

A THEOREM OF MATSUSHIMA

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In [7], Matsushima studied the vector bundles over a complex torus. One of his main theorems is: A vector bundle over a complex torus has a connection if and only if it is homogeneous (Theorem (2.3)). The aim of this paper is to prove the characteristic $p > 0$ version of this theorem. However in the characteristic $p > 0$ case, for any vector bundle E over a scheme defined over a field k with $\text{char. } k = p$, the pull back F^*E of E by the Frobenius endomorphism F has a connection. Hence we have to replace the connection by the stratification (cf. (2.1.1)). Our theorem states: Let A be an abelian variety whose p -rank is equal to the dimension of A . Then a vector bundle over A has a stratification if and only if it is homogeneous (Theorem (2.5)).

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§ 1. Preliminaries

(1.1) All schemes are of finite type over an algebraically closed field k , unless the contrary is stated as in (1.4.1). Let $\text{char. } k = p \geq 0$. Let P, X be schemes. Let $\pi: P \rightarrow X$ be a morphism. Let G be a group scheme. We denote by $P(X, G, \pi)$ a principal G -bundle over X : G operates on P from the right satisfying the following conditions:

(i) The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 P \times_k G & \longrightarrow & P \\
 & \searrow & \swarrow \\
 & X &
 \end{array}$$

is commutative.

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(ii) The morphism

$$\begin{aligned} G \times_k P &\longrightarrow P \times_X P \\ (g, p) &\longmapsto (p \cdot g, p) \end{aligned}$$

is an isomorphism.

(iii) There exists an (fpqc) extension $X' \rightarrow X$ such that $P' = P \times_X X'$ is isomorphic to $G \times_k X'$.

(1.1.1) Let K be a group scheme. Let H be a subgroup scheme. Then the quotient $K \xrightarrow{\pi} K/H$ exists (S.G.A.D. Exposé VI_A) and $K(K/H, H, \pi)$ is a principal H -bundle.

We need some results of Grothendieck [4].

(1.2) **THEOREM A.** *An (fpqc) (faithfully flat and quasi-compact) morphism is a strict descent morphism for the category of affine schemes and for the category of quasi-coherent sheaves.*

In particular this means two important things:

(1.2.1) Let S', S be schemes. Let $\alpha: S' \rightarrow S$ be an (fpqc) morphism. Let X, Y be schemes affine over S . Let X' (resp. Y') be the pull-back of X (resp. Y). Then to define a morphism $X \rightarrow Y$ over S , it is sufficient to define a morphism $X' \rightarrow Y'$ over S' commuting with the descent data.

(1.2.2) In the category of affine schemes (or in the category of quasi-coherent sheaves) descent data descends through an (fpqc) morphism.

(1.3) Let $P(X, G, \pi)$ be a principal G -bundle over X with group G . Let G' be a group scheme. Let $\varphi: G \rightarrow G'$ be a morphism of group schemes.

LEMMA (1.3.1) *Assume that G, G' are affine over k . Then there exists a unique principal G' -bundle $P'(X, G', \pi')$ such that there exists a morphism f of P to P' over X with $f(x^g) = f(x)^{g'}$, $x \in P, g \in G$.*

Proof. Let $X' \rightarrow X$ be an (fpqc) morphism trivializing P . Let P^* denote the pull-back of P on X' . The pull-back $P^* \simeq G \times_k X'$ carries naturally a descent data, so that it induces a descent data on $G' \times_k X'$. We put $P^{*'} \simeq G' \times_k X'$. Since $P^{*'}$ is affine over X' , by (1.2.2), $P^{*'}$ descends and defines a principal G' -bundle over X . This shows the existence.

We shall show the uniqueness. Let P'_1 and P'_2 be two principal G' -bundles over X having the property described in the lemma. Let $X' \rightarrow X$ be an (fpqc) morphism trivializing P, P_1 and P_2 . We denote the pull-

back by $*$. We have $f_i^* : P^* \simeq X' \times G \rightarrow X' \times G'$, $i = 1, 2$.

$$(x, g) \rightarrow (x, f_i^*(x, g))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P^* & \xrightarrow{f_1^*} & P_1'^* \\ & \searrow f_2^* & \downarrow \ell \\ & & P_2'^* \end{array}$$

$f_i^*(x, g) = f_i^*((x, 1)^g) = f_i^*(x, 1)^{g(g)}$, $x \in X'$, $g \in G$. If we put $\ell(x, g') = (x, f_2^*(x, 1)f_1^*(x, 1)^{-1}g')$ for $(x, g') \in X' \times G'$, then the diagram above commutes and gives an isomorphism between $P_1'^*$ and $P_2'^*$. It is easy to check that this isomorphism commutes with the descent data for $P_1'^*$ and for $P_2'^*$. Hence this gives an isomorphism of P_1' and P_2' over X .

(1.4) Let X be a projective scheme over k . Let $P(X, GL(r, k), \pi)$ be a principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle over X . $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is a functor from the category of k -schemes to the category of groups defined by the following formula:

$\mathcal{G}(p)(T) = \{f \in \text{Hom}_T(P \times_k T, P \times_k T) \mid f \text{ is an automorphism of } P \times_k T. f(x^g) = f(x)^g \text{ for any } g \in GL(r, k).\}$ for a scheme T over k . Since X is the quotient of P by the action of $GL(r, k)$, f induces the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \times_k T & \xrightarrow{f} & P \times_k T \\ \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \pi \\ X \times_k T & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & X \times_k T. \end{array}$$

PROPOSITION (1.4.1) *The functor $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is represented by a scheme locally of finite type over k .*

Proof. $GL(r, k)$ is an open subscheme of the scheme of $r \times r$ matrices $M(r \times r, k)$. $GL(r, k)$ operates on $M(r \times r, k) \simeq A_k^{r^2}$ from the left and the right as linear automorphisms of the affine space $A_k^{r^2}$. Since a linear automorphism of $A_k^{r^2}$ can be prolonged to an automorphism of $P_k^{r^2}$, the actions from the left and the right of $GL(r, k)$ on $A_k^{r^2}$ can be extended equivariantly to the actions on $P_k^{r^2}$. Hence $GL(r, k) \subset P_k^{r^2}$ is an equivariant completion of $GL(r, k)$ with respect to the both actions. Since a principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle is locally trivial for the Zariski topology,

we can associate $P_k^{r^2}$ -bundle $P' = P \times^{GL(r,k)} P^{r^2} \xrightarrow{\pi'} X$ with $P(X, GL(r, k), \pi)$. Then P is an open subscheme of P' and $GL(r, k)$ operates on P' from the right. From the existence of the Hilbert scheme (See Grothendieck [5]), we deduce that the functor $\text{Aut}_k P'$ is represented by a group scheme G locally of finite type over k since P' is projective over X and since X is projective over k by hypothesis. Now let $Y = P' - P$ and we regard Y as a reduced closed subscheme of P' . Consider the subfunctor F of $\text{Aut}_k P'$:

$F = \{\text{Automorphisms of } P' \text{ leaving the closed subscheme } Y \text{ fixed}\}$. Then F is representable. Now we show $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is a subgroup functor of F . It is sufficient to show that any element of $\mathcal{G}(P)$ can be extended to an automorphism of P' . First we assume that P is trivial. In this case, letting f be an element of $\mathcal{G}(P)$, $f(g) = f(I_r g) = f(I_r^g) = f(I_r)^g = f(I_r)g$. Hence f is nothing but the multiplication by $f(I_r)$ from the left. Since P' is an equivariant completion, the multiplication by $f(I_r)$ can be extended to P' . In the case P is not trivial, take an open covering $\{U_\alpha\}$ of X so that $\pi^{-1}(U_\alpha) = P_\alpha$ is trivial. $\mathcal{G}(P)$ acts on P_α . By what we have seen above, the action of $\mathcal{G}(P)$ on P_α can be extended to an automorphism of the restriction of P' on U_α . Since the extension is unique, the extensions over U_α and U_β coincide if $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \neq \emptyset$. Hence the operation of $\mathcal{G}(P)$ on P can be extended to the operation on P' . This is what we had to show. $GL(r, k)$ operates on P' from the right and leaves Y fixed. Hence $GL(r, k)$ is a closed subgroup scheme of F (See S.G.A.D. Exposé VI_B Cor. 1.4.2.). $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is the centralizer of the closed subgroup scheme $GL(r, k)$ of the group scheme F . Hence $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is representable. q.e.d.

(1.4.2) We have the natural homomorphism of group schemes $q: \mathcal{G}(P) \rightarrow \text{Aut } X$ as we remarked above. The kernel of this homomorphism is the group $\text{Aut}_X(P)$ which is connected and affine over k (See M. Maruyama: On a family of algebraic vector bundles, Number Theory, Algebraic Geometry and Commutative Algebra, in honor of Y. Akizuki Kinokuniya, Tokyo, 1973, 95–146). We apply (1.4.1) to an abelian variety A .

COROLLARY (1.4.3) *Let A be an abelian variety. Let $P = P(A, GL(r, k), \pi)$. Consider a subgroup functor $\mathcal{G}(P)$ of $\mathcal{G}(P)$ whose value is defined for any k -scheme T by the following formula:*

$\mathcal{G}(P)(T) = \{(x_T, f) \mid x_T \text{ is a } T\text{-valued point of } A, f \in \tilde{\mathcal{G}}(P)(T) \text{ such that the diagram}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \times_k T & \xrightarrow{f} & P \times_k T \\ \pi \times \text{id}_T \downarrow & & \pi \times \text{id}_T \downarrow \\ A \times_k T & \xrightarrow{\text{translation by } x_T} & A \times_k T \end{array}$$

commutes} .

Then the group functor $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is represented by a scheme of finite type over k .

Proof. The abelian variety A can be regarded in a natural way as a subgroup scheme of $\text{Aut}_k A$. Let $i: A \hookrightarrow \text{Aut}_k A$. From the definition $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is isomorphic to the fibre product $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(P) \times_{\text{Aut}_k A} A$. Since A and $\text{Aut}_A P$ are connected, $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is isomorphic to the fibre product $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^0(P) \times_{\text{Aut}_k A} A$ where $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^0(P)$ is the connected component containing the identity of the group scheme $\mathcal{G}(P)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{G}(P) & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow i \\ \mathcal{G}^0(P) & \xrightarrow{q} & \text{Aut}_k A \end{array}$$

$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^0(P)$ is of finite over k . Hence $\mathcal{G}(P)$ is of finite type over k . q.e.d.

DEFINITION (1.4.4) Using the notation of (1.4.3),

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Aut}_A P \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(P) \rightarrow A .$$

The quotient group scheme $\mathcal{G}(P)/\text{Aut}_A P$ is denoted by $H(P)$. $H(P)$ is a closed subgroup scheme of A (See S.G.A.D. Exposé VI_A).

A principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle $P(A, GL(r, k), \pi)$ over an abelian variety A is said to be homogeneous if $H(P) = A$.

If P is homogeneous,

$$I \rightarrow \text{Aut}_A P \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(P) \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0 .$$

Remark (1.4.5) The set of all the k -valued points of $H(P)$ is $\{k$ -valued point x of $A \mid P \simeq T_x^* P$ where T_x is the translation by $x\}$.

LEMMA (1.4.6). Let A, B be abelian varieties. Let $\varphi: A \rightarrow B$ be a

homomorphism. We set $N = \text{Ker } \varphi \xleftarrow{i} A$ (scheme theoretic kernel, of course). Let $P'(B, GL(r, k), \pi')$ be a principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle over B . Let $P(A, GL(r, k), \pi) = \varphi^*P'(B, GL(r, k), \pi')$. Then N is a subgroup scheme of $H(P)$.

Proof. Let $f : T \rightarrow N$ be a T -valued point of N . Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (B \times_k T) \times_T (B \times_k T) & \xrightarrow{\mu_B} & B \times_k T \\
 \uparrow \varphi_T \times \varphi_T & & \uparrow \varphi_T \\
 (A \times_k T) \times_T (A \times_k T) & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & A \times_k T \\
 \uparrow i_T \times \text{Id} & & \\
 (N \times_k T) \times_T (A \times_k T) & & \\
 \uparrow f_T \times \text{Id} & & \\
 A \times_k T & \xrightarrow[\Psi]{\sim} & T \times_T (A \times_k T),
 \end{array}$$

where μ_A (resp. μ_B) is the law of composition of the abelian scheme A (resp. B) and Ψ is the natural isomorphism. Hence we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_T^*P_T &= \Psi^* \circ (f_T \times \text{Id})^* \circ (i_T \times \text{Id})^* \circ \mu_A^*P_T \\
 &= \Psi^* \circ (f_T \times \text{Id})^* \circ (i_T \times \text{Id})^* \circ \mu_A^* \circ \varphi_T^*P'_T \\
 &\simeq \Psi^* \circ (f_T \times \text{Id})^* \circ (i_T \times \text{Id})^* \circ (\varphi_T \times \varphi_T)^* \circ \mu_B^*P'_T \\
 &= \varphi_T^*P'_T \\
 &= P_T.
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows we have a section s on N of $\mathcal{G}(P) \rightarrow H(P)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{G}(P) & \longrightarrow & H(P) \\
 & \swarrow s \cup & \\
 & & N.
 \end{array}$$

q.e.d.

Remark (1.4.7) Let X be a scheme. Consider a principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle $P(X, GL(r, k), \pi)$. Let E be the associated vector bundle to P . We define the functor $\mathcal{G}(E)$ by the following formula:

$\mathcal{G}(E)(T) = \{(\varphi, \varphi') \mid \varphi \text{ is a } T\text{-automorphism of } X \times_k T \text{ and } \varphi' \text{ is an isomorphism of } E_T \text{ to } \varphi^*E_T\}$ for a k -scheme T . Then it is easy to see that

$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(P) = \tilde{\mathcal{G}}(E)$ as group functors. Moreover $\text{Aut}_X P = \text{Aut}_X E$.

If $X = A$ is an abelian variety, we define a subgroup functor $\mathcal{G}(E)$ of $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(E)$ by the following formula; for any k -scheme T ,

$$\mathcal{G}(E)(T) = \{(\varphi, \varphi') \in \tilde{\mathcal{G}}(E)(T) \mid \varphi \text{ is the translation by a } T\text{-valued point } x_T\}.$$

Then $\mathcal{G}(P) = \mathcal{G}(E)$. Let $H(E)$ be the quotient group scheme of $\mathcal{G}(E)$ by $\text{Aut}_A E$. The group schemes $H(P)$ and $H(E)$ are isomorphic. We say that E is homogeneous when P is so (cf. Miyanishi [8], Umemura [10] and Remark (1.4.5)).

§ 2. Main theorem

(2.1) We recall the definition of stratification (Grothendieck [6]).

DEFINITION (2.1.1) Let X be a smooth scheme defined over k . Let E be a vector bundle on X . For each positive integer n , we denote by $\Delta^1(n)$ the n -th infinitesimal neighbourhood of the diagonal of $X \times_k X$. $\Delta^2(n)$ denotes the n -th infinitesimal neighbourhood of the diagonal of $X \times_k X \times_k X$. Then we have the usual diagram of projections:

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{p_1(n)} \\ \xleftarrow{p_2(n)} \end{array} \Delta^1(n) \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{p_{31}(n)} \\ \xleftarrow{p_{32}(n)} \\ \xleftarrow{p_{21}(n)} \end{array} \Delta^2(n).$$

An n -connection is an isomorphism

$$\varphi : P_1(n)^*(E) \xrightarrow{\sim} P_2(n)^*E$$

satisfying the cocycle condition

$$P_{31}^*(\varphi) = P_{32}^*(\varphi)P_{21}^*(\varphi).$$

A stratification on E is a system of an n -connection for each positive integer n so that if $n \leq n'$, the n' -connection induces the given n -connection.

We need two facts:

(2.1.2) In the case k is the field of complex numbers \mathbb{C} , E has a stratification if and only if E has an integrable connection.

(2.1.3) In the case the characteristic of k is positive, then E has a stratification if and only if E descends through any power of Frobenius

endomorphism F^m of X . Sketch of the proof. Consider the fibre product $X^{(m)}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X^{(m)} & \xrightarrow{q_1} & X \\ q_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow F^m \\ X & \xrightarrow{F^m} & X. \end{array}$$

Then $X^{(m)}$ is a closed subscheme of $X \times_k X$ defined by the ideal $I^{(m)}$ where I is the ideal defining the diagonal $\Delta^1(1)$ and $I^{(m)}$ is the m -th Frobenius power, the ideal generated by the p^m -th power of all the elements of I .

Let E be a vector bundle descending through F^m for any m . Then it induces an isomorphism $q_1^*E \xrightarrow{\sim} q_2^*E$ satisfying the cocycle condition. For any integer n , if we take m sufficiently large, we have $\Delta^1(n) \subset X^{(m)}$ since $\Delta^1(n)$ defined by I^n . The isomorphism $q_1^*E \xrightarrow{\sim} q_2^*E$ induces an isomorphism

$$p_1(n)^*E = q_1^*E_{|\Delta^1(n)} \xrightarrow{\sim} q_2^*E_{|\Delta^1(n)} = p_2(n)^*E$$

satisfying the cocycle condition hence it defines an n -connection. Hence E has a stratification.

Conversely, suppose E has a stratification, for any n , we have $I^n \supset I^{(m)}$ provided m is sufficiently large. Hence we have $X^{(m)} \subset \Delta^1(n)$. This immersion and the isomorphism $p_1(n)^*E \xrightarrow{\sim} p_2(n)^*E$ give a descent data on E . By the descent theory (1.2), E descends through F^m for any m .

DEFINITION (2.2). Let G be a complex Lie group. Let B be a closed normal subgroup of G such that the quotient G/B is a complex torus T . Hence G is a principal B -bundle over T . Let $\rho: B \rightarrow GL(r, \mathbb{C})$ be a representation of B . Let $P = G \times {}^BGL(r, \mathbb{C})$ be the principal $GL(r, \mathbb{C})$ -bundle over T associated with this representation. Let E be the vector bundle over T associated with the principal $GL(r, \mathbb{C})$ -bundle P . We say that the vector bundle E is associated with the Lie group G .

The following theorem was proven by Matsushima [7].

THEOREM (Matsushima) (2.3). *Let T be a complex torus (not necessarily an abelian variety). Let E be a vector bundle over T .*

Then the following are equivalent.

- (1) E has a holomorphic connection.
- (2) E has an integrable connection.
- (3) E is associated with a Lie group.
- (4) E is homogeneous.

DEFINITION (2.4). Let G be a group scheme. Let B be a normal subgroup scheme such that B is affine and G/B is an abelian scheme A . By (1.1.1), G is a principal B -bundle over A . Let $\rho: B \rightarrow GL(r, k)$ be a representation. Since B and $GL(r, k)$ are affine, we can associate the principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle P over A by Lemma (1.3.1). Let E be the vector bundle associated to the principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle P . We say that the vector bundle E is associated to the group scheme G .

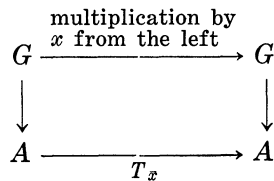
THEOREM (2.5). Assume that k is of characteristic $p > 0$. Let A be an abelian variety defined over k . Let P be a principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle over A . Let E be the vector bundle associated to P . Consider the following conditions.

- (1) E has a stratification.
- (2) E descends through any power of the Frobenius endomorphism F^m of A .
- (3) E is associated with a group scheme.
- (4) E is homogeneous.

Then (3) and (4) are equivalent one another. (1) and (2) are equivalent and they imply (3) and (4).

If the p -rank of A is equal to the dimension of A i.e. if the p -linear map $H^1(A, O_A) \rightarrow H^1(A, O_A)$ induced by the Frobenius endomorphism of A is bijective, then all the conditions are equivalent.

Proof. By (1.2), (1) and (2) are equivalent. We shall show the equivalence of (3) and (4). Assume that E is associated to a group scheme G . We use the notation of the Definition (2.4). Let x be a point of G . Then the following diagram is commutative:



This shows that G is homogeneous. Hence the associated vector bundle to G is also homogeneous.

Now suppose that P is homogeneous. Then we have the exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow \text{Aut}_A P \rightarrow \mathcal{G}(P) \rightarrow A \rightarrow 0 .$$

We shall show that P is associated to the group scheme $\mathcal{G}(P)$. Let r be the rank of E . We define a representation $\tilde{\alpha} : \text{Aut}_A P \rightarrow GL(r, k)$ as follows:

Let x_0 be a k -valued point of P lying over 0 in A . Let T be a scheme. Consider the map

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Aut}_A P(T) \subset \text{Hom}_k(P \times_k T, P \times_k T) & \longrightarrow & P(T) \\ \downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi \\ g & \longrightarrow & g(x_{0_T}) \end{array}$$

where $x_{0_T} : k \times_k T \xrightarrow{x_0 \times \text{id}} P \times_k T$. Then there exists the unique element $\tilde{\alpha}(g)$ of $GL(r, k)(T)$ such that $g(x_{0_T}) = x_{0_T}^{\tilde{\alpha}(g)}$. We put

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\alpha}(T) : \text{Aut}_A P(T) &\longrightarrow GL(r, k)(T) . \\ g &\longmapsto \tilde{\alpha}(g) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\tilde{\alpha}$ is functorial we get a representation $\tilde{\alpha} : \text{Aut}_A P \rightarrow GL(r, k)$. We define a morphism of fibre bundles

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha : \mathcal{G}(P) &\longrightarrow P . \\ g &\longmapsto gx_0 \end{aligned}$$

Since this is functorial and commutes with the representation $\tilde{\alpha} : \text{Aut}_A P \rightarrow GL(r, k)$, we get a homomorphism of fibre bundles over A . By Lemma (1.3.1), P is the principal $GL(r, k)$ -bundle associated to the group scheme $\mathcal{G}(P)$.

We prove (2) \Leftrightarrow (4). Suppose that E descends through any power of the Frobenius endomorphism F^m of A . We denote by N_m the kernel of F^m . Then by Lemma (1.4.6), $N_m \subset H(E) \subset A$. Hence the formal groups $\hat{H}(E)$ and \hat{A} are isomorphic. This implies $H(E) \simeq A$. Hence E is homogeneous.

Assume that the p -rank of A is equal to the dimension of A . We shall show (4) \Leftrightarrow (2). Suppose that E is homogeneous. If E is decomposable, say $E = E_1 \oplus E_2 \oplus \dots \oplus E_s$ such that E_i is indecomposable for

$1 \leq i \leq s$, then E_i is homogeneous for $1 \leq i \leq s$. In fact if E_1 were not homogeneous, we would have a closed point x of A such that $T_x^*E_1$ is isomorphic to none of $E_i, 1 \leq i \leq s$ since $\{x \in A \mid T_x^*E_1 \simeq E_i \text{ for some } i\}$ would be a closed subset of dimension strictly less than the dimension of A (cf. (1.4.5)). Then we would have $E_1 \oplus E_2 \oplus \dots \oplus E_s \simeq E \simeq T_x^*E \simeq T_x^*E_1 \oplus T_x^*E_2 \oplus \dots \oplus T_x^*E_s$. This is a contradiction to the Krull-Schmidt theorem (Atiyah [1]). Hence we may assume E to be indecomposable. Then by Miyanishi [8], E is isomorphic to $F_r \otimes L$ where L is a line bundle algebraically equivalent to 0 and F_r is a successive extension of O_A by O_A :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & F_1 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & O_A \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & O_A & \longrightarrow & F_2 & \longrightarrow & O_A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & F_2 & \longrightarrow & F_3 & \longrightarrow & O_A \longrightarrow 0 \\
 & & & & \vdots & & \\
 0 & \longrightarrow & F_{r-1} & \longrightarrow & F_r & \longrightarrow & O_A \longrightarrow 0 .
 \end{array}$$

Since L descends through any power of the Frobenius endomorphism F^m of A , it is sufficient to show the

LEMMA (2.6). *If the p -linear map $H^i(A, O_A) \rightarrow H^i(A, O_A)$ induced by F is bijective, then F_r descends to $F_r^{(m)}, r \geq 1$, through any power of the Frobenius endomorphism F^m of A and the p^m -linear map $H^i(A, F_r^{(m)}) \rightarrow H^i(A, F_r)$ induced by F^m is bijective for any $m, i \geq 0$.*

Proof. Induction on r . If $r = 1$, then $F_1 \simeq O_A$ descends and by hypothesis the map $H^i(A, O_A) \rightarrow H^i(A, O_A)$ is bijective. Since $H^i(A, O_A) = A \cdot H^i(A, O_A)$, we conclude that the map $H^i(A, O_A) \rightarrow H^i(A, O_A)$ is bijective for any $i \geq 0$. Suppose that the assertion is proven for r . We have exact sequence

$$(*) \quad 0 \longrightarrow F_{r-1} \xrightarrow{\alpha} F_r \xrightarrow{\beta} O_A \longrightarrow 0 .$$

Since the extension is determined by an element of $H^1(A, F_{r-1}), F_{r-1}$ descends to $F_{r-1}^{(m)}$ and since F^m induces a bijective morphism $H^1(A, F_{r-1}^{(m)}) \rightarrow H^1(A, F_{r-1})$ by induction hypothesis, F_r descends to an extension of O_A by $F_{r-1}^{(m)}$,

$$(**) \quad 0 \longrightarrow F_{r-1}^{(m)} \xrightarrow{\alpha^{(m)}} F_r^{(m)} \xrightarrow{\beta^{(m)}} O_A \longrightarrow 0 .$$

By (*), (**) and induction hypothesis we have

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 \longrightarrow & H^{i-1}(O) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^i(F_{r-1}^{(m)}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha^{(m)}} & H^i(F_r^{(m)}) & \xrightarrow{\beta^{(m)}} & H^i(O) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^{i+1}(F_{r-1}^{(m)}) & \longrightarrow \\
 \text{bijective} \downarrow & & & \text{bijective} \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \text{bijective} \downarrow & & \text{bijective} \downarrow & \\
 \longrightarrow & H^{i-1}(O) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^i(F_{r-1}) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & H^i(F_r) & \xrightarrow{\beta} & H^i(O) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & H^{i+2}(F_{r-1}) & \longrightarrow
 \end{array}$$

Then by the five lemma, we conclude that F^m induces a bijective p^m -linear map $H^i(A, F_j^{(m)}) \rightarrow H^i(A, F_r^{(m)})$ for any i . This is what we had to show.

Remark (2.7). If the p -rank of A is not equal to the dimension of A , the conditions (2) and (4) in the Theorem (2.5) are not always equivalent. For example, let A be an elliptic curve whose p -rank is 0. Let F_2 be the unique extension of O_A by O_A with $H^0(A, F_2) \neq 0$ (cf. Atiyah [2]). Then F_2 is homogeneous. But F_2 does not descent through the Frobenius endomorphism F of A .

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