

## $(\varphi_L, \Gamma_L)$ -modules.

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Almost everything below is lifted from [Sch17] so please see there for all the details. All typos and mistakes below are my own. As a disclaimer: I make no claim to understand  $p$ -adic Hodge theory.

### 1 Introduction

One of the goals of number theory is to understand the absolute Galois group of a number field. Since this is extremely difficult we attempt to simplify the problem by working “one place at a time”. Let  $L/\mathbb{Q}_p$  be a finite extension with ring of integers  $o$  and residue field  $k$ . By local class field theory we have the local Artin map

$$\text{rec} : L^\times \rightarrow G_L^{\text{ab}} \quad (1)$$

characterised by the property that “every uniformizer of  $L$  acts by the Frobenius”, and for every finite abelian extension  $L'/L$ ,  $\text{rec}$  induces an isomorphism  $L^\times / \text{Norm}_{L'/L}(L') \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(L'/L)$ . In fact  $\text{rec}$  induces an isomorphism from the profinite completion

$$\text{rec} : \widehat{L^\times} \xrightarrow{\sim} G_L^{\text{ab}}. \quad (2)$$

In other words we have a near total understanding of the “1-dimensional” representations of  $G_L$ . We would like to understand  $\text{Rep}_o(G_L) :=$  the category of finitely generated  $o$ -modules equipped with a continuous  $G_L$ -action. The paradigm of  $(\varphi_L, \Gamma_L)$ -modules is to understand this category by replacing the Galois action by a simpler group at the expense of introducing a much larger coefficient ring.

### 2 Definition of $(\varphi_L, \Gamma_L)$ -modules

Let  $\pi \in L$  be a uniformizer and set

$$\mathcal{A}_L := \varprojlim_m o((X))/\pi^m = \left\{ \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} a_i X^i : a_i \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow -\infty} 0 \right\}. \quad (3)$$

equipped with the Gauss norm/valuation this is a DVR with residue field  $k((X))$ . The ring  $\mathcal{A}_L$  can be viewed naturally as a subset of  $o^\mathbb{Z}$  and hence acquires a second topology (besides the valuation topology), which is called the weak topology since it is the topology of coefficientwise convergence.

A Frobenius power series is an  $\phi(X) \in o[[X]]$  such that  $\phi(X) = X^q \pmod{\pi}$  and  $\phi(X) = \pi X \pmod{X^2}$ . The choice of  $\phi$  yields a Lubin-Tate formal group law (depending only on  $\pi$  up to isomorphism),  $F_\phi(X, Y) \in o[[X, Y]]$  such that  $\phi \in \text{End}(F_\phi)$ . Moreover there is an injective ring homomorphism  $[\cdot]_\phi : o \rightarrow \text{End}(F_\phi)$  such that  $[\pi]_\phi = \phi$ . This gives an action of the monoid  $o \setminus \{0\}$  on  $\mathcal{A}_L$  by  $a \cdot f(X) := f([a]_\phi(X))$ . Since  $o \setminus \{0\} = \pi^{\mathbb{N}_0} o^\times$  this can be viewed as an action by  $\Gamma_L := o^\times$  and the endomorphism  $\varphi_L$  sending  $f(X) \mapsto f([\pi]_\phi(X))$ . These actions are both continuous for the (weak) topology.

**Example 2.1.** When \$L = \mathbb{Q}\_p\$ one takes \$\pi = p\$, \$\varphi = (1 + X)^p - 1\$, then \$F\_\phi(X, Y) = (X + 1)(Y + 1) - 1\$ is the multiplicative law and \$[a]\_\phi = (1 + X)^a - 1\$ for \$a \in \mathbb{Z}\_p\$.

Any finitely generated \$\mathcal{A}\_L\$-module \$M\$ acquires a canonical topology which is the quotient topology of the weak topology along any surjection \$\mathcal{A}\_L^{\oplus n} \to M\$. The category of \$(\varphi\_L, \Gamma\_L)\$-modules is the category of finitely generated \$\mathcal{A}\_L\$-modules \$M\$ equipped with a semilinear continuous action of \$\Gamma\_L\$ and a commuting \$\varphi\_L\$-linear continuous endomorphism \$\varphi\_M : M \to M\$. A \$(\varphi\_L, \Gamma\_L)\$-module \$M\$ is called *étale* if the map \$\varphi\_M^{\text{lin}} : \mathcal{A}\_L \otimes\_{\mathcal{A}\_L, \varphi\_L} M \to M\$ sending \$f \otimes m \mapsto f\varphi\_M(m)\$, is an isomorphism<sup>1</sup>. We will sketch the construction of the explicit equivalence

$$\text{Rep}_o(G_L) \cong \text{Mod}^{\text{et}}(\mathcal{A}_L) := \{\text{category of étale } (\varphi_L, \Gamma_L) \text{ - modules}\}. \tag{4}$$

### 3 A generalisation of the Fontaine-Winterberger theorem

Fix an algebraic closure \$\bar{L}\$ of \$L\$ inside \$\mathbb{C}\_p\$. Let \$\mathfrak{M} \subset o\_{\bar{L}}\$ be the maximal ideal and, for each \$n \ge 1\$ set \$\mathcal{F}\_n := \ker([\pi^n]\_\phi)(\mathfrak{M})\$ and \$L\_n := L(\mathcal{F}\_n)\$. Set \$T := \varprojlim\_n \mathcal{F}\_n\$ and \$L\_\infty \bigcup\_n L\_n\$. Of course, \$\text{Gal}(L\_n/L)\$ acts on \$\mathcal{F}\_n\$. In fact \$\mathcal{F}\_n\$ turns out to be a free rank 1 \$o/\pi^n o\$-module and hence \$T\$ is free of rank 1 as an \$o\$-module. Hence, the choice a basis element \$t \in T\$ (i.e., a compatible system of torsion points), induces the Lubin-Tate character

$$\chi_L : \text{Gal}(L_\infty/L) \to o^\times = \Gamma_L, \tag{5}$$

which turns out to be an isomorphism. The extensions \$L\_n/L\$ are totally ramified, in particular, \$L\_\infty\$ has residue field \$k\$.

**Example 3.1.** In our running example with \$L = \mathbb{Q}\_p\$, \$\pi = p\$ and \$F\_\phi = \widehat{\mathbb{G}}\_m\$ we obtain \$\mathcal{F}\_n = \{\zeta - 1 : \zeta^{p^n} = 1\}\$ and \$L\_n = \mathbb{Q}\_p(\zeta\_{p^n})\$, and \$\chi\_L\$ is the cyclotomic character.

Recall that an intermediate field \$L \subset K \subset \mathbb{C}\_p\$ is called *perfectoid* if it is complete, indiscretely valued and \$(o\_K/po\_K)^p = o\_K/po\_K\$. Given such a field we set \$o\_{K^\flat} := \varprojlim\_{x \to x^q} o\_K/po\_K\$. This is a perfect \$k\$-algebra. Given a compatible system \$(\alpha\_i)\_i \in o\_{K^\flat}\$ we can choose arbitrary lifts \$a\_i\$ of \$\alpha\_i\$ to \$o\_K\$ and set \$\alpha^\sharp := \lim\_{i \to \infty} a\_i^{q^i}\$ to obtain a well-defined element \$\alpha^\sharp \in o\_K\$. This map allows us to define a norm<sup>2</sup> \$|\cdot|\_{K^\flat}\$ on \$o\_{K^\flat}\$ by \$|\alpha|\_{K^\flat} := |\alpha^\sharp|\_K\$. With respect to the norm \$|\cdot|\_{K^\flat}\$, \$o\_{K^\flat}\$ has the same valuation monoid as \$o\_K\$. The maximal ideal of \$o\_{K^\flat}\$ is given in terms of \$|\cdot|\_{K^\flat}\$ in the usual way and it turns out that the residue fields of \$o\_K\$ and \$o\_{K^\flat}\$ are canonically isomorphic. The fraction field \$K^\flat\$ of \$o\_{K^\flat}\$ together with \$|\cdot|\_{K^\flat}\$ is then a perfect nonarchimedean field of characteristic \$p\$.

We have two examples of perfectoid fields, namely \$\widehat{L}\_\infty\$ and \$\mathbb{C}\_p\$. The natural map \$o\_{\widehat{L}\_\infty}/\pi \to o\_{\mathbb{C}\_p}/\pi\$ is injective and hence \$\widehat{L}\_\infty \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}\_p^\flat\$ naturally. The ‘‘tilting correspondence’’ due to Scholze says that \$K \mapsto K^\flat\$ gives an inclusion-respecting bijection

$$\{\text{perfectoid fields } \widehat{L}_\infty \subset K \subset \mathbb{C}_p\} \leftrightarrow \{\text{complete and perfect fields } \widehat{L}_\infty^\flat \subset F \subset \mathbb{C}_p^\flat\} \tag{6}$$

<sup>1</sup>Setting \$Y = \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A}\_L)\$, we can informally think of this condition as some kind of \$\varphi\_L\$-equivariance or descent datum.

<sup>2</sup>The multiplicativity of this map is immediate, and the additivity follows from the formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} |(\alpha + \beta)^\sharp| &= \left| \lim_{i \to \infty} (a_i + b_i)^{q^i} \right| = \lim_{i \to \infty} |a_i + b_i|^{q^i} \leq \lim_{i \to \infty} \max(|a_i|, |b_i|)^{q^i} \\ &= \max(\lim_{i \to \infty} |a_i|^{q^i}, \lim_{i \to \infty} |b_i|^{q^i}) = \max(|\alpha^\sharp|, |\beta^\sharp|). \end{aligned}$$

whose inverse is given by *untilting*  $F \mapsto F^\sharp$  (we do not have time to discuss this).

The group  $G_L$  acts naturally on  $o_{\mathbb{C}_p^b}$  by  $\sigma \cdot (\dots, a_i \bmod \pi, \dots) = (\dots, \sigma(a_i) \bmod \pi, \dots)$ . This preserves the norm  $|\cdot|_{\mathbb{C}_p^b}$  and in fact induces a continuous action of  $G_L$  on  $\mathbb{C}_p^b$ . The action of  $H_L := \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}/L_\infty) \subseteq G_L$  fixes  $\widehat{L}_\infty \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p$  and  $\widehat{L}_\infty^b \subseteq \mathbb{C}_p^b$ , by continuity. Hence, we obtain a residual  $\Gamma_L = G_L/H_L$ -action on  $\widehat{L}_\infty^b$ .

Now let us return to the Tate module  $T$  of the Lubin-Tate formal group law  $F_\phi$ . The Frobenius power series property implies that

$$\iota : T \mapsto o_{\widehat{L}_\infty^b} \quad (y_n)_{n \geq 1} \mapsto (\dots, y_n \bmod \pi o_{\widehat{L}_\infty^b}, \dots, y_1 \bmod \pi o_{\widehat{L}_\infty^b}, 0), \quad (7)$$

is a well-defined map (but not a homomorphism). The image of the basis element gives  $\omega := \iota(t) \in o_{\widehat{L}_\infty^b}$ . By the ramification theory of the Lubin-Tate extensions, it follows that  $|\omega|_b = |\pi|^{q/(q-1)} < 1$ . Hence  $X \mapsto \omega$  gives a ring map  $k[[X]] \rightarrow o_{\widehat{L}_\infty^b}$  which extends to  $k((X)) \hookrightarrow \widehat{L}_\infty^b$ . We define the *field of norms*  $\mathbf{E}_L \cong k((X))$  to be the image of this map. This subfield and the map  $\iota$  have the following properties:

- (i) For any  $\gamma \in \Gamma_L$  we have  $\gamma(\omega) = \overline{[\chi_L(\gamma)]_\phi}(\omega)$ . In particular (by continuity) it follows that the  $\Gamma_L$ -action on  $\widehat{L}_\infty^b$  preserves  $\mathbf{E}_L$ .
- (ii)  $\widehat{\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{perf}}} = \widehat{L}_\infty^b$  and  $\widehat{\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}}} = \widehat{\mathbf{E}_L} = \mathbb{C}_p^b$ ; we say that  $\widehat{\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{perf}}}$  (resp.  $\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}}$ ), is a *decompletion* of  $\widehat{L}_\infty^b$  (resp.  $\mathbb{C}_p^b$ ).

In the preceding we introduced the *perfect hull*  $\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{perf}} := \{x \in \overline{\mathbf{E}_L} : x^{p^m} \in \mathbf{E}_L \text{ for some } m \geq 0\}$ . By general field theory and the above facts, we obtain isomorphisms by restriction

$$\text{Aut}^{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{C}_p^b, \widehat{L}_\infty^b) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbf{E}_L}/\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{perf}}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}}/\mathbf{E}_L) =: H_{\mathbf{E}_L}; \quad (8)$$

here the first is by continuity and the second is by property of the perfect hull. On the other hand we have by continuity an isomorphism

$$H_L = \text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}_p}/\widehat{L}_\infty) \xleftarrow{\sim} \text{Aut}^{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{C}_p, \widehat{L}_\infty), \quad (9)$$

and the untilting-tilting formalism gives a bijection

$$\text{Aut}^{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{C}_p, \widehat{L}_\infty) \rightarrow \text{Aut}^{\text{cts}}(\mathbb{C}_p^b, \widehat{L}_\infty^b), \quad \sigma \mapsto \sigma^b, \quad \sigma^\sharp \leftarrow \sigma, \quad (10)$$

which is in fact an isomorphism of topological groups (this is non-trivial to verify). The composite isomorphism  $H_L \xrightarrow{\sim} H_{\mathbf{E}_L}$  is identified with  $\sigma \mapsto \sigma^b$ .

**Example 3.2.** *In our running example with  $L = \mathbb{Q}_p$ ,  $\pi = p$ ,  $F_\phi = \widehat{\mathbb{G}}_m$  one has  $L_\infty = \mathbb{Q}_p(\zeta_{p^\infty})$ . Fixing a compatible system  $(\zeta_{p^n})_n$ , we obtain  $\omega := (\dots, \zeta_{p^2} - 1 \bmod p, \zeta_p - 1 \bmod p, 0) \in o_{\widehat{L}_\infty^b}$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p((X)) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}$  via  $X \mapsto \omega$ . Then (ii) above tells us that this gives  $\widehat{\mathbb{F}_p((X))} \xrightarrow{\sim} \widehat{L}_\infty^b$ . Restriction of the tilted action to  $\mathbf{E}_{\mathbb{Q}_p}^{\text{sep}}$  gives an isomorphism  $G_{\mathbb{Q}_p}(\zeta_{p^\infty}) \cong G_{\mathbb{F}_p}((X))$ .*

## 4 The coefficient ring revisited

In the previous section we constructed an embedding  $k((X)) \hookrightarrow \widehat{L}_\infty^b$  whose image was defined to be  $\mathbf{E}_L$ . We would now like to lift this to an algebra morphism  $j$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}_L & \xhookrightarrow{j} & W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L \\ \text{mod } \pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Phi_0 \\ k((X)) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbf{E}_L \end{array} \quad (11)$$

such that  $j$  is equivariant for the  $\Gamma_L$ -actions (the  $\Gamma_L$ -action on  $W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$  being induced by functoriality of the ramified Witt vector construction) and sends the action of  $\varphi_L$  to the Frobenius  $\text{Fr}$  on  $W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$ . Here  $\Phi_0$  is the 0<sup>th</sup> ghost component map. In order to construct such a morphism we need to specify the image of  $X \in \mathcal{A}_L$ , in other words, we need to lift  $\omega \in \mathbf{E}_L$  to an element  $\omega_\phi \in W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$ . One would usually use the Teichmüller representative  $\tau : \mathbf{E}_L \rightarrow W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$  to achieve this, however, it doesn't have the right equivariance properties, and so it needs to be modified.

Let  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathbf{E}_L} := \Phi_0^{-1}(\mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{E}_L}) \subseteq W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$ ; this is a maximal ideal. Via the Lubin-Tate formal group law  $F_\phi$ ,  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathbf{E}_L}$  acquires the structure of an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module. It turns out that  $[\pi]_\phi \circ \text{Fr}^{-1}$  is a well-defined  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module endomorphism of  $\mathbb{M}_{\mathbf{E}_L}$ . Ignoring questions of convergence we can define an  $\mathfrak{o}$ -module endomorphism

$$\{\cdot\} : \mathbb{M}_{\mathbf{E}_L} \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{\mathbf{E}_L} \quad \{\alpha\} := \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} ([\pi]_\phi \circ \text{Fr}^{-1})^i(\alpha), \quad (12)$$

the definition of  $\{\alpha\}$  is rigged so that  $[\pi]_\phi(\{\alpha\}) = \text{Fr}(\{\alpha\})$ . Hence, if one defines

$$\iota_\phi := \text{the composite } (T \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathfrak{m}_{\mathbf{E}_L} \xrightarrow{\tau} \mathbb{M}_{\mathbf{E}_L} \xrightarrow{\{\cdot\}} \mathbb{M}_{\mathbf{E}_L}) \quad (13)$$

then one can verify that  $\text{Fr}(\iota_\phi(t)) = \iota_\phi(\pi \cdot t)$ . It turns out that  $\Phi_0 \iota_\phi = \iota$  and  $\iota_\phi$  also has the right  $\Gamma_L$ -equivariance.

Therefore we choose  $\omega_\phi := \iota_\phi(t)$  and the  $\mathfrak{o}$ -algebra map  $j : \mathcal{A}_L \rightarrow W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$  is determined by  $X \mapsto \omega_\phi$ . This is  $\Gamma_L$ -equivariant and satisfies  $j \circ \varphi_L = \text{Fr} \circ j$ . It follows that the image  $\mathbf{A}_L := \text{im}(j)$  is equipped with a  $(\varphi_L, \Gamma_L)$ -action, which coincides with that inherited from the  $(\text{Fr}, \Gamma_L)$  action on  $W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$ . The map  $j$  also turns out to be a topological embedding for the respective weak topologies so that  $j : \mathcal{A}_L \rightarrow \mathbf{A}_L$  is a topological isomorphism.

We now “redefine” the category of  $(\varphi_L, \Gamma_L)$ -modules by replacing instances of  $\mathcal{A}_L$  in the previous definition by  $\mathbf{A}_L$ .

## 5 The functors

By the previous we have constructed a  $(\text{Fr}, \Gamma_L)$ -stable subalgebra  $\mathbf{A}_L \subseteq W(\mathbf{E}_L)_L$ , which is naturally contained in  $W(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})_L$ . We define  $\mathbf{B}_L$  to be the fraction field of  $\mathbf{A}_L$ : note that the residue field of  $\mathbf{B}_L$  is identified with  $\mathbf{E}_L$ . The next technical input (which we do not have time to prove) is the following:

**Proposition 5.1.** *There is a unique intermediate ring*

$$\mathbf{A}_L \subseteq \mathbf{A}_L^{\text{nr}} \subseteq W(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})_L \quad (14)$$

such that:

- $\mathbf{A}_L^{\text{nr}}$  is a complete DVR with uniformizer  $\pi$ ;
- $\mathbf{B}_L^{\text{nr}} := \text{Frac}(\mathbf{A}_L^{\text{nr}})$  is the unique subextension of  $\text{Frac}(W(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})_L)$  which is a maximal unramified extension of  $\mathbf{E}_L$ ;
- $\Phi_0 : \mathbf{A}_L^{\text{nr}}/\pi \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}}$  is an isomorphism;
- $\mathbf{A}_L^{\text{nr}}$  is preserved by the Frobenius  $\text{Fr}$  and the  $G_L$  action inherited from  $W(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})_L$  (the latter coming from tilting equivalence); also  $H_L$  fixes  $\mathbf{A}_L$ .

Finally we define

$$\mathbf{A} := \text{closure of } \mathbf{A}_L^{\text{nr}} \subseteq W(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})_L \text{ w.r.t the } \pi\text{-adic topology.} \quad (15)$$

Since the  $G_L$ -action on Witt vectors is ‘‘coefficientwise’’, we see that the  $G_L$ -action commutes with  $\text{Fr}$  and  $(W(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})_L)^{\text{Fr}=1} = W(k)_L = o$ . In particular  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{Fr}=1} = o$ . Hence, we can define, for  $M \in \text{Mod}^{\text{et}}(\mathbf{A}_L)$ , the  $o$ -linear  $G_L$ -representation

$$\mathcal{V}(M) := (\mathbf{A} \otimes_{\mathbf{A}_L} M)^{\text{Fr} \otimes \varphi_M = 1}, \quad (16)$$

here  $G_L$  acts diagonally and through the residual  $\Gamma_L$ -action on  $M$ .

On the other hand, by the property of unramified extensions, the  $G_L$ -action on  $W(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})_L$  gives natural isomorphisms

$$H_L \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(\mathbf{B}_L^{\text{nr}}/\mathbf{B}_L) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Gal}(\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}}/\mathbf{E}_L), \quad (17)$$

so it is not so surprising (though, we do not prove it), that  $\mathbf{A}^{H_L} = \mathbf{A}_L$ . Given  $V \in \text{Rep}_o(G_L)$ , the  $\mathbf{A}$ -module  $\mathbf{A} \otimes_o V$  acquires the diagonal  $G_L$ -action and the  $\text{Fr}$ -linear endomorphism  $\varphi := \text{Fr} \otimes \text{id}$ . Thus the  $\mathbf{A}_L$ -module

$$\mathcal{D}(V) := (\mathbf{A} \otimes_o V)^{H_L} \quad (18)$$

acquires a residual  $\Gamma_L$ -action and a commuting  $\varphi_{\mathcal{D}(V)} := \varphi|_{\mathcal{D}(V)}$ -action. The main theorem is

**Theorem 5.2** (Fontaine, Kisin-Ren, Colmez, Schneider). *The functors*

$$\mathcal{V} : \text{Mod}^{\text{et}}(\mathbf{A}_L) \rightleftarrows \text{Rep}_o(G_L) : \mathcal{D}, \quad (19)$$

give an equivalence of categories.

Implicit in this is of course the fact that the functors are well-defined, i.e.,  $\mathcal{V}(M)$  and  $\mathcal{D}(V)$  are finitely generated, the actions are continuous and  $\mathcal{D}(V)$  is ‘‘étale’’. We give a sketch of the proof in the case of  $\pi$ -torsion coefficients, i.e., the equivalence

$$\mathcal{V} : \text{Mod}^{\text{et}}(\mathbf{E}_L) \rightleftarrows \text{Rep}_k(G_L) : \mathcal{D}, \quad (20)$$

given by  $\mathcal{V}(M) := (\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_{\mathbf{E}_L} M)^{\varphi=1}$  and  $\mathcal{D}(V) := (\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_k V)^{H_L}$ . For the general case one can use a *dévissage* argument to bootstrap this to  $\pi^m$ -torsion coefficients and then take limits.

By an argument involving Hilbert 90 the  $\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}}$ -vector space  $\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_k V$  has a basis by  $H_L$ -fixed vectors. Using this basis it is easily verified that  $\mathcal{D}(V)$  is finitely generated and the natural morphism

$$\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_{\mathbf{E}_L} \mathcal{D}(V) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_k V \quad (21)$$

is an isomorphism (one says that \$V\$ is *admissible*). Hence using (21) we calculate

$$\mathcal{V}(\mathcal{D}(V)) = (\mathbf{E}_L \otimes_{\mathbf{E}_L} \mathcal{D}(V))^{\varphi=1} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_k V)^{\varphi=1} = (\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})^{\text{Fr}=1} \otimes_k V = V. \quad (22)$$

On the other hand, for \$M \in \text{Mod}^{\text{et}}(\mathbf{E}\_L)\$ it is a consequence of Galois/étale descent (here is where we use that \$\varphi\_M^{\text{lin}}\$ is an isomorphism), that

$$\dim_k \mathcal{V}(M)^{\varphi=1} = \dim_{\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}}} \mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_{\mathbf{E}_L} M = \dim_{\mathbf{E}_L} M \quad (23)$$

and the natural map

$$\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_k \mathcal{V}(M) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_{\mathbf{E}_L} M, \quad (24)$$

is an isomorphism. Hence using (24) we calculate

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{V}(M)) = (\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_k \mathcal{V}(M))^{H_L} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}} \otimes_{\mathbf{E}_L} M)^{H_L} = (\mathbf{E}_L^{\text{sep}})^{H_L} \otimes_{\mathbf{E}_L} M = M. \quad (25)$$

which completes our proof sketch.

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