

p -ADIC CONFLUENCE
OF
 q -DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

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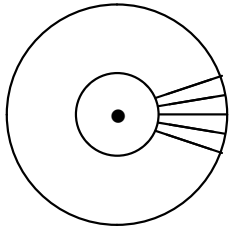
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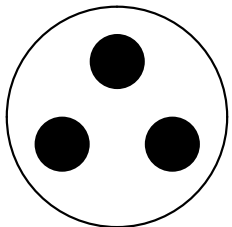
NOTATIONS

- $(K, |\cdot|)$ =ultrametric field of characteristic 0, containing \mathbb{Q}_p
- k =residual field of K , $\text{char}(k) = p > 0$,
- Analytic Functions on the annulus $\{r_1 < |x| < r_2\}$ are defined as



$$\mathcal{A}_K(]r_1, r_2[) = \left\{ \sum_{-\infty}^{+\infty} a_i T^i, \text{ s.t. } a_i \in K, \text{ and } \lim_{i \rightarrow \pm\infty} |a_i| \rho^i = 0, \quad r_1 < \forall \rho < r_2 \right\}$$

- The Robba ring is formed by *germs of analytic functions at the wedge* : $\mathcal{R}_K := \bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0} \mathcal{A}_K(]1 - \varepsilon, 1[)$.
- A affinoid will be always a set of the following type : let $c_0 \in K$, $R_0 > 0$, $c_1, \dots, c_n \in D_K^-(c_0, R_0)$, and $0 < R_1, \dots, R_n < R_0$.



$$X := D_K^+(c_0, R_0) - \bigcup_{i=1, \dots, n} D_K^-(c_i, R_i).$$

$$\mathcal{H}_K(X) := \underline{\text{analytic elements}} \text{ on } X.$$

$\mathcal{H}_K(X)$ is the completion, with respect to the sup-norm, of the ring of rational fractions without poles on X .

DIFFERENCE AND DIFFERENTIAL MODULES

- Let $\mathcal{Q}_1 := \mathcal{Q}_1(X)$ be the *open subgroup* of $D_K^-(1, 1)$ of elements q s.t. $f(T) \mapsto f(qT)$ is an automorphism of $\mathcal{H}_K(X)$. We set :

$$\delta_1 := T \cdot \frac{d}{dT} , \quad \sigma_q(f(T)) := f(qT) , \quad \Delta_q(f(T)) = \frac{\sigma_q(f) - f}{q-1}$$

- Let $G(T) \in M_n(\mathcal{H}_K(X))$, $A(T) \in GL_n(\mathcal{H}_K(X))$, and let $H(T) := (A(T) - I)/(q - 1)$. We shall study the equations

$$\delta_1(Y) = G(T) \cdot Y , \quad \sigma_q(Y) = A(T) \cdot Y , \quad \Delta_q(Y) = H(T) \cdot Y .$$

This corresponds to give a free and of finite type $\mathcal{H}_K(X)$ -module, together with an action of δ_1 (resp. σ_q, Δ_q) :

$$M \xrightarrow[\vec{v} \mapsto \delta_1(\vec{v}) + G(T)\vec{v}]{\delta_1^M} M , \quad M \xrightarrow[\vec{v} \mapsto A(T)\sigma_q(\vec{v})]{\sigma_q^M} M \iff M \xrightarrow[\vec{v} \mapsto \Delta_q(\vec{v}) + H(T)\vec{v}]{\Delta_q^M} M .$$

$$\delta_1 - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}_K(X)) , \quad \sigma_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}_K(X)) = \Delta_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}_K(X)) .$$

Differences between the complex and the p -adic frameworks

complex : \mathbb{C}	p-adic : K (e.g. $K = \mathbb{Q}_p$)
Constants are “big” i.e. $\neq \mathbb{C}$	Constants are reduced to K
Known cases $ q > 1$ or $ q < 1$	Studied case is $ q = 1$ and more precisely $ q - 1 < 1$
If $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $c \neq 0$, $c \neq \infty$, $q \neq 1$ $D(c, R) = \text{disk}$, with $R > 0$ $\implies q \cdot D(c, R) \neq D(c, R)$	If $c \in K$, $D(c, R) = \text{disk}$, with $R > q - 1 c $ $\implies qD(c, R) = D(c, R)$
\implies The notion of “solution on a disk” has no meaning	If the disk is q invariant, then some kind of equations admits a “Taylor solution” in that disk .

Heuristic Idea of confluence

Let $\{ \Delta_q(Y_q) = G(q, T) \cdot Y_q \}_{q \in \mathbb{D}^-(1, \varepsilon), q \neq 1}$ be a family of q -differences equations. Suppose that there exists the limit

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} G(q, T) = G(1, T) , \quad \text{in } M_n(\mathcal{H}_K(X)) .$$

Consider the differential equation

$$\delta_1(Y_1) = G(1, T) \cdot Y_1 .$$

The confluence consists heuristically in the study of the **conditions to have**

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} Y_q = Y_1 .$$

in a convenient meaning.

We will show that in the p -adic framework one can have

$$Y_q = Y_1 .$$

Example-1

Let X be the annulus $\varepsilon < |T| < 1$. Let $\delta_1 := Td/dT$, let $\pi^{p-1} = -p$, and let (M, ∇) be the differential module defined by the equation

$$(*) \quad \delta_1(y) = G(1, T) \cdot y ,$$

with

$$G(1, T) = -\pi T^{-1} .$$

Clearly $G(1, T) \in \mathcal{H}(X)$. The Taylor solution at ∞ is

$$y = \exp(\pi T^{-1}) ,$$

it converges for $|T| > 1$. Let $q \in K^\times$, then the q -deformation of $(*)$ is

$$y(qT) = A(q, T) \cdot y(T)$$

with

$$A(q, T) = \exp(\pi(q^{-1} - 1)T^{-1}) .$$

Hence if $|q - 1| < \varepsilon$, then $A(q, T) \in \mathcal{H}(X)^\times$.

Example-2

We compute the q -deformation of (U_m, ∇_{U_m}) given by :

$$\delta_1(Y_{U_m}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ & & & \ddots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot Y_{U_m}, \quad Y_{U_m}(T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \ell_1 & \cdots & \ell_{m-2} & \ell_{m-1} \\ 0 & 1 & \ell_1 & \cdots & \ell_{m-2} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & \ell_1 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where $\ell_n := \log(T)^n / n!$. One has

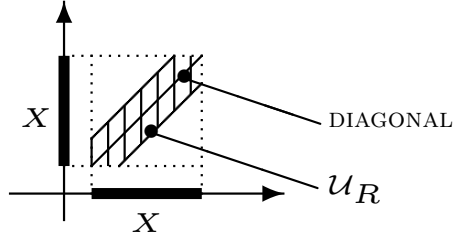
$$\sigma_q(\ell_n(T)) = \log(qT)^n / n! = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\log(q)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \cdot \ell_k(T).$$

Then $Y_{U_m}(qT) = A(q, T) \cdot Y_m(T)$, with

$$A(q, T) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \log(q) & \frac{\log(q)^2}{2} & \cdots & \frac{\log(q)^{m-1}}{(m-1)!} \\ 0 & 1 & \log(q) & \cdots & \frac{\log(q)^{m-2}}{(m-2)!} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & \log(q) \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2)$$

The unique computation of our paper :

Let $\delta_1(Y) = G(1, T)Y(T)$ be a differential equation over $\mathcal{H}(X)$. Let



$$Y(x, y) := \sum_{n \geq 0} G_n(y) \frac{(x-y)^n}{n!}$$

be its *generic Taylor solution*, where $G_0 = \text{Id}$, $G_1 = T^{-1}G(1, T)$, and $G_{n+1} = \frac{d}{dT}(G_n) + G_n G_1$. Then $Y(x, y)$ is a function on $\mathcal{U}_R := \{(x, y) \in X \times X \mid |x - y| < R\}$ with values in $GL_n(K)$, s.t.

$$Y(x, y)Y(y, z) = Y(x, z), \quad Y(x, y)^{-1} = Y(y, x).$$

Hence $Y(qT, y) = A(q, T)Y(T, y)$, with

$$A(q, T) = Y(qT, y)Y(T, y)^{-1} = Y(qT, y)Y(y, T) = Y(qT, T).$$

If $|q - 1| = \text{small}$, then $A(q, T) \in GL_n(\mathcal{H}(X))$:

$$T \mapsto A(q, T) : X \xrightarrow{T \mapsto (qT, T)} \mathcal{U}_R \xrightarrow{(x, y) \mapsto Y(x, y)} GL_n(K).$$

The Confluence of André-Di Vizio

- They study the case in which :
 - The ring of functions is the Robba ring \mathcal{R}_K
 - $|q - 1| < |p|^{\frac{1}{p-1}}$ in particular q is not a root of unity.
 - Both differential and q -difference equations are supposed to have a so called *Frobenius Structure*.
- By the p -adic local monodromy theorem

$$\delta_1 - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{R}_{K^{\text{alg}}})^{(\phi)} \xrightarrow[T_1]{\sim} \text{Rep}_{K^{\text{alg}}}(\mathcal{I}_{k^{\text{alg}}}((t)) \times \mathbb{G}_a)$$

- André-Di Vizio proved the (not less hard) q -analogue of this theorem :

$$\Delta_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{R}_{K^{\text{alg}}})^{(\phi)} \xrightarrow[T_q]{\sim} \text{Rep}_{K^{\text{alg}}}(\mathcal{I}_{k^{\text{alg}}}((t)) \times \mathbb{G}_a) ,$$

and hence, by composition, they deduce an equivalence

$$\text{Def}_{q,1} : \delta_1 - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{R}_{K^{\text{alg}}})^{(\phi)} \xrightarrow[T_q^{-1} \circ T_1]{\sim} \Delta_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{R}_{K^{\text{alg}}})^{(\phi)} .$$

What is a “Deformation theory” ?

- Our contributions are :
 - We describe construct $\text{Def}_{1,q}$ in a *very elementary way* ,
 - This construction works over *every ring of “functions”*,
 - This construction works for a *much more large class of equations*,
 - We describe what happens if q is *root of unity*.
- We show these facts by introducing a **category of “sheaves”** $\sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}_K(X))^{\text{an}}$ over the topological space \mathcal{Q}_1 such that :
 - The stalk at $q = 1$ is a *differential equation* (M, δ_1^M) ;
 - If $q \notin \cup_n \mu_n$, the stalk at q is a *q -difference equation* (M, σ_q^M) ;
 - If $q \in \cup_n \mu_n$, the stalk at q is *triplet* $(M, \sigma_q^M, \delta_q^M)$, consisting in a *q -difference module together with a “ q -tangent operator δ_q^M ”*.
- A “deformation theory” is a **sub-category** $\mathcal{D} \subset \sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}_K(X))$ such that $\forall q \in \mathcal{Q}_1$ the “stalk-functor” is an equivalence :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathcal{D} & \\
 \cong \swarrow & & \searrow \cong \\
 \delta_1 - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}_K(X)) & \xrightarrow[\cong]{\text{Def}_{1,q}} & \Delta_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}_K(X)) .
 \end{array}$$

THE CATEGORY OF ANALYTIC σ -MODULES

Définition 0.1 *Let $U \subset \mathcal{Q}_1 := \{|q - 1| < 1\}$ be an open subset. Let $\langle U \rangle$ be the open subgroup of \mathcal{Q} generated by U . An analytic σ -module on U is a free and of finite type $\mathcal{H}(X)$ -module M , together with a group morphism*

$$\sigma^M : \langle U \rangle \xrightarrow{q \mapsto \sigma_q^M} \text{Aut}_K^{\text{cont}}(M) \quad (3)$$

such that :

– *For all $q \in \langle U \rangle$, $f \in \mathcal{H}(X)$, $m \in M$ one has*

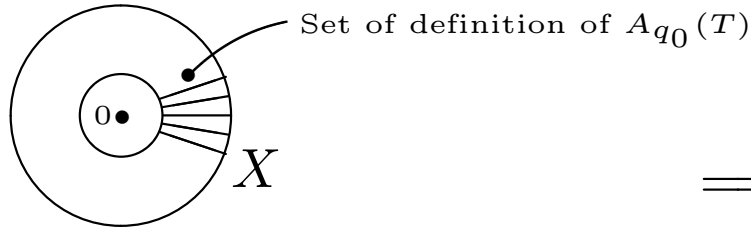
$$\sigma_q^M(fm) = \sigma_q(f) \cdot \sigma_q^M(m)$$

– *For all $q \in U$ there exists $\tau_q > 0$ such that (in an arbitrary basis of M) the matrix $A(q, T)$ of σ_q^M is “analytic” in the set*

$$(Q, T) \in D^-(q, \tau_q) \times X. \quad (4)$$

CONSTANT DEFORMATION

Let $q_0 \in \mathcal{Q}_1 = \{|q - 1| < 1\}$, $q_0 \notin \underline{\mu}_{p^\infty}$, $A_{q_0}(T) \in GL_n(\mathcal{H}(X))$,



Set of definition of $A_{q_0}(T)$

$$\sigma_{q_0}(Y) = A_{q_0}(T) \cdot Y \quad (*)$$

$$\implies (\Delta_{q_0})^n(Y) = H_{q_0,n}(T) \cdot Y$$

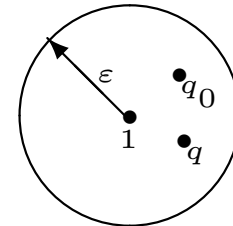
Définition 0.2 *The equation (*) is said **Taylor admissible**, if there exists $R > 0$ such that the “generic Taylor solution”*

$$Y_q(x, y) := \sum_{n \geq 0} H_{q_0,n}(y) \frac{(x - y)_{q_0,n}}{[n]_q!} \quad (5)$$

converges in the open $\mathcal{U}_R := \{(x, y) \in X \times X \mid |x - y| < R\}$.

Theorem 0.1 *If (*) is Taylor admissible, then there exists $\varepsilon > |q_0 - 1|$ such that for all $q \in D^-(q_0, \varepsilon)$ the matrix*

$$A(q, T) := \sigma_q(Y_q(T, y)) \cdot Y_q(T, y)^{-1}$$



lies in $GL_n(\mathcal{H}(X))$.

CONSTANT ANALYTIC σ -MODULES

We define a “deformation theory” by giving the following

sub-category called $\boxed{\sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{adm}}}$:

- An analytic σ -module (M, σ^M) is said **constant** if the generic Taylor solution $Y(T, y)$ is simultaneously solution of every equation

$$Y(qT, y) = A(q, T) \cdot Y(T, y) \quad (6)$$

defined by M . The previous theorem provides that if $q \notin \mu_{p^\infty}$, then

Every *Taylor admissible* differential or q_0 -difference equation *extends* to a constant σ -module defined in an open sub-group $D^-(1, \varepsilon)$ of \mathcal{Q}_1 , with $\varepsilon > |q_0 - 1|$.

- In other words if $\sigma_{q_0}^M : M \rightarrow M$ is a q_0 -difference module, then M is *canonically endowed* with an action of $\sigma_q^M : M \rightarrow M$, for all

$$q \in \langle D^-(1, \varepsilon) \rangle, \quad \text{with } \varepsilon > |q_0 - 1|.$$

- If q is not a root of 1, then the forgetful functor is faithful

$$\sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{const}} \xrightarrow{\text{Res}_q^U} \sigma_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{adm}} .$$

Let $\sigma_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{adm}}$ be the essential image of this functor, then one obtain an equivalence

$$\sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{const}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \sigma_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{adm}} .$$

- We obtain the so called “constant deformation” for all $q, q' \in U$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_{U=D^-(1,\varepsilon)}^{\text{const}} & \\
 & \swarrow \cong & \searrow \cong \\
 \sigma_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{adm}} & \xrightarrow[\sim]{\text{Def}_{q,q'}} & \sigma_{q'} - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{adm}} .
 \end{array}$$

where $\varepsilon > |q - 1|, |q' - 1|$.

Situation on the roots of unity ?

Problems :

If $q = \xi$ is a root of unity, then :

- The operator σ_ξ is of finite order ;
- The sub-ring of $\mathcal{H}_K(X)$ of σ_ξ -constants is not reduced to K ;
- Since $\text{End}(\mathbb{I}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \{\sigma_q - \text{constants}\}$, then we can not obtain an equivalence with other values of $q \neq \xi$.
- The idea is to

“Replace the category of ξ -differences with another one”.

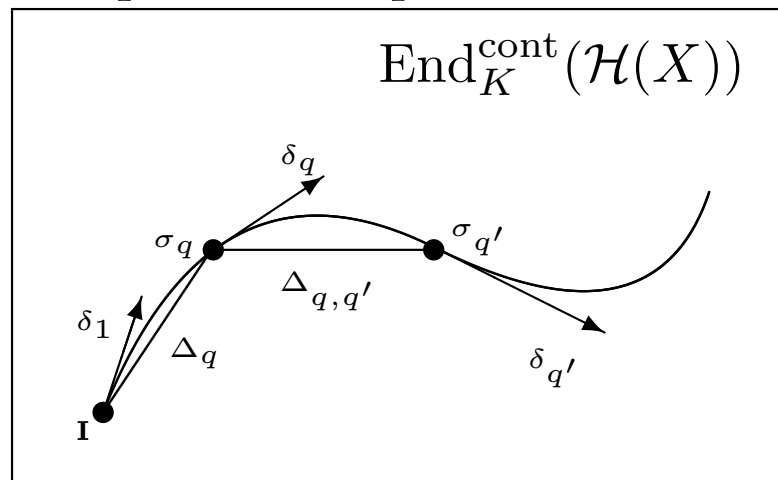
In fact, for $q = 1$, the category we expect is the differential eq.

- The question is “*What kind of objects one finds over ξ ?*” in other words “*What is the STALK at $q = \xi$ of a constant module ?*”

Situation on the roots of 1 ?

- If $q = 1$, then “1–differences equation” has no meaning.

For $q = 1$ we expect to obtain a differential equation.



$$\Delta_q := \frac{\sigma_q - 1}{q - 1} ; \quad \Delta_{q,q'} := \frac{\sigma_q - \sigma_{q'}}{q - q'}$$

$$\delta_1 := \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sigma_q - 1}{q - 1} = T \frac{d}{dT} ;$$

$$\delta_q := q \cdot \lim_{q' \rightarrow q} \frac{\sigma_{q'} - \sigma_q}{q' - q} = \sigma_q \circ \delta_1$$

Let $M \in \sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{const}}$. For all $q \in U$ we set

$$\delta_q^M := q \cdot \lim_{q' \rightarrow q} \frac{\sigma_{q'}^M - \sigma_q^M}{q' - q} .$$

Then, for all $f \in \mathcal{H}(X)$, $m \in M$, one has :

$$\implies \delta_q^M(fm) = \delta_q(f) \cdot \sigma_q^M(m) + \sigma_q(f) \cdot \delta_q^M(m) .$$

The analytic and constant (σ, δ) -modules

- We define the category $(\sigma, \delta) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{const}}$. If q is not a root of unity then we find

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{\text{Construction } \delta} & \\ \sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{const}} & \xlongequal{\quad} & (\sigma, \delta) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U^{\text{const}} \\ & \xleftarrow{\text{Forget } \delta} & \end{array}$$

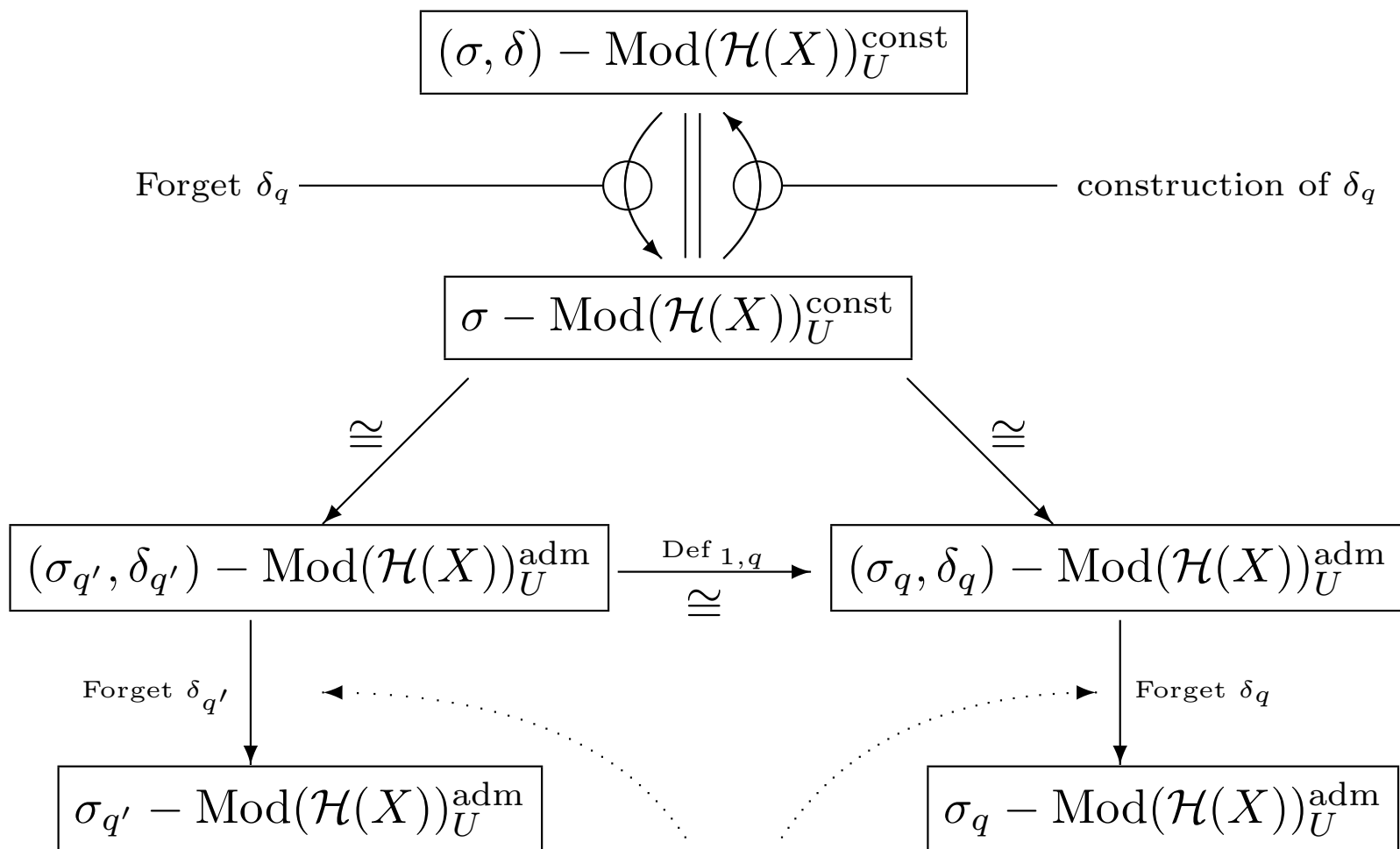
for example if $q = 1$ this shows the convergence of the limit in $M_n(\mathcal{H}(X))$ (highly non trivial)

$$G(1, T) = \lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{A(q, T) - \text{Id}}{q - 1}$$

Without hypothesis on $q \in U = D^-(1, \varepsilon)$, the restriction is faithful

$$(\sigma, \delta) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_{D^-(1, \varepsilon)}^{\text{const}} \xrightarrow{\text{Res}_q^U} (\sigma_q, \delta_q) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))^{\text{adm}}$$

- Let $U \subseteq \mathcal{Q}_1(X) := \{|q - 1| < 1\}$. If $(\sigma_q, \delta_q) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_U$ is the essential image of Res_q^U , then $\forall q, q' \in U$ one has :



“Forget δ_q ” is an equivalence only if q is not a root of unity.

Proposition : The restriction

$$\bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0} (\sigma, \delta) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_{\langle D(q, \varepsilon) \rangle}^{\text{const}} \xrightarrow[\sim]{\bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0} \text{Res}_{\{q\}}^{\langle D(q, \varepsilon) \rangle}} (\sigma_q, \delta_q) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))^{\text{adm}}$$

is an **equivalence** (even if q is a root of 1).

- If $q = \text{root of unity}$ we find

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0} \sigma - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_{\langle D(q, \varepsilon) \rangle}^{\text{const}} & \xlongequal{\quad} & \bigcup_{\varepsilon > 0} (\sigma, \delta) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))_{\langle D(q, \varepsilon) \rangle}^{\text{const}} \\ \text{Res}_{\{q\}}^U \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Res}_{\{q\}}^U \\ \sigma_q - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))^{\text{adm}} & \xleftarrow{\text{Forget } \delta_q^M} & (\sigma_q, \delta_q) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))^{\text{adm}} \end{array}$$

The right hand restriction is always an equivalence while the left hand restriction is an equivalence only for q not root of 1. The operator δ_q contains the information in the neighborhood of q . The functor “Forget δ_q ” is an equivalence when q is not a root of 1.

- If q is a root of 1, then $(\sigma_q, \delta_q) - \text{Mod}(\mathcal{H}(X))^{\text{adm}}$ is the “good notion of stalk”.