

# REMARKS ON NON-ABELIAN COHOMOLOGY OF PROALGEBRAIC GROUPS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this note, we present a version of Kim's non-abelian cohomology [4] which appears to be well suited to computations with motivic Galois groups. Whereas Kim considers extensions of a profinite group by a unipotent group, we consider certain extensions of a proalgebraic group  $\mathcal{G}$  by a prounipotent group  $\mathcal{P}$ . This allows us to work instead with Lie algebras. This, combined with the fact that we work in a situation where all of the basic objects have weight filtrations with good exactness properties, helps make the theory somewhat computable.

Throughout,  $F$  is a field of characteristic zero. Suppose that  $R$  is a connected,<sup>1</sup> reductive, algebraic  $F$ -group endowed with a non-trivial, central cocharacter  $\omega : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow R$ . We suppose that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a negatively weighted extension

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow R \rightarrow 1$$

of  $R$  by a prounipotent group  $\mathcal{U}$  in the sense of [3]. That is, the weights of the natural action

$$\mathbb{G}_m \xrightarrow{\omega} R \xleftarrow{\cong} \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{U} \xrightarrow{\text{conjugation}} \text{Aut } H_1(\mathcal{U})$$

of  $\mathbb{G}_m$  on the abelianization  $H_1(\mathcal{U})$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  are all negative. As we shall recall in Section 2, every pro- $\mathcal{G}$ -module  $V$  has a natural weight filtration  $W_\bullet V$  with good exactness properties.

The coefficient group is a prounipotent  $F$ -group  $\mathcal{P}$ , which we assume to have trivial center. Fix an *outer* action  $\phi : \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \text{Out } \mathcal{P}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $\mathcal{P}$ . This induces an action of  $\mathcal{G}$  on  $H_1(\mathcal{P})$ , so that  $H_1(\mathcal{P})$  has a natural weight filtration. We will assume that this is negatively weighted — i.e.,  $H_1(\mathcal{P}) = W_{-1}H_1(\mathcal{P})$  — and that each of its weight graded quotients is finite dimensional. Under these conditions, the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  has a natural weight filtration with finite dimensional quotients. It exponentiates to a weight filtration of  $\mathcal{P}$ . The group of weight filtration preserving automorphisms

$$\text{Aut}_W \mathcal{P} := \varprojlim_{n < 0} \text{Aut}_W(\mathcal{P}/W_n \mathcal{P})$$

of  $\mathcal{P}$  is a proalgebraic group. Our goal is to define a non-abelian cohomology scheme  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P})$ , which will represent  $\mathcal{P}$ -conjugacy classes of sections of an extension of  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $\mathcal{P}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>This is for convenience. After making suitable modifications, analogous results should hold for a general reductive  $F$ -group  $R$ .

The condition that  $\mathcal{P}$  have trivial center implies that this extension is uniquely determined by the outer action  $\phi$ . Indeed, since  $\mathcal{P}$  has trivial center, the sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \text{Aut}_W \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \text{Out}_W \mathcal{P} \rightarrow 1,$$

where the first map takes an element of  $\mathcal{P}$  to the corresponding inner automorphism, is an exact sequence of proalgebraic  $F$ -groups. Pulling this extension back along  $\phi$  gives an extension

$$(1) \quad 1 \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{G}}_\phi \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 1$$

of  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $\mathcal{P}$ . We do not make the conventional assumption that this sequence splits, nor do we distinguish any one section when it does split.

Denote the Lie algebra of  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $\mathfrak{g}$ . It acts on the weight graded quotients of  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Frequently we will impose the finiteness condition

$$(2) \quad \dim H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_{-m}^W \mathcal{P}) < \infty$$

Examples of extensions that satisfy all of the conditions above, including the finiteness conditions, arise naturally in the study of sections of families of smooth projective curves over finitely generated fields, such as those studied in [2].

**Theorem 1** (cf. [4, Prop. 2]). *Suppose that  $N \geq 1$  and that the finiteness condition (2) holds for  $1 \leq m < N$ . Under the assumptions above, there is an affine  $F$ -scheme of finite type  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}/W_{-N}\mathcal{P})$  which represents the functor that takes an  $F$ -algebra  $A$  to the set*

$$\{\text{sections of } (\widehat{\mathcal{G}}_\phi/W_{-N}\mathcal{P}) \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} / \text{conjugation by } \mathcal{P}(A).$$

This result provides a natural example where the GIT quotient of a scheme by a unipotent group is a scheme. Two ingredients that contribute this happy situation are: (1) there are compatible  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -actions on the space of sections and on the unipotent group acting on them, and (2) the weights of the action of  $\mathbb{G}_m$  on the Lie algebra of the unipotent group are all negative. It would be useful to see if such conditions allow one to construct nice GIT quotients by non-reductive groups in more general situations.

**Corollary 2.** *If the finiteness condition (2) holds for all  $m \geq 1$ , then the affine  $F$ -scheme*

$$H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}) := \varprojlim H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}/W_{-N}\mathcal{P})$$

*represents the functor*

$$\{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}}_\phi \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} / \text{conjugation by } \mathcal{P}(A).$$

There is an “exact sequence” which aids in the computation of  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P})$ . Denote the Lie algebra of  $\mathcal{G}$  by  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

**Theorem 3** (cf. [4, p. 641]). *Suppose that  $N > 1$ . If the finiteness condition (2) is satisfied when  $1 \leq m \leq N$ , then*

- (i) *there is a morphism  $\delta : H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}/W_{-N}) \rightarrow H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_{-N}^W \mathfrak{p})$  of  $F$ -schemes,*
- (ii) *there is a principal action of  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_{-N}^W \mathfrak{p})$  on  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}/W_{-N-1})$ ,*
- (iii) *for all  $F$ -algebras  $A$ ,  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}/W_{-N})(A)$  is a principal  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_{-N}^W \mathfrak{p})(A)$  set over the  $A$ -rational points  $(\delta^{-1}(0))(A)$  of the scheme  $\delta^{-1}(0)$ .*

This “exact sequence” is represented by the diagram:

$$H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_{-N}^W \mathfrak{p}) \hookrightarrow H_{\mathrm{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}/W_{-N-1}) \xrightarrow{\pi} H_{\mathrm{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P}/W_{-N}) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_{-N}^W \mathfrak{p})$$

in which  $\pi$  is the projection that takes a section to its quotient by  $\mathrm{Gr}_{-N}^W \mathfrak{p}$ .

In our version of non-abelian cohomology, we do not need to specify a splitting of the extension (1), or even have one at all. Since this extension may not split,  $H_{\mathrm{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P})$  may be the empty scheme. Even when the extension does split, there may be no preferred section; these cohomology groups are not pointed, as is customary. For this I make no apologies — the computations in [2] have convinced me that preferring any one section over another is unnatural in many contexts.

## 2. WEIGHT FILTRATIONS

In this section, we review some basic facts from [3, §3] about negatively weighted extensions and their representations. As in the introduction,  $R$  is a reductive  $F$ -group and  $\omega : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow R$  is a non-trivial central cocharacter. Suppose that

$$(3) \quad 1 \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow R \rightarrow 1$$

is negatively weighted extension of  $R$  by a prounipotent group (in the category of proalgebraic  $F$ -groups). Since  $\mathcal{U}$  is prounipotent, Levi’s Theorem implies that (3) splits and that any two splittings are conjugate by an element of  $\mathcal{U}(F)$ . Composing  $\omega$  with any such splitting gives a lift  $\tilde{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . Any two such splittings are conjugate by an element of  $\mathcal{U}(F)$  as can be seen by applying Levi’s Theorem to the pullback of (3) along  $\omega$ .

Suppose that  $V$  is a finite dimensional  $\mathcal{G}$ -module. Each lift  $\tilde{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  of  $\omega$  to  $\mathcal{G}$  determines a splitting

$$V = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} V_m$$

of  $V$  into isotypical  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -modules, where  $\mathbb{G}_m$  acts via  $\tilde{\omega}$  on  $V_m$  by the  $m$ th power of its standard representation. We will call this decomposition the  $\tilde{\omega}$ -splitting of  $V$ . It is preserved by homomorphisms  $V \rightarrow V'$  between finite dimensional  $\mathcal{G}$ -modules.

Although the splitting of  $V$  depends on  $\tilde{\omega}$ , the *weight filtration*

$$0 = W_M V \subseteq W_{M+1} V \subseteq \cdots \subseteq W_{N-1} V \subseteq W_N V = V,$$

which is defined by

$$W_n V := \bigoplus_{m \leq n} V_m,$$

does not. This is a filtration by  $\mathcal{G}$ -submodules. Each choice of  $\tilde{\omega}$  determines a natural isomorphism

$$V_m \cong \mathrm{Gr}_m^W V := W_m V / W_{m-1} V.$$

It follows that, for each  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the functor  $\mathrm{Gr}_m^W$  from the category of finite dimensional  $\mathcal{G}$ -modules to the category of  $R$ -modules is exact.

The definition of the weight filtration extends to the categories of ind- and pro-objects of the category of finite dimensional  $\mathcal{G}$ -modules. The functors  $\mathrm{Gr}_m^W$  remain exact.

We shall need the following useful property of negatively weighted extensions. Define the *centralizer* of a lift  $\tilde{\omega}$  of  $\omega$  to be the  $F$ -group that represents the functor

$$A \mapsto \{u \in \mathcal{U}(A) : u\tilde{\omega}(\lambda) = \tilde{\omega}(\lambda) \text{ all } \lambda \in \mathbb{G}_m(A)\},$$

from  $F$ -algebras to sets.

**Lemma 2.1.** *For each lift  $\tilde{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  of  $\omega$  to  $\mathcal{G}$ , the centralizer  $C(\tilde{\omega})$  of  $\tilde{\omega}$  is trivial.*

*Proof.* Fix a lift  $\tilde{\omega}$  of  $\omega$ . Use this to split the weight filtration of  $\mathfrak{u}$ , the Lie algebra of  $\mathcal{U}$ . If  $u \in \mathcal{U}(A)$  and  $u\tilde{\omega}(\lambda) = \tilde{\omega}(\lambda)u$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{G}_m(A)$ , then

$$\log u = \tilde{\omega}(\lambda)(\log u)\tilde{\omega}(\lambda)^{-1}$$

for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{G}_m(F)$ . This implies that  $\log u \in \mathfrak{u}_0$ , the weight 0 factor  $\mathfrak{u}_0$  of the  $\tilde{\omega}$ -decomposition of  $\mathfrak{u}$ . But since  $\mathcal{G}$  is a negatively weighted extension of  $R$ ,  $\text{Gr}_0^W \mathfrak{u} = 0$ , from which it follows that  $\log u = 0$  and that  $u = 1$ .  $\square$

### 3. COHOMOLOGY

Cohomology of pro-algebraic groups and pro-Lie algebras will be continuous cohomology. More precisely, if  $\mathcal{G} = \varprojlim_{\alpha} G_{\alpha}$  is a proalgebraic group, where each  $G_{\alpha}$  is algebraic, and if  $V$  is a finite dimensional  $G_{\alpha}$ -module for  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ , then  $H^{\bullet}(\mathcal{G}, V)$  is the ind-vector space

$$H^{\bullet}(\mathcal{G}, V) := \varinjlim_{\alpha} H^{\bullet}(G_{\alpha}, V),$$

where the cohomology of an algebraic is defined as in [7, Chapt. 4]. Similarly with Lie algebra cohomology: if  $\mathfrak{g} = \varprojlim_{\alpha} \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$ , where each  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$  is finite dimensional, and if  $V$  is a finite dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$ -module for all  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$ , then  $H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, V)$  is the ind-vector space

$$H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}, V) := \varinjlim_{\alpha} H^{\bullet}(\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}, V).$$

Suppose now that  $\mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}$  is the Lie algebra of  $G_{\alpha}$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $\mathcal{G}$  is a connected proalgebraic group with Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$  and if  $V$  is a finite dimensional  $\mathcal{G}$ -module, then there is a natural isomorphism*

$$H^1(\mathcal{G}, V) \cong H^1(\mathfrak{g}, V).$$

*Proof.* First suppose that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a connected algebraic group. Denote its simply connected covering group by  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ . It is also algebraic. Since  $\mathcal{G}$ , and therefore  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  as well, is connected, the category of finite dimensional  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ -modules equals the category of finite dimensional  $\mathfrak{g}$ -modules. Consequently,

$$H^1(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}, V) \cong \text{Ext}_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}^1(F, V) \cong \text{Ext}_{\mathfrak{g}}^1(F, V) \cong H^1(\mathfrak{g}, V).$$

Since  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$  is an extension of  $\mathcal{G}$  by a finite central subgroup  $Z$ , the spectral sequence of this extension implies that there is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H^1(\mathcal{G}, V) \rightarrow H^1(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}, V) \rightarrow H^0(\mathcal{G}, H^1(Z, V)).$$

Since  $\text{char } F = 0$ , the right hand group vanishes, which implies that  $H^1(\mathcal{G}, V)$  is isomorphic to  $H^1(\tilde{\mathcal{G}}, V)$ , and thus to  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ . The proalgebraic case follows by taking limits.  $\square$

Lie algebra cohomology will be computed using the standard Chevalley-Eilenberg complex. In degree  $j$ , this is

$$C^j(\mathfrak{g}, V) := \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(\Lambda^j \mathfrak{g}, V) := \varinjlim_{\alpha} \text{Hom}(\Lambda^j \mathfrak{g}_{\alpha}, V).$$

Denote the  $j$ -cycles and  $j$ -boundaries by  $Z^j(\mathfrak{g}, V)$  and  $B^j(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ , respectively. Now suppose that  $\mathcal{G}$  is an extension

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow R \rightarrow 1$$

of a reductive group  $R$  by a pronipotent group  $\mathcal{U}$ . Denote the Lie algebra of  $\mathcal{U}$  by  $\mathfrak{u}$  and its abelianization by  $H_1(\mathfrak{u})$ .

**Lemma 3.2.** *Suppose that  $R$  is connected. If  $V$  is an  $R$ -module, then there are natural isomorphisms*

$$H^1(\mathcal{G}, V) \cong H^1(\mathfrak{g}, V) \cong \mathrm{Hom}_R(H_1(\mathfrak{u}), V).$$

*Proof.* The first isomorphism follows from the previous lemma as  $R$  is connected. To establish the second isomorphism, we use the analogue of the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence for the Lie algebra extension

$$0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{u} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{r} \rightarrow 0.$$

It satisfies

$$E_2^{s,t} = H^s(\mathfrak{r}, H^t(\mathfrak{u}) \otimes V) \Rightarrow H^{s+t}(\mathfrak{g}, V).$$

Since  $R$  is reductive and since  $H^\bullet(\mathfrak{u})$  is an ind-object of the category of finite dimensional  $R$ -modules,  $E_2^{s,t} = 0$  whenever  $s > 0$ . This implies that

$$H^t(\mathfrak{g}, V) \cong H^0(\mathfrak{r}, H^t(\mathfrak{u}) \otimes V).$$

Since  $R$  is connected, and since  $H^1(\mathfrak{u})$  is the continuous dual of  $H_1(\mathfrak{u})$ ,

$$H^1(\mathfrak{g}, V) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{r}^{\mathrm{cts}}}(H_1(\mathfrak{u}), V) = \mathrm{Hom}_R^{\mathrm{cts}}(H_1(\mathfrak{u}), V).$$

□

Now suppose that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a negatively weighted extension of the reductive group  $R$  by a pronipotent group  $\mathcal{U}$ . Fix a lift  $\tilde{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  of the central cocharacter  $\omega : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow R$ . The Lie algebras  $\mathfrak{g}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathfrak{u}$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  are projective limits of  $\mathcal{G}$ -modules via the adjoint action. Their  $\tilde{\omega}$ -gradings are preserved by the bracket. Since  $\mathcal{G}$  is a negatively weighted extension of  $R$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_m = 0$  when  $m > 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{g}_0 \cong \mathfrak{r}$ , the Lie algebra of  $R$ , and  $\mathfrak{g}_m = \mathfrak{u}_m$  when  $m < 0$ . The  $\tilde{\omega}$ -splittings of  $V$  and  $\mathfrak{g}$  pass to the cochains:

$$C^j(\mathfrak{g}, V) = \bigoplus_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} C_{(m)}^j(\mathfrak{g}, V).$$

Since the bracket of  $\mathfrak{g}$  and the action  $\mathfrak{g} \otimes V \rightarrow V$  preserve the splittings, the differential of  $C^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, V)$  also preserves it. Consequently, the  $\tilde{\omega}$ -splitting passes to cohomology. Denote the weight  $m$  summand of the cohomology group  $H^j(\mathfrak{g}, V)$  by  $H_{(m)}^j(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ . It is the cohomology of the complex  $C_{(m)}^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $R$  is connected and  $V$  is a finite dimensional  $\mathcal{G}$ -module, then  $H^j(\mathcal{G}, V) = H_{(0)}^j(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ .*

*Proof.* Observe that  $\mathcal{G}$  acts on the chain complex  $C^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, V)$  via the adjoint action. It therefore acts on its cohomology  $H^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ . Since this action is trivial,  $\tilde{\omega}$  acts trivially on  $H^\bullet(\mathfrak{g}, V)$ . □

## 4. PROOFS OF THE MAIN RESULTS

4.1. **Setup.** The main results follow directly from results proved at the end of this section. Here we consider an extension

$$(4) \quad 1 \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 1$$

of affine proalgebraic  $F$ -groups, where  $\mathcal{N}$  is unipotent and where  $\mathcal{G}$  is a negatively weighted extension of a connected reductive group  $R$ . Then  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  is an extension of  $R$  by a pronipotent group  $\widehat{\mathcal{U}}$ , which is an extension

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{U}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \rightarrow 1.$$

We will assume that  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  is a negatively weighted extension of  $R$  by  $\widehat{\mathcal{U}}$ . This implies that the Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{n}$  of  $\mathcal{N}$  has a natural weight filtration satisfying  $\mathfrak{n} = W_{-1}\mathfrak{n}$ . Later,  $\mathcal{N}$  will be  $\mathcal{P}/W_{-N-1}$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  will be the quotient of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}_\phi$  by  $W_{-N-1}\mathcal{P}$ .

Denote the Lie algebras of  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ ,  $\mathcal{U}$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{U}}$  by  $\mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$ ,  $\mathfrak{u}$ , and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{u}}$ , respectively.

4.2. **Sections.** Suppose that  $A$  is an  $F$ -algebra. A section  $s$  of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A$  induces a Lie algebra homomorphism  $ds : \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A$ .

**Lemma 4.1.** *If  $R$  is connected, then for all  $F$ -algebras  $A$ , the derivative map*

$$\{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} \rightarrow \{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A\}$$

*is a bijection.*

*Proof.* Choose a splitting of the homomorphism  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow R$ . This induces an action of  $R$  on  $\widehat{\mathcal{U}}$  and an isomorphism  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \cong R \ltimes \widehat{\mathcal{U}}$  of proalgebraic  $F$ -groups. The corresponding section of  $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow R$  induces a compatible action of  $R$  on  $\mathcal{U}$  and an isomorphism  $R \ltimes \mathcal{U}$ . Sections of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  correspond to  $R$ -invariant sections of  $\widehat{\mathcal{U}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ . Since  $\text{char } F = 0$ , the logarithm and exponential maps

$$\widehat{\mathfrak{u}} \otimes_F A \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\log} \\ \xrightarrow{\exp} \end{array} \widehat{\mathcal{U}}(A) \qquad \mathfrak{u} \otimes_F A \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\log} \\ \xrightarrow{\exp} \end{array} \mathcal{U}(A)$$

are bijections. It follows each of the maps

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} &\rightarrow \{R\text{-invariant sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{U}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \otimes_F A\} \\ &\rightarrow \{R\text{-invariant sections of } \widehat{\mathfrak{u}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{u} \otimes_F A\} \\ &\rightarrow \{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A\} \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection.  $\square$

Let  $\widehat{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  be a lift of the cocharacter  $\omega$ . Let  $\widetilde{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  be its composition with the projection  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . Denote the composition of  $\widehat{\omega}$  with the projection  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$  by  $\widetilde{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ . Define a section  $s$  of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A$  to be  $\widehat{\omega}$ -graded if  $s \circ \widetilde{\omega} = \widehat{\omega}$ . Equivalently, a section  $s$  is  $\widehat{\omega}$ -graded if its derivative  $ds$  is a  $\widehat{\omega}$ -graded section of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A$  in the sense that  $ds$  commutes with the  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -actions on  $\mathfrak{g}$  and  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}}$  induced by  $\widehat{\omega}$ . The following observation is key.

**Lemma 4.2.** *If  $R$  is connected, each  $\mathcal{N}$ -orbit of graded sections of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A$  contains a unique  $\widehat{\omega}$ -graded section.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $s$  is a section of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_F \otimes A$ . Then one has the lift  $s \circ \tilde{\omega}$  of  $\tilde{\omega}$  to  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ . Corollary A.2 implies that it is conjugate to  $\hat{\omega}$  by an element  $u$  of  $\mathcal{N}(A)$ :

$$s \circ \tilde{\omega} = u\hat{\omega}u^{-1}.$$

But then

$$(u^{-1}su) \circ \tilde{\omega} = u^{-1}(s \circ \tilde{\omega})u = \hat{\omega}$$

so that  $u^{-1}su$  is  $\hat{\omega}$ -invariant. Thus every  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  orbit of sections contains a  $\hat{\omega}$ -invariant section.

To prove uniqueness, suppose that  $u \in \mathcal{N}(A)$  and that  $s$  and  $usu^{-1}$  are both  $\hat{\omega}$ -invariant. Then  $u$  centralizes  $\hat{\omega}$  as

$$\hat{\omega} = (usu^{-1}) \circ \tilde{\omega} = u(s \circ \tilde{\omega})u^{-1} = u\hat{\omega}u^{-1}.$$

Lemma 2.1 implies that  $u = 1$ .  $\square$

The second key ingredient in the construction of non-abelian cohomology of negatively weighted extensions is the following result.

**Proposition 4.3.** *There is an ind-affine  $F$ -scheme  $\text{Sect}_\bullet(\text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{n})$  which represents the functor that takes an  $F$ -algebra  $A$  to the set*

$$\{\text{graded sections of } \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A\}.$$

*It is of finite type when  $H^1(\mathcal{G}, \text{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n})$  is finite dimensional for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  are negatively weighted extensions of  $R$ , we have

$$\text{Gr}_0^W \mathfrak{g} = \text{Gr}_0^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{r}.$$

Thus graded sections of  $\text{Gr}_\bullet^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g}$  correspond to  $R$ -invariant graded sections of  $\text{Gr}_\bullet^W \hat{\mathfrak{u}} \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{u}$ .

Choose an  $R$ -invariant splitting  $\theta$  of  $\text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{u} \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W H_1(\mathfrak{u})$ . Since  $\mathfrak{u}$  is pronipotent, this induces a graded,  $R$ -invariant surjection

$$\tilde{\theta} : \mathbb{L}(\text{Gr}_\bullet^W H_1(\mathfrak{u})) \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{u}$$

from the free Lie algebra generated by  $\text{Gr}_\bullet^W H_1(\mathfrak{u})$ . The  $R$ -invariant lifts  $s$  of  $\tilde{\theta}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{L}(\text{Gr}_\bullet^W H_1(\mathfrak{u})) & \\ & \swarrow s & \downarrow \tilde{\theta} \\ \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}} & \longrightarrow & \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g} \end{array}$$

are induced by graded  $R$ -invariant lifts  $\text{Gr}_\bullet^W H_1(\mathfrak{u}) \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  of  $\theta$ . The set of  $s$  that make the diagram commute comprise an ind-affine space that is a principal homogeneous space over the ind-vector space

$$\text{Hom}_R(\text{Gr}_\bullet^W H_1(\mathfrak{u}), \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{n}) = \varinjlim_{\alpha} \text{Hom}_R(\text{Gr}_\bullet^W H_1(\mathfrak{u}_\alpha), \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{n}).$$

Those  $s$  that descend to sections of  $\text{Gr}_\bullet^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g}$  are precisely those that satisfy the system of equations

$$s([x, y]) - [s(x), s(y)] = 0, \quad x, y \in \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g}.$$

It follows that the the functor  $A \mapsto \{\text{graded sections of } \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \text{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A\}$  is represented by an ind-affine  $F$ -scheme.

Since

$$H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n}) = \mathrm{Hom}_R(H_1(\mathfrak{u}), \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n}) = \mathrm{Hom}_R(\mathrm{Gr}_m^W H_1(\mathfrak{u}), \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n}),$$

the affine space of  $R$ -invariant lifts  $s$  of  $\tilde{\theta}$  is of finite type when  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n})$  is finite dimensional for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . This implies that the subscheme  $\mathrm{Sect}_\bullet(\mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{n})$  is of finite type when  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n})$  is finite dimensional for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\square$

Suppose that  $A$  is an  $F$ -algebra. Each section  $s$  of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A$  induces a section  $ds$  of the Lie algebra homomorphism  $\widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A$  that preserves the weight filtration. This, in turn, induces a section  $\mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W ds$  of  $\mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A$ . Observe that, for each choice  $\widehat{\omega}$  of a lift of  $\omega$  to  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ , the composition of the maps

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad & \{\widehat{\omega}\text{-graded sections of } \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A\} \\ & \cong \{\widehat{\omega}\text{-graded sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} \\ & \hookrightarrow \{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} \\ & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W d} \{\text{graded sections of } \mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \widehat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A\} \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection.

**Corollary 4.4.** *For each lift  $\widehat{\omega} : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  of the central cocharacter  $\omega : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow R$  to  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ , there is an ind-affine  $F$ -scheme  $\mathrm{Sect}_\bullet^{\widehat{\omega}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$  which represents the functor that takes an  $F$ -algebra  $A$  to the set*

$$\{\widehat{\omega}\text{-graded sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\}$$

*It is of finite type when  $H^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n})$  is finite dimensional for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

**Corollary 4.5.** *For all  $F$ -algebras  $A$  and all lifts  $\widehat{\omega}$  of  $\omega$  to  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$ , the function*

$$\mathcal{N}(A) \times \mathrm{Sect}_\bullet^{\widehat{\omega}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})(A) \rightarrow \{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\}$$

*defined by  $(u, s) \mapsto usu^{-1}$  is a bijection. Consequently, this functor from  $F$ -algebras to sets is represented by the ind-affine  $F$ -scheme  $\mathrm{Sect}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}) := \mathcal{N} \times \mathrm{Sect}_\bullet^{\widehat{\omega}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$ . It has finite type when  $H^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n})$  is finite dimensional for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

Yoneda's Lemma implies that the scheme  $\mathrm{Sect}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$  is independent of the choice of the lift  $\widehat{\omega}$  of  $\omega$ .

**4.3. Existence of non-abelian cohomology.** Theorem 1 follows directly from:

**Theorem 4.6.** *There is an ind-affine scheme  $H_{\mathrm{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$  that represents the functor that takes an  $F$ -algebra  $A$  to the set*

$$\{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} / \mathcal{N}(A)$$

*where  $\mathcal{N}(A)$  acts on sections by conjugation. It is of finite type when  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_m^W \mathfrak{n})$  is finite dimensional for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .*

*Proof.* The composite of the maps (5) is a bijection for each choice of lift  $\widehat{\omega}$  of  $\omega$ . Corollary 4.5 implies that for all  $F$ -algebras  $A$ , the natural maps

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Sect}_\bullet^{\widehat{\omega}}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})(A) & \rightarrow \{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \otimes_F A\} / \mathcal{N}(A) \\ & \rightarrow \mathrm{Sect}_\bullet(\mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{g}, \mathrm{Gr}_\bullet^W \mathfrak{n})(A) \end{aligned}$$

are bijections. The result now follows from Proposition 4.3 and Corollary 4.4.  $\square$

A corollary of the proof is the following useful description of  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$ .

**Corollary 4.7.** *The morphism of ind-schemes*

$$\text{Sect}(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}) \rightarrow \text{Sect}_{\bullet}(\text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathfrak{n})$$

that takes a section  $s$  to  $\text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W ds$  induces an isomorphism

$$H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}) \cong \text{Sect}_{\bullet}(\text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathfrak{n}).$$

**4.4. The exact sequence.** We continue with the notation of the previous two sections. Suppose that  $W_{-N-1}\mathfrak{n} = 0$ . Set  $\mathcal{Z} = W_{-N}\mathcal{N}$ , which we suppose to be non-zero. Denote the Lie algebra of  $\mathcal{Z}$  by  $\mathfrak{z}$ . Theorem 3 is a direct consequence of:

**Proposition 4.8.** *Assume that  $R$  is connected and that  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \text{Gr}_{-m}^W \mathfrak{n})$  is finite dimensional for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  so that  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$  and  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}/\mathcal{Z})$  are affine  $F$ -schemes of finite type. Then*

- (i) *there is a morphism  $\delta : H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}/\mathcal{Z}) \rightarrow H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z})$  of  $F$ -schemes,*
- (ii) *there is a principal action of  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z})$  on  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$ ,*
- (iii) *for all  $F$ -algebras  $A$ ,  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})(A)$  is a principal  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z})(A)$ -set over the  $A$ -rational points  $(\delta^{-1}(0))(A)$  of the scheme  $\delta^{-1}(0)$ .*

Informally, we summarize this by saying that the sequence

$$H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}) \hookrightarrow H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}) \xrightarrow{\pi} H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}/\mathcal{Z}) \xrightarrow{\delta} H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z})$$

is exact, where  $\pi$  is the projection that takes a section to its quotient by  $\mathcal{Z}$ .

*Proof.* Denote  $\text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathfrak{g}$ ,  $\text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \mathfrak{n}$  and  $\text{Gr}_{\bullet}^W \hat{\mathfrak{g}}$  by  $\mathfrak{g}_{\bullet}$ ,  $\mathfrak{n}_{\bullet}$  and  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet}$ , respectively. Identify  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N})$  with the scheme of graded sections of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet}$  and  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}/\mathcal{Z})$  with the scheme of graded sections of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet}/\mathfrak{z} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet}$ .

We first define the ‘‘connecting morphism’’  $\delta$ . Suppose that  $\sigma$  is a graded section of  $(\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet}/\mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A$ . Define  $\tilde{\sigma}$  to be the section

$$\mathfrak{g}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A \xrightarrow{\sigma} (\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet}/\mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A \xrightarrow{r \otimes A} \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A$$

of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes_F A$ , where  $r$  is the unique,  $F$ -linear, graded section of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}} \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}}/\mathfrak{z}$ . Note that, in general,  $r$  is not a Lie algebra homomorphism. The obstruction to  $\tilde{\sigma}$  being a Lie algebra homomorphism is the function  $h_{\sigma} : \Lambda^2 \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{z}$  defined by

$$h_{\sigma}(x, y) := [\tilde{\sigma}(x), \tilde{\sigma}(y)] - \tilde{\sigma}([x, y]).$$

It is an invariant 2-cocycle:  $h_{\sigma} \in Z_{(0)}^2(\mathfrak{g}_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A$ . Define

$$\delta : H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}/\mathcal{Z})(A) \rightarrow H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A$$

by taking  $\sigma$  to the class of  $h_{\sigma}$  in  $H_{(0)}^2(\mathfrak{g}_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A$ , which is isomorphic to  $H^2(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A$  by Lemma 3.3. This is easily seen to be a morphism of  $F$ -schemes.

If  $\delta(\sigma) \neq 0$ ,  $\sigma$  does not lift to a graded section of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}} \otimes_F A$ . If  $\delta(\sigma) = 0$ , Lemma 3.3 implies that there is an invariant 1-cochain  $v \in C_{(0)}^1(\mathfrak{g}_{\bullet}, \mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A$  such that  $\delta(v) = h_{\sigma}$ . Then  $\tilde{\sigma} + v : \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A$  is a graded Lie algebra section of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A$  that lifts  $\sigma$ . This establishes the exactness at  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}/\mathcal{Z})$ .

Our last task is to show that the fibers of  $H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}) \rightarrow H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{N}/\mathcal{Z})$  are principal  $H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z})$  spaces. First observe that, since  $\mathfrak{z}$  has negative weight,  $C_{(0)}^0(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}) = \mathfrak{z}_0 = 0$ . Consequently, there are no invariant 1-coboundaries and

$$H^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}) = H_{(0)}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}) = Z_{(0)}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}).$$

Next observe that if  $\sigma$  is a graded section of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A$  and  $f : \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet} \rightarrow \mathfrak{z} \otimes_F A$  is a graded function, then  $\sigma + f$  is a graded section of  $\hat{\mathfrak{g}}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}_{\bullet} \otimes_F A$  if and only if  $f \in Z_{(0)}^1(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{z}) \otimes_F A$ . The last assertion follows.  $\square$

## 5. RELATION TO KIM'S WORK

Kim [5] is interested in rational points of varieties (particularly curves) defined over a number field. Here we give a brief explanation of how his ideas can be expressed naturally in terms of the variant of non-abelian cohomology developed in this paper.

Suppose that  $k$  is a number field and that  $X$  is a smooth, geometrically connected, projective  $k$ -scheme. The Galois group  $G_k := \text{Gal} \overline{\mathbb{Q}}/k$  acts on the first cohomology of  $X \otimes_k \overline{k}$ :

$$\rho_X : G_k \rightarrow \text{Aut } H_{\text{ét}}^1(X \otimes_k \overline{k}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(1)).$$

The Zariski closure  $R$  of the image of  $\rho_X$  is a reductive  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ -group that, by a theorem of Bogomolov [1], contains the scalar matrices. Since  $H := H_{\text{ét}}^1(X \otimes_k \overline{k}, \mathbb{Q}_{\ell}(1))$  has weight  $-1$ , we define  $\omega : \mathbb{G}_m \rightarrow R$  by  $\omega(t) = t^{-1} \text{id}_H$ .

We will regard  $\rho_X$  as a homomorphism  $G_k \rightarrow R(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell})$ . It is Zariski dense by construction. Define  $\mathcal{G}$  to be the weighted completion of  $G_k$  with respect to  $\rho_X$  and the cocharacter  $\omega$ .<sup>2</sup> This is a proalgebraic  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ -group which is an extension of  $R$  by a prounipotent group.

Fix a geometric point  $\overline{\eta}$  of  $X$ . Denote by  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  the weighted completion of  $\pi_1(X, \overline{\eta})$  with respect to the homomorphism  $\pi_1(X, \overline{\eta}) \rightarrow G_k \rightarrow R(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell})$  and  $\omega$ . Denote the continuous unipotent completion of  $\pi_1(X \otimes_k \overline{k}, \overline{\eta})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$  by  $\mathcal{P}$ . Since  $H_1(\mathcal{P}) \cong H$  is finite dimensional and has weight  $-1$ , the action of  $\pi_1(X, \overline{\eta})$  on  $\pi_1(X \otimes_k \overline{k}, \overline{\eta})$  by conjugation induces an action  $\hat{\phi}$  of  $\widehat{\mathcal{G}}$  on  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Right exactness of these proalgebraic completions implies that the sequence

$$\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 1$$

is exact. If  $\mathcal{P}$  has trivial center, as it does when  $X$  is a hyperbolic curve, then the composite

$$\mathcal{P} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \xrightarrow{\hat{\phi}} \text{Aut}_W \mathcal{P}$$

is injective, which implies that the sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 1$$

is exact. The pullback of this sequence along  $G_k \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell})$  is an exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) \rightarrow \widehat{G}_X \rightarrow G_k \rightarrow 1$$

This is the kind of extension considered by Kim in the non-abelian cohomology developed in [4]. The universal mapping property of weighted completion implies that the natural mapping

$$\begin{aligned} H_{\text{nab}}^1(\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{P})(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) &= \{\text{sections of } \widehat{\mathcal{G}} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}\} / \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) \\ &\rightarrow \{\text{sections of } \widehat{G}_X \rightarrow G_k\} / \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}) \end{aligned}$$

is a bijection. This implies that the version of non-abelian cohomology developed in [4] agrees with the one developed in this paper, at least on  $\mathbb{Q}_{\ell}$ -rational points.

<sup>2</sup>Definitions can be found in [3].

APPENDIX A. COHOMOLOGY OF  $\mathbb{G}_m \otimes A$ 

This material should be standard. But just in case, we give an exposition. Here  $\mathbb{G}_m$  will be regarded as a group scheme over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Denote the rank 1  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -module given by the  $d$ th power of the standard representation by  $V_d$ .

**Proposition A.1.** *For all  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebras  $A$  the cohomology group  $H^1(\mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A, V_d)$  vanishes.*

*Proof.* The group  $H^1(\mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A, V_d)$  is the space of  $V_d$ -valued cocycles modulo the  $V_d$  valued coboundaries. The 1-cocycles on  $\mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$  correspond to elements  $f(t) \in A[t, t^{-1}]$  that satisfy the cocycle condition

$$(6) \quad f(t \otimes t) = f(t \otimes 1) + (t^d \otimes 1)f(1 \otimes t) \in A[t, t^{-1}] \otimes_A A[t, t^{-1}]$$

The 1-coboundaries are all of the form  $f(t) = a(t^d - 1)$  for some  $a \in A$ .

To see that every cocycle is a coboundary, write  $f(t) = \sum_{-N}^N a_n t^n$ , where each  $a_n \in A$ . The cocycle condition (6) becomes

$$\sum a_n t^n \otimes t^n = \sum a_n t^d \otimes 1 + \sum a_n t^d \otimes t^n.$$

Note that the only ‘‘diagonal terms’’ that appear on the right-hand side are  $1 \otimes 1$  and possibly  $t^d \otimes t^d$ .

If  $d = 0$ , the cocycle condition (6) implies that  $f(t) = 0$ , so that there are no non-zero cocycles and no coboundaries. If  $d \neq 0$ , then the cocycle condition implies that  $a_0 + a_d = 0$  and that  $a_n = 0$  when  $n \neq 0, d$ . That is,  $f(t) = a_d(t^d - 1)$ , which is a coboundary.  $\square$

**Corollary A.2.** *Suppose that  $A$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra and that*

$$0 \rightarrow U \rightarrow G \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A \rightarrow 1$$

*is an extension of  $\mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$  in the category of affine  $A$ -groups, where  $U$  is unipotent. If  $U$  has a descending central series*

$$U = U^1 \supseteq U^2 \supseteq U^3 \supseteq \dots \supseteq U^N \supseteq U^{N+1} = 1,$$

*where each graded quotient  $U^m/U^{m+1}$  is a direct sum of  $\mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$ -modules isomorphic to  $V_d$  for some  $d$ , then any two sections of  $G \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$  over  $A$  are conjugate by an element of  $U(A)$ .*

*Proof.* When  $U$  is abelian, the result follows directly from Proposition A.1 by standard arguments. Suppose that  $N > 1$  and that the result is true when the length of the lower central series of the unipotent kernel is  $< N$ . Suppose that the length of the lower central series of  $U$  is  $N$ . Suppose that  $s_0$  and  $s_1$  are two sections of  $G \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$ . Let  $Z$  be the center of  $U$ . This is normal in  $G$ , so one has the extension

$$1 \rightarrow U/Z \rightarrow G/Z \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A \rightarrow 1.$$

of affine  $A$ -groups. The sections  $s_0$  and  $s_1$  induce sections  $\bar{s}_0$  and  $\bar{s}_1$  of this extension. By our induction hypothesis, there is an element  $v$  of  $(U/Z)(A)$  such that  $\bar{s}_1 = v\bar{s}_0v^{-1}$ . Since  $U$  is unipotent, the sequence

$$1 \rightarrow Z(A) \rightarrow U(A) \rightarrow (U/Z)(A) \rightarrow 1$$

is exact. Choose a lift  $\tilde{v} \in U(A)$  of  $v$ . Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 1 & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & G & \longrightarrow & G/Z \longrightarrow 1 \\
 & & \parallel & & \uparrow & & \uparrow s_1 \\
 1 & \longrightarrow & Z & \longrightarrow & H & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A \longrightarrow 1
 \end{array}$$

where the right-hand square is a pullback. The sections  $s_1$  and  $\tilde{v}s_0\tilde{v}^{-1}$  induce sections  $\sigma_1$  and  $\sigma_0$  of  $H \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_m \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} A$ . Since  $Z$  is abelian, there exists  $z \in Z(A)$  such that  $\sigma_1 = z\sigma_0z^{-1}$ . This implies that  $s_1 = (z\tilde{v})s_0(z\tilde{v})^{-1}$ .  $\square$

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