

A note on the Grothendieck-Cousin complex on the flag variety  
in positive characteristic

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The Grothendieck-Cousin complex of a dominant line bundle on the flag variety with respect to the Schubert filtration is made up of the dual Verma modules in characteristic 0, the dual of a Bernstein-Gelfand-Gelfand complex, as observed by G. Kempf [8], J.-L. Brylinski and M. Kashiwara [1], and M. Kashiwara [7], but that does not carry over to positive characteristic. The failure seems not as accessible as the author feels it should be. We intend to remedy the situation by reworking Kashiwara [7], § 3.

The difference stems from the one in  $SL_2$ . Thus let  $K$  be an algebraically closed field,  $G$  the  $K$ -group  $SL_2$ ,  $B$  a Borel subgroup of  $G$ ,  $T$  a maximal torus of  $B$ ,  $B^+$  the Borel subgroup of  $G$  opposite to  $B$ ,  $\alpha$  the root of  $B^+$ ,  $W = \langle s_\alpha \rangle$  the Weyl group of  $G$ ,  $x_0$  the point  $B$  of the flag variety  $X = G/B$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  the invertible  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module on  $X$  induced by a 1-dimensional  $B$ -module  $\lambda \in \text{Hom}(B, GL_1)$ , and  $\text{Dist}(G)$  the algebra of distributions of  $G$ . In characteristic 0, the  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -modules  $H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$  and  $H_{B^+ x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(s_\alpha \cdot \lambda))$  are isomorphic iff  $\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq -1$ , where  $\cdot$  is the dot multiplication and  $\alpha^\vee$  is the coroot of  $\alpha$ . On the other hand, we will find in § 2 that in positive characteristic they are isomorphic iff  $\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle = -1$ . General results are summarized in (3.4).

In what follows  $K$  will denote an algebraically closed field of positive characteristic  $p$ ,  $G$  a simply connected semisimple algebraic group over  $K$ ,  $B$  a Borel subgroup of  $G$ , and  $X$  the flag variety  $G/B$ .

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## § 1

In this section we recall some generalities on the Grothendieck-Cousin complex of a  $G$ -linearized sheaf on  $X$  from Kempf [9] and on the representation theory of algebraic groups from Jantzen [6].

(1.1) We fix an action  $\sigma : X \times G \longrightarrow X$  of  $G$  on  $X$  given by

$$(1) \quad (x, g) \longmapsto g^{-1}x.$$

For a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{E}$  let  $q : V(\mathcal{E}) \longrightarrow X$  be the vectorial fibration of  $\mathcal{E}$  on  $X$  [3], (9.4.9). A  $G$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{E}$  is a  $G$ -action  $\sigma_{\mathcal{E}} : V(\mathcal{E}) \times G \longrightarrow V(\mathcal{E})$  on  $V(\mathcal{E})$  making the fibration  $q$   $G$ -equivariant such that  $\sigma_{\mathcal{E}}(., g)$  induces a  $K$ -linear isomorphism from the geometric fibre over  $x$  onto the geometric fibre over  $g^{-1}x$  for each  $g \in G(K)$  and  $x \in X(K)$ . It induces an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -homomorphism

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \sigma_* p_X^* \mathcal{E},$$

where  $p_X : X \times G \longrightarrow X$  is the natural map. In particular, the fibration  $\mathbb{V}(\mathcal{O}_X) \longrightarrow X$  is isomorphic to

$$(3) \quad X \times \mathbb{A}^1 \longrightarrow X \quad \text{via} \quad (x, \xi) \longmapsto x$$

and admits a unique  $G$ -linearization given by

$$(4) \quad X \times \mathbb{A}^1 \times G \longrightarrow X \times \mathbb{A}^1 \quad \text{via} \quad (x, \xi, g) \longmapsto (g^{-1}x, \xi).$$

Let  $H$  be a closed subgroup of  $G$ ,  $F$  the Frobenius morphism on  $H$ , and  $H_r = \ker F^r$ ,  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ , a closed infinitesimal normal subgroup scheme of  $H$  called the  $r$ -th Frobenius kernel of  $H$ . Let  $\text{Dist}(H)$  be the algebra of distributions on  $H$  [6], (1.7.7). Then

$$(5) \quad \text{Dist}(H) = \varinjlim_r \text{Dist}(H_r).$$

The  $G_r$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{E}$  obtained from its  $G$ -linearization by restriction induces like (2) a system of compatible  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -homomorphisms

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{E} \otimes_K K[G_r] \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \\ & . & \mathcal{E} \otimes_K K[G_{r+1}] \end{array}$$

which defines a structure of  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -module on  $\mathcal{E}$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{O}_X$  is a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -module and the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{E}$  is compatible with the  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -actions. We will call such an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module an  $\mathcal{O}_X$ - $\text{Dist}(G)$ -module.

(1.2) Let  $Z_1, Z_2$  be closed subsets of  $X$  with  $Z_1 \supseteq Z_2$ . Define a functor  $\Gamma_{Z_1/Z_2}(X, -)$  from the category of abelian sheaves on  $X$  into the category of abelian groups by

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{F} \longmapsto \Gamma_{Z_1}(X, \mathcal{F}) / \Gamma_{Z_2}(X, \mathcal{F}),$$

where  $\Gamma_{Z_i}(X, \mathcal{F})$  is the set of global sections of  $\mathcal{F}$  with support contained in  $Z_i$ . We denote by  $H_{Z_1/Z_2}^i(X, \mathcal{F})$  the  $i$ -th cohomology group of the complex  $\Gamma_{Z_1/Z_2}(X, g^*(\mathcal{F}))$  for the Godement resolution  $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow g^*(\mathcal{F})$  of  $\mathcal{F}$ .

In the notation of (1.1) each cohomology group  $H_{Z_1/Z_2}^i(X, \mathcal{E})$  of the  $G$ -linearized  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{E}$  inherits the structure of  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ - $\text{Dist}(G)$ -module. If  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are both  $H$ -invariant, then  $H_{Z_1/Z_2}^i(X, \mathcal{E})$  comes from (1.1.2) equipped with a structure of  $H$ -module, which in turn makes  $H_{Z_1/Z_2}^i(X, \mathcal{E})$  into a  $\text{Dist}(H)$ -module in a natural way. That, however, coincides with the  $\text{Dist}(H)$ -module structure obtained from the  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -module structure on  $H_{Z_1/Z_2}^i(X, \mathcal{E})$  by restriction. We will call such a module a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $H$ -module.

A filtration  $\{Z\} = (Z_0 = X \supset Z_1 \supset Z_2 \supset \dots)$  of  $X$  by closed subsets gives rise to a complex of  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ - $\text{Dist}(G)$ -modules

$$(2) \quad H_{Z_0/Z_1}^0(X, \mathcal{E}) \longrightarrow H_{Z_1/Z_2}^1(X, \mathcal{E}) \longrightarrow \dots,$$

called the global Grothendieck-Cousin complex of the  $G$ -linearized

$\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{E}$  with respect to the filtration  $\{Z\}$ . In case the filtration is  $H$ -invariant the complex (2) is also  $H$ -linear.

All the above can be sheafified to yield a complex of  $H$ -linearized  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -Dist( $G$ )-modules

$$(3) \quad \mathcal{H}_{Z_0/Z_1}^0(\mathcal{E}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}_{Z_1/Z_2}^1(\mathcal{E}) \longrightarrow \dots,$$

called the local Grothendieck-Cousin complex of the  $G$ -linearized  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{E}$  with respect to the  $H$ -invariant filtration  $\{Z\}$ . We have

$$(4) \quad \mathcal{H}_{Z_1/Z_2}^i(\mathcal{E}) \text{ is quasicoherent } \forall i \in \mathbb{N},$$

and in an open subset  $V$  of  $X$

$$(5) \quad \Gamma(V, \mathcal{H}_{Z_1/Z_2}^i(\mathcal{E})) \simeq H_{Z_1 \cap V / Z_2 \cap V}^i(V, \mathcal{E}) \text{ as } \Gamma(V, \mathcal{O}_X)\text{-Dist}(G)\text{-modules.}$$

(1.3) Let  $X(B) = \text{Hom}(B, GL_1)$ . It forms an abelian group under the multiplication which we will write additively. For  $\lambda \in X(B)$  we will abuse the notation and denote by the same letter a 1-dimensional  $B$ -module affording  $\lambda$ . Define an invertible sheaf  $\varphi(\lambda)$  on  $X$  by

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \Gamma(V, \varphi(\lambda)) &= \\ &\{f \in \text{Mor}(\pi^{-1}V, \lambda) \mid f(gb) = \lambda(b^{-1})f(g) \quad \forall g \in G, b \in B\} \quad \forall V \in \text{Top } X, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\pi : G \longrightarrow X$  is the natural map. Let  $x_0$  be the point  $B$  in  $X$  and let  $G \times^B \lambda$  be the quotient of  $G \times \lambda$  by the  $B$ -action

$$(2) \quad (g, \xi) \longmapsto (gb, b^{-1}\xi), \quad b \in B.$$

Then the fibration  $V(\mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \rightarrow X$  is isomorphic to

$$(3) \quad G \times^{B(-\lambda)} \longrightarrow X \quad \text{via} \quad [g, \xi] \longmapsto gx_0.$$

and the invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  admits a unique  $G$ -linearization given by the following commutative diagram

$$(4) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (G \times^{B(-\lambda)}) \times G & \xrightarrow{\quad ([g', \xi], g) \longmapsto [g^{-1}g', \xi] \quad} & G \times^{B(-\lambda)} \\ \downarrow & \Downarrow & \downarrow \\ X \times G & \xrightarrow{\quad (g'x_0, g) \longmapsto g^{-1}g'x_0 \quad} & X. \end{array}$$

where  $[g, \xi]$  is the  $B$ -orbit through  $(g, \xi)$ .

Let  $T$  be a maximal torus of  $B$ ,  $R$  the root system of  $G$  relative to  $T$ ,  $R^+$  the positive system of  $R$  such that the roots of  $B$  are  $-R^+$ ,  $\Delta$  the simple system of  $R^+$ . We denote by  $U_\alpha$  the root subgroup of  $G$  associated with the root  $\alpha$ . Put  $X(B)^+ = \{\lambda \in X(B) \mid \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq 0 \quad \forall \alpha \in \Delta\}$ , where  $\alpha^\vee$  is the coroot of  $\alpha$ . Let  $W = N_G(T)/T$  the Weyl group of  $G$ ,  $s_\alpha \in W$  the reflection associated with  $\alpha \in R$ , and let  $\ell : W \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  the length function with respect to the simple reflexions  $s_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in \Delta$ . Put  $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in R^+} \alpha$ . Besides the usual action of  $W$  on  $X(B)$  we define the dot action by

$$(5) \quad w \cdot \lambda = w(\lambda + \rho) - \rho.$$

Let  $B^+$  be the Borel subgroup of  $G$  opposite to  $B$  and  $U^+$  its unipotent radical. From the Bruhat decomposition  $X = \bigcup_{w \in W} B^+ w x_0$  we get a filtration of  $X$  by closed subsets

$$(6) \quad Z_i = \overline{\bigcup_{\substack{w \in W \\ \ell(w)=i}} B^+ w x_0}, \quad i \in \mathbb{N},$$

called the Schubert filtration of  $X$ . For each  $\lambda \in X(B)$  the filtration yields a global (resp. local) Grothendieck-Cousin complex of  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  consisting of  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)-\text{Dist}(G)-B^+$ - (resp.  $B^+$ -linearized  $\mathcal{O}_X-\text{Dist}(G)$ -) modules. In particular,

$$(7) \quad H_{Z_i/Z_{i+1}}^i(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq \coprod_{\substack{w \in W \\ \ell(w)=i}} H_{B^+ w x_0}^i(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \quad \text{as } \Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)-\text{Dist}(G)-B^+\text{-modules.}$$

We have for each  $w \in W$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \ell(w)$

$$(8) \quad H_{B^+ w x_0}^i(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = 0$$

and

$$(9) \quad H_{B^+ w x_0}^i(\mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = 0.$$

The local (resp. global) Grothendieck-Cousin complex of  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  with

respect to the Schubert filtration gives a resolution of  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  (resp.  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$  in case  $\lambda + \rho \in X(B)^+$ ).

Let  $P_\alpha = B \cup Bs_\alpha B$ ,  $P_\alpha^+ = B^+ \cup B^+ s_\alpha B^+$  be the minimal parabolic subgroups of  $G$  associated with  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , and  $U_\alpha^+$  the unipotent radical of  $P_\alpha^+$ . Then there is a short exact sequence of  $\Gamma(X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ - $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $U_\alpha^+$ -modules

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow \Gamma(s_\alpha B^+ x_0, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \longrightarrow \\ \Gamma(s_\alpha B^+ x_0 \setminus B^+ s_\alpha x_0, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \longrightarrow H^1_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

(1.4) Let  $J$  be a closed connected subgroup of  $G$  and  $E$  a  $J$ -module. For a  $K$ -subspace  $E'$  of  $E$

(1)  $E'$  forms a  $J$ -submodule of  $E$  iff it is a  $\text{Dist}(J)$ -submodule.

Also for another  $J$ -module  $E''$

$$(2) \quad \text{Hom}_J(E, E'') = \text{Hom}_{\text{Dist}(J)}(E, E'').$$

Now let  $M$  be a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $T$ -module. It admits a decomposition into the weight subspaces:

$$(3) \quad M = \coprod_{\lambda \in X(B)} M_\lambda,$$

where  $M_\lambda = \{m \in M \mid tm = \lambda(t)m \quad \forall t \in T\}$ . We also have

$$(4) \quad M_\lambda = \{m \in M \mid \mu m = \mu(\lambda)m \quad \forall \mu \in \text{Dist}(T)\}.$$

As  $G$  is simply connected semisimple,  $\text{Dist}(G)$  has a basis that define Kostant's  $\mathbb{Z}$ -form of the universal enveloping algebra of the semisimple complex Lie algebra corresponding to  $G$  (cf. [6], (II.1.12)). Using the commutation formula among the basis elements (cf. [5], (26.3.D)) one checks

$$(5) \quad v\mu m = v(\lambda+\eta)\mu m \quad \forall \lambda, \eta \in X(B), m \in M_\lambda, \mu \in \text{Dist}(G), v \in \text{Dist}(T).$$

which implies  $\mu m \in M_{\lambda+\eta}$  by (4). Hence we see

$$(6) \quad t\mu t^{-1}m = (\text{Ad}(t)\mu)m \quad \forall m \in M, \mu \in \text{Dist}(G), t \in T.$$

Assume that

$$(7) \quad \dim M_\lambda < \infty \quad \forall \lambda \in X(B).$$

We will deal only with those  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $T$ -modules in this note. Put

$$(8) \quad DM = \coprod_{\lambda \in X(B)} \text{Hom}_K(M_\lambda, K).$$

Using (6) we see that  $DM$  inherits the structure of  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $T$ -module in a natural way (cf. [6], (I.7.11.8)).

(1.5) For each  $\lambda \in X(B)$  put

$$(1) \quad \hat{Z}_\infty(\lambda) = \text{Dist}(G) \otimes_{\text{Dist}(B)} \lambda.$$

With  $\text{Dist}(G)$  hitting from the left by multiplication and with  $B$  acting both on  $\text{Dist}(G)$  and  $\text{Dist}(B)$  under the adjoint action and on  $\lambda$  as given,  $\hat{Z}_\infty(\lambda)$  carries a structure of  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $B$ -module. It is Haboush's generalized Verma module of lowest weight  $\lambda$ , lowest with respect to the partial order defined on  $X(B)$  by

$$(2) \quad v \geq \eta \quad \text{iff} \quad v - \eta \in \sum_{\alpha \in R^+} \mathbb{N}\alpha.$$

Let  $\mathbb{Z}[X(B)]$  be the group algebra of  $X(B)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  with natural basis  $e(\eta)$ ,  $\eta \in X(B)$ . For a  $T$ -module  $M$  we put

$$(3) \quad \text{ch } M = \sum_{\eta \in X(B)} \dim M_\eta e(\eta)$$

and call it the formal character of  $M$ .

We have (cf. [9], Lemma 12.8) for each  $\lambda \in X(B)$  and  $w \in W$

$$(4) \quad \text{ch } H_{B^+ w x_0}^{\ell(w)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = \frac{e(w \cdot \lambda)}{\prod_{\alpha \in R^+} (1 - e(-\alpha))} = \text{ch } \hat{DZ}_\infty(-w \cdot \lambda).$$

One suspects that

$$(5) \quad H_{B^+ w x_0}^{\ell(w)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq \hat{DZ}_\infty(-w \cdot \lambda) \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)\text{-}T\text{-modules.}$$

It is known to hold in characteristic 0 if  $\lambda + \rho \in X(B)^+$  [8], [1].

[7]. Our aim is to study the question in positive characteristic  $p$ .

(1.6) Before closing the section let us verify the following lemma used in the proof of [7], Lemma 3.6.6. Let  $\alpha \in \Delta$ ,  $X_\alpha = G/P_\alpha$ ,  $\pi_\alpha : X \rightarrow X_\alpha$  the natural map, and  $x_\alpha$  the point  $P_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$ .

Lemma. Let  $w \in W$  with  $\ell(ws_\alpha) < \ell(w)$ . Then for each  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  we have the following isomorphisms of  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $B^+$ -modules:

$$(i) H_{B^+wx_\alpha}^i(X_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha*}\mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \simeq H_{B^+ws_\alpha x_0}^i(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)).$$

$$(ii) H_{B^+wx_\alpha}^i(X_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha*}\mathcal{R}^1_{ws_\alpha B^+s_\alpha x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \simeq H_{B^+wx_0}^{i+1}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)).$$

Proof. By (1.4.2) it is enough to establish the isomorphisms as  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -modules.

(i) We have by [2], Proposition 5.5 a spectral sequence

$$(1) H_{B^+wx_\alpha}^i(X_\alpha, R^j\pi_{\alpha*}\mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \Rightarrow H_{\pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+wx_\alpha)}^{i+j}(\mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))).$$

Let  $V$  be an affine open subset of  $X_\alpha$ . Then another spectral sequence of [2], Proposition 1.3

$$(2) H^i(\pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{R}^j_{ws_\alpha B^+x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \Rightarrow H^{i+j}_{ws_\alpha B^+x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V}(\pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$$

degenerates by (1.3.9) into isomorphisms

$$(3) \quad H^j(\pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \simeq H^j_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V}(\pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$$

$$\simeq H^j(ws_\alpha B^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \text{ by excision as } ws_\alpha B^+ x_0 \text{ is open in } X,$$

which vanishes for  $j > 0$  by Serre's vanishing theorem as

$ws_\alpha B^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V$  is affine [3], (5.3.10). Hence

$$(4) \quad R^j \pi_\alpha^* \mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = 0 \quad \forall j > 0$$

and the spectral sequence (1) degenerates into an isomorphism

$$(5) \quad H^i_{B^+ wx_\alpha}(X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha^* \mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \simeq H^i_{\pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+ wx_\alpha)}(X, \mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))).$$

Further, the spectral sequence of [9], Lemma 8.5

$$(6) \quad H^i_{\pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+ wx_\alpha)}(X, \mathcal{R}^j_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \Rightarrow H^{i+j}_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+ wx_\alpha)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$$

degenerates by (1.3.9) again into an isomorphism

$$(7) \quad H^i_{\pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+ wx_\alpha)}(X, \mathcal{R}^0_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \simeq H^i_{ws_\alpha B^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+ wx_\alpha)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)).$$

But  $ws_\alpha B^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+ wx_\alpha) = B^+ ws_\alpha x_0$  (cf. [7], Lemma 3.2.1), hence putting together (5) and (7) yields (i).

(ii) The same argument as in (i) reduces us to checking

$$(8) \quad H^j(\pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{H}_{ws_\alpha B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) = 0 \quad \forall \text{affine open } V \text{ in } X_\alpha \text{ and } j > 0$$

and

$$(9) \quad ws_\alpha B^+ s_\alpha x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}(B^+ wx_\alpha) = B^+ wx_0.$$

The identity (9) is proved in [7], Lemma 3.2.1. To see (8), argue as in (3) to get an isomorphism

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned} H^j(\pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{H}_{ws_\alpha B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) &\simeq \\ H^{j+1}_{ws_\alpha B^+ s_\alpha x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V}(wB^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)). \end{aligned}$$

But  $wB^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V$  is affine and  $ws_\alpha B^+ s_\alpha x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V$  is defined by a single polynomial in  $wB^+ x_0 \cap \pi_\alpha^{-1}V$ , hence (10) vanishes for  $j > 0$  by [9], Lemma 11.8, as desired.

## § 2

In this section we assume  $G = SL_2$  and  $\Delta = \{\alpha\}$ .

(2.1) We begin by describing the  $\text{Dist}(U_\alpha)$ -module structure on the invertible sheaf  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda \in X(B)$ . Recall the  $G$ -action  $\sigma$  on the variety  $X$ . If we identify  $s_\alpha B^+ x_0 \times U_\alpha$  with  $\mathbb{A}^2$  via

$$(1) \quad (a, b) \longmapsto \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -a \end{pmatrix} x_0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

and write  $K[\mathbb{A}^2] = K[x, y]$ , then

$$(2) \quad \mathbb{A}_{1+xy}^2 = \sigma|_{s_\alpha B^+ x_0 \times U_\alpha}^{-1}(s_\alpha B^+ x_0) \supseteq s_\alpha B^+ x_0 \times U_{\alpha, r} \quad \forall r \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $U_{\alpha, r}$  is the  $r$ -th Frobenius kernel of  $U_\alpha$ .

The  $U_\alpha$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)$  restricts to a commutative diagram

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{A}^2 \times (-\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & G \times^B (-\lambda) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{A}^2 & \longrightarrow & X \end{array}$$

and further to

$$(4) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{A}_{1+xy}^2 \times (-\lambda) & \longrightarrow & s_\alpha B^+ B \times^B (-\lambda) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbb{A}^1 \times (-\lambda) \\ \downarrow (a, b, c) \longmapsto & & \left[ \begin{pmatrix} b & 1+ab \\ -1 & -a \end{pmatrix} \cdot c \right] \longmapsto & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{A}_{1+xy}^2 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & a(1+ab)^{-1} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbb{A}^1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{as } \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -a \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} b & 1+ab \\ -1 & -a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -a(1+ab)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b(1+ab) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (1+ab)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1+ab \end{pmatrix}.$$

By (2) one can read off from (4) the  $U_{\alpha, r}$ -linearization of  $\mathcal{L}(\lambda)|_{s_\alpha B^+ x_0}$  to find the effect on the global sections to be

$$(5) \quad K[x] \simeq \Gamma(s_\alpha B^+ x_0, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \rightarrow \Gamma(s_\alpha B^+ x_0, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \otimes_K K[U_{\alpha, r}] \simeq K[x, y]/(y^{p^r})$$

via  $x^n \longmapsto x^n (1+xy)^{\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle - n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$

(2.2) Lemma. Let  $\lambda \in X(B)$ .

- (i)  $H^0_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq \hat{DZ}_\infty(-\lambda)$  as  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -T-modules.
- (ii) For  $v \in X(B)$  there is a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -isomorphism between  $H^1_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$  and  $H^0_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}(X, \mathcal{L}(v))$  iff  $s_\alpha \cdot \lambda = \lambda = v$ .

Proof. (i) By (1.4.2) we have only to show that there is a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -isomorphism. Put  $M = H^0_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$ . By (1.5.4) we know

$$(1) \quad \text{ch } M = \text{ch } \hat{DZ}_\infty(-\lambda).$$

Also

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\text{Dist}(G)}(M, \hat{DZ}_\infty(-\lambda)) &\simeq \text{Hom}_{\text{Dist}(G)}(\hat{Z}_\infty(-\lambda), DM) \\ &\simeq \text{Hom}_{\text{Dist}(B)}(-\lambda, DM) \quad \text{by the Frobenius reciprocity} \\ &\simeq K \quad \text{by (1.4.6) as } -\lambda \text{ is the lowest weight of } DM. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\varphi$  be a nonzero  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -homomorphism from  $M$  into  $\hat{DZ}_\infty(-\lambda)$ . By (1) it suffices to show that  $\varphi$  is injective. But  $\text{soc}_{\text{Dist}(G)} M$  is a  $U^+$ -submodule of  $M$  by (1.4.1) and  $M^{U^+} = \text{Mor}(U^+, \lambda)^{U^+} = \lambda$ , hence  $\text{soc}_{\text{Dist}(G)} M$  is simple of highest weight  $\lambda$ . As  $\varphi$  preserves  $\lambda$ , the assertion follows.

(iii) Put  $M_0 = H_{B^+ x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(v))$  and  $M_1 = H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$ . If there

is a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -isomorphism between  $M_0$  and  $M_1$ , then that is a  $T$ -isomorphism by (1.4.2), hence

$$(3) \quad v = s_\alpha \cdot \lambda$$

by the character consideration. Also from (i) we must have

$$(4) \quad M_1^{U^+} = s_\alpha \cdot \lambda.$$

Conversely, if (4) holds, then arguing as in (i) will yield a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -isomorphism from  $M_1$  onto  $D\hat{Z}_\infty(-s_\alpha \cdot \lambda)$  and the assertion will follow.

Hence we are reduced to showing

$$(5) \quad M_1^{U^+} = s_\alpha \cdot \lambda \quad \text{iff} \quad s_\alpha \cdot \lambda = \lambda, \text{ i.e., } \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle = -1.$$

We have

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} M_1^{U^+} &\simeq \text{Hom}_{U^+}(K, M_1) = \text{Hom}_{\text{Dist}(U^+)}(K, M_1) \quad \text{by (1.4.2)} \\ &\simeq \text{Ann}_{M_1}(\text{Dist}^+(U^+)), \end{aligned}$$

where the last term is  $\{m \in M_1 \mid \mu m = 0 \quad \forall \mu \in \text{Dist}^+(U^+)\}$  and  $\text{Dist}^+(U^+) = \{\mu \in \text{Dist}(U^+) \mid \mu(1) = 0\}$ . Further, we can by (1.3.10)

write  $M_1 \simeq K[x, x^{-1}]/K[x]$  in the notation of (2.1). Put  $N = \text{Ann}_{K[x, x^{-1}]/K[x]}(\text{Dist}^+(U_\alpha))$ . Then (5) is equivalent to

$$(7) \quad N = Kx^{-1} + K[x] \quad \text{iff} \quad \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle = -1.$$

By (2.1.5) the  $\text{Dist}(U_{\alpha, r})$ -module structure on  $K[x, x^{-1}]/K[x]$  has the effect of

$$(8) \quad x^{-m} \longmapsto x^{-m}(1+xy)^{\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle + m}, \quad m \geq 2.$$

If  $\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \leq -2$ , then  $x^{\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle} \in N \setminus 0$ .

If  $\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq 0$ , take  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  large enough that  $m = p^k - \langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle \geq 2$ .

Then  $x^{-m} \in N \setminus 0$ .

Finally, if  $\langle \lambda, \alpha^\vee \rangle = -1$ , then

$$(9) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x^{-i} \longmapsto \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left( \sum_{i=1+j}^n \binom{i-1}{j} c_i x^{j-i} \right) y^j, \quad c_i \in K.$$

If  $\sum c_i x^{-i} \in N \setminus 0$ , then

$$(10) \quad \sum_{i=1+j}^n \binom{i-1}{j} c_i x^{j-i} = 0 \quad \forall j \in [1, n-1].$$

Hence if  $c_n \neq 0$ , we must have  $n = 1$ , and (7) follows.

(2.3) Remark. If there is an isomorphism in (2.2)(ii), then that is an isomorphism of  $\text{Dist}(G)-B^+$ -modules by (1.4.2).

§ 3

In this section we follow Kashiwara [7] to study  $H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^i(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$ .

(3.1) Proposition. Let  $\lambda \in X(B)$ .

(i)  $H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq D\hat{Z}_\infty(-\lambda)$  as  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $T$ -modules.

(ii) For  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and  $\nu \in X(B)$  there is a  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -isomorphism between  $H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$  and  $H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(\nu))$  iff  $\lambda = s_\alpha \cdot \lambda = \nu$ .

Proof. (i) holds just as (2.2)(i) does.

(ii) Put  $M = H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda))$ . As in the proof of (2.2)(ii), one

has only to show

$$(1) \quad M^{U_\alpha^+} = s_\alpha \cdot \lambda \quad \text{iff} \quad \lambda = s_\alpha \cdot \lambda.$$

Recall the parabolic subgroup  $P_\alpha^+ = B^+ \cup B^+ s_\alpha B^+$  and its unipotent radical  $U_\alpha^+$ . We have

$$(2) \quad M^{U_\alpha^+} = (M^{U_\alpha^+})^{U_\alpha} = \text{Ann}_{M^{U_\alpha^+}}(\text{Dist}^+(U_\alpha)).$$

As  $s_\alpha B^+ x_0 = U_\alpha^+ s_\alpha U_\alpha x_0$  and as  $B^+ s_\alpha x_0 = U_\alpha^+ s_\alpha x_0$ , we are reduced via (1.3.10) to the  $SL_2$  case, and the assertion follows from (2.2)(ii).

(3.2) Remark. If there is an isomorphism in (3.1)(ii), then that is an isomorphism of  $\text{Dist}(G)$ - $B^+$ -modules by (1.4.2).

(3.3) Recall the natural map  $\pi_\alpha : X \longrightarrow X_\alpha = G/P_\alpha$  and the point  $x_\alpha = P_\alpha$  in  $X_\alpha$ .

Proposition. Let  $\lambda \in X(B)$ ,  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , and  $w \in W$ . If  $s_\alpha \cdot \lambda = \lambda$ , then

$$\pi_{\alpha*} \mathcal{H}_{wB^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(\mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq \pi_{\alpha*} \mathcal{H}_{wB^+ x_0}^0(\mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \text{ as } \mathcal{O}_{X_\alpha} \text{-}\text{Dist}(G)\text{-modules.}$$

Proof. As  $\mathcal{H}_{wB^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))$  is quasicoherent by (1.2.4) and as  $wB^+ x_\alpha$  is affine open in  $X_\alpha$  containing  $\pi_\alpha(wB^+ s_\alpha x_0) = \pi_\alpha(wB^+ x_0)$ , it is enough by [3], (1.7.4) to show

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \Gamma(wB^+ x_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha*} \mathcal{H}_{wB^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) &\simeq \\ \Gamma(wB^+ x_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha*} \mathcal{H}_{wB^+ x_0}^0(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) &\text{ as } \Gamma(wB^+ x_\alpha, \mathcal{O}_{X_\alpha}) \text{-}\text{Dist}(G)\text{-modules.} \end{aligned}$$

Assume first  $w = 1$  and put  $M_0 = \Gamma(B^+ x_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha*} \mathcal{H}_{B^+ x_0}^0(\mathcal{L}(\lambda)))$ ,  $M_1 =$

$\Gamma(B^+ x_\alpha, \pi_{\alpha*} \mathcal{H}_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))).$  Then

$$(2) \quad M_0 \simeq \Gamma(B^+ x_0, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)),$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_1 &\simeq \Gamma(s_\alpha B^+ x_0, \frac{\mathcal{H}^1}{B^+ s_\alpha x_0} (\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \quad \text{by excision} \\
 (3) \quad &\simeq H^1_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0} (s_\alpha B^+ x_0, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \quad \text{by (1.2.5)} \\
 &\simeq H^1_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0} (X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)).
 \end{aligned}$$

By (3.1) we know

$$(4) \quad M_1 \simeq \hat{DZ}_\infty(-\lambda) \simeq M_0 \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)\text{-}T\text{-modules.}$$

hence  $\text{Hom}_{\text{Dist}(G)}(M_1, M_0) \simeq K$ . Let  $\varphi \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Dist}(G)}(M_1, M_0) \setminus 0$ . We must show that  $\varphi$  is  $\Gamma(B^+ x_\alpha, \theta_{X_\alpha})$ -linear, i.e., the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Gamma(B^+ x_\alpha, \theta_{X_\alpha}) \otimes_K M_1 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}} & \Gamma(s_\alpha B^+ x_0, \theta_X) \otimes_K M_1 \\
 id \otimes \varphi \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{multiplication} \\
 \Gamma(B^+ x_\alpha, \theta_{X_\alpha}) \otimes_K M_1 & & M_1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \varphi \\
 \Gamma(B^+ x_0, \theta_X) \otimes_K M_0 & \xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm} \text{multiplication}} & M_0.
 \end{array}
 \tag{5}$$

Let  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2$  be the two maps in question induced by  $\varphi$ . As  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are both  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -linear,  $\text{im}(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$  forms a  $B^+$ -submodule of  $M_0$  by (1.4.1), hence

$$(6) \quad (\text{im}(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2))^{U^+} \leq M_0^{U^+} = \lambda.$$

But  $\varphi_1 - \varphi_2$  is  $T$ -linear by (1.4.2) and

$$(7) \quad (\Gamma(B^+ s_\alpha, \mathcal{O}_{X_\alpha}) \otimes_K M_1)_\lambda = K \otimes_K \lambda$$

on which  $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2$ , hence  $\text{im}(\varphi_1 - \varphi_2) = 0$ , as desired.

For arbitrary  $w \in W$  one just twists the above argument by  $w$ .

(3.4) Corollary. Let  $\lambda \in X(B)$  and  $w \in W$ .

$$(i) \quad H_{B^+ w x_0}^i(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = 0 \quad \text{unless } i = \ell(w).$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{ch } H_{B^+ w x_0}^{\ell(w)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = \text{ch } \hat{DZ}_\infty(-w \cdot \lambda).$$

$$(iii) \quad H_{B^+ w x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq \hat{DZ}_\infty(-\lambda) \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)\text{-}T\text{-modules}.$$

(iv) For  $\alpha \in \Delta$  and  $v \in X(B)$  the following are equivalent:

$$(a) \quad H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq H_{B^+ x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(v)) \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)\text{-modules}.$$

$$(b) \quad H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq H_{B^+ x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(v)) \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)\text{-}T\text{-modules}.$$

$$(c) \quad H_{B^+ s_\alpha x_0}^1(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq H_{B^+ x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(v)) \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)\text{-}B^+\text{-modules}.$$

$$(d) \quad s_\alpha \cdot \lambda = \lambda = v.$$

(v) Let  $\Delta_\lambda = \{\alpha \in \Delta \mid s_\alpha \cdot \lambda = \lambda\}$ . Then for any  $y \in \langle s_\alpha \mid \alpha \in \Delta_\lambda \rangle$

$$H_{B^+ y x_0}^{\ell(y)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq H_{B^+ x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)\text{-}B^+\text{-modules}.$$

Proof. Only (v) may require an explanation. We have only to establish an isomorphism as  $\text{Dist}(G)$ -modules by (1.4.2). If  $\ell(y) \neq 0$ , take  $s_\alpha$  with  $\alpha \in \Delta_\lambda$  such that  $\ell(ys_\alpha) < \ell(y)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{B^+yx_0}^{\ell(y)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) &\simeq H_{B^+yx_\alpha}^{\ell(y)-1}(X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha \cdot \mathcal{L}^1_{ys_\alpha B^+ s_\alpha x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \quad \text{by (1.6)(iii)} \\
&\simeq H_{B^+yx_\alpha}^{\ell(y)-1}(X_\alpha, \pi_\alpha \cdot \mathcal{L}^0_{ys_\alpha B^+ x_0}(\mathcal{L}(\lambda))) \quad \text{by (3.3)} \\
&\simeq H_{B^+ys_\alpha x_0}^{\ell(ys_\alpha)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \quad \text{by (1.6)(i).}
\end{aligned}$$

hence the assertion will follow by induction.

(3.5) Remarks. (i) The assertions (3.4)(i) and (iii) hold free of characteristic, and appear in Kempf [9].

(ii) If  $s_\alpha \cdot \lambda = \lambda$ ,  $\lambda \in X(B)$ , for some  $\alpha \in \Delta$ , then

$$H^*(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) = 0$$

due to H.H. Andersen (cf. [6], (II.5.4)).

(iii) In ch 0, (3.4)(iii), (iv), and (v) are replaced by the statement: if  $\lambda + \rho \in X(B)^+$ , then for each  $w \in W$

$$H_{B^+wx_0}^{\ell(w)}(X, \mathcal{L}(\lambda)) \simeq H_{B^+x_0}^0(X, \mathcal{L}(w \cdot \lambda)) \quad \text{as } \text{Dist}(G)-B^+-\text{modules.}$$

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