

REGULAR-SINGULAR CONNECTIONS ON RELATIVE COMPLEX SCHEMES

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ABSTRACT. Deligne’s celebrated “Riemann–Hilbert correspondence” appearing in [Del70] relates representations of the fundamental group of a smooth complex algebraic variety and regular-singular integrable connections. In this work, we show how to arrive at a similar statement in the case of a smooth scheme X over the spectrum of a ring $R = \mathbb{C}[[t_1, \dots, t_r]]/I$. On one side of the correspondence we have representations on R -modules of the fundamental group of the special fibre, and on the other we have certain integrable R -connections admitting logarithmic models. The correspondence is then applied to give explicit examples of differential Galois groups of $\mathbb{C}[[t]]$ -connections.

1. INTRODUCTION

The objective of this paper is to show how to adapt Deligne’s theory relating regular-singular connections and representations of the fundamental group [Del70], [Mal87] to the setting of schemes defined over certain *complete local \mathbb{C} -algebras*. This is done with the purpose of determining easily some differential Galois groups (to be taken in the sense of [DHdS18] and [HdS19]).

Deligne’s celebrated “Riemann–Hilbert correspondence” establishes that on a smooth complex algebraic variety X^* (notation shall become clear soon), the category of complex linear representations of the topological fundamental group $\pi_1(X^{*\text{an}})$ can be recovered as the category of integrable regular-singular connections. Although a prominent feature of this correspondence is an intrinsic definition of regular-singular connections, this shall not be discussed here. For us, regular-singular connections will only be defined after a “compactification” is chosen. So, let us assume that X^* is an open subvariety of a *proper* and smooth complex algebraic variety X (the compactification) and that $Y := (X \setminus X^*)_{\text{red}}$ is a divisor with normal crossings and smooth connected components. Then, one says that an integrable connection on X^* is regular-singular whenever it might be extended to a *logarithmic* integrable connection on X . (To repeat, the appropriate terminology should be (X, X^*) -regular-singular as in [Ki15, Definition 4.1], but we find this somewhat exhausting.) Under these definitions, we have a “Deligne-Riemann-Hilbert” equivalence of \mathbb{C} -linear tensor categories

$$\text{DRH} : \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{regular-singular} \\ \text{integrable connections on } X^* \end{array} \right\} \xrightarrow{\sim} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{finite dimensional complex} \\ \text{representations of } \pi_1(X^{*\text{an}}) \end{array} \right\};$$

see for example [Del70, II.5.9, p.97] or [Mal87, Theorem 7.2.1]. One relevant consequence of this theorem is that it allows one to compute differential Galois groups by means of “Schlesinger’s theorem”: the differential Galois group is the Zariski closure of the monodromy group.

A natural question—specially in view of our previous works [DHdS18] and [HdS19]—is to determine if Deligne’s theory can be extended to a “relative” setting. So let S be the

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spectrum of a quotient of $\mathbb{C}[[t_1, \dots, t_r]]$ and consider a smooth and proper S -scheme $X \rightarrow S$ having connected fibres. Suppose that $Y \subset X$ is a relative divisor with normal crossings and write X^* for the complement $X \setminus Y$. Defining a regular-singular connection on X^* in analogy with the definition of the previous paragraph and letting X_0^* be the special fibre of X^* , we might enquire about the relation between

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{regular-singular} \\ \text{integrable } S\text{-connections on } X^* \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{representations of } \pi_1(X_0^{*\text{an}}) \\ \text{on finite } \mathcal{O}(S)\text{-modules} \end{array} \right\}.$$

Our answer is given by Corollary 6.14 and says that under additional hypothesis the aforementioned categories are equivalent.

Our proof of Corollary 6.14 follows Deligne’s original method. Let us describe our strategy rapidly while awaiting a more precise summary below. Firstly a considerable part of the work is developed in the setting of *smooth complex spaces* over the analytic spectrum of a \mathbb{C} -algebra Λ which is finite dimensional as a vector space. For such spaces, we show that integrable Λ -connections define the same objects as logarithmic *meromorphic* connections on a larger space (Theorem 5.1). The key point to obtain this description is that smooth complex spaces over Λ *do not deform locally*, so that we are able to apply Deligne’s results to extend connections to logarithmic ones (see Theorem 5.10). This corresponds roughly to [Mal87, Theorem 5.1]. After that, we move to algebraic geometry over a *complete local noetherian* \mathbb{C} -algebra R with residue field \mathbb{C} (Section 6). Employing Grothendieck’s algebraization theorem and the fact that the order of the poles of an arrow between logarithmic connections is independent of the the truncation of R , we show how to find preferred models for regular-singular R -connections (Theorem 6.11). These findings are then assembled to obtain Corollary 6.14, which is the main output of this work.

We now review the remaining sections separately. In what follows, Λ is a local \mathbb{C} -algebra which is a finite dimensional complex vector space.

Section 2 serves mainly to introduce notation and definitions such as: relative divisors with normal crossings (Definition 2.1), multiplicity (Definition 2.2) and several variations on the theme of connections (Definitions 2.8, 2.11 and 2.12). This section is also the right place to talk about Deligne’s notion of relative local system, a very important tool, see Theorem 2.16.

Section 3 serves two purposes and the first is to explain the following simple technique. Let S be the analytic spectrum of Λ and $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be an open subset. Then the category of $\mathcal{O}_{D \times S}$ -modules is canonically identified with the category of \mathcal{O}_D -modules endowed with an action of Λ , so that many local results from [Del70, Chapter II] are easily transposed to the setting of smooth complex spaces over S . One of these transpositions, Theorem 3.6, is the second purpose of this section; it is yet another manifestation of the classical principle that singularities “of the first kind” are “regular” [CL55, Chapter 4, Theorem 2.1].

Section 4 introduces the notion of *residues of logarithmic connections* on complex spaces over Λ (Definition 4.4). Also in Section 4 the reader shall find the definition of the *exponents* (Definition 4.9) of a logarithmic connection as the spectral set of the residue morphisms. (These constructions are analytic and follows the clear exposition in [Mal87, pp.157-8].) Key to the understanding of the theory exposed here is the fact that exponents are *complex numbers*, and not elements of Λ ; that this is a sensible choice is motivated by Lemma 4.5 and Lemma 4.7.

The main result of Section 5 is Theorem 5.1. But its fundamental pillar is Theorem 5.10, which shows that also in the case of smooth complex spaces over Λ (as in the previous paragraph) it is possible to extend Λ -connections to logarithmic ones—we call these extensions *Deligne-Manin extensions*. (In the literature, such extensions go under the name of *canonical* or τ -*extensions* [AB01, I.4, 22ff], [Ki15, Definition 5.1]. In [Del70, II.5.4],

these are attributed to Manin.) The proof of Theorem 5.10 relies on the local existence of logarithmic extensions and their uniqueness. Once these are found, it then becomes a simple matter to show Theorem 5.1.

In Section 6 we turn our attention to algebraic geometry and put to use our previous findings, Serre’s GAGA and Grothendieck’s algebraization theorem (or as we call it, “GFGA”). Section 6.1 discusses elementary properties of relative connections and fixes terminology. Section 6.2 explains how to extend connections on Λ -schemes to a previously fixed proper ambient Λ -scheme (see Theorem 6.8); these constructions rely on the analytic picture developed earlier and GAGA. In Section 6.3, we look at the case of a base ring $R = \mathbb{C}[[t_1, \dots, t_r]]/I$ and, by means of the algebraization theorem (Proposition 6.10) *plus* Corollary 5.7 — stating that arrows between logarithmic connections have “bounded poles” —, define better suited logarithmic extensions, see Theorem 6.11. In Section 6.4 we assemble the various pieces and state our version of the Deligne-Riemann-Hilbert correspondence, Corollary 6.14. To end, in Section 7, we compute explicitly certain differential Galois groups of elementary regular-singular connections showing that differential Galois group which fail to be of finite type abound.

Notations and conventions.

- 1) Complex spaces are to be understood in the sense of [GR84, 1.1.5] (called analytic spaces in [SC13, Exposé 9, 2.1]).
- 2) We let Λ stand for a local \mathbb{C} -algebra whose dimension as a complex vector space is finite. Its maximal ideal is denoted by \mathfrak{m} .
- 3) We shall find convenient to denote by $|X|$ the topological space underlying a ringed space X .
- 4) If (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is a complex space and p a point of X , we let \mathfrak{M}_p stand for the maximal ideal of the local ring $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ (so that $\mathcal{O}_{X,p} = \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathfrak{M}_p$).
- 5) If (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is a complex space p a point of X and \mathcal{E} is a coherent sheaf, we let $\mathcal{E}(p)$ stand for the complex vector space $\mathcal{E}_p/\mathfrak{M}_p\mathcal{E}_p$. In like manner, for a section $e \in \Gamma(X, \mathcal{E})$ we let $s(p)$ be the image of $s_p \in \mathcal{E}_p$ in $\mathcal{E}(p)$.
- 6) A *vector bundle* over a locally ringed space (X, \mathcal{O}_X) is simply a locally free sheaf of \mathcal{O}_X -modules of finite rank.
- 7) If X is a scheme, respectively complex space, $Y \subset X$ is a closed subscheme, respectively subspace, and \mathcal{M} is a coherent sheaf on X , we write $\mathcal{M}|_Y$ for the pull-back of \mathcal{M} to Y , that is, $\mathcal{M}|_Y$ is an \mathcal{O}_Y -module. Analogous notations are in force for sections.
- 8) If M is a topological space and E is a set, we let E_M denote the *simple, or locally constant* sheaf associated to E .
- 9) We fix once and for all a subset τ of \mathbb{C} containing exactly one element in each class of $(\mathbb{C}, +)$ modulo $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$.
- 10) If V is a finite dimensional complex vector space and A an endomorphism of V , we write Sp_A for the set of eigenvalues of A and, for each $\lambda \in \text{Sp}_A$, we write $\mathbf{E}(A, \lambda)$, respectively $\mathbf{G}(A, \lambda)$, for its λ -eigenspace, respectively generalized λ -eigenspace.
- 11) We shall find convenient to work with the following version of the Minkowski difference of two sets of complex numbers: if A and B are subsets of the complex plane, we write $B \ominus A$ to denote the set $\{b - a : b \in B, a \in A\}$. (*Warning:* In the literature, the Minkowski difference is usually defined differently.)
- 12) All tensor categories (or \otimes -categories) are to be taken in the sense of [DM82, Definition 1.1,p.105]. Abelian tensor categories are also understood in the sense of [DM82, Definition 1.15,p.118].
- 13) For an affine group scheme G over a noetherian ring R , we let $\text{Rep}_R(G)$ stand for the category of representations of G on finite R -modules.

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2. SETUP

2.1. Analytic geometry. In this section we discuss some elementary properties of analytic spaces and sheaves on them for the lack of a suitable reference. We have designed it to reassure the reader with an education in algebraic geometry but with little experience in complex analysis.

Let $f : X \rightarrow S$ be a smooth morphism of complex spaces [SC13, Exposé 9], [SC13, Exposé 13]. For any $p \in X$, there exists an open neighbourhood U and functions $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{O}_X)$ vanishing on p such that the associated morphism [SC13, Exposé 10, 1.1]

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n, f) : U \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n \times S$$

defines an *isomorphism* of U with $D \times V$, where D is an open polydisk about 0 and V an open neighbourhood of $f(p)$. The couple $(U, x_1, \dots, x_n) = (U, \mathbf{x})$ is called a *relative system of coordinates about p* in this text. Given such a relative system, we shall find useful to let $\{\partial_{x_j}\}$ stand for the basis of $\text{Der}_S(\mathcal{O}_X)|_U = \mathcal{H}om(\Omega_{X/S}^1, \mathcal{O}_X)|_U$ dual to $\{dx_j\}$. We also put $\vartheta_{x_j} = x_j \partial_{x_j}$.

The following definition is central (and standard):

Definition 2.1. Let $Y \subset X$ be a closed complex subspace defined by the ideal $\mathcal{I} \subset \mathcal{O}_X$ [SC13, Exposé 9, 2.2] and p a point of Y .

- (1) A relative system of coordinates (U, \mathbf{x}) about p is called *adapted* to Y if $\mathcal{I}|_U = x_1 \cdots x_m \mathcal{O}_U$ for a certain $m \leq n$.
- (2) We say that Y is a *relative effective divisor with normal crossings* if for each $p \in Y$, it is possible to find a relative system of coordinates about p which is adapted to Y .
- (3) The number m appearing above is called the number of branches of Y in (U, \mathbf{x}) .

To lighten the text, we will *abandon* the adjective “effective” in “effective relative divisor with normal crossings” in what follows.

Let us now fix a relative divisor with normal crossings $Y \subset X$ and write \mathcal{I} for its ideal; as customary, $\mathcal{O}_X(Y)$ denotes the invertible \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{I}^{-1} [EGA IV₄, 21.2.8, p.260] and $\mathcal{O}_X(kY)$ is $\mathcal{O}_X(Y)^{\otimes k}$.

In what follows, we interpret the number of branches in terms of local algebra. Recall that given a ring A and an ideal I , the prime divisors of I are just the associated primes of A/I [Mat89, p.38].

Definition 2.2. For each $q \in Y$, we call the number of minimal prime divisors of \mathcal{I}_q [Mat89, p.39] the *multiplicity* of Y at q .

We now require a Lemma from Commutative algebra.

Lemma 2.3. *Let $h : A \rightarrow B$ be a morphism of local noetherian rings and let $\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$ be a set of elements of B none of which divides zero or is invertible. Suppose that*

- (1) *The ring A has only one associated prime \mathfrak{r} .*
- (2) *For each i , the A -module $B/(b_i)$ is flat.*
- (3) *For any i , the extended ideal $\mathfrak{p}_i = (\mathfrak{r}, b_i)$ is prime.*

Then $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_m$ are the minimal prime divisors of $(b_1 \cdots b_m)$ and $(b_1), \dots, (b_m)$ are the corresponding primary components.

Proof. To ease notation we write B_i instead of $B/(b_i)$. Using [BAC, IV.2.6, Theorem 2] we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ass}_B(B_i) &= \text{Ass}_B(B_i/\mathfrak{r}B_i) \\ &= \text{Ass}_B(B/\mathfrak{p}_i) \\ &= \{\mathfrak{p}_i\}. \end{aligned}$$

This allows us to say, using [Mat89, Theorem 6.6,p.40], that (b_i) is \mathfrak{p}_i -primary. From the Hauptidealsatz, we have $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}_i) \leq 1$. Now, if $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}_i) = 0$, then \mathfrak{p}_i is a minimal prime ideal containing (0) , which implies that $\mathfrak{p}_i \in \text{Ass}(B)$ due to [Mat89, Theorem 6.5, p.39]; this is impossible because b_i is not a zero divisor. In conclusion, $\text{ht}(\mathfrak{p}_i) = 1$. As $b_1 \cdots b_m$ is not a zero divisor, it follows that \mathfrak{p}_i is a minimal prime containing $(b_1 \cdots b_m)$. Now, if $\mathfrak{q} \supset (b_1 \cdots b_m)$ is a prime, then $\mathfrak{q} \supset (b_{i_0})$ for a certain i_0 . Since $\mathfrak{q} \cap A \supset \mathfrak{r}$, we conclude that $\mathfrak{q} \supset \mathfrak{p}_{i_0}$. Hence $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_m$ are the minimal prime ideals containing $(x_1 \cdots x_m)$. In particular, they are also the minimal prime divisors [Mat89, Theorem 6.5, p.39]. \square

Corollary 2.4. *Let $p \in Y$ and assume that $\mathcal{O}_{S,f(p)}$ has only one associated prime. Let (U, \mathbf{x}) be a relative system of coordinates about p which is adapted to Y ; denote the number of branches of Y in (U, \mathbf{x}) by m . Then $(x_{1,p}), \dots, (x_{m,p})$ are the minimal primary components of \mathcal{I}_p ; in particular the multiplicity (Definition 2.2) of Y at p is precisely the number of branches.* \square

Let us end this section by introducing meromorphic functions with poles along Y . We let $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ stand for the sheaf of \mathcal{O}_X -algebras $\mathcal{O}_X[\mathcal{I}^{-1}]$ described in [EGA IV₄, 20.1.1, 226ff]; it is clearly a coherent sheaf of rings on X which shall be called the sheaf of *meromorphic functions with poles on Y* . Note that, if $\mathcal{I}_p = h_p \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$, then the natural morphism

$$\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)_p \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}_{X,p}[1/h_p]$$

is an isomorphism (loc.cit.). Alternatively, $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ can be defined as the \mathcal{O}_X -algebra $\varinjlim_k \mathcal{O}_X(kY)$.

As suggested in [Mal87], coherent $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ -modules shall also be called *Y -meromorphic coherent modules on X* ; the natural base-change functor $\mathcal{O}_X\text{-coh} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(*Y)\text{-coh}$ is denoted by $\mathcal{F} \mapsto \mathcal{F}(*Y)$.

A fundamental property of Y -meromorphic coherent modules follows easily from Rückert's Nullstellensatz [GR84, Ch. 3, §2, p. 67]:

Lemma 2.5 ([Mal87, 2.3, p.154]). *If \mathcal{M} is a Y -meromorphic coherent module supported at Y , then $\mathcal{M} = 0$.* \square

Corollary 2.6. *Let E and F be coherent $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ -modules. If $X^* = X \setminus Y$, then the restriction arrow*

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)}(E, F) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X^*}}(E|_{X^*}, F|_{X^*})$$

is injective.

Proof. Let $\varphi : E \rightarrow F$ vanish on X^* . Working with the coherent $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ -module $\text{Im}(\varphi)$, we only need to use Lemma 2.5. \square

2.2. Connections. Let $f : X \rightarrow S$ be a smooth morphism between analytic spaces. We shall introduce several notations concerning categories of connections.

Definition 2.7. We let $\mathfrak{C}(X/S)$ stand for the category of integrable S -connections $(E, \nabla : E \rightarrow E \otimes \Omega_{X/S}^1)$, see [Ka70, 1.0-1] or [Del70, I.2.22], such that E is a *coherent* \mathcal{O}_X -module.

For the sake of brevity, in what follows, the word *connection* is synonymous with *integrable connection*. With this convention, $\mathfrak{C}(X/S)$ is the category of S -connections.

Let now $Y \subset X$ be a relative divisor with normal crossings (cf. Definition 2.1); write \mathcal{I} for the ideal defining Y and X^* for the open subspace $X \setminus Y$.

Definition 2.8. We let $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ stand for the category of integrable logarithmic S -connections (E, ∇) , see [Ka70, 4.0-2], where they are called integrable S -connections on E with logarithmic singularities along Y , or [Del70, I.2.22, 14ff], such that the underlying \mathcal{O}_X -module E is coherent.

As in the case of connections, we shall drop the adjective *integrable* in “integrable logarithmic connections.”

Note that $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ is abelian and has a tensor product rendering the forgetful functor $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X\text{-cohd}$ exact, faithful and tensorial. In addition, for $\mathcal{E} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$, the coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module $\mathcal{H}om_X(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{O}_X)$ also carries a natural logarithmic connection, see [Ka70, 4.3].

If $\mathcal{D}er_Y(X/S)$ is the \mathcal{O}_X -submodule of $\mathcal{D}er(X/S)$ formed by the derivations which stabilize the ideal \mathcal{I} —it is actually a sheaf of \mathcal{O}_S -Lie algebras—then a logarithmic connection on $E \in \mathcal{O}_X\text{-cohd}$ amounts to a morphism of \mathcal{O}_X -modules $\nabla : \mathcal{D}er_Y(X/S) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathcal{O}_S}(E)$ which is compatible with brackets and satisfies $\nabla(\partial) : ae \mapsto \partial(a)e + a\nabla(\partial)(e)$. See also [Ka70, 4.2].

Example 2.9. The ideal $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{O}_X(-Y)$ carries a tautological logarithmic connection turning it into a subobject of \mathcal{O}_X . Along these lines, each one of the line bundles $\mathcal{O}_X(kY)$ carries a logarithmic connection.

In general, given $\mathcal{F} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$, we let $\mathcal{F}(kY)$ stand for the tensor product $\mathcal{F} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X(kY)$ in $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$.

Needless to say, each $(E, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ produces, by restriction to X^* , an S -linear connection. Reversing this process is important for the present work, so we make the:

Definition 2.10. Let $(E, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$. Any $(\tilde{E}, \tilde{\nabla}) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ which, when restricted to X^* , is isomorphic to (E, ∇) shall be called a *logarithmic model* of (E, ∇) .

It should be observed that in the above definition, no assumption is made a priori on the nature of the coherent model. Some simple adjustments can be made, but these shall be left to Section 6.

Because of the sheaf of Y -meromorphic functions on X , we have yet another relevant category of connections in sight.

Definition 2.11. Let \mathcal{E} be a Y -meromorphic coherent module. An *integrable connection* on \mathcal{E} is a morphism of \mathcal{O}_S -modules

$$\nabla : \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)} \Omega_{X/S}^1(*Y)$$

having vanishing curvature. The couple (\mathcal{E}, ∇) is called an *integrable Y -meromorphic connection*. Morphisms are simply morphisms of $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ -modules which respect the connections. The category of integrable Y -meromorphic connections is denoted by $\mathfrak{MC}_Y(X/S)$.

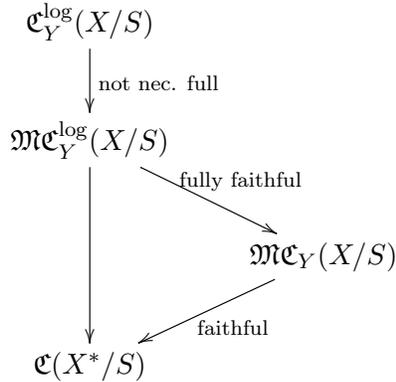
As above, we shall drop the adjective *integrable* in “integrable Y -meromorphic connection.”

Note also that the base-change functor $\mathcal{O}_X\text{-cohd} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X(*Y)\text{-cohd}$ defines a functor $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{MC}_Y(X/S)$ and this prompts us to consider yet another relevant category of connections:

Definition 2.12. Let $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{MC}_Y(X/S)$ be given. We say that (\mathcal{E}, ∇) has *at worst logarithmic poles* if, for each $p \in X$, there exists an open neighbourhood U of p such that $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla)|_U \in \mathfrak{MC}_{Y \cap U}(U/S)$ belongs to the image of $\mathfrak{C}_{Y \cap U}^{\log}(U/S)$. The full subcategory of $\mathfrak{MC}_Y(X/S)$ having as objects those connections having at worst logarithmic poles shall be denoted by $\mathfrak{MC}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$.

Remark 2.13. If S is the reduced analytic space associated to a point, we shall usually omit reference to it in notation, that is, in this case, we prefer $\mathfrak{C}(X^*)$ to $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$, etc.

To avoid confusions—the algebraic geometer’s reflexes tend to downplay the role of $\mathfrak{MC}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ —the reader is asked to bear in mind the following diagram of categories:



Example 2.14. Let S be the point and X be the open unit disc in the complex plane with coordinate function x . Let Y be the origin and $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X e$ be a free \mathcal{O}_X -module. Define $\nabla_0(e) = 0$, $\nabla_1(e) = e \otimes x^{-1} dx$. Then both (\mathcal{L}, ∇_0) and (\mathcal{L}, ∇_1) are objects of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X)$. Putting $\nabla_2(e) = e \otimes x^{-2} dx$, we define the object $(\mathcal{L}(*Y), \nabla_2)$ of $\mathfrak{MC}_Y(X)$. Note that the images of (\mathcal{L}, ∇_0) and (\mathcal{L}, ∇_1) in $\mathfrak{MC}_Y(X)$ are isomorphic, but $(\mathcal{L}(*Y), \nabla_2)$ is not isomorphic to any each one of the latter. On the other hand, the images of $(\mathcal{L}(*Y), \nabla_2)$ and (\mathcal{L}, ∇_0) in $\mathfrak{C}(X^*)$ are isomorphic.

Let us end this section by highlighting a theorem of Deligne which will prove useful further below. In it, we need the notion of a relative local system [Del70, I.2.22, p.14].

Definition 2.15. A sheaf of $f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_S)$ -modules \mathbb{E} on X is called a relative local system if for each $p \in X$, there exist open neighbourhoods U of p and V of $f(p)$ with $f(U) \subset V$, and $M \in \mathcal{O}_S\text{-coh}$ such that $\mathbb{E}|_U = f^{-1}(M)$. Morphism between relative local systems are simply $f^{-1}(\mathcal{O}_S)$ -linear arrows, and the category constructed from this information is denoted by $\mathbf{LS}(X/S)$.

Theorem 2.16 ([Del70, I.2.23, 14ff]). *Let $f : X \rightarrow S$ be a smooth morphism of complex spaces and (E, ∇) an object of $\mathfrak{C}(X/S)$. Then the \mathcal{O}_S -module $\text{Ker } \nabla$ is a relative local system. In addition, the functor*

$$\mathfrak{C}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathbf{LS}(X/S), \quad (E, \nabla) \longmapsto \text{Ker } \nabla$$

is an equivalence of categories.

3. EXTENDING ARROWS BETWEEN MEROMORPHIC CONNECTIONS WITH AT WORST LOGARITHMIC POLES

We let S denote the analytic spectrum of Λ and give ourselves a smooth morphism $f : X \rightarrow S$ of complex spaces. Let $Y \subset X$ be a divisor with relative normal crossings in X (Definition 2.1) and denote, as usual, $X \setminus Y$ by X^* .

A founding principle of Fuch’s theory of regular singularities is that “solutions are meromorphic”; in this section we wish to show how to adapt Deligne’s version of this principle (see [Del70, II.4.1, p.86] and [Mal87, pp. 168-9]) to our present setting. Section 3.1 develops the artifice allowing us the adaptation while Section 3.2 states and proves the main result (Theorem 3.6). The latter result shall be amplified in Section 5 after the introduction of residues and exponents in Section 4.

3.1. Local description of categories of sheaves and connections. We begin by some categorical remarks. Let \mathcal{C} be a \mathbb{C} -linear category. A couple (c, α) consisting of an object $c \in \mathcal{C}$ and a morphism of \mathbb{C} -algebras $\alpha : \Lambda \rightarrow \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}(c)$ is called a Λ -module of \mathcal{C} . Morphisms of Λ -modules are defined in an obvious way and the category of Λ -modules in \mathcal{C} is denoted by $\mathcal{C}_{(\Lambda)}$.

Example 3.1. Let A be an associative \mathbb{C} -algebra and let \mathcal{C} be the category of A -modules (on the left say). Then, $\mathcal{C}_{(\Lambda)}$ is just the category of $A \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \Lambda$ -modules. If (M, \mathcal{A}) is a topological space with a sheaf of \mathbb{C} -algebras and \mathcal{C} is the category of \mathcal{A} -modules, then $\mathcal{C}_{(\Lambda)}$ is just the category of $\mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \Lambda_M$ -modules.

Let D be a domain in \mathbb{C}^n and $H \subset D$ an effective divisor. Suppose that $X = D \times S$ and $Y = H \times S$; write $\text{pr} : X \rightarrow D$ for the canonical projection. It follows that $|X| = |D|$, $\mathcal{O}_X = \mathcal{O}_D \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \Lambda_X$, and $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y) = \mathcal{O}_D(*H) \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} \Lambda_X$. Denote by pr_* any one of the natural functors

$$\mathcal{O}_X\text{-coh} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_D\text{-coh} \quad \text{or} \quad \mathcal{O}_X(*Y)\text{-coh} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_D(*H)\text{-coh}.$$

Then pr_* induces an equivalence between the categories on the left and the respective categories of Λ -modules.

Let $\nabla : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \Omega_{X/S}^1$ be a connection. Since the natural morphism

$$\text{pr}^*(\Omega_D^1) \longrightarrow \Omega_{X/S}^1$$

is an isomorphism [SC13, Exposé 14, 2.1], the projection formula guarantees that the natural morphism

$$\text{pr}_*(\mathcal{E}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_D} \Omega_D^1 \longrightarrow \text{pr}_*\left(\mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \Omega_{X/S}^1\right)$$

is an isomorphism. Furthermore, it is easy to see that the composition

$$\text{pr}_*\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_*(\nabla)} \text{pr}_*(\mathcal{E} \otimes \Omega_{X/S}^1) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{pr}_*\mathcal{E} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_D} \Omega_D^1$$

is also a connection. From these considerations we in fact obtain equivalences

$$\omega : \mathfrak{C}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(D)_{(\Lambda)} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega : \mathfrak{MC}_Y(X/S) \longrightarrow [\mathfrak{MC}_H(D)]_{(\Lambda)}.$$

We end this section by fixing a definition which will be employed further below.

Definition 3.2. We say that $\mathcal{E} \in (\mathcal{O}_D\text{-coh})_{(\Lambda)}$ is a Λ -vector bundle if each $p \in D$ has an open neighbourhood U such that $\mathcal{E}|_U \simeq \mathcal{O}_U \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} E$ for some finite Λ -module E and, for each $\lambda \in \Lambda$, we have $\lambda \cdot (1 \otimes e) = 1 \otimes \lambda e$. Analogously, $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{O}_X\text{-coh}$ is a relative vector bundle, or a vector bundle relatively to S , if $\text{pr}_*(\mathcal{E}) \in (\mathcal{O}_D\text{-coh})_{(\Lambda)}$ is a Λ -vector bundle.

The verification of the following is trivial but shall be employed many times.

Lemma 3.3. *If $\mathcal{E} \in (\mathcal{O}_D\text{-coh})_{(\Lambda)}$ is a Λ -vector bundle, then $\text{pr}_*\mathcal{E}$ is a vector bundle. \square*

Note that $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{O}_X\text{-coh}$ is a relative vector bundle if and only if for each $p \in X$ there exists an open neighbourhood U of p such that $\mathcal{E}|_U$ is the pull-back of a coherent sheaf on S . This means that Definition 3.2 possesses a natural global version; let us drop the assumption that $X = D \times S$.

Definition 3.4. A coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{E} is a *relative vector bundle*, or a vector bundle relatively to Λ , if, locally, it comes from a coherent sheaf on S .

3.2. Extending morphisms between connections with at worst logarithmic poles. We begin by recalling the following result, see [Mal87, pp. 163-4], specially Lemma 5.7.

Theorem 3.5. *Let $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be an open polydisk about the origin and denote by $x_j \in \mathcal{O}(D)$ the j th coordinate function. Let H be the effective divisor defined by $x_1 \cdots x_m \mathcal{O}_D$ and denote by D^* the open subset $D \setminus H$. Let us give ourselves (E, ∇) and (E', ∇') objects of $\mathfrak{MC}_H^{\log}(D)$. Then any horizontal arrow $\varphi : E|_{D^*} \rightarrow E'|_{D^*}$ extends uniquely to an arrow $\tilde{\varphi} : E \rightarrow E'$. \square*

Employing the technique of Section 3.1, we can prove the following.

Theorem 3.6. *The restriction functor*

$$\mathfrak{MC}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$$

is fully faithful.

Proof. From Lemma 2.6, the restriction $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)\text{-coh} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{X^*}\text{-coh}$ is faithful, so that $\mathfrak{MC}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$ is also faithful. Let (E, ∇) and (E', ∇') be in $\mathfrak{MC}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ and let $\varphi : E|_{X^*} \rightarrow E'|_{X^*}$ be horizontal. We wish to find a horizontal arrow of coherent $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ -modules $\tilde{\varphi} : E \rightarrow E'$ whose restriction to X^* is φ .

Due to uniqueness, it is enough to deal with the problem locally: we suppose that $X = D \times S$ where $D \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ is an open polydisk about the origin and that $Y = H \times S$, where, writing $\{x_j\}$ for the coordinate functions on D , H is defined by $\mathcal{O}_D x_1 \cdots x_m$. This being the case, we have a commutative diagram whose horizontal arrows are equivalences,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{MC}_Y(X/S) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & \mathfrak{MC}_H(D)_{(\Lambda)} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S) & \xrightarrow{\omega} & \mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)}, \end{array}$$

as explained on section 3.1. We now consider the arrow $\omega\varphi : \omega(E)|_{D^*} \rightarrow \omega(E')|_{D^*}$ of $\mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)}$; by Theorem 3.5, $\omega\varphi$ can be extended to an arrow $\tilde{\omega\varphi} : \omega(E) \rightarrow \omega(E')$ of $\mathfrak{MC}_H(D)$. Because the restriction of $\tilde{\omega\varphi}$ to D^* is a morphism of Λ -modules, Lemma 2.6 assures that $\tilde{\omega\varphi}$ is a morphism of Λ -modules. Hence, there exists $\tilde{\varphi} : E \rightarrow E'$ in $\mathfrak{MC}_Y(X/S)$ such that $\omega(\tilde{\varphi}) = \tilde{\omega\varphi}$. It is clear that $\tilde{\varphi}$ is an extension of φ . \square

4. RESIDUES AND EXPONENTS OF LOGARITHMIC CONNECTIONS

Throughout this section we work with a smooth morphism of complex spaces $f : X \rightarrow S$ and a relative divisor with normal crossings defined by the ideal \mathcal{I} . We suppose from the start that for each $p \in Y$, the local ring $\mathcal{O}_{S,f(p)}$ has only one associated prime.

4.1. Residue morphisms. We shall also require another assumptions on Y .

Hypothesis 4.1. There exist a finite set C , a family of smooth and connected relative effective divisors $\{Y_c\}_{c \in C}$ indexed by C such that $Y = \sum Y_c$.

Lemma 4.2. *Let $p \in Y$ be given and write $C_p = \{c \in C : p \in Y_c\}$.*

- (1) *The multiplicity (Definition 2.2) of Y at p is $\#C_p$.*
- (2) *Let (U, \mathbf{x}) be a relative system of coordinates adapted to Y about p . Denote by m the number of branches of Y in (U, \mathbf{x}) . There exist an open neighbourhood $V \subset U$ of p and a bijection $\sigma : C_p \rightarrow \{1, \dots, m\}$ such that $x_{\sigma(c)} \mathcal{O}_V$ is the ideal of Y_c in V .*

Proof. Let $h_c \in \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ generate the ideal of Y_c so that \mathcal{I}_p is generated by $\prod_{c \in C_p} h_c$. By Lemma 2.3, the ideals $\{(h_c)\}_{c \in C_p}$ are the minimal primary components of \mathcal{I}_p . If (U, \mathbf{x}) is as in (2), Corollary 2.4 assures that $\{(h_c)\}_{c \in C_p} = \{(x_{j,p})\}_{1 \leq j \leq m}$ and that m is also the multiplicity at p . Let $c_j \in C_p$ be such that $(h_{c_j}) = (x_{j,p})$ and suppose that a certain c of C_p lies outside $\{c_1, \dots, c_m\}$. Then $(h_c) \in \{(x_{j,p})\}_{1 \leq j \leq m}$; suppose, for convenience, that $(x_{1,p}) = (h_c)$. Hence $x_{1,p}^2$ divides $\prod_j x_{j,p}$ which means that $x_{1,p}$ divides $\prod_{j>1} x_{j,p}$ (the product over the empty set being understood as the unit). This is impossible. Hence $\#C_p = m$ and the bijection σ is obtained easily. \square

For each $c \in C$, write

$$Y_c^\dagger := Y_c \setminus \bigcup_{c' \neq c} Y_{c'};$$

the natural composition $Y \rightarrow S$ is smooth on the points of Y_c^\dagger .

Let $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ be given and, for a fixed $c \in C$, pick $p \in Y_c^\dagger$. From Lemma 4.2, we are able to find a relative system of coordinates adapted to p , call it (U, \mathbf{x}) , such that $\mathcal{I}|_U = x_1 \mathcal{O}_U$. (In particular, $Y \cap U = Y_c \cap U$.) Write ϑ_j instead of ϑ_{x_j} . A simple calculation shows that ∇_{ϑ_1} preserves the \mathcal{O}_U -submodule $x_1 \mathcal{E}|_U$ and that the induced morphism of abelian sheaves

$$\text{Res}_c^{\mathbf{x}} : \mathcal{E}|_{U \cap Y_c} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_{U \cap Y_c}$$

is in fact \mathcal{O}_{Y_c} -linear. Moreover, the additive morphisms

$$\nabla_{\vartheta_j} : \mathcal{E}|_U \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_U, \quad j > 1,$$

also preserve $x_1 \mathcal{E}|_U$ and hence induce morphisms of abelian sheaves

$$\nabla_{\vartheta_j} : \mathcal{E}|_{U \cap Y_c} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_{U \cap Y_c}.$$

In this way, we define on the $\mathcal{O}_{U \cap Y_c}$ -module $\mathcal{E}|_{U \cap Y_c}$ an S -connection $\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}}$. It is then a simple task to show that $\text{Res}_c^{\mathbf{x}}$ is horizontal for the S -connection $\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}}$.

Now, let (U', \mathbf{x}') be a relative system of coordinates adapted to Y about a point $p' \in U$ and such that $x'_1 \mathcal{O}_{U'} = \mathcal{I}|_{U'}$. (Again $U' \cap Y = U' \cap Y_c$.) Since $x_1 \mathcal{O}_{U \cap U'} = x'_1 \mathcal{O}_{U \cap U'}$, we conclude that $x'_1 = v_1 x_1$ for a certain $v_1 \in \mathcal{O}(U \cap U')^\times$. From this,

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} &= x_1 \frac{\partial x'_1}{\partial x_1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_1} + x_1 \sum_{j>1} \frac{\partial x'_j}{\partial x_1} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_j} \\ &= x'_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_1} + \frac{x'_1}{v_1^2} \frac{\partial v_1}{\partial x_1} \cdot x'_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x'_1} + \frac{x'_1}{v_1} \sum_{j>1} \dots \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\text{Res}_c^{\mathbf{x}} = \text{Res}_c^{\mathbf{x}'}$$

on $Y_c^\dagger \cap U \cap U'$. Summarizing:

Proposition 4.3. *Let $c \in C$ be fixed. There exists an $\mathcal{O}_{Y_c^\dagger}$ -linear endomorphism*

$$\text{Res}_c : \mathcal{E}|_{Y_c^\dagger} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_{Y_c^\dagger}$$

with the following property. If $p \in Y_c^\dagger$ and (U, \mathbf{x}) is a relative system of coordinates adapted to Y at p such that $\mathcal{I}|_U = x_1 \mathcal{O}_U$, then Res_c is induced by $\nabla_{\vartheta_{x_1}} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ upon passage to the quotient. \square

Definition 4.4. The $\mathcal{O}_{Y_c^\dagger}$ -linear endomorphism Res_c constructed in Proposition 4.3 is called the residue endomorphism of \mathcal{E} along Y_c^\dagger .

In order to proceed with the study of Res_c , we shall need some preliminary material on relative local systems.

4.2. Eigenvalues of endomorphisms. We gather here simple fact concerning endomorphism of finite modules and local systems.

Lemma 4.5. *Let E be a finite Λ -module and $\varphi : E \rightarrow E$ an endomorphism. Let $\omega\varphi : E \rightarrow E$ denote the \mathbb{C} -linear endomorphism associated to φ .*

- (1) *For each $\varrho \in \text{Sp}_{\omega\varphi}$, the subspace $\mathbf{G}(\omega\varphi, \varrho)$ is a Λ -submodule.*
- (2) *If $\bar{\varphi} : \bar{E} \rightarrow \bar{E}$ stands for the \mathbb{C} -linear endomorphism obtained by reducing φ modulo \mathfrak{m} , we have $\text{Sp}_{\omega\varphi} = \text{Sp}_{\bar{\varphi}}$. \square*

Motivated by this result, in what follows, given an endomorphism of a finite Λ -module $\varphi : E \rightarrow E$, we put

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sp}_\varphi &= \begin{array}{l} \text{the spectrum of } \varphi \text{ regarded} \\ \text{as a } \mathbb{C}\text{-linear endomorphism} \end{array} \\ &= \text{the spectrum of } \bar{\varphi} : E/\mathfrak{m}E \rightarrow E/\mathfrak{m}E. \end{aligned}$$

Let T be a locally connected (like all complex spaces [GR84, 9.3, 177ff]) and connected topological space and \mathbb{E} a coherent Λ_T -module. (Recall that Λ_T is the simple sheaf associated to Λ : it is in addition a coherent sheaf of rings.) Since \mathbb{E} is of finite presentation, each point of T possesses a connected neighbourhood U such that, writing $E = \mathbb{E}(U)$, we have $\mathbb{E}|_U = E_U$; this is to say that \mathbb{E} is locally constant. In particular, for each connected $U \subset T$ and each $p \in U$, the natural morphism $\mathbb{E}(U) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_p$ is *injective*.

Let $\varphi : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$ be a Λ_T -linear endomorphism. It is easily proved that for any two $p, q \in T$, we have $\text{Sp}_{\varphi_p} = \text{Sp}_{\varphi_q}$; we therefore make the following:

Definition 4.6. The *spectrum of $\varphi : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$* is the spectrum of the Λ -linear endomorphism induced by φ on an unspecified stalk. It shall be denoted by Sp_φ .

Given $\varrho \in \text{Sp}_\varphi$, let us write $\mathbf{G}(\varphi, \varrho)$ to denote the pre-sheaf of Λ_T -modules

$$U \mapsto \bigcup_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \{e \in \mathbb{E}(U) : (\varphi - \varrho)^\nu(e) = 0\}.$$

Using that \mathbb{E} is locally constant, Jordan's decomposition allows us to say:

Lemma 4.7. *For each $\varrho \in \text{Sp}_\varphi$, there exists $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\mathbf{G}(\varphi, \varrho) = \text{Ker}(\varphi - \varrho)^\mu$. In particular, $\mathbf{G}(\varphi, \varrho)$ is a coherent sheaf of Λ_T -modules and*

$$\bigoplus_{\varrho \in \text{Sp}_\varphi} \mathbf{G}(\varphi, \varrho) = \mathbb{E}.$$

\square

4.3. The exponents. Let us now suppose that S is the analytic spectrum of Λ and that the relative divisor $Y \subset X$ satisfies Hypothesis 4.1, whose notations are now in force. Given $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{log}}(X/S)$, we set out to elaborate on the properties of the residue morphism (Definition 4.4).

Let $c \in C$ and $p \in Y_c^\dagger$. We pick a relative system of coordinates (U, \mathbf{x}) adapted to Y at p such that $\mathcal{S}|_U = x_1 \mathcal{O}_U$, see Lemma 4.2. (In particular $Y_c^\dagger \cap U = Y \cap U$.) Then,

$$\text{Res}_c^{\mathbf{x}} : \mathcal{E}|_{U \cap Y_c} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_{U \cap Y_c}$$

induces an endomorphism

$$\text{HRes}_c^{\mathbf{x}} : \text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}}) \longrightarrow \text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}}).$$

Since $\text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}})$ is a local system on $U \cap Y_c^\dagger$ (Theorem 2.16) and $|U \cap Y_c^\dagger|$ is homeomorphic to a polydisk in \mathbb{C}^{n-1} , we are able to introduce the spectrum of $\text{HRes}_c^{\mathbf{x}}$ as in Definition 4.6. Let us deepen our analysis. By axiom, for any given $q \in Y \cap U$, the set $\text{Sp}(\text{HRes}_c^{\mathbf{x}})$ is just the set of eigenvalues for the Λ -linear endomorphism

$$\text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}})_q \xrightarrow{\text{HRes}_c^{\mathbf{x}}} \text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}})_q .$$

Now, by Theorem 2.16, the natural arrow

$$\text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}})_q \otimes_{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_{X,q} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}_q$$

is an isomorphism. Since $\mathfrak{M}_q \cap \Lambda = \mathfrak{m}$, using a standard isomorphism [BA, II.3.6, Corollary 3], we arrive at a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}})_q / \mathfrak{m} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{E}_q / \mathfrak{M}_q \\ \text{HRes}_c^{\mathbf{x}} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Res}_c^{\mathbf{x}}(q) \\ \text{Ker}(\nabla_c^{\mathbf{x}})_q / \mathfrak{m} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathcal{E}_q / \mathfrak{M}_q . \end{array}$$

Lemma 4.5-(2) then tells us that $\text{Sp}(\text{HRes}_c^{\mathbf{x}})$ is simply the spectrum of the \mathbb{C} -linear endomorphism (independent of (U, \mathbf{x}))

$$\text{Res}_c(q) : \mathcal{E}(q) \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}(q).$$

Lemma 4.8. *The topological space $|Y_c^\dagger|$ is connected.*

Proof. By assumption, $|Y_c|$ is connected. In addition, $|Y_c|$ is the topological space of a complex manifold, call it Z_c . Now, $|Y_c^\dagger|$ is the complement of a thin subset of $|Z_c|$, and hence is connected [GR84, 7.1.3, p.133]. \square

Using the fact that $|Y_c^\dagger|$ is a *connected* topological space, the following definitions carry no ambiguity.

Definition 4.9 (The exponents). The spectrum of $\text{Res}_c(p) : \mathcal{E}(p) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}(p)$ for any point $p \in Y_c^\dagger$ is called the set of exponents of ∇ along Y_c . It shall be denoted by $\text{Exp}_{Y_c}(\nabla)$ or $\text{Exp}_{Y_c}(\mathcal{E})$ if no confusion is likely. In like manner, $\text{Exp}_Y(\nabla)$, or $\text{Exp}_Y(\mathcal{E})$, is the union $\bigcup_c \text{Exp}_{Y_c}(\nabla)$.

Example 4.10. Let us suppose that $\Lambda = \mathbb{C}[t]/(t^2)$, that $X = \text{Specan } \Lambda[x]$ and that Y is defined by $x\mathcal{O}_X$. Let $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{O}_X e$ be free and put $\nabla e = e \otimes tx^{-1}dx$. Then C is a singleton and $\text{Exp}_Y(\nabla) = \{0\}$.

5. EXTENDING MORPHISMS AND CONNECTIONS

In this section we set out to prove:

Theorem 5.1. *Let S be the analytic spectrum of Λ , $f : X \rightarrow S$ a smooth morphism of complex spaces, and $Y \subset X$ a relative divisor with normal crossings satisfying Hypothesis 4.1; write as usual $X^* = X \setminus Y$.*

(1) *The restriction functor*

$$\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$$

is essentially surjective.

(2) *The restriction functor*

$$\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$$

is an equivalence.

Note that, once statement (1) is shown to be true, the work required for proving (2) reduces to the verification of fully faithfulness of $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$, which is Theorem 3.6. Hence, we concentrate on finding preferred extensions for objects of $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$ and aim at Theorem 5.10.

The idea employed here is the same as in [Mal87, Theorem 4.4]: one solves the problem locally (this shall be done by Theorem 5.9-(1)) and one proves then uniqueness of solutions (Theorem 5.9-(2)). The work around local existence follows without much effort from [Mal87, pp. 159-60], except that we need to replace the well-known argument concerning the surjectivity of the exponential (Lemma 4.5 in op.cit.) by a slightly longer one (Proposition 5.11). On the other hand, in extending morphisms, we have chosen to deviate slightly from the standard technique (see [Mal87, pp. 161-2] or, for example, [Wa65, Theorem 4.1]) and put forward Proposition 5.3 which shall play a role in Section 6 as well.

5.1. The dissonance. As in the theory of regular-singular connections one finds consistently the need to exclude the case where exponents differ by integers, the following definition shall be useful.

Definition 5.2. (1) Let $A = \{A_j\}_{j \in J}$ and $B = \{B_j\}_{j \in J}$ be two families of subsets of \mathbb{C} indexed by a common finite set J . Define the *dissonance* from B to A , call it $\delta(B, A)$, as being the maximum of

$$\bigcup_{j \in J} \mathbb{N} \cap (B_j \ominus A_j)$$

in case this set is non-empty, and zero otherwise.

(2) Let $X \rightarrow S$ be a smooth morphism, where S is the analytic spectrum of Λ . Let $Y = \sum_{c \in C} Y_c$ be a relative divisor with normal crossings satisfying the assumptions of Hypothesis 4.1. We define, once given $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ and $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla_{\mathcal{F}})$ objects of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$, the *dissonance from $\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}$ to $\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}$* , denoted $\delta(\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$, as the dissonance from the family $\{\text{Exp}_{Y_c}(\nabla_{\mathcal{F}})\}_{c \in C}$ to $\{\text{Exp}_{Y_c}(\nabla_{\mathcal{E}})\}_{c \in C}$.

5.2. Extension of arrows: local case. Let D be an open polydisk in \mathbb{C}^n about the origin, $\{x_j\}_{j=1}^n$ be the coordinate functions and H , respectively H_j , be the effective divisor in D defined by the ideal $x_1 \cdots x_m \mathcal{O}_D$, respectively $x_j \mathcal{O}_D$. Write

$$\begin{aligned} D^* &= D \setminus H, \\ H_j^\dagger &= H_j \setminus \bigcup_{k \neq j}^m H_k \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} H^{\text{cross}} &= \bigcup_{i < j} H_i \cap H_j \\ &= H \setminus \bigcup_j H_j^\dagger. \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 5.3. Let $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ and $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla_{\mathcal{F}})$ be objects of $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$, $\delta = \delta(\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ the dissonance from $\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}$ to $\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}$ and $\varphi : \mathcal{E}(*H) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(*H)$ an arrow in $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$. If \mathcal{F} is a vector bundle, then $\text{Im}(\varphi) \subset \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$. More precisely, there exists an arrow

$$\tilde{\varphi} : \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$$

in $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$ rendering the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}(*H) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathcal{F}(*H) \\ \text{can} \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{can} \\ \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} & \mathcal{F}(\delta H) \end{array}$$

commutative. In addition, $\tilde{\varphi}$ is the unique arrow of $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_D}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}(\delta H))$ extending φ .

Proof. We are only required to show that φ extends to an arrow $\tilde{\varphi} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$ between \mathcal{O}_D -modules; indeed, since for each $U \subset D$ the natural arrow $\Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}(\delta H)) \rightarrow \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F}(*H))$ is injective, the fact that φ is horizontal immediately assures that $\tilde{\varphi}$ is likewise.

The heart of the proof is the *Claim*: For any $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, any $p \in H_j^\dagger$, any open polydisk $V \subset D \setminus H^{\text{cross}}$ about p , and any $e \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{E})$, the section $\varphi(e) \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{F}(*H))$ is actually an element of $\Gamma(V, \mathcal{F}(\delta H))$.

To ease notations, we prove the claim in case $j = 1$. Let $p \in H_1^\dagger$ and fix V an open polydisk about p and contained in $D \setminus H^{\text{cross}}$ (in particular, $V \cap H_1 = V \cap H_1^\dagger$). Let $U \subset V$ be a polydisk about p where we can find a relative system of coordinates adapted to H , call it \mathbf{y} , and such that $y_1 \mathcal{O}_U$ is the ideal of $H_1 \cap U$.

In what follows, let us write ϑ in place of ϑ_{y_1} ,

$$\vartheta_{\mathcal{E}} : \mathcal{E}|_U \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_U \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta_{\mathcal{F}} : \mathcal{F}|_U \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_U$$

for the \mathbb{C} -linear endomorphisms defined by ϑ by means of the connection. We will require the following simple result:

Lemma 5.4. *For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varrho \in \mathbb{C}$, the following formula holds:*

$$[\vartheta - (\varrho + k)]^\mu y_1^k = y_1^k (\vartheta - \varrho)^\mu,$$

□

Adopting the notations of Section 4.3 and employing Lemma 4.7, we can write

$$\text{Ker}(\nabla_{\mathcal{E}, 1}^{\mathbf{y}}) = \bigoplus_{\varrho} \text{Ker}(\text{Res}_1(\mathcal{E}) - \varrho)^{\mu_{\varrho}}.$$

(In Section 4.3 we have actually employed the notation HRes for the restriction of Res to the sheaf Ker ; this chance should cause no confusion.) Let $\varrho \in \text{Exp}_{H_1}(\mathcal{E})$ and choose $\bar{e} \in \Gamma(U \cap H_1, \mathcal{E}|_{H_1})$ such that

$$\bar{e} \in \text{Ker}(\text{Res}_1(\mathcal{E}) - \varrho)^{\mu_{\varrho}}.$$

Because U is a polydisk (and hence a Stein space), there exists $e \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{E})$ such that $e|_{H_1} = \bar{e}$ [GR84, 1.4.6, p. 35]. Consequently,

$$(\vartheta_{\mathcal{E}} - \varrho)^{\mu_{\varrho}}(e) \in \Gamma(U, y_1 \mathcal{E}) = y_1 \Gamma(U, \mathcal{E}).$$

Let $k > \delta$ be such that $y_1^k \varphi(\mathcal{E}) \subset \mathcal{F}$. By Lemma 5.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\vartheta_{\mathcal{F}} - (\varrho + k)]^{\mu_{\varrho}}(y_1^k \varphi(e)) &= y_1^k (\vartheta_{\mathcal{F}} - \varrho)^{\mu_{\varrho}}(\varphi(e)) \\ &= y_1^k \varphi[(\vartheta_{\mathcal{E}} - \varrho)^{\mu_{\varrho}}(e)] \\ &\in y_1^{k+1} \varphi(\mathcal{E}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$[\vartheta_{\mathcal{F}} - (\varrho + k)]^{\mu_{\varrho}}(y_1^k \varphi(e)) \in \Gamma(U, y_1 \mathcal{F}).$$

This implies that

$$\left\{ y_1^k \varphi(e) \right\} \Big|_{H_1} \in \text{Ker}(\text{Res}_1(\mathcal{F}) - (\varrho + k)^{\mu_{\varrho}}).$$

Since $\rho + k$ cannot be an exponent of \mathcal{F} , since $k > \delta$ is supposed true, $\{y_1^k \varphi(e)\}|_{H_1}$ has to vanish altogether which means that

$$y_1^k \varphi(e) \in \Gamma(U, y_1 \mathcal{F}).$$

(Here we used the fact that the only section s of a vector bundle \mathcal{S} over a *reduced* complex space Z such that $s(z) = 0$ for all $z \in Z$ is the zero section.) Hence,

$$y_1^{k-1} \varphi(e) \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$$

since \mathcal{F} has no y_1 -torsion.

Let now $e \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{E})$ be an arbitrary section and write

$$(\#) \quad e|_{H_1} = \sum_{\varrho} \bar{a}_{\varrho} \cdot \bar{e}_{\varrho},$$

where $\bar{a}_{\varrho} \in \mathcal{O}(U \cap H_1)$ and $\bar{e}_{\varrho} \in \text{Ker}(\text{Res}_1(\nabla) - \rho)^{\mu_{\varrho}}$. This is possible because

$$\mathcal{O}_{U \cap H_1} \otimes \text{Ker}(\nabla_{\mathcal{E}, 1}^y) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{E}|_{U \cap H_1}.$$

By the Stein property, we may assume that $\bar{e}_{\varrho} = e_{\varrho}|_{H_1}$ and $\bar{a}_{\varrho} = a_{\varrho}|_{H_1}$ so that, using eq. (#) and multiplying by y_1^{k-1} , we have

$$y_1^{k-1} e = \sum_{\varrho} a_{\varrho} \cdot y_1^{k-1} e_{\varrho} + y_1^k \varepsilon, \quad \text{for some } \varepsilon \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{E}).$$

Hence, $\varphi(y_1^{k-1} e) \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$. By induction, we are then able to say that $\varphi(y_1^{\delta} e) \in \Gamma(U, \mathcal{F})$. It is now a simple matter to show that the Claim holds in all generality.

Granted the claim, we can assure that for any $p \in H$, any open polydisk V about p in D and any $e \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{E})$, the section $\varphi(e)|_{V \setminus H^{\text{cross}}}$ belongs to $\Gamma(V \setminus H^{\text{cross}}, \mathcal{F}(\delta H))$. Using Riemann's second extension theorem [GR84, p.132, 7.1.2] we are able to say that $\varphi(e) \in \Gamma(V, \mathcal{F}(\delta H))$. It is then a simple matter to see that $\text{Im}(\varphi) \subset \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$.

We end by arguing that the arrow constructed previously is unique. Let $\hat{\varphi} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$ extend φ . It then follows that $\hat{\varphi} - \tilde{\varphi}$ when restricted to D^* , coincides with $0 : \mathcal{E}|_{D^*} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{D^*}$. But a section of $\mathcal{F}(\delta H)$ over an open subset $W \subset D$ which vanishes on $W \setminus H$ must vanish on the whole of W by the identity theorem [FG02, I.4.10, p.22], so that $\hat{\varphi} = \tilde{\varphi}$ as maps from $\Gamma(W, \mathcal{E})$ to $\Gamma(W, \mathcal{F}(\delta H))$; this is enough argument. \square

At this point, it is perhaps useful to combine Proposition 5.3 and Theorem 3.5 to obtain:

Theorem 5.5. *Let $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ and $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla_{\mathcal{F}})$ be objects of $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$ and let*

$$\varphi : \mathcal{E}|_{D^*} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{D^*}$$

be an arrow in $\mathfrak{C}(D^)$.*

- (1) *There exists a unique extension of φ to an arrow $\tilde{\varphi} : \mathcal{E}(*H) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(*H)$ of $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$.*
- (2) *Suppose that \mathcal{F} is a vector bundle and let $\delta = \delta(\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ denote the dissonance from $\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}$ to $\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}$. Then, there exists an arrow*

$$\bar{\varphi} : \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$$

in $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$ rendering

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}(*H) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} & \mathcal{F}(*H) \\ \text{can} \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{can} \\ \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}} & \mathcal{F}(\delta H) \end{array}$$

commutative. In particular, $\bar{\varphi}$ extends φ so that if $\delta = 0$, then φ extends to an arrow of $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$ between $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ and $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla_{\mathcal{F}})$.

Finally, $\overline{\varphi}$ is the unique extension of φ to an arrow $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$. \square

Let now

$$X = D \times S, \quad Y = H \times S \quad \text{and} \quad Y_j = H_j \times S;$$

notations and conventions introduced in Section 3.1 shall be employed. The following result is tautological and will be used further ahead.

Lemma 5.6. *Let $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}}) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$. Then, for each $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, we have $\text{Exp}_{Y_j}(\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}) = \text{Exp}_{H_j}(\omega \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$. In particular, if $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla_{\mathcal{F}})$ is another object of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$, then we have an equality of dissonances $\delta(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}) = \delta(\omega \mathcal{F}, \omega \mathcal{E})$. \square*

Using this and Theorem 5.5 we can prove:

Corollary 5.7. *Let $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ and $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla_{\mathcal{F}})$ be objects of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ and suppose that \mathcal{F} is a vector bundle relatively to S . Let $\varphi : \mathcal{E}|_{X^*} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{X^*}$ be a horizontal arrow and denote by δ the dissonance from $\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}$ to $\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}$ (Definition 5.2). Then, abusing notation and writing $\mathcal{E}|_{X^*}$ and $\mathcal{F}|_{X^*}$ for the push-forward sheaves, there exists an arrow*

$$\tilde{\varphi} : \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta Y)$$

in $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ rendering

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}|_{X^*} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \mathcal{F}|_{X^*} \\ \text{can} \uparrow & & \uparrow \text{can} \\ \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} & \mathcal{F}(\delta Y) \end{array}$$

commutative. In particular, $\tilde{\varphi}$ extends φ and is in fact the unique extension of φ to an arrow between \mathcal{O}_X -modules.

Proof. We shall apply Theorem 5.5 to the objects $\omega \mathcal{E}$ and $\omega \mathcal{F}$ from $[\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)]_{(\Lambda)}$. We have an arrow in $\mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)}$:

$$\omega \varphi : \omega \mathcal{E}|_{D^*} \longrightarrow \omega \mathcal{F}|_{D^*}.$$

From Lemma 5.6, the dissonance δ in the statement equals $\delta(\omega \mathcal{F}, \omega \mathcal{E})$. As $\omega \mathcal{F}$ is locally free, Theorem 5.5 gives us an arrow from $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$,

$$\overline{\omega \varphi} : \omega \mathcal{E} \longrightarrow \omega \mathcal{F}(\delta H),$$

which extends $\omega \varphi$. The identity principle [FG02, I.4.10,p.22] assures that the restriction morphism

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_D}(\omega \mathcal{E}, \omega \mathcal{F}(\delta H)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{D^*}}(\omega \mathcal{E}|_{D^*}, \omega \mathcal{F}|_{D^*})$$

is injective and consequently $\overline{\omega \varphi}$ is also Λ -linear. Hence, φ extends to a horizontal morphism $\tilde{\varphi} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta Y)$ because we can identify $\omega(\mathcal{F}(\delta Y))$ with $\omega \mathcal{F}(\delta H)$.

Injectivity of the restriction morphism $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}(\delta Y)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{X^*}}(\mathcal{E}|_{X^*}, \mathcal{F}|_{X^*})$ guarantees that $\tilde{\varphi}$ is unique. \square

5.3. Extension of arrows: global case. The work here has all been done by Corollary 5.7, and we simply record the outcome for future reference.

Proposition 5.8. *Let S be the analytic spectrum of Λ and $f : X \rightarrow S$ a smooth morphism. Let $Y \subset X$ be a relative divisor with normal crossings satisfying Hypothesis 4.1 and denote the complement of Y by X^* . Let $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ and $(\mathcal{F}, \nabla_{\mathcal{F}})$ be objects of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$, and suppose that \mathcal{F} is a vector bundle relatively to S . Denote by δ the dissonance from $\nabla_{\mathcal{F}}$ to $\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}$. Then, any arrow $\varphi : \mathcal{E}|_{X^*} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{X^*}$ in $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$ can be extended to an arrow $\tilde{\varphi} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\delta Y)$ of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$. Moreover, this extension is unique. \square*

5.4. Extension of connections: local case. In this section, notations and conventions are those described at the start of Section 5.2: D is an open polydisk, etc.

Theorem 5.9 (“Local Deligne-Manin extension”). *Let (E, ∇) be an object of $\mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)}$.*

(1) *There exists $\mathcal{E} \in \mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)_{(\Lambda)}$ and an isomorphism in $\mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)}$,*

$$\varphi : \mathcal{E}|_{D^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} E.$$

In addition, \mathcal{E} can be chosen to enjoy the following properties.

- (i) *As an \mathcal{O}_D -module with action of Λ , \mathcal{E} is a Λ -vector bundle (see Definition 3.2).*
- (ii) *For each $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, the exponents of \mathcal{E} along H_j are all on τ .*

(2) *Let $\mathcal{E}' \in \mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)_{(\Lambda)}$ enjoy properties (i) and (ii) of (1), and let*

$$\psi : \mathcal{E}'|_{D^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} E$$

be an isomorphism. Then there exists an isomorphism

$$\xi : \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{E}'$$

in $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)_{(\Lambda)}$ rendering diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}|_{D^*} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & E \\ & \searrow \xi|_{D^*} & \uparrow \psi \\ & & \mathcal{E}'|_{D^*} \end{array}$$

commutative. Moreover, the isomorphism ξ is the only one having this property.

Proof. (1) Let $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n) \in D^*$ and write Γ for the fundamental group of D^* based at b . Let

$$\gamma_1(t) = (b_1 e^{2\pi i t}, b_2, \dots), \gamma_2(t) = (b_1, b_2 e^{2\pi i t}, \dots), \quad \text{etc}$$

so that Γ is the free abelian group generated by $\{\gamma_j\}$. The dictionary of [Del70, I.2, 5 ff.] produces an equivalence of categories

$$\mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(\Gamma)_{(\Lambda)}, \quad F \mapsto F(p_0).$$

Let $g_1, \dots, g_m \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{C}}(E(p_0))$ be associated to $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$; obviously, each g_j is Λ -linear. Employing Proposition 5.11, we can find $T_1, \dots, T_m \in \text{End}_{\Lambda}(E(p_0))$ such that

- $\exp(-2\pi i T_j) = g_j$,
- the eigenvalues of every T_j belong to τ .
- T_j commutes with the remaining T_k .

Let $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{O}_D \otimes_{\mathbb{C}} E(p_0)$ be endowed with the obvious action of Λ and define

$$\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}(1 \otimes e) = \sum_{j=1}^m [1 \otimes T_j(e)] \otimes \frac{dx_j}{x_j} \in \Gamma(D, \mathcal{E} \otimes \Omega_D^1(\log H)).$$

Since $T_j T_k = T_k T_j$, the connection $\nabla_{\mathcal{E}}$ is integrable. Clearly, Λ acts by horizontal endomorphisms because each T_j is Λ -linear. This shows that $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ is an object of $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)_{(\Lambda)}$ enjoying property (i). Obviously, the residue endomorphism

$$\mathcal{E}|_{H_j} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_{H_j}$$

sends a section $1 \otimes e$ to $1 \otimes T_j(e)$, so that condition (ii) is fulfilled by construction of T_j . Finally, the restriction of $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})$ to D^* is an object of $\mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)}$ which corresponds, under the equivalence $\mathfrak{C}(D^*)_{(\Lambda)} \simeq \text{Rep}_{\mathbb{C}}(\Gamma)_{(\Lambda)}$, to the representations defined by $\gamma_j \mapsto g_j$ because $\exp(-2\pi i T_j) = g_j$. Consequently, the restriction of \mathcal{E} to D^* is isomorphic to E .

(2) Let now \mathcal{E}' and ψ be as in (2). By Theorem 5.5, there exists an arrow in $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)$, call it $\xi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}'$, such that $\xi|_{D^*} = \psi^{-1}\varphi$. As the restriction of ξ to $\mathfrak{C}(D^*)$ commutes with the actions of Λ and the restriction map

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_D}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{E}') \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{D^*}}(\mathcal{E}|_{D^*}, \mathcal{E}'|_{D^*})$$

is injective, we conclude that ξ commutes with the action of Λ as well. Arguing with $\varphi^{-1}\psi$ instead of $\psi^{-1}\varphi$, it is not hard to see that ξ is an isomorphism from $\mathfrak{C}_H^{\log}(D)_{(\Lambda)}$. The injectivity of the restriction arrow again proves the uniqueness statement concerning ξ . \square

5.5. Extension of connections: the global case. Let S be the analytic spectrum of Λ and $f : X \rightarrow S$ a smooth morphism. Let $Y \subset X$ be a relative divisor with relative normal crossings satisfying in addition Hypothesis 4.1. As usual, we write X^* for $X \setminus Y$. Putting Theorem 5.9, the equivalences of Section 3.1 and Lemma 5.6 together, we obtain:

Theorem 5.10 (Deligne-Manin extensions). *Let (E, ∇) be an arbitrary object of $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$. The following claims are true.*

(1) *There exists $\mathcal{E} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ and an isomorphism*

$$\varphi : \mathcal{E}|_{X^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} E$$

in $\mathfrak{C}(X^/S)$. Moreover, \mathcal{E} can be found to have the following properties:*

- (i) *The \mathcal{O}_X -module \mathcal{E} is a vector bundle relatively to S .*
- (ii) *The exponents of \mathcal{E} along Y are all on τ .*

(2) *Let $\mathcal{E}' \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ enjoy properties (i) and (ii) of (1), and let $\psi : \mathcal{E}'|_{X^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} E$ be an isomorphism. Then there exists an isomorphism $\xi : \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{E}'$ rendering the diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{E}|_{X^*} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & E \\ & \searrow \xi|_{X^*} & \uparrow \psi \\ & & \mathcal{E}'|_{X^*} \end{array}$$

commutative. Moreover, the isomorphism ξ is the only one having this property.

Given Theorem 5.10, the proof of point (1) in Theorem 5.1 is concluded. Also, as argued after its statement, the verification of item (2) is also finished.

5.6. An exercise on the matrix exponential. Let M be a finite Λ -module. In proving Theorem 5.9 we needed the following simple result.

Proposition 5.11. *Let $\alpha, g_1, \dots, g_m \in \mathrm{Aut}_\Lambda(M)$ be given and suppose that α commutes with each g_j . Then, there exists a unique $X \in \mathrm{End}_\Lambda(M)$ such that $\exp(2\pi i X) = \alpha$ and $\mathrm{Sp}_X \subset \tau$. In addition, X commutes with each g_j .*

Proof. Let Z_j stand for the center of g_j in the linear algebraic group $\mathrm{Aut}_\Lambda(M)$ and let $\alpha = s \cdot u$ be the Jordan-Chevalley decomposition of α in $\cap_j Z_j$ [St74, 2.4, 29ff]. Since $u - \mathrm{Id}$ is nilpotent, the series

$$N = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{(-1)^{k-1}}{k} (u - \mathrm{Id})^k$$

is in fact a sum and $\exp(2\pi i N) = u$. Obviously N belongs to $\mathrm{End}_\Lambda(M)$ and commutes with each g_j .

For every $\varrho \in \mathrm{Sp}_\alpha = \mathrm{Sp}_s$, let $\ell(\varrho)$ stand for the unique element of $z \in \tau$ such that $e^{2\pi i z} = \varrho$. Because s is semi-simple, we have the direct sum decomposition

$$M = \bigoplus_{\varrho \in \mathrm{Sp}_s} \mathbf{E}(s, \varrho),$$

where in addition, each $\mathbf{E}(s, \varrho)$ is stable under u , Λ and each g_j . Define $S \in \text{End}_{\mathbb{C}}(M)$ by decreasing that

$$S|_{\mathbf{E}(s, \varrho)} = \ell(\varrho) \cdot \text{Id}.$$

It then follows that $S \in \text{End}_{\Lambda}(M)$, that S commutes with u , and a fortiori with N , and that $\exp(2\pi i S) = s$. In addition, S commutes with each g_j . We now put $X = S + N$ which shows the existence of an element in $\text{End}_{\Lambda}(M)$ commuting with each g_j , whose spectrum is contained in τ and such that $\exp(2\pi i X) = \alpha$. The following well-known Lemma establishes uniqueness. \square

Lemma 5.12. *Let X and X' be \mathbb{C} -linear endomorphism of M such Sp_X and $\text{Sp}_{X'}$ are contained in τ . Then $\exp(2\pi i X) = \exp(2\pi i X')$ implies $X = X'$.*

Proof. This is a well-known exercise, but we were unable to find a reference. Let us sketch a proof. One first deals with the case where X and X' are diagonalisable, resp. nilpotent. Then one applies the additive Jordan-Chevalley decomposition together with the fact that the exponential sends diagonalisable endomorphism, resp. nilpotent, to diagonalisable automorphisms, resp. unipotent. \square

6. CONNECTIONS IN THE ALGEBRAIC AND ANALYTIC CASE

The following conventions are fixed in this section: S is a noetherian \mathbb{C} -scheme, $f : X \rightarrow S$ is a smooth morphism of \mathbb{C} -schemes, $Y \subset X$ a relative effective (positive) divisor having relative normal crossings [Ka70, 4.0, p.187]. The ideal of Y shall be denoted by \mathcal{I} . Write $X^* = X \setminus Y$ and let $u : X^* \rightarrow X$ stand for the inclusion.

6.1. Connections in the algebraic case. We define the categories $\mathfrak{C}(X/S)$ and $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ in complete analogy with Section 2.2 (see also [Ka70, Section 4]). On the other hand, if we follow the path of Section 2.2 and introduce $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{C}_Y(X/S)$, we obtain simply $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$. Indeed, we see that $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y) = u_*(\mathcal{O}_{X^*})$ and because u is an affine morphism [EGA II, 1.2.1, p.6], we conclude that $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)\text{-coh}$ is none other than $\mathcal{O}_{X^*}\text{-coh}$ [EGA II, 1.4, 9ff].

Definition 6.1. We let $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ be the *full* subcategory of $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$ whose object are isomorphic to some object in the image of the restriction functor $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$. (More succinctly, $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ is the essential image of the restriction.) We refer to objects in $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ as *regular-singular S -connections on X^** . If $(E, \nabla_E) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$, any $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}}) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ such that $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla_{\mathcal{E}})|_{X^*} \simeq (E, \nabla_E)$ is called a *logarithmic model* of (E, ∇_E) .

Remark 6.2. The reference to Y in the notation $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ is there to remind us of the dependence of X ; it is envisageable to develop, as in [Del70], a more general theory, but we have chosen not to do so.

Note that *no particular* assumption on the coherent modules defining logarithmic models is made. Of course, it is possible to simplify certain models as the following constructions show.

Let $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{O}_X\text{-coh}$; define

$$(0 : \mathcal{I}^k)_{\mathcal{E}} = \mathcal{H}om_X(\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{I}^k, \mathcal{E});$$

this is naturally a coherent submodule of \mathcal{E} supported on Y . Put $(0 : \mathcal{I}^{\infty})_{\mathcal{E}} = \bigcup_k (0 : \mathcal{I}^k)_{\mathcal{E}}$ and note that $(0 : \mathcal{I}^{\infty})_{\mathcal{E}}$ is the kernel of $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow u_*(u^*\mathcal{E})$.

Definition 6.3 ([EGA IV₂, 5.9.9, p.112]). We say that \mathcal{E} is *Y -pure* if $(0 : \mathcal{I}^{\infty})_{\mathcal{E}} = 0$.

We now note that obtaining Y -pure logarithmic models is always possible:

Lemma 6.4. *For each $(\mathcal{E}, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$, the \mathcal{O}_X -submodule $(0 : \mathcal{I}^k)_{\mathcal{E}}$ is a subconnection. In particular, each $(E, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ has a logarithmic model \mathcal{E} which is Y -pure. \square*

Let now $E \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ and let $F \subset E$ be a subobject. If $\mathcal{E} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S)$ is a Y -pure logarithmic model, so that \mathcal{E} is naturally a \mathcal{O}_X -submodule of $u_*(E)$, we define $\mathcal{F} := u_*(F) \cap \mathcal{E}$, which is a coherent \mathcal{O}_X -module [EGA I, 9.2.2, p.172]. In addition, it is clear that \mathcal{F} is stable under $\mathcal{D}er_Y(X/S)$, and hence \mathcal{F} is a logarithmic model for F . In the same vein, if $E \rightarrow Q$ is an epimorphism with kernel N , let $\mathcal{N} \subset \mathcal{E}$ be the logarithmic model of N previously constructed. It then follows that $\mathcal{Q} := \mathcal{E}/\mathcal{N}$ is a logarithmic model for Q and we have verified the truth of the first two statements of the following proposition. The final claims are very simple and left without proof.

Proposition 6.5. *The full subcategory $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ of $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$ is stable under subobjects and quotients. It is also stable under tensor products and duals. \square*

6.2. Construction of models when the base is $\text{Spec } \Lambda$. In addition to the assumptions of the beginning of the section, we suppose that f is *proper*, that $S = \text{Spec } \Lambda$ and that $Y = \sum_c Y_c$, where each Y_c is connected and smooth over S . We write $\mathfrak{X}, \mathfrak{S}, \mathfrak{Y}$, etc for the analytifications of X, S, Y , etc. Note that \mathfrak{Y} now satisfies Hypothesis 4.1 since each $Y_c^{\text{an}} = \mathfrak{Y}_c$ is connected [SGA1, XII.2.4] and smooth [SGA1, XII.3.1]. As usual, $X^* = X \setminus Y$ and $\mathfrak{X}^* = \mathfrak{X} \setminus \mathfrak{Y} = (X \setminus Y)^{\text{an}}$.

The following two results, Proposition 6.6 and Lemma 6.7, shall be employed in structuring our arguments. The first one is a simple consequence of GAGA [SGA1, Exposé XIII, Theorem 4.4] and the unconvinced reader will find some details in [Hds19, 5.4]. While Lemma 6.7 is essentially GAGA, we find necessary to proceed carefully.

Proposition 6.6 (GAGA). *The analytification functor*

$$\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\log}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}_{\mathfrak{Y}}^{\log}(\mathfrak{X}/\mathfrak{S})$$

is an equivalence. \square

Lemma 6.7. *Let \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{F} be coherent \mathcal{O}_X -modules and assume that \mathcal{F} is Y -pure. Then*

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)}(\mathcal{E}(*Y), \mathcal{F}(*Y)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}(*\mathfrak{Y})}}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y}), \mathcal{F}^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y}))$$

is bijective.

Sketch of proof. We require two steps.

Step 1. We claim that the natural arrows

$$\Phi : \varinjlim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}(kY)) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}(*Y))$$

and

$$\Psi : \varinjlim_k \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{an}}, \mathcal{F}^{\text{an}}(k\mathfrak{Y})) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{an}}, \mathcal{F}^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y}))$$

are bijective. Since the argument is sufficiently general, we give it only in the case of Φ .

Even without assuming \mathcal{F} to be Y -pure, quasi-compactness of X shows that Φ is injective. Surjectivity requires Y -purity since we need the natural arrows $\mathcal{F}(kY) \rightarrow \varinjlim_{\ell} \mathcal{F}(\ell Y) = \mathcal{F}(*Y)$ to be injective in order to glue.

Step 2. Using the natural bijections

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}(*Y)) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)}(\mathcal{E}(*Y), \mathcal{F}(*Y))$$

and

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{an}}, \mathcal{F}^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y})) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}(*\mathfrak{Y})}}(\mathcal{E}^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y}), \mathcal{F}^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y})),$$

the Lemma shall be proved once we establish that the natural arrow

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{F}(*Y)) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}}(\mathcal{E}^{\mathrm{an}}, \mathcal{F}^{\mathrm{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y}))$$

is bijective. But this follows from GAGA [SGA1, XIII, Theorem 4.4] and bijectivity of Φ and Ψ . \square

Theorem 6.8 (Deligne-Manin extensions). *Let (E, ∇) be an object of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\mathrm{rs}}(X^*/S)$. Then, there exists $\tilde{E} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\mathrm{log}}(X/S)$ enjoying the two properties enumerated below and an isomorphism $\Phi : \tilde{E}|_{X^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} E$.*

- (1) *All the exponents of \tilde{E}^{an} (this is an object of $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathfrak{Y}}^{\mathrm{log}}(\mathfrak{X}/\mathfrak{S})$) along \mathfrak{Y} lie in τ .*
- (2) *The $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}$ -module \tilde{E}^{an} is a relative vector bundles.*

In addition, if $\tilde{F} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\mathrm{log}}(X/S)$ also enjoys (1) and (2) above and $\Psi : \tilde{F}|_{X^} \rightarrow E$ is an isomorphism, then there exists an isomorphism $\Xi : \tilde{E} \rightarrow \tilde{F}$ such that $\Phi|_{X^*} = \Psi \circ \Xi|_{X^*}$.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\mathrm{log}}(X/S)$ be a logarithmic model of E ; we may assume that \mathcal{M} is Y -pure because of Lemma 6.4. Applying Theorem 5.10, there exists $\tilde{\mathfrak{E}} \in \mathfrak{C}_{\mathfrak{Y}}^{\mathrm{log}}(\mathfrak{X}/\mathfrak{S})$ enjoying properties (i) and (ii) of the said result, and a horizontal isomorphism

$$\varphi : \tilde{\mathfrak{E}}|_{\mathfrak{X}^*} \xrightarrow{\sim} E^{\mathrm{an}}.$$

Using Theorem 3.6, it is possible to find an arrow

$$\tilde{\varphi} : \tilde{\mathfrak{E}}(*\mathfrak{Y}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y})$$

in $\mathfrak{MC}_{\mathfrak{Y}}(\mathfrak{X}/\mathfrak{S})$ extending φ . By GAGA, there exists $\tilde{E} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\mathrm{log}}(X/S)$ whose analytification is $\tilde{\mathfrak{E}}$. By Lemma 6.7, there exists a morphism of $\mathcal{O}_X(*Y)$ -modules

$$\tilde{\varphi}^{\mathrm{alg}} : \tilde{E}(*Y) \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}(*Y)$$

such that $(\tilde{\varphi}^{\mathrm{alg}})^{\mathrm{an}} = \tilde{\varphi}$. In particular, $(\tilde{\varphi}^{\mathrm{alg}}|_{X^*})^{\mathrm{an}}$ is just φ and hence is a horizontal isomorphism. Since the analytification functor $\mathcal{O}_{X^*}\text{-}\mathbf{coh} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^*}\text{-}\mathbf{coh}$ is conservative [SGA1, XII.1.3.1, p.241] (it is exact and faithful), it follows that $\tilde{\varphi}^{\mathrm{alg}}|_{X^*}$ is a horizontal isomorphism and \tilde{E} is a logarithmic model for E .

The last statement is a direct consequence of claim (2) in Theorem 5.10 and GAGA. \square

6.3. Logarithmic models in the case of a complete base. Let R be a complete noetherian local \mathbb{C} -algebra with residue field \mathbb{C} . If $\mathfrak{r} \subset R$ stands for the maximal ideal, we shall write R_k instead of R/\mathfrak{r}^{k+1} : these are all finite dimensional complex vector spaces.

We now place ourselves in the situation explained in the beginning of this section and add the ensuing assumptions: The scheme S is $\mathrm{Spec} R$ and the morphism $f : X \rightarrow S$ is proper with connected fibres. The divisor Y is $\sum_c Y_c$, where for each c , the S -scheme Y_c is smooth and the \mathbb{C} -scheme $Y_c \otimes R_0$ is connected. (Recall that in this case, $(Y_c \otimes R_0)^{\mathrm{an}}$ is likewise connected [SGA1, XII, Proposition 2.4, p.243].)

To simplify notation, given $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we write

$$S_k = \mathrm{Spec} R_k, \quad X_k = X \otimes_R R_k, \quad Y_k = Y \otimes_R R_k, \quad \text{etc.}$$

These produce, via the analytification functor, complex spaces $\mathfrak{S}_k, \mathfrak{X}_k, \mathfrak{Y}_k$, etc.

We wish to compare $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\mathrm{rs}}(X/S)$ and the category of representations on R -modules of the fundamental group of \mathfrak{X}_0 in analogy with [HdS19] and [Mal87, 7.2.1, p.170] (or [Del70, Theorem II.5.9, p.97]). We begin with the analogue of [HdS19, Definition 5.2].

Definition 6.9. The category $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\mathrm{log}}(X/S)^\wedge$ is the category whose

objects are sequences (\mathcal{E}_k, q_k) , with $\mathcal{E}_k \in \mathfrak{C}_{Y_k}^{\log}(X_k/S_k)$ and $q_k : \mathcal{E}_{k+1}|_{X_{k+1}} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}|_{X_k}$ an isomorphism in $\mathfrak{C}_{Y_k}^{\log}(X_k/S_k)$, and arrows between (\mathcal{E}_k, q_k) and (\mathcal{F}_k, r_k) are compatible families of arrows $\varphi_k : \mathcal{E}_k \rightarrow \mathcal{F}_k$.

We introduce analogously the categories $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)^\wedge$, $\mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{X}/\mathfrak{S})^\wedge$ and $\mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{X}^*/\mathfrak{S})^\wedge$ (and note that here \mathfrak{X} , \mathfrak{X}^* and \mathfrak{S} carry no mathematical meaning).

We begin with a consequence of Grothendieck's algebraization theorem [Ill05]. Its proof is simple and omitted; the unconvinced reader might find further details in [HdS19, Proposition 5.3].

Proposition 6.10 (The GFGA equivalence). *The natural morphism*

$$\mathfrak{C}_{Y^*}^{\log}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}_{Y^*}^{\log}(X/S)^\wedge$$

is an equivalence. □

We can now find certain preferred logarithmic models for objects in $\mathfrak{C}_{Y^*}^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$.

Theorem 6.11. *Any $E \in \mathfrak{C}_{Y^*}^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ possesses a logarithmic model \mathcal{E} enjoying the following properties.*

- (1) *For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the analytification $(\mathcal{E}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$, which is an object of $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathfrak{Y}_k}^{\log}(\mathfrak{X}_k/\mathfrak{S}_k)$, has all its exponents on τ .*
- (2) *For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the coherent sheaf $(\mathcal{E}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$ is a vector bundle relatively to \mathfrak{S}_k .*

Proof. We shall write E_k instead of $E|_{X_k^*}$ and let q_k denote the canonical isomorphism $E_{k+1}|_{X_k^*} \rightarrow E_k$. Let

$$\tilde{E}_k \in \mathfrak{C}_{Y_k}^{\log}(X_k/S_k)$$

be the logarithmic model of E_k obtained from an application of Theorem 6.8: \tilde{E}_k^{an} has all its exponents on τ , is a vector bundle relatively to \mathfrak{S}_k and there exists an isomorphism $\varphi_k : \tilde{E}_k|_{X_k^*} \rightarrow E_k$.

Claim. For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, q_k extends to an isomorphism in $\mathfrak{C}_{Y_k}^{\log}(X_k/S_k)$:

$$\tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_k} \xrightarrow{\tilde{q}_k} \tilde{E}_k.$$

Proof. Let us consider the morphisms \mathfrak{q}_k and \mathfrak{u}_k defined by the commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left\{ \left(\tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_k} \right) \Big|_{X_k^*} \right\}^{\text{an}} & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{q}_k} & \left\{ \tilde{E}_k|_{X_k^*} \right\}^{\text{an}} \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \sim \\ \left\{ \left(\tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_{k+1}^*} \right) \Big|_{X_k^*} \right\}^{\text{an}} & & \\ \sim \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \left(E_{k+1}|_{X_k^*} \right)^{\text{an}} & \xrightarrow{(q_k)^{\text{an}}} & E_k^{\text{an}} \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left\{ \left(\tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_k} \right) \Big|_{X_k^*} \right\}^{\text{an}} & \xrightarrow{q_k} & \left\{ \tilde{E}_k|_{X_k^*} \right\}^{\text{an}} \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ \left(\tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_k} \right)^{\text{an}} \Big|_{\mathfrak{X}_k^*} & \xrightarrow{u_k} & \tilde{E}_k^{\text{an}} \Big|_{\mathfrak{X}_k^*}. \end{array}$$

(Note that the first diagram is the image of a diagram from $\mathfrak{C}(X_k^*/S_k)$ by the analytification functor.) The fact that $(\tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}} \simeq \tilde{E}_{k+1}^{\text{an}}|_{\mathfrak{X}_k}$ and \tilde{E}_k^{an} have exponents on τ and are vector bundles relatively to \mathfrak{S}_k allows us to apply Theorem 5.10-(2) and assure that $u_k = \tilde{u}_k|_{\mathfrak{X}_k^*}$ for a certain isomorphism $\tilde{u}_k : (\tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}} \rightarrow \tilde{E}_k^{\text{an}}$. By GAGA (Proposition 6.6), $\tilde{u}_k = (\tilde{q}_k)^{\text{an}}$ for some isomorphism $\tilde{q}_k : \tilde{E}_{k+1}|_{X_k} \rightarrow \tilde{E}_k$. By functoriality, we see that $q_k = (\tilde{q}_k|_{X_k^*})^{\text{an}}$. Since $(-)^{\text{an}} : \mathcal{O}_{X_k^*}\text{-coh} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}_k^*}\text{-coh}$ is faithful [SGA1, XII.1.3.1, p.241], \tilde{q}_k is the desired extension of q_k , which completes the proof of the claim.

Using the GFGA equivalence (Proposition 6.10) and the family $\{\tilde{q}_k\}$, we can find $\tilde{E} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{log}}(X/S)$ such that

$$\tilde{E}|_{X_k} = \tilde{E}_k, \quad \text{for each } k.$$

Claim. The logarithmic connection \tilde{E} is a model of E .

Proof. This is not automatic since the natural arrow $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)^\wedge$ does not have to be full. Let $\mathcal{M} \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{log}}(X/S)$ be any logarithmic model of E so that $(\mathcal{M}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$ is a logarithmic model of $(E|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$. Hence, by Theorem 3.6, there exists a *unique* isomorphism

$$(\mathcal{M}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y}_k) \xrightarrow[\sim]{\mathfrak{g}_k} (\tilde{E}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}(*\mathfrak{Y}_k)$$

in $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{C}_{\mathfrak{Y}_k}^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}_k/\mathfrak{S}_k)$ whose restriction to \mathfrak{X}_k^* is the identity of $(E|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$. Let δ be the dissonance from $(\tilde{E}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$ to $(\mathcal{M}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$ for an arbitrary k . By Proposition 5.8, there exists a unique arrow in $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathfrak{Y}_k}^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}_k/\mathfrak{S}_k)$

$$(\mathcal{M}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{h}_k} (\tilde{E}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}(\delta\mathfrak{Y}_k)$$

extending \mathfrak{g}_k . In particular, $\mathfrak{h}_k|_{\mathfrak{X}_k^*} = \text{id}_{(E|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}}$, and uniqueness assures that $\mathfrak{h}_{k+1}|_{\mathfrak{X}_k} = \mathfrak{h}_k$.

Let

$$\mathcal{M}|_{X_k} \xrightarrow{h_k} \tilde{E}(\delta Y)|_{X_k}$$

be an arrow of $\mathfrak{C}_{Y_k}^{\text{log}}(X_k/S_k)$ inducing \mathfrak{h}_k after analytification. Since $\mathfrak{h}_{k+1}|_{\mathfrak{X}_k} = \mathfrak{h}_k$, we conclude also that $h_{k+1}|_{X_k} = h_k$. Hence, by GFGA, it is possible to find a morphism in $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{log}}(X/S)$,

$$\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{h} \tilde{E}(\delta Y),$$

such that $h|_{X_k} = h_k$ for each k . In particular, $(h|_{X^*})|_{X_k^*}$ is an isomorphism for each k , which shows that $h|_{X^*} : \mathcal{M}|_{X^*} \rightarrow \tilde{E}|_{X^*}$ is an isomorphism on an open neighbourhood of the closed fibre X_0^* [EGA I, 10.8.14, p.198]. From Lemma 6.12, we deduce that $h|_{X^*}$ is an isomorphism so that $\tilde{E}(\delta Y)$, and hence \tilde{E} , is a logarithmic model of E . \square

The following result was employed in proving Theorem 6.11 and shall be useful also in the verification of Theorem 6.13.

Lemma 6.12. *Let T be the spectrum of a local and noetherian \mathbb{C} -algebra with closed point o . Let $g : Z \rightarrow T$ be a smooth morphism with connected fibres.*

- (1) *Let \mathcal{F} an object of $\mathfrak{C}(Z/T)$ such that $\mathcal{F}_p = 0$ for each $p \in Z_o$. Then $\mathcal{F} = 0$.*
- (2) *Let $\varphi : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}'$ be an arrow of $\mathfrak{C}(Z/T)$ which is an isomorphism, respectively vanishes, on an open neighbourhood of Z_o . Then φ is an isomorphism, respectively vanishes all over.*

Proof. (1) We need to show that the open subset $\text{Supp}(\mathcal{F})^c$ is in fact Z and start by noting that $\text{Supp}(\mathcal{F})^c$ has the following distinctive property. If $p \in \text{Supp}(\mathcal{F})^c$, then the fibre $g^{-1}(g(p))$ is also contained in $\text{Supp}(\mathcal{F})^c$. Indeed, if $\mathcal{F}_p = 0$, then $\mathcal{F}|_{g^{-1}(g(p))}(p) = 0$ and, since $\mathcal{F}|_{g^{-1}(g(p))}$ is locally free [Ka70, Proposition 8.8, p.206], we conclude that $\mathcal{F}|_{g^{-1}(g(p))} = 0$. Consequently, if $q \in g^{-1}(g(p))$, then $\mathcal{F}(q) = 0$ and hence, by Nakayama's Lemma, $\mathcal{F}_q = 0$. Once this has been put under the light, it follows easily that $\text{Supp}(\mathcal{F})^c = Z$ because $g(\text{Supp}(\mathcal{F})^c)$ is open in T [EGA IV₂, 2.4.6, p.20] and contains the closed point.

(2) Follows from (1) applied to $\text{Ker}(\varphi)$ and $\text{Coker}(\varphi)$, respectively to $\text{Im}(\varphi)$. \square

6.4. The relative Deligne-Riemann-Hilbert correspondence. Assumptions and notations are the same as on Section 6.3.

Theorem 6.13. *The natural functor*

$$\nu : \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{X}^*/\mathfrak{S})^\wedge$$

is an equivalence.

Proof. Consider the natural composition of functor

$$\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{log}}(X/S) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S) \xrightarrow{\nu} \mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{X}^*/\mathfrak{S})^\wedge,$$

call it μ . The result shall be proved once we establish that μ is essentially surjective and that ν is fully faithful.

Essential surjectivity of μ . This is very similar to the beginning of the proof of Theorem 6.11 and we leave to the reader to fill in the details.

Fullness of ν . Let E and F be in $\mathfrak{C}^{\text{rs}}(X/S)$ and consider

$$\left\{ \mathfrak{g}_k : (E|_{X_k^*})^{\text{an}} \longrightarrow (F|_{X_k^*})^{\text{an}} \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

a compatible system of arrows defining a morphism of $\mathfrak{C}(\mathfrak{X}/\mathfrak{S})^\wedge$. Let \mathcal{E} and \mathcal{F} be logarithmic models of E and F satisfying conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 6.11. Once $E|_{X_k^*}$, respectively $F|_{X_k^*}$, is identified with $(\mathcal{E}|_{X_k})|_{X_k^*}$, respectively $(\mathcal{F}|_{X_k})|_{X_k^*}$, Proposition 5.8 shows that each \mathfrak{g}_k can be extended to an arrow

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_k : (\mathcal{E}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}} \longrightarrow (\mathcal{F}|_{X_k})^{\text{an}}$$

in $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathfrak{Y}_k}^{\text{log}}(\mathfrak{X}_k/\mathfrak{S}_k)$. Now GAGA assures that $\tilde{\mathfrak{g}}_k$ is the analytification of a horizontal arrow

$$\tilde{g}_k : \mathcal{E}|_{X_k} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}|_{X_k}.$$

Unravelling all identifications and using the uniqueness statement in Proposition 5.8, we can assure that

$$\tilde{g}_{k+1}|_{X_k} = \tilde{g}_k.$$

By GFGA (Proposition 6.10), there exists a horizontal arrow $\tilde{g} : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$ such that $\tilde{g}|_{X_k} = \tilde{g}_k$. In particular, if $g = \tilde{g}|_{X^*}$, then $(g|_{X_k^*})^{\text{an}} = \mathfrak{g}_k$.

Faithfulness of ν . This follows from faithfulness of each $(-)^{\text{an}} : \mathcal{O}_{X_k^*} - \mathbf{coh} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{X}_k^*} - \mathbf{coh}$ [SGA1, XII, Proposition 1.3.1, p.241], from [EGA I, 10.8.13, p.198] and from part (2) of Lemma 6.12. \square

Let now $\xi : S \rightarrow X^*$ be a section of $X \rightarrow S$ and denote by Γ the fundamental group of the topological space $(X_0^*)^{\text{an}}$ based at the point $\xi(S_0)$. Proceeding as in Section 5.5 and 5.6 of [HdS19], it is not difficult to see that the R -linear \otimes -category $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)^\wedge$ is equivalent to $\text{Rep}_R(\Gamma)$. Then:

Corollary 6.14. *Let $\xi : S \rightarrow X^*$ and Γ be as before. Then we obtain an equivalence of R -linear \otimes -categories $\Phi : \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Rep}_R(\Gamma)$. In addition, the composition of Φ with the forgetful functor $\text{Rep}_R(\Gamma) \rightarrow R\text{-mod}$ is isomorphic to $M \mapsto \xi^*M$.*

7. APPLICATIONS TO THE CALCULATION OF DIFFERENTIAL GALOIS GROUPS

Let R now be $\mathbb{C}[[t]]$ and S be its spectrum. We shall work in the setting of Section 6.3, which is repeated here for convenience. To ease notation, we abbreviate $R/(t^{k+1})$ to R_k and $\text{Spec } R_k$ to S_k . Let $f : X \rightarrow S$ be a proper and smooth morphism with connected fibres and $Y \subset X$ a relative effective (positive) divisor having normal crossings in the sense of [Ka70, 4.0, p.187]. In addition, we assume that Y is a finite sum $\sum_c Y_c$ where, for each c , Y_c is S -smooth and $Y_c \otimes_R R_0$ is connected. As usual, $X^* = X \setminus Y$, a smooth R -scheme having connected fibres. Finally, we write

$$X_k = X \otimes_R R_k, \quad \text{and} \quad X_k^* = X^* \otimes_R R_k.$$

In this setting we can apply Tannakian duality to define the differential Galois groups at a point (there are two) of a vector bundle on X^* endowed with a relative connection. This shall be reviewed briefly in Section 7.1 below. For more details the reader is referred to [DH18, Section 7].

7.1. The differential Galois groups of a vector bundle with relative flat connection. Let us fix an R -point ξ of X^* and write Γ for the topological fundamental group of $(X_0^*)^{\text{an}}$ based at $\xi(S_0)$. To avoid repetitions, all group schemes in sight are affine and flat over R .

Let $(M, \nabla) \in \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$ be such that M is a vector bundle and introduce the full subcategory $\langle M \rangle_\otimes$ of $\mathfrak{C}(X^*/S)$ consisting of “subquotients of objects tensor generated by (M, ∇) ”, i.e. the objects of (M, ∇) are

$$\left\{ N \in \mathfrak{C}(X^*/S) : \begin{array}{l} \text{There exist non-negative integers } \{a_j, b_j\}_{j=1}^r, \text{ a} \\ \text{subobject } N' \text{ of } (M^{\otimes a_1} \otimes \check{M}^{\otimes b_1}) \oplus \dots \oplus (M^{\otimes a_r} \otimes \check{M}^{\otimes b_r}) \\ \text{and a horizontal epimorphism } N' \rightarrow N \end{array} \right\} \quad (\dagger).$$

Then, [DH18, Theorem 1.2.6, p.1109 and 1140] says that the functor which associates to $N \in \langle M \rangle_\otimes$ its pull-back via ξ ,

$$\xi^* : \langle M \rangle_\otimes \longrightarrow R\text{-mod},$$

induces a \otimes -equivalence between $\langle M \rangle_\otimes$ and the category $\text{Rep}_R(\text{Gal}'(M))$, where $\text{Gal}'(M)$ is a group scheme called the *full differential Galois* group of M [DHdS18, Section 7]. Contrary to the case of a base field, $\text{Gal}'(M)$ might easily fail to be of finite type [A01, 3.2.1.5], [DHdS18, Example 7.11]. In particular, the natural morphism of group schemes

$$\xi^* : \text{Gal}'(M) \longrightarrow \mathbf{GL}(\xi^*M)$$

is usually *not* a closed immersion. But, by taking the closure of the image of the generic fibre of ξ^* , we then obtain a closed subgroup scheme $\text{Gal}(M)$ of $\mathbf{GL}(\xi^*M)$. (On the level of Hopf algebras, $\text{Gal}(M)$ corresponds to the image of the algebra of $\text{Gal}'(M)$ in that of $\mathbf{GL}(\xi^*M)$ [DHdS18, 4.1].) This group scheme might be called the *restricted differential Galois group* of (M, ∇) . See [DHdS18], specially p.1017. Note that the construction of $\text{Gal}(M)$ is not Tannakian, but its category of representations on *finite and free R -modules* might be identified inside $\langle M \rangle_\otimes$. In the notation of (\dagger) , instead of considering all N

and all subobjects, we restrict attention to those which are *vector bundles* and to certain *special* subobjects. In summary, and speaking loosely, $\text{Gal}(M)$ depends more on the generic nature of (M, ∇) while $\text{Gal}'(M)$ is more complicated and carries information concerning the reduction of M . It is therefore more delicate to pin down $\text{Gal}'(M)$.

Let us now assume that (M, ∇) is regular-singular. Proposition 6.5 assures that $\langle M \rangle_{\otimes}$ is a *full subcategory* of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$, so that the equivalence in Corollary 6.14 allows us to compute $\text{Gal}'(M)$ with the help of Γ in the following way.

The category $\text{Rep}_R(\Gamma)$ is Tannakian (in the sense of [DH18, Definition 1.2.5] and due to [HdS19, Corollary 4.5]) so that

$$\text{Rep}_R(\Gamma) \simeq \text{Rep}_R(\Pi)$$

for a certain group scheme Π , called the Tannakian envelope of Γ [HdS19, Definition 4.1]. In fact, the abstract group $\Pi(R)$ is the target of an ‘‘universal’’ arrow

$$u : \Gamma \longrightarrow \Pi(R)$$

having the property that the natural functor

$$u^{\#} : \text{Rep}_R(\Pi) \longrightarrow \text{Rep}_R(\Gamma)$$

deduced from u is an equivalence of R -linear \otimes -categories. Moreover, if G is a group scheme and $\varphi : \Gamma \rightarrow G(R)$ is a morphism of abstract groups, then there exists a unique arrow of group schemes $u_{\varphi} : \Pi \rightarrow G$ such that

$$(9) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma & \xrightarrow{u} & \Pi(R) \\ & \searrow \varphi & \downarrow u_{\varphi}(R) \\ & & G(R) \end{array}$$

commutes. See Corollary 4.9 in [HdS19] and the discussion preceding it.

For any finite and free R -module E affording a representation of Γ , let $\langle E \rangle_{\otimes}$ be constructed along the same lines as (†), i.e. $\langle E \rangle_{\otimes}$ is the full subcategory of $\text{Rep}_R(\Gamma)$ of subquotients of objects tensor generated by E . By Tannakian duality [DH18, Theorem 1.2.6, p.1109 and 1140], the category $\langle E \rangle_{\otimes}$ is equivalent to $\text{Rep}_R(\text{Gal}'(E))$, where $\text{Gal}'(E)$ is a group scheme which we call, for the sake of discussion, the *full Galois group* of E . In addition, the inclusion functor $\langle E \rangle_{\otimes} \rightarrow \text{Rep}_R(\Gamma)$ produces a *faithfully flat* arrow $\Pi \rightarrow \text{Gal}'(E)$ as assured by [DH18, Theorem 4.1.2(i), p.1125]. (We note in passing that the same construction applies to any finite and free R -module affording a representation of a group scheme.)

In view of Corollary 6.14, if $M \in \mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ is as above, then

$$\text{Gal}'(M) \simeq \text{Gal}'(\Phi M).$$

Using this and the material developed in [HdS19, §4.2-3], we shall in Section 7.2 below exhibit a simple case where $\text{Gal}'(M)$ is easily computed and fails to be of finite type.

7.2. The case of $X = \mathbb{P}_R^1$ minus two points. Let $X = \text{Proj } R[x_0, x_1]$ and write $x = x_1/x_0$, which is considered as an inhomogeneous coordinate. We then fix $Y = 0 + \infty$ and $\xi = 1$. This being so, the \mathcal{O}_X -module $\Omega_{X/R}^1(\log Y)$ is free on $x^{-1}dx$ and Γ is generated by the loop $\gamma : s \mapsto e^{ts}$.

In [HdS19], Section 4.3, we constructed a group scheme \mathcal{N} having the ensuing properties.

- (i) There exists an arrow $j : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_a \times \mathbb{G}_m$ which, over the generic fibre of R , is an isomorphism.
- (ii) On the level of R -points, $j(R)$ identifies $\mathcal{N}(R)$ with the group of couples $(a, \lambda) \in R \times R^*$ such that $\lambda = e^{ta}$.

(iii) If $\varphi : \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(R)$ is defined by $\gamma \mapsto (1, e^t)$, then the morphism $u_\varphi : \Pi \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ mentioned in (¶) is *faithfully flat* [HdS19, Proposition 4.15].

Let E be a free R -module affording a faithful representation of $\mathbb{G}_a \times \mathbb{G}_m$, say

$$\rho : \mathbb{G}_a \times \mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow \mathbf{GL}(E).$$

From (i) and (iii) we conclude that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Pi & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{GL}(E) \\ u_\varphi \downarrow & & \uparrow \rho \\ \mathcal{N} & \xrightarrow{j} & \mathbb{G}_a \times \mathbb{G}_m \end{array}$$

is the diptych of $\Pi \rightarrow \mathbf{GL}(E)$ [DHdS18, Definition 4.1]. Hence, according to [DHdS18, Proposition 4.10], $\text{Rep}_R(\mathcal{N}) = \langle j^\# E \rangle_\otimes$. (Here and in what follows, we use the upper-script “#” to denote the functor associated to a homomorphism.) Employing the equivalence $u^\#$, we are able to compute the full Galois group of $\varphi^\# j^\#(E) \in \text{Rep}_R(\Gamma)$:

$$\text{Gal}'(\varphi^\# j^\# E) \simeq \mathcal{N}.$$

Let us explicitly fix ρ . We take $E = R^2$ with an action of $\mathbb{G}_a \times \mathbb{G}_m$ via $(a, \lambda) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \\ & \lambda \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & \lambda a \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$ so that $\varphi^\# j^\# E$ is determined by $\gamma \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} e^t & e^t \\ 0 & e^t \end{pmatrix}$. Let $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{O}_X \mathbf{m}_1 \oplus \mathcal{O}_X \mathbf{m}_2$ and define on it a logarithmic connection by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} -2\pi i \nabla \mathbf{m}_1 &= t \mathbf{m}_1 \otimes \frac{dx}{x} \\ -2\pi i \nabla \mathbf{m}_2 &= (\mathbf{m}_1 + t \mathbf{m}_2) \otimes \frac{dx}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Let M denote the object of $\mathfrak{C}_Y^{\text{rs}}(X^*/S)$ obtained by restricting \mathcal{M} . Then the representation of Γ on $\xi^* M$ corresponds to $\gamma \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} e^t & e^t \\ 0 & e^t \end{pmatrix}$. Therefore, $\text{Gal}'(M) \simeq \mathcal{N}$ is not of finite type.

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