



Parabolic sheaves on logarithmic schemes

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Abstract

We show how the natural context for the definition of parabolic sheaves on a scheme is that of logarithmic geometry. The key point is a reformulation of the concept of logarithmic structure in the language of symmetric monoidal categories, which might be of independent interest. Our main result states that parabolic sheaves can be interpreted as quasi-coherent sheaves on certain stacks of roots.

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1. Introduction

The notion of *parabolic bundle* on a curve was introduced by Mehta and Seshadri (see [17,26]), and subsequently generalized to higher dimension by Maruyama and Yokogawa [15]; this latter definition was later improved by Mochizuki [18], Iyer–Simpson [11] and the first author [4]. Another important insight is due to Biswas, who connected rational parabolic bundles with bundles on orbifolds [3]. The first author refined Biswas' idea in [5,4]; in the latter paper he proved that, given n smooth effective divisors D_1, \dots, D_n intersecting transversally on a normal variety X , there is an equivalence between the category of rational parabolic bundles and the limit of the category of vector bundles on the fibered product of d th root stacks of the (X, D_i) , as d becomes very divisible.

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This left two main questions open.

- (1) What about divisors that are not simple normal crossing? If, for example, a normal crossing divisor has singular components, it seems clear that one should use sheaves of weights.
- (2) What is the correct definition of parabolic coherent sheaf? [15,11] contain definitions of torsion-free parabolic coherent sheaves; but the definition of a general coherent sheaf has to be essentially different.

The key point to solving these problems is the introduction of logarithmic structures. The main purpose of this paper is to give a definition of parabolic quasi-coherent sheaf with fixed rational weights on a logarithmic scheme, and to show the equivalence of category of such sheaves with the category of sheaves on a root stack.

More precisely, suppose that $\rho: M \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ is a logarithmic structure on a scheme X ; denote, as usual, by \overline{M} the quotient sheaf M/\mathcal{O}_X^* . The denominators are taken in an appropriate sheaf of monoids B containing \overline{M} ; then we define a category of quasi-coherent parabolic sheaves on a fine logarithmic scheme (X, M, ρ) with weights in B .

Also, we define a root stack $X_{B/\overline{M}}$; this is a tame Artin stack over X . The idea of the construction is essentially due to Martin Olsson, who defined it in several particular cases, from whom it was easy to extract the general definition [16,22]. If the logarithmic structure is generated by a single effective Cartier divisor $D \subseteq X$, so that \overline{M} is the constant sheaf \mathbb{N}_D on D , and we take B to be $\frac{1}{d}\mathbb{N}_D$, then $X_{B/\overline{M}}$ is the root stack $\sqrt[d]{(X, D)}$ (see [1] or [6]). Our main result (Theorem 6.1) is that the category of quasi-coherent parabolic sheaves on a fine logarithmic scheme (X, M, ρ) with weights in B is equivalent to the category of quasi-coherent sheaves on the stack $X_{B/\overline{M}}$. This represents a vast generalization of the correspondence of [4].

In order to do this we need to interpret the logarithmic structure (M, ρ) as a symmetric monoidal functor $\overline{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv}_X$, where $\mathcal{D}\text{iv}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ is the symmetric monoidal stack over the small étale site $X_{\text{ét}}$ of X whose objects are invertible sheaves with sections. We call this a *Deligne–Faltings structure*. The fact that a Deligne–Faltings structure defines a logarithmic structure is somehow implicit in the original construction of the logarithmic structure associated with a homomorphism of monoids $P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$, as in [12]; going in the other direction, the construction is contained in Lorenzon’s paper [13].

We find that this point of view has some advantages, and in this paper we make an effort to develop the theory of Deligne–Faltings structures systematically, without referring to known results on logarithmic structures. We are particularly fond of our treatment of charts, in 3.3, which we find somewhat more transparent than the classical one. The resulting notion of fine logarithmic structure is equivalent to the classical one.

There is much left to do in the direction that we point out. Suppose that (M, ρ) is a saturated logarithmic structure. Then we can associate with it a tower of stacks $X_d \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_{\frac{1}{d}\overline{M}/\overline{M}}$, letting d range over all positive integers. This tower seems to control much of the geometry of the logarithmic scheme (X, M, ρ) ; for example, the limit of the small étale sites of the X_d (appropriately restricted when not in characteristic 0) is the Kummer–étale site of (X, M, ρ) , and one can use the X_d to investigate many questions concerning this site; for example, the K -theory of (X, M, ρ) , as defined by Hagihara and Nizioł (see [10,19]) is naturally interpreted in this language. In subsequent papers we plan to prove Nori’s theorem for logarithmic schemes, in the style of [4], define real parabolic sheaves, and connections on them (as was pointed out to us by Arthur Ogus, this is important to study the Riemann–Hilbert correspondence for logarithmic schemes, as in [20]), and in general apply this construction to other foundational questions in the theory of logarithmic schemes.

Description of contents. Section 2 contains several preliminary notions, mostly known, concerning monoids, sheaves of monoids, symmetric monoidal categories and fibered symmetric monoidal categories. We also define one of our basic notions, that of *Deligne–Faltings object*: a symmetric monoidal functor from a monoid to a symmetric monoidal category with trivial kernel.

The main definition, that of Deligne–Faltings structure (Definition 3.1), is contained in Section 3. Here we also show the equivalence of the notion of Deligne–Faltings structure with that of quasi-integral logarithmic structure (Theorem 3.6). In (3.2) we define direct and inverse images of a Deligne–Faltings structure, without going through the associated logarithmic structure.

Our treatment of charts is contained in (3.3); we compare it with Kato’s treatment in (3.4). Some of the results are strictly related with those in [23, Section 2]; we do not refer to this paper, but prefer to reconstruct the theory independently. Proposition 3.28 implies that our resulting notion of fine structure coincides with the classical one.

Section 4 contains the notion of systems of denominators and the definition of root stacks. In Section 5 we define parabolic sheaves and prove their basic properties. Finally, our main result, giving an equivalence between parabolic sheaves and sheaves on a root stack is in Section 6.

2. Definitions and preliminary results

2.1. Conventions

The class of objects of a category \mathcal{C} will be denoted by $\text{Obj } \mathcal{C}$. If F is a presheaf (of sets, monoids, groups, ...) on a site, we denote by F^{sh} the associated sheaf.

If $F, F' : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ and $G : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ are functors and $\alpha : F \rightarrow F'$ is a natural transformation, we denote by $G \circ \alpha$, or simply $G\alpha$, the natural transformation $GF \rightarrow GF'$ defined by the obvious rule $(G\alpha)_C = G(\alpha_C)$. Analogously, if $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$, $G, G' : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ are functors and $\alpha : G \rightarrow G'$ is a natural transformation, we denote by $\alpha \circ F$ or αF the natural transformation $GF \rightarrow G'F$ defined by $(\alpha F)_C = \alpha_{F(C)}$.

2.2. Monoids

All monoids considered will be commutative; we will use additive notation. We denote by (ComMon) the category of (commutative) monoids.

If A is a monoid, we denote the associated group by A^{gp} , and by $\iota_A : A \rightarrow A^{\text{gp}}$ the canonical homomorphism of monoids. Any element of A^{gp} is of the form $\iota_A a - \iota_A b$ for some $a, b \in A$; furthermore, two elements a and b of A have the same image in A^{gp} if and only if there exists $c \in A$ such that $a + c = b + c$. A homomorphism of monoids $f : A \rightarrow B$ induces a group homomorphism $f^{\text{gp}} : A^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow B^{\text{gp}}$.

A monoid is *integral* if the cancellation law holds; equivalently, a monoid is integral if $\iota_A : A \rightarrow A^{\text{gp}}$ is injective. A monoid A is *torsion-free* if it is integral and A^{gp} is torsion-free. If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is an injective homomorphism of monoids and B is integral, then $f^{\text{gp}} : A^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow B^{\text{gp}}$ is also injective.

A monoid is *sharp* if the only invertible element is the identity. Notice that a sharp monoid has no non-zero element of finite order; however, the associated group A^{gp} is not necessarily torsion-free.

The *kernel* of a homomorphism of monoids $f : A \rightarrow B$ is $f^{-1}(0) \subseteq A$. In contrast with the case of groups, the kernel of f may be trivial without f being injective (for example, look at the

homomorphism $\mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$. An arbitrary submonoid $S \subseteq A$ is not necessarily a kernel. The following condition is necessary and sufficient for S to be a kernel: if $a \in A, s \in S$ and $a + s \in S$, then $a \in S$.

If S is a submonoid of A , we denote by A/S the cokernel of the inclusion $S \subseteq A$. This is the quotient of A by the equivalence relation \sim_S defined by $a \sim b$ when there exist $s \in S$ and $t \in S$ such that $a + s = b + t$. The kernel of the projection $A \rightarrow A/S$ is the set of $a \in A$ such that there exists $s \in S$ with $a + s \in S$. This is the smallest kernel that contains S , and we call it the *kernel closure* of S .

A homomorphism of monoids $A \rightarrow B$ is called a *cokernel* if it is the cokernel of a homomorphism $C \subseteq A$. Any cokernel is surjective, but not every surjective homomorphism is a cokernel. A necessary and sufficient condition for $f: A \rightarrow B$ to be a cokernel is that if K is the kernel of f , the induced homomorphism $A/K \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism.

2.3. Sheaves of monoids

Many of the notions above extend to sheaves and presheaves of monoids on a site \mathcal{C} . If A is such a sheaf, we define A^{gp} as the sheafification of the presheaf sending $U \in \text{Obj } \mathcal{C}$ into $A(U)^{\text{gp}}$. The obvious homomorphism of sheaves of monoids $\iota_A: A \rightarrow A^{\text{gp}}$ is universal among homomorphism of sheaves of monoids from A to a sheaf of groups.

A presheaf of monoids is called *integral* if each $A(U)$ is integral. If A is integral, so is the associated sheaf A^{sh} . It is *sharp* if each $A(U)$ is sharp.

If K is a sub-presheaf of monoids of a presheaf of monoids A , we can define the presheaf quotient A/K by the rule $(A/K)(U) = A(U)/K(U)$. It is the cokernel in the category of presheaves of monoids of the inclusion $K \subseteq A$. In general, if $C \rightarrow A$ is a homomorphism of presheaves, its cokernel is A/K , where K is the image presheaf in A .

If we substitute presheaves with sheaves, the quotient A/K is the sheafification of the presheaf quotient; all cokernels in the category of sheaves of monoids are of this type.

2.4. Symmetric monoidal categories

Our treatment of logarithmic structures is centered around the notion of *symmetric monoidal category*. We freely use the notation and the results of [14, ch. VII and XI], which will be our main reference. This concept was introduced in [7, II, Definition 2.1], under the name *tensor category*.

Let \mathcal{M} a symmetric monoidal category. We denote the operation (the “tensor product”) by $\otimes: \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, its action on objects and arrows by $(x, y) \mapsto x \otimes y$, the neutral element of \mathcal{M} by $\mathbf{1}$, the associativity isomorphisms $x \otimes (y \otimes z) \simeq (x \otimes y) \otimes z$ by α , or $\alpha_{x,y,z}$, the isomorphism $\mathbf{1} \otimes x \simeq x$ by λ or λ_x , the isomorphism $x \otimes y \simeq y \otimes x$ by σ , or $\sigma_{x,y}$. Occasionally we will use the subscript \mathcal{M} (as in $\otimes_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}}$, and so on) to distinguish among such objects relative to different symmetric monoidal categories.

If \mathcal{M} and \mathcal{N} are symmetric monoidal categories, a *symmetric monoidal functor* $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ will be a strong braided monoidal functor $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ [14, ch. IX, Section 2]. All natural transformations between symmetric monoidal functors will be assumed to be monoidal.

We denote by (SymMonCat) the 2-category of symmetric monoidal categories. The objects are small symmetric monoidal categories, the 1-arrows are symmetric monoidal functors, and the 2-arrows are monoidal natural transformations.

If $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is a symmetric monoidal functor, which is an equivalence, when viewed as a functor of plain categories, then any quasi-inverse $G: \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ has a unique structure of a

symmetric monoidal functor, such that the given isomorphisms $FG \simeq \text{id}_{\mathcal{N}}$ and $GF \simeq \text{id}_{\mathcal{M}}$ are monoidal isomorphisms.

Any monoid A will be considered as a discrete symmetric monoidal category: the arrows are all identities, while the tensor product is the operation in A .

For the convenience of the reader, we make the notion of a symmetric monoidal functor explicit in the case that we will use the most.

Definition 2.1. Let A be a monoid, \mathcal{M} a symmetric monoidal category. A symmetric monoidal functor $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ consists of the following data.

- (a) A function $L: A \rightarrow \text{Obj } \mathcal{M}$.
- (b) An isomorphism $\epsilon^L: \mathbf{1} \simeq L(0)$ in \mathcal{M} .
- (c) For each a and $b \in A$, an isomorphism $\mu_{a,b}^L: L(a) \otimes L(b) \simeq L(a + b)$ in \mathcal{M} .

We require that for any $a, b, c \in A$, the diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L(a) \otimes (L(b) \otimes L(c)) & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \mu^L} & L(a) \otimes L(b + c) \\
 \downarrow \alpha & & \searrow \mu^L \\
 (L(a) \otimes L(b)) \otimes L(c) & \xrightarrow{\mu^L \otimes \text{id}} & L(a + b) \otimes L(c) \\
 & & \nearrow \mu^L \\
 & & L(a + b + c)
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L(a + b) & \xrightarrow{\mu^L} & L(a) \otimes L(b) \\
 \parallel & & \downarrow \sigma \\
 L(b + a) & \xrightarrow{\mu^L} & L(b) \otimes L(a)
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L(a) & \xleftarrow{\lambda} & \mathbf{1} \otimes L(a) \\
 \downarrow = & & \downarrow \epsilon^L \otimes \text{id} \\
 L(0 + a) & \xleftarrow{\mu^L} & L(0) \otimes L(a)
 \end{array}$$

be commutative.

If $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ and $M: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ are symmetric monoidal functors, a morphism $\Phi: L \rightarrow M$ is a collection of natural transformations $\Phi_a: L(a) \rightarrow M(a)$, one for each $a \in A$, such that for any $a, b \in A$, the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L(a) \otimes L(b) & \xrightarrow{\mu^L} & L(a + b) \\
 \downarrow \Phi_a \otimes \Phi_b & & \downarrow \Phi_{a+b} \\
 M(a) \otimes M(b) & \xrightarrow{\mu^M} & M(a + b)
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

If $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a homomorphism of monoids, and $L: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a symmetric monoidal functor, the composite $L \circ f: A \rightarrow \text{Obj } \mathcal{M}$ has an obvious structure of a symmetric monoidal functor. We will use this fact, together with some evident properties, without comments.

Definition 2.2. Let \mathcal{M} be a symmetric monoidal category \mathcal{M} . An \mathcal{M} -valued Deligne–Faltings object is a pair (A, L) , where A is a monoid and $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a symmetric monoidal functor $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

There is a category of \mathcal{M} -valued Deligne–Faltings objects. An arrow from (A, L) to (B, M) (which we call a *morphism of Deligne–Faltings objects*) is a pair (ϕ, Φ) , where $\phi: A \rightarrow B$ is a homomorphism of monoids and $\Phi: L \rightarrow M \circ \phi$ is a monoidal natural transformation. The composition is defined in the obvious way.

Definition 2.3. Let \mathcal{M} be a symmetric monoidal category, $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be a Deligne–Faltings object. The *kernel* $\ker L$ is the set of elements $a \in A$ such that $L(a)$ is isomorphic to the neutral element $\mathbf{1}$.

One checks immediately that $\ker L$ is a sub-monoid of A .

Proposition 2.4. Let $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ be a Deligne–Faltings object. Assume that the monoid of endomorphisms of the neutral element $\mathbf{1}$ of \mathcal{M} is trivial.

Then there exists a cokernel $\pi: A \rightarrow \bar{A}$ and a symmetric monoidal functor $\bar{L}: \bar{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ with trivial kernel, with an isomorphism of symmetric monoidal functors $\bar{L} \circ \pi \simeq L$. Furthermore the Deligne–Faltings object (\bar{A}, \bar{L}) is unique, up to a unique isomorphism, and is universal among morphism from (A, L) to a Deligne–Faltings object (B, M) with trivial kernel.

Proof. It is clear that if (\bar{A}, \bar{L}) and the isomorphism exist, the kernel of π must be the kernel K of L ; therefore there is a unique isomorphism of \bar{A} with A/K . So it is enough to show that there exists a unique factorization

$$A \xrightarrow{\pi} A/K \xrightarrow{\bar{L}} \mathcal{M},$$

up to a unique isomorphism, and that it has the required universal property.

Notice that if $k \in K$, the isomorphism $\mathbf{1} \simeq L(k)$, which exists by hypothesis, must be unique, because $\text{Aut}(\mathbf{1})$ is trivial. Hence for any a in A we get canonical isomorphisms

$$L(a) \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathbf{1} \otimes L(a) \simeq L(k) \otimes L(a) \xrightarrow{\mu^L} L(k + a).$$

Denote by $v_{k,a}$ the resulting canonical isomorphism $L(a) \simeq L(k + a)$. This isomorphism is easily shown to have the property that

$$v_{l+k,a} = v_{l,a+k} \circ v_{k,a}: L(a) \simeq L(l + k + a)$$

for any $k, l \in K$.

Now, suppose that a and $b \in A$ have the same image in A/K . There exist $k, l \in K$ such that $k + a = l + b$; so we have an isomorphism $\tau_{a,b}: L(a) \simeq L(b)$ defined as the composite

$$L(a) \xrightarrow{v_{k,a}} L(k + a) = L(l + b) \xrightarrow{v_{l,b}^{-1}} L(b).$$

It is easy to check that $\tau_{a,b}$ is independent of the choice of k and l . If a, b and c have the same image in A/K , then we can find k, l and $m \in K$ such that $k + a = l + b = m + c$, and then

$$\tau_{a,c} = \tau_{b,c} \circ \tau_{a,b}: L(a) \simeq L(b).$$

Now consider the category A^K , whose objects are the elements of A , and in which, given two elements $a, b \in A$, there exists exactly one arrow $a \rightarrow b$ if a and b have the same image in A/K , and none otherwise. The category A^K is a strict symmetric monoidal category, with the tensor product given by the operation in A . The projection $\pi : A \rightarrow A/K$ factors through A^K , and the projection $A^K \rightarrow A/K$ is an equivalence of monoidal categories. Hence it is enough to produce a factorization

$$A \rightarrow A^K \xrightarrow{\widehat{L}} \mathcal{M},$$

and then the desired functor $\overline{L} : A/K \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ will be obtained by composing \widehat{L} with a quasi-inverse $A/K \rightarrow A^K$. This factorization is obtained by defining \widehat{L} to be the same function as L on the elements of A ; if $a \rightarrow b$ is an arrow in A^K , then we take as its image in \mathcal{M} the isomorphism $\tau_{a,b} : L(a) \simeq L(b)$. We leave it to the reader to check that this functor is monoidal, and gives the desired factorization.

We have left to check that $(\overline{A}, \overline{L})$ has the desired universal property. Suppose that $(\phi, \overline{\phi}) : (A, L) \rightarrow (B, M)$ is a morphism of Deligne–Faltings objects. Let K' be the kernel of M : clearly ϕ sends K to K' , thus there is a natural commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A, L) & \longrightarrow & (A^K, \widehat{L}) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (B, M) & \longrightarrow & (B^{K'}, \widehat{M}). \end{array}$$

If the kernel K' of (B, M) is trivial, the bottom morphism is an isomorphism, and this shows existence in the universal property. We leave it to the reader to check uniqueness. \square

The following two examples play a key role in this paper.

Examples 2.5. Let X be a scheme.

(a) We denote by $\mathcal{D}iv X$ the groupoid of line bundles with sections. We consider $\mathcal{D}iv X$ as a category of “generalized effective Cartier divisors”: effective Cartier divisors on X form a monoid, which is, however, not functorial in X , since one cannot pull back Cartier divisors along arbitrary maps. Line bundles with sections do not have this problem; there is a price to pay, however, which is to have to deal with a symmetric monoidal category instead of a monoid.

The objects of $\mathcal{D}iv X$ are pairs (L, s) , where L is an invertible sheaf on X and $s \in L(X)$. An arrow from (L, s) to (L', s') is an isomorphism of \mathcal{O}_X -modules from L to L' carrying s into s' . The category $\mathcal{D}iv X$ also has a symmetric monoidal structure given by a tensor product, defined as $(L, s) \otimes (L', s') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (L \otimes L', s \otimes s')$. The neutral element is $(\mathcal{O}_X, 1)$.

Notice that $\mathcal{D}iv X$ has the property that the monoid of endomorphisms of the neutral element $(\mathcal{O}_X, 1)$ is trivial.

(b) We denote by $\mathfrak{F}ic X$ the category of invertible sheaves on X , with the monoidal structure given by the usual tensor product. We notice that, in contrast with standard usage, and with the example above, the arrows in $\mathfrak{F}ic X$ will be arbitrary homomorphisms of \mathcal{O}_X -modules, and not only isomorphisms. Thus, $\mathfrak{F}ic X$ is not a groupoid. The tensor product makes $\mathfrak{F}ic X$ into a symmetric monoidal category, with neutral element \mathcal{O}_X .

(c) The category of invertible sheaves on X , in which the only arrows are the isomorphisms, will be denoted by $\mathcal{B}\mathcal{G}_m(X)$.

There is a natural strict symmetric monoidal functor $\mathfrak{D}iv X \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}ic X$ sending (L, s) to L .

If A is a monoid and \mathcal{M} is a symmetric monoidal category, we denote by $\text{Hom}(A, \mathcal{M})$ the category of symmetric monoidal functors $A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$. Given a homomorphism of monoids $f: A \rightarrow B$, there is an induced functor $f^*: \text{Hom}(B, \mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(A, \mathcal{M})$ sending $L: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ into the composite $L \circ f: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

2.5. *Monoidal fibered categories*

Here we will freely use the language of fibered categories, for which we refer to [8, Chapter 3].

Definition 2.6. Let \mathcal{C} be a category. A *symmetric monoidal fibered category* $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is a fibered category, together with a cartesian functor

$$\otimes = \otimes_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M},$$

a section $\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, and base-preserving natural isomorphisms

$$\alpha: \otimes \circ (\text{id}_{\mathcal{M}} \times \otimes) \simeq \otimes \circ (\otimes \times \text{id}_{\mathcal{M}}) \quad \text{of functors } \mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M},$$

$$\lambda: \otimes \circ (\mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}} \times \text{id}_{\mathcal{M}}) \simeq \text{id}_{\mathcal{M}} \quad \text{of functors } \mathcal{M} \simeq \mathcal{C} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M},$$

and

$$\sigma: \otimes \simeq \otimes \circ \Sigma_{\mathcal{M}} \quad \text{of functors } \mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M},$$

where by $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}: \mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M}$ we mean the functor exchanging the two terms, such that for any object U of \mathcal{C} the restrictions of \otimes and of the natural transformations above yield a structure of symmetric monoidal category on $\mathcal{M}(U)$.

If $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ are symmetric monoidal fibered categories, a symmetric monoidal functor $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ is a cartesian functor, together with an isomorphism

$$\mu^L: \otimes_{\mathcal{N}} \circ (F \times F) \simeq F \circ \otimes_{\mathcal{M}} \quad \text{of functors } \mathcal{M} \times_{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$$

and

$$\epsilon^F: \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{N}} \simeq F \circ \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{M}} \quad \text{of functors } \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{N},$$

such that the restrictions of these data to each $\mathcal{M}(U)$ and $\mathcal{N}(U)$ gives $F_U: \mathcal{M}(U) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(U)$ the structure of a symmetric monoidal functor.

Morphisms of symmetric monoidal functors are base-preserving natural transformation, whose restriction to each fiber is monoidal.

If $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is a symmetric monoidal fibered category and we choose a cleavage for it, we obtain a pseudo-functor (i.e., a lax 2-functor) from \mathcal{C}^{op} the 2-category (SymMonCat) of symmetric monoidal categories. A different choice of a cleavage yields a canonically isomorphic pseudo-functor.

Conversely, given a pseudo-functor $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{SymMonCat})$, the usual construction yields a symmetric monoidal fibered category over \mathcal{C} with a cleavage.

In particular, if $A: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{ComMon})$ is a presheaf of monoids on a category \mathcal{C} , we consider the associated fibered category $(\mathcal{C}/A) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. The objects of (\mathcal{C}/A) are pairs (U, a) , where U is an object of \mathcal{C} and $a \in A(U \rightarrow X)$. The arrows from (U, a) to (V, b) are arrows $f: U \rightarrow V$ such that $f^*b = a$. Because of the customary identification of categories fibered in sets on \mathcal{C} and functors $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Set})$, we will usually write this simply as $A \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. Such a category has a canonical structure of strict symmetric monoidal fibered category.

Definition 2.7. Let \mathcal{C} be a site. A *symmetric monoidal stack over \mathcal{C}* is a symmetric monoidal fibered category over \mathcal{C} that is a stack.

Examples 2.8. Let X be a scheme; denote by (Sch/X) the category of schemes over X .

- (a) The symmetric monoidal stack $\mathfrak{D}iv_X \rightarrow (\text{Sch}/X)$ is the category associated with the pseudo-functor that sends each $U \rightarrow X$ into the category $\mathfrak{D}iv U$.
- (b) Analogously, one defines the symmetric monoidal stack $\mathfrak{P}ic_X$ whose fiber over $U \rightarrow X$ is $\mathfrak{P}ic U$.

Remark 2.9. The stack $\mathfrak{D}iv_X$ can be described using the language of algebraic stacks as the quotient $[\mathbb{A}_X^1/\mathbb{G}_{m,X}]$.

The stack $\mathfrak{P}ic_X$ is not an algebraic stack, because it is not a stack in groupoids. The underlying stack in groupoids (obtained by deleting all the arrows that are not cartesian) is the usual Picard stack of X , and can be described as the classifying stack $\mathcal{B}_X \mathbb{G}_m$ of the group scheme $\mathbb{G}_{m,X}$, or, in other words, as the stack quotient $[X/\mathbb{G}_{m,X}]$ for the trivial action of \mathbb{G}_m on X .

We will need the following extension result. Let \mathcal{C} be a site, and let $A : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{ComMon})$ be a presheaf of monoids on \mathcal{C} . Denote by A^{sh} the associated sheaf of monoids, $s_A : A \rightarrow A^{\text{sh}}$ the canonical homomorphism.

Proposition 2.10. *Let \mathcal{M} be a symmetric monoidal stack over \mathcal{C} , $L : A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ a symmetric monoidal functor. Then there exists a symmetric monoidal functor $L^{\text{sh}} : A^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ and an isomorphism of the composite $s_A \circ L^{\text{sh}} : A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ with L . Furthermore, the pair $(A^{\text{sh}}, L^{\text{sh}})$ has the following universal property: any morphism of Deligne–Faltings objects $(A, L) \rightarrow (B, M)$, where B is a sheaf, factors uniquely through $(A^{\text{sh}}, L^{\text{sh}})$. If L has a trivial kernel, so has L^{sh} .*

This could be considered as obvious, as it says that the sheafification of a presheaf coincides with its stackification. However, we do not know a reasonable reference, so we sketch a proof.

Proof. Let $\{U_i \rightarrow U\}$ be a cover in \mathcal{C} . There is a canonical isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A(U) & \xrightarrow{L(U)} & \mathcal{M}(U) \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow & \downarrow \\
 A(\{U_i \rightarrow U\}) & \xrightarrow{L(\{U_i \rightarrow U\})} & \mathcal{M}(\{U_i \rightarrow U\})
 \end{array}$$

where for a fibered category $\mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{F}(\{U_i \rightarrow U\})$ denotes the category of descent data of \mathcal{F} with respect to $\{U_i \rightarrow U\}$ (see [8]). Since \mathcal{M} is a stack, the right-hand map is an equivalence. Since the diagram above is compatible with refinements of covers, we can take the inductive limit and get a factorization:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A(U) & \xrightarrow{L(U)} & \mathcal{M}(U) \\
 \downarrow & \nearrow & \nearrow \\
 A^{\text{sep}}(U) & & \mathcal{M}(U)
 \end{array}$$

$L^{\text{sep}}(U)$

where $A^{\text{sep}}(U) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \varinjlim_{\{U_i \rightarrow U\}} A(\{U_i \rightarrow U\})$. This is compatible with restriction, so that we obtain a factorization $L^{\text{sep}} : A^{\text{sep}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ of $L : A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, and iterating this process we get the wished factorization $L^{\text{sh}} : A^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ of $L : A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

This factorization is functorial in A , and the existence in the universal property follows, moreover the uniqueness is obvious.

For the last assertion, it is enough to notice that L^{sep} has a trivial kernel if L has. □

If X is a scheme, we denote by $X_{\text{ét}}$ the small étale site of X , whose objects are étale morphisms $U \rightarrow X$. When we mention a sheaf on X , we will always mean a sheaf on $X_{\text{ét}}$. Thus, for example, by \mathcal{O}_X we mean the sheaf on $X_{\text{ét}}$ sending each $U \rightarrow X$ into $\mathcal{O}(U)$. The Zariski site of X will be hardly used. We will often indicate an object $U \rightarrow X$ of $X_{\text{ét}}$ simply by U . The restriction of the stacks \mathfrak{Div}_X and \mathfrak{Pic}_X to $X_{\text{ét}}$ defined above will be denoted by $\mathfrak{Div}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ and $\mathfrak{Pic}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$.

3. Deligne–Faltings structures

3.1. Deligne–Faltings structures and logarithmic structures

Now we reformulate the classical notion of a logarithmic structure on a scheme in a form that is more suitable to define parabolic sheaves.

Definition 3.1. Let X be a scheme. A *pre-Deligne–Faltings structure* (A, L) on X consists of the following data:

- (a) a presheaf of monoids $A : X_{\text{ét}}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{ComMon})$ on $X_{\text{ét}}$, and
- (b) a symmetric monoidal functor $L : A \rightarrow \mathfrak{Div}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$.

A *Deligne–Faltings structure* on X is a pre-Deligne–Faltings structure (A, L) such that A is a sheaf, and L has a trivial kernel.

A morphism of pre-Deligne–Faltings structures from (A, L) to (B, M) is a pair (ϕ, Φ) , where $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is a morphism of sheaves of monoids and $\Phi : L \rightarrow M \circ \phi$ is a morphism of symmetric monoidal cartesian functors. A morphism of Deligne–Faltings structures is a morphism of pre-Deligne–Faltings structures between Deligne–Faltings structures.

Given a sheaf of monoids A on $X_{\text{ét}}$, we will sometimes say that a cartesian symmetric monoidal functor $L : A \rightarrow \mathfrak{Div}_X$ is a *Deligne–Faltings structure* to mean that (A, L) is a Deligne–Faltings structure, that is, that L has a trivial kernel.

The composition of morphisms of pre-Deligne–Faltings structures on X is defined in the obvious way. This defines the categories of pre-Deligne–Faltings structures and of Deligne–Faltings structures on X .

Notice that, since \mathfrak{Div}_X is fibered in groupoids, a morphism $(\phi, \Phi) : (A, L) \rightarrow (B, M)$ of pre-Deligne–Faltings structures is an isomorphism if and only if $\phi : A \rightarrow B$ is an isomorphism.

Remark 3.2. To compute with symmetric monoidal functors $L : A \rightarrow \mathfrak{Div}_X$ the following convention is useful. If $a \in A(U)$, we denote the image of a in $\mathfrak{Div} U$ by $L(a) = (L_a, \sigma_a^L)$. Then $\sigma_0^L \in L_0$ is nowhere vanishing; the isomorphism $\epsilon^L : (\mathcal{O}_U, 1) \simeq L(0)$ is uniquely determined by the condition that it carries σ_0^L into 1.

The embedding of the category of Deligne–Faltings structures on X into the category of pre-Deligne–Faltings structures has a left adjoint.

Proposition 3.3. *Let (A, L) be a pre-Deligne–Faltings structure on a scheme X . There exists a Deligne–Faltings structure (A^a, L^a) , together with a homomorphism of pre-Deligne–Faltings*

structures $(A, L) \rightarrow (A^a, L^a)$, that is universal among homomorphism from (A, L) to Deligne–Faltings structures.

Furthermore, if K is the kernel of $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_X$, then A^a is the sheafification of the presheaf quotient A/K .

Proof. Thanks to Proposition 2.4, we construct a morphism $(A, L) \rightarrow (A^{pa}, L^{pa})$, such that A^{pa} is the presheaf quotient A/K , and L^{pa} has a trivial kernel, and show that it is universal among morphisms from (A, L) to pre-Deligne–Faltings structures (B, M) such that the kernel of M is trivial. Then we apply Proposition 2.10 to sheafify. \square

Next we connect our notion of logarithmic structure with the classical one.

Definition 3.4 ([12]). A log structure on a scheme X is a pair (M, ρ) , where M is a sheaf of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$ and $\rho: M \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ is a morphism, where \mathcal{O}_X denotes the multiplicative monoid of the ring \mathcal{O}_X , with the property that the induced homomorphism $\rho^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X^* \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^*$ is an isomorphism.

A morphism $(M, \rho) \rightarrow (M', \rho')$ is a homomorphism of sheaves of monoids $f: M \rightarrow M'$, such that $\rho' \circ f = \rho$. This defines the category of log structures.

This is much too large, and one imposes various conditions on the structure, the first of them usually being that M is an integral sheaf of monoids. An even weaker condition is the following.

Definition 3.5 ([21]). A log structure (M, ρ) on a scheme X is quasi-integral if the action of $\rho^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X^* \simeq \mathcal{O}_X^*$ on M is free.

In other words, (M, ρ) is quasi-integral if whenever $U \rightarrow X$ is an étale morphism and $\alpha \in \rho^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X^*(U)$ and $m \in M(U)$ are such that $\alpha + m = m$, then $\alpha = 0$.

Theorem 3.6. The category of Deligne–Faltings structures on X is equivalent to the category of quasi-integral log structures on X .

Proof. Consider the morphism of symmetric monoidal fibered categories $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ sending a section $f \in \mathcal{O}_X(U)$ into (\mathcal{O}_U, f) . This is a torsor under \mathcal{O}_X^* . There is a section $X_{\text{ét}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ sending $U \rightarrow X$ into $(\mathcal{O}_U, 1)$; this gives an equivalence of $X_{\text{ét}}$ with the full fibered subcategory of $\mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ of invertible sheaves with a nowhere vanishing section, and so is represented by Zariski open embeddings. The inverse image of $X_{\text{ét}}$ in \mathcal{O}_X is \mathcal{O}_X^* .

If (A, L) is a Deligne–Faltings structure on X , define M as the fibered product $A \times_{\mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}} \mathcal{O}_X$. This is a \mathcal{O}_X^* -torsor over A , hence it is equivalent to a sheaf. The symmetric monoidal structures of A, \mathcal{O}_X and $\mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ induce a symmetric monoidal structure on M , that is, M acquires a structure of a sheaf of monoids. By hypothesis, the inverse image of $X_{\text{ét}} \subseteq \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ via $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ is the zero-section $X_{\text{ét}} \subseteq A$; hence by base change to \mathcal{O}_X the inverse image of $\mathcal{O}_X^* \subseteq \mathcal{O}_X$ in M coincides with the inverse image of $X_{\text{ét}} \subseteq A$, which is again \mathcal{O}_X^* . This shows that $M \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ is in fact a quasi-integral log structure.

This construction gives a functor from Deligne–Faltings structures on X to quasi-integral log structures (the action of the functor on arrows is easy to construct). In the other direction, let $\rho: M \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ be a quasi-integral log structure; the free action of $\mathcal{O}_X^* \simeq \rho^{-1}\mathcal{O}_X^*$ makes M into a \mathcal{O}_X^* -torsor over $\overline{M} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} M/\mathcal{O}_X^*$. The homomorphism $\rho: M \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ is \mathcal{O}_X^* -equivariant; the stack-theoretic quotient $[\mathcal{O}_X/\mathcal{O}_X^*]$ is $\mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$, so we obtain a symmetric monoidal functor $L: \overline{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$. It is immediate to see that the kernel of $L: \overline{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ is trivial; so (\overline{M}, L)

is a Deligne–Faltings structure on X . This is the action on objects of a functor from quasi-integral log structures to Deligne–Faltings structures, which is easily seen a quasi-inverse to the previous functor. \square

3.2. Direct and inverse images of Deligne–Faltings structures

Let $f : X' \rightarrow X$ be a morphism of schemes. The stack $f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$ on $X_{\text{ét}}$ is defined as the fibered product $\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}} \times_{X'_{\text{ét}}} X_{\text{ét}}$, where the functor $X_{\text{ét}} \rightarrow X'_{\text{ét}}$ is given by a fibered product. In other words, if $U \rightarrow X$ is an étale morphism, we have

$$f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}(U) = \mathfrak{D}iv(X' \times_X U).$$

There is a natural morphism of stacks: $\mathfrak{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}} \rightarrow f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$ on $X_{\text{ét}}$, given by pullback.¹

Let us begin with the definition of the direct image of a Deligne–Faltings structure (A', L') on X' .

Lemma 3.7. *The symmetric monoidal stack $f_*A' \times_{f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}} \mathcal{O}_X$, the fibered product of $f_*L' : f_*A' \rightarrow f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$ and of the composite $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}} \rightarrow f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$, is equivalent to a sheaf of monoids on X .*

Proof. Set $M' = A' \times_{\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}} \mathcal{O}_{X'}$. The proof of [Theorem 3.6](#) shows that M' is (equivalent to) a sheaf of monoids on X' , and clearly $f_*A' \times_{f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}} \mathcal{O}_X \simeq f_*M' \times_{f_*\mathcal{O}_{X'}} \mathcal{O}_X$. \square

Definition 3.8. Let $f : X' \rightarrow X$ be a scheme morphism, and (A', L') a Deligne–Faltings structure on X' . We define the direct image $f_*(A', L')$ as the Deligne–Faltings structure associated with the pre-Deligne–Faltings structure $f_*A' \times_{f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$.²

We now define the pull-back of a log structure (A, L) on X along the scheme morphism $f : X' \rightarrow X$.

Proposition 3.9. *There is up to unique isomorphism a unique pair (f^*L, α) where $f^*L : f^*A \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$ is a Deligne–Faltings structure on X' and α an isomorphism of symmetric monoidal functors between the composites $A \rightarrow f_*f^*A \xrightarrow{f_*f^*L} f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$ and $A \xrightarrow{L} \mathfrak{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}} \rightarrow f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$.*

Proof. The uniqueness statement is easily proven. To show the existence, we can work with the pull-back presheaf $f^{-1}A$, and then use [Proposition 2.10](#) to sheafify. Let $U' \rightarrow X'$ be an étale morphism, then $f^{-1}A(U') = \varinjlim_{U' \rightarrow U} A(U)$, where $U' \rightarrow U$ varies in all X -morphisms from U' to an étale scheme $U \rightarrow X$. Since for each such morphism, we have a monoidal functor $A(U) \xrightarrow{L(U)} \mathfrak{D}iv(U) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}iv(U')$, and these functors are compatible with restriction, we get a monoidal functor $f^{-1}A(U') \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}iv(U')$, also compatible with restrictions. This defines a

¹ And accordingly there is a natural morphism of stacks $f^*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$ on $X'_{\text{ét}}$, but since the definition of $f^*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ is quite complicated, we will not use it.

² The morphism $f_*A' \times_{f_*\mathfrak{D}iv_{X'_{\text{ét}}}} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$ defines a log structure, but it is not necessarily quasi-integral.

monoidal functor $f^*L : f^*A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv}_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$, and the existence of α is obvious by construction. The only thing that is left to check is that f^*L has a trivial kernel.

Let $U' \rightarrow X'$ be an étale morphism, and $a' \in f^*A(U')$, such that $f^*L(a')$ is invertible. There exists an étale covering $\{U'_i \rightarrow U'\}_i$ of U' , X -morphisms $f_i : U'_i \rightarrow U_i$ to an étale scheme $U_i \rightarrow X$, and sections $a_i \in A(U_i)$, such that $a'_{|U'_i} = f_i^*a_i$. Then $f^*L(a')_{|U'_i}$ is invertible, and $f^*L(a')_{|U'_i} \simeq f_i^*L(a_i)$ by the universal property. Let $x : \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow U'_i$ be a geometric point, we deduce that $x^*(f_i^*(\sigma_{a_i}))$ does not vanish, and so σ_{a_i} is invertible on a neighborhood of $f_i(x)$, and since L has a trivial kernel, $a_i = 0$ on this neighborhood, hence $f_i^*a_i = 0$ on a neighborhood of x . Thus since x is arbitrary, $f_i^*a_i = 0$ on U'_i , and this implies $a'_{|U'_i} = 0$, and finally $a' = 0$. \square

Definition 3.10. Let $f : X' \rightarrow X$ be a scheme morphism, and (A, L) a Deligne–Faltings structure on X . The Deligne–Faltings structure $f^*L : f^*A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv}_{X'_{\text{ét}}}$ on X' defined by Proposition 3.9 is called the pull-back Deligne–Faltings structure, and denoted by $f^*(A, L)$.

Remark 3.11. Proposition 3.9 shows in fact a bit more: there is a canonical adjunction between the functors $(A, L) \mapsto f^*(A, L)$ and $(A', L') \mapsto f_*(A', L')$.

3.3. Charts for Deligne–Faltings structures

If P is a monoid and X is a scheme, we denote by P_X the constant presheaf on $X_{\text{ét}}$ such that $P_X(U) = P$ for all $U \rightarrow X$ in $X_{\text{ét}}$, and by P_X^{sh} the associated constant sheaf. Notice that if A is a sheaf of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$, we have bijective correspondences between homomorphism of monoids $P \rightarrow A(X)$, homomorphism of presheaves of monoids $P_X \rightarrow A$, and homomorphism of sheaves of monoids $P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$.

Definition 3.12. Let X be a scheme, A be a sheaf of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$. A *chart* for A consists of a homomorphism of monoids $P \rightarrow A(X)$, such that P is a finitely generated monoid, and the induced homomorphism $P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$ is a cokernel in the category of sheaves of monoids.

An *atlas* consist of an étale covering $\{X_i \rightarrow X\}$ and a chart $P_i \rightarrow A(X_i)$ for each restriction $A|_{X_i}$.

Definition 3.13. A sheaf of monoids A on $X_{\text{ét}}$ is *coherent* if it is sharp and has an atlas. A sheaf of monoids is *fine* if it is coherent and integral.

Being a chart is property that can be checked at the level of stalks at geometric points of X .

Proposition 3.14. Let X be a scheme, A be a sheaf of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$. A homomorphism of monoids $P \rightarrow A(X)$ is a chart if and only if P is finitely generated, and for each geometric point $x : \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$ the induced homomorphism of monoids $P \rightarrow A_x$ is a cokernel.

Proof. Let K be the kernel of the induced homomorphism of presheaves of monoids $P_X \rightarrow A$. The homomorphism $P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$ is a cokernel if and only if the induced homomorphism $(P_X/K)^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$ is an isomorphism; hence $P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$ is a cokernel if and only if $P/K_x = (P_X/K)_x^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A_x$ is an isomorphism for all x . On the other hand the kernel of $P \rightarrow A_x$ is the stalk K_x , and the stalk of $(P_X/K)^{\text{sh}}$ at x is P/K_x ; so $P/K_x \rightarrow A_x$ is an isomorphism if and only if $P \rightarrow A_x$ is a cokernel. \square

In what follows we are going to use Rédei’s theorem, stating that every finitely generated commutative monoid is finitely presented (see for example [25, Theorem 72], or [9]).

If a sheaf of monoids is coherent, around each geometric point of X there exists a minimal chart.

Proposition 3.15. *Let A be a coherent sheaf of monoids on $X_{\acute{e}t}$, and let $x: \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$ a geometric point. Then there exists an étale neighborhood $\text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow U \rightarrow X$ of x and a chart $P \rightarrow A(U)$ for the restriction $A|_U$, such that the induced homomorphism $P \rightarrow A_x$ is an isomorphism.*

So, for example, a fine sheaf of monoids has an atlas $(\{X_i \rightarrow X\}, \{P_i \rightarrow A(X_i)\})$ in which all the P_i are integral and sharp.

Proof. Let us start with a lemma.

Lemma 3.16. *Let P be a finitely generated monoid. Any cokernel $P \rightarrow Q$ is the cokernel of a homomorphism $F \rightarrow P$, where $F \simeq \mathbb{N}^r$ is a finitely generated free monoid.*

Proof. Write $P \rightarrow Q$ as the cokernel of a homomorphism $F \rightarrow P$, where F is a free monoid over a set I . For each finite subset $A \subseteq I$ call $F_A \subseteq F$ the free submonoid generated by A and C_A the cokernel of the composite $F_A \subseteq F \rightarrow P$, and $R_A \subseteq P \times P$ the congruence equivalence relation determined by the projection $P \rightarrow C_A$. The monoidal equivalence relation R determined by the homomorphism $P \rightarrow Q$ is the union of the R_A ; since R is finitely generated as a monoidal equivalence relation, by Rédei’s theorem, there exists a finite subset $A \subseteq I$ such that $R = R_A$. So Q is the cokernel of $F_A \rightarrow P$. \square

By passing to an étale neighborhood, we may assume that there exists a global chart $P \rightarrow A(X)$. Consider the homomorphism $P \rightarrow A_x$; this is a cokernel, hence by the lemma there exists a finite free monoid F and a homomorphism $F \rightarrow P$ with cokernel A_x . By passing to an étale neighborhood, we may assume that the composite $F \rightarrow P \rightarrow A(X)$ is 0. Call Q the cokernel of $F \rightarrow P$; we have a factorization $P \rightarrow Q \rightarrow A(X)$. If K is the kernel of $P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$, then we see immediately that $Q_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$ is the cokernel of the composite $K \subseteq P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow Q_X^{\text{sh}}$. It follows from the construction that the induced homomorphism $Q \rightarrow A_x$ is an isomorphism. \square

For later use, we note the following fact, saying that charts can be chosen compatibly with arbitrary homomorphisms of coherent sheaves of monoids.

Proposition 3.17. *Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ be a homomorphism of coherent sheaves of monoids on a scheme X . Given a geometric point $x: \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$, there exists an étale neighborhood $U \rightarrow X$ of x , two finitely generated monoids P and Q , and a commutative diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P & \longrightarrow & Q \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A(U) & \xrightarrow{f(U)} & B(U)
 \end{array}$$

where the columns are charts for $f|_U: A|_U \rightarrow B|_U$. Furthermore, the columns can be chosen so that the induced homomorphisms $P \rightarrow A_x$ and $Q \rightarrow B_x$ are isomorphisms.

Proof. After passing to an étale neighborhood, we may assume that there are charts $P \rightarrow A(X)$ and $Q \rightarrow B(X)$ such that the composites $P \rightarrow A(X) \rightarrow A_x$ and $Q \rightarrow B(X) \rightarrow B_x$ are isomorphisms, by Proposition 3.15. The homomorphism $f_x: A_x \subseteq B_x$ induces a homomorphism $P \rightarrow Q$. The diagram above does not necessarily commute; however the images of a given finite

number of generators of P in B_x coincide, hence after a further restriction we may assume that it does commute. \square

Proposition 3.18. *Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be a morphism of schemes, A a coherent sheaf of monoids on $X_{\acute{e}t}$. Then the sheaf f^*A on $Y_{\acute{e}t}$ is coherent.*

Proof. Being coherent is a local property in the étale topology, so we may assume that there exists a chart $P \rightarrow A(X)$. We claim that the composite $P \rightarrow A(X) \xrightarrow{f^*} f^*A(Y)$ is also a chart. According to Proposition 3.14 this can be checked at the level of stalks: but the stalk of f^*A at a geometric point y of Y is the stalk of A at the image of y , so the statement is clear. \square

The condition of being coherent is local in the fppf topology. In fact we have the following stronger statement.

Proposition 3.19. *Let $f : Y \rightarrow X$ be an open surjective morphism of schemes, and let A be a sheaf of monoids on $X_{\acute{e}t}$. If f^*A is coherent as a sheaf on $Y_{\acute{e}t}$, then A is coherent.*

Proof. Let $x : \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$ be a geometric point; after possibly extending Ω , we may assume that there exists a lifting $y : \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow Y$. After passing to an étale neighborhood of y in Y and replacing X with its image in X , by Proposition 3.15 we may assume that there exists a chart $P \rightarrow f^*A(Y)$. From the induced homomorphism $P \rightarrow f^*A_y$ and the canonical isomorphism of stalks $A_x \simeq f^*A_y$ we obtain a homomorphism $P \rightarrow A_x$. Since by Rédei’s theorem P is finitely presented, after passing to an étale neighborhood of x we can assume that the homomorphism $P \rightarrow A_x$ factors as $P \rightarrow A(X) \rightarrow A_x$. The composite of $P \rightarrow A(X)$ with the canonical homomorphism $A(X) \rightarrow f^*A(Y)$ does not necessarily coincide with the given chart $P \rightarrow f^*A(Y)$; but since the images of the generators of P in $(f^*A)_y$ through the two maps are the same, after passing to an étale neighborhood of y in Y and further shrinking X we may assume that the two homomorphisms $P \rightarrow A(Y)$ coincide.

We claim that $P \rightarrow A(X)$ is a chart for A . If K is the kernel of the homomorphism of presheaves of monoids $P_X \rightarrow A$, we need to check that the induced homomorphism $(P_X/K)^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$ is an isomorphism, or, equivalently, that for any geometric point ξ of X the induced homomorphism $P/K_\xi = (P_X/K)_\xi^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A_\xi$ is an isomorphism. But if η is a geometric point of Y lying over ξ , we have that the kernel of $P_Y \rightarrow f^*A$ is the presheaf pullback f^pK ; so $K_\xi = f^pK_\eta \subseteq P$. The induced homomorphism $P/f^pK_\eta \rightarrow f^*A_\eta \simeq A_\xi$ is an isomorphism, and this completes the proof. \square

Definition 3.20. A Deligne–Faltings structure (A, L) on a scheme X is *coherent* if A is a coherent sheaf of monoids. It is *fine* if A is fine (i.e., integral and coherent).

Let (A, L) be a Deligne–Faltings structure on a scheme X , $P \rightarrow A(X)$ a chart. The composite $L_0 : P \rightarrow A(X) \xrightarrow{L(X)} \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ completely determines the Deligne–Faltings structure.

Proposition 3.21. *Let X be a scheme, P a finitely generated monoid, $L_0 : P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ a symmetric monoidal functor. Then there exists a Deligne–Faltings structure (A, L) on X , together with a homomorphism of monoids $\pi : P \rightarrow A(X)$ and an isomorphism η of symmetric monoidal functors between L_0 and the composite*

$$P \xrightarrow{\pi} A(X) \xrightarrow{L(X)} \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$$

such that $P \rightarrow A(X)$ is a chart. If K is the kernel of the symmetric monoidal functor $P_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$, then A is isomorphic to $(P_X/K)^{\text{sh}}$.

Furthermore, this is universal among such homomorphisms.

More precisely, given (A', L') another Deligne–Faltings structure on X , a homomorphism of monoids $\pi' : P \rightarrow A'(X)$, and an isomorphism η' of L_0 with the composite $P \xrightarrow{\pi'} A'(X) \xrightarrow{L'(X)} \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$, there exists a unique morphism $(\phi, \Phi) : (A, L) \rightarrow (A', L')$ such that $\phi(X) \circ \pi = \pi'$ and the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L_0 & \xrightarrow{\eta} & L(X) \circ \pi \\
 & \searrow \eta' & \downarrow \\
 & & L'(X) \circ \pi'
 \end{array}$$

of symmetric monoidal functors $P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$, where the vertical arrow is the homomorphism induced by $\Phi_X : L(X) \rightarrow L'(X) \circ \phi(X)$, commutes.

We call (A, L) the Deligne–Faltings structure associated with L_0 .

Proof. This is a direct consequence of Proposition 3.3. □

Example 3.22. Let X be a scheme, $(L_1, s_1), \dots, (L_r, s_r)$ objects of $\mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$. Consider the monoidal functor $L_0 : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ that sends $(k_1, \dots, k_r) \in \mathbb{N}^r$ into

$$(L_1, s_1)^{\otimes k_1} \otimes \dots \otimes (L_r, s_r)^{\otimes k_r}.$$

We call the Deligne–Faltings structure associated with L_0 the Deligne–Faltings structure generated by $(L_1, s_1), \dots, (L_r, s_r)$.

Denote by $e_i \in \mathbb{N}^r$ the i th canonical basis vector, that is, the vector with 1 at the i th place and 0 everywhere else. Suppose that $L'_0 : \mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ is another symmetric monoidal functor, and for each $i = 1, \dots, r$ we have an isomorphism $\phi_i : L'_0(e_i) \simeq (L_i, s_i)$; then it is easy to show that there exists a unique isomorphism $\phi : L'_0 \simeq L_0$ whose value at e_i is ϕ_i . By Proposition 3.21, this implies that the Deligne–Faltings structure (A, L) generated by $(L_1, s_1), \dots, (L_r, s_r)$ is, up to a unique isomorphism, the only Deligne–Faltings structure with a chart $\mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow A(X)$, such that the composite $\mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow A(X) \xrightarrow{L(X)} \mathcal{D}\text{iv}(X)$ sends e_i to (L_i, s_i) .

3.4. Charts and Kato charts

Our notion of chart can be compared with Kato’s.

Definition 3.23 ([12]). A Kato chart for the log structure (M, ρ) is the data of a finitely generated monoid P , and a morphism $P \rightarrow M(X)$, such that the composite $P \rightarrow M(X) \rightarrow \overline{M}(X)$ is a chart for \overline{M} .

Definition 3.24 ([21, Definition 2.1.1]). A log structure admitting a chart locally on $X_{\text{ét}}$ is called coherent. A log structure is fine if it is coherent and integral.

If we are given a finitely generated monoid P and a homomorphism $P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$, we compose with the morphism $\mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ defined in the proof of Theorem 3.6, sending $f \in \mathcal{O}(U)$ into (\mathcal{O}_U, f) , we obtain a symmetric monoidal functor $P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$, which, according to Proposition 3.21, gives us a Deligne–Faltings structure (A, L) on X . Call (M, ρ)

the associated log structure: the homomorphism $P \rightarrow A(X)$, together with $P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$, yields a Kato chart $P \rightarrow M(X)$ (recall, from the proof of [Theorem 3.6](#), that $M \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A \times_{\mathcal{D}\text{iv}_X \text{ét}} \mathcal{O}_X$). So the log structure associated with a Deligne–Faltings structure (A, L) is coherent if and only if there exists an étale cover $\{X_i \rightarrow X\}$ and charts $\{P_i \rightarrow A(X_i)\}$, such that the composites $P_i \rightarrow A(X_i) \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X_i$ lift to homomorphisms $P_i \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X_i)$.

Now we want to investigate the question of when a chart $P \rightarrow A(X)$ for a Deligne–Faltings structure (A, L) on X lifts to a Kato chart $P \rightarrow M(X)$. In other words, when does a symmetric monoidal functor $P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ lift to a homomorphism of monoids $P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$?

Fix a finitely generated monoid P . We denote by $\mathbb{Z}[P]$ the monoid ring of P . Since we are using additive notation for P , it is convenient to introduce an indeterminate x , and write an element of $\mathbb{Z}[P]$ as a finite sum $\sum_{p \in P} a_p x^p$, where $a_p \in \mathbb{Z}$ for all p .

A morphism $P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$ correspond to a ring homomorphism $\mathbb{Z}[P] \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$, hence to a morphism of schemes $X \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$. Thus we think of $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$ as representing the functor $\underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathbb{A}^1)$ from schemes to monoids (the monoidal structure is given by multiplication in \mathbb{A}^1). Thus $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$ is the space of Kato charts.

Consider the fibered category $\underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow (\text{Sch})$, whose objects over a scheme X are symmetric monoidal functors $P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$. A morphism $X \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$ gives a chart for a Deligne–Faltings structure on X . We think of $\underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$ as the stack of charts. There is an obvious morphism

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathbb{A}^1) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$$

that corresponds to the procedure of associating a chart to a Kato chart. In other words, if a morphism $X \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathbb{A}^1)$ corresponds to a homomorphism $P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X)$, the corresponding morphism $X \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$ corresponds to the composite $P \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$. The issue is: when is it possible to lift a symmetric monoidal functor $X \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$ to a symmetric monoidal functor $X \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$?

Set

$$\widehat{P} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathbb{G}_m) = \underline{\text{Hom}}(P^{\text{gp}}, \mathbb{G}_m);$$

then \widehat{P} is a diagonalizable group scheme, acting on $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$ (the action is induced by the action of \mathbb{G}_m on \mathbb{A}^1 by multiplication). Equivalently, we can think of \widehat{P} as the group scheme of invertible elements of $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$.

Since the group scheme \widehat{P} is diagonalizable, with character group

$$P^{\text{gp}} \simeq \text{Hom}(\widehat{P}, \mathbb{G}_m),$$

by the standard description of representations of \widehat{P} , a \widehat{P} -torsor $\eta: E \rightarrow T$ gives a P^{gp} -grading on the sheaf of algebras $\eta_* \mathcal{O}_E$. The trivial torsor $\widehat{P} \times T \rightarrow T$ corresponds to the group algebra $\mathcal{O}_T[P^{\text{gp}}]$. This gives an equivalence of categories between the category of \widehat{P} -torsors and the opposite of the groupoid of sheaves of P^{gp} -graded algebras over \mathcal{O}_T , such that each graded summand is invertible. Given such an algebra A , the torsor E is the relative spectrum $\underline{\text{Spec}}_T A$; the action is defined by the grading.

The action of \widehat{P} on $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$ corresponds to the natural P^{gp} -grading

$$\mathbb{Z}[P] = \bigoplus_{u \in P^{\text{gp}}} \left(\bigoplus_{\substack{p \in P \\ \iota_P(p)=u}} \mathbb{Z}x^p \right).$$

A morphism $T \rightarrow [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$ corresponds to a \widehat{P} -torsor $\eta: E \rightarrow T$ and a \widehat{P} -equivariant morphism $E \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$; this morphism gives $\eta_*\mathcal{O}_E$ the structure of a $\mathcal{O}_T[P]$ algebra, which is compatible with the P^{gp} -grading of $\mathbb{Z}[P]$. Hence, we see that the groupoid of objects of $[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$ over T is equivalent to the opposite of the groupoid whose objects are sheaf of commutative P^{gp} -graded $\mathcal{O}_T[P]$ -algebras over T , whose grading is compatible with the grading of $\mathcal{O}_T[P]$, that are fppf locally isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_T[P^{\text{gp}}]$ as graded \mathcal{O}_T -algebras.

Proposition 3.25. *Let P be a finitely generated monoid. There is an equivalence of fibered categories between $\underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathfrak{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$ with the quotient stack $[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$ by the action defined above.*

Proof. Let T be a scheme; suppose that we are given an object of $[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$ over T , corresponding to a sheaf A of $\mathcal{O}_T[P]$ -algebras, as above. With this, we associate a symmetric monoidal functor $P \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}\text{iv } T$ as follows. Write $A = \bigoplus_{u \in P^{\text{gp}}} A_u$; then by the local description of A we see that A_u is an invertible sheaf on T . The functor $P \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}\text{iv } T$ associates with $p \in P$ the pair $(A_{\iota_P(p)}, x^p)$, where by abuse of notation we identify the element $x^p \in \mathbb{Z}[P]$ with its image in $A(T)$. The symmetric monoidal structure on the functor is given by the algebra structure on A ; we leave the easy details to the reader.

For the inverse construction, we need the following. Suppose that G is a finitely generated abelian group, $L: G \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}\text{ic } T$ a symmetric monoidal functor. With this we can associate a G -graded sheaf of \mathcal{O}_T -modules

$$A^L \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigoplus_{g \in G} L_g.$$

It is easy to see that the isomorphisms $L_g \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_T} L_h \rightarrow L_{g+h}$ coming from the symmetric monoidal structure of L give A^L the structure of a sheaf of commutative G -graded algebras.

The trivial symmetric monoidal functor $G \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}\text{iv } T$ defines the sheaf of group algebras $\mathcal{O}_T[G]$.

Lemma 3.26. *Locally in the fppf topology, the sheaf of commutative G -graded algebras associated with a symmetric monoidal monoidal functor $G \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}\text{iv } T$ is isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_T[G]$.*

Proof. Let us decompose G as a product $G_1 \times \dots \times G_r$ of cyclic groups. If we denote by L^i the restriction of L to $G_i \subseteq G$, it is immediate to see that if $g_i \in G_i$ for all i , then $L_{g_1 \dots g_r} \simeq L_{g_1} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_T} \dots \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_T} L_{g_r}$, and that this induces an isomorphism of sheaves of \mathcal{O}_T -algebras

$$A^L \simeq A^{L^1} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_T} \dots \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_T} A^{L^r};$$

so we may assume that G is cyclic.

Call γ a generator of G . If G is infinite, after restricting T in the Zariski topology we may assume that there exists an isomorphism $L_\gamma \simeq \mathcal{O}_T$. The monoidal structure of L gives an isomorphism $L_{\gamma^k} \simeq L_\gamma^{\otimes k}$ for any element γ^k in G ; this induces an isomorphism of sheaves of G -graded modules $A^L \simeq \bigoplus_{g \in G} \mathcal{O}_T = \mathcal{O}_T[G]$, which is immediately seen to be an isomorphism of \mathcal{O}_T -algebras.

If G has order n , then the symmetric monoidal structure of L gives isomorphism

$$\mathcal{O}_T \simeq L_1 = L_{\gamma^n} \simeq L_\gamma^{\otimes n};$$

after passing to a fppf cover of T , we may assume that there exists a nowhere vanishing section s of L_γ such that $s^{\otimes n}$ corresponds to $1 \in \mathcal{O}_T$; this defines an isomorphism $\mathcal{O}_T \simeq L_\gamma$, sending 1 to s . If $\gamma^k \in G$, we obtain an isomorphism

$$\mathcal{O}_T \simeq L_\gamma^k \simeq L_{\gamma^k};$$

the condition on s ensures that this is independent of k . As in the previous case, this defines an isomorphism $A^L \simeq \mathcal{O}_T[G]$, which is easily seen to be an isomorphism of algebras. \square

We claim that the functor from $[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}](T) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } T)$ constructed above is an equivalence. Given a symmetric monoidal functor $L : P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } T$ we first define a symmetric monoidal functor $L^{\text{gp}} : P \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}\text{ic } T$ by the obvious formula³ $L_{\iota_p a - \iota_p b}^{\text{gp}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L_a \otimes L_b^\vee$, and then construct a sheaf of algebras $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigoplus_{u \in P^{\text{gp}}} L_u^{\text{gp}}$. We define a structure of $\mathcal{O}_T[P]$ -algebra on A by sending, for each $p \in \mathcal{O}[P](T)$ the element x^p into the tautological section $\sigma_p^L \in L_p \simeq L_{\iota_p p}^{\text{gp}}$. We need to check that A gives an object of $[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$ over T ; once this is done, it is straightforward to verify that this construction gives a quasi-inverse to the functor defined above. In doing so the only difficulty is to show that A is fppf locally isomorphic to $\mathcal{O}_T[P^{\text{gp}}]$; and this is the content of Lemma 3.26. This concludes the proof of the proposition. \square

Corollary 3.27. *Let (A, L) be Deligne–Faltings structure on a scheme X , and call (M, ρ) the induced log structure. Then (A, L) is coherent if and only if there exists a fppf cover $X' \rightarrow X$ such that the pullback of (M, ρ) to X' is coherent.*

Proof. Assume that (M, ρ) becomes coherent after pulling to a fppf cover $f : X' \rightarrow X$. Then $f^* \overline{M} = f^* A$ is coherent, and, by Proposition 3.19, (A, L) is coherent.

On the other hand, if (A, L) is coherent, pick an étale cover $\{X_i \rightarrow X\}$ and charts $\{P_i \rightarrow A(X_i)\}$. Consider the induced morphisms $X_i \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(P_i, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$. The pullback

$$X'_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_i \times_{\underline{\text{Hom}}(P_i, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})} \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P_i]$$

is a \widehat{P}_i -torsor over X_i , and the pullback of (M, ρ) to X'_i is coherent. We conclude the proof by setting $X' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sqcup_i X'_i$. \square

But in fact we can do better.

Proposition 3.28. *Let (A, L) be Deligne–Faltings structure on a scheme X , and call (M, ρ) the induced log structure. Then (A, L) is coherent if and only if (M, ρ) is coherent.*

From this and from Corollary 3.27 we obtain the following, which seems to be new.

Corollary 3.29. *Let (M, ρ) be a logarithmic structure on a scheme X . If there exists a fppf cover $X' \rightarrow X$ such that the pullback of (M, ρ) to X' is coherent, then (M, ρ) is coherent.*

Proof of Proposition 3.28. If (M, ρ) is coherent, then (A, L) is coherent, by Corollary 3.27; so we may assume that (A, L) is coherent. We need to show that (M, ρ) is coherent.

First of all, consider the case that X is the spectrum of a strictly henselian local ring R . Then the global sections functor gives an equivalence between the category of sheaves of monoids on

³ See Proposition 5.4 for a more general construction.

$X_{\text{ét}}$ and that of monoids; consequently, we can identify M and A with their monoids of global sections.

We will show that there exists a finitely generated submonoid $P \subseteq M$, such that the composite $P \subseteq M \rightarrow A$ is a cokernel; then the embedding $P \subseteq M$ gives a Kato chart. This is done as follows.

The kernel of the natural projection $M \rightarrow A$ is the group R^* of units in R . The monoid A is finitely generated; let a_1, \dots, a_s be generators, and let q_1, \dots, q_s be elements of M mapping to a_1, \dots, a_s respectively. Denote by Q the submonoid of M generated by the q_i 's. Denote by S the image of the induced homomorphism $Q^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow M^{\text{gp}}$; since Q is a finitely generated monoid, the group S is finitely generated, and so is the subgroup $S \cap R^*$ of R^* .

Let r_1, \dots, r_t be generators of the group $S \cap R^*$; denote by P the submonoid of M generated by $q_1, \dots, q_s, \pm r_1, \dots, \pm r_t$. We claim that $P \cap R^* = S \cap R^*$.

The inclusion $S \cap R^* \subseteq P \cap R^*$ is obvious. Let $p \in P \cap R^*$; write $p = q + p'$, where $q \in Q$ and $p' \in S \cap R^*$. Then $q = p - p' \in R^*$, hence $q \in Q \cap R^* \subseteq S \cap R^*$, so $p \in S \cap R^*$.

Let us verify that the composite $P \subseteq M \rightarrow A$ is a cokernel. It is clearly surjective, since Q , which is contained in P , surjects onto A . Now we need to check that if p_1 and p_2 are elements of P having the same image in A , then there exists $m \in \ker(P \rightarrow A) = S \cap R^*$ such that $p_2 = p_1 + m$. Such an m exists in R^* , because $M/R^* = A$. It is immediate to see that the image of P^{gp} in M^{gp} equals S ; hence $m \in S$, and this concludes the proof.

In the general case, let $x : \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$ be a geometric point of X ; we need to construct a chart for (M, ρ) in some étale neighborhood of x in X . Let R be the strict henselization of the local ring $\mathcal{O}_{X,x}$; by the previous case, the pullback (M_x, ρ_x) of (M, ρ) to $\text{Spec } R$ is coherent. It is easy to see that M_x is the fiber of M at x . Let $P \rightarrow M_x$ be a Kato chart; since P is finitely presented, after passing to an étale neighborhood of x we may assume that $P \rightarrow M_x$ comes from a homomorphism $P \rightarrow M(X)$. We need to check that the composite $P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow M \rightarrow A$ is a cokernel, perhaps after further restricting X .

Let K be the kernel of $P_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$; we have to show that the induced homomorphism $f : P_X^{\text{sh}}/K \rightarrow A$ is an isomorphism. Set $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P_X^{\text{sh}}/K$. The kernel of f is obviously trivial; this, together with the fact that A is sharp, implies that B is sharp. Also, B has a tautological chart, hence it is coherent. From Proposition 3.17, we see that after restricting to an étale neighborhood of x we may assume that there are charts $B_x \rightarrow B(X)$ and $A_x \rightarrow A(X)$, inducing the identity on B_x and A_x , such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_x & \xrightarrow{f_x} & A_x \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B(X) & \xrightarrow{f(X)} & A(X) \end{array}$$

commutes. Call K_B and K_A the kernels of the induced homomorphisms $(B_x)_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow B$ and $(A_x)_X^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow A$ respectively; since the kernel of f is trivial, we see that $K_B = f_x^{-1} K_A$. Since f_x is an isomorphism, it induces an isomorphism $(B_x)_X^{\text{sh}}/K_B \simeq (A_x)_X^{\text{sh}}/K_A$; but the induced homomorphisms $(B_x)_X^{\text{sh}}/K_B \rightarrow B$ and $(A_x)_X^{\text{sh}}/K_B \rightarrow A$ are isomorphisms by hypothesis, so f is an isomorphism, as claimed. \square

4. Systems of denominators and stacks of roots

Several instances of the construction given in this section have been introduced by Martin Olsson [16,22], and the idea should certainly be attributed to him.

4.1. *Systems of denominators*

Definition 4.1. Let A and B be finitely generated monoids. A *Kummer homomorphism* $f : A \rightarrow B$ is an injective homomorphism of monoids, such that for each $b \in B$ there exists a positive integer m such that mb is in the image of f .

Lemma 4.2. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be a Kummer homomorphism of finitely generated monoids. Then $f^{\text{gp}} : A^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow B^{\text{gp}}$ is injective with finite cokernel.

Proof. Since B^{gp} is a finitely generated abelian group, to show that the cokernel is finite it is enough to show that it is torsion. This is evident.

Let us show that f^{gp} is injective. We write the elements of A^{gp} as differences $a - a'$; we have $a - a' = 0$ in A^{gp} if and only if there exists $x \in A$ such that $a + x = a' + x$ in A . Suppose that $f(a) - f(a') = f^{\text{gp}}(a - a') = 0$. Then there exists $y \in B$ such that $f(a) + y = f(a') + y$. If $m > 0$ is such that $my = f(x)$, we have $f(a + x) = f(a) + my = f(a') + my = f(a' + x)$ in B , hence $a + x = a' + x$ in B , and $a - a' = 0$ in A^{gp} . \square

Definition 4.3. Let X be a scheme, A a coherent sheaf of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$. A *system of denominators* for A is an injective homomorphism of sheaves of monoids $A \rightarrow B$ such that

- (a) For any geometric point x of X , the induced homomorphism $A_x \rightarrow B_x$ is a Kummer homomorphism, and
- (b) B is coherent.

Obviously, a system of denominators $A \rightarrow B$ is injective, because it is injective stalkwise. We will normally write a system of denominators for A as B/A , and think of A as a subsheaf of B .

Example 4.4. Suppose that A is a sharp integral torsion-free sheaf of monoids, d a positive integer. Then the homomorphism $A \rightarrow A$ sending a to da is a system of denominators for A .

Definition 4.5. Let X be a scheme, A a coherent sheaf of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$, $A \subseteq B$ a system of denominators. A *chart* for B/A is a commutative diagram of monoids

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P & \longrightarrow & Q \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A(X) & \longrightarrow & B(X)
 \end{array} \tag{4.1}$$

where the bottom row is induced by the embedding $A \subseteq B$, the top row is a Kummer homomorphism, and the columns are charts for A and B respectively.

Proposition 4.6. Let B/A be a system of denominators for the coherent sheaf of monoids A on $X_{\text{ét}}$. Given a geometric point $x : \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$, there exists an étale neighborhood $U \rightarrow X$ of x such that the restriction $A|_U \rightarrow B|_U$ has a chart

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P & \longrightarrow & Q \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 A(U) & \longrightarrow & B(U).
 \end{array}$$

Furthermore, the chart can be chosen so that the induced homomorphisms $P \rightarrow A_x$ and $Q \rightarrow B_x$ are isomorphisms.

Proof. This follows immediately from Proposition 3.17. \square

Lemma 4.7. Let A be a coherent sheaf of monoids on $X_{\acute{e}t}$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{\phi} & Q \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A(X) & \longrightarrow & B(X) \end{array}$$

a chart for a system of denominators B/A . Denote by K_A and K_B the kernel of the induced homomorphisms $P_X \rightarrow A$ and $Q_X \rightarrow B$ respectively. Let $U \rightarrow X$ be an étale morphism. An element q of Q is in $K_B(U)$ if and only if there exists a covering $\{U_i \rightarrow U\}$ and positive integers m_i such that $m_i q|_{U_i} \in K_A(U_i)$.

Proof. The proof is easy and left to the reader. \square

Remark 4.8. As a corollary of this fact we have that the system of denominators B/A is uniquely determined up to a unique homomorphism by the chart $P \rightarrow A(X)$ and the Kummer homomorphism $P \rightarrow Q$, since $B \simeq (Q_X/K_B)^{\text{sh}}$, and K_B does not depend on B .

On the other hand, if we are given a chart $P \rightarrow A(X)$ and a Kummer homomorphism $P \rightarrow Q$, this does not necessarily give a chart for a system of denominators B/A . The problem is that if we define $K_B \subseteq Q_X$ by the formula of Lemma 4.7, the induced homomorphism $A \simeq (P_X/K_A)^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow (Q_X/K_B)^{\text{sh}}$ is not necessarily injective, in this generality.

It is easy to show that $A \rightarrow (Q_X/K_B)^{\text{sh}}$ is injective, for example, when P and Q are integral and saturated, which is the case of greatest interest for the applications. With these hypotheses we can conclude that given a chart $P \rightarrow A(X)$ and Kummer homomorphism $P \rightarrow Q$, there exists a system of denominators B/A , together with a chart as above. Furthermore, B/A is uniquely determined up to a unique homomorphism.

4.2. Stacks of roots

Let us start by defining categories of roots for Deligne–Faltings objects.

Definition 4.9. Let $j: P \rightarrow Q$ be a homomorphism of monoids, and let \mathcal{M} a symmetric monoidal category, $L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ a symmetric monoidal functor. Then we define the category of roots $(L)(Q/P)$ as follows.

Its objects are pairs (M, α) , where $M: Q \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a symmetric monoidal functor, and $\alpha: L \rightarrow M \circ j$ is an isomorphism of symmetric monoidal functors from L to the composite $M \circ j: P \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

An arrow h from (M, α) to (M', α') is an isomorphism $h: M \rightarrow M'$ of symmetric monoidal functors $Q \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & L & \\ \alpha \swarrow & & \searrow \alpha' \\ M \circ j & \xrightarrow{h \circ j} & M' \circ j \end{array}$$

commutes.

The name *category of roots* is only justified when j is a Kummer morphism; but this hypothesis is not required at this stage.

Here is a more general definition.

Definition 4.10. Let \mathcal{C} be a category, $j: A \rightarrow B$ a homomorphism of presheaves of monoids $\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{ComMon})$. Let $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ be a symmetric monoidal fibered category, $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ a symmetric monoidal morphism of fibered categories. Then we define the *category of roots* $(\mathcal{C}, L)(B/A)$ as follows.

The objects are pairs (M, α) , where $M: B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is a symmetric monoidal functor, and $\alpha: L \rightarrow M \circ j$ is an isomorphism of symmetric monoidal functors from L to the composite $M \circ j: A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

An arrow h from (M, α) to (M', α') is an isomorphism $h: M \rightarrow M'$ of symmetric monoidal functors $B \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$, such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & L & \\
 \alpha \swarrow & & \searrow \alpha' \\
 M \circ j & \xrightarrow{h \circ j} & M' \circ j
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

When \mathcal{C} is the category with one object and one morphism, we recover the previous definition.

Remark 4.11. Notice that categories of roots, as defined above, are groupoids.

Next we define stacks of roots for Deligne–Faltings structures in two different contexts.

Suppose that X is a scheme, $j: P \rightarrow Q$ a homomorphism of monoids, $L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ a symmetric monoidal functor. For each morphism of schemes $t: T \rightarrow X$, the pullback $t^*: \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } T$ yields a symmetric monoidal functor $t^* \circ L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } T$, from which we obtain a category of roots $(t^* \circ L)(Q/P)$.

Let $f: T' \rightarrow T$ be a homomorphism of X -schemes from $t': T' \rightarrow X$ to $t: T \rightarrow X$. Suppose that (M, α) is an object of the category of roots $(t^* \circ L)(Q/P)$. Then the composite $f^* \circ M: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } T'$ is a symmetric monoidal functor. The isomorphism $\alpha: t^* \circ L \simeq M \circ j$ can be pulled back along f , yielding an isomorphism

$$f^* \circ \alpha: f^* \circ t^* \circ L \simeq f^* \circ M \circ j;$$

by composing with the natural isomorphism $t'^* \circ L \simeq f^* \circ t^* \circ L$ we obtain an isomorphism $t'^* \circ L \simeq f^* \circ M \circ j$, which we still denote by $f^* \circ \alpha$. The pair $(f^* \circ M, f^* \circ \alpha)$ is an object of $(t'^* \circ L)(Q/P)$; there is a natural functor

$$f^*: (t^* \circ L)(Q/P) \rightarrow (t'^* \circ L)(Q/P)$$

(we leave it to the reader to define the action of f^* on arrows).

This defines a pseudo-functor from (Sch/X) into the 2-category of categories.

Definition 4.12. Let X be a scheme, $j: P \rightarrow Q$ a homomorphism of monoids, $L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ a symmetric monoidal functor. We define the *stack of roots* associated with these data, denoted by $(X, L)_{Q/P}$, or simply $X_{Q/P}$, as the fibered category over (Sch/X) associated with the pseudo-functor above.

Suppose that in the definition above $j: P \rightarrow Q$ is a homomorphism of finitely generated monoids. From Proposition 3.25 we see that the homomorphism $L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ corresponds to a morphism $X \rightarrow [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$. Again from Proposition 3.25 we obtain the following useful description of $X_{Q/P}$. The homomorphism $\mathbb{Z}[P] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[Q]$ induced by j induces a morphism $\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q] \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$. This is $\widehat{j}: \widehat{Q} \rightarrow \widehat{P}$ equivariant, where \widehat{j} is the homomorphism of algebraic groups over \mathbb{Z} induced by j . This gives a morphism of algebraic stacks $[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]/\widehat{Q}] \rightarrow [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$. This corresponds with the morphism

$$\underline{\text{Hom}}(Q, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Hom}}(P, \mathcal{D}\text{iv } \mathbb{Z})$$

induced by j . From Proposition 3.25 we immediately obtain the following.

Proposition 4.13. *The stack $X_{Q/P}$ is isomorphic to the fibered product*

$$X \times_{[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]} [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]/\widehat{Q}].$$

Remark 4.14. This can also be stated as follows. Let $L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ be a symmetric monoidal functor, corresponding, according to Proposition 3.25, to a morphism $X \rightarrow [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$, i.e., to a \widehat{P} -torsor $\eta: E \rightarrow X$ and a \widehat{P} -equivariant morphism $E \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$. From the proof of Proposition 3.25 we see that the P^{gp} -graded $\mathcal{O}_X[P]$ algebra $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \eta_* \mathcal{O}_E$ is canonically isomorphic to $\bigoplus_{u \in P^{\text{gp}}} L_u^{\text{gp}}$. The functor $L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ sends $p \in P$ to the pair $(A_{\iota_P(p)}, x^p)$.

The fibered product $X \times_{[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]} [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]/\widehat{Q}]$ is the stack theoretic quotient

$$[E \times_{\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]} \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]/\widehat{Q}],$$

where the action of \widehat{Q} on the fibered product $E \times_{\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]} \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q] = \underline{\text{Spec}}_X(A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[P]} \mathbb{Z}[Q])$ is given by the natural action on the second factor, while on the first factor \widehat{Q} acts through the natural homomorphism $\widehat{Q} \rightarrow \widehat{P}$ induced by the embedding $P \subseteq Q$. In other words, $X \times_{[\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]} [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]/\widehat{Q}]$ is the relative spectrum of the \mathcal{O}_X -algebra $A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[P]} \mathbb{Z}[Q]$, with the obvious grading.

This gives a description of the category of quasi-coherent sheaves on the stack $X_{Q/P}$ that will be used later. A quasi-coherent sheaf on $X_{Q/P}$ corresponds to a \widehat{Q} -equivariant quasi-coherent sheaf on $E \times_{\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]} \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]$; and this corresponds to a Q^{gp} -graded quasi-coherent sheaf of modules over the sheaf of rings $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[P]} \mathbb{Z}[Q]$.

Denote by $\pi: X_{Q/P} \rightarrow X$ the projection. There is a tautological extension of the pullback Deligne–Faltings structure π^P , which we will denote by $\lambda: Q \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X_{Q/P}$; if $v \in Q^{\text{gp}}$, then $\lambda^{\text{gp}}: Q^{\text{gp}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}\text{ic } X_{Q/P}$ sends v into the sheaf $B[v]$ (by which we denote the sheaf B , but with the grading shifted by v , i.e., $B[v]_{v'} = B_{v+v'}$).

If $\pi: X_{Q/P} \rightarrow X$ denotes the projection, the pushforward operation π_* from quasi-coherent sheaves on $X_{Q/P}$ to quasi-coherent sheaves on X corresponds to the operation that associates with each sheaf N of Q^{gp} -graded quasi-coherent sheaf of modules over B the part N_0 of degree 0.

Corollary 4.15. *If $j: P \rightarrow Q$ is a homomorphism of finitely generated monoids, X is a scheme, and $L: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ is a symmetric monoidal functor, the stack $X_{Q/P}$ is algebraic and finitely presented over X .*

Here is a variant of this definition. Suppose that X is a scheme, $j: A \rightarrow B$ a homomorphism of sheaves of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$, $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X_{\text{ét}}$ a morphism of symmetric monoidal fibered

categories. For each morphism of schemes $t: T \rightarrow X$ we have a symmetric monoidal functor $t^*L: t^*A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{T_{\acute{e}t}}$, with which we associate a category $(t^*L)(t^*B/t^*A)$.

Suppose that (M, α) is an object of $(t^*L)(t^*B/t^*A)$, and that $f: T' \rightarrow T$ is a morphism of X -schemes. The isomorphism $\alpha: t^*L \simeq M \circ t^*j$ pulls back to an isomorphism $f^*t^*L \simeq f^*(M \circ t^*j)$. By composing with the natural isomorphisms $f^*t^*L \simeq t'^*L$ and $f^*(M \circ t^*j) \simeq f^*M \circ f^*t^*j \simeq f^*M \circ t'^*j$ we obtain an isomorphism $f^*\alpha: t'^*L \simeq f^*M \circ t'^*j$, and thus an object $f^*(M, \alpha) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (f^*M, f^*\alpha)$ of $(t'^*L)(t'^*B/t'^*A)$. This construction extends naturally to a symmetric monoidal functor

$$f^*: (t^*L)(t^*B/t^*A) \rightarrow (t'^*L)(t'^*B/t'^*A)$$

which in turn gives a pseudo-functor from (Sch/X) to the 2-category of categories.

Definition 4.16. Let X be a scheme, $j: A \rightarrow B$ a homomorphism of sheaves of monoids on $X_{\acute{e}t}$, $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\acute{e}t}}$ a morphism of symmetric monoidal fibered categories. We define the *stack of roots* associated with these data, denoted by $(X, L)_{B/A}$, or simply $X_{B/A}$, as the fibered category over (Sch/X) associated with the pseudo-functor above.

Remark 4.17. Suppose that X is a scheme, $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{\acute{e}t}}$ a Deligne–Faltings structure, B/A a system of denominators. Let $t: T \rightarrow X_{B/A}$ be a morphism, where T is a scheme. Then the corresponding morphism $M: t^*B \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{T_{\acute{e}t}}$ is a Deligne–Faltings structure (i.e., its kernel is trivial). This follows easily from the fact that B is sharp.

Proposition 4.18. Let (A, L) be a Deligne–Faltings structure on X , $j: A \rightarrow B$ a system of denominators,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{j_0} & Q \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow k \\ A(X) & \xrightarrow{j(X)} & B(X) \end{array}$$

a chart for B/A . Let $L_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L(X) \circ h: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv X$. Then there is a canonical equivalence $(X, L_0)_{Q/P} \simeq (X, L)_{B/A}$ of fibered categories over (Sch/X) .

Proof. It is easy to construct a cartesian functor $X_{B/A} \rightarrow X_{Q/P}$. Let $t: T \rightarrow X$ be a morphism of schemes; we denote by $t^*h: P \rightarrow (t^*A)(T)$ the composite of $h: P \rightarrow A(X)$ with the natural pullback homomorphism $t^*: A(X) \rightarrow (t^*A)(T)$, and analogously for $t^*k: Q \rightarrow (t^*B)(T)$.

Suppose that (M, α) is an object of $X_{B/A}(T) = (t^*L)(t^*B/t^*A)$. Then $\alpha(T)$ is an isomorphism between the functors $t^*L(T)$ and $M(T) \circ t^*j(T)$, which go from $t^*A(T)$ to $\mathcal{D}iv T$; then $\alpha(T) \circ t^*h$ is an isomorphism from $t^*L(T) \circ t^*h$ to $M(T) \circ t^*j(T) \circ t^*h = M(T) \circ t^*k \circ j_0$; hence $(M(T) \circ t^*k, \alpha(T) \circ t^*h)$ is an object of $X_{Q/P}(T) = (t^* \circ L_0)(Q/P)$. This construction extends naturally to a cartesian functor $X_{B/A} \rightarrow X_{Q/P}$.

To go in the other direction, start from an object (M_0, α_0) of $X_{Q/P}(T) = (t^* \circ L_0)(Q/P)$. Denote by K_A and K_B the presheaf kernels of the morphisms $P_T \rightarrow A$ and $Q_T \rightarrow B$ induced by t^*h and t^*k respectively. From the characterization of [Lemma 4.7](#), it is easy to see that K_B is also the kernel of the symmetric monoidal functor $Q_T \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{T_{\acute{e}t}}$ induced by M_0 . Consider the Deligne–Faltings structure $M: t^*B = (Q_T/K_B)^{\text{sh}} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{T_{\acute{e}t}}$ induced by M_0 ([Proposition 3.21](#)).

Call M_A the restriction of M to t^*A , i.e., the composite $t^*A \xrightarrow{t^*j} t^*B \xrightarrow{M} \mathcal{D}iv_{T_{\acute{e}t}}$; then the

composite $P \xrightarrow{j_0} Q \xrightarrow{t^*k} B(T) \xrightarrow{M(T)} \mathcal{D}iv T$ factors through $M_A(T): A(T) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv T$. From the isomorphism $t^*\alpha_0: t^*L_0 \simeq t^*j \circ M_0$ and the restriction to $P(T)$ of the given isomorphism $M(T) \circ t^*k \simeq M_0$, we obtain an isomorphism $\alpha: t^*L \simeq M \circ j$, because of the functoriality statement in Proposition 3.21. The pair (M, α) is an object of $X_{B/A}(T)$.

We leave it to the reader to define a morphism of fibered categories $X_{Q/P} \rightarrow X_{B/A}$ that associates (M, α) with (M_0, α_0) , and check that this yields a quasi-inverse to the morphism $X_{B/A} \rightarrow X_{Q/P}$ defined above. \square

Proposition 4.19. *Let (A, L) be a Deligne–Faltings structure on X , $j: A \rightarrow B$ a system of denominators. Then the fibered category $X_{B/A}$ is a finite and finitely presented algebraic stack over X . It is tame, in the sense of [2].*

Furthermore, assume that for each geometric point $x: \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$, the order of the quotient $B_x^{\text{gp}}/A_x^{\text{gp}}$ is prime to the characteristic of Ω . Then $X_{B/A}$ is a Deligne–Mumford stack.

Proof. The fact that $X_{B/A}$ is a stack follows from standard arguments of descent theory, and is omitted.

To check the other conditions is a local question in the étale topology over X ; hence we may assume that there is a chart

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \longrightarrow & Q \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ A(X) & \longrightarrow & B(X). \end{array}$$

Furthermore, if the order of the quotient $B_x^{\text{gp}}/A_x^{\text{gp}}$ is prime to the characteristic of Ω for each geometric point $x: \text{Spec } \Omega \rightarrow X$, we may assume that the order of the finite group $Q^{\text{gp}}/P^{\text{gp}}$ is everywhere prime to the characteristic of each of the residue fields of X .

Call G the kernel of the surjective homomorphism $\widehat{j}: \widehat{Q} \rightarrow \widehat{P}$ induced by j ; it is a finite diagonalizable group, the Cartier dual of the finite group $Q^{\text{gp}}/P^{\text{gp}}$. It is smooth if the condition on the characteristic is verified. There is a cartesian diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]/G] & \longrightarrow & [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[Q]/\widehat{Q}] \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P] & \longrightarrow & [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}], \end{array}$$

which says that fppf locally on X the stack $X_{Q/P}$ is a quotient by an action of G over a scheme which is finite over X (since $\mathbb{Z}[Q]$ is a finite extension of $\mathbb{Z}[P]$). This shows that it is finite and tame, and Deligne–Mumford if the conditions on the characteristic are verified. \square

5. Parabolic sheaves

5.1. Categories of weights

Definition 5.1. Given a monoid A , let A^{wt} be the strict symmetric monoidal category whose objects are elements of A^{gp} , and arrows $a: u \rightarrow v$ are elements a of A such that $u + \iota_A a = v \in A^{\text{gp}}$. The monoidal structure is given by the operations in A^{gp} (for the objects) and A (for the arrows).

Notice that if A is integral, A^{wt} is a partially ordered set (that is, there is at most one arrow between any two objects of A^{wt}).

There is a natural symmetric monoidal functor $A \rightarrow A^{\text{wt}}$, given at the level of objects by the function $\iota_A: A \rightarrow A^{\text{gp}}$.

Proposition 5.2. *Given a monoid A , a scheme X and a symmetric monoidal functor $L: A \rightarrow \text{Div } X$, there exists a symmetric monoidal functor $L^{\text{wt}}: A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic} X$, and a monoidal 2-isomorphism Φ*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A^{\text{wt}} \\ L \downarrow & \nearrow \Phi & \downarrow L^{\text{wt}} \\ \text{Div } X & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{Pic} X \end{array}$$

such that for all $a \in A$ the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & L_a & \xrightarrow{\Phi(a)} & L^{\text{wt}}(a) \\ & \nearrow \sigma_a^L & & & \uparrow L^{\text{wt}}(a) \\ \mathcal{O}_X & & & & \\ & \searrow \epsilon^L & L_0 & \xrightarrow{\Phi(0)} & L^{\text{wt}}(0) \end{array}$$

commutes.

Furthermore L^{wt} and Φ are unique up to a unique isomorphism.

Proof. The uniqueness statement is easily proved, so we concentrate on constructing a solution (L^{wt}, Φ) .

First, consider the category A^{dwt} whose objects are elements of $A \times A$ and whose arrows $c: (a, b) \rightarrow (a', b')$ are elements c of A such that $\iota_A(a + b' + c) = \iota_A(a' + b)$. There is a natural functor $A^{\text{dwt}} \rightarrow A^{\text{wt}}$ sending the object (a, b) to the object $a - b$, and this is clearly a monoidal equivalence. The functor $A \rightarrow A^{\text{wt}}$ factors as $A \rightarrow A^{\text{dwt}} \rightarrow A^{\text{wt}}$, where $A \rightarrow A^{\text{dwt}}$ is defined by $a \mapsto (a, 0)$; thus it is enough to produce a functor $L^{\text{dwt}}: A^{\text{dwt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic} X$, together with an isomorphism of the composites $A \rightarrow A^{\text{dwt}} \xrightarrow{L^{\text{dwt}}} \mathfrak{Pic} X$ and $A \rightarrow \text{Div } X \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic} X$, such that for each $a \in A$ the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & L_a & \xrightarrow{\Phi(a)} & L^{\text{dwt}}(a, 0) \\ & \nearrow \sigma_a^L & & & \uparrow L^{\text{dwt}}(a) \\ \mathcal{O}_X & & & & \\ & \searrow \epsilon^L & L_0 & \xrightarrow{\Phi(0)} & L^{\text{dwt}}(0, 0) \end{array}$$

commutes. Then we can define L^{wt} by composing L^{dwt} with a monoidal quasi-inverse $A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow A^{\text{dwt}}$ of the equivalence $A^{\text{dwt}} \rightarrow A^{\text{wt}}$.

At the level of objects, we define L^{dwt} by the obvious rule $L^{\text{dwt}}(a, b) = L_a \otimes L_b^\vee$. Given an arrow $c: (a, b) \rightarrow (a', b')$, there is an element $d \in A$ such that $a + b' + c + d = a' + b + d$, we

get isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} L_a \otimes L_{b'} \otimes L_c \otimes L_d &\simeq L_{a+b'+c+d} \\ &= L_{a'+b+d} \\ &\simeq L_{a'} \otimes L_b \otimes L_d, \end{aligned}$$

hence an isomorphism

$$L_a \otimes L_{b'} \otimes L_c \simeq L_{a'} \otimes L_b,$$

which yields a homomorphism $L_a \otimes L_{b'} \rightarrow L_{a'} \otimes L_b$, by sending a section s of $L_a \otimes L_{b'}$ into the section of $L_{a'} \otimes L_b$ corresponding to $s \otimes \sigma_c^L$. This in turn yields a homomorphism

$$L^{\text{dwt}}(c): L_a \otimes L_b^\vee \rightarrow L_{a'} \otimes L_{b'}^\vee.$$

The verification that the operation of L^{dwt} on arrows preserves composition is long but straightforward. Hence we obtain the desired functor $L^{\text{dwt}}: A^{\text{dwt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic} X$.

For each $a \in A$, the isomorphism $\Phi(a): L_a \simeq L^{\text{dwt}}(a, 0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L_a \otimes L_0^\vee$ comes from the isomorphism $\epsilon^L: L_0 \simeq \mathcal{O}_X$. It is immediate to check that the diagram above is commutative. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 5.3. Conversely, given a symmetric monoidal functor $M: A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic} X$, any $a \in A$ defines an arrow $0 \rightarrow a$ in A^{wt} ; this yields an arrow $\mathcal{O}_X \simeq M(0) \rightarrow M(a)$ in $\mathfrak{Pic} X$. If we set $L_a = M(a)$ and call s_a the section of L_a corresponding to the morphism $\mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow L_a$ just defined, we obtain a monoidal functor $L: A \rightarrow \mathfrak{Div} X$, such that $L^{\text{wt}} \simeq M$. In this way we obtain an equivalence of categories between symmetric monoidal functors $A \rightarrow \mathfrak{Div} X$ and symmetric monoidal functors $A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic} X$.

This construction generalizes to sheaves. Let X be a scheme, A be a sheaf of monoids on $X_{\text{ét}}$. We denote by $A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow X_{\text{ét}}$ the fibered category defined as follows. The objects are pair (U, u) , where $U \rightarrow X$ is an étale morphism and $u \in A^{\text{gp}}(U)$. The arrows from (U, u) to (V, v) are pairs (f, a) , where $f: U \rightarrow V$ is a morphism of X -schemes and a is an element of $A(U)$ such that $u + \iota_A(a) = f^*v \in A^{\text{gp}}(U)$. Composition is defined by addition and pullback: if $(f, a): (U, u) \rightarrow (V, v)$ and $(g, b): (V, v) \rightarrow (W, w)$ are arrows, the composite is defined as

$$(g, b) \circ (f, a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (gf, f^*b + a).$$

Proposition 5.4. *Given a sheaf of monoids A on a scheme X and a symmetric monoidal functor $L: A \rightarrow \mathfrak{Div} X_{\text{ét}}$, there exists a symmetric monoidal functor $L^{\text{wt}}: A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic} X_{\text{ét}}$, and a monoidal cartesian 2-isomorphism Φ :*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & A^{\text{wt}} \\ L \downarrow & \searrow \Phi & \downarrow L^{\text{wt}} \\ \mathfrak{Div} X_{\text{ét}} & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{Pic} X_{\text{ét}} \end{array}$$

such that for all étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$ and $a \in A(U)$ the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{O}_U & \xrightarrow{\sigma_a^L} & L_a \xrightarrow{\Phi(a)} L^{\text{wt}}(a) \\
 & \searrow \epsilon_U^L & \uparrow L^{\text{wt}}(a) \\
 & & L_0 \xrightarrow{\Phi(0)} L^{\text{wt}}(0)
 \end{array}$$

Furthermore L^{wt} and Φ are unique up to a unique monoidal cartesian 2-isomorphism.

Proof. To show the existence, we use Proposition 5.2 to produce, for each étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$, a solution $(L^{\text{wt}}(U), \Phi(U))$. The uniqueness statement in Proposition 5.2 shows that these solutions are compatible with restriction, hence define a global solution (L^{wt}, Φ) . \square

Remark 5.5. As before, we have an equivalence between the category of symmetric monoidal functors $A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ and symmetric monoidal functors $A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}\text{ic } X$.

5.2. Parabolic sheaves

Let X be a scheme, $j: A \rightarrow B$ a Kummer homomorphism of monoids, $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$ a symmetric monoidal functor. We will always omit j from the notation, and think of A as a submonoid of B , and of A^{wt} as a subcategory of B^{wt} .

Consider the extension $L^{\text{wt}}: A^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{P}\text{ic } X$ (Proposition 5.2); if $u \in A^{\text{wt}}$, for simplicity of notation we denote by L_u the invertible sheaf $L^{\text{wt}}(u)$ image of u . If $u = \iota_A a$ for some $a \in A$, then $L^{\text{wt}}(u)$ is canonically isomorphic to L_a , and there should be no risk of confusion. Also, as usual when $a \in A$ we denote by σ_a^L the corresponding section of L_a , so that $L(a) = (L_a, \sigma_a^L)$.

If u and u' are in A^{wt} , we have a given isomorphism $L_{u+u'} \simeq L_u \otimes L_{u'}$, which we denote by $\mu_{u,v}^L$, or simply μ , once again dropping the $^{\text{wt}}$ superscripts from the notation. Similarly, we denote by ϵ^L , or ϵ , the given isomorphism between \mathcal{O}_X and L_0 .

Definition 5.6. A parabolic sheaf (E, ρ^E) on (X, A, L) with denominators in B/A consists of the following data.

- (a) A functor $E: B^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{o}\mathfrak{h} X$, denoted by $v \rightarrow E_v$ at the level of objects, and by $b \mapsto E_b$ at the level of arrows.
- (b) For any $u \in A^{\text{wt}}$ and $v \in B^{\text{wt}}$, an isomorphism of \mathcal{O}_X -modules

$$\rho_{u,v}^E: E_{u+v} \simeq L_u \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} E_v,$$

which we will call *pseudo-period isomorphisms*. If $a \in A$, we denote $\rho_{\iota_A a, v}^E$ by $\rho_{a,v}^E$.

These data are required to satisfy the following conditions. Let $u, u' \in A^{\text{wt}}, a \in A, b \in B, v \in B^{\text{wt}}$. Then the following diagrams commute.

(i)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_v & \xrightarrow{E_a} & E_{\iota_A a + v} \\
 \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \rho_{a,v}^E \\
 \mathcal{O}_X \otimes E_v & \xrightarrow{\sigma_a^L \otimes \text{id}_{E_v}} & L_a \otimes E_v
 \end{array}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_{u+v} & \xrightarrow{\rho_{u,v}^E} & L_u \otimes E_v \\
 E_b \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{id}_{L_u} \otimes E_b \\
 E_{u+b+v} & \xrightarrow{\rho_{u,b+v}^E} & L_u \otimes E_{b+v}
 \end{array}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_{u+u'+v} & \xrightarrow{\rho_{u+u',v}^E} & L_{u+u'} \otimes E_v \\
 \downarrow \rho_{u,u'+v}^E & & \downarrow \mu \otimes \text{id}_{E_v} \\
 L_u \otimes E_{u'+v} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{L_u} \otimes \rho_{u',v}^E} & L_u \otimes L_{u'} \otimes E_v
 \end{array}$$

(iv) Finally, the composite

$$E_v = E_{0+v} \xrightarrow{\rho_{0,v}^E} L_0 \otimes E_v \xrightarrow{\epsilon \otimes \text{id}_{E_v}} \mathcal{O}_X \otimes E_v$$

is the natural isomorphism $E_v \simeq \mathcal{O}_X \otimes E_v$.

Remark 5.7. This definition has the following high-level interpretation. There are natural functors $+$: $A^{\text{wt}} \times B^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow B^{\text{wt}}$ (given by addition) and \otimes : $\mathfrak{Pic} X \times \mathcal{QCoh} X \rightarrow \mathcal{QCoh} X$ (given by a tensor product). These can be interpreted as action of the symmetric monoidal categories A^{wt} on B^{wt} and of $\mathfrak{Pic} X$ on $\mathcal{QCoh} X$. Then the first two conditions mean that ρ^E is an isomorphism of the composites $E \circ +$ and $\otimes \circ (L^{\text{wt}} \times E)$. The other two ensure that E can be interpreted as an A^{wt} -equivariant functor. It is easy to check that the data of a parabolic sheaf on (X, A, L) with denominators in B/A is equivalent to the data of a A^{wt} -morphism of modules categories $E: B^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathcal{QCoh} X$ in the sense of [24], Definition 2.7.

There is an abelian category $\mathcal{QCoh}_X(X, A, L)(Q/P)$ whose objects are quasi-coherent sheaves on (X, A, L) with denominators in Q/P . An arrow $\Phi: E \rightarrow E'$ is a natural transformation such that for all $u \in A^{\text{wt}}$ and $v \in B^{\text{wt}}$ the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_{u+v} & \xrightarrow{\rho_{u,v}^E} & L_u \otimes E_v \\
 \downarrow \Phi_{u+v} & & \downarrow \text{id}_{L_u} \otimes \Phi_v \\
 E'_{u+v} & \xrightarrow{\rho_{u,v}^{E'}} & L_u \otimes E'_v
 \end{array}$$

commutes.

We will see that this category has tensor products and internal Homs.

There is also a sheafified version of the definition of parabolic sheaf.

Definition 5.8. Let X be a scheme, (A, L) a coherent Deligne–Faltings structure on X , $j: A \rightarrow B$ a system of denominators. A *parabolic sheaf on (X, A, L) with denominators in B/A* consists of the following data.

- (a) A cartesian functor $E: B^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathcal{QCoh}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$, denoted by $v \rightarrow E_v$ at the level of objects, and by $b \mapsto E_b$ at the level of arrows.

(b) For any $U \rightarrow X$ in $X_{\acute{e}t}$, any $u \in A^{\text{wt}}(U)$ and $v \in B^{\text{wt}}(U)$, an isomorphism of \mathcal{O}_U -modules

$$\rho_{u,v}^E: E_{u+v} \simeq L_u \otimes E_v.$$

These data are required to satisfy the following conditions analogous to those of Definition 5.6, and the following.

If $f: U \rightarrow V$ is an arrow in $X_{\acute{e}t}$, $u \in A^{\text{wt}}(V)$ and $v \in B^{\text{wt}}(V)$, then the isomorphism

$$\rho_{f^*u, f^*v}^E: E_{f^*(u+v)} = E_{f^*u+f^*v} \simeq L_{f^*u} \otimes E_{f^*v}$$

is the pullback of $j_{u,v}^E: E_{u+v} \simeq L_u \otimes E_v$.

Remark 5.9. This definition can also be interpreted as in Remark 5.9, substituting categories with fibered categories.

There is an abelian category $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}h(X, A, L)(B/A)$ whose objects are quasi-coherent sheaves on (X, A, L) with denominators in B/A . A homomorphism of parabolic sheaves is defined as in the case when A and B are fixed monoids.

Proposition 5.10. Let (A, L) be a Deligne–Faltings structure on X , $j: A \rightarrow B$ a system of denominators,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{j_0} & Q \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow i \\ A(X) & \xrightarrow{j(X)} & B(X) \end{array}$$

a chart for B/A . Let $L_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L(X) \circ h: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv } X$. Then there is a canonical equivalence of abelian categories of $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}h(X, A, L)(B/A)$ with $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}h(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$.

Proof. We begin by the obvious definition of the equivalence: at the level of objects, if (E, ρ^E) is a parabolic sheaf on (X, A, L) with denominators in B/A , we can associate with it a parabolic sheaf with denominators in $Q/P: (E(X) \circ i, \rho^E(X) \circ (h \times i))$, and it is also clear how to define the functor at the level of morphisms. So we get a functor $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}h(X, A, L)(B/A) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}h(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$, and it is easy to check that it is fully faithful. So we now prove that the functor is in fact essentially surjective.

Let (E_0, ρ^{E_0}) be a parabolic sheaf with denominators in Q/P with respect to L_0 . We must prove that the cartesian functor $(E_0)_X: Q_X^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}h_{X_{\acute{e}t}}$ associated with E_0 factors through B^{wt} , and an analogous statement for ρ^{E_0} . As in Lemma 4.7, let K_A (respectively K_B) the kernel of the morphism $P_X \rightarrow A$ (respectively $Q_X \rightarrow B$) induced by h (respectively by i). Let $B^{\text{pre}} = Q_X/K_B$ be the quotient presheaf, since B^{wt} is the stackification of $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{wt}}$, and $\mathcal{Q}\mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}h_{X_{\acute{e}t}}$ is a stack, it is enough to show that $(E_0)_X$ factors through $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{wt}}$.

Let us first describe the cartesian category $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{wt}}$ on $X_{\acute{e}t}$. Above an étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$, its objects are by definition elements of

$$(B^{\text{pre}})(U)^{\text{gp}} = (Q_X(U)/K_B(U))^{\text{gp}},$$

that is, equivalence classes $\text{cl}(u)$ of elements of u in $Q_X(U)^{\text{gp}}$ for the equivalence relation $u \sim v$ when there exists elements k, l in $K_B(U)$ such that $u + \iota_Q(k) = v + \iota_Q(l)$, where ι_Q denotes as usual the morphism $Q_X \rightarrow Q_X^{\text{gp}}$. Maps from $\text{cl}(u)$ to $\text{cl}(v)$ are given by elements $\text{cl}(q)$ of $(B^{\text{pre}})(U) = Q_X(U)/K_B(U)$ such that $\text{cl}(u) + \iota(\text{cl}(q)) = \text{cl}(v)$.

We now introduce a category $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}}$ that is a quotient of the Gabriel–Zisman localization of Q_X^{wt} with respect to maps in K_B , such that it is equivalent to $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{wt}}$. Above an étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$ objects of $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}}(U)$ are elements of $Q_X(U)^{\text{gp}}$, and maps from u to v are equivalence classes of pairs $\text{cl}((q, k))$, where $q \in Q_X(U)$ and $k \in K_B(U)$ are such that $u + \iota_Q(q) = v + \iota_Q(k)$, for the equivalence relation $(q, k) \sim (q', k')$ if there exists $k_1, k_2 \in K_B(U)$ such that $q + k_1 = q' + k_2$.

The cartesian functor $Q_X^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow (B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}}$ sending an object u to $\text{cl}(u)$ and a morphism q to $\text{cl}(q)$ factors through a cartesian functor $Q_X^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow (B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}}$ sending an object u to itself and a morphism q to $\text{cl}((q, 0))$, and through a cartesian functor $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}} \rightarrow (B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{wt}}$ sending an object u to $\text{cl}(u)$ and a morphism $\text{cl}((q, k))$ to $\text{cl}(q)$. One checks immediately that this last functor is well defined and a cartesian equivalence, so this is enough to produce a factorization of $(E_0)_X$ through $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}}$. To achieve this, we need the following lemma:

Lemma 5.11. *Let $U \rightarrow X$ be an étale morphism. For any $v \in Q_X^{\text{gp}}(U)$ and $k \in K_B(U)$ the morphism $((E_0)_X)_k : ((E_0)_X)_v \rightarrow ((E_0)_X)_{\iota_Q(k)+v}$ is an isomorphism.*

Proof. This is a local problem in the étale topology, hence by Lemma 4.7, we can assume that there exists a positive integer m and an element $l \in K_A(U)$ such that $mk = l$. Definition 5.6 ensures that the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 ((E_0)_X)_v & \xrightarrow{((E_0)_X)_l} & ((E_0)_X)_{\iota_Q l+v} \\
 \downarrow \simeq & & \downarrow \rho_{l,v}^{(E_0)_X} \\
 \mathcal{O}_U \otimes ((E_0)_X)_v & \xrightarrow{\sigma_l^{(L_0)_X} \otimes \text{id}} & L_l \otimes ((E_0)_X)_v
 \end{array}$$

is commutative. Since $l \in K_A(U)$, the morphism $\sigma_l^{(L_0)_X}$ is invertible, moreover the fact that $mk = l$ and the functoriality of E_0 show that $((E_0)_X)_l : ((E_0)_X)_v \rightarrow ((E_0)_X)_{\iota_Q l+v}$ factors through $((E_0)_X)_k : ((E_0)_X)_v \rightarrow ((E_0)_X)_{\iota_Q(k)+v}$, hence this last morphism is left invertible. A similar argument shows that $((E_0)_X)_k$ is right invertible. \square

Thanks to the lemma, we can define a cartesian functor $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}} \rightarrow \mathcal{QCoh}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ that above an étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$ sends the arrow $\text{cl}((q, k)) : u \rightarrow v$ to the composite of $((E_0)_X)_q : ((E_0)_X)_u \rightarrow ((E_0)_X)_{\iota_Q(k)+v}$ with the inverse of $((E_0)_X)_k : ((E_0)_X)_v \rightarrow ((E_0)_X)_{\iota_Q(k)+v}$. The functoriality of E_0 shows that this is well defined, and produces a factorization of $(E_0)_X$ through $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{dwt}}$, hence a factorization of $(E_0)_X$ through $(B^{\text{pre}})^{\text{wt}}$.

The proof that ρ^{E_0} does also factor through $A^{\text{wt}} \times B^{\text{wt}}$ is similar, so we omit it. Hence the functor $\mathcal{QCoh}(X, A, L)(B/A) \rightarrow \mathcal{QCoh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$ we have defined is essentially surjective, and so this is an equivalence. \square

5.3. Internal Hom and tensor product

Let E, E' be two objects of the category $\mathcal{QCoh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$. First, we define a quasi-coherent sheaf $\mathbf{Hom}(E, E')_0$ on X by the usual rule: for every étale map $U \rightarrow X$,

$$\mathbf{Hom}(E, E')_0(U) = \text{Hom}_U(E|_U, E'|_U)$$

where Hom_U is the $\mathcal{O}(U)$ -module of all homomorphisms of parabolic sheaves on U defined in the previous paragraph.

If instead we start from an object G of the category $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X)$ and an object E of $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$, we can consider the external tensor product $G \otimes E$ as the object of $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$ given on objects by the rule: for $v \in Q^{\text{gp}}$, $(G \otimes E)_v = G \otimes E_v$.

These two operations are related by the formula

$$\mathbf{Hom}(G \otimes E, E')_0 \simeq \mathbf{Hom}(G, \mathbf{Hom}(E, E')_0)$$

where the second \mathbf{Hom} is the usual internal \mathbf{Hom} in $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X)$.

Now for $v \in Q^{\text{gp}}$ and E an object of $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$, we can define the twist $E[v]$ by the rule: for $v' \in Q^{\text{gp}}$, $E[v]_{v'} = E_{v+v'}$.

If we start again from two objects E, E' of $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$, we have for $u \in P^{\text{gp}}$ and $v \in Q^{\text{gp}}$ canonical isomorphisms

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Hom}(E, E'[u + v])_0 &\simeq \mathbf{Hom}(E[-u], E'[v])_0 \\ &\simeq \mathbf{Hom}(L_{-u} \otimes E, E'[v])_0 \\ &\simeq \mathbf{Hom}(L_{-u}, \mathbf{Hom}(E, E'[v])_0) \\ &\simeq L_u \otimes \mathbf{Hom}(E, E'[v])_0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the functor $v \rightarrow \mathbf{Hom}(E, E'[v])_0$ can be endowed with a structure of a parabolic sheaf, denoted by $\mathbf{Hom}(E, E')$. Thus we have an internal \mathbf{Hom} in $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$, and the definition of the tensor product follows from the standard formula:

$$\mathbf{Hom}(E \otimes E', E'') \simeq \mathbf{Hom}(E, \mathbf{Hom}(E', E'')).$$

Along the same lines, we also can define an internal \mathbf{Hom} in $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, A, L)(B/A)$, the only difference being that we can twist only locally. Thus for two objects E, E' of $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, A, L)(B/A)$, we define for $U \rightarrow X$ étale and $v \in B^{\text{gp}}(U)$:

$$\mathbf{Hom}(E, E')_v = \mathbf{Hom}(E|_U, E'|_U[v])_0.$$

The tensor product is defined by the formula above.

6. The main theorem

In this section we will use the notion of a Deligne–Faltings structure on an algebraic stack, which is the immediate generalization of the notion of Deligne–Faltings structure on a scheme.

The following is the main result of this paper.

Theorem 6.1. *Let (A, L) be a coherent Deligne–Faltings structure on a scheme X and let B/A be a system of denominators. Then there is a canonical tensor equivalence of abelian categories between the category $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, A, L)(B/A)$ of parabolic sheaves on (X, A, L) with denominator in B and the category $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{B/A}$ of quasi-coherent sheaves on the stack $(X, L)_{B/A}$.*

Proof. Let us construct a functor $\Phi: \Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{B/A} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, A, L)(B/A)$. Denote by $\pi: X_{B/A} \rightarrow X$ the projection. On the stack $X_{B/A}$ we have a canonical Deligne–Faltings structure $\Lambda: \pi^*B \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv_{X_{B/A}}$, with an isomorphism of the restriction of Λ to A with the pullback of L to $X_{B/A}$. Consider the functor $\Lambda^{\text{wt}}: B^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{Pic}_{X_{B/A}}$; for each étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$ and each $v \in B^{\text{wt}}(U)$, we set $\Lambda_v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Lambda^{\text{wt}}(v)$. If $u \in A(U)$, then Λ_u is canonically isomorphic to π^*L_u , where $L_u \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L^{\text{wt}}(u)$.

Let F be a quasi-coherent sheaf on $X_{B/A}$. We need to define a parabolic sheaf ΦF on (X, A, L) with coefficients in B . For each étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$ and each $v \in B^{\text{wt}}(U)$, we set

$$(\Phi F)_v \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_*(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{B/A}}} \Lambda_v).$$

If $b \in B(U)$ and $v \in B^{\text{wt}}(U)$, the homomorphism $(\Phi F)_b : (\Phi F)_v \rightarrow (\Phi F)_{b+v}$ is induced via π_* by the homomorphism

$$F \otimes \Lambda_v \simeq F \otimes \Lambda_v \otimes \mathcal{O} \xrightarrow{\text{id}_F \otimes \Lambda_v \otimes \sigma_b^A} F \otimes \Lambda_v \otimes \Lambda_b \simeq F \otimes \Lambda_{b+v}.$$

Given $u \in A(U)$ and $v \in B(U)$, the isomorphism

$$\rho_{u,v}^{\Phi F} : (\Phi F)_{u+v} \simeq L_u \otimes (\Phi F)_v$$

is obtained via the following sequence of isomorphisms, using the projection formula for the morphism π :

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi F)_{u+v} &= \pi_*(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{B/A}}} \Lambda_{u+v}) \\ &\simeq \pi_*(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{B/A}}} \Lambda_v \otimes \Lambda_u) \\ &\simeq \pi_*(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{B/A}}} \Lambda_v \otimes \pi^* L_u) \\ &\simeq L_u \otimes \pi_*(F \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_{X_{B/A}}} \Lambda_v) \\ &= L_u \otimes (\Phi F)_v. \end{aligned}$$

We leave it to the reader to show that the pair $(\Phi F, \rho^{\Phi F})$ is a parabolic sheaf. This function on objects extends to an additive functor

$$\Phi : \Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{B/A} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh} (X, A, L)(B/A)$$

in the obvious way.

We claim that Φ is an equivalence. This is a local problem in the étale topology: this can be proved as follows.

First of all, if $U \rightarrow X$ is an étale morphism, denote by $U_{B/A}$ the stack of roots of the restriction L_U of L to $U_{\text{ét}}$ with respect to the restriction B_U of B . Then there are fibered categories $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}_{X_{B/A}}$ and $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}_{(X,A,L)(B/A)}$, whose fiber categories over an étale morphism $U \rightarrow X$ are $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} U_{B/A}$ and $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}(U, A_U, L_U)(B_U/A_U)$ respectively. The functor Φ defined above extends to a cartesian functor $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}_{X_{B/A}} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh}_{(X,A,L)(B/A)}$. Now, the point is that both $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}_{X_{B/A}}$ and $\Omega\mathcal{Coh}_{(X,A,L)(B/A)}$ are stacks in the étale topology. This follows from straightforward but lengthy descent theory arguments, which we omit. Of course, to check that a cartesian functor between stacks is an equivalence is a local problem.

So we may assume that there exists a chart

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \xrightarrow{j_0} & Q \\ \downarrow h & & \downarrow k \\ A(X) & \xrightarrow{j(X)} & B(X) \end{array}$$

for B/A . Set $L_0 = h \circ L(X)$; according to Propositions 4.18 and 5.10, there are equivalences between the categories $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{B/A}$ and $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{Q/P}$, and between $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} (X, A, L)(B/A)$ and $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} (X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$.

The functor $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{Q/P} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$, which we still denote by Φ , is described as follows. We still denote by $\pi: X_{Q/P} \rightarrow X$ the projection. For each $p \in P$ we denote by L_p the invertible sheaf $L_{h(p)}$ on X ; analogously, if $q \in Q$ we denote by Λ_q the invertible sheaf on $X_{Q/P}$ corresponding to $\Lambda_{k(q)}$ on $X_{B/A}$. The functor $\Phi: \Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{Q/P} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$ sends a quasi-coherent sheaf F on $X_{Q/P}$ into $(\Phi F, \rho^{\Phi F})$, where $(\Phi F)_p \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_*(F \otimes L_p)$, and $\rho^{\Phi F}$ is defined as above. We need to check that this functor Φ is an equivalence.

We use the description of [Proposition 3.25](#). The functor $L_0: P \rightarrow \mathcal{D}iv X$ corresponds to a morphism $X \rightarrow [\text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]/\widehat{P}]$, i.e., to a P^{gp} -torsor $\eta: T \rightarrow X$ with an equivariant morphism $T \rightarrow \text{Spec } \mathbb{Z}[P]$. Denote by $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \eta_* \mathcal{O}_T$ the associated sheaf of P^{gp} -graded $\mathcal{O}_X[P]$ -algebras. According to [Remark 4.14](#), the category $\Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{Q/P}$ is equivalent to the category of sheaves of Q^{gp} -graded $A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[P]} \mathbb{Z}[Q]$ -modules. Set $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[P]} \mathbb{Z}[Q]$. The functor π from quasi-coherent sheaves on $X_{Q/P}$ to quasi-coherent sheaves on X sends such a sheaf F into the part F_0 of degree 0. Since for each $v \in Q^{\text{gp}}$, the sheaf Λ_v corresponds to the shifted sheaf $B[v]$, the sheaf $\pi_*(\Lambda_v \otimes F)$ will be the part F_v of degree v .

Then the functor Φ is interpreted to the functor that sends such a sheaf F of Q^{gp} -graded $A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[P]} \mathbb{Z}[Q]$ -modules into the parabolic sheaf $\Phi F: Q^{\text{wt}} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh} X$ sending $v \in Q^{\text{wt}}$ to F_v . If $q \in Q$ and $\iota_Q q + v = v'$, so that q gives an arrow in the category Q^{wt} , the image $(\Phi F)_q: F_v \rightarrow F_{v'}$ is given by multiplication by x^q .

Now, let $u \in P^{\text{wt}}$ and $v \in Q^{\text{wt}}$. The sheaf L_u on X is isomorphic to the sheaf A_u ; multiplication gives an isomorphism $A_u \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} F_v \rightarrow F_{u+v}$. Then $\rho^{\Phi F}: F_{u+v} \simeq A_u \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} F_v$ is its inverse.

With this description, $\Phi F: \Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{Q/P} \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P)$ is very easily seen to be an isomorphism. Let us construct a quasi-inverse

$$\Psi: \Omega\mathcal{Coh}(X, P, L_0)(Q/P) \rightarrow \Omega\mathcal{Coh} X_{Q/P}.$$

If (E, ρ^E) is a parabolic sheaf, we define the quasi-coherent sheaf ΨE on X as the direct sum $\bigoplus_{v \in Q^{\text{gp}}} E_v$. The sheaf ΨE is in fact an A -module: since $A = \bigoplus_{u \in P^{\text{gp}}} L_u$, we define the homomorphism

$$A \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \Psi E = \bigoplus_{\substack{u \in P^{\text{gp}} \\ v \in Q^{\text{gp}}}} L_u \otimes E_v \rightarrow \bigoplus_{v \in Q^{\text{gp}}} E_v$$

via the isomorphisms $(\rho_{u,v}^E)^{-1}: L_u \otimes E_v \simeq E_{u+v}$. The sheaf ΨE is also a sheaf of $\mathbb{Z}[Q]$ -algebras: for each $q \in Q$, we let x^q act on ΨE by sending E_v into $E_{\iota_Q(q)+v}$ as the homomorphism E_q . Thus, $\mathbb{Z}[P]$ acts on ΨE in two ways, by the embedding $\mathbb{Z}[P] \subseteq \mathbb{Z}[Q]$ and via the morphism to A coming from the structure of A as a sheaf of $\mathcal{O}_X[P]$ -algebra. Condition (i) in the definition of a parabolic sheaf ([Definition 5.6](#)) ensures that these two actions coincides, and so gives ΨE the structure of a Q^{gp} -graded $A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}[P]} \mathbb{Z}[Q]$ -module, corresponding to a quasi-coherent sheaf on $X_{Q/P}$.

We leave it to the reader to define the action of Ψ on arrows, and show that it gives a quasi-inverse to Φ .

It remains to prove that Φ is compatible with tensor products. It is enough to show that given F, F' quasi-coherent sheaves on $X_{B/A}$, there is a natural isomorphism:

$$\Phi \mathbf{Hom}(F, F') \simeq \mathbf{Hom}(\Phi(F), \Phi(F')).$$

Let $U \rightarrow X$ be an étale map and $v \in B(U)^{\text{gp}}$. On one hand we have

$$\Phi \mathbf{Hom}(F, F')_v \simeq \pi_* \mathbf{Hom}(F, F' \otimes \Lambda_v)$$

and on the other hand

$$\mathbf{Hom}(\Phi(F), \Phi(F'))_v \simeq \mathbf{Hom}(\phi(F)|_U, \phi(F' \otimes \Lambda_v)|_U)_0$$

but the equivalence of categories we have just proven shows that these sheaves are canonically isomorphic. \square

Example 6.2. Let $(L_1, s_1), \dots, (L_r, s_r)$ be invertible sheaves with sections on a scheme X ; let $L: A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\text{iv}_{X_{\text{ét}}}$ the Deligne–Faltings structure that they generate (Example 3.22). By definition, this L has a chart $\mathbb{N}^r \rightarrow A(X)$. Let d_1, \dots, d_r be positive integers and \mathcal{Q} be the monoid $\frac{1}{d_1}\mathbb{N} \times \dots \times \frac{1}{d_r}\mathbb{N}$, with the natural embedding $\mathbb{N}^r \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$. The stack $(X, L)_{\mathcal{Q}/\mathbb{N}^r}$ is the fibered product

$${}^{d_1}\sqrt{(L_1, s_1)} \times_X \dots \times_X {}^{d_r}\sqrt{(L_r, s_r)}$$

of root stacks (in the sense of [1, Appendix B]). Thus we reproved and generalized the correspondence between parabolic sheaves and sheaves on root stacks of [5,4].

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