

But the functor $X \mapsto X^{\Delta, \text{cl}}$, $X \in \text{Sch}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}^{\text{cl}}$, doesn't commute with \varprojlim 's. It doesn't have to (because the functor $\text{Sch}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}^{\text{cl}} \leftrightarrow \text{Sch}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ doesn't

commute with limits). Moreover, it has no chance to commute with \varprojlim 's. This is clear a priori: in $\text{Sch}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}^{\text{cl}}$ we

have $X \times_{X \times X} X \xrightarrow{\sim} X$, so commutation with \varprojlim 's would

imply that $X^{\Delta, \text{cl}} \times_{X^{\Delta, \text{cl}} \times X^{\Delta, \text{cl}}} X^{\Delta, \text{cl}} \xrightarrow{\sim} X^{\Delta, \text{cl}}$; this would ~~imply~~ mean that for any map $\text{Spec } R \rightarrow \Sigma$, $X^{\Delta, \text{cl}}|_{\text{Spec } R}$ is a space (i.e., ~~for~~ all points have no nontrivial automorphisms). But $(\text{Spf } \mathbb{Z}_p)^{\Delta} = \Sigma$ is not a space! ~~In fact~~, we will see that this is false for $X = \mathbb{A}^1$.

Test rings. $\text{Rings}_p^{\text{cl}} := \{ R \in \text{Rings}^{\text{cl}} \mid p \text{ nilpotent in } R \}$.

$\text{Rings}_p := \{ R \in \text{Rings} \mid R^{\text{cl}} \in \text{Rings}^{\text{cl}} \}$,

Fact. ~~Dep it on the blackboard~~ $\varinjlim \{ (\text{derived}) \mathbb{Z}/p^n \mathbb{Z}\text{-algebras} \} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Rings}_p$.

Proof: see file "My version of Akhil's explanation.pdf".

The functor $X \mapsto X^{\Delta}$ is first defined for $X \in \text{Aff}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$.

The construction turns out to be etale-local, so it extends to $\text{Sch}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$.

Let $X \in \text{Aff}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$, $R \in \text{Rings}_p$. Want an ∞ -groupoid $X^{\Delta}(R)$ equipped with a map $X^{\Delta}(R) \rightarrow \Sigma(R)$.

Recall $\Sigma(R)$. An object of $\Sigma(R)$ is (P, ξ) , where $P \in W(R)\text{-mod}$ and

$\xi: P \rightarrow W(R)$ satisfy some conditions:

$R \in \text{Rings}_p^{\text{cl}} \Rightarrow P$ should be invertible, in cohomological degree 0.

Two conditions for ξ : something is nilpotent something else is invertible.

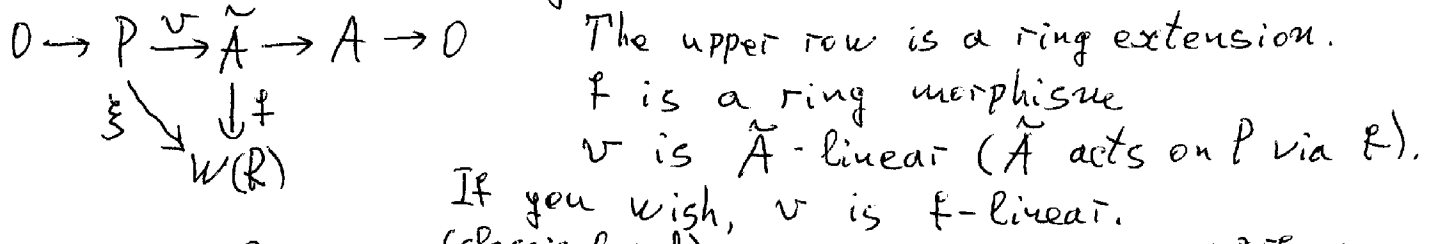
$R \in \text{Rings}_p \Rightarrow$ the conditions should hold after base change $R \rightarrow R^{\text{cl}}$.

Def. Let $X = \text{Spt } A$. An object of $X^\Delta(R)$ is (P, ξ, α) , where $(P, \xi) \in \Sigma(R)$, $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(A, \text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R)))$.

Here Hom is computed in the ∞ -category of derived rings, so Hom is a "space" or an ∞ -groupoid; accordingly, α is a point of the space or an object of the ∞ -groupoid.

Remark. The functor $X \mapsto X^\Delta$ commutes with lim's. Indeed, $\text{Hom}(\varinjlim A_i, B) = \varprojlim \text{Hom}(A_i, B)$. We use this for $B = \text{Cone}(\xi)$.

What is $X^\Delta(R)$ if X, R are classical? Then $\text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R))$ is slightly derived, so $\text{Hom}(A, \text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R)))$ is a 1-groupoid, which was described (or defined) in winter: an object of this groupoid is a commutative diagram



Lemma. Let R/\mathbb{F}_p be classical and perfect. Then $X^\Delta(R) = X(R) (= X^{RTE}(R))$, where $X^{\text{perf}} := ((X \otimes \mathbb{F}_p)^{\text{cl}})^{\text{perf}}$.

Proof. R perfect $\Rightarrow \Sigma(R) = \text{point} = \{p\}$, $p \in \Sigma(R)$ (this was given as an exercise). So $\text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R)) = \text{Cone}(W(R) \xrightarrow{p} W(R)) = R$. (We have used perfectness again.)

Let us return to the derived setting.

Prop. $\varinjlim_n (X \otimes \mathbb{Z}/p^n \mathbb{Z})^\Delta \xrightarrow{\sim} X^\Delta$.

Lemma. Let $R \in \text{Rings}_p$, $(P, \xi) \in \Sigma(R)$. Then $\text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R)) \in \text{Rings}_p$.

The lemma reduces to the following exercise (see file "Nilpotence lemma.pdf").

Exercise. Let $R \in \text{Rings}_p^{\text{cl}}$, $\xi \in W^{(1)}(R)$. Then $W(R)/(\xi) \in \text{Rings}_p^{\text{cl}}$ (which means that $\xi | p^n$ for some n).

Proof of the Proposition. Let $X = \text{Spt } A$, $(P, \xi) \in \Sigma(R)$. Let $B_i = \text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R))$.

Want: $\text{Hom}(A, B) = \varinjlim_n \text{Hom}(A \otimes \mathbb{Z}/p^n \mathbb{Z}, B)$. This is true for any $B \in \text{Rings}_p$ and any derived ring A , see file "My version of Akhil's explanation.pdf".

Prop. $\forall X \in \text{Aff}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ the stack X^Δ is algebraic over Σ .

① Reduction to the case $X = A^1 (= A^1_{\mathbb{Z}_p})$ using commutation with \lim 's and following

Remark. Any $X \in \text{Aff}_{\mathbb{Z}_p}$ can be represented as $\lim (X^0 \rightrightarrows X^1 \rightrightarrows X^2 \rightrightarrows \dots)$, where X^i is a cosimplicial scheme and each X^i is an affine space (over \mathbb{Z}_p).

② Let $X = A^1$. An object of $(A^1)^\Delta(R)$ is (P, ξ, α) , where $(P, \xi) \in \Sigma(R)$, $\alpha \in \text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R))$. So $(A^1)^\Delta \times W^{(1)} = \text{Cone}(W \times W^{(1)} \rightarrow W \times W^{(1)})$, which is a stack algebraic over Σ .
 Here $W \times W^{(1)}$ is viewed as ring scheme over $W^{(1)}$.

Explicitly: $(A^1)^\Delta = (W \times W^{(1)})/G$, $G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & W \\ 0 & W^\times \end{pmatrix} \subset GL(2, W)$.

(G acts on W^2 preserving $W \times W^{(1)}$). Note: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x \\ 0 & u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y + xz \\ uz \end{pmatrix}$.

Fact. If $X \hookrightarrow Y$ is a closed immersion the map $X^\Delta \rightarrow Y^\Delta$ is schematic and affine. (This should follow formally from commutation with limits.)

In the classical setting, see file "Prismatization of closed embeddings.pdf".

Fact. The functor $X \mapsto X^\Delta$ is uniquely determined by two properties:

commutation with \lim 's and the above description of $(A^1)^\Delta$ as a ring stack over Σ . (This is how X^Δ was defined in winter.) Idea: commutation over Σ implies that for fixed R the functor $A \mapsto \text{Spt}(A)^\Delta(R)$ is corepresentable by the derived ring $y(R) = (A^1)^\Delta(R)$.
A recipe for computing $(X^\Delta)^{cl}$, $X = \text{Spt} A$.

Let $A_\bullet \rightarrow A$ be a polynomial resolution. Let $X^i = \text{Spt} A_i$. We know the cosimplicial stack $(X^\bullet)^\Delta$ (including the morphisms between $(X^i)^\Delta$).

Claim. $(X^\Delta)^{cl} = [\lim_{\leftarrow} ((X^0)^\Delta \rightrightarrows (X^1)^\Delta \rightrightarrows (X^2)^\Delta)]^{cl}$
 $\Pi \leftarrow$ closed embedding
 Good news; X^3, X^4, \dots irrelevant

$[\lim_{\leftarrow} ((X^0)^\Delta \rightrightarrows (X^1)^\Delta)]^{cl} =$ "naive guess"

Proof. To recover $(X^\Delta)^{cl}$, it's enough to know $X^\Delta(R)$ for R classical.

Set $\Gamma^\bullet = (X^\bullet)^\Delta(R)$; this is a cosimplicial $\underline{1}$ -groupoid:

$$\Gamma^0 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\partial^0} \\ \xrightarrow{\partial^1} \end{matrix} \Gamma^1 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\partial^{01}} \\ \xrightarrow{\partial^{12}, \partial^{02}} \end{matrix} \Gamma^2 \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{\partial^2} \\ \xrightarrow{\partial^3} \end{matrix} \dots$$

Fact: $\lim_{\leftarrow} \Gamma^\bullet$ is the groupoid of pairs (\mathcal{I}, f) , where $\mathcal{I} \in \Gamma^0$ and

$f: \partial^0(\mathcal{I}) \rightrightarrows \partial^1(\mathcal{I})$ satisfies the "cocycle relation" $\partial^{02}(f) = \partial^{12}(f)\partial^{01}(f)$

(familiar from descent theory!). (If you forget about the "cocycle relation", you only get an upper bound.)

$\Sigma_n := (\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\Delta$. $\Sigma_n = ?$

Promised: $\Sigma_1 = \text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$. Know: $\varinjlim_n \Sigma_n = \Sigma$. So Σ_n 's "interpolate" between the formal scheme $\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$ and the "very stacky" Σ .

Description of Σ_n . Let $\text{Fact}_n \subset W^{(1)} \times W$ be the derived subscheme $\xi x = p^n$ ("Fact" stands for "factorizations" of p^n).

Exercise. Fact_n is classical.

(Lemma: the multiplication map $W_r \times W_r \rightarrow W_r$ is flat, $\forall r$. This can be checked by showing that the fibers have "expected" dimension r .)

Exercise. $\Sigma_n = \text{Fact}_n / W^x$, where $u \in W^x$ takes (ξ, x) to $(\xi u, x u^{-1})$. Hint: $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z} = \varprojlim (\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p \xrightarrow{p^n} A^1)$.

Conjecture. X^Δ is classical if X is an l.c.i.

The case $n=1$. If $p = \xi x$ and $\xi \in W^{(1)}(R)$ then $x \in W^x(R)$.

So $\text{Fact}_1 = W^x$, $\Sigma_1 = \text{Fact}_1 / W^x = \text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Remark. The map $\Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma$ corresponds to $p \in \Sigma(\mathbb{Z}_p)$. This is clear from the above $\text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p$ and also from the fact that $\Sigma^F(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \{p\}$.

Exercise. If $X = \text{Spt } A$ is over \mathbb{F}_p then $X^\Delta(R) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(A, \text{Cone}(W(R) \xrightarrow{p} W(R)))$.

(the cone is an \mathbb{F}_p -algebra, so $\text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}$ makes sense).

(This is how X^Δ was defined in winter.)

Particular case. If R/\mathbb{F}_p is perfect then $X^\Delta(R) = \text{Hom}_{\mathbb{F}_p}(A, R) = X(R)$.

Solution of Exercise. An object of $X^\Delta(R)$ is (P, ξ, α) , where $(P, \xi) \in \Sigma(R)$, $\alpha \in \text{Hom}(A, \text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R)))$. Note: $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{F}_p, \text{Cone}(P \xrightarrow{\xi} W(R))) = \text{Isom}((P, \xi), (W(R), p))$. So $X^\Delta(R)$ is the fiber of the map $\text{Hom}(A, \text{Cone}(W(R) \xrightarrow{p} W(R))) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\mathbb{F}_p, \text{Cone}(W(R) \xrightarrow{p} W(R)))$ over the canonical point of $\text{Hom}(\mathbb{F}_p, \text{Cone}(W(R) \xrightarrow{p} W(R)))$. ■

In these examples X^A is (almost) a ~~finite~~ scheme

Prismatization table (commented below).

In this table (n') is a particular case of (n)

X	X^A
① Spec B , B/\mathbb{F}_p perfect	$\text{Spf } W(B)$
② $\text{Spf } W(B)$, B/\mathbb{F}_p perfect	$\text{Spf } W(B) \times \Sigma$
③ Spec B , B/\mathbb{F}_p semiperfect	$\text{Spf } A_{\text{cris}}(B)$
③' Spec \mathcal{O}_C/p	$\text{Spf } A_{\text{cris}}$
④' $\text{Spf } \mathcal{O}_C$	$\text{Spf } A_{\text{inf}} = \text{Spf } W(B)$, where $B = (\mathcal{O}_C/p)^\flat$ (Fountainization). "projective limit perfection"
④ $\text{Spf } W(B)/(\eta)$, where B/\mathbb{F}_p perfect, $\eta = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} V^i[b_i]$, $b_i \in B^\times$, $B \twoheadrightarrow \varprojlim B/(b_0^n)$ (b_0 "kind of nilpotent")	$\text{Spf } W(B)$ and the (the topology on $W(B)$) and the morphism $\text{Spf } W(B) \rightarrow \Sigma$ depends on η .

① is a particular case of ③ and also of ④ (take $\eta = p = V(1)$).

~~Rings~~ Rings of the form $W(B)/(\eta)$, where B, η are as in ④, are called (integral) perfectoid. See Lecture IV of Bhatt's Columbia course on prismatic cohomology.

Comments on the prismatic table,

① a) B/\mathbb{F}_p is perfect if $F_r: B \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism. Then B is automatically classical. ~~B~~ This is a corollary of the following fact (see proof of Prop. 21 on p. 5 of the file "Anhil's ~~sem~~ perfectoid spaces course, pdf"): if A is a derived \mathbb{F}_p -algebra then the map $F_r: H^i(A) \rightarrow H^i(A)$ is zero for $i \neq 0$.

b) If A is over \mathbb{F}_p then the map $(\text{Spec } A)^\Delta \rightarrow \Sigma$ is the composed map $(\text{Spec } A)^\Delta \rightarrow (\text{Spec } \mathbb{F}_p)^\Delta = \text{Spt } \mathbb{Z}_p \xrightarrow{p} \Sigma$.

③ a) B/\mathbb{F}_p is semi-perfect if $F_r: B \rightarrow B$ is an epimorphism (i.e., induces an epimorphism $H^0(B) \rightarrow H^0(B)$). Then \exists epimorphism $\tilde{B} \rightarrow B$ with \tilde{B} perfect (e.g., $\tilde{B} = B^b := \varprojlim (B \xleftarrow{F_r} B \xleftarrow{F_r} \dots)$), this is the "inverse limit perfection" or "Fontainezation".

b) The fact that $(\text{Spec } B)^\Delta$ is a ~~formal~~ ^{p-adic} scheme is clear from above: indeed, $\text{Spec } B$ is a closed subscheme of $\text{Spec } \tilde{B}$, so the map $(\text{Spec } B)^\Delta \rightarrow (\text{Spec } \tilde{B})^\Delta = \text{Spt } W(\tilde{B})$ is schematic.

c) The ~~fact~~ equality $(\text{Spec } B)^\Delta = \text{Spt } A_{\text{cris}}(B)$ can be viewed as a definition of $A_{\text{cris}}(B)$. The ring defined by Fontaine is $A_{\text{cris}}(B)^{\text{cl}}$ (because he used the non-derived PD hull). ~~It~~ It is known ^(Scholze-Weinstein!) that $A_{\text{cris}}(B)$ is classical if $B = \tilde{B}/(f_1, \dots, f_m)$, where \tilde{B} is a perfect \mathbb{F}_p -algebra and f_1, \dots, f_m form a regular sequence. E.g., $O_C/(p)$ is in this class (for $m=1$).

④ a) The derived quotient by η is classical because η is not a zero-divisor, see Lemma 2.33 of file "Bhatt-Scholze prismatic article draft2.pdf".

Proof. Suppose $\sum V^i [b_i] \cdot \sum V^j [x_j] = 0$. Then $b_0 x_0 = 0, b_0^p x_1 + x_0^p b_1 = 0$, so $x_0^{2p} = -\frac{x_1}{b_1} (b_0 x_0)^p = 0$, so $x_0 = 0$. And so on. (It depends on b_0 !)

b) To define $\text{Spt } W(B)$ I have to specify a topology on $W(B)$. Here are two equivalent definitions. First, the topology of the limit $\varprojlim_{m,n} W_m(B/(b_0^m))$. Second, the I-adic topology, where $I = (p, \eta) = (p, [b_0])$.

c) Let me describe the map $\text{Spt } W(B) \rightarrow \Sigma = W^{(1)}/W^*$. We'll even construct $\xi \in \text{Mor}(\text{Spt } W(B), W^{(1)}) \subset \text{Mor}(\text{Spt } W(B), W) = W(W(B))$. Namely, $\xi = f(\eta)$, where $f: W(B) \rightarrow W(W(B))$ comes from the comonad structure on \mathbb{B} the functor W (so f is defined for any ring B). The comonad structure comes from the adjunction $\text{Hom}(R, W(R')) = \text{Hom}(R, R')$, ~~where~~ Joyal's theory. We have $\{\delta\text{-rings}\} \xrightleftharpoons[\text{Forget}^*]{\text{Forget}} \{\text{rings}\}$, and $W = \text{Forget} \circ \text{Forget}^*$. This gives $W \rightarrow W \circ W$.

Exercise. $f([B]) = [[B]]$.

~~For~~ This formula holds for any ring B , ~~iff~~ Since our B is a perfect \mathbb{F}_p -algebra, it uniquely determines f because any element of $W(B)$ has the form $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} [B_i] P^i$, $B_i \in B$.

Remarks for myself. ① The map $f: W(B) \rightarrow W(W(B))$ can be easily ~~be~~ described ~~in~~ in Joyal's coordinates: if $y \in W(B)$ has Joyal's coordinates y_0, y_1, \dots then $f(y)$ has Joyal's coordinates $Z_{m,n} = y_{m+n}$. E.g., if $y_i = 0$ for $i > 0$ then $Z_{m,n} = 0$ if $(m,n) \neq (0,0)$; this means that $f([B]) = [[B]]$.

② The above element $\xi \in \text{Mor}(\text{Spt } W(B), W^{(1)})$ is in $\text{Mor}(\text{Spt } W(B), W^{(1)})$ ~~because~~ Indeed, let $R_{m,n} := W_m(B/(B_0^n))$, then the image of $\xi \in W(W(B))$ in $W(R_{m,n})$ belongs to $W^{(1)}(R_{m,n})$.