

Erratum to: A note on deformations of regular embeddings

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The main result of the paper Proposition 1.3 is wrongly stated. Nevertheless, the proof of Proposition 1.3 and Proposition 1.5 provides a complete description of $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$ and the paper needs only the corrections below.

Corrections

- The statement of Proposition 1.3 has to be replaced by the following, which is exactly what is proved.

Proposition 1.3 *Let $v : X \hookrightarrow Y$ be a regular closed embedding of reduced algebraic schemes and let $\text{Def}_{X/v/Y}$ be the deformation functor of v preserving X and Y (cf. [3, §3.4.1]). Then,*

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there exists a surjective morphism Φ from $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$ to the fiber product

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]) & & \\
 \downarrow \Phi & & \\
 \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_X^1, \mathcal{O}_X) \times_{\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X)} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) & \xrightarrow{p_Y} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) \\
 \downarrow p_X & & \downarrow \mu \\
 \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_X^1, \mathcal{O}_X) & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X)
 \end{array} \tag{4}$$

whose kernel is the image of the natural map $\Delta : \text{Def}_{X/v/Y}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]) \longrightarrow \text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$.

Recalling that

$$\text{Def}_{X/v/Y}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(v^*\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_X) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X), \tag{†}$$

by Proposition 1.5, we obtain the following result describing $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$, which is now to be considered the main result of the paper. (In the statement, the map $\beta : \Omega_Y^1|_X \longrightarrow \Omega_X^1$ is the one in the conormal sequence.)

Theorem *Let $v : X \hookrightarrow Y$ be a regular closed embedding of reduced algebraic schemes. Then, there exists a long exact sequence*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_X^1, \mathcal{O}_X) \times_{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X)} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_X^1, \mathcal{O}_X) \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) & \xrightarrow{\Theta} & 0 \\
 & & \downarrow \Theta & & \downarrow \Theta & & \\
 & \xrightarrow{\Theta} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X) & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & \text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]) & \xrightarrow{\Phi} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_X^1, \mathcal{O}_X) \times_{\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X)} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) \longrightarrow 0
 \end{array}$$

where the map Θ is given by $\Theta(\xi, \eta) = \xi \circ \beta - \eta|_X$.

Proof The second row of the above exact sequence follows from (the above version of) Proposition 1.3 and (†).

By the definition of $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(v^*\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_X)$ and $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$ (cf. [3, p. 158 and p. 177]), an element mapped to zero by Δ corresponds to a first order deformation

$$\tilde{v} : X \times \text{Spec}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]) \rightarrow Y \times \text{Spec}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$$

of v that is trivializable. More precisely, denoting by $H_X \subset \text{Aut}(X \times \text{Spec}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]))$ the space of automorphisms restricting to the identity on the closed fiber and similarly for $H_Y \subset \text{Aut}(Y \times \text{Spec}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]))$, there exist $\alpha \in H_X$ and $\beta \in H_Y$, such that

$$\alpha \circ (v \times \text{Id}_{\text{Spec}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])}) \circ \beta = \tilde{v}.$$

Then, one obtains a natural map $H_X \times H_Y \rightarrow \text{Def}_{X/v/Y}(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$ whose image is the kernel of Δ . By (†) and the well-known isomorphisms $H_X \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_X^1, \mathcal{O}_X)$ and $H_Y \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ (cf. [3, Lemma 1.2.6]), this map may be identified with Θ . The kernel of Θ is by definition as in the statement. \square

- In the first column of diagram (11), the vector space $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$ must be replaced by the quotient $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])/\text{Im}(\Delta)$.

- The paragraph “We remark that $\text{Ext}^1(\delta_1, \delta_0) \dots$ not isomorphic to it.” in §1.4 has to be replaced by the following:

“We remark that $\text{Ext}^1(\delta_1, \delta_0)$ coincides with $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$ in the case when $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a regular embedding. By (11), with $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])$ replaced by $\text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])/\text{Im}(\Delta)$, one has $\varphi_1 = \lambda - \mu$. Therefore,

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_X^1, \mathcal{O}_X) \times_{\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X)} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) \simeq \text{Ker}(\varphi_1),$$

Δ coincides with ∂ and Θ with φ_0 . Example 1.7 below gives an instance where $\partial = \Delta$ is nonzero.”

- In the proof of Lemma 2.1, the exact sequence (13) is not exact on the left, but this does not affect the proof.
- Replace the statement of Corollary 2.2 by the following:

Corollary 2.2 *There is a natural surjective map*

$$\tau : T_{(S,C)}\mathcal{V}_{m,\delta} \longrightarrow \text{Def}_\phi(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]) \simeq \text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]).$$

Moreover, if X is stable, then the differential of the moduli map of $\psi_{m,\delta}$ at (S, C) factors as

$$\begin{aligned} d_{(S,C)}\psi_{m,\delta} : T_{(S,C)}\mathcal{V}_{m,\delta} &\xrightarrow{\tau} \text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon]) \\ &\longrightarrow \text{Def}_v(\mathbf{k}[\epsilon])/\text{Im}(\Delta) \xrightarrow{p_X} \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_X}^1(\Omega_X, \mathcal{O}_X) \simeq T_{[X]}\overline{\mathcal{M}}_g, \end{aligned}$$

where p_X is the map appearing in the correct version of (11).

In particular, if $\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^2(\Omega_Y^1(X), \mathcal{O}_Y) = 0$, then $d_{(S,C)}\psi_{m,\delta}$ is surjective; if

$$\text{Ext}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}^1(\Omega_Y^1(X), \mathcal{O}_Y) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) = 0$$

then $d_{(S,C)}\psi_{m,\delta}$ is injective.

- At the end of Remark 2.3, add “In this case, using the above notation, one has $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\Omega_Y^1, \mathcal{O}_Y) = H^0(Y, T_Y) = 0$, and moreover, by [2, (4) in proof of Prop. 1.2], $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\Omega_Y^1|_X, \mathcal{O}_X) = H^0(X, T_{Y|_X}) = 0$.”

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