ON THE FROBENIUS MORPHISM OF FLAG SCHEMES

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We give a new proof to V. B. Mehta and A. Ramanthan's theorem that the Schubert subschemes in a flag scheme are all simultaneously compatibly split, using the representation theory of infinitesimal algebraic groups. In particular, the present proof dispenses with the Bott-Samelson schemes.

Let K be a perfect field of positive characteristic p. If A is a K-algebra and $r \in \mathbb{Z}$, one defines a new K-algebra $A^{(r)}$ by the ring homomorphism $K \to A$ such that $\xi \mapsto \xi^{p^{-r}}$. Given a K-scheme \mathfrak{X} we will denote by $\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$ the K-scheme having the same underlying topological space as that of \mathfrak{X} but with the structure sheaf $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}} \otimes_K K^{(-r)}$, which we regard as a sheaf of K-algebras by the usual multiplication of K on $K^{(-r)}$ from the right. If \mathscr{F} is an $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}$ -module, we set $\mathscr{F}^{(r)} = \mathscr{F} \otimes_K K^{(-r)}$; it comes equipped with the structure of an $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}}$ -module. If r > 0, the morphism $F_{\mathfrak{X}}^r \colon X \to X^{(r)}$ that is the identity on the underlying topological spaces and such that $a \otimes \xi \mapsto a^{p'} \xi$ for each $a \in \Gamma(\mathfrak{V}, \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}})$ and $\xi \in K^{(-r)}$ with \mathfrak{V} open in \mathfrak{X} is called the *r*th Frobenius morphism of \mathfrak{X} .

If K is algebraically closed, Hartshorne [HASV], (III.6.4) showed that on the projective spaces over K, the direct image of any invertible sheaf under the Frobenius morphism splits into a direct sum of invertible sheaves; this was crucial for B. Haastert [Haas] to prove the \mathcal{D} -affinity of the projective spaces. We will compute in §1 which invertible sheaf enters as a direct summand.

More generally, we say after V. B. Mehta and A. Ramanathan [MR] that \mathfrak{X} is Frobenius split iff the structural morphism $F_{\mathfrak{X}}^{\mathfrak{f}}: \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(1)}} \to F_{\mathfrak{X}*}\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}$ admits a left inverse, called a Frobenius splitting, so that $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(1)}}$ is a direct summand of $F_{\mathfrak{X}*}\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}$. If σ is a Frobenius splitting of \mathfrak{X} and if \mathfrak{Y} is a closed subscheme of \mathfrak{X} defined by an ideal sheaf \mathscr{I} , we say σ splits \mathfrak{Y} iff $\sigma(F_{\mathfrak{X}*}\mathscr{I}) \subseteq \mathscr{I}^{(1)}$, in which case \mathfrak{Y} will also be Frobenius split, said to be compatibly split in \mathfrak{X} .

Mehta and Ramanathan showed that the flag schemes are Frobenius split with all the Schubert subschemes compatibly split. Their result has various applications, e.g., to their simple proof of Kempf's (resp. Demazure's) vanishing theorem of the higher cohomology of dominant (resp. ample) invertible sheaves on the flag schemes (resp. the Schubert schemes).

In §3 we will rederive a part of their theorem that the flag schemes are Frobenius split, using the representation theory of infinitesimal algebraic groups. Along the same line one can find a particularly nice splitting of each flag scheme that splits all its Schubert subschemes; that we will do in §4.

We will let KAlg (resp. $Mod_{\mathfrak{X}}$) denote the category of K-algebras (resp. $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}$ -modules). Also Sch_K (resp. Grp_K) is the category of Kschemes (resp. K-group schemes). If \mathfrak{G} is a K-group, \mathfrak{G} Mod will denote the category of \mathfrak{G} -modules.

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1. Projective spaces. In this section we assume K is algebraically closed and consider the case $\mathfrak{X} = \mathbf{P}^N$ the projective N-space over K.

(1.1) As \mathbf{P}^N is defined over \mathbf{F}_p , $(\mathbf{P}^N)^{(1)} \simeq \mathbf{P}^N$. We will denote by F the composite of $F_{\mathbf{P}^N}$ with the isomorphism.

The invertible $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}$ -modules are parametrized by Z: if $\mathscr{O}(1)$ is Serre's twisting sheaf, we let $\mathscr{O}(n) = \mathscr{O}(1)^{\otimes_n}$ (resp. $\mathscr{O}(-n)^{-1}$) if $n \ge 0$ (resp. n < 0).

By [HASV], (III.6.4) for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ there are $n_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$F_*\mathscr{O}(n)\simeq \coprod_{i=0}^{p^N-1}\mathscr{O}(n_i) \quad ext{in Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}.$$

We will compute the n_i in this section.

(1.2) If n = n' + pn'' with $n' \in [0, p-1]$ and $n'' \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

(1)
$$F_*\mathscr{O}(n) \simeq F_*(\mathscr{O}(n') \otimes_{\mathscr{O}_x} F^*\mathscr{O}(n'')) \simeq F_*\mathscr{O}(n') \otimes_{\mathscr{O}_x} \mathscr{O}(n'')$$

by the projection formula; hence we have only to compute $F_*\mathscr{O}(n)$,

 $n \in [0, p-1]$. Fix such n. Then (cf. [Haas], p. 400)

(2)
$$\exists \theta_i \in \mathbf{N} \text{ with } \sum_{i \ge 0} \theta_i = p^N \colon F_* \mathscr{O}(n) = \coprod_{i \ge 0} (\mathscr{O}(-i)^{\oplus_{\theta_i}}).$$

Let S_m be the *m*th homogeneous part of the polynomial algebra in N + 1 indeterminates over K. Then for each $j \in \mathbb{N}$ we have as K-linear spaces

(3)
$$S_{n+jp} \simeq \Gamma(\mathfrak{X}, \mathscr{O}(n+jp)) \simeq \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}(\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}, \mathscr{O}(n+jp))$$

 $\simeq \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}(F^*\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}, \mathscr{O}(n+jp))$
 $\simeq \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}(\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}, F_*\mathscr{O}(n+jp))$
 $\simeq \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}\left(\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}, \coprod_{i} \mathscr{O}(j-i)^{\oplus_{\theta_i}}\right)$ by the projection formula
 $\simeq \coprod_{i} S_{j-i}^{\oplus_{\theta_i}},$

hence

(4)
$$\binom{n+jp+N}{N} = \sum_{i} \theta_i \binom{j-i+N}{N}.$$

In order to compute the θ_i , we will agree that for each $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$

(5)
$$\binom{t}{m} = \frac{1}{m!} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \Big|_{x=1} x^t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = 0, \\ \frac{t(t-1)\cdots(t-m+1)}{m!} & \text{if } m \ge 1. \end{cases}$$

(1.3) LEMMA. (i) For each $r \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\theta_r = \sum_{i=0}^r (-1)^i \binom{N+1}{i} \binom{n+(r-i)p+N}{N}.$$

(ii) If
$$r \ge N + 1$$
 or $n + N \ge (N + 1 - r)p$, then $\theta_r = 0$.
(iii) $\theta_N = \begin{cases} \binom{p-n-1}{N} & \text{if } p - n - 1 \ge N, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Proof. (i) We will argue by induction on r. If r = 0, take j = 0 in (1.2) (4) to verify the assertion. If $r \ge 1$, take j = r in (1.2)(4) to

get

(1)
$$\theta_r = \binom{n+rp+N}{N} - \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \theta_i \binom{r-i+N}{N}$$
$$= \binom{n+rp+N}{N}$$
$$-\sum_{s=0}^{r-1} \binom{n+sp+N}{N} \sum_{k=0}^{r-1-s} (-1)^k \binom{N+1}{k} \binom{r-s-k+N}{N}$$

by the induction hypothesis; hence one has only to show

(2)
$$-\sum_{k=0}^{t-1} (-1)^k \binom{N+1}{k} \binom{t-k+N}{N} = (-1)^t \binom{N+1}{t} \quad \forall t \in [1, r].$$

Assume first $t-1 \le N$. Then the left-hand side of (2) is

(3)
$$-\sum_{k=0}^{N+1} (-1)^k \binom{N+1}{k} \binom{t-k+N}{N} + (-1)^t \binom{N+1}{t};$$

hence it will be enough to show

(4)
$$\sum_{k=0}^{N+1} (-1)^k \binom{N+1}{k} \binom{t-k+N}{N} = 0 \quad \forall t \ge 1.$$

But the left-hand side is

(5)
$$\sum_{k=0}^{N+1} (-1)^k \binom{N+1}{k} \frac{1}{N!} \frac{d^N}{dx^N} \Big|_{x=1} x^{t-k+N} = \frac{1}{N!} \frac{d^N}{dx^N} \Big|_{x=1} \{x^{t-1}(x-1)^{N+1}\} = 0,$$

using the Leibniz rule.

If t-1 > N, then the left-hand side of (2) is

(6)
$$-\sum_{k=0}^{N+1} (-1)^k \binom{N+1}{k} \binom{t-k+N}{N} = 0 \quad \text{by (4)}$$

while the right-hand side of (2) is 0 as $t \ge N + 2$. Hence (i) holds. (ii) If $r \ge N + 1$, then

(7)
$$\theta_r = \sum_{i=0}^{N+1} (-1)^i \binom{N+1}{i} \binom{n+(r-i)p+N}{N} \text{ by (i)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{N!} \frac{d^N}{dx^N} \Big|_{x=1} \{ x^{n+(r-N+1)p+N} (x-1)^{p(N+1)} \} = 0,$$

using the Leibniz rule again. Likewise the rest.

(1.4) We summarize the foregoing computations in

PROPOSITION. If $n \in [0, p-1]$ and $n' \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$F_*\mathscr{O}(n+pn')\simeq \coprod_{i=0}^N \mathscr{O}(n'-i)^{\oplus_{\theta_i}} \quad in \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}$$

with $\theta_i = \sum_{j=0}^{i} (-1)^j {N+1 \choose j} {n+(i-j)p+N \choose N}$ as in (1.3).

2. Preliminaries. In this section we recall some standard facts of the Frobenius splittings and of the representation theory of algebraic groups. We will also introduce the notations in (2.5) to be used in §3 and §4.

(2.1) Let \mathfrak{X} be a *K*-scheme. If \mathfrak{V} is open in \mathfrak{X} , one can identify $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(1)}}(\mathfrak{V}) = \Gamma(\mathfrak{V}, \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(1)}})$ with $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}(\mathfrak{V})^{(1)}$. Then the structure morphism $F_{\mathfrak{X}}^{\mathfrak{f}}(\mathfrak{V}) : \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(1)}}(\mathfrak{V}) \to (F_{\mathfrak{X}*}\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}})(\mathfrak{V})$ is just the *p*^rth power map. Hence a Frobenius split *K*-scheme is reduced [**R**], Remark 1.3(i).

(2.2) LEMMA (cf. [**R**], Corollary 1.11 and [**MR**], Lemma 1). Let \mathfrak{X} be a K-scheme Frobenius split by $\sigma \in \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(1)}}(F_{\mathfrak{X}*}\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}, \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(1)}})$.

(i) If \mathfrak{X}_1 and \mathfrak{X}_2 are closed subschemes of \mathfrak{X} both split by σ , then so is $\mathfrak{X}_1 \cap \mathfrak{X}_2$.

(ii) Let \mathfrak{Y} be a closed subscheme of \mathfrak{X} split by σ . If the underlying space $|\mathfrak{Y}|$ of \mathfrak{Y} is Noetherian, then each irreducible component of \mathfrak{Y} given the reduced closed structure is also split by σ .

Proof. (i) If \mathcal{I}_i is the ideal sheaf of \mathfrak{X}_i , the ideal sheaf of $\mathfrak{X}_1 \cap \mathfrak{X}_2$ is $\mathcal{I}_1 + \mathcal{I}_2$. Then

(1)
$$\sigma(F_{\mathfrak{X}*}(\mathscr{I}_1 + \mathscr{I}_2)) \subseteq \mathscr{I}_1^{(1)} + \mathscr{I}_2^{(1)} = (\mathscr{I}_1 + \mathscr{I}_2)^{(1)},$$

and hence $\mathfrak{X}_1 \cap \mathfrak{X}_2$ is split by σ .

(ii) If $|\mathfrak{Y}| = |\mathfrak{Y}_1| \cup \cdots \cup |\mathfrak{Y}_r|$ is a decomposition into the irreducible components of \mathfrak{Y} , each of which is given the reduced closed structure, put $\mathfrak{V} = |\mathfrak{X}| \setminus (|\mathfrak{Y}_2| \cup \cdots \cup |\mathfrak{Y}_r|)$. Then $|\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cap \mathfrak{V}| = |\mathfrak{Y} \cap \mathfrak{V}|$. As both $\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cap \mathfrak{V}$ and $\mathfrak{Y} \cap \mathfrak{V}$ are reduced, $\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cap \mathfrak{V} = \mathfrak{Y} \cap \mathfrak{V}$; hence

(2) $\mathfrak{Y}_1 \cap \mathfrak{V}$ is split by $\sigma|_{\mathfrak{N}^{(1)}}$ in \mathfrak{V} .

Let \mathscr{P} be the ideal sheaf of \mathfrak{Y}_1 in \mathfrak{X} . To see that $\sigma(F_{\mathfrak{X}*}\mathscr{P}) \subseteq \mathscr{P}^{(1)}$, the problem being local we may assume $\mathfrak{X} = \mathfrak{Sp}_K A$ for some *K*algebra *A*. Then $\mathscr{P} = \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}$ and $\sigma(F_{\mathfrak{X}*}\mathscr{P}) = \tilde{\mathfrak{I}}$ for some ideals \mathfrak{p} and \mathfrak{I} of A with $\mathfrak{p} \subseteq \mathfrak{I}$. As \mathfrak{Y}_1 is reduced and irreducible, \mathfrak{p} is prime. By (2) there is $f \in A \setminus \mathfrak{p}$ such that $\mathfrak{p}_f = \mathfrak{I}_f$ in A_f ; hence $\mathfrak{I} = \mathfrak{p}$, as desired.

(2.3) Let \mathfrak{G} be an affine algebraic K-group scheme, \mathfrak{H} a subgroup scheme of \mathfrak{G} , and $\pi: \mathfrak{G} \to \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}$ the quotient morphism. $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}$ is a K-scheme (cf. [J], (I.5.6)(8)), and π is open and affine (cf. [J], (I.5.7)(3), (1)).

If M is an \mathfrak{H} -module and if \mathfrak{V} is open in $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}$, we set

(1)
$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Sch}_{K}(\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}, M)^{\mathfrak{H}} &= \{ f \in \operatorname{Sch}_{K}(\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}, M) | \\ f(A)(xh) &= h^{-1}f(A)(x) \; \forall x \in (\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V})(A), \\ h \in \mathfrak{H}(A), \; A \in KAlg \}. \end{aligned}$$

One defines an $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}$ -module $\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M)$ by

(2)
$$\mathfrak{V} \mapsto \mathbf{Sch}_{K}(\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}, M)^{\mathfrak{H}}.$$

The correspondence $M \mapsto \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M)$ defines an exact functor from \mathfrak{H} Mod into the category of quasicoherent $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}$ -modules. $\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M)$ carries also a structure of \mathfrak{G} -linearization.

If we let \mathfrak{H} operate on the coordinate algebra $K[\mathfrak{G}]$ of \mathfrak{G} (resp. M) by the right regular action (resp. as given), and take the \mathfrak{H} -fixed point set of $M \otimes_K K[\mathfrak{G}]$, we get a left exact functor

(3)
$$\operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}} \colon \mathfrak{H} \operatorname{Mod} \to \mathfrak{G} \operatorname{Mod} \operatorname{via} M \mapsto (M \otimes_{K} K[\mathfrak{G}])^{\mathfrak{H}}$$

where the \mathfrak{G} -module structure on $(M \otimes_K K[\mathfrak{G}])^{\mathfrak{H}}$ is given by the left regular action on $K[\mathfrak{G}]$. Then

(4)
$$\operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(M) \simeq \Gamma(\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}, \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M))$$
 in \mathfrak{G} Mod.

The functor $\operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}$ is right adjoint to the forgetful functor $\mathfrak{G} \operatorname{Mod} \to \mathfrak{H} \operatorname{Mod}$: If V is a \mathfrak{G} -module, one has a K-linear isomorphism

(5)
$$\mathfrak{G}$$
 Mod $(V, \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(M)) \to \mathfrak{H}$ Mod (V, M) via $f \mapsto e_M \circ f$

with an inverse given by $g \mapsto \hat{g}$ such that

(6)
$$\hat{g}(v)(A)(x) = (g \otimes_K A)(x^{-1}(v \otimes 1)),$$

 $v \in V, x \in \mathfrak{G}(A), A \in KAlg.$

where $e_M = M \otimes_K \varepsilon_{\mathfrak{G}} \in \mathfrak{H} \operatorname{Mod}(\operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(M), M)$ such that $\sum m_i \otimes a_i \mapsto \sum \varepsilon_{\mathfrak{G}}(a_i)m_i$ with $\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{G}}$ the counit of the Hopf algebra $K[\mathfrak{G}]$, or e_M is the evaluation at the neutral element of $\mathfrak{G}(K)$ under the identification

(4). The isomorphism (5) is called a Frobenius reciprocity. One has also the tensor identity (cf. [J], (I.3.6)) in \mathfrak{G} Mod:

(7)
$$V \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(M) \xrightarrow{\sim} \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(V \otimes_K M)$$

such that the image of $v \otimes f$ sends $x \in \mathfrak{G}(A)$ into $(x^{-1}(v \otimes 1)) \otimes_A f(x)$, $A \in KAlg$.

(2.4) Let \mathfrak{K} be a subgroup of \mathfrak{H} and $q: \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{K} \to \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}$ the natural morphism. One has (cf. [J], (I.5.19)(5))

(1)
$$\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}} \circ \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{K}}^{\mathfrak{H}} \simeq q_* \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{K}}$$
 on \mathfrak{K} Mod

such that if \mathfrak{V} is an affine open of $\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}$ and $M \in \mathfrak{K}$ Mod, the following commutative diagram results:

where π is the quotient morphism $\mathfrak{G} \to \mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}$ and the top horizontal map is given by $a \otimes f \mapsto a \otimes e_M(f)$.

Taking the global sections of (1) yields the transitivity of inductions:

(3)
$$\operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}} \circ \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{H}} \simeq \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}.$$

If $L \in \mathfrak{K}$ Mod, the transitivity of inductions makes the following diagram commute:

(4)
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(\operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{K}}^{\mathfrak{H}}(L)) & \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} & \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{K}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(L) \\ e_{\operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{K}}^{\mathfrak{H}}(L)} & & \downarrow^{e_{L}} \\ & & \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{K}}^{\mathfrak{H}}(L) & \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} & L. \end{array}$$

(2.5) We now fix the notations to be used throughout the rest of the paper. G will denote a semisimple simply connected K-group with a maximal torus T, both split over Z, and R the root system of G relative to T with a positive system R^+ . We choose a Borel subgroup B of G containing T such that the roots of the unipotent radical U of B are $-R^+$, and set $\mathfrak{X} = G/B$.

Let $W = N_G(T)/T$ be the Weyl group of G. If α is a simple root, let s_{α} be the reflexion in W associated to α , and let $l: W \to \mathbb{N}$ be the length function on W with respect to $\{s_{\alpha} \mid \alpha \text{ simple}\}$. If $w_0 \in$ W with $w_0 R^+ = -R^+$, set $U^+ = w_0 U w_0^{-1}$. Then $\{w U^+ B\}_{w \in W}$ provides an open covering of G. As $B = T \ltimes U$, $\mathbf{Grp}_K(B, GL_1) \simeq \mathbf{Grp}_K(T, GL_1)$, which we will denote by X. X has the structure of an abelian group, called the weight lattice, such that $(\lambda + \mu)(t) = \lambda(t)\mu(t)$, $t \in T$, $\lambda, \mu \in X$. Define a partial order on X such that $\lambda \leq \mu$ iff $\mu - \lambda \in \sum_{\alpha \in R^+} \mathbf{N}\alpha$. Let X^+ be the set of dominant weights, and put $\rho = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha \in R^+} \alpha \in X^+$.

If *M* is a *T*-module, one can write $M = \coprod_{\lambda \in X} M_{\lambda}$ with $M_{\lambda} = \{m \in M \mid t(m \otimes 1) = m \otimes \lambda(t) \; \forall t \in T(A), A \in KAlg\}$. We say λ is a weight of *M* iff $M_{\lambda} \neq 0$.

By abuse of notation we let $\lambda \in X$ also denote the 1-dimensional *B*-module defined by λ . One has (cf. [J], (II.2.6))

(1)
$$\operatorname{ind}_{B}^{G}(\lambda) \neq 0$$
 iff $\lambda \in X^{+}$,

in which case (cf. [J], (II.2.2))

(2) $\operatorname{ind}_{B}^{G}(\lambda)$ has the highest weight λ with $\dim \operatorname{ind}_{B}^{G}(\lambda)_{\lambda} = 1$.

If $G_r = \ker F_G^r$, $F_{\mathfrak{X}}^r \colon \mathfrak{X} \to \mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$ factors through the natural morphism $q \colon \mathfrak{X} \to G/G_r B$ to induce an isomorphism $F \colon G/G_r B \to \mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$ in Sch_K (cf. [J], (I.9.5)) so that the diagram

(3)
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{X} & \xrightarrow{F'_{\mathfrak{X}}} \mathfrak{X}^{(r)} \\ q \downarrow & \sim \nearrow F \\ G/G_r B \end{array}$$

commutes. If $B_r = \ker F_B^r$ and $U_r^+ = \ker F_{U^+}^r$, the multiplication induces an isomorphism of K-schemes $U_r^+ \times B_r \to G_r$ (cf. [J], (II.3.2)).

For simplicity we set

(4)
$$\widehat{Z}_r = \operatorname{ind}_B^{G,B} \colon B \operatorname{Mod} \to G_r B \operatorname{Mod}.$$

As $G_r B/B \simeq U_r^+$ is affine,

(5)
$$\widehat{Z}_r$$
 is exact (cf. [J], (I.5.13)).

If $\lambda \in X$, then (cf. [J], (II.9.2))

(6)
$$\widehat{Z}_r(\lambda)$$
 has highest weight λ with dim $\widehat{Z}_r(\lambda)_{\lambda} = 1$

and

(7)
$$\widehat{Z}_r(\lambda)^* \simeq \widehat{Z}_r(-\lambda + 2(p^r - 1)\rho)$$
 in $G_r B$ Mod.

Also (cf. [J], (II.9.5))

(8)
$$\operatorname{soc}_{G_rB} \widehat{Z}_r(\lambda)$$
 is simple of highest weight λ .

In particular (cf. [J], (II.3.18)),

(9)
$$\widehat{Z}_r((p^r-1)\rho)$$
 is simple and admits a structure of G-module,

called the rth Steinberg module and denoted St_r .

One has by (2.4)(1)

(10)
$$q_*\mathscr{L}_{G/B}(M) \simeq \mathscr{L}_{G/G,B}(\widehat{Z}_r(M)) \quad \forall M \in B \text{ Mod.}$$

As B is defined over \mathbf{F}_p , $B^{(r)} \simeq B$ in \mathbf{Grp}_K (cf. [J], (I.9.5)); hence one can make M into a $G_r B$ -module, denoted $M^{[r]}$, through the quotient morphism $G_r B \to G_r B/G_r$ composed with the isomorphism $G_r B/G_r \xrightarrow{\sim} B^{(r)}$ induced by F_G^r . One has

(11)
$$F_*\mathscr{L}_{G/G_rB}(M^{[r]}) \simeq \mathscr{L}_{G/B}(M)^{(r)} \quad \mathrm{inMod}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(r)}}.$$

That is given in each $(wU^+B/B)^{(r)}$, $w \in W$, by the following commutative diagram:

with the bottom horizontal map given by $m \otimes a \otimes \xi \mapsto a^{p'} \xi \otimes m$.

(2.6) We examine next the inverse image $q^* \mathscr{L}_{G/G,B}(V)$, $V \in G_r B$ Mod. As the quotient morphism $G \to G/G_r B$ is not locally trivial, the argument of [J], (I.5.17)(1) does not apply as it is. One could consult [CPS], (3.1.2) and (2.7), but we prefer to write down an explicit proof of the following fact:

PROPOSITION. Let $s \in \mathbb{N}$, $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and let $q_s: G/G_s B \to G/G_{r+s} B$ be the natural morphism. If V is a $G_{r+s}B$ -module, the imbedding

$$\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V) \to q_{s*}\mathscr{L}_{G/G_sB}(V)$$

induces an isomorphism

$$q_s^* \mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V) \to \mathscr{L}_{G/G_sB}(V)$$

that makes, in each $wU^+x_s = wU^+B/G_sB$, $w \in W$, the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \Gamma(wU^{+}x_{s}, q_{s}^{*}\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V)) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \Gamma(wU^{+}x_{s}, q_{s}^{*}\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{s}B}(V)) \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & \downarrow \\ & & & & K[wU^{+}/U_{s}^{+}] \otimes_{K[wU^{+}/U_{r+s}^{+}]} (K[wU^{+}] \otimes_{K} V) & \longrightarrow & K[wU^{+}] \otimes_{K} V \\ & \text{where the bottom horizontal map is given by } b \otimes c \otimes v \mapsto bc \otimes v . \end{array}$$

Proof. By taking the direct limit we may assume dim $V < \infty$. Let $\pi_s: G \to G/G_s B$ and $\pi'_s: G \to G/G_{r+s} B$ be the quotient morphisms so that $q_s \circ \pi_s = \pi'_s$. Define $\psi: q_s^* \mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V) \to \mathscr{L}_{G/G_sB}(V)$ to be the adjoint of the imbedding $\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V) \to q_{s*} \mathscr{L}_{G/G_sB}(V)$.

Assume first s = 0. As $\{wU^+x_0\}_{w \in W}$ is an open covering of \mathfrak{X} , to see that ψ is invertible, we have only to check it in each wU^+x_0 , $w \in W$, then only in U^+x_0 by the *W*-equivariance; hence it is enough to show that the map

(1)
$$\Gamma(U^+ x_0, \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}) \otimes_{\Gamma(U^+ x_r, \mathscr{O}_{G/G_rB})} \mathbf{Sch}_K(U^+ B, V)^{G_rB} \rightarrow \mathbf{Sch}_K(U^+ B, V)^B$$

is invertible. But the left-hand side is isomorphic to

(2)

$$K[U^+] \otimes_{K[U^+/U_r^+]} \operatorname{Sch}_K(U^+, V)^{U_r^+}$$

$$\simeq K[U^+] \otimes_{K[U^+]^{(r)}} \operatorname{ind}_{U_r^+}^{U^+}(V)$$

$$\simeq K[U^+] \otimes_{K[U^+]^{(r)}} (V \otimes_K K[U^+])^{U_r^+}$$

while the right-hand side is isomorphic to $V \otimes_K K[U^+]$. Hence we are reduced to showing that the map

(3)
$$K[U^+] \otimes_{K[U^+]^{(r)}} (V \otimes_K K[U^+]) \to V \otimes_K K[U^+]$$

via $a \otimes m \otimes b \mapsto m \otimes ab$

induces an isomorphism upon restriction to

$$K[U^+] \otimes_{K[U^+]^{(r)}} (V \otimes_K K[U^+])^{U_r^+}.$$

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We will argue by induction on $\dim V$. Note that

$$V^{U_r^+} \neq 0 \quad \text{if } V \neq 0$$

as U_r^+ is unipotent. In particular, if dim V = 1, $V = V^{U_r^+}$; hence (5) $(V \otimes_K K[U^+])^{U_r^+} \simeq V \otimes_K (K[U^+]^{U_r^+}) \simeq V \otimes_K K[U^+]^{(r)}$, and the assertion follows. Assume next dim V > 1. As $U^+/U_r^+ \simeq U^{(r)}$ is affine, $\operatorname{ind}_{U_r^+}^{U^+}$ is exact. Also $K[U^+]$ is free of rank $p^{r|R^+|}$ over $K[U^+]^{(r)}$. Hence we get a commutative diagram of column exact sequences

By the induction hypothesis, the top and the bottom horizontal maps are isomorphic; therefore so is the middle, as claimed.

If s > 0, we have by the above a commutative diagram

(7)
$$\pi_{s}^{*}q_{s}^{*}\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V) \xrightarrow{\pi_{s}^{*}\psi} \pi_{s}^{*}\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{s}B}(V)$$
$$\downarrow^{\wr}$$
$$\pi_{s}^{'*}\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathscr{L}_{G/B}(V).$$

Hence at each $x \in \mathfrak{X}$ we have an isomorphism

$$(8) \quad (\pi_{s}^{*}\psi)_{x} = \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}, x} \otimes_{\mathscr{O}_{G/G_{s}B, \pi_{s}(x)}} \psi_{\pi_{s}(x)} :$$

$$\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}, x} \otimes_{\mathscr{O}_{G/G_{s}B, \pi_{s}(x)}} \mathscr{O}_{G/G_{s}B, \pi_{s}(x)} \otimes_{\mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r+s}B, \pi_{s}'(x)}} \mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V)_{\pi_{s}'(x)}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}, x} \otimes_{\mathscr{O}_{G/G_{s}B, \pi_{s}(x)}} \mathscr{L}_{G/G_{s}B}(V)_{\pi_{s}(x)}.$$

But $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X},x}$ is free of rank $p^{s|R^+|}$ over $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}^{(s)},x}$; hence $\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X},x}$ is faithfully flat over $\mathscr{O}_{G/G_sB,\pi_s(x)}$, so $\psi_{\pi_s(x)}$ is already isomorphic, from which we conclude that $\psi: q_s^* \mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}(V) \to \mathscr{L}_{G/G_sB}(V)$ is an isomorphism.

(2.7) One can likewise show

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PROPOSITION. Let $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{H}) = (G, B)$ or $(G, G_r B)$. Let $M, M' \in \mathfrak{H}$ Mod.

(i) The natural morphism

$$\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M)\otimes_{\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}}\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M')\to \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M\otimes_{K}M')$$

is invertible.

(ii) If M is finite dimensional, $\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M)$ is locally free of rank dim M, and the natural morphism $\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M^*) \to \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M)^{\vee}$ is invertible.

(2.8) LEMMA. Let $(\mathfrak{G}, \mathfrak{H}) = (G, B)$ or (G, G_rB) . If L, M, and N are \mathfrak{H} -modules with L and M finite dimensional, put

$$\begin{split} M_1 &= \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(L), \, \mathfrak{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M)) \,, \\ M_2 &= \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(M), \, \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(N)) \,, \\ M_3 &= \operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(L), \, \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{G}/\mathfrak{H}}(N)). \end{split}$$

Then one has a commutative diagram of K-linear spaces

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M_1 \otimes_K M_2 & \stackrel{c}{\longrightarrow} & M_3 \\ & & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ & & & & \uparrow \\ \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(L^* \otimes_K M) \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(M^* \otimes_K N) & \stackrel{}{\longrightarrow} & \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(L^* \otimes_K N) \end{array}$$

where c is the composition, the vertical isomorphisms are the natural ones, and $\mu \in \mathfrak{G}$ Mod, such that the diagram

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commutes if ν is the natural map.

Proof. Let $\psi_1 \in \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(L^* \otimes_K M)$, $\psi_2 \in \operatorname{ind}_{\mathfrak{H}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(M^* \otimes_K N)$, $\psi_3 = \mu(\psi_1 \otimes_K \psi_2)$, and $\tilde{\psi}_1 \in M_1$, $\tilde{\psi}_2 \in M_2$, $\tilde{\psi}_3 \in M_3$ corresponding to ψ_1, ψ_2, ψ_3 , respectively. We must show

(1)
$$\tilde{\psi}_2 \circ \tilde{\psi}_1 = \tilde{\psi}_3.$$

One has

(2)
$$\psi_3 = (L^* \otimes_K \nu \otimes_K N) \circ (\psi_1 \otimes_K \psi_2)$$
 in $\mathbf{Sch}_K(\mathfrak{G}, L^* \otimes_K N)$.

If \mathfrak{V} is an affine open of \mathfrak{X} , one can write

$$\operatorname{res}_{\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(\psi_1) = \sum_i a_i \otimes f_i \otimes m_i \quad \text{in } K[\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}] \otimes_K L^* \otimes_K M,$$

and

$$\operatorname{res}_{\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(\psi_2) = \sum_j b_j \otimes g_j \otimes n_j \quad \text{in } K[\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}] \otimes_K M^* \otimes_K N_*$$

Then by (2)

(3)
$$\operatorname{res}_{\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}}^{\mathfrak{G}}(\psi_3) = \sum_{i,j} a_i b_j \otimes g_j(m_i) f_i \otimes n_j$$

in
$$K[\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}] \otimes_K L^* \otimes_K N$$
.
If $v = \sum_k c_k \otimes l_k \in (K[\pi^{-1}\mathfrak{V}] \otimes_K L)^{\mathfrak{H}} \simeq \Gamma(\mathfrak{V}, \mathscr{L}(L))$, then
(4) $\tilde{\psi}_3(\mathfrak{V})(v) = \sum_{i,j,k} a_i b_j c_k \otimes g_j(m_i) f_i(l_k) n_j$ by (3)

while

(5)
$$((\tilde{\psi}_2 \circ \tilde{\psi}_1)(\mathfrak{V}))(v) = \tilde{\psi}_2(\mathfrak{V}) \left(\sum_{i,k} a_i c_k \otimes f_i(l_k) m_i \right)$$
$$= \sum_{i,j,k} a_i c_k b_j \otimes f_i(l_k) g_j(m_i) n_j;$$

hence $\tilde{\psi}_2 \circ \tilde{\psi}_1 = \tilde{\psi}_3$ in \mathfrak{V} , as desired.

(2.9) Let $M \in B$ Mod, and denote the isomorphism $\mathscr{L}_{G/G,B}(\widehat{Z}_r(M))$ $\rightarrow q_*\mathscr{L}_{G/B}(M)$ (resp. $q^*\mathscr{L}_{G/G,B}(\widehat{Z}_r(M)) \rightarrow \mathscr{L}_{G/B}(\widehat{Z}_r(M)))$ of (2.4) (resp. (2.6)) by θ_1 (resp. θ_2). One readily verifies

LEMMA. If
$$\tilde{a}: q^*q_*\mathscr{L}_{G/B}(M) \to \mathscr{L}_{G/B}(M)$$
 is the adjunction, then
 $\tilde{a} \circ q^*\theta_1 = \mathscr{L}_{G/B}(e_M) \circ \theta_2.$

(2.10) Let M' be another *B*-module. If dim $M < \infty$, one gets from (2.9) a commutative diagram of *K*-linear spaces (1)

where the top (resp. middle) horizontal map is $\operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}(q^*\theta_1, \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(M'))$ (resp. $\operatorname{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(e_M), \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(M'))$) and $e_M^* \in B \operatorname{Mod}(M^*, \widehat{Z}_r(M)^*)$ is the dual of e_M .

On the other hand, let $L \in G_r B$ Mod with dim $L < \infty$, $\tau_1 \in G_r B$ Mod $(L^* \otimes_K \hat{Z}_r(M'), \hat{Z}_r(L^* \otimes_K M'))$ the tensor identity (2.3)(7), and $\tau_2 \in G$ Mod $(\operatorname{ind}_{G_r B}^G(\hat{Z}_r(L^* \otimes_K \hat{Z}_r(M'))), \operatorname{ind}_B^G(L^* \otimes_K M'))$ the transitivity of inductions (2.4)(3). If θ'_1 (resp. θ^L_2) is θ_1 (resp. θ_2) with M (resp. $\hat{Z}_r(M)$) replaced by M' (resp. L), one has a commutative diagram of K-linear spaces

where the top (resp. bottom) isomorphism is an adjunction (resp. $\tau_2 \circ ind_{GB}^G(\tau_1)$).

Then putting together (1) and (2) yields

(2.11) LEMMA. If $M, M' \in B$ Mod with dim $M < \infty$, one has a commutative diagram of K-linear spaces

where the left vertical map is given by $f \mapsto q_* f$,

 $\tau_1 \in G_r B \operatorname{Mod}(\widehat{Z}_r(M)^* \otimes_K \widehat{Z}_r(M'), \, \widehat{Z}_r(\widehat{Z}_r(M)^* \otimes_K M'))$

is the tensor identity, and

 $\tau_2 \in G \operatorname{Mod}(\operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r(M)^* \otimes_K M')), \operatorname{ind}_B^G(\widehat{Z}_r(M)^* \otimes_K M'))$ is the transitivity of inductions.

3. Flag schemes.

(3.1) As $F: G/G_r B \to \mathfrak{X}^{(r)}$ is invertible, to see that $\mathfrak{X} = G/B$ is Frobenius split, one has only to show that

$$F_*^{-1}((F_{\mathfrak{X}}^r)^{\mathfrak{f}}) \in \mathbf{Mod}_{G/G,B}(\mathscr{O}_{G/G,B}, q_*\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}})$$

admits a left inverse.

One has $\operatorname{soc}_{G_rB} \widehat{Z}_r(K) = K$ by (2.5)(8); hence one has the inclusion $i \in G_rB \operatorname{Mod}(K, \widehat{Z}_r(K))$. As \mathscr{L}_{G/G_rB} is exact, $\mathscr{L}_{G/G_rB}(i)$ induces monic $\mathscr{O}_{G/G_rB} \to q_*\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}$. On the other hand,

(1)
$$\operatorname{Mod}_{G/G_{r}B}(\mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r}B}, q_{*}\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}) \simeq \Gamma(\mathfrak{X}, \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}) \simeq K.$$

Hence we may assume

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(2)
$$F_*^{-1}((F_{\mathfrak{X}}^r)^{\mathfrak{f}}) = \mathscr{L}_{G/G_rB}(i).$$

(3.2) THEOREM. The imbedding $\mathscr{L}_{G/G_R}(i)$ splits to yield

$$q_*\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}\simeq \mathscr{O}_{G/G_rB}\oplus \mathscr{L}_{G/G_rB}(\widehat{Z}_r(K)/K) \quad in\mathbf{Mod}_{G/G_rB}.$$

Proof. Put $i^{\vee} = \operatorname{Mod}_{G/G,B}(\mathscr{L}_{G/G,B}(i), \mathscr{O}_{G/G,B})$. Our objective is to show that i^{\vee} is surjective. If $i^* \in G_r B \operatorname{Mod}(\widehat{Z}_r(K)^*, K)$ is the dual of *i*, one has a commutative diagram of K-linear spaces

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \operatorname{Mod}_{G/G_{r}B}(\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r}B}(\widehat{Z}_{r}(K)), \mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r}B}) & \stackrel{i^{\vee}}{\longrightarrow} & \operatorname{Mod}_{G/G_{r}B}(\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r}B}(K), \mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r}B}) \\ & & & & & & & \\ 1) & & & & & & & & \\ 1) & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & &$$

where the middle horizontal map is $\operatorname{ind}_{G,B}^{G}(i^*)$.

As e_K is invertible and as i^* is surjective, one has only to show

(2)
$$e_{\widehat{Z}_{k}(K)^{*}}$$
 is surjective.

Recall the tensor identity (2.3)(7)

(3)
$$St_r \otimes_K St_r \simeq \widehat{Z}_r((p^r-1)\rho \otimes_K St_r)$$
 in $G_r B$ Mod.

As \widehat{Z}_r is exact, a surjective

(4)
$$(p^r - 1)\rho \otimes_K e_{(p^r - 1)\rho} \in B \operatorname{Mod}((p^r - 1)\rho \otimes_K St_r, 2(p^r - 1)\rho)$$

induces a surjective

(5)
$$\widehat{Z}_r((p^r-1)\rho \otimes_K e_{(p^r-1)\rho}) \\ \in G_r B \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r, \widehat{Z}_r(2(p^r-1)\rho)).$$

But $\widehat{Z}_r(2(p^r-1)\rho) \simeq \widehat{Z}_r(K)^*$ by (2.5)(7); hence one gets a surjective

(6)
$$\phi \in G_r B \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r, \widehat{Z}_r(K)^*).$$

Then ϕ induces $\hat{\phi} \in G$ Mod $(St_r \otimes_K St_r, ind_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r(K)^*))$ by the Frobenius reciprocity such that

(7)
$$e_{\widehat{Z}_{r}(K)^{*}}\circ\hat{\phi}=\phi;$$

hence $e_{\widehat{Z}(K)^*}$ must be surjective, as desired.

(3.3) REMARKS. (i) Unlike the case of the projective spaces, $q_* \mathscr{O}_{G/B}$ does not in general split into a direct sum of invertible sheaves [Haas], (4.5.5).

(ii) If $s \in \mathbb{N}$, one can make as in (2.5)(11) a G_rB -module M into a $G_{r+s}B$ -module, denoted also by $M^{[s]}$. Then in $G_{r+s}B$ Mod

(1)
$$\operatorname{ind}_{G_sB}^{G_{r+s}B}(K) \simeq \operatorname{ind}_{G_sB/G_s}^{G_{r+s}B/G_s}(K) \simeq (\operatorname{ind}_B^{G_rB}(K))^{[s]}.$$

If $q_s: G/G_s B \to G/G_{r+s}B$ is the natural morphism, one has commutative diagram in \mathbf{Sch}_K

$$(2) \qquad \begin{array}{cccc} G/B & \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} & (G/B)^{(s)} & \stackrel{\sim}{\longleftarrow} & G/G_sB \\ & q \downarrow & & \downarrow q^{(s)} & & \downarrow q_s \\ & & G/G_rB & \stackrel{\sim}{\longrightarrow} & (G/G_rB)^{(s)} & \stackrel{\sim}{\longleftarrow} & G/G_{r+s}B; \end{array}$$

hence the natural morphism $\mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r+s}B} \to q_{s*}\mathscr{O}_{G/G_sB}$ splits to yield

(3)
$$q_{s*}\mathscr{O}_{G/G_sB} \simeq \mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r+s}B} \oplus \mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r+s}B}((\widehat{Z}_r(K)/K)^{[s]})$$

in $Mod_{G/G_{r+e}B}$.

(iii) The cup product $St_r \otimes_K St_r \to \operatorname{ind}_B^G(2(p^r-1)\rho)$ in G Mod, induced by the multiplication $(p^r-1)\rho \otimes_K (p^r-1)\rho \to 2(p^r-1)\rho$, turns out to be surjective (cf. [J], (II.14.20)). On the other hand, one

has K-linear isomorphisms

$$G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r, \operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r(K)^*))$$

$$\simeq G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r, \operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r(2(p^r - 1)\rho)))$$

$$\simeq G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r, \operatorname{ind}_B^G(2(p^r - 1)\rho))$$
by the transitivity of inductions
$$\simeq B \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r, 2(p^r - 1)\rho)$$
by the Frobenius reciprocity
$$\simeq K.$$

It follows that $\hat{\phi}$ is surjective, hence every morphism $q_*\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}} \to \mathscr{O}_{G/G,B}$, and, a fortiori, every Frobenius splitting of G/B, is provided by $St_r \otimes_K St_r$.

4. Schubert schemes. (4.1) Let $\tilde{\phi}$ be the K-linear map

$$St_r \otimes_K St_r \to \mathbf{Mod}_{G/G_rB}(q_*\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}, \mathscr{O}_{G/G_rB})$$

induced by $\hat{\phi}$ of (3.2). One has K-linear isomorphisms

(1)
$$G_r B \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r, K)$$

 $\simeq G_r B \operatorname{Mod}(St_r, St_r)$ as St_r is self-dual
 $\simeq B \operatorname{Mod}(St_r, (p^r - 1)\rho)$ by the Frobenius reciprocity
 $\simeq K$ as $(p^r - 1)$ is the highest weight of St_r
 $\simeq G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r, St_r) \simeq G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r^*, K) = K \operatorname{Tr},$

where Tr is the trace map of the K-linear endomorphisms of St_r . Hence we may assume in (3.2)

(2)
$$i^* \circ \phi = \operatorname{Tr}.$$

In particular, if $v_{-} \in St_{r,-(p'-1)\rho} \setminus 0$ and $v_{+} \in St_{r,(p'-1)\rho} \setminus 0$, then

$$\mathbf{Tr}(v_-\otimes v_+)\neq 0$$

as one can regard v_+ as the dual of v_- . Hence one can take the splitting of $\mathscr{L}_{G/G_*B}(i)$ to be

(4)
$$\sigma = \tilde{\phi}(v_- \otimes v_+).$$

We will show

(4.2) THEOREM. Let $w \in W$. If \mathscr{I}_w is the ideal sheaf of the Schubert scheme $\mathfrak{X}(w) = \overline{U^+ w B/B}$ in \mathfrak{X} , then

$$\sigma(q_*\mathscr{I}_w)\subseteq F_*^{-1}(\mathscr{I}_w^{(r)}).$$

Hence $F_*\sigma$ splits all the Schubert subschemes of \mathfrak{X} .

(4.3) Let \mathfrak{Y} be a closed subscheme of \mathfrak{X} with the underlying topological space $|\mathfrak{X}| \setminus |U^+ B/B|$. If α is a simple root, the Schubert scheme $\mathfrak{X}(s_{\alpha})$ is an irreducible component of \mathfrak{Y} . In $w \in W$ with $l(w) \ge 2$, there are simple roots α_1 and α_2 such that $l(s_{\alpha_1} w s_{\alpha_2}) = l(w) - 2$. Then

(1)
$$s_{\alpha_1}w \neq ws_{\alpha_2}$$
 with $l(s_{\alpha_1}w) = l(ws_{\alpha_2}) = l(w) - 1$.

It follows that

(2) $\mathfrak{X}(w)$ is an irreducible component of $\mathfrak{X}(s_{\alpha_1}w) \cap \mathfrak{X}(ws_{\alpha_2})$.

Hence in order to get (4.2), it will suffice by (2.2) to show that

(3)
$$F_*\sigma$$
 splits \mathfrak{Y} .

(4.4) Let $j \in \operatorname{ind}_{B}^{G}(\rho)_{\rho}$ be such that j = 1 in U^{+} regarded as an element of $\operatorname{Sch}_{K}(G, \rho)_{\rho}^{B}$ [J], (II.2.6), and let

$$\tilde{j} \in \mathbf{Mod}_{\mathfrak{X}}(\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(-\rho), \mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}) \simeq \Gamma(\mathfrak{X}, \mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(\rho))$$

corresponding to j. If $w \in W$, one has a commutative diagram

If $j|_{wU^+} = 0$, then j would vanish in wU^+B that is open in G, hence in the whole of G, contradicting the choice of j. It follows that

(2)
$$\tilde{j}$$
 is monic

(4.5) LEMMA. Supp(coker \tilde{j}) = $|\mathfrak{X}| \setminus |U^+ B/B|$.

Proof. As \tilde{j} is invertible in U^+B/B ,

(1)
$$\operatorname{Supp}(\operatorname{coker} \tilde{j}) \subseteq |\mathfrak{X}| \setminus |U^+ B/B|.$$

On the other hand, if α is a simple root, one finds j = 0 in $U^+ s_{\alpha} B$ (cf. [J], (II.2.6)); hence

(2)
$$\operatorname{Supp}(\operatorname{coker} \tilde{j}) \supseteq |U^+ s_{\alpha} B / B|.$$

But Supp(coker \tilde{j}) is closed in \mathfrak{X} as $\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(-\rho)$ is quasicoherent. Hence

(3)
$$Supp(\operatorname{coker} \tilde{j}) \supseteq \bigcup_{\substack{\alpha \text{ simple}}} |\mathfrak{X}(s_{\alpha})|$$
$$= \bigcup_{w \in W \setminus 1} |U^{+}wB/B| = |\mathfrak{X}| \setminus |U^{+}B/B|,$$

and the assertion follows.

(4.6) We take \mathfrak{Y} to be the closed subscheme of \mathfrak{X} defined by the ideal sheaf im \tilde{j} . One has a commutative diagram of short exact sequences

where the left vertical morphism is given by $f \mapsto f^{p'} j^{p'-1}$. If $\tilde{j}_r = F_*^{-1}(\tilde{j}^{(r)})$, hitting F_*^{-1} on (1) yields by (2.5)(11) a commutative diagram of short exact sequences (2)

with $j_r = \tilde{j}_r(G/G_rB) \in \text{ind}_{G_rB}^G(p^r\rho)_{p^r\rho} \setminus 0$. Our objective is to show (4.7) **Proposition.** $\sigma(\operatorname{im}(q_*\tilde{j})) \subseteq \operatorname{im} \tilde{j}_r$.

Proof. Put

(1)

$$M_{1} = \operatorname{Mod}_{G/G_{r}B}(q_{*}\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}, \mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r}B}),$$

$$M_{2} = \operatorname{Mod}_{G/G_{r}B}(q_{*}\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(-\rho), q_{*}\mathscr{O}_{\mathfrak{X}}),$$

$$M_{3} = \operatorname{Mod}_{G/G_{r}B}(q_{*}\mathscr{L}_{\mathfrak{X}}(-\rho), \mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r}B}(-p^{r}\rho)),$$

$$M_{4} = \operatorname{Mod}_{G/G_{r}B}(\mathscr{L}_{G/G_{r}B}(-p^{r}\rho), \mathscr{O}_{G/G_{r}B}),$$

$$I_{1} = \operatorname{ind}_{G_{r}B}^{G}(\widehat{Z}_{r}(K)^{*}),$$

$$I_{2} = \operatorname{ind}_{G_{r}B}^{G}(\widehat{Z}_{r}(K) \otimes_{K} \widehat{Z}_{r}(-\rho)^{*}).$$

One has in G Mod

(2)
$$\operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r(-\rho)^*) \simeq \operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r((2p^r-1)\rho))$$
 by (2.5)(7)
 $\simeq \operatorname{ind}_B^G((2p^r-1)\rho)$ by the transitivity of inductions

and

(3)
$$\operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r(-\rho)^* \otimes_K -p^r \rho)$$
$$\simeq \operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r((2p^r-1)\rho) \otimes_K -p^r \rho)$$
$$\simeq \operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(\widehat{Z}_r((p^r-1)\rho)) \quad \text{by the tensor identity}$$
$$\simeq St_r \quad \text{by the tensor identity again.}$$

Hence one gets by (2.8) and (2.11) a commutative diagram of K-linear spaces

(4)

where c_1 and c_2 are compositions, and ν_1 , ν_2 , ν_3 are some nonzero G-homomorphisms.

If $\tilde{v}_{-} \in M_3$ is v_{-} under the isomorphism (3), then (4.7) will follow from

(5)
$$c_1 \circ (\tilde{\phi} \otimes_K q_*)(v_- \otimes_K v_+ \otimes_K \tilde{j}) = c_2(\tilde{v}_- \otimes_K \tilde{j}_r),$$

which translates through (4) into

(6)
$$\nu_2 \circ (\hat{\phi} \otimes_K \nu_1) (v_- \otimes_K v_+ \otimes_K j) = \nu_3 (v_- \otimes_K j_r).$$

We actually need (6) to hold only up to K^{\times} .

Consider an imbedding $\hat{e}_{p'\rho} \in G$ Mod $(ind_{G,B}^G(p^r\rho), ind_B^G(p^r\rho))$ and put $j'_r = \hat{e}_{p'\rho}(j_r)$. One has K-linear isomorphisms

(7)
$$G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_B^G(\rho), \operatorname{ind}_B^G((2p^r - 1)\rho))$$

 $\simeq B \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_B^G(\rho), (2p^r - 1)\rho)$
by the Frobenius reciprocity

$$\simeq K \quad \text{by } (2.5)(2)$$

$$\simeq G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_{G_rB}^G(p^r \rho), \operatorname{ind}_B^G((2p^r - 1)\rho))$$

$$\simeq G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_B^G(p^r \rho), \operatorname{ind}_B^G((2p^r - 1)\rho)).$$

Hence if $\mu_1 \in G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K St_r \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_B^G(\rho), \operatorname{ind}_B^G((2p^r - 1)\rho))$ and $\mu_2 \in G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_B^G(p^r \rho), \operatorname{ind}_B^G((2p^r - 1)\rho))$ are the cup products, we are reduced to showing

(8)
$$\mu_1(v_-\otimes_K v_+\otimes_K j) = \mu_2(v_-\otimes_K j'_r) \text{ up to } K^{\times}.$$

But we have another cup product

$$\mu_3 \in G \operatorname{Mod}(St_r \otimes_K \operatorname{ind}_B^G(\rho), \operatorname{ind}_B^G(p^r \rho))$$

such that

(9)
$$\mu_1 = \mu_2 \circ (St_r \otimes_K \mu_3).$$

By the weight consideration we must have

(10)
$$\mu_3(v_+ \otimes j) = j'_r \quad \text{up to } K^{\times};$$

hence (8) follows, as desired.

(4.8) Finally, if P is a parabolic subgroup of G containing B, let $\overline{\pi}: G/B \to G/P$ be the natural morphism. As G/B and G/P are both projective over K, $\overline{\pi}$ is projective. Also $\overline{\pi}_* \mathscr{O}_{G/B} = \mathscr{O}_{G/P}$, as $\overline{\pi}$ is locally trivial with $\mathscr{O}_{P/B}(P/B) = K$. Hence one gets from [MR], Proposition 4,

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COROLLARY. $\overline{\pi}_*(F_*\sigma)$ splits all the Schubert subshcemes of G/P.

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