

Algebraic Groups

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Exercise sheet 7¹

Exercise 1. Let G be an affine group scheme over k .

- (1) Show that G is finite over k if and only if $G \times_k \bar{k}$ is finite over \bar{k} ;
- (2) Show that if $k = \bar{k}$, and if $G \rightarrow G'$ is a map of affine group schemes in which G' is finite, then G is finite if the kernel is finite.
- (3) Show that the condition *finiteness* on affine group schemes is stable under extensions.

Exercise 2. Let G be an affine group scheme over k . Show that G is unipotent if and only if there is a central normal series

$$G = G_0 \supsetneq G_1 \supseteq G_2 \cdots$$

such that each quotient G_i/G_{i+1} is either \mathbb{G}_a or α_{p^n} or a finite étale k -group scheme of order p^m .

Exercise 3. Let k be a field of characteristic 0. Show that every non-trivial étale group scheme over k is not unipotent.

Exercise 4. Let $G = \text{Spec}(\mathcal{A})$ be a finite locally free commutative group scheme over a scheme S .

- (1) Let $\mathcal{A}^D = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_S}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{O}_S)$ be the set of \mathcal{O}_S -linear homomorphism. Show that \mathcal{A}^D with the maps $\mathcal{A}^D \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_S} \mathcal{A}^D \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^D$, $\mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^D$, given by applying $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_S}(-, \mathcal{O}_S)$ to the comultiplication $m : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_S} \mathcal{A}$ and counit $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$, becomes an \mathcal{O}_S -algebra.
- (2) Notations being as in (1), show that \mathcal{A}^D with the maps $\mathcal{A}^D \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^D \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_S} \mathcal{A}^D$, $\mathcal{A}^D \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_S$, $\mathcal{A}^D \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^D$, given by applying $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_S}(-, \mathcal{O}_S)$ to the multiplication $m : \mathcal{A} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_S} \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, unit $\mathcal{O}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, and coinverse $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$, becomes an \mathcal{O}_S -Hopf algebra.
- (3) Check that the S -group scheme $G^D := \text{Spec}_{\mathcal{O}_S}(\mathcal{A}^D)$ is isomorphic to the group scheme $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{G}_m)$ defined as follows:

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Given an S -scheme T , $\text{Hom}(G, \mathbb{G}_m)(T) := \text{Hom}_{T\text{-Grp.Sch}}(G \times_S T, \mathbb{G}_{m,T})$.

- (4) Show that there is a canonical isomorphism between $(G^D)^D$ and G .
- (5) Show that $\mu_{n,S}^D = (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})_S$ and vice versa.
- (6) Show that if S is a scheme of characteristic $p > 0$, then $\alpha_{p,S}^D = \alpha_{p,S}$.
- (7) Show that if $S = \text{Spec}(k)$, then G is of multiplicative type iff G^D is étale.
- (8) Show that if $S = \text{Spec}(k)$, then G is unipotent iff G^D is connected. (Hint: To prove that G^D is connected implies that G is unipotent, you can use the fact that over an algebraically closed field of characteristic $p > 0$ any finite commutative group scheme which is not of the form $\alpha_{p,k}$, $(\mathbb{Z}/l)_k$ (l a prime number), 0 , and $\mu_{p,k}$, has a non-trivial subgroup scheme.)