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#### ABSTRACT.

For any ring R let  $\Lambda(R)$  denote the multiplicative group of power series of the form  $1 + a_1 t + \dots$  with coefficients in R. The Artin-Hasse exponential mappings are homomorphisms  $W_{p,\infty}(k) \to \Lambda(W_{p,\infty}(k))$ , which satisfy certain additional properties. Somewhat reformulated the Artin-Hasse exponentials turn out to be special cases of a functorial ring homomorphism E:  $W_{p,\infty}(-) \rightarrow$  $W_{p,\infty}(W_{p,\infty}(-))$ , where  $W_{p,\infty}$  is the functor of infinite length Witt vectors associated to the prime p. In this paper we present ramified versions of both  $W_{p,\infty}(-)$  and E, with  $W_{p,\infty}(-)$  replaced by a functor  $W_{q,\infty}^F$ (-), which is essentially the functor of q-typical curves in a (twisted) Lubin-Tate formal group law over A, where A is a discrete valuation ring, which admits a Frobenius like endomorphism  $\sigma$  (we require  $\sigma(a) \equiv a^q \mod m$  for all  $a \in A$ , where m is the maximal ideal of A). These ramified-Witt-vector functors  $\psi_{q,\infty}^{F}$  (-) do indeed have the property that, if k = A/m is perfect, A is complete, and  $\ell/k$  is a finite extension of k, then  $\textbf{W}_{q,\infty}^F(\ell)$  is the ring of integers of the unique unramified extension L/K covering  $\ell/k$ .

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION.

For each ring R (commutative with unit element 1) let  $\Lambda(R)$  be the abelian group of power series of the form  $1+r_1t+r_2t^2+\ldots$  Let  $W_{p,\infty}(R)$  be the ring of Witt vectors of infinite length associated to the prime p with coefficients in R. Then the "classical" Artin-Hasse exponential mapping is a map

E: 
$$W_{p,\infty}(k) \rightarrow \Lambda(W_{p,\infty}(k))$$

defined for all perfect fields k as follows. (Cf e.g. [1] and [13]). Let  $\Phi(y)$  be the power series

$$\Phi(y) = \prod_{(p,n)=1} (1-y^n)^{\mu(n)/n},$$

where  $\mu(n)$  is the Möbius function. Then  $\Phi(y)$  has its coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , cf e.g. [13]. Because k is perfect every element of  $\bigoplus_{p,\infty}^{\infty}(k)$  can be written in the form  $b = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \tau(c_i) p^i$ , with  $c_i \in k$ , and  $\tau \colon k \to \mathbb{W}_{p,\infty}(k)$  the unique system of multiplicative representants. One now defines

E: 
$$W_{p,\infty}(k) \rightarrow \Lambda(W_{p,\infty}(k))$$
,  $E(\underline{b}) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \Phi(\tau(c_i)t)^{p^i}$ 

Now let W(-) be the ring functor of big Witt vectors. Then W(-) and  $\Lambda(-)$  are isomorphic, the isomorphism being given by  $(a_1,a_2,\ldots) \to \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1-a_it^i)$ , cf [2]. Now there is a canonical quotient i=1 map W(-)  $\to$  W<sub>p,\infty</sub>(-) and composing E with  $\Lambda(-) \simeq W(-)$  and W(-)  $\to$  W<sub>p,\infty</sub>(-) we find a Artin-Hasse exponential

E: 
$$W_{p,\infty}(k) \rightarrow W_{p,\infty}(W_{p,\infty}(k))$$

$$\underline{b}_{0}^{p} + p \underline{b}_{1}^{p-1} + \dots + p^{n-1} \underline{b}_{n-1}^{p} + p^{n} \underline{b}_{n}.$$

It should be noted the classical definition of E given above works only for perfect fields of characteristic p > 0. In this form theorem 1.1 is probably due to Cartier, cf. [5].

Now let A be a complete discrete valuation ring with residue field of characteristic p, such that there exists a power q of p and an automorphism  $\sigma$  of K, the quotient field of A, such that  $\sigma(a) \equiv a^q \mod m$  for all  $a \in A$ , where m is the maximal ideal of A. It is the purpose of the present paper to define ramified Witt vector functors

$$W_{q,\infty}^{F}(-): \underline{\underline{Alg}}_{A} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{Alg}}_{A},$$

where  $\underline{\underline{Alg}}_{A}$  is the category of A-algebras, and a ramified Artin-Hasse exponential mapping

E: 
$$W_{q,\infty}^F(-) \rightarrow W_{q,\infty}^F(W_{q,\infty}^F(-))$$
.

There is such a ramified Witt-vector functor  $W_{q,\infty}^F$  associated to every twisted Lubin-Tate formal group law F(X,Y) over A. This last notion is defined as follows: let  $f(X) = X + a_2 X^2 + \ldots \in K[[X]]$  and suppose that  $a_i \in A$  if q does not divide i and  $a_{qi} - \omega^{-1} \tau(a_i) \in A$  for all i for a certain fixed uniformizing element  $\omega$ . Then  $F(X,Y) = f^{-1}(f(X) + f(Y)) \in A[[X,Y]]$ , and the formal group laws thus obtained are what we call twisted Lubin-Tate formal group laws. The Witt-vector-functors  $W_{q,\infty}^F(-)$  for varying F are isomorphic if the formal group laws are strictly isomorphic. Now every twisted Lubin-Tate formal group law is strictly isomorphic to one of the form

 $G_{\omega}(X,Y) = g_{\omega}^{-1}(g_{\omega}(X) + g_{\omega}(Y))$  with  $g(\omega)(X) = X + \omega^{-1}X^{q} + \omega^{-1}\sigma(\omega)^{-1}X^{q^{2}} + \omega^{-1}\sigma(\omega)^{-1}\sigma^{2}(\omega)^{-1}X^{q^{3}} + \dots$  which permits us to concentrate on the case  $F(X,Y) = G_{\omega}(X,Y)$  for some  $\omega$ ; the formulas are more pleasing in this case, especially because the only constants which then appear are the  $\sigma^{1}(\omega)$ , which is esthetically attractive, because  $\omega$  is an invariant of the strict isomorphism class of F(X,Y).

The functors  $\mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{q},\infty}^{\mathbf{F}}$  and the functor morphisms E are Witt-vector-like and Artin-Hasse-exponential-like in that

- (i)  $W_{q,\infty}^F(B) = \{(b_0,b_1,\ldots) | b_i \in B\}$  as a set valued functor and the A-algebra structure can be defined via suitable Witt-like polynomials  $w_{q,n}^F(Z_0,\ldots,Z_n)$ ; cf below for more details.
- (ii) There exist a  $\sigma$ -semilinear A-algebra homomorphism  $\underline{\underline{f}}$  (Frobenius) and a  $\sigma^{-1}$ -semilinear A-module homomorphism  $\underline{\underline{V}}$  (Verschiebung) with the expected properties, e.g.  $\underline{\underline{f}}\underline{\underline{V}} = \omega$  where  $\omega$  is the uniformizing element of A associated to F, and  $\underline{\underline{f}}(\underline{\underline{b}}) \equiv \underline{\underline{b}}^q \mod \omega \ W_{\underline{g},\infty}^F(B)$ .
- (iii) If k, the residue field of A, is perfect and  $\ell/k$  is a finite field extension, then  $W_{q,\infty}^F(\ell) = B$ , the ring of integers of the unique unramified extension L/K which covers  $\ell/k$ .
- (iv) The Artin-Hasse exponential E is characterized by  $w_{q,n}^F \circ E = \underline{f}^n$  for all n = 0,1,2,...

I hope that these constructions will also be useful in a class-field theory setting. Meanwhile they have been important in formal A-module theory; the results in question have been announced in two notes, [9] and [10], and I now propose to take half a page or so to try to explain these results to some extent.

Let R be a  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$ -algebra and let  $\operatorname{Cart}_p(R)$  be the Cartier-Dieudonné ring. This is a ring "generated" by two symbols f,V over  $\mathbb{W}_{p,\infty}(R)$  subject to "the relations suggested by the notation used". For each formal group F(X,Y) over R let  $C_p(F;R)$  be its  $\operatorname{Cart}_p(R)$  module of p-typical curves. Finally let  $\widehat{\mathbb{W}}_{p,\infty}(-)$  be the formal completion of the functor  $\mathbb{W}_{p,\infty}(-)$ . Then one has

- (a) The functor  $F \mapsto C_p(F;R)$  is representable by  $\widehat{W}_{p,\infty}([3])$
- (b) The functor F→ C<sub>p</sub>(F;R) is an equivalence of categories between the category of formal groups over R and a certain (explicitly describable) subcategory of Cart<sub>p</sub>(R) modules ([3]).
- (c) There exists a theory of "lifting" formal groups, in which the Artin-Hasse exponential E:  $W_{p,\infty}(-) \to W_{p,\infty}(W_{p,\infty}(-))$  plays an important rôle. These results relate to the socalled "Tapis de Cartier" and relate to certain conjectures of Grothendieck concerning cristalline cohomology, ([4] and [5]).

Now let A be a complete discrete valuation ring with residue field k of q-elements (for simplicity and/or nontriviality of the theory). A formal A-module over B  $\in$  AlgA is a formal group law F(X,Y) over B together with a ring homomorphism  $\rho_F\colon A\to \operatorname{End}_B(F(X,Y))$ , such that  $\rho_F(a)\equiv aX \mod(\operatorname{degree}\ 2)$ . Then there exist complete analogues of (a), (b), (c) above for the category of formal A-modules over B. Here the rôle of  $C_p(F;R)$  is taken over by the q-typical curves  $C_q(F;B)$ ,  $W_{p,\infty}(-)$  and  $W_{p,\infty}(-)$  and  $W_{p,\infty}(-)$  are replaced by ramified—Witt vector functors  $W_{q,\infty}^{\pi}(-)$  and  $W_{q,\infty}^{\pi}(-)$  associated to an untwisted, i.e.  $\sigma=\operatorname{id}$ , Lubin-Tate formal group law over A with associated uniformizing element  $\pi$ . Finally, the rôle of E in (c) is taken over by the ramified Hasse-Witt exponential  $W_{q,\infty}^{\pi}(-)\to W_{q,\infty}^{\pi}(W_{q,\infty}^{\pi}(-))$ 

As we remarked in (i) above, it is perfectly possible to define and analyse  $W_{q,\infty}^F(-)$  by starting with the polynomials  $w_{q,n}^F(Z)$  and then proceeding along the lines of Witt's original paper. And, in fact, in the untwisted case, where k is a field of q-elements, this has been done, independantly of this paper, and independantly of each other by E. Ditters ([7]), V. Drinfel'd ([8]), J. Casey (unpublished) and, very possibly, several others. In this case the relevant polynomials are of course the polynomials  $X_0^{q} + \pi X_1^{q} + \dots + \pi^{n-1} X_{n-1}^{q} + \pi^n X_n$ .

Of course the twisted version is necessary if one wants to describe also all ramified discrete valuation rings with not necessarily finite residue fields. A second main reason for considering "twisted formal A-modules" is that there exist no nontrivial formal A-modules if the residue field of A is infinite.

theoretical (if not the esthetical and/or computational) point of view all polynomials  $\overset{\circ}{w}_{q,n}(X_0,\ldots,X_n)=a_n^{-1}(a_nX_0^q+a_{n-1}X_1^q+\ldots+a_0X_n)\in A[X]$  are equally good, provided  $a_0=1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$ ,... is a sequence of elements of K such that  $a_1-\omega^{-1}\sigma(a_{i-1})\in A$  for all  $i=1,2,\ldots$ .Cf in this connection also [6].

#### 2. THE FUNCTIONAL-EQUATION-INTEGRALITY LEMMA.

2.1. The Setting. Let A be a discrete valuation ring with maximal ideal m, residue field k of characteristic p > 0 and field of quotients K. Both characteristic zero and characteristic p > 0 are allowed for K. We use v to denote the normalized exponential valuation on K and  $\omega$  always denotes a uniformizing element, i.e.  $v(\omega) = 1$  and  $m = \omega A$ . We assume that there exists a power q of p and an automorphism  $\sigma$  of K such that

(2.2) 
$$\sigma(\mathfrak{m}) = \mathfrak{m}$$
,  $\sigma a \equiv a^q \mod \mathfrak{m}$  for all  $a \in A$ .

The ring A does not need not be complete.

Further let  $B \in \underline{\underline{Alg}}_A$ , the category of A-algebras. We suppose that B is A-torsion free (i.e. that the natural map  $B \to B \ \underline{\mathfrak{A}}_A K$  is injective) and we suppose that there exists an endomorphism  $\tau : B \ \underline{\mathfrak{A}}_A K \to B \ \underline{\mathfrak{A}}_A K$  such that

(2.3) 
$$\tau(b) \equiv b^q \mod mB \text{ for all } b \in B$$

Finally let f(X) be any power series over B  $\mathfrak{Q}_{A}$  K of the form

(2.4) 
$$f(X) = b_1 X + b_2 X^2 + ..., b_i \in B, b_i$$
 a unit of B

for which there exists a uniformizing element  $\omega \in A$  such that

(2.5) 
$$f(X) - \omega^{-1} \tau_* f(X^q) \in B[[X]]$$

where  $\tau_*$  means "apply  $\tau$  to the coefficients". In terms of the coefficients  $b_i$  of f(X) condition (2.5) means that

- (2.6)  $b_i \in B[[X]]$  if q does not divide i,  $b_{qi} - \omega^{-1} \tau(b_i) \in B[[X]]$  for all i = 1, 2, ...
- 2.7. Functional-equation lemma. Let A,B, $\sigma$ , $\tau$ ,K,p,q,f(X), $\omega$  be as in 2.1 above such that (2.2) (2.6) hold. Then we have
- (i)  $F(X,Y) = f^{-1}(f(X) + f(Y))$  has its coefficients in B and hence is a commutative one dimensional formal group law over B. (Here  $f^{-1}(X)$  is the "inverse function" power series of f(X); i.e.  $f^{-1}(f(X)) = X$ ).
- (ii) If  $g(X) \in B[[X]]$ , g(0) = 0 and h(X) = f(g(X)) then we have  $h(X) \omega^{-1} \tau_* h(X^q) \in B[[X]]$ .
- (iii) If  $h(X) \in B \otimes_A K[[X]]$ , h(0) = 0 and  $h(X) \omega^{-1} \tau_* h(X^q) \in B[[X]]$ , then  $f^{-1}(h(X)) \in B[[X]]$ .
- (iv) If  $\alpha(X) \in B[[X]]$ ,  $\beta(X) \in B \ \Omega_A \ K[[X]]$ ,  $\alpha(0) = \beta(0) = 0$ , and  $r,m \in \mathbb{N} = \{1,2,\ldots\}$ , then  $\alpha(X) \equiv \beta(X) \ mod(\omega^r B, degree m) \iff f(\alpha(X)) \equiv f(\beta(X)) \ mod(\omega^r B, degree m)$ .

Proof. This lemma is a quite special case of the functional equation lemmas of [11], cf sections 2.2 and 10.2. There are also infinite dimensional versions. Here is a quick proof. First notice that (2.6) implies (with induction) that

(2.8) 
$$b_j \in \omega^{-i}B$$
, if j is not divisible by  $q^{i+1}$ .

We now first prove a more general form of (ii). Let  $g(Z) = g(Z_1, ..., Z_m) \in B[[Z_1, ..., Z_m]], g(0) = 0$ . Then by the hypotheses of 2.1 we have

(2.9) 
$$g(Z_1, ..., Z_m)^{q^r n} \equiv \tau g(Z_1^q, ..., Z_m^q)^{q^{r-1} n} \mod(\omega^r B)$$

Combining (2.8) and (2.9) and using (2.6) we see that mod(B[[X]]) we have

$$h(Z) = f(g(Z)) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i g(Z)^i \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} b_{qj} g(Z)^{qj} \equiv \omega^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \tau(b_j) g(Z)^{qj}$$

$$\equiv \omega^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \tau(b_{j}) \tau_{*} g(Z^{q})^{j} = \omega^{-1} \tau_{*} f(\tau_{*} g(Z^{q})) = \omega^{-1} \tau_{*} h(Z^{q}).$$

This proves (ii). To prove (i) we write  $F(X,Y) = F_1(X,Y) + F_2(X,Y) + \ldots$ , where  $F_n(X,Y)$  is homogeneous of degree n. We now prove by induction that  $F_n(X,Y) \in B[X,Y]$  for all  $n=1,2,\ldots$ . The induction starts because  $F_1(X,Y) = X + Y$ . Now assume that  $F_1(X,Y),\ldots,F_m(X,Y) \in B[X,Y]$ . Mod(degree m+2) we have that  $f(F(X,Y)) \equiv b_1F_{m+1}(X,Y) + f(g(X,Y))$ , where  $g(X,Y) = F_1(X,Y) + \ldots + F_m(X,Y)$ . Hence, using the more general form of (ii) proved just above, we find mod (B[[X,Y]], degree m+2).

$$f(F(X,Y)) \equiv b_1 F_{m+1}(X,Y) + f(g(X,Y)) \equiv b_1 F_{m+1}(X,Y) + \omega^{-1} \tau_* f(\tau_* g(X^q, Y^q)) \equiv$$

$$\equiv b_1 F_{m+1}(X,Y) + \omega^{-1} \tau_* f(\tau_* F(X^q, Y^q))$$

$$= b_1 F_{m+1}(X,Y) + \omega^{-1} \tau_* f(X^q) + \omega^{-1} \tau_* f(Y^q)$$

$$\equiv b_1 F_{m+1}(X,Y) + f(X) + f(Y) = b_1 F_{m+1}(X,Y) + f(F(X,Y))$$

where we have used the defining relation f(F(X,Y)) = f(X) + f(Y), which implies  $\tau_* f(\tau_* F(X^q, Y^q)) = \tau_* f(X^q) + \tau_* f(Y^q)$ , and where we have also used that  $F(X,Y) \equiv g(X,Y) \mod(\deg m+1) \Rightarrow F(X^q,Y^q) \equiv g(X^q,Y^q) \mod(\deg m+2)$ . It follows that  $b_1 F_{m+1}(X,Y) \equiv 0 \mod(B[[X,Y]], \deg m+2)$  and hence  $F_{m+1}(X,Y) \in B[X,Y]$  because  $b_1$  is a unit.

The proof of (iii) is completely analogous to the proof of (i).

The implication  $\Rightarrow$  of (iv) is easy to prove. If  $\alpha(X) \equiv \beta(X) \mod 2$  mod  $(\omega^r B$ , degree m) and  $\alpha(X) \in B[[X]]$  then  $\alpha(X)^{q^i j} \equiv \beta(X)^{q^i j} \mod (\omega^{r+i} B, \deg m)$ , which, combined with (2.8), proves that  $f(\alpha(X)) \equiv f(\beta(X)) \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$ . To prove the inverse implication  $\Leftarrow$  of (iv) we first do the special case  $f(\beta(X)) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m) \Rightarrow \beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$ . Now  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\deg m B, \deg m)$ , hence  $f(\beta(X)) = b_1 \beta(X) + b_2 \beta(X)^2 + \ldots \equiv 0$  mod  $(\omega^r B, \deg m)$ , implies  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$  is a unit. Now assume with induction that  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$  for some m < m. Then, because  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\deg m B, \deg m)$  we have  $\beta(X)^i \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^{r^i B}, \deg m)$  and hence  $\beta(X)^j \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$  if  $\beta(X)^j \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$  then gives  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$ , so that  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$  then gives  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$ , so that  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$  then gives  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$ , so that  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$  then gives  $\beta(X) \equiv 0 \mod (\omega^r B, \deg m)$ , degree m).

Write  $\gamma(X) = f(\beta(X)) - f(\alpha(X))$  and  $\delta(X) = f^{-1}(\gamma(X))$ . Then  $\delta(X) = 0$  mod( $\omega^r B$ , degree m) by the special case just proved, and  $\beta(X) = f^{-1}(f(\alpha(X)) + f(\delta(X)) = F(\alpha(X), \delta(X)) \equiv \alpha(X) \mod(\omega^r B, \text{ degree m})$  because F(X,Y) has integral coefficients, F(X,0) = 0 and because  $\alpha(X)$  is integral. This concludes the proof of the functional equation lemma 2.7.

#### 3. TWISTED LUBIN-TATE FORMAL A-MODULES.

3.1. Construction and Definition. Let A,K,k,p, $\mathfrak{m}$ , $\sigma$ , $\mathfrak{q}$  be as in 2.1 above. We consider power series  $f(X) = X + c_2 X^2 + \ldots \in K[[X]]$  such that there exists a uniformizing element  $\omega \in \mathfrak{m}$  such that

(3.2) 
$$f(x) - \omega^{-1} \tau_* f(x^q) \in A[[x]]$$

There are many such power series. The simplest are obtained as follows: choose a uniformizing element  $\boldsymbol{\omega}$  of A. Define

(3.3) 
$$g_{\omega}(x) = x + \omega^{-1}x^{q} + \omega^{-1}\tau(\omega)^{-1}x^{q^{2}} + \omega^{-1}\sigma(\omega)^{-1}\sigma^{2}(\omega)^{-1}x^{q^{3}} + \dots$$

Given such a power series f(X), part (i) of the functional equation lemma says that

(3.4) 
$$F(X,Y) = f^{-1}(f(X) + f(Y))$$

has its coefficients in A, and hence is a one dimensional formal group law over A. We shall call the formal group laws thus obtained twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-modules over A. The twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-module is called q-typical if the power series f(X), from which it is obtained, is of the form

(3.5) 
$$f(X) = X + a_1 X^q + a_2 X^{q^2} + \dots$$

From now on all twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-modules will be assumed to be q-typical. This is hardly a restriction because of lemma 3.6 below.

3.6. Lemma. Let  $f(X) = X + c_2 X^2 + ... \in K[[X]]$  be such that (3.2) holds. Let  $\hat{f}(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i X^i$  with  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_i = c_q i$ . Then  $u(X) = \hat{f}^{-1}(f(X)) \in A[[X]]$ 

so that F(X,Y) and  $\hat{F}(X,Y)$  are strictly isomorphic formal group laws over A.

Proof. It follows from the definition of  $\widehat{f}(X)$ , that  $\widehat{f}(X)$  also satisfies (3.2). The integrality of u(X) now follows from part (iii) of the functional equation lemma.

- 3.7. Remarks. Let k, the residue field of K, be finite with q elements, and let  $\tau$  = id. Then the twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-modules over A as defined above are precisely the Lubin-Tate formal group laws defined in [12], i.e. they are precisely the formal A-modules of A-height 1. If k is infinite there exist no nontrivial formal A-modules (cf [11], corollary 21.4.23). This is a main reason for considering also twisted Lubin-Tate formal group laws.
- 3.8. Remark. Let  $f(X) \in K[[X]]$  be such that (3.2) holds for a certain uniformizing element  $\omega$ . Then  $\omega$  is uniquely determined by f(X), because  $a_i \omega^{-1} \tau(a_{i-1}) \in A \Rightarrow \omega \equiv a_i^{-1} \tau(a_{i-1}) \mod \omega^{2i} A$  as  $v(a_i) = -i$ . Using parts (ii) and (iii) of the functional equation lemma we see that  $\omega$  is in fact an invariant of the strict isomorphism class of F(X,Y). Inversely given  $\omega$  we can construct  $g_{\omega}(X)$  as in 3.3 and then  $g_{\omega}^{-1}(f(X)) = u(X)$  is integral so that F(X,Y) and  $G_{\omega}(X,Y) = g_{\omega}^{-1}(g_{\omega}(X) + g_{\omega}(Y))$  are strictly isomorphic formal group laws. In case K = q and T = id,  $\omega$  is in fact an invariant of the isomorphism class of F(X,Y). For some more results on isomorphisms and endomorphisms of twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-modules cf [11], especially sections 8.3, 20.1, 21.8, 24.5.

#### 4. CURVES AND q-TYPICAL CURVES.

Let F(X,Y) be a q-typical twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-module obtained via (3.4) from a power series  $f(X) = X + a_1 X^q + a_2 X^{q^2} + \dots$ .

4.1. Curves. Let  $\underline{Alg}_A$  be the category of A-algebras. Let  $\underline{B} \in \underline{Alg}_A$ .

A curve in F over  $\underline{B}$  is simply a power series  $\gamma(t) \in \underline{B[[t]]}$  such that  $\gamma(0) = 0$ . Two curves can be added by the formula  $\gamma_1(t) + \gamma_2(t) = F(\gamma_1(t), \gamma_2(t), giving us an abelian group <math>C(F; \underline{B})$ . Further, if  $\underline{\Phi} : \underline{B}_1 \to \underline{B}_2$  is in  $\underline{Alg}_A$ , then  $\gamma(t) \mapsto \underline{\Phi}_* \gamma(t)$  (= "apply  $\underline{\Phi}$  to the coefficients") defines a homomorphism of abelian groups  $C(F; \underline{B}_1) \to C(F; \underline{B}_2)$ . This defines us an abelian group valued functor  $C(F; -) : \underline{Alg}_A \to \underline{Ab}$ . There is a natural filtration on C(F; -) defined by the filtration subgroups  $C^n(F; \underline{B}) = \{\gamma(t) \in C(F; \underline{B}) \mid \gamma(t) \equiv 0 \mod(\text{degree n})\}$ . The groups  $C(F; \underline{B})$  are complete with respect to the topology defined by the filtration

 $C^{n}(F;B), n = 1,2,...$ 

The functor C(F;-) is representable by the A-algebra  $A[S] = A[S_1,S_2,\ldots]_{\bullet}$ The isomorphism  $Alg_A(A[S],B) \stackrel{\circ}{\to} C(F;-)$  is given by  $\phi \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} {}^F \phi(S_i) t^i$ , i.e.

by  $\phi \mapsto \phi_{*\gamma_S}(t)$ , where  $\gamma_S(t)$  is the "universal curve"  $\gamma_S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^F S_i t^i \in C(F;A[S])$ .

4.2. <u>q-typification.</u> Let  $\gamma_S(t) \in C(F;A[S])$  be the universal curve. Consider the power series.

$$h(t) = f(\gamma_S(t)) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i(S)t^i$$

Let  $\tau\colon K[S] \to K[S]$  be the ring endomorphism defined by  $\tau(a) = \sigma(a)$  for  $a \in K$  and  $\tau(S_i) = S_i^q$  for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots$ . Then the hypotheses of 2.1 are fulfilled and it follows from part (ii) of the functional equation lemma that  $h(t) - \omega^{-1} \tau_* h(t^q) \in A[S][[t]]$ . Now let

$$\hat{h}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_{i}(s)t^{q^{i}}$$

Then, obviously, also  $\hat{h}(t) - \omega^{-1} \tau_* \hat{h}(t^q) \in A[S][[t]]$  and by part (iii) of the functional equation lemma it follows that

(4.3) 
$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}} \gamma_{\mathbf{S}}(t) = \mathbf{f}^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{x}_{i} (\mathbf{S}) \mathbf{t}^{\mathbf{q}^{1}} \right)$$

is an element of A[S][[t]]. We now define a functorial group homomorphism  $\epsilon_q\colon C(F;-)\to C(F;-)$  by the formula

(4.4) 
$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^{\gamma}(t) = (\phi_{\gamma})_{*}(\varepsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^{\gamma}_{\mathbf{S}}(t))$$

for  $\gamma(t) \in C(F;B)$ , where  $\phi_{\gamma} \colon A[S] \to B$  is the unique A-algebra homomorphism such that  $\phi_{\gamma * S}(t) = \gamma(t)$ .

4.5. Lemma. Let B be A-torsion free so that B  $\rightarrow$  B  $\Omega_A$  K is injective. Then we have for all  $\gamma(t) \in C(F;B)$ 

(4.6) 
$$f(\gamma(t)) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i t^i \Rightarrow f(\epsilon_q \gamma(t)) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j t^{q^j}$$

and  $\varepsilon_q^{C(F;B)} = \{\gamma(t) \in C(F;B) | f(\gamma(t)) = \Sigma c_j t^{q^j} \text{ for certain } c_j \in B \otimes_A K \}$ Proof. Immediate from (4.3) and (4.4).

4.7. Lemma.  $\epsilon_q$  is a functorial, idempotent, group endomorphism of C(F;-).

Proof.  $\varepsilon_q$  is functorial by definition. The facts that  $\varepsilon_q \varepsilon_q = \varepsilon_q$  and that  $\varepsilon_q$  is a group homomorphism are obvious from Lemma 4.5 in case B is A-torsion free. Functoriality then implies that these properties hold for all A-algebras B.

4.8. The functor  $C_q(F;-)$  of q-typical curves. We now define the abelian group valued functor  $C_q(F;-)$  as

(4.9) 
$$C_{q}(F;-) = \varepsilon_{q}C(F;-)$$

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  let  $C_q^{(n)}(F;E)$  be the subgroup  $C_q(F;B) \cap C_q^{(n)}(F;E)$ . These groups define a filtration on  $C_q(F;E)$ , and  $C_q(F;E)$  is complete with respect to the topology defined by this filtration.

The functor  $C_q(F;-)$  is representable by the A-algebra  $A[T] = A[T_o, T_1, ...]$ .

Indeed, writing  $f(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i X^{q^i}$  we have

$$f(\gamma_S(t)) = f(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} F_{S_i} t^i) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_j S_i^j t^{q^j} i$$

and it follows that

$$\varepsilon_{q} \gamma_{S}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} F_{S_{q}j} t^{q^{j}}$$

From this one easily obtains that the functor  $C_q(F;-)$  is representable by A[T]. The isomorphism  $Alg_A(A[T],B) \stackrel{\gamma}{\to} C_q(F;B)$  is given by

 $\phi \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_{\phi}(T_i) t^{q^i} = \phi_*(\gamma_T(t)), \text{ where } \gamma_T(t) \text{ is the universal } q\text{-typical}$ 

curve

(4.10) 
$$\gamma_{T}(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} F_{i} t^{q^{i}} \in C_{q}(F;A[T])$$

4.11. Remarks. The explicit formulas of 4.8 above depend on the fact

that F was supposed to be q-typical. In general slightly more complicated formulae hold. For arbitrary formal groups q-typification (i.e.  $\varepsilon_q$ ) is not defined (unless q=p). But a similar notion of q-typification exists for formal A-modules of any height and any dimension if % k = q.

## 5. THE A-ALGEBRA STRUCTURE ON $\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{F};\mathbf{-})$ , FROBENIUS AND VERSCHIEBUNG.

5.1. From now on we assume that  $f(X) = g_{\omega}(X) = X + \omega^{-1}X^{q} + \omega^{-1}\sigma(\omega)^{-1}X^{q^{2}} + \dots$  for a certain uniformizing element  $\omega$ . Otherwise we keep the notations and assumptions of section 4. Thus we now have  $a_{i}^{-1} = \omega\sigma(\omega) \dots \sigma^{i-1}(\omega)$ ,  $a_{o} = 1$ . This restriction to "logarithms" f(X) of the form  $g_{\omega}(X)$  is not very serious, because every twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-module over A is strictly isomorphic to a  $G_{\omega}(X,Y)$ , (cf. remark 3.8), and one can use the strict isomorphism  $g_{\omega}^{-1}(f(X))$  to transport all the extra structure on  $C_{q}(F;-)$  which we shall define in this section. The restriction  $f(X) = g_{\omega}(X)$  does have the advantage of simplifying the defining formulas (5.4), (5.5), (5.8),... somewhat, and it makes them look rather more natural especially in view of the fact that  $\omega$ , the only "constant" which appears, is an invariant of strict isomorphism classes of twisted Lubin-Tate formal A-modules; cf. remark 3.8 above.

In this section we shall define an A-algebra structure on the functor  $C_q(F;-)$  and two endomorphisms  $\underline{f}_{\omega}$  and  $\underline{V}_q$ . These constructions all follow the same pattern, the same pattern as was used to define and analyse  $\varepsilon_q$  in section 4 above. First one defines the desired operations for universal curves like  $\gamma_T(t)$  which are defined over rings like A[T], which, and this is the crucial point, admit an endomorphism  $\tau\colon K[T]\to K[T]$ , viz.  $\tau(a)=\sigma(a)$ ,  $\tau(T_i)=T_i^q$ , which extends  $\sigma$  and which is such that  $\tau(x)\equiv x^q \mod \omega A[T]$ . In such a setting the functional equation lemma assures us that our constructions do not take us out of C(F;-) or  $C_q(F;-)$ . Second, the definitions are extended via representability and functoriality, and thirdly, one derives a characterization which holds over A-torsion free rings, and using this, one proves the various desired properties like associativity of products,  $\sigma$ -semilinearity of  $\underline{f}_{\omega}$ , etc...

5.2. Constructions. Let  $\gamma_T(t)$  be the universal q-typical curve (4.9). We write

(5.3.) 
$$f(\gamma_{T}(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_{i}(T)t^{q^{i}}$$

Let 
$$f(X) = g_{\omega}(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i X^{q_i}$$
; i.e.  $a_i = \omega^{-1} \sigma(\omega)^{-1} \dots \sigma^{i-1} (\omega)^{-1}$  and let  $a \in A$ .

We define

(5.4) 
$$\{a\}_{F} \gamma_{T}(t) = f^{-1} (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sigma^{i}(a) x_{i}(T) t^{q^{i}})$$

(5.5) 
$$\underline{\underline{f}}_{\omega} \gamma_{T}(t) = \underline{f}^{-1} (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sigma^{i}(\omega) x_{i+1}(T) t^{q^{i}})$$

The functional equation lemma now assures us that (5.4) and (5.5) define elements of C(F;A[T]), which then are in  $C_q(F;A[T])$  by lemma 4.5. To illustrate this we check the hypotheses necessary to apply (iii) of 2.7 in the case of  $\underline{f}_{\omega}$ . Let  $\tau: K[T] \to K[T]$  be as in 5.1 above. Then by part (ii) of the functional equation lemma we know that

$$x_o \in A[T]$$
,  $x_{i+1} - \omega^{-1} \tau(x_i) = c_i \in A[T]$ 

It follows by induction that

$$(5.6) xi \in \omega^{-i}A[T]$$

and we also know that

(5.7) 
$$v(a_i^{-1}) = v(\omega \sigma(\omega) \dots \sigma^{i-1}(\omega)) = i$$

where v is the normalized exponential valuation on K. We thus have  $\sigma^{o}(\omega)\mathbf{x}_{1} = \omega\mathbf{x}_{1} \in A[T] \text{ and } \sigma^{i}(\omega)\mathbf{x}_{i+1} - \omega^{-1}\tau(\sigma^{i-1}(\omega)\mathbf{x}_{i}) = \\ \sigma^{i}(\omega)\mathbf{c}_{i} + \sigma^{i}(\omega)\omega^{-1}\tau(\mathbf{x}_{i}) - \omega^{-1}\tau(\sigma^{i-1}(\omega)\mathbf{x}_{i}) = \sigma^{i}(\omega)\mathbf{c}_{i} \in A[T]. \text{ Hence part } (\text{iii)} \text{ of the functional equation lemma says that } \underline{f}_{\omega}\gamma_{T}(t) \in C(F;A[T]).$  To define the multiplication on  $C_{q}(F;-)$  we need two independant

universal q-typical curves. Let

$$\gamma_{\mathbf{T}}(t) = \Sigma^{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{T}_{\mathbf{i}} t^{\mathbf{q}^{\mathbf{i}}}, \ \delta_{\mathbf{\hat{T}}}(t) = \Sigma^{\mathbf{F}} \hat{\mathbf{T}}_{\mathbf{i}} t^{\mathbf{q}^{\mathbf{i}}} \in C_{\mathbf{q}}(\mathbf{F}; \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{T}; \hat{\mathbf{T}}]).$$

We define

(5.8) 
$$\gamma_{T}(t) * \delta_{\hat{T}}(t) = f^{-1} (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_{i}^{-1} x_{i} y_{i} t^{q^{i}})$$

where  $f(\gamma_T(t)) = \sum x_i t^q^i$ ,  $f(\delta_{\widehat{T}}(t)) = \sum y_i t^q^i$ . To prove that (5.8) defines something integral we proceed as usual. We have  $x_o, y_o \in A[T; \widehat{T}]$ ,  $x_{i+1} - \omega^{-1}\tau(x_i) = c_i \in A[T; \widehat{T}]$ ,  $y_{i+1} - \omega^{-1}\tau(y_i) = d_i \in A[T; \widehat{T}]$ , where  $\tau \colon K[T; \widehat{T}] \to K[T; \widehat{T}]$  is defined by  $\tau(a) = a$  for  $a \in K$ , and  $\tau(T_i) = T_i^q$ ,  $\tau(\widehat{T}_i) = T_i^q$ ,  $i = 0,1,2,\ldots$ . Then  $a_0x_0y_0 = x_0y_0 \in A[T;T]$  and  $a_{i+1}^{-1}x_{i+1}y_{i+1} - \omega^{-1}\tau(a_i^{-1}x_iy_i) = \omega\sigma(a_i)^{-1}(c_i+\omega^{-1}\tau(x_i))(d_i+\omega^{-1}\tau(y_i)) - \omega^{-1}\sigma(a_i^{-1})\tau(x_i)\tau(y_i) = \omega\sigma(a_i^{-1})c_id_i + \sigma(a_i)^{-1}(c_i\tau(y_i) + d_i\tau(x_i)) \in A[T;\widehat{T}]$  by (5.6) and (5.7). 5.9. Definitions. Let  $\gamma(t)$ ,  $\delta(t)$  be two q-typical curves in F over  $S \in \underline{A} = \underline{S}_A$ . Let  $\phi \colon A[T] \to B$  be the unique A-algebra homomorphism such that  $\phi_*\gamma_T(t) = \gamma(t)$ , and let  $\psi \colon A[T;\widehat{T}] \to B$  be the unique A-algebra homomorphism such that  $\psi_*\gamma_T(t) = \gamma(t)$ ,  $\psi_*\delta_{\widehat{T}}(t) = \delta(t)$ . Let  $a \in A$ . We define

(5.10) 
$$\{a\}_{E} \gamma(t) = \phi_{*}(\{a\}_{E} \gamma_{T}(t))$$

(5.11) 
$$\underline{\underline{f}}_{\omega} \gamma(t) = \phi_*(\underline{f}_{\omega} \gamma_T(t))$$

(5.12) 
$$\gamma(t) * \delta(t) = \psi_*(\gamma_T(t) * \delta_T(t))$$

5.13. Characterizations. Let B be an A-torsion free A-algebra; i.e  $B \rightarrow B \otimes_A K$  is injective, then the definitions (5.10) - (5.12) are characterized by the implications

$$(5.14) \quad f(\gamma(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^{q^i} \Rightarrow f(\{a\}_{F^{\gamma}}(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} q^i(a) x_i t^{q^i}$$

$$(5.15) \quad f(\gamma(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^{q^i} \Rightarrow f(\underline{f}_{\omega}\gamma(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sigma^i(\omega) x_{i+1} t^{q^i}$$

(5.16) 
$$f(\gamma(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^{q^i}, f(\delta(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} y_i t^{q^i} \implies f(\gamma(t) * \delta(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i^{-1} x_i y_i t^{q^i}$$

This follows immediately from (5.4), (5.5), (5.8) compared with (5.10) - (5.12), because  $\phi_*$  and  $\psi_*$  are defined by applying  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  to coefficients, and because  $\gamma(t) \mapsto f(\gamma(t))$  is injective, if B is A-torsion free.

5.17. Theorem. The operators  $\{a\}_F$  defined by (5.10) define a functorial A-module structure on  $C_q(F;-)$ . The multiplication \* defined by (5.12) then makes  $C_q(F;-)$  an A-algebra valued functor, with as unit element the q-typical curve  $\gamma_o(t)=t$ . The operator  $\underline{f}_{\omega}$  is a  $\sigma$ -semilinear A-algebra homomorphism; i.e.  $\underline{f}_{\omega}$  is a unit and multiplication preserving group endomorphism such that  $\underline{f}_{\omega}\{a\}_F=\{\sigma(a)\}_{F}\underline{f}_{\omega}$ .

Proof. In case B is A-torsion free the various identities in  $C_q(F;B)$  like  $\{\{a\}_F\gamma(t)\}*\delta(t) = \{a\}_F(\gamma(t)*\delta(t)),$ 

$$\gamma(t)*(\delta(t)+_F\varepsilon(t))=(\gamma(t)*\delta(t))+_F(\gamma(t)*\varepsilon(t)),\dots$$

are obvious from the characterizations (5.14) - (5.16). The theorem then follows by functoriality.

5.18. <u>Verschiebung</u>. We now define the Verschiebung operator  $\underline{\underline{V}}_q$  on  $C_q(F;-)$  by the formula  $\underline{\underline{V}}_q\gamma(t)=\gamma(t^q)$ . (It is obvious from lemma 4.5 that this takes q-typical curves into q-typical curves). In terms of the logarithm f(X) one has for curves  $\gamma(t)$  over A-torsion free A-algebras B

(5.19) 
$$f(\gamma(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^{q^i} \Rightarrow f(\underline{y}_q \gamma(t)) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i t^{q^{i+1}}$$

5.20. Theorem. For q-typical curves  $\gamma(t)$  in F over an A-algebra B

(5.21) 
$$\underline{\underline{f}}_{\omega}\underline{V}_{q}\gamma(t) = \{\omega\}_{F}\gamma(t)$$

(5.22) 
$$\underline{\underline{f}}_{\omega} \gamma(t) = \gamma(t)^{*q} \mod \{\omega\}_{F} C_{q}(F; B)$$

Proof. (5.21) is immediate from (5.14), (5.15) and (5.19) in the case of A-torsion free B and then follows in general by functoriality. The proof of (5.22) is a bit longer. It suffices to prove (5.22) for curves  $\gamma(t) \in C_q(F;A[T])$ . In fact it suffices to prove (5.22)

for  $\gamma(t) = \gamma_{T}(t)$ , the universal curve of (4.9). Let

(5.23) 
$$\delta(t) = f^{-1}(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} y_i t^{q^i}), \quad y_i = x_{i+1} - \sigma^i(\omega)^{-1} a_i a_i^{-q} x_i^q$$

where the  $x_i$ , i = 0,1,2,... are determined by  $f(\gamma(t)) = \sum x_i t^{q^i}$ . It then follows from (5.14) - (5.16) that indeed

 $\underbrace{\frac{f}{=}}_{\omega} \gamma(t) - \gamma(t)^{*q} = \{\omega\}_{F} \delta(t), \ \underline{provided} \ \text{that we can show that } \delta(t)$  is integral, i.e. that  $\delta(t) \in C_{q}(F;A[T])$ . To see this it suffices to show that  $y_{0} \in A[T]$  and  $y_{i+1} - \omega^{-1} \tau(y_{i}) \in A[T]$  because of part (iii) of the functional equation lemma. Let  $c_{i} = x_{i+1} - \omega^{-1} \tau(x_{i}) \in A[T]$ . Then

$$y_o = x_1 - \sigma^o(\omega)^{-1}x_o^q = c_o + \omega^{-1}\tau(x_o) - \omega^{-1}x_o^q \in A[T]$$

because  $\tau(x_0) \equiv x_0^q \mod \omega A[T]$ . Further from  $x_{i+1} = c_i + \omega^{-1} \tau(x_i)$  we find

$$a_{i+1}^{-1}x_{i+1} = \omega\sigma(\omega) \dots \sigma^{i}(\omega)c_{i} + \sigma(\omega) \dots \sigma^{i}(\omega)\tau(x_{i}) = \omega^{i+1}d_{i} + \tau(a_{i}^{-1}x_{i})$$

for a certain  $d_i \in A[T]$ , and hence

$$a_{i+1}^{-q} x_{i+1}^{q} = \tau(a_{i}^{-q} x_{i}^{q}) + \omega^{i+2} e_{i}$$

for a certain  $e_i \in A[T]$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_{i+1} &- \boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} \tau(\mathbf{y}_i) &= \mathbf{x}_{i+2} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{i+1}(\boldsymbol{\omega})^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{i+1} \mathbf{a}_{i+1}^{-q} \mathbf{x}_{i+1}^{q} - \boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} \tau(\mathbf{x}_{i+1}) + \\ &+ \boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} \tau(\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{i}(\boldsymbol{\omega})^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{i} \mathbf{a}_{i}^{-q} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{q}) \\ &= \mathbf{c}_{i+1} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{i+1}(\boldsymbol{\omega})^{-1} (\mathbf{a}_{i+1} \mathbf{a}_{i+1}^{-q} \mathbf{x}_{i+1}^{q} - \boldsymbol{\omega}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{a}_{i}) \tau(\mathbf{a}_{i}^{-q} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{q})) \\ &= \mathbf{c}_{i+1} - \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{i+1}(\boldsymbol{\omega})^{-1} \mathbf{a}_{i+1} (\mathbf{a}_{i+1}^{-q} \mathbf{x}_{i+1}^{q} - \tau(\mathbf{a}_{i}^{-q} \mathbf{x}_{i}^{q})) \in A[T] \end{aligned}$$

because  $a_{i+1} = \omega^{-1} \sigma(a_i)$  and because of (5.23). (Recall that  $v(a_{i+1}) = -i - 1$  by (5.7)). This concludes the proof of theorem 5.20.

### 6. RAMIFIED WITT VECTORS AND RAMIFIED ARTIN-HASSE EXPONENTIALS.

We keep the assumptions and notations of section 5 above.

6.1. A preliminary Artin-Hasse exponential. Let B be an A-algebra which is A-torsion free and which admits an endomorphism  $\tau: B \boxtimes_A K \to B \boxtimes_A K \text{ which restricts to } \sigma \text{ on A } \boxtimes_A K = K \subset B \boxtimes_A K \text{ and which is such that } \tau(b) \equiv b^q \mod \omega B. \text{ We define a map}$   $\Delta_B\colon B \to C_q(F;B) \text{ as follows}$ 

(6.2) 
$$\Delta_{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{b}) = \mathbf{f}^{-1} (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \tau^{i}(\mathbf{b}) \mathbf{a}_{i} \mathbf{t}^{q^{i}})$$

This is well defined by part (iii) of the functional equation lemma. A quick check by means of (5.14) - (5.16) shows that  $\Delta_B$  is a homomorphism of A-algebras such that moreover

$$\Delta_{\mathbf{B}} \circ \tau = \underline{\mathbf{f}}_{\mathbf{\omega}} \circ \Delta_{\mathbf{B}}$$

(because  $\sigma^i(\omega)a_{i+1}=a_i$ ), and that  $\Delta_B$  is functorial in the sense that if  $(B',\tau')$  is a second such A-algebra with endomorphism  $\tau'$  of  $B' \otimes_A K$  and  $\phi \colon B \to B'$  is an A algebra homomorphism such that  $\tau' \phi = \phi \tau$ , then  $C_{\sigma}(F;\phi)$  o  $\Delta_B = \Delta_{B'}$  o  $\phi$ .

- 6.4. Remark. Using (B,T) instead of (A, $\sigma$ ) we can view F(X,Y) as a twisted Lubin-Tate formal B-module over B, if we are willing to extend the definition a bit, because, of course, B need not be a discrete valuation ring, nor is B  $\Omega_A$  K necessarily the quotient field of B. In fact B need not even be an integral domain. If we view F(X,Y) in this way then  $\Omega_B$ : B  $\rightarrow$  C (F;B) is just the B-algebra structure map of C (F;B).
- 6.5. Now let B be any A-algebra. Then  $C_q(F;B)$  is an A-algebra which admits an endomorphism  $\tau$ , viz.  $\tau = \underline{f}_{\omega}$ , which, as  $\tau x \equiv x^q \mod \omega$  by (5.22), satisfies the hypotheses of 6.1 above (because  $\underline{f}_{\omega}$  is  $\sigma$ -semilinear). It is also immediate from (5.10) and (5.4), cf. also (5.14) that  $C_q(F;B)$  is always A-torsion free. Substituting  $C_q(F;B)$  for B in 6.1 we therefore find A-algebra homomorphisms

$$E_B: C_q(F;B) \rightarrow C_q(F;C_q(F;B))$$

which are functorial in B because  $\underline{f}_{\omega}$  is functorial, and because of the functoriality property of the  $\Delta_{B}$  mentioned in 6.1 above. This functorial A-algebra homomorphism is in fact the ramified Artin-Hasse exponential we are seeking and, as is shown by the next theorem,  $C_{q}(F;B)$  is the desired ramified Witt vector functor.

6.6. Theorem. Let A be complete with perfect residue field k.

Let B be the ring of integers of a finite separable extension L of K.

Let L be the residue field of B. Consider the composed map

$$\mu_{B} : B \xrightarrow{\Delta_{B}} C_{q}(F;B) \rightarrow C_{q}(F;\ell)$$

Then  $\mu_B$  is an isomorphism of A-algebras. Moreover if  $\tau\colon\thinspace B\to B$  is the unique extension of  $\sigma\colon\thinspace A\to A$  such that  $\tau(b)\equiv b^q\bmod B$ , then  $\underline{f}_\omega\mu_B=\mu_B\tau\ \text{, i.e. }\tau\ \text{ and }\underline{f}_\omega\ \text{correspond under }\mu_B.$ 

Proof. Let b  $\in$  B. Consider  $\triangle_{R}(\omega^{r}b)$ . Then from (6.2) we see that

$$f(\Delta_B(\omega^r b)) \equiv a_\tau^r(\omega^r)\tau^r(b)t^q \mod(\omega B, \text{ degree } q^{r+1})$$

By part (iv) of the functional equation lemma 2.7 it follows that

$$\Delta_{B}(\omega^{r}b) \equiv y_{r}\tau^{r}(b)t^{q}$$
 mod( $\omega B$ , degree  $q^{r+1}$ )

where  $y_r = a_r \tau^r(\omega^r)$  is a unit of B. It follows that  $\mu_B$  maps the filtration subgroups  $\omega^r B$  of B into the filtration subgroups  $C_q^{(r)}(F;\ell)$  and that the induced maps

$$\ell \xrightarrow{\sim} \omega^{r} B / \omega^{r+1} B \xrightarrow{\mu_{B}} C_{q}^{(r)}(F;\ell) / C_{q}^{(r+1)}(F,\ell) \xrightarrow{\sim} \ell$$

are given by  $x\mapsto y_r x^q^r$ , for  $x\in \ell$ . (Here  $\ell\stackrel{\sim}{\to}\omega^r B/\omega^{r+1}B$  is induced by  $\omega^r b \to \overline{b}$  with  $\overline{b}$  the image of b in  $\ell$  under the canonical projection  $B \to \ell$ , and  $C_q^{(r)}(F;\ell)/C_q^{r+1}(F;\ell)\stackrel{\sim}{\to}\ell$  is induced by  $C_q^{(r)}(F;\ell) \to \ell$ ,  $\gamma(t)\mapsto$  (coefficient of  $t^q$  in  $\gamma(t)$ ). Because  $\ell$  is perfect and  $\overline{y}_r \neq 0$ , it follows that the induced maps  $\overline{\mu}_B$  are all isomorphisms. Hence  $\mu_B$  is an isomorphism because B and  $C_q(F;\ell)$  are both complete in their filtration topologies.

The map  $\mu_B$  is an A-algebra homomorphism because  $\Delta_B$  is an A-algebra homomorphism and  $C_q(F;-)$  is an A-algebra valued functor. Finally the last statement of theorem 6.6 follows because both  $\tau$  and  $\mu_B^{-1}\underline{f}_{\underline{b}}\mu_B$  extend  $\sigma$  and  $\tau(b)$   $\equiv$   $b^q$   $\equiv$   $\mu_B^{-1}\underline{f}_{\underline{b}}\mu_B(b)$  mod  $\omega B$ .

6.7. The maps  $s_{q,n}$  and  $w_{q,n}^F$ . The last thing to do is to reformulate the definitions of  $C_q(F;B)$  and  $E_B$  in such a way that they more closely ressemble the corresponding objects in the unramified case, i.e. in the case of the ordinary Witt-vectors. This is easily done, essentially because  $C_q(F;-)$  is representable.

Indeed, let, as a set valued functor,  $W_{q,\infty}^F$ :  $\underline{\underline{Alg}}_A \to \underline{\underline{Set}}$  be defined by

(6.8) 
$$W_{q,\infty}^{F}(B) = \{(b_0, b_1, b_2, ...) | b_i \in B\}, W_{q,\infty}^{F}(\phi)(b_0, b_1, ...) = (\phi(b_0), \phi(b_1), ...)$$

We now identify the set-valued functors  $W_{q,\infty}^F(-)$  and  $C_q(F;-)$  by the functorial isomorphism

(6.9) 
$$e_{B}(b_{o},b_{1},...) = \sum_{i=o}^{\infty} f_{b_{i}}t^{q^{i}},$$

and define  $W_{q,\infty}^F(-)$  as an A-algebra valued functor by transporting the A-algebra structure on  $C_q(F;B)$  via  $e_B$  for all  $B \in \underline{\underline{Alg}}_B$ . We use  $\underline{\underline{f}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{V}}$  to denote the endomorphism of  $W_{q,\infty}^F(-)$  obtained by transporting  $\underline{\underline{f}}_{\omega}$  and  $\underline{\underline{V}}_q$  via  $e_B$ . Then one has immediately

(6.10) 
$$\underline{\underline{V}}(b_0, b_1, \dots) = (0, b_0, b_1, \dots)$$

and in fact

(6.11) 
$$\underline{f}(b_0, b_1, \dots) = (\hat{b}_0, \hat{b}_1, \dots) \Rightarrow \hat{b}_i \equiv b_i^q \mod \omega B$$

(We have not proved the analogon of this for  $\underline{\underline{f}}_{\omega}$ ; this is not difficult to do by using part (iv) of the functional equation lemma and the additivity of  $\underline{\underline{f}}_{\omega}$ ).

Next we discuss the analogue of the Witt-polynomials

 $X_0^p + pX_1^{p-1} + \dots + p^nX_n$ . We define for the universal curve  $Y_T(t) \in C_q(F;A[T])$ 

(6.12) 
$$s_{q,n}(\gamma_T(t)) = a_n^{-1}(\text{coefficient of } t^{q^n} \text{ in } f(\gamma_T(t)))$$

and, as usual, this is extended functorially for arbitrary curves  $\gamma(t)$  over arbitrary A-algebras by

(6.13) 
$$s_{q,n} \gamma(t) = \phi(s_{q,n} (\gamma_{T}(n)))$$

where  $\phi$ : A[T]  $\rightarrow$  B is the unique A-algebra homomorphism such that  $\phi_*\gamma_T(t) = \gamma(t)$ . If B is A-torsion free one has of course that  $s_{q,n}\gamma(t) = a_n^{-1}$  (coeff. of  $t^q$  in  $f(\gamma(t))$ . Using this one checks that

$$s_{q,n}(\gamma(t) +_{F} \delta(t)) = s_{q,n}(\gamma(t)) + s_{q,n}(\delta(t)), s_{q,n}(\gamma(t)*\delta(t)) = s_{q,n}(\gamma(t))s_{q,n}(\delta(t)), s_{q,n}(\delta(t)) = \sigma^{n}(a)s_{q,n}(\gamma(t)),$$

$$s_{q,n}(f_{\omega}\gamma(t)) = s_{q,n+1}(\gamma(t)), s_{q,n}(f_{\omega}\gamma(t)) = s_{q,n+1}(\gamma(t)), s_{q,n}(f_{\omega}\gamma(t)) = \sigma^{n-1}(\omega)s_{q,n-1}(\gamma(t)) \text{ if } \geq 1, s_{q,n}(f_{\omega}\gamma(t)) = 0$$

$$s_{q,n}(t) = 1 \text{ for all } n.$$

Now suppose that we are in the situation of 6.1 above. Then, by the definition of  $\Delta_{\mbox{\scriptsize R}}, \mbox{\scriptsize we have}$ 

$$(6.15) s_{q,n}(\Delta_B(b)) = \tau^n(b)$$

Now define  $w_{q,n}^F(B)$ :  $W_{q,\infty}^F(B) \to B$  by  $w_{q,n}^F = s_{q,n}$  o  $e_B$ . It is not difficult to calculate  $w_{q,n}^F$ . Indeed

$$f(\gamma_{T}(t)) = f(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} T_{i}t^{q^{i}}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_{j}T_{i}^{j}t^{q^{i+j}} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{i=0}^{r} a_{i}T_{r-i}^{i})t^{q^{r}}$$

and it follows that  $w_{q,n}^F$  is the functorial map  $W_{q,\infty}^F(B) \to B$  defined by the polynomials

$$w_{q,n}^{F}(Z_{0},...,Z_{n}) = a_{n}^{-1}(\sum_{i=0}^{n} a_{i}Z_{n-i}^{q^{i}})$$

$$= Z_{0}^{q^{n}} + \sigma^{n-1}(\omega)Z_{1}^{q^{n-1}} + \sigma^{n-1}(\omega)\sigma^{n-2}(\omega)Z_{2}^{q^{n-2}} + ... + \sigma^{n-1}(\omega) ... \sigma(\omega)\omega Z_{n}$$

- 6.17. Theorem. Let  $(A,\sigma)$  be a pair consisting of a discrete valuation ring A of residue characteristic p>0 and a Frobenius-like automorphism  $\sigma: K \to K$  such that (2.2) holds for some power q of p. Let  $\omega$  be any uniformizing element of A, and let  $w_{q,n}^F(Z)$ , n=0, 1,... be the polynomials defined by (6.15). Then there exists a unique A-algebra valued functor  $W_{q,\infty}^F: \underline{Alg}_A \to \underline{Alg}_A$  such that
- (i) as a set-valued functor  $W_{q,\infty}^F(B) = \{(b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots) | b_i \in B\}$  and  $W_{q,\infty}^F(\phi)(b_0, b_1, \dots) = (\phi(b_0), \phi(b_1), \dots)$  for all  $\phi: B \to B'$  in  $\underline{\underline{Alg}}_A$
- (ii) the polynomials  $w_{q,n}^F(Z)$  induce functorial  $\sigma^n$ -semilinear A-algebra homomorphisms  $w_{q,\infty}^F\colon W_{q,\infty}^F(B)\to B$ ,  $(b_0,b_1,\ldots)\mapsto w_{q,\infty}^F(b_0,\ldots,b_n)$ .

Moreover, the functor  $W_{q,\infty}^F(-)$  has  $\sigma^{-1}$ -semilinear A-module functor endomorphism  $\underline{V}$  and a functorial  $\sigma$ -semilinear A-algebra endomorphism  $\underline{f}$  which satisfy and are characterized by

(iii) 
$$w_{q,n}^F \circ \underline{\underline{y}} = \sigma^{n-1}(\omega)w_{q,n-1}^F$$
 if  $n = 1, 2, ...; w_{q,o}^F \circ \underline{\underline{y}} = 0$ 

(iv)  $w_{q,n}^F$  o  $\underline{f} = w_{q,n+1}^F$ 

These endomorphisms  $\underline{\underline{f}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{V}}$  have (among others) the properties

$$(\mathbf{v}) \quad \underline{\mathbf{f}}\underline{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{\omega}$$

(vi) 
$$\underline{\underline{f}}b \equiv b^q \mod \omega W_{q,\infty}^F(B)$$
 for all  $\underline{\underline{b}} \in W_{q,\infty}^F(B)$ ,  $B \in \underline{\underline{Alg}}_A$ 

(vii) 
$$\underline{\underline{V}}(\underline{\underline{b}}(\underline{\underline{f}}\underline{\underline{c}})) = (\underline{\underline{V}}\underline{\underline{b}})\underline{\underline{c}}$$
 for all  $\underline{\underline{b}}$ ,  $\underline{\underline{c}} \in W_{q,\infty}^{F}(\underline{B})$ ,  $\underline{\underline{B}} \in \underline{\underline{A}}\underline{\underline{1}}\underline{\underline{g}}_{\underline{A}}$ 

Further there exists a unique functorial A-algebra homomorphism

E: 
$$W_{q,\infty}^{F}(-) \rightarrow W_{q,\infty}^{F}(W_{q,\infty}^{F}(-))$$

which satisfies and is characterized by

(viii) 
$$w_{q,n}^{F} \circ E = \underline{f}^{n} \text{ for all } n = 0,1,2,...$$

(Here  $w_{q,n}^F \colon \mathbb{V}_{q,\infty}^F(\mathbb{W}_{q,\infty}^F(B)) \to \mathbb{W}_{q,\infty}^F(B)$  is short for  $w_{q,n,w_{q,\infty}}^F(B)$ , i.e. it is the map which assigns to a sequence  $(\underline{b}_0,\underline{b}_1,\ldots)$  of elements of  $\mathbb{W}_{q,\infty}^F(B)$  the element  $w_{q,n}^F(\underline{b}_0,\underline{b}_1,\ldots) \in \mathbb{W}_{q,\infty}^F(B)$ ). The functor homomorphism E further satisfies

(ix) 
$$W_{q,\infty}^F(w_{q,n}^F) \circ E = \underline{f}^n$$
,

where  $W_{q,\infty}^F(w_{q,n}^F) \colon W_{q,\infty}^F(W_{q,\infty}^F(B)) \to W_{q,\infty}^F(B)$  assigns to a sequence  $(\underline{b}_0,\underline{b}_1,\ldots)$  of elements of  $W_{q,\infty}^F(B)$  the sequence  $(w_{q,n}^F(\underline{b}_0),w_{q,n}^F(\underline{b}_1),\ldots)$   $\in W_{q,\infty}^F(B)$ 

Finally if A is complete with perfect residue field k and  $\ell/k$  is a

finite separable extension, then  $W_{q,\infty}^{F}(\ell)$  is the ring of integers B of the unique unramified extension  $\mathring{L/K}$  covering the residue field extension under this A-algebra isomorphism  $\underline{\mathbf{f}}$  corresponds to the unique extension of  $\sigma$  to  $\tau$ :  $B \to B$  which satisfies  $\tau(b) \equiv b^q \mod \omega B$ . In particular  $W_{q,\infty}^F(k) \simeq A$  with  $\underline{f}$  corresponding to  $\sigma$ . Proof. Existence of  $W_{a,\infty}^{F}(-)$ ,  $\underline{V}$ ,  $\underline{f}$ , E such that (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) (viii) hold follows from the constructions above. Uniqueness follows because (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (viii) determine the A-algebra structure on  $\mathbb{P}^{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}}$ ,  $\underline{\mathbb{Y}}$ ,  $\underline{\mathbb{Y}}$ ,  $\underline{\mathbb{Y}}$ , E uniquely for A-torsion free A-algebras B, and then these structure elements are uniquely determined by (i) - (iv), (viii) for all A-algebras, by the functoriality requirement (because for every A-algebra B there exists an A-torsion free A-algebra B together with a surjective A-algebra homomorphism  $B' \rightarrow B$ . Of the remaining identities some have already been proved in the  $C_q(F;-)$ -setting ((v) and (vi). They can all be proved by checking that they give the right answers whenever composed with the  $w_{q,n}^F$ . This proves that they hold over A-torsion free algebras B, and then they hold in general by functoriality. So to prove (vii) we calculate

$$w_{(l,O)}^{F}(V(b(fc))) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{y}}(\underline{\mathbf{b}}(\underline{\mathbf{f}}\underline{\mathbf{c}}))) &= \sigma^{n-1}(\omega)\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}-1}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{b}}(\underline{\mathbf{f}}\underline{\mathbf{c}})) = \sigma^{n-1}(\omega)\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}-1}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}-1}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{b}}\underline{\mathbf{c}}) \\ &= \sigma^{n-1}(\omega)\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}-1}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{b}})\mathbf{w}_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{c}}) \end{aligned}$$

and, on the other hand

$$w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{o}}^{\mathbf{F}}((\underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}}}\underline{\mathbf{b}})\underline{\mathbf{c}}) = w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{o}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}}}\underline{\mathbf{b}})w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{o}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{c}}) = o w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{o}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{c}}) = 0$$

$$w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{F}}((\underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}}}\underline{\mathbf{b}})\underline{\mathbf{c}}) = w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{v}}}\underline{\mathbf{b}})w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{c}}) = \sigma^{\mathbf{n}-1}(\omega)w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}-1}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\underline{\mathbf{b}}})w_{\mathbf{q},\mathbf{n}}^{\mathbf{F}}(\underline{\mathbf{c}})$$

This proves (vii). To prove (ix) we proceed similarly

$$w_{q,m}^F \circ w_{q,\infty}^F(w_{q,n}^F) \circ E = w_{q,n}^F \circ w_{q,m}^F \circ E = w_{q,n}^F \circ \underline{\underline{f}}^m$$

$$= w_{q,n+m}^F = w_{q,m}^F \circ \underline{\underline{f}}^n$$

(Here the first equality follows from the functoriality of the morphisms  $w_{q,m}^F$  which says that for all  $\phi\colon B'\to B\in \underline{\underline{Alg}}_A$  we have  $w_{q,m}^F$  o  $W_{q,\infty}^F(\phi)=\phi$  o  $w_{q,m}^F$ ; now substitute  $w_{q,n}^F$  for  $\phi$ ).

6.18. Remark.  $\underline{V}\underline{f} = \underline{f}\underline{V}$  does of course not hold in general (also not in the case of the usual Witt vectors). It is however, true in  $W_{q,\infty}^F(B)$  if  $\omega B = 0$ , as easily follows from (6.11), which implies that  $f(b_0, b_1, \ldots) = (b_0^q, b_1^q, \ldots)$  if  $\omega B = 0$ .

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