{n-1}, A_{n-1} \otimes \ker \pi') \simeq H^2(S, A, A) \otimes_{k} \ker \pi' = \text{Hom}(H^{2*}, \ker \pi')$$

Let σ_n be any k -linear map fitting into the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & H^{2*} & & \\ & \swarrow \sigma_{n-1} & \downarrow \sigma_n & \searrow \sigma(A_{n-1}) & \\ T_{n-1}^1 & & T_n^1 & \longrightarrow & R'_n \supseteq \ker \pi' \\ & \longleftarrow \pi & & & \end{array}$$

and put

$$R_n = R'_n / \text{im} \sigma(A_{n-1})$$

Thus killing the obstruction of lifting, we conclude that

A_{n-1} is liftable to S_{R_n} . Put

$$R(A) = \lim_{\longleftarrow} R_n \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma = \lim_{\longleftarrow} \sigma_n.$$

Laudal proves that this $R(A)$ is a hull for $\text{Def}(A/S, -)$.

If $V \not\equiv k$, just as in the general step, we let V_2 be the largest quotient of V/m_V^2 to which $S \rightarrow A$ is liftable.

Any lifting $S_{V_2} \rightarrow A_2$ may serve as a zero point for the isomorphism

$$\text{Def}(A/S, R) \simeq H^1(S, A, A) \otimes_{\mathfrak{m}_R} \mathfrak{m}_R$$

where $R \in \text{obl}_2$. For the rest we may proceed as before.

Corollary 2.2.2

Let V be a regular local ring such that $S \rightarrow A$ is liftable to V/m_V^2 . Then $R(A)$ is regular iff the composition

$$H^{2*} \rightarrow T^2 \xrightarrow{\sigma} T^1$$

is zero.

Proof.

It follows from the fact that the image of the composition is in \mathfrak{m}_T^2 . Q.E.D.

Similar results are true for $R^0(A)$. If

$${}^0H^{i*} = \text{Hom}_k^c({}^0H^i(S, A, A), k) \quad i=1, 2$$

and

$${}^0T_A^i, \text{ or just } {}^0T^i \quad \text{for } i=1, 2$$

is the completion of $\text{Sym}_V({}^0H^{i*})$ in the corresponding topology, then there is a morphism of complete local rings

$$\sigma_o = \sigma_o(A) : {}^0T^2 \longrightarrow {}^0T^1$$

such that

$$R^0(A) \simeq {}^0T^1 \overset{\wedge}{\otimes} \hat{V} \overset{\wedge}{\otimes} {}^0T^2$$

The canonical injections

$${}_0H^i = {}_0H^i(S, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, A) = H^i$$

induces surjections

$$T^i \longrightarrow {}^0T^i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2$$

These surjections can be assumed to fit nicely into a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2 & \longrightarrow & {}^0T^2 \\ \sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma_0 \\ T^1 & \longrightarrow & {}^0T^1 \end{array}$$

in such a way that the induced morphism

$$R(A) \longrightarrow R^0(A)$$

makes the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Def}^0(A/S, -) & \longrightarrow & \text{Def}(A/S, -) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Hom}(R^0(A), -) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}(R(A), -) \end{array}$$

commutative.

We shall only sketch a proof of this commutativity since we will not use it much. We need an easy lemma, see (4.2.3) in [L1].

Lemma 2.3.

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_1^* & \longrightarrow & R_2^* \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_2 \\ R_1 & \longrightarrow & R_2 \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \\ & k & \end{array}$$

whose objects and morphisms are in $\underline{1}$. Assume π_1 and π_2 surjective and $(\ker \pi_1)^2 = (\ker \pi_2)^2 = 0$. If A_1 is a lifting of A to S_{R_1} , and $A_2 = A_2 \otimes_{R_1} R_2$, then

$$H^2(S_{R_1}, A_1, A_1 \otimes_{R_1} \ker \pi_1) \longrightarrow H^2(S_{R_2}, A_2, A_2 \otimes_{R_2} \ker \pi_2)$$

maps the obstruction $\sigma(A_1)$ onto $\sigma(A_2)$.

Proof of the commutativity.

As in the "proof" of 2.2, let us assume $V = k$ and $H^1(S, A, A)$ finite as a k -vectorspace. We constructed R_n and σ_n in such a way that

$$R(A) = \varprojlim R_n \qquad \sigma = \varprojlim \sigma_n$$

In the graded case we shall use the notations

$$R^0(A) = \varprojlim {}^0R_n \qquad \sigma_o = \varprojlim (\sigma_o)_n$$

Now R_2 and 0R_2 represents this deformation functors on $\underline{1}_2$. If A_2 is the universal lifting of A to S_{R_2} , we easily see that $A_2 \otimes_{R_2} {}^0R_2$ is the graded universal lifting to $S_{{}^0R_2}$.

Let $n \geq 3$ and let A_{n-1} be a lifting of A_2 to $S_{R_{n-1}}$

By induction we may assume the commutativity of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{T}_{n-1}^2 & \longrightarrow & {}^o\mathbb{T}_{n-1}^2 \\ \downarrow \sigma_{n-1} & & \downarrow (\sigma_o)_{n-1} \\ \mathbb{T}_{n-1}^1 & \longrightarrow & {}^o\mathbb{T}_{n-1}^1 \end{array}$$

and that $A_{n-1} \otimes_{R_{n-1}} {}^0R_{n-1}$ is a graded lifting of $A_2 \otimes_{R_2} {}^0R_2$.

By 2.3 a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H^{2*} & \longrightarrow & {}^o H^{2*} \\
 \downarrow \sigma_n & & \downarrow (\sigma_o)_n \\
 T_n^1 & \longrightarrow & {}^o T_n^1
 \end{array}$$

is found, hence then is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 R_n & \longrightarrow & {}^o R_n \\
 \downarrow \pi_n & & \downarrow {}^o \pi_n \\
 R_{n-1} & \longrightarrow & {}^o R_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

Since

$$\ker \pi_n \longrightarrow \ker {}^o \pi_n$$

is a surjective map of k -vectorspaces, we deduce from the surjectivity of

$$H^1(S, A, A) \otimes_k \ker \pi_n \longrightarrow H^1(S, A, A) \otimes_k \ker {}^o \pi_n$$

(using 1.2 and 1.7) that there is a lifting A_n and A_{n-1}

to S_{R_n} such that $A_n \otimes_{R_n} {}^o R_n$ is a graded lifting of

$$A_{n-1} \otimes_{R_{n-1}} {}^o R_{n-1} .$$

The case $V \neq k$ makes no trouble.

From this we get

Q.E.D.

Proposition 2.4

Let V be a regular local ring such that $S \rightarrow A$ is liftable to V/m_V^2 . Then

- i) If $R(A)$ is a regular local ring, so is $R^0(A)$.
- ii) If $R^0(A)$ is regular, then the morphism

$$R(A) \longrightarrow {}^0R(A)$$

splits

Proof

- i) follows from the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H^{2*} & \longrightarrow & {}^0H^{2*} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 T^2 & \longrightarrow & {}^0T^2 \\
 \sigma \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma_0 \\
 T^1 & \longrightarrow & {}^0T^1
 \end{array}$$

using 2.2.a

If $R^0(A)$ is regular, then ${}^0T^1 = R^0(A)$.

The obvious surjection

$$H^1 = H^1(S, A, A) = \mathbb{H} \vee H^1(S, A, A) \longrightarrow {}^0H^1(S, A, A) = {}^0H^1$$

induces an injection

$${}^0T^1 \longrightarrow T^1$$

which defines a one-sided inverse of $R(A) \longrightarrow R^0(A)$.

The surjections

Q.E.D.

$$H^i \longrightarrow {}^0H^i$$

for $i = 1, 2$

induce morphisms

$${}^{\circ}\mathbb{T}^i \longrightarrow \mathbb{T}^i$$

If the corresponding diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} {}^{\circ}\mathbb{T}^2 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{T}^2 \\ \sigma \circ \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma \\ {}^{\circ}\mathbb{T}^1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{T}^1 \end{array}$$

commutes, then $R(A) \rightarrow R^0(A)$ splits. In general there seem to be no reasons for this diagram to commute. However imposing some rather natural conditions on the graded algebra A , the commutativity can be proved.

Definition 2.5

We say that $S \rightarrow A$ has negative grading (resp. positive grading) if

$$\begin{array}{ll} \nu H^1(S, A, A) = 0 & \text{for } \nu > 0 \\ \text{(resp. } \nu H^1(S, A, A) = 0 & \text{for } \nu < 0 \end{array}$$

If A has positive or negative grading, then the diagram above commutes, proving

Theorem 2.6

If $S \rightarrow A$ has negative or positive grading, then

$$R(A) \longrightarrow R^0(A)$$

splits as a local V -homomorphism.

In the same direction we have the following more general result.

Theorem 2.7

Assume $S \rightarrow A$ has negative (resp. positive) grading and put $B = A[T]$ with $\deg T = 1$ (resp $\deg T = -1$). Then there is

a V -isomorphism

$$R^0(B) \simeq R(A)$$

We shall need some preparations.

Let A and B be graded S -algebras and

$$\Psi : B \rightarrow A$$

an S -algebra homomorphism, not necessarily graded. For every $i \geq 0$, Ψ induces maps

$$\Psi^i : H^i(S, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, A)$$

$$\Psi_i : H^i(S, B, B) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, A)$$

Let $\Psi_i/0$ be the composed map

$$H^i(S, B, B) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, B) \xrightarrow{\Psi_i} H^i(S, B, A)$$

Lemma 2.8

If Ψ^i and $\Psi_i/0$ are isomorphisms for $i = 1$ and injections for $i = 2$, then there is a local V -isomorphism

$$R(A) \simeq R^0(B)$$

Remark 2.8 a

Let $\pi : R \rightarrow R'$ be a surjection in $\underline{1}$ such that $\ker \pi$ is a k -module via $R \rightarrow k$. Look at

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 R & \longrightarrow & S_R & & & & \\
 \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\
 R' & \longrightarrow & S_{R'} & \longrightarrow & B' & \xrightarrow{\Psi'} & A' \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 k & \longrightarrow & S & \longrightarrow & B & \xrightarrow{\Psi} & A
 \end{array}$$

where A' and Ψ' are liftings to $S_{R'}$ and B' is a graded

lifting to $S_{R'}$. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 H^2(S, B, B) \otimes_k \ker \pi & \longleftarrow & {}_0 H^2(S, B, B) \otimes_k \ker \pi \\
 \downarrow & & \swarrow \\
 H^2(S, A, A) \otimes_k \ker \pi & \xrightarrow{\Psi^2 \otimes \ker \pi} & H^2(S, B, A) \otimes_k \ker \pi
 \end{array}$$

By [L1], the obstructions for deforming A' and B' respectively map on the same element in $H^2(S, B, A) \otimes \ker \pi$.

Proof of 2.8

We shall use the notation

$$T_{\Psi}^i \quad i = 1, 2$$

for the completion of

$$\text{Sym}_{\Psi} (H^i(S, B, A)^*)$$

The morphisms

$$\Psi^i : H^i(S, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, A)$$

$$\Psi_{i/o} : {}_0 H^i(S, B, B) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, A)$$

induce morphisms

$$T_A^i \longleftarrow T_{\Psi}^i$$

$${}^o T_B^i \longleftarrow T_{\Psi}^i$$

which by the "proof" of 2.2 and by 2.8.a fit into a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 {}^o T_B^2 & \longleftarrow & T_{\Psi}^2 & \longrightarrow & T_A^2 \\
 \downarrow \sigma & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma \\
 {}^o T_B^1 & \xleftarrow{\sim} & T_{\Psi}^1 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & T_A^1
 \end{array}$$

The horizontal maps are surjections and isomorphisms by the assumptions of 2.8. Q.E.D

Remark 2.8 b

If ψ^i is an isomorphism for $i = 1$ and an injection for $i = 2$ the morphism

$$(\psi^1)^{-1}\psi_1 : H^1(S, B, B) \longrightarrow H^1(S, A, A)$$

induces a morphism

$$R(A) \longrightarrow R(B)$$

Now we turn to the proofs of 2.6 and 2.7

Proof of 2.7

Let

$$\psi : B \longrightarrow A$$

be the composition

$$B = A[T] \longrightarrow A[T]/(T-1) \simeq A$$

and let j be the canonical injection

$$j : A \longrightarrow B$$

Let M be any B -module.

j induces maps

$$j_M^i : H^i(S, B, M) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, M)$$

Using the exact sequence

$$\longrightarrow H^i(A, B, M) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, M) \xrightarrow{j_M^i} H^i(S, A, M) \longrightarrow H^{i+1}(A, B, M) \longrightarrow$$

and the fact that

$$H^i(A, B, M) = 0 \qquad \text{for } i \geq 1$$

we deduce that j_M^i are isomorphisms for $i \geq 1$. However ψ^i are the inverse maps of j_A^i for $i = 1, 2$.

Hence by 2.8 it is enough to prove that

$$\psi_{i/o} : {}_0H^i(S, B, B) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, A)$$

is an isomorphism for $i = 1$ and an injection for $i = 2$.

Look at the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} {}_0H^i(S, B, B) & \longrightarrow & H^i(S, B, B) & \longrightarrow & H^i(S, B, A) \\ \downarrow j_B^i & & \downarrow j_B^i & & \downarrow j_A^i \\ {}_0H^i(S, A, B) & \longrightarrow & H^i(S, A, B) & \longrightarrow & H^i(S, A, A) \\ & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ & & H^i(S, A, A) \otimes_k k[T] & \longrightarrow & H^i(S, A, A) \end{array}$$

where the lower horizontal map is induced by sending T to 1. If $\deg T = 1$ and if $i \geq 1$, $(\psi^i)^{-1}\psi_{i/o}$ is given by the composition

$${}_0H^i(S, B, B) \simeq \coprod_{\nu=-\infty}^0 H^i(S, A, A) T^{-\nu} \simeq \coprod_{\nu=-\infty}^0 H^i(S, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, A)$$

which is an injection for all $i \geq 1$. If A has negative grading, then by definition $\psi_{1/o}$ is an isomorphism. The case $\deg T = -1$ is similar. Q.E.D.

Proof of 2.6

Let

$$\phi : B \longrightarrow B/(T) = A$$

be the canonical surjection. Then

$$\phi^i : {}_0H^i(S, A, A) \longrightarrow {}_0H^i(S, B, A)$$

are isomorphisms for $i \geq 1$. By 2.8 b there is a morphism

$$R^0(A) \longrightarrow R^0(B)$$

deduced from the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \circ T_A^2 & \longrightarrow & \circ T_B^2 \\ \sigma_o(A) \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma_o(B) \\ \circ T_A^1 & \longrightarrow & \circ T_B^1 \end{array}$$

The horizontal maps are induced by $(\varphi^i)^{-1} \circ \varphi_i$. Moreover by 2.7 and its proof, the isomorphism

$$R^0(B) \simeq R(A)$$

is deduced from the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \circ T_B^2 & \longleftarrow & T_A^2 \\ \sigma_o(B) \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma(A) \\ \circ T_B^1 & \longleftarrow & T_A^1 \end{array}$$

The horizontal maps are induced by

$$(\psi^i)^{-1} \circ (\psi_i/o) : {}_o H^i(S, B, B) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, A)$$

However if $\deg T = 1$, this morphism is given by

$${}_o H^i(S, B, B) \simeq \coprod_{v=-\infty}^{\infty} v H^i(S, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, A)$$

which splits. Using a one-sided inverse, i.e. a projection for $i = 2$, a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \circ T_B^2 & \longrightarrow & T_A^2 \\ \sigma_o(B) \downarrow & & \downarrow \sigma(A) \\ \circ T_B^1 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & T_A^1 \end{array}$$

is found, inducing the isomorphism $R^0(B) \simeq R(A)$. We claim that the composed map

$$R^0(A) \longrightarrow R^0(B) \simeq R(A)$$

is a one-sided inverse of $R(A) \longrightarrow R^0(A)$. This is trivial if we look at the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} {}^0T_A^2 & \longrightarrow & {}^0T_B^2 & \longrightarrow & T_A^2 \\ \sigma(A) \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow & \circ & \downarrow \sigma(A) \\ {}^0T_A^1 & \longrightarrow & {}^0T_B^1 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & T_A^1 \end{array}$$

The composition of the horizontal maps are induced by the obvious projections

$${}^0H^1(S, A, A) \longleftarrow H^1(S, A, A)$$

since $(\varphi^i)^{-1} \circ \varphi_i$ are given by

$${}^0H^1(S, B, B) \simeq \coprod_{v=-\infty}^0 H^1(S, A, A) T^{-v} \longrightarrow {}^0H^1(S, A, A)$$

sending T to 0 . The case $\text{deg} T = -1$ is similarly treated.

Q.E.D.

Theorem 2.7 can be generalized in the following way. Let

$$C = A[T]_T = B_T$$

be the localization of B in the multiplicative system $\{1, T, T^2, \dots\}$ and put $\text{deg} T = 1$. Then for any finitely generated S -algebra A , there is an isomorphism

$$R^0(C) \simeq R(A)$$

We omit details of a proof.

The conditions of negative and positive grading on $S \rightarrow A$ are only reasonable if the graded ring S sits in degree **zero**. However, if $S \rightarrow A$ is any graded morphism and S is S_0 smooth, then

$$R(A) \longrightarrow R^0(A)$$

splits if $S_0 \rightarrow A$ has negative or positive grading. In being more precise we shall assume that the "choice" of the liftings of S_0 and S are compatible, i.e. for any $R \in \text{obl } \underline{1}$, there is a morphism $(S_0)_R \rightarrow S_R$ such that if $R \rightarrow R'$ is in $\underline{1}$, then there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (S_0)_R & \longrightarrow & S_R \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (S_0)_{R'} & \longrightarrow & S_{R'} \end{array}$$

Then the maps

$$\text{Def}^0(A/S, -) \longrightarrow \text{Def}^0(A/S_0, -)$$

$$\text{Def}(A/S, -) \longrightarrow \text{Def}(A/S_0, -)$$

are well defined and they are easily seen to be smooth.

Therefore the morphisms

$$R^0(A/S) \longleftarrow R^0(A/S_0)$$

$$R(A/S) \longleftarrow R(A/S_0)$$

are still smooth. These maps fit into a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R^0(A/S) & \longleftarrow & R^0(A/S_0) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ R(A/S) & \longleftarrow & R(A/S_0) \end{array}$$

The right hand vertical morphism splits because $S_0 \rightarrow A$ has negative or positive grading. By definition of smoothness the left hand vertical morphism also splits.

CHAPTER 3

Relations to projective geometry.

As we know the graded theory of algebras are closely related to projective geometry. In what follows we shall compare the groups $\bigvee H^i(S, A, M)$ with $A^i(S, X, \tilde{M}(v))$ when $X = \text{Proj}(A)$. Moreover if

$$\varphi : B \longrightarrow A$$

is a surjective graded morphism and

$$f : \text{Proj}(A) \longrightarrow \text{Proj}(B)$$

is the induced embedding, we shall relate the groups $\bigvee H^i(B, A, M)$ to $A^i(S, f, \tilde{M}(v))$.

Let X be any S -scheme, \underline{M} any quasicoherent O_X -Module and let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a morphism of S -schemes. Then there are groups

$$A^i(S, X, \underline{M}) \quad \text{and} \quad A^i(S, f, \underline{M})$$

for every $i \geq 0$. Using [L1] we shall summarize some properties needed in the sequel.

i) (3.1.12) in [L1] states that $A^i(S, X, \underline{M})$ is the abutment of a spectral sequence given by the term

$$E_2^{p, q} = H^p(X, \underline{A}^q(S, \underline{M}))$$

If $U = \text{Spec}(A)$ is an open affine subscheme of X , the O_X -Module $\underline{A}^q(S, \underline{M})$, or just $\underline{A}^q(\underline{M})$, is given by

$$\underline{A}^q(\underline{M})(U) = H^q(S, A, M(U))$$

If X is affine, say $X = \text{Spec}(A)$, and $\underline{M} = \tilde{M}$ for some A -module M , we deduce

$$A^1(S, X, \underline{M}) = H^1(S, A, M)$$

If X is S -smooth, we find

$$A^1(S, X, \underline{M}) = H^1(X, \theta_X \otimes_S \underline{M})$$

where $\theta_X = \underline{A}^0(\mathcal{O}_X)$ is the sheaf of S -derivations.

ii) By (3.1.14) in [L1] $A^1(S, f, \underline{M})$ is the abutment of the spectral sequence given by

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(Y, \underline{A}^q(f, \underline{M}))$$

If $V = \text{Spec}(B)$ is any open affine subscheme of Y , then by definition

$$A^q(f, \underline{M})(V) = A^q(B, f^{-1}(V), \underline{M})$$

Therefore if f is affine, say $f^{-1}(V) = \text{Spec}(A)$,

$$A^q(B, f^{-1}(V), \underline{M}) = H^q(B, A, H^0(f^{-1}(V), \underline{M}))$$

iii) Let $Z \subseteq X$ be locally closed. By (3.1.16) there is an exact sequence

$$\longrightarrow A_Z^n(S, X, \underline{M}) \longrightarrow A^n(S, X, \underline{M}) \longrightarrow A^n(S, X-Z, \underline{M}) \longrightarrow A_Z^{n+1}(S, X, \underline{M}) \longrightarrow$$

where the groups $A_Z^n(S, X, \underline{M})$ is the abutment of a spectral sequence given by the term

$$E_2^{p,q} = A^p(S, X, H_Z^q(\underline{M}))$$

If $X = \text{Spec}(A)$ and $Z = V(I)$ for a suitable ideal $I \subseteq A$ we write

$$H_I^n(S, A, M) = A_Z^n(S, X, \tilde{M})$$

iv) Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be an affine morphism of S -schemes. By (3.2.3) there is a long exact sequence

$$\rightarrow A^n(S, f, \underline{M}) \rightarrow A^n(S, X, \underline{M}) \rightarrow A^n(S, Y, f, \underline{M}) \rightarrow A^n(S, f, \underline{M}) \rightarrow$$

Let S be noetherian and let A and B be finitely generated, positively graded S -algebras generated by its elements of degree 1. Assume $A_0 = B_0 = S$. Let

$$\varphi : B \rightarrow A$$

be a surjective graded S -algebra morphism and let

$$f : X = \text{Proj}(A) \rightarrow \text{Proj}(B) = Y$$

be the corresponding embedding. Put

$$m = \coprod_{v=1}^{\infty} A_v \quad \text{and} \quad X' = \text{Spec}(A) - V(m)$$

Let

$$\pi : X' \rightarrow X$$

be the obvious morphism. π is an affine smooth surjection.

If M is a graded A -module, we shall denote by M_a the localization of M in $\{1, a, a^2, \dots\}$. Let $M_{(a)}$ be the homogeneous piece of M_a of degree zero.

Let $b \in B$ such that $a = \varphi(b)$. Since

$$B_{(b)} \rightarrow B_b$$

is flat, a theorem from [A] gives the isomorphism

$$H^q(B_{(b)}, A_{(a)}, M_a) \simeq H^q(B_b, A_{(a)} \otimes_{B_{(b)}} B_b, M_a)$$

However

$$A_{(a)} \otimes_{B_{(b)}} B_b \simeq A_a$$

Therefore

$$H^q(B_{(b)}, A_{(a)}, M_a) \simeq H^q(B_b, A_a, M_a) \simeq H^q(B, A, M)_a$$

Hence

$$H^q(B_{(b)}, A_{(a)}, M_{(a)}) \simeq H^q(B, A, M)_{(a)}$$

Put

$$D_+(b) = \text{Spec}(B_{(b)}) \subseteq Y$$

Then by (ii)

$$\underline{A}^q(f, \tilde{M}(v))(D_+(b)) = H^q(B_{(b)}, A_{(a)}, M(v)_{(a)})$$

proving

$$A^q(F, \tilde{M}(v)) \simeq \widetilde{H^q(B, A, M)(v)}$$

Using (i) we find

$$\underline{A}^q(B, \tilde{M})(D(a)) = H^q(B, A_a, M_a) = H^q(B, A, M)_a$$

Therefore

$$\underline{A}^q(B, \tilde{M}) \simeq \widetilde{H^q(B, A, M)}$$

This proves

$$\pi_* (\underline{A}^q(B, \tilde{M})) \simeq \coprod_v A^q(f, \tilde{M}(v))$$

Lemma 3.1

With notations as above there is an isomorphism

$$A^1(S, f, \tilde{M}(v)) \simeq \vee A^1(B, X^v, \tilde{M})$$

where $\vee A^1(B, X^v, \tilde{M})$ is the homogeneous piece of $A^1(B, X^*, \tilde{M})$ of degree v .

Proof

Going back to the definitions of $A^1(S, f, \tilde{M}(v))$ and

$A^i(B, X', \tilde{M})$ in [L1] we deduce a morphism

$$A^i(S, f, \tilde{M}(v)) \longrightarrow \underset{v}{A}^i(B, X', \tilde{M})$$

The corresponding morphism of spectral sequences

$$H^p(X, A^q(f, \tilde{M}(v))) \longrightarrow \underset{v}{H}^p(X', A^q(B, \tilde{M})) \simeq \underset{v}{H}^p(X, \pi_{*} A^q(B, \tilde{M}))$$

is an isomorphism for every p and q

Q.E.D.

Theorem 3.2

If $\varphi : B \rightarrow A$ is surjective and if

$$\text{depth}_m M \geq n \qquad n \text{ an integer}$$

then the morphisms

$$\underset{v}{H}^i(B, A, M) \longrightarrow A^i(S, f, \tilde{M}(v))$$

are isomorphisms for $i < n$ and injections for $i = n$

Proof

By iii) there is a long exact sequence

$$\longrightarrow H_m^i(B, A, M) \longrightarrow H^i(B, A, M) \longrightarrow A^i(B, X', \tilde{M}) \longrightarrow H_m^{i+1}(B, A, M) \longrightarrow$$

Since $\text{depth} M \geq n$, we conclude that

$$H_m^q(M) = 0 \qquad \text{for } q \leq n-1$$

Moreover $H^0(B, A, -) = 0$ since φ is surjective. By the spectral sequence of iii) we deduce

$$H_m^i(B, A, M) = 0 \qquad \text{for } i \leq n$$

Q.E.D.

Corollary 3.3

If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 2$

$$\underset{v}{H}^1(B, A, A) \simeq A^1(S, f, O_X(v))$$

$$\sqrt{H^2(B, A, A)} \hookrightarrow A^2(S, f, \mathcal{O}_X(\nu))$$

are isomorphisms and injections respectively.

Let us apply this result to the case $S = k$, k a field.

We denote by

$$\text{Hilb}_f(-)$$

the local Hilbert functor relative to Y at f , defined on the category $\underline{1}$. (See the beginning of chapter 2 and use $V = k$). Let

$$\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -)$$

by the functor $\text{Def}^0(A/B, -)$ defined in chapter 2 using trivial liftings of B .

Corollary 3.4

If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 2$, then there is an isomorphism of functor

$$\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -) \simeq \text{Hilb}_f(-)$$

on $\underline{1}$.

Proof

Both functors are prorepresentable. By (2.2) $\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -)$ is prorepresented by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sym}({}_0H^1(B, A, A)^*) \wedge^{\wedge} \otimes^{\otimes} k \\ \text{Sym}({}_0H^2(B, A, A)^*) \wedge \end{aligned}$$

Using (5.1.1) in [L1], $\text{Hilb}_f(-)$ is prorepresented by the object

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sym}(A^1(f, \mathcal{O}_X)^*) \wedge^{\wedge} \otimes^{\otimes} k \\ \text{Sym}(A^2(f, \mathcal{O}_X)^*) \wedge \end{aligned}$$

The natural morphism of functors

$$\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -) \longrightarrow \text{Hilb}_f(-)$$

corresponds to a morphism between their prorepresenting objects. This is nothing but the morphism induced by the natural maps in (3.2)

Q.E.D.

Assume B to be k -free and

$$f : X \subseteq \mathbb{P}_k^n$$

to be the induced embedding. In this case $\text{Hilb}_f(-)$ is also denoted by $\text{Hilb}_X(-)$. Both $\text{Hilb}_X(-)$ and $\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -)$ are easily defined on $\underline{1}$ for V arbitrary, and by the same arguments as before there is an isomorphism of functors

$$\text{Def}^0(\varphi, -) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hilb}_X(-)$$

on $\underline{1}$ whenever $\text{depth } A \geq 2$. Even if $\text{depth } A \geq 1$ we deduce this isomorphism in some cases. In fact, the sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow {}_0H^1(B, A, A) \longrightarrow A^1(k, f, O_X) \longrightarrow {}_0H^1(B, A, H_m^1(A)) \longrightarrow {}_0H^2(B, A, A) \longrightarrow A^2(k, f, O_X)$$

is exact. The isomorphism therefore follows from

$${}_0H^1(B, A, H_m^1(A)) = 0$$

Recall that if $I = \ker \varphi \subseteq B$

$${}_0H^1(B, A, H_m^1(A)) = {}_0\text{Hom}_A(I/I^2, H_m^1(A))$$

Furthermore $X \subseteq \mathbb{P}_k^n = P$ and if $n \geq 2$

$$H_m^1(A) \simeq \coprod H^1(P, \tilde{I}(v))$$

If we define c by

$$c = \max \{v \mid H^1(P, \tilde{I}(v)) \neq 0\}$$

and

$s = \min \{ \deg f_i \mid \{f_i, \dots, f_r\} \text{ is a minimal set of generators of } I \}$

then

$${}_0H^i(B, A, H_m^1(A)) = 0 \quad \text{for } i < s$$

In [E] we find more or less a direct proof of (3.4).

So far we have concentrated on deformations of embeddings. One may ask for the relationship between the groups

$${}_vH^i(S, A, M)$$

and

$$A^i(S, X, \tilde{M}(v))$$

This is given by our next theorem

Theorem 3.5

There are canonical morphisms

$${}_vH^i(S, A, M) \longrightarrow A^i(S, X, \tilde{M}(v))$$

for any $i \geq 0$ and any v . If $n \geq 1$ and if $\text{depth}_M M \geq n+2$, then the morphisms above are bijective for $1 \leq i < n$ and injective for $i = n$.

Proof

Consider the following two exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow H_m^i(S, A, M) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, M) \longrightarrow A^i(S, X', \tilde{M}) \longrightarrow H_m^{i+1}(S, A, M) \longrightarrow \\ \longrightarrow A^i(S, \Pi, \tilde{M}) \longrightarrow A^i(S, X', \tilde{M}) \longrightarrow A^i(S, X, \Pi_* \tilde{M}) \longrightarrow A^{i+1}(S, \Pi, \tilde{M}) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\Pi : X' = \text{Spec}(A) - V(m) \longrightarrow X = \text{Proj}(A)$$

as before. The spectral sequence given by

$$E_2^{p,q} = H^p(X, \underline{A}^q(\pi, \tilde{M}))$$

converges to

$$\Lambda^{p+q}(S, \pi, M)$$

$\underline{A}^q(\pi, \tilde{M})$ is defined by

$$\underline{A}^q(\pi, \tilde{M})(D_+(a)) = \Lambda^q(A_{(a)}, A_a, M_a)$$

and it is easy to see that

$$\underline{A}^q(\pi, \tilde{M}) = \begin{cases} 0 & q \neq 0 \\ \pi_* \tilde{M} & q = 0 \end{cases}$$

Since $\text{depth } M \geq n+2$ then

$$\Lambda^i(S, \pi, M) = H^i(X, \pi_* \tilde{M}) = \# H^i(X, M(\nu)) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Furthermore

$$H_m^i(M) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \leq n+1$$

implying that

$$H_m^i(S, A, M) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \leq n+1$$

The theorem now follows from the two exact sequences stated at the beginning of this proof.

Q.E.D.

Corollary 3.6

If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 3$ and

$$\Lambda^1(S, X, O_X(\nu)) = 0$$

for every ν , then

$$H^1(S, A, A) = 0$$

In the smooth case

$$A^1(S, X, \mathcal{O}_X(\nu)) \cong H^1(X, \theta_X(\nu))$$

and (3.6) reduces to a rigidity theorem of Schlessinger; see (2.2.6) in [K,L]. See also [Sw].

Corollary 3.7

If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 4$ and

$$A^2(S, X, \mathcal{O}_X(\nu)) = 0$$

for every ν , then

$$H^2(S, A, A) = 0$$

If X has only a finite number of nonsmooth points, then

$$H^1(X, A^1(\mathcal{O}_X(\nu))) = 0$$

Moreover if the non-smooth points are complete intersections

$$H^0(X, A^2(\mathcal{O}_X(\nu))) = 0$$

In this case we conclude

$$A^2(S, X, \mathcal{O}_X(\nu)) \cong H^2(X, \theta_X(\nu))$$

We will end this chapter by proving a geometric variant of (2.7) due to Pinkham [P]. We also need (3.4).

Let R be k -free and $\varphi : R \rightarrow A$ be surjective, corresponding to $X = \text{Proj}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{P}_k^n$. Look at the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R[T] & \longrightarrow & R \\ \downarrow \bar{\varphi} & & \downarrow \varphi \\ B = A[T] & \longrightarrow & A \end{array}$$

where $\bar{\varphi} = \varphi \otimes_k \text{id}_k[T]$ and where the horizontal maps are induced by sending T to 1. Put $\text{deg } T = 1$.

Clearly

$$\text{Def}^0(\overline{\varphi}, -) \longrightarrow \text{Def}^0(B/k, -)$$

is smooth. Hence

$$R^0(B) \longrightarrow R^0(\overline{\varphi})$$

is smooth. If A has negative grading

$$R(A) \simeq R^0(B)$$

The composition

$$R(A) \simeq R^0(B) \longrightarrow R^0(\overline{\varphi})$$

is therefore smooth.

Moreover if $\text{depth } A \geq 1$ then $\text{depth } B \geq 2$. Using (3.4) we find

$$\text{Def}^0(\overline{\varphi}, -) \simeq \text{Hilb}_{\overline{X}}(-)$$

whenever $\overline{X} = \text{Proj}(B)$. This proves

Theorem 3.8

Let X be a closed subscheme of \mathbb{P}_k^n and let A be its minimal cone. If

$$\overline{X} = \text{Proj}(A[\mathbb{T}])$$

is its projective cone in \mathbb{P}_k^{n+1} and if A has negative grading, then there is a smooth morphism of functors

$$\text{Hilb}_{\overline{X}}(-) \longrightarrow \text{Def}(A/k, -)$$

on $\underline{1}$ (V arbitrary)

CHAPTER 4

Positive and negative grading

In this paragraph we shall see that if

$$X \subseteq \mathbb{P}_S^N$$

is closed and satisfies some weak conditions, then after a suitable twisting the minimal cone of the corresponding embedding will have positive or negative grading.

Suppose S noetherian and let

$$A = \coprod_{\nu=0}^{\infty} A_{\nu}$$

be a graded $A_0 = S$ algebra of finite type, generated by A_1 . Denote by \mathfrak{m} the augmentation ideal of A ; i.e.

$$\mathfrak{m} = \coprod_{\nu=1}^{\infty} A_{\nu}$$

Assume moreover

$$\text{depth}_{\mathfrak{m}} A \geq 1$$

Let M be any graded A -module and put

$$M_{(d)} = \coprod_{\nu=-\infty}^{\infty} M_{d+\nu}$$

In what follows we shall relate the groups

$$H^i(S, A, M)$$

to the groups

$$H^i(S, A_{(d)}, M_{(d)})$$

Lemma 4.1

If $X' = \text{Spec}(A) - V(\mathfrak{m})$ and $X'_{(d)} = \text{Spec}(A_{(d)}) - V(\mathfrak{m}_{(d)})$ then the groups

$$\Lambda^i(S, X', \tilde{M})_{(d)} \simeq \Lambda^i(S, X'_{(d)}, \tilde{M}_{(d)})$$

are isomorphic for every i

Proof

The canonical morphism $\Lambda_{(d)} \xrightarrow{\hookrightarrow} \Lambda$ induces a morphism of schemes

$$X' \longrightarrow X'_{(d)}$$

thus a homomorphism

$$\Lambda^i(S, X', \tilde{M}) \longrightarrow \Lambda^i(S, X'_{(d)}, \tilde{M})$$

It suffices to prove that the corresponding morphism of spectral sequences

$$H^p(X', \underline{\Lambda}^q(\tilde{M}))_{(d)} \longrightarrow H^p(X'_{(d)}, \underline{\Lambda}^q(\tilde{M}_{(d)}))$$

is an isomorphism for every p and q .

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X' & \longrightarrow & X'_{(d)} \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi \\ \text{Proj}(\Lambda) = X & \xrightarrow{\cong} & X_{(d)} = \text{Proj}(\Lambda_{(d)}) \end{array}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} H^p(X', \underline{\Lambda}^q(\tilde{M}))_{(d)} &\simeq H^p(X, \pi_* \underline{\Lambda}^q(\tilde{M}))_{(d)} \simeq \varinjlim_{\nu} H^p(X, \Lambda^q(\tilde{M})(d\nu)) \simeq \\ &\varinjlim_{\nu} H^p(X_{(d)}, \Lambda^q(\tilde{M}_{(d)})(\nu)) \simeq H^p(X_{(d)}, \pi_* \underline{\Lambda}^q(\tilde{M}_{(d)})) \simeq H^p(X'_{(d)}, \underline{\Lambda}^q(\tilde{M}_{(d)})) \end{aligned}$$

This will prove

Theorem 4.2

Let n be an integer and assume $\text{depth}_{\mathfrak{m}} M \geq n + 2$

Then

$$H^i(S, A, M)_{(d)} \simeq H^i(S, A_{(d)}, M_{(d)})$$

are isomorphic for $i \leq n$ and for every $d \geq 1$.

Proof

Consider the exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} &\longrightarrow H_m^i(S, A, M)_{(d)} \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, M)_{(d)} \longrightarrow A^i(S, X', \tilde{M})_{(d)} \longrightarrow H_m^{i+1}(S, A, M)_{(d)} \longrightarrow \\ &\longrightarrow H_m^i(S, A_{(d)}, M_{(d)}) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A_{(d)}, M_{(d)}) \longrightarrow A^i(S, X'_{(d)}, \tilde{M}_{(d)}) \longrightarrow H_m^{i+1}(S, A_{(d)}, \\ &M_{(d)}) \longrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{depth} M \geq n+2$ is equivalent to the conditions

$$M \simeq \varinjlim H^0(X, \tilde{M}(\nu))$$

$$\varinjlim H^i(X, \tilde{M}(\nu)) = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

we easily deduce

$$\text{depth} M_{(d)} \geq n+2$$

Hence

$$H_m^i(S, A, M) = H_m^i(S, A_{(d)}, M_{(d)}) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \leq n+1$$

Q.E.D.

We are specially interested in (4.2) for the case $n = 1$ and $M = A$. Let R be a graded S -free algebra, generated by R_1 , such that

$$A = R/I$$

Put

$$P = \mathbb{P}_S^N = \text{Proj}(R)$$

If $N \geq 2$.

$$H_m^1(A) = \varinjlim_t H^1(P, \tilde{I}(t)) = \varinjlim_t H^1(\tilde{I}(t))$$

Furthermore by assumption $\text{depth } A \geq 1$, thus

$$H_m^0(A) = 0$$

Recall also

$$H_m^{i+1}(A) = \varinjlim_t H^i(X, O_X(t)) = \varinjlim_t H^i(O_X(t)) \quad \text{for } i \geq 1$$

Proposition 4.3

Let $d \geq 1$ and assume

$$H^1(X, O_X(t+1)) = 0 \quad H^1(P, \tilde{I}(t+1)) = 0$$

for all $t \geq d$. Then there is a natural isomorphism

$$d\nu H^1(S, A, A) \simeq \nu H^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)})$$

for $\nu \geq 1$

Proof

Consider the long exact sequences

$$\begin{aligned} \longrightarrow H_m^1(S, A, A)_{(d)} &\longrightarrow H^1(S, A, A)_{(d)} \longrightarrow \Lambda^1(S, X', O_{X'}(d))_{(d)} \longrightarrow H_m^2(S, A, A)_{(d)} \longrightarrow \\ \longrightarrow H_m^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) &\longrightarrow H^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) \longrightarrow \Lambda^1(S, X'_{(d)}, O_{X'_{(d)}}) \longrightarrow \\ H_m^2(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) &\longrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

By assumption we have

$$d\nu H_m^1(S, A, A) = d\nu H^0(S, A, H_m^1(A)) = d\nu \text{Der}_S(A, \varinjlim_t H^1(\tilde{I}(t))) = 0$$

$$\nu H_m^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) = \nu \text{Der}_S(A_{(d)}, \varinjlim_t H^1(\tilde{I}(dt))) = 0$$

since $\nu \geq 1$.

Furthermore

$$d\nu H^0(S, A, H_m^2(A)) = d\nu \text{Der}_S(A, \mathbb{H}_t^1(O_X(t))) = 0$$

$$\nu H^0(S, A_{(d)}, H_{m(d)}^2(A)) = \nu \text{Der}_S(A_{(d)}, \mathbb{H}_t^1(O_X(dt))) = 0$$

Since

$$H^1(R, A, H_m^1(A)) \longrightarrow H^1(S, A, H_m^1(A))$$

is surjective and since

$$d\nu H^1(R, A, H_m^1(A)) = d\nu \text{Hom}_A(I/I^2, \mathbb{H}_t^1(\tilde{I}(t))) = 0$$

we find

$$d\nu H^1(S, A, H_m^1(A)) = 0 \quad \text{for } \nu \geq 1$$

Similarly we prove that

$$\nu H^1(S, A_{(d)}, H_{m(d)}^1(A_{(d)})) = 0 \quad \text{for } \nu \geq 1.$$

Hence

$$d\nu H_m^2(S, A, A) = 0 \quad \text{for } \nu \geq 1$$

$$\nu H_{m(d)}^2(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) = 0 \quad \text{for } \nu \geq 1$$

The exact sequences above together with (4.1) prove the proposition

Q.E.D.

Corollary 4.4

If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 2$ and if ν is an integer such that

$$H^1(X, O_X(d\nu+1)) = 0$$

then

$$d\nu H^1(S, A, A) = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad \nu H^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) = 0$$

Proof

By assumption

$$H^1_m(A) = H^1_{m(d)}(A_{(d)})$$

Moreover

$$(d\nu+1)H^2_m(A) = H^1(X, O_X(d\nu+1)) = 0$$

Thus

$$d\nu H^2_m(S, A, A) = d\nu \text{Der}_S(A, H^2_m(A)) = 0$$

Using the long exact sequences of the proof of (4.3) we find a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & d\nu H^1(S, A, A) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & d\nu A^1(S, X', O_{X'}) & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ & & & & \uparrow & & \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & \nu H^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) & \longrightarrow & \nu A^1(S, X'_{(d)}, O_{X'_{(d)}}) & & \end{array}$$

which proves 4.4

Q.E.D.

Corollary 4.5 (Negative grading of $A_{(d)}$)

Assume $\text{depth}_m A \geq 1$ and suppose there is a $d \geq 1$ such that

$$\begin{array}{ll} H^1(X, O_X(t+1)) = 0 & H^1(P, \tilde{I}(t+1)) = 0 \\ {}_t H^1(S, A, A) = 0 & \text{for } t \geq d \end{array}$$

Then

$$\nu H^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) = 0 \quad \text{for } \nu \geq 1$$

Proof

Use 4.3 for $\nu = 1, 2, \dots$

Q.E.D.

Corollary 4.6 (Positive grading of $A_{(d)}$)

Assume $\text{depth } A \geq 2$. Suppose there is a $d \geq 1$ such that

$$(-t)H^1(S, A, A) = 0 \quad H^1(X, O_X(-t+1)) = 0 \quad \text{for } t \geq d$$

then

$$\nu H^1(S, A_{(d)}, A_{(d)}) = 0 \quad \text{for } \nu < 0$$

Proof

Use 4.4 for $\nu = -1, -2, \dots$

Q.E.D.

Let us put 4.5 and 4.6 together in the following theorem

Theorem 4.7

Let $X = \text{Proj}(A)$

- a) If X is S -smooth, then there is a graded S -algebra B having negative grading such that

$$X \simeq \text{Proj}(B)$$

- b) If $\text{depth } A \geq 2$ and if there is an integer n such that

$$H^1(X, O_X(t)) = 0 \quad \text{for } t \leq n$$

then there is an S -algebra B having positive grading such that

$$X \cong \text{Proj}(B)$$

- c) If X satisfies the conditions of a) and b) then

$$X \cong \text{Proj}(B)$$

for an S -algebra B which has both positive and negative grading

Proof

If X is S -smooth, then

$$\nu H^1(S, \Lambda, \Lambda) = 0$$

for large ν . In fact the sequence

$$\longrightarrow H^0(S, \Lambda, H^1_m(\Lambda)) \longrightarrow H^1(S, \Lambda, \Lambda) \longrightarrow \Lambda'(S, X', \mathcal{O}_{X'}) \longrightarrow$$

is exact and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu H^0(S, \Lambda, H^1_m(\Lambda)) &= \nu \text{Der}_S(\Lambda, H^1_t(\tilde{I}(t))) = 0 \\ \nu \Lambda^1(S, X', \mathcal{O}_{X'}) &= \nu H^1(X', \theta_{X'}) = \nu H^1(X, \pi_* \theta_{X'}) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for large ν . Thus (4.5) proves a). (4.6) proves b) since

$$\nu H^1(S, \Lambda, \Lambda) = 0$$

for small ν . This follows from the surjection

$$H^1(R, \Lambda, \Lambda) \longrightarrow H^1(S, \Lambda, \Lambda)$$

and from the fact that

$$\nu H^1(R, \Lambda, \Lambda) = \nu \text{Hom}_\Lambda(I/I^2, \Lambda) = 0$$

for small ν .

Q.E.D.

For similar results, see [S3] and [M].

CHAPTER 5

The existence of a k-algebra which is unliftable to characteristic zero.

In [Se] Serre gives an example of a k-smooth projective variety X in characteristic p which cannot be lifted to characteristic zero. This means that for any complete local ring Λ of characteristic zero such that $\Lambda/\mathfrak{m}_\Lambda = k$, it is impossible to lift X to Λ . His variety is of the form

$$X = Y/G$$

when Y is a complete intersection of dimension 3 and G is a finite group operating on Y without fixpoints. Furthermore the order of G divides p .

By (4.7 a) there exists a graded k-algebra B with negative grading such that

$$X = \text{Proj}(B)$$

Hence (2.6) proves that B cannot be lifted to any (noetherian) complete local ring Λ of characteristic zero. In fact the example of Serre satisfies even (4.7 c), thus proving the existence of a graded k-algebra C satisfying $\bigvee H^1(k, C, C) = 0$ for $\nu \neq 0$, such that $X = \text{Proj}(C)$. (2.6) reduces to the almost trivial result

$$R^0(C) \simeq R(C)$$

Clearly C is unliftable to any complete local ring Λ of characteristic zero.

The reason why Serre's example works is obviously that p , the characteristic of k , divides the order of G . To see

this, let us prove

Theorem 5.1

Let $B \rightarrow A$ be an S -algebra homomorphism having a B -linear retraction. Let $I \subseteq A$ be an ideal such that the composed morphism

$$U = \text{Spec}(A) - V(I) \hookrightarrow \text{Spec}(A) \rightarrow \text{Spec}(B)$$

is étale. If $\text{depth}_I A \geq n+2$, then there is an injection

$$H^i(S, B, B) \hookrightarrow H^i(S, A, A)$$

for $i \leq n$.

Proof

By étaleness $A^i(B, U, O_U) = 0$ for all i , and the depth condition implies

$$H^i_I(B, A, A) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \leq n+1$$

Using the exact sequence

$$\longrightarrow H^i_I(B, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(B, A, A) \longrightarrow A^i(B, U, O_U) \longrightarrow$$

we conclude

$$H^i(B, A, A) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \leq n+1$$

However, there is an exact sequence

$$\longrightarrow H^i(B, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(S, A, A) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, A) \longrightarrow H^{i+1}(B, A, A) \longrightarrow$$

Hence

$$H^i(S, A, A) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^i(S, B, A) \quad i \leq n$$

Since the injection $B \rightarrow A$ has a B -linear retraction

$$H^i(S, B, B) \longrightarrow H^i(S, B, A)$$

is injective for any i

Q.E.D.

Apply (5.1) to the following situation. Let

$$Y = \text{Proj}(A)$$

be a projective k -scheme, and let G be a finite group acting on A such that the graded injection

$$A^G \longrightarrow A$$

induces $Y \longrightarrow Y/G = X$. Assume $Y \longrightarrow X$ étale and suppose that the order of G does not divide the characteristic of the field k .

Corollary 5.2

a) If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 3$ then

$$H^1(k, A, A) = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad H^1(k, A^G, A^G) = 0$$

b) If $\text{depth}_m A \geq 4$ then

$$H^2(k, A, A) = 0 \quad \text{implies} \quad H^2(k, A^G, A^G) = 0$$

Proof

Clearly $A^G \longrightarrow A$ has a retraction by the assumption on $\text{ord}(G)$. Moreover the morphism

$$\text{Spec}(A) - V(m) \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(A^G)$$

is étale. We use (5.1)

Q.E.D.

Assume Y to be a complete intersection

$$Y = \text{Proj}(A)$$

with $\text{depth}_m A \geq 4$. Under the same conditions as in (5.2) we deduce

$$H^2(k, A^G, A^G) = 0$$

Clearly $X = \text{Proj}(A^G)$ behaves as the example of Serre except

for the condition on $\text{ord}(G)$.

Remark

Clearly (5.2) is true not only for graded k -algebras A . In this case we suppose the condition on $\text{ord}(G)$ and that the morphism

$$\text{Spec}(A^G) - V(m) \longrightarrow \text{Spec}(A)$$

is étale. For (5.2 a) , see [S2].

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