

APPENDIX A.

THE DE RHAM-WITT COMPLEX AND ADDITIVE CHOW GROUPS OVER A FIELD: THE CHARACTERISTIC 2 CASE

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The main theorems of [Rül07b] (see also [Rül07a]) were stated only for fields of characteristic  $\neq 2$ . This originates in the use of [HM04, Thm 4.2.8] which was only for odd primes. In this appendix it is explained that thanks to [Cos08] the results of [Rül07b] extend directly to the characteristic 2 case. I thank Amalendu Krishna and Jinhyun Park for the opportunity to detail this extension here.

**A.1.** Let  $(\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_A^\bullet)_S$  denote the big de Rham Witt complex from [Hes15], where  $A$  is a ring and  $S$  is running through all truncation sets. It comes with the maps  $d$ ,  $F_n$ ,  $V_n$ , restriction, and multiplication. For  $m \geq 1$  we set  $\mathbb{W}_m\Omega_A^\bullet := \mathbb{W}_{\{1, \dots, m\}}\Omega_A^\bullet$  and for a fixed prime  $p$  we denote the  $p$ -typical de Rham-Witt complex by  $W_n\Omega_A^\bullet := \mathbb{W}_{\{1, p, \dots, p^{n-1}\}}\Omega_A^\bullet$ . Note that in general  $d \circ d$  is not zero in  $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_A^\bullet$ . Denote by  $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_{A/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet$  the Witt complex from [Hes15, Rem 4.8] (with  $k = \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{Z})$ ); it is the initial object in the category of Witt complexes with  $\mathbb{W}(\mathbb{Z})$ -linear differential. Note that  $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_{A/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet$  is always a dga, in particular we have  $d \circ d = 0$ . Furthermore, if  $A$  contains a field, then  $\mathbb{W}_S\Omega_{A/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet = \mathbb{W}_S\Omega_A^\bullet$  see [Hes15, Rem 4.2, c)]; if  $A$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -algebra, then the  $p$ -typical de Rham-Witt complex is the one from Bloch-Deligne-Illusie. Also note in case  $A$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -algebra or a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra, then we have a decomposition

$$(A.1.1) \quad \mathbb{W}_S\Omega_A^\bullet = \prod_{(j,p)=1} \mathbb{W}_{\mathcal{P} \cap S/j} \Omega_A^\bullet,$$

as in [Rül07b, Thm 1.11]. (Indeed, in this case the construction of the  $V$ -complex in [Rül07b, Prop 1.2] goes through and the same proof as in [Rül07b, Thm 1.11] shows that it is the initial object in the category of Witt complexes as in [Hes15] and that it decomposes as in (A.1.1).)

**Theorem A.2** ([Rül07b, Thm 3.20] for  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ ). *Let  $k$  be a field. Then there is an isomorphism*

$$\mathbb{W}_m\Omega_k^n \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{CH}^{n-1}(\mathbb{A}_k^1 | (m+1) \cdot \{0\}, n), \quad m \geq 1,$$

where the right hand side is the additive Chow groups of Bloch-Esnault. Furthermore, via this isomorphism, the maps  $d$ ,  $F_n$ ,  $V_n$ , restriction and multiplication on the de Rham-Witt side correspond to  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_n$ ,  $\mathcal{V}_n$ , restriction, and  $*$ , on the Chow side, as defined in [Rül07b, Def-Prop 3.9].

Thanks to [Cos08], which was not at disposal when [Rül07b] was written, the proof of *loc. cit.* goes through, also for  $p = 2$ . We will explain this in more detail in the following.

**A.3.** We fix a prime  $p$ . Let  $A$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra and denote by  $A[x]$  the polynomial ring in the variable  $x$ . Then the group  $W_n\Omega_{A[x]/\mathbb{Z}}^q$  (resp.  $W_n\Omega_{A[x,1/x]/\mathbb{Z}}^q$ ) is freely

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generated by elements of the following type:

$$\begin{aligned}
a[x]^j, & \quad a \in W_n \Omega_{A/Z}^q, j \geq 0 \text{ (resp. } j \in \mathbb{Z}), \\
b[x]^{j-1} d[x], & \quad b \in W_n \Omega_{A/Z}^{q-1}, j \geq 1 \text{ (resp. } j \in \mathbb{Z}), \\
V^s(a[x]^j), & \quad a \in W_{n-s} \Omega_{A/Z}^q, s \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}, j \geq 1 \text{ with } (j, p) = 1 \\
& \quad \text{(resp. } j \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus p\mathbb{Z}), \\
dV^s(b[x]^j), & \quad b \in W_{n-s} \Omega_{A/Z}^{q-1}, s \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}, j \geq 1 \text{ with } (j, p) = 1 \\
& \quad \text{(resp. } j \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus p\mathbb{Z}).
\end{aligned}$$

For  $A[x]$  and  $p$  odd this is [HM04, Thm 4.2.8], for  $p = 2$  this follows from [Cos08, Thm 4.3] (one has to observe that the functor  $P$  constructed in this references sends a  $\mathbb{W}(\mathbb{Z})$ -linear  $p$ -typical Witt complexes over  $A$  to a  $\mathbb{W}(\mathbb{Z})$ -linear  $p$ -typical Witt complex over  $A[x]$  and that it preserves surjections); the result for  $A[x, 1/x]$  is deduced from this as in [Rül07b, Thm 2.1], where the reference to [Rül07b, Prop 1.18] should be replaced by [Hes15, Thm C].

**Theorem A.4** ([Rül07b, Thm 2.6] for  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ ). *Let  $L/k$  be a finite field extension. Then there exists a trace map*

$$\text{Tr}_{L/k} : \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_L^\bullet \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_k^\bullet,$$

which satisfies the properties (i) - (v) from [Rül07b, Thm 2.6], furthermore [Rül07b, Prop 2.7] holds.

*Proof.* The proof is the same as in *loc. cit.*, once we made the following remarks: [Rül07b, Lem 1.20] holds for any  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -algebra  $A$  with the same proof; [Rül07b, Lem 2.3] also holds for  $p = 2$ , this follows from [Ill79, I, Prop 3.2, 3.4] and a limit argument; [Rül07b, Prop 2.4] holds with the same proof also for  $p = 2$  once the reference to [Rül07b, Thm 2.1] is replaced by A.3 above.  $\square$

**A.5.** Let  $p$  be a prime and  $A$  a  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra. For a finite truncation set  $S$  we define

$$\text{Fil}_{S,j} := \text{Ker}(\mathbb{W}_S \Omega_{A[[t]]/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_{A[[t]]/(t^j)/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet), \quad j \geq 1,$$

and

$$\mathbb{W}_S \hat{\Omega}_{A((t))/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet = \varprojlim_j \mathbb{W}_S \hat{\Omega}_{A((t))/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet / \text{Fil}_{S,j}.$$

Then any element in  $\mathbb{W}_S \hat{\Omega}_{A((t))/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet$  can be uniquely written as in [Rül07b, (2.9.1)] and we can define

$$\hat{\text{Res}}_{t,n}^q : W_n \hat{\Omega}_{A((t))/\mathbb{Z}}^q \rightarrow W_n \Omega_{A/\mathbb{Z}}^{q-1}$$

as in [Rül07b, (2.9.2)]. (Using A.3, the proof is similar as in [Rül07b, Lem 2.9].)

We define  $\text{Res}_{t,n}^q$  as the composition

$$W_n \Omega_{A((t))/\mathbb{Z}}^q \xrightarrow{\text{can.}} W_n \hat{\Omega}_{A((t))/\mathbb{Z}}^q \xrightarrow{\hat{\text{Res}}_{t,n}^q} W_n \Omega_{A/\mathbb{Z}}^{q-1},$$

and if  $A$  contains a field and  $S$  is a finite truncation set, then we define

$$\text{Res}_{t,S}^q : \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_{A((t))}^q \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_A^{q-1}$$

as in [Rül07b, Def 2.11], using that in this case we have  $\mathbb{W}_S \Omega_A^\bullet = \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_{A/\mathbb{Z}}^\bullet$  and that the decomposition (A.1.1) also extends to  $\mathbb{W}_S \hat{\Omega}$ .

For any  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra  $A$  the map  $\text{Res}_{t,n}^q$  satisfies the properties (i) - (viii) of [Rül07b, Prop 2.12] and [Rül07b, Lem 2.14] holds; if  $A$  contains a field the same holds for  $\text{Res}_{t,S}^q$ ,  $S$  any finite truncation set. (The case  $\text{Res}_{t,n}^q$  is proven as in *loc. cit.*, the case  $\text{Res}_{t,S}^q$  follows from this. Note however, that even in the case where  $A$  contains a field, the proof of property (iv) and of Lemma 2.14 uses the reduction to a torsion free  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra. Since for  $p = 2$  the absolute de Rham-Witt complex is not a dga, we prefer to work with the  $\mathbb{W}(\mathbb{Z})$ -linear complex.)

*Remark A.6.* For an  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -algebra  $A$ , the residue  $\text{Res}_t : W_n \Omega_{A((t))}^q \rightarrow W_n \Omega_A^{q-1}$  was also constructed in [Kat80, §2, Prop 3] using algebraic  $K$ -theory and Bloch's approach to the de Rham-Witt complex.

**Theorem A.7** ([Rül07a, Thm 2] for  $\text{char}(k) \neq 2$ ). *Let  $C$  be a connected regular projective curve over a field  $k$  with function field  $K = k(C)$ . Let  $S$  be a finite truncation set. Then*

$$\sum_{P \in C} \text{Res}_P(\omega) = 0, \quad \text{for all } \omega \in \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_K^q, q \geq 1,$$

where the sum is over all closed points in  $C$  and  $\text{Res}_P : \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_K^q \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S \Omega_k^{q-1}$  is defined as in [Rül07a, Def-Prop 1] (using  $\text{Res}_{t,S}^q$  from A.5 and  $\text{Tr}$  from A.4.)

*Proof.* The same proof of [Rül07a, Thm 2], [Rül07b, Thm 2.19] goes through once we made the following remarks: the proof of the well-definedness of  $\text{Res}_P$  is the same as in [Rül07b, Def-Prop 2.15] since [Rül07b, Lem 1.16] holds in general; [Rül07b, Prop 2.18] holds with the trace from Theorem A.4; at the end of the proof of [Rül07b, Thm 2.19] (on page 140/141) an element is lifted to  $\mathbb{W}_S \Omega_{A((t))}^1$ , with  $A = \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}[z_a, z_b, z_c]$ , replace this by the following argument (at least if  $p = 2$ ): first observe that the looked for vanishing can be reduced to the  $p$ -typical case by the definition of  $\text{Res}_P$ ; then lift the element  $\omega_{2,P}$  to the  $W(\mathbb{Z})$ -linear complex  $W_n \Omega_{A((t))/\mathbb{Z}}^1$  and proceed as in the proof using the  $\text{Res}_t$  from A.5.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem A.2.* The proof of [Rül07b, Thm 3.20] (see also [Rül07a]) goes through once we made the following remarks: in [Rül07b, Lem 3.5] replace  $\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_A^r$  by  $\mathbb{W}_m \Omega_{A/\mathbb{Z}}^r$  (at least if  $p = 2$ ); at the end of the proof of [Rül07b, Thm 3.16] (on page 148) refer to Theorem A.7 instead of [Rül07b, Thm 2.19]; in [Rül07b, Lem 3.15] observe that if  $\text{char}(k) = 2$ , then  $\mathcal{D}\mathcal{D}(\alpha) = 0$ , since in  $K_2^M(k)$  we have  $\{a, a\} = \{-1, a\} = 0$ , and similar also  $\mathcal{F}_r \mathcal{D}\mathcal{V}_r = \mathcal{D}$ ; this implies that [Rül07b, Prop 3.17] also holds if  $\text{char}(k) = 2$ ; for the rest of the proof of [Rül07b, Thm 3.20] use A.4 for properties of the trace and A.3 instead of [Rül07b, Thm 2.1].  $\square$

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