

Breuil-Kisin twists (prismatic analog of Tate twists).

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Def. A BK module on  $\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$  is a vector bundle  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $\Sigma$  with a morphism  $F^* \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  whose  $\text{Coker}$  is supported on  $n \Delta_0$  for some  $n$  (i.e., an  $F$ -crystal which is a locally free finitely generated  $\mathcal{O}$ -module).

"Conventional" BK module: replace  $(\Sigma, F, \Delta_0)$  by  $(\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p[[x]], \varphi, D)$ , where  $\varphi(x) = x^p$ ,  $D = \text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p[[x]]/(x-p)$ . One has a morphism  $\alpha: (\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p[[x]], \varphi) \rightarrow (\Sigma, F)$  such that  $\alpha^{-1}(\Delta_0) = D$ ; namely,  $\alpha$  corresponds to  $[x] - p \in W^{(1)}(\mathbb{Z}_p[[x]])$ . Get  $\alpha^*: \{\text{BK modules}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Conventional BK modules}\}$ .

Goal: define a BK module  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\}$  analogous to  $\mathbb{Z}_p(-1)$ .

Remark.  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{1\}$  doesn't exist, and in the crystalline theory  $\mathbb{Z}_p(1)$  doesn't exist. In the crystalline theory the role of  $\Sigma = (\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p)^\Delta$  is played by  $(\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_p)^\Delta = \text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and an  $F$ -crystal on  $\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_p$  is just a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -module equipped with a (geometric!) Frobenius endomorphism.  $\mathbb{Z}_p(-1)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  with Frobenius acting by  $p$ . But  $p^{-1} \notin \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

$$n \geq 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-n\} := (\mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\})^{\otimes n}$$

If  $M$  is an  $F$ -crystal (e.g., a BK module) then  $M\{-n\} := M \otimes \mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-n\}$  is called the BK twist of  $M$  (this name is used by Bhatt-Scholze).

Pre-definition.  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\} := \bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} (F^n)^* \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(\Delta_0) = \bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(\Delta_n)$ .

Key Fact (to be explained). Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a line bundle on  $\Sigma$  with a trivialization of  $p^* \mathcal{L}$ , where  $p: \text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \Sigma$  is the image of  $p \in W^{(1)}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ . Then  $\bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} (F^n)^* \mathcal{L}$  makes sense as a line bundle (and behaves reasonably). Assuming "reasonable behavior", we get  $F^* \mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\} = \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} (F^n)^* \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(\Delta_0) = \mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\} \otimes_{\Sigma} \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(-\Delta)$ . So we get  $F^* \mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\}$  with  $\text{Supp Coker } \varphi = \Delta_0$ . So  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\}$  is a BK module, as promised.

Motivation. Let  $x \in \text{Pic } \Sigma$  be the class of  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma\{-1\}$ . Want  $F^* x = x - [\Delta_0]$ , i.e.,  $(1 - F^*)x = [\Delta_0]$ . Solution:  $x = (1 + F^* + (F^*)^2 + \dots) [\Delta_0]$ .

Lemma.  $\text{Coker } \varphi = \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(\Delta_0)|_{\Delta_0}$  (normal bundle of  $\Delta_0$ ).

Proof. It suffices to show that once  $p^* \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(\Delta_0)$  is trivialized then  $[(F^n)^* \mathcal{O}_\Sigma(\Delta_0)]|_{\Delta_0}$  is canonically trivial. Reason: commutativity of

the diagram  $\Delta_0 \leftrightarrow \Sigma \xrightarrow{F^n} \Sigma$  for  $n > 0$ . To check com-



mutativity, we have to show that if  $u \in W^\times$  then  $F^n(Vu) = p \cdot (\text{"canonical" unit})$ . Indeed,  $F^n(Vu) = p \cdot F^{n-1}(u)$ ,  $F^{n-1}(u) \in W^\times$ . ■

To transform the pre-definition into a definition, I have to formulate and prove

The contracting property of  $F: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ .

Let  $C$  be a category (e.g., a groupoid). Let  $F: C \rightarrow C$  be a functor.

Def.  $C^F := \{ (c, \alpha) \mid c \in C, \alpha: c \xrightarrow{\sim} F(c) \}$   
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 category of  $F$ -fixed points.

Remark. The functor  $C^F \rightarrow C$  is faithful but not fully faithful. (So  $C^F$  is not a full subcategory of  $\Sigma$ ).

Def.  $C[F^{-1}] := \varinjlim (C \xrightarrow{F} C \xrightarrow{F} \dots)$

Localization of  $C$  w.r.t.  $F$  (the universal way to make  $F$  invertible).  
 category with one object and one morphism.

~~Exercise~~ Def.  $F: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$  is contracting if  $C[F^{-1}] = \text{point}$ .

Exercise. If  $F$  is contracting then  $C^F = \text{point}$ .

Beginning of the proof. Let  $c \in C$ . Then  $c$  and  $F(c)$  have isomorphic images in  $C[F^{-1}]$ . So  $\exists \eta: F^n(c) \xrightarrow{\sim} F^{n+1}(c)$ . So  $F(F^n(c)) \xrightarrow{\sim} F^{n+1}(c)$ .

So  $C^F \neq \emptyset$ . ~~(I could stop here.)~~

End of the proof. a) If  $C$  is a set finishing the proof is easy.

b) In general, we have to show that if  $c, c' \in C^F$  then  $\text{Hom}_{C^F}(c, c') = \text{point}$ . Let  $S := \text{Hom}_C(c, c')$ . We have  $F: S \rightarrow S$  and  $\text{Hom}_{C^F}(c, c') = S^F$ . We know that  $S[F^{-1}] := \varinjlim (S \xrightarrow{F} S \rightarrow \dots)$  is a point. So  $S^F$  is a point by a).

Remark. Without assuming that  $F$  is contracting, one probably has  $C^F = (C \xrightarrow{F} C \xrightarrow{F} \dots)[F^{-1}]^F$ .

Proposition. Let  $R$  be a (discrete) ring in which  $p$  is nilpotent. Then  $F: \Sigma(R) \rightarrow \Sigma(R)$  is contracting. for ~~all~~  $R \in \text{Rings}_p$ .

Corollary.  $\Sigma^F = \text{Spf } \mathbb{Z}_p$ . (The corresponding morphism  $\text{Spf } \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \Sigma$  is  $p: \text{Spf } \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \Sigma$ . Indeed,  $\Sigma^F(\mathbb{Z}_p)$  has a single element).

Exercise. (i) The map  $\sum^{\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p} F \rightarrow \Sigma$  is not a monomorphism. (Not surprising).

(ii) It has "schematically dense image", i.e., if  $Y \subset \Sigma$  is a closed substack such that  $\mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \ni p$  then  $Y = \Sigma$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow H^0(\Sigma, \mathcal{O}_{\Sigma}) = \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Let us explain the "key fact": if  $\mathcal{L}$  is a line bundle with  $p^*\mathcal{L}$  trivialized then  $\bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} (F^n)^*\mathcal{L}$  makes sense. Idea:  $\prod x_n$  makes sense if  $x_n = 1$  for  $n > n_0$ . We are in a slightly different situation (but familiar from automorphic form theory).

Construction. Let  $R \in \text{Rings}_p$ ,  $f: \text{Spec } R \rightarrow \Sigma$ . Want to define

$\bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} f^*(F^n)^*\mathcal{L}$ . Note:  $f^*(F^n)^* = (F^n \circ f)^*$ . Have  $f \in \Sigma(R)$ ,  $F: \Sigma(R) \rightarrow \Sigma(R)$ . But

$F^n \circ f = F^n(f)$ . Recall:  $p^*\mathcal{L}$  is trivialized. So the Proposition tells us

that  $F^n(f) = p$  for  $n \gg 0$ . More precisely,  $\exists l: F^l(f) = p$ .

Choosing  $\alpha_l: F^l(f) \rightarrow p$ , get  $\alpha_n: F^n(f) \rightarrow p$  for  $n \geq l$ .

A different choice of  $\alpha_l$  gives the same  $\alpha_n$  for  $n \geq l'$ .

Trivializing  $p^*\mathcal{O}_{\Sigma}(-\Delta_0)$  (this is necessary to define  $\mathcal{O}_{\Sigma}(-1)$ ).

$\Delta_0 \subset \Sigma$  is defined by  $\xi_0 = 0$ . So  $p^*\Delta_0 \subset \text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$  is defined by  $p = 0$ .

So  $p^*\mathcal{O}_{\Sigma}(-\Delta_0)$  is the ideal  $p\mathbb{Z}_p \subset \mathbb{Z}_p$ . As a generator of  $p\mathbb{Z}_p$ , choose  $p$ .

On Pic  $\Sigma$ .

Have  $F^*: \text{Pic } \Sigma \rightarrow \text{Pic } \Sigma$ . (There is no  $F_*$  because  $F: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$  is not finite.) So  $\text{Pic } \Sigma$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}[F^*]$ -module.

Fact. This module is  $I$ -adically complete, where  $I = (p, F^*)$ .

So  $\text{Pic } \Sigma$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[F^*]]$ -module.

Question. Is it freely generated by

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Conjecture.  $\text{Pic } \Sigma$  is the free  $\mathbb{Z}_p[[F^*]]$ -module generated by  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma(\Delta_0)$ .

Remark. ~~There is no  $F_*: \text{Pic } \Sigma \rightarrow \text{Pic } \Sigma$ . Reason:  $F$  is not finite. ( $F$  is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -ind-finite = integral,  $F$  is also flat.)~~

Exercise. ~~Any  $F$ -crystal on  $\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$  which is an invertible  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma$ -module is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_\Sigma(-n)$  for some  $n \geq 0$ .~~

Proof of the Proposition on p. 43.

Claim. Let  $R \in \text{Rings}_p$ . Then  $F: \Sigma(R) \rightarrow \Sigma(R)$  is contracting, i.e.,  $\varprojlim (\Sigma(R) \xrightarrow{F} \Sigma(R) \xrightarrow{F} \dots) = \text{point}$ .

① At the level of objects:  $\forall x \in \Sigma(R) \exists n: F^n(x) \cong P$ . for some  $u \in W(R)^\times$

$\Sigma := W^{(1)}/W^\times$ , so it suffices to show that  $\forall \xi \in W^{(1)}(R) \exists n: F^n \xi = pu$

$\xi = \sum V^i(\xi_i), \xi_i \in R, \xi_0$  nilpotent,  $\xi_1 \in R^\times$ . So  $\xi = [\xi_0] + Vy, y \in W(R)^\times$ .

Then  $F^n \xi = [ \xi_0^{p^n} ] + p F^{n-1} y, n \gg 0 \Rightarrow \xi_0^{p^n} = 0, F^n \xi = pu, u = F^{n-1} y \in W(R)^\times$ .

② It remains to study  $F: \text{Aut } p \rightarrow \text{Aut } p$ , where  $\text{Aut } p := \{u \in W(R)^\times \mid pu = p\}$ .

Want: if  $u \in W(R)^\times, pu = p$  then  $\exists n: F^n u = 1$ .

Claim.  $F^n(u-1) \in W(p^n R) = \text{Ker}(W(R) \rightarrow W(R/p^n R))$ .

This is enough because  $p \in R$  is nilpotent. Proof by induction on  $n$ :

Case  $n=1$ .  $p(u-1) = 0$ , so  $FV(u-1) = 0$ . In  $W(R/pR)$  we have

$FV = VF$ , so  $VF(u-1) = 0$ , so  $F(u-1) = 0$ .

Induction step. Suppose  $F^n(u-1) \in W(p^n R)$ . Then  $VF^{n+1}(u-1) =$

$= V(1) \cdot F^n(u-1) = (V(1) - p) \cdot F^n(u-1)$  because  $p(u-1) = 0$ . But

$V(1) - p \in W(pR), F^n(u-1) \in W(p^n R), W(pR) \cdot W(p^n R) \subseteq W(p^{n+1}R)$ .

So  $F^{n+1}(u-1) \in W(p^{n+1}R)$ . ■

Just in case: if  $i \leq j$  then  $V^i[a] \cdot V^j[b] = V^i([a] \cdot F^i V^j[b]) = p^i V^j[ab^{p^{j-i}}]$ .