

100. A Cohomological Construction of Swan Representation over the Witt Ring. II

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This is continued from [0].

3. In this section we give the construction of Swan representations. Let $K = k((T^{-1}))$ be a complete discrete valuation field and M be a finite Galois extension of K with Galois group G . N. M. Katz proved the following

Theorem ([7] Theorem (1.4.1)). *There exists a canonical finite étale Galois covering*

$$U \longrightarrow G_{m,k} = \text{Spec } k[T, T^{-1}]$$

which satisfies the following properties.

- (1) $U \otimes_{G_{m,k}} \text{Spec } k((T^{-1})) \simeq \text{Spec } M$
 (2) $U \otimes_{G_{m,k}} \text{Spec } k((T))$ is a disjoint union of the spectra of tamely ramified extensions of $k((T))$.

We denote by $X \xrightarrow{g} \mathbf{P}_k^1$ the compactification of $U \longrightarrow G_{m,k}$. Note that g factors as $X \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}_m^1 \longrightarrow \mathbf{P}_k^1$, where m denotes the residue field of M . We denote by D_0 (resp. D_∞) the inverse image of $T=0$ (resp. $T=\infty$) with reduced scheme structure. Then $X \setminus U = D_0 \amalg D_\infty$. Let $W\Omega_X^*(\log D_0 - \log D_\infty)$ be the de Rham-Witt complex with logarithmic poles along D_0 and with minus logarithmic poles along D_∞ as in §1. As D_0 and D_∞ are stable under the action of G , $\sigma \in G = \text{Gal}(U/G_{m,k})$ acts on the free W -module

$$H^1(X, W\Omega_X^*(\log D_0 - \log D_\infty))$$

by transportation of structures. The following Proposition shows that this is the desired space of the Swan representation of G .

Proposition. *The trace of the action of $\sigma \in G$ on*

$$H^1(X, W\Omega_X^*(\log D_0 - \log D_\infty))$$

coincides with $Sw_\sigma(\sigma)$.

In the following we denote the alternating sum of the trace of the action of σ on free $W(k)$ -modules by

$$\text{Tr}(\sigma) : R\Gamma(X, \quad) := \sum_{q \geq 0} (-1)^q \text{Tr}(\sigma : H^q(X, \quad)).$$

By Lemma and exact sequences (***) in §1, it suffices to show

$$\text{Tr}(\sigma : R\Gamma(X, W\Omega_X^*) = \begin{cases} d^\sigma + (-Sw_\sigma(\sigma) + f) & \text{for } \sigma \in I, \\ 0 & \text{for } \sigma \notin I, \end{cases}$$

where d^σ denotes the degree of the closed subscheme of D_0 fixed by σ and $f = [m : k]$ coincides with degree of D_∞ over k .

The proof of this formula is the same as the proof of the Weil formula [4] §5: The case $\sigma=1$ is the Hurwitz formula. The case $\sigma \neq 1$ is deduced

from the fixed point formula (crystalline cohomology is a Weil cohomology theory [3]). We omit the detail.

Remark and question. (1) Contrary to the l -adic case, $Sw_{G,p}$ can not always be realized as a projective $W(k)[G]$ -module. This phenomenon seems to suggest that one can not expect the “Grothendieck-Ogg-Shafarevich formula” for crystals defined over open smooth curves. (cf. [7] §(1.6).)

(2) Nevertheless, are there nice theory of the Swan conductor (or irregularity) for crystals?

Reference^{*})

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^{*}) [1]–[8] as in [0].