

## FORMAL TORSORS UNDER REDUCTIVE GROUP SCHEMES

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ABSTRACT. We consider the algebraization problem for torsors over a proper formal scheme under a reductive group scheme. Our results apply to the case of semisimple group schemes (which is addressed in detail).

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout this paper  $R$  will be a complete noetherian local ring with maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ . We put  $R_n = R/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . The natural map  $R \rightarrow \varprojlim R_n$  is a ring isomorphism and we will henceforth identify these two rings.

For the theory of formal schemes over  $R$ , we refer the reader to [8, §10], [12, §II.9] and [16, Tag 0AHW, §79].<sup>1</sup> Let  $X$  be a proper  $R$ -scheme, and let  $\widehat{X}$  be the associated formal scheme. Grothendieck's existence theorem provides an equivalence of categories between the category of coherent sheaves over  $X$  and the category of coherent sheaves on the formal scheme  $\widehat{X}$  [9, 5.1.4], [13, §8.4]. The restriction to locally trivial coherent sheaves of constant rank  $r$  yields a natural equivalence between the category of  $\mathrm{GL}_r$ -torsors over  $X$  and the category of  $\widehat{\mathrm{GL}}_r$ -torsors over  $\widehat{X}$ .

The purpose of the paper is to extend this statement to a larger class of affine group schemes over  $X$  which includes semisimple group schemes. This question has been also studied by Baranovsky [2, §3], but only for group schemes arising from  $R$ -group schemes by base change.

**Conventions on vector groups and linear groups.** We use mainly the terminology and notation of Grothendieck–Dieudonné [8, §9.4 and 9.6], which agrees with that of Demazure–Grothendieck used in [15, Exp. I.4]

Let  $S$  be a scheme and let  $\mathcal{E}$  be a quasi-coherent sheaf over  $S$ . For each morphism  $f : T \rightarrow S$ , we denote by  $\mathcal{E}_{(T)} = f^*(\mathcal{E})$  the inverse image of  $\mathcal{E}$  by the morphism  $f$ . Recall that the  $S$ -scheme  $\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{E}) = \mathrm{Spec}(\mathrm{Sym}^\bullet(\mathcal{E}))$  is affine over  $S$  and represents the  $S$ -functor  $T \mapsto \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_T}(\mathcal{E}_{(T)}, \mathcal{O}_T)$  [8, 9.4.9].

We assume now that  $\mathcal{E}$  is locally free of finite rank and denote by  $\mathcal{E}^\vee$  its dual. In this case the affine  $S$ -scheme  $\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{E})$  is of finite presentation [8, 9.4.11]; also the

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$S$ -functor  $T \mapsto H^0(T, \mathcal{E}_{(T)}) = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{O}_T}(\mathcal{O}_T, \mathcal{E}_{(T)})$  is representable by the affine  $S$ -scheme  $\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{E}^\vee)$  which is also denoted by  $\mathbf{W}(\mathcal{E})$  [15, I.4.6].

The above considerations apply to the locally free coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{E}nd(\mathcal{E}) = \mathcal{E}^\vee \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_S} \mathcal{E}$  over  $S$  so that we can consider the affine  $S$ -scheme  $\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{E}nd(\mathcal{E}))$  which is an  $S$ -functor in associative commutative and unital algebras [8, 9.6.2]. Now we consider the  $S$ -functor  $T \mapsto \text{Aut}_{\mathcal{O}_T}(\mathcal{E}_{(T)})$ . It is representable by an open  $S$ -subscheme of  $\mathbf{V}(\mathcal{E}nd(\mathcal{E}))$  which is denoted by  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$  [8, 9.6.4].

We set  $\text{GL}_{r,S} = \text{GL}(\mathcal{O}_S^r)$  for each  $r \geq 1$ . If  $S = \text{Spec}(A)$  is affine, then  $\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{O}_S^r$  corresponds to the  $A$ -module  $E = A^r$ . In this case we will use the notation  $\text{GL}_r(E)$  instead of  $\text{GL}_{r,S}$ . Finally, for scheme morphisms  $Y \rightarrow X \rightarrow S$ , we denote by  $\prod_{X/S} (Y/X)$  the  $S$ -functor defined by

$$\left( \prod_{X/S} (Y/X) \right)(T) = Y(X \times_S T)$$

for each  $S$ -scheme  $T$ . Recall that if  $\prod_{X/S} (Y/X)$  is representable by an  $S$ -scheme, this scheme is called the Weil restriction of  $Y$  to  $S$ .

## 2. FORMAL TORSORS

Let  $R$  be as above, and let  $X$  be a proper  $R$ -scheme. We start with the following key observation about limits.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $f : Y \rightarrow X$  be a separated morphism of finite type. Then the natural map*

$$\left( \prod_{X/R} (Y/X) \right)(R) \rightarrow \varprojlim_n \left( \prod_{X/R} (Y/X) \right)(R_n) = \varprojlim_n \left( \prod_{X_n/R_n} (Y_n/X_n) \right)(R_n)$$

is bijective.

*Proof.* The last equality follows from the fact that  $\prod_{X/S} (Y/X)$  commutes with base change. Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_R(X, Y) & \longrightarrow & \varprojlim_n \text{Hom}_{R_n}(X_n, Y_n) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \left( \prod_{X/R} (Y/X) \right)(R) & \longrightarrow & \varprojlim_n \left( \prod_{X_n/R_n} (Y_n/X_n) \right)(R_n) \end{array}$$

According to [16, Tag 0898, 29.28.3], the top horizontal map is bijective so that the bottom horizontal map is injective. Let  $(s_n : X_n \rightarrow Y_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a coherent family of sections. It lifts to a (unique) morphism  $s : X \rightarrow Y$ . Then the morphism  $g = f \circ s : X \rightarrow X$  is such that  $g_n = id_{X_n}$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Since the map  $\text{Hom}_R(X, X) \rightarrow \varprojlim_n \text{Hom}_{R_n}(X_n, X_n)$  is bijective, we conclude that  $g = id_X$  whence  $s$  is a section of  $Y \rightarrow X$ . We have shown the surjectivity of the bottom map.  $\square$

Let  $\mathfrak{G}$  be an affine  $X$ -group scheme of finite presentation. We set  $X_n = X \times_R R_n$  and  $\mathfrak{G}_n = \mathfrak{G} \times_X X_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . We denote by  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}} = (\mathfrak{G}_n)_{n \geq 0}$  the formal group scheme over  $\widehat{X}$  attached to  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

A formal  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}$ -torsor  $\widehat{\mathfrak{P}}$  is the data of a  $\mathfrak{G}_n$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{P}_n$  over  $X_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$  together with compatible  $\mathfrak{G}_{n+1}$ -isomorphisms  $\theta_n : \mathfrak{P}_{n+1} \times_{R_{n+1}} R_n \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{P}_n$ . If  $\mathfrak{P}$  is a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -torsor,  $\widehat{\mathfrak{P}}$  is a formal  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}$ -torsor and this assignment is faithful in the following sense.

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\mathfrak{P}, \Omega$  be two  $\mathfrak{G}$ -torsors. The natural map  $\text{Isom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\mathfrak{P}, \Omega) \rightarrow \text{Isom}_{\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}}(\widehat{\mathfrak{P}}, \widehat{\Omega})$  is bijective.*

*Proof.* Up to replacing  $\mathfrak{G}$  (resp.  $\Omega$ ) by the twisted  $R$ -group scheme  ${}^{\mathfrak{P}}\mathfrak{G}$  (resp.  ${}^{\mathfrak{P}^{op} \wedge^{\mathfrak{G}}}\Omega$ ), we may assume that  $\mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{G}$ . In this case, we have  $\text{Isom}_{\mathfrak{G}}(\mathfrak{P}, \Omega) = \Omega(X)$  so that our original question is reduced to showing that the natural map

$$\Omega(X) \rightarrow \varprojlim_n \Omega_n(X_n)$$

is bijective. Locally for the fppf topology,  $\Omega$  is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{G}$ . According to the permanence properties of faithfully flat descent  $\Omega$  is affine of finite presentation over  $X$  [10, 2.7.1.(vi) and (xiii)]. So Lemma 2.1 applies and shows that the above map is bijective.  $\square$

**2.1. Algebraizable torsors.** We say that a formal  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}$ -torsor  $\widehat{\mathfrak{P}}$  is *algebraizable* if it arises from a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Lemma 2.2 shows that if such a  $\mathfrak{P}$  exists, it is unique up to isomorphism.

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{G}$  and  $\mathfrak{G}'$  be two  $X$ -group schemes which are affine and of finite presentation. Assume that  $\mathfrak{G}$  is flat and that  $i : \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \mathfrak{G}'$  is a monomorphism of  $X$ -group schemes with the property that the fppf quotient  $\mathfrak{G}'/\mathfrak{G}$  is representable by an affine  $X$ -scheme  $\mathfrak{Z}$ .*

*Let  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}$  be a  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}$ -torsor and denote by  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}' = i_*(\widehat{\mathfrak{F}})$  the corresponding  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}'$ -torsor. Then  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}$  is algebraizable if and only if  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}'$  is algebraizable.*

*Proof.* It is clear that if  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}$  is algebraizable then so is  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}'$ . Conversely, assume that the  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}'$ -torsor  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}'$  is algebraizable, i.e. it arises from a  $\mathfrak{G}'$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{F}'$ . We consider the affine  $X$ -scheme  $\mathfrak{Z} = \mathfrak{F}'/\mathfrak{G} := \mathfrak{F}' \wedge^{\mathfrak{G}'} (\mathfrak{G}'/\mathfrak{G})$ ; the reduction of  $\mathfrak{F}'$  to  $\mathfrak{G}$  defined by faithfully flat descent. According to [15, VI<sub>B</sub>.9.2.(xiii).b], the  $X$ -scheme  $\mathfrak{G}'/\mathfrak{G}$  is of finite presentation. Since  $\mathfrak{Z}$  is locally isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{G}'/\mathfrak{G}$  with respect to the fppf topology, the permanence properties of faithfully flat descent show that  $\mathfrak{Z}$  is affine of finite presentation over  $X$  [10, 2.7.1.(vi) and (xiii)]. According to Lemma 2.1, the map  $\mathfrak{Z}(X) \rightarrow \varprojlim_n \mathfrak{Z}_n(X_n)$  is bijective.

Each  $\mathfrak{F}'_n$  defines a point  $z_n \in \mathfrak{Z}(R_n)$  in a coherent way so that we get a point  $z \in \mathfrak{Z}(R)$ . That point defines a reduction of the  $\mathfrak{G}'$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{F}'$  to a  $\mathfrak{G}$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{F}$  [7, III.3.2.1]. Since  $z$  maps to  $z_n$ , we have  $\mathfrak{F}'_{R_n} = \mathfrak{F}_n$  for each  $n \geq 0$ . Thus  $\widehat{\mathfrak{F}}$  is algebraizable.  $\square$

3. REPRESENTATIONS OF GROUP SCHEMES

**3.1. The Chevalley case.** Let  $G$  be a reductive split  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme and we denote by  $G_{ad}$  its adjoint quotient. We remind the reader that the functor of automorphisms of  $G$  is representable by a smooth  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme  $\text{Aut}(G)$  [15, XXIV.1]. Furthermore there is an exact sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group schemes

$$1 \rightarrow G_{ad} \xrightarrow{\text{int}} \text{Aut}(G) \xrightarrow{\pi} \text{Out}(G) \rightarrow 1$$

where  $\text{Out}(G)$  is a constant group scheme. In other words,  $\text{Out}(G)$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme attached to the abstract group  $\text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z})$ . In the semisimple case  $\text{Out}(G)$  is finite (and in particular  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is affine). This is not the case in general. For example,  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{G}_m^2)$  is the constant  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme attached to the abstract group  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite subgroup of  $\text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z})$ . We get a monomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group schemes  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \text{Out}(G)$  and consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme

$$\text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G) = \text{Aut}(G) \times_{\text{Out}(G)} \Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}},$$

obtained by pullback. The above yields the exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow G_{ad} \rightarrow \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G) \xrightarrow{\pi} \Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow 1.$$

Since  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $G_{ad}$  are smooth affine over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , so is  $\text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G)$  [15, VI<sub>B</sub>9.2.(viii)].

**Lemma 3.1.** *There exists a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of finite type  $E$ , and a closed immersion  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme homomorphism  $i : G \rtimes \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G) \rightarrow \text{GL}(E)$  such that the fppf quotient sheaf  $\text{GL}(E)/G$  (resp.  $\text{GL}(E)/(G \rtimes \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G))$ ,  $\text{GL}(E)/G_{ad}$ ) is representable by a smooth affine  $\mathbb{Z}$ -scheme.*

*Proof.* Since  $G \rtimes \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G)$  is an affine smooth  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme, there exists a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of finite rank  $E$  and a faithful linear representation  $\rho : G \rtimes \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G) \rightarrow \text{GL}(E)$  which is a closed immersion [3, 1.4.5].

The fppf sheaf  $\text{GL}(E)/(G \rtimes \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G))$  is representable by a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -scheme [1, Th. IV.4.B] which is smooth and separated [15, VI<sub>B</sub>.9.2.(x) and (xii)]. The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme  $G \rtimes G_{ad}$  is reductive. According to [4, 6.12.ii], the fppf sheaf  $\text{GL}(E)/(G \rtimes G_{ad})$  is representable by an affine smooth  $\mathbb{Z}$ -scheme and so are  $\text{GL}(E)/G$  and  $\text{GL}(E)/G_{ad}$ . Since the map  $\text{GL}(E)/(G \rtimes G_{ad}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(E)/(G \rtimes \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G))$  is a  $\Gamma_{\mathbb{Z}}$ -torsor, it is a finite étale cover. It follows that  $\text{GL}(E)/(G \rtimes \text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G))$  is affine [16, Tag 01YN, Lemma 29.13.3]. Similarly the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -scheme  $\text{GL}(E)/\text{Aut}_{\Gamma}(G)$  is affine.  $\square$

**3.2. An isotriviality condition.** In this section, we assume that the base scheme  $S$  is noetherian and we are given a reductive  $S$ -group scheme  $\mathfrak{G}$  of constant type. Thus, there exists a Chevalley  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme  $G$  such that  $\mathfrak{G}$  is locally isomorphic to  $G_S$  for the étale topology [15, XXII.2.3, 2.5]. Also the fppf sheaf  $\underline{\text{Isom}}(G_S, \mathfrak{G})$  is representable by a  $\text{Aut}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\text{Isom}(G_S, \mathfrak{G})$  defined in [15, XXIV.1.8]. The contracted product  $\text{Isomext}(G_S, \mathfrak{G}) := \text{Isom}(G_S, \mathfrak{G}) \wedge^{\text{Aut}(G)_S} \text{Out}(G)_S$  is a  $\text{Out}(G)_S$ -torsor [15, XXIV.1.10] which encodes the isomorphism class of the quasi-split form of  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

**Proposition 3.2.** *We assume that the  $\text{Out}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\text{Isomext}(G_S, \mathfrak{G})$  is isotrivial, i.e. there exists a finite étale cover  $S'/S$  such that  $\text{Isomext}(G_S, \mathfrak{G})(S') \neq \emptyset$ . Then there exists a locally free coherent  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -module  $\mathcal{E}$ , and a closed immersion  $S$ -group scheme homomorphism  $i : \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$  such that the fppf quotient sheaf  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{E})/\mathfrak{G}$  is representable by a smooth affine  $S$ -scheme.*

**Remark 3.3.** (a) If  $G$  is semisimple,  $\text{Out}(G)$  is a finite constant group so that the isotriviality condition is obviously satisfied.

(b) If  $S$  is a normal connected scheme, the isotriviality condition is satisfied since  $\text{Isomext}(G_S, \mathfrak{G}) \rightarrow S$  is a  $\text{Out}(G)_S$ -cover [15, X.6.2 and 5.14].

*Proof.* The noetherian assumption reduces the problem to the connected case (in particular,  $S$  is non-empty by convention [16, Tag 004R, 5.7.1]). We consider the  $\text{Aut}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{E} = \text{Isom}(G_S, \mathfrak{G})$  defined above; we have  $\mathfrak{G} = {}^{\mathfrak{E}}(G_S)$ , i.e.  $\mathfrak{G}$  is the twist of  $G_S$  by the  $\text{Aut}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{E}$ .

The isotriviality assumption for the  $\text{Out}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{E} \wedge^{\text{Aut}(G)_S} \text{Out}(G)_S$  means that there exists a finite étale cover  $S'/S$  such that  $\mathfrak{F}(S') \neq \emptyset$ . Grothendieck’s theory of the algebraic fundamental group [14] permits to assume that  $S'$  is connected and that  $S' \rightarrow S$  is a  $\Theta_S$ -torsor, where  $\Theta$  is a finite abstract group.

We have a bijection  $H^1(\Theta, \text{Out}(G)(S')) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(S'/S, \text{Out}(G))$  [6, end of §2.2]. Since  $S'$  is connected, we have  $\text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z}) = \text{Out}(G)(S')$  so that the action of  $\Theta$  on  $\text{Out}(G)(S')$  is trivial. We have then a bijection

$$\text{Hom}_{gr}(\Theta, \text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z})) / \text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(\Theta, \text{Out}(G)(S')).$$

It follows that the class of the  $\text{Out}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{F}$  is given by the conjugacy class of a homomorphism  $\rho : \Theta \rightarrow \text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z})$ .

Let  $\Gamma = \text{Im}(\rho)$ , it is a finite subgroup of  $\text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z})$ . We consider the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme  $\text{Aut}_\Gamma(G) = \pi^{-1}(\Gamma)$  as in the previous section. The isomorphism  $\text{Aut}(G)_S / \text{Aut}_\Gamma(G)_S \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Out}(G)_S / \Gamma_S$  induces an isomorphism  $\mathfrak{E} / \text{Aut}_\Gamma(G)_S \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathfrak{F} / \Gamma_S$ . The reduction of the  $\text{Out}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{F}$  to  $\Gamma_S$  defines then a reduction of the  $\text{Aut}(G)_S$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{E}$  to a  $\text{Aut}_\Gamma(G)_S$ -torsor  $\mathfrak{E}_\#$  [7, III.3.2.1].  $\square$

**Remark 3.4.** (a) If  $G$  is semisimple, we can take in the proof  $\Gamma = \text{Out}(G)(\mathbb{Z})$ . We thus find a  $\mathcal{O}_S$ -coherent sheaf  $\mathcal{E}$  as desired which is  $\mathfrak{G} \rtimes \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G})$ -equivariant.

(b) Thomason has proven stronger statements than Proposition 3.2 for embedding group schemes in linear group schemes [17, §3].

#### 4. MAIN STATEMENT

The following generalization of Grothendieck’s existence theorem strengthens Baranovsky’s result [2, Th. 3.1].

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $R$  be a complete noetherian local ring. Let  $X$  be a proper  $R$ -scheme and let  $\hat{X}$  be the associated formal scheme. Let  $G$  be a Chevalley  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme and let  $\mathfrak{G}$  be an  $X$ -form of  $G_X$ . Assume that the  $\text{Out}(G)_X$ -torsor  $\text{Isomext}(G_X, \mathfrak{G})$  is isotrivial. Then,*

(1) The assignment  $\mathfrak{P} \mapsto \widehat{\mathfrak{P}}$  induces an equivalence of categories between the category of  $\mathfrak{G}$ -torsors of  $X$  and that of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}$ -torsors over  $\widehat{X}$ .

(2) Assume that  $\mathfrak{G}$  is semisimple. For  $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{G}, \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G}), \mathfrak{G} \rtimes \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G})$  the assignment  $\mathfrak{P} \mapsto \widehat{\mathfrak{P}}$  induces an equivalence of categories between the category of  $\mathfrak{H}$ -torsors of  $X$  and that of  $\widehat{\mathfrak{H}}$ -torsors over  $\widehat{X}$ .

*Proof.* (1) By Lemma 2.2, we have only to show algebraization. The  $R$ -scheme  $X$  is proper, namely separated, of finite type, and universally closed. Since  $R$  is noetherian,  $X$  is locally noetherian. Also the morphism  $X \rightarrow \text{Spec}(R)$  is quasi-compact [16, Tag 04XU, 28.39.9] so that  $X$  is quasi-compact. The scheme  $X$  is quasi-compact and locally noetherian, hence is noetherian by definition [16, Tag 01OU, 27.5.1]. Without loss of generality we may assume that  $X$  is connected.

Proposition 3.2 provides a closed immersion  $i : \mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$  where  $\mathcal{E}$  is a locally free coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module and such that the fppf quotient sheaf  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{E})/\mathfrak{G}$  is representable by a smooth affine  $X$ -scheme. Lemma 2.3 reduces the algebraization problem to the case of  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$ . Since  $X$  is connected,  $\mathcal{E}$  is locally free of rank  $r$ . We consider the  $\text{GL}_r$ -torsor  $\Omega = \text{Isom}(\mathcal{O}_X^r, \mathcal{E})$  over  $X$ . Torsion by  $\Omega$  (resp.  $\widehat{\Omega}$ ) induces an equivalence of categories between the category of  $\text{GL}_r$ -torsors (resp.  $\widehat{\text{GL}}_r$ -torsors) and that of  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$ -torsors (resp.  $\widehat{\text{GL}}(\mathcal{E})$ -torsors). It follows that the algebraization question is equivalent for  $\text{GL}_r$ -torsors and for  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$ -torsors. Grothendieck’s existence theorem states that  $\text{GL}_r$ -torsors over  $\widehat{X}$  are algebraizable. Thus algebraization holds for  $\text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$  and for  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

(2) Remark 3.4.(a) shows that the representation  $\mathfrak{G} \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$  arises from a representation  $\mathfrak{G} \rtimes \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G}) \rightarrow \text{GL}(\mathcal{E})$ . The same argument applies then to  $\mathfrak{G} \rtimes \text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G})$  and  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{G})$ . □

**4.1. Examples and applications.** Let  $d \geq 1$  be a positive integer. If we consider the case of  $\mathfrak{G} = \text{PGL}_n$  and use the dictionary given in [11, §7] between  $\text{PGL}_d$ -torsors and Azumaya algebras of degree  $d$ , we get an algebraization statement for Azumaya algebras of degree  $d$ .

**Corollary 4.2.** *There is an equivalence of categories between Azumaya algebras over  $X$  (of degree  $d$ ) and formal degree  $d$  Azumaya algebras over  $\widehat{X}$  (of degree  $d$ ).* □

Similarly, by considering the case of the Chevalley  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group scheme of type  $G_2$ , we obtain an equivalence of categories octonion algebras over  $X$  and formal octonion algebras over  $\widehat{X}$  [5, App. B].

More generally for the group scheme  $\text{Aut}(G)$  of a semisimple Chevalley  $\mathbb{Z}$ -group  $G$  we have the following fact as a special case of Theorem 4.1.(2).

**Corollary 4.3.** *There is an equivalence of categories between the groupoid of  $X$ -forms of  $G_X$  and that of formal  $\widehat{X}$ -forms of  $\widehat{G}_X$ .* □

In particular, we obtain the following fact.

**Corollary 4.4.** *Assume that we are given a formal  $\widehat{X}$ -group scheme  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}$  such that each  $\mathfrak{G}_n$  is an  $X_n$ -form of  $G_{X_n}$ . Then  $\widehat{\mathfrak{G}}$  is algebraizable in a semisimple  $X$ -group scheme  $\mathfrak{G}$  which is a  $X$ -form of  $G_X$ .  $\square$*

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