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Introduction

Let (R, m) be a complete Cohen–Macaulay isolated singularity over a field K which is either perfect or $[K : K^p] < \infty$ if $p := \text{char } K > 0$. According to Dieterich [Di] and [Yo] Ch. 6 (see also [Po1], [PR] or, more generally, [CHP]) there exists a system of parameters $x = (x_1, \dots, x_r)$ of R such that the base change functor $R/(x) \otimes_R -$ defines an injection ν preserving the indecomposability from the set of isomorphism classes of maximal Cohen–Macaulay R -modules to the set of isomorphism classes of $R/(x)$ -modules (in this case the ideal generated by x is called (after [Di]) a reduction ideal. Trying to describe the image of ν we noticed in [Po2] that a finitely generated $R/(x)$ -module is in $\text{Im } \nu$ if and only if it has the form $x_1 \dots x_r P$ for a finitely generated $R_2 := R/(x_1^2, \dots, x_r^2)$ -module satisfying

$$(\mathcal{L}) \quad ((x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})P : x_j)_P = (x_1, \dots, x_j)P$$

for all $j, 1 \leq j \leq r$.

In Section 1 we extend these results in the frame of deformations of maximal Cohen–Macaulay R -modules. Let A be a Noetherian, Henselian local K -algebra with residue field K . Then the base change functor defines a bijection preserving the indecomposability from the set of isomorphism classes of modules which deform maximal Cohen–Macaulay \mathcal{R} -modules over A onto the set of isomorphism classes of modules which deform over A the $R/(x)$ -module of the form $x_1 \dots x_r P$ for a finitely generated R_2 -module P satisfying (\mathcal{L}) as above (see Theorem 1.4). Unfortunately, the isomorphisms considered here are only the isomorphisms as modules and not as deformations (see 1.2). In fact, given $M \in \text{MCM}(R)$ the base change functor induces a non-bijective map from the set of isomorphism classes of deformations of M over A to the set of isomorphism classes of deformations of $M/(x)M$ over A (see Example 1.18). As a main tool in proving Theorem 1.4 (and in the whole paper as well) we used the so-called Auslander–Ding–Solberg lifting theory (see [ADS]).

In Section 2 we extended Eisenbud’s Matrix Factorization Theorem (see [Ei] or [Yo] Ch. 7) in the frame of deformations of maximal Cohen–Macaulay modules over hypersurfaces. Let K be a field, (B, \mathfrak{m}, K) a Noetherian local ring, $G \in B[[X]]$, $X = (X_1, \dots, X_r)$ a non-unit formal power series, $\mathcal{R} := B[[X]]/(G)$ and $R := K \otimes_B \mathcal{R}$. Suppose \mathcal{R} is flat over B . Then the category \mathcal{D}_B^R of R -modules, which deform maximal Cohen–Macaulay R -modules over B , is equivalent to the category of matrix factorizations of G over $B[[X]]$ modulo $\{(1, G)\}$ (see Theorem 2.8). One of the main applications of Eisenbud’s Matrix Factorization Theorem was Knörrer’s Periodicity Theorem, which was very useful in the theory of simple singularities (see [Kn], [BGS], [Sc], [GKr]). We were surprised to see that in characteristic two the result was not completely established (Solberg gave a proof in [So] only for hypersurfaces of finite Cohen–Macaulay type). It is the purpose of our Section 3 to fulfill this small gap and to extend the result in the frame of deformations of maximal Cohen–Macaulay modules over hypersurfaces. Let U, V be some new indeterminates, $\mathcal{R}' := B[[X, U, V]]/(G + UV)$ and $R' := K \otimes_B \mathcal{R}'$. Suppose B is Henselian and \mathcal{R}' is flat over B . Then the category $\mathcal{D}_B^{R'}$ is stable equivalent to the category $\mathcal{D}_B^{R'}$ of all \mathcal{R}' -modules which deform maximal Cohen–Macaulay R' -modules over B (see 3.17), that is, there exists an equivalence

$$F : \mathcal{D}_B^R / \{\mathcal{R}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_B^{R'} / \{\mathcal{R}'\}$$

(for notations cf. [Yo]).

Let M be an indecomposable maximal Cohen–Macaulay R -module. Then there exists a bijection from the set of isomorphism classes of deformations of M over B onto the set of isomorphism classes of deformations of $F(M)$ over B (see 3.20).

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1 Reduction ideals for deformations

1.1 Let (R, m) be a complete Cohen–Macaulay local ring containing its residue field K . We suppose R is an isolated singularity and K is perfect, or $[K : K^p] < \infty$ if $p := \text{char } K > 0$. Let $\text{MCM}(R)$ be the category of maximal Cohen–Macaulay R -modules and \mathcal{C}_K the category of Noetherian, Henselian local K -algebras with residue fields K .

1.2 Given $A \in \mathcal{C}_K$, let $R_A := R \widehat{\otimes}_K A$ be the completion of $R \otimes_K A$ with respect to $m \otimes_K A$. Then R_A is a Noetherian local flat A -algebra (see [GP] Appendix). A deformation of a finitely generated R -module N over A is a finitely generated R_A -module L , which is flat over A , together with an isomorphism $N \cong L \otimes_A K$. Two deformations L and L' of N over A are isomorphic if an isomorphism $\phi : L \rightarrow L'$ of R_A -modules exists such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{\sim} & L \otimes_A K \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \\ N & \xrightarrow{\sim} & L' \otimes_A K \end{array}$$

where the second vertical map is induced by ϕ . $\text{Def}_N(A)$ denotes the set of isomorphism classes of deformations of N over A .

1.3 Let $A \in \mathcal{C}_K$ and \mathcal{D}_A be the category of all finitely generated R_A -modules E which are flat over A and such that $K \otimes_A E \in \text{MCM}(R)$. Roughly speaking, \mathcal{D}_A is the category of all deformations of modules of $\text{MCM}(R)$ over A . Using [BH] (1.2.17) in the case $A \rightarrow R_A$ we see that a system of parameters y of R is regular for every module $E \in \mathcal{D}_A$ and E/yE is still flat over A .

Theorem 1.4 *There exists a system of parameters $x = (x_1, \dots, x_r)$ of R such that the base change functor $(R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} - : \mathcal{D}_A \rightarrow \text{Mod}(R_1)_A$, $R_1 := R/(x)$ defines a bijection preserving the indecomposability from the set of isomorphism classes of modules of \mathcal{D}_A onto the set of isomorphism classes of those $(R_1)_A$ -modules which deform R_1 -modules of type $x_1 \dots x_r P$, where P is a finitely generated $R_2 := R/(x_1^2, \dots, x_r^2)$ -module satisfying*

$$(\mathcal{L}) \quad ((x_1, \dots, x_{j-1})P : x_j)_P = (x_1, \dots, x_j)P \text{ for all } j, 1 \leq j \leq r.$$

For the proof we need some preparations.

1.5 Let $y = (y_1, \dots, y_r)$ be a system of parameters of R , so an R -sequence. Then $C_y := K[[y]]$ is a regular local subring of R and R is finite and free over C_y . The Noether different \mathcal{N}_{R/C_y} is defined by $\mathcal{N}_{R/C_y} := \rho(((0) : \text{Ker } \rho)_{R \otimes_{C_y} R})$, where $\rho : R \otimes_{C_y} R \rightarrow R$ is given by $u \otimes u' \rightarrow uu'$. Let $\mathcal{N}_R := \sum_y \mathcal{N}_{R/C_y}$, where the sum is made over all systems of parameters y of R . \mathcal{N}_R is an m -primary ideal of R , since it defines the singular locus of R (see [Yo] (6.12), or [Pol] (2.10)).

Lemma 1.6 $\mathcal{N}_{R_A/(C_y)_A} = \mathcal{N}_{R/C_y} R_A$.

Proof: We have $(C_y)_A \otimes_{C_y} (R \otimes_{C_y} R) \cong ((C_y)_A \otimes_{C_y} R) \otimes_{C_y} ((C_y)_A \otimes_{C_y} R) \cong R_A \otimes_{(C_y)_A} R_A$ since R is finite over C_y . By flatness $\text{Ker } \rho$ generates in $R_A \otimes_{(C_y)_A} R_A$ the kernel of the map $\rho_A : R_A \otimes_{(C_y)_A} R_A \rightarrow R_A$ defined by ρ . Again using the flatness of $(C_y)_A$ over C_y we note that $((0) : \text{Ker } \rho)_{R \otimes_{C_y} R}$ generates $((0) : \text{Ker } \rho_A)_{R_A \otimes_{(C_y)_A} R_A}$ which is enough.

Proposition 1.7 $\mathcal{N}_R \text{Ext}_{R_A}^1(E, F) = 0$ holds for all $E \in \mathcal{D}_A$ and all finitely generated R_A -modules F .

Proof: Fix E, F . It is enough to show that

$$\mathcal{N}_{R/C_y} \text{Ext}_{R_A}^1(E, F) = 0 \quad (1)$$

for an arbitrary system of parameters y of R . Note that $K \otimes_A E \in \text{MCM}(R)$ is free over C_y since C_y is regular. Then E as a $(C_y)_A$ -module is a deformation of a free C_y -module and so E is free over $(C_y)_A$. Now the idea of our proof is as in [PR] (1.4) (see also [Di], Lemma (1.5)), although $(C_y)_A$ is not a regular ring (important here is just the fact that our modules from \mathcal{D}_A are free by restriction to $(C_y)_A$). Indeed, let G be the first syzygy of E over R_A , that is, we have the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow G \rightarrow R_A^s \rightarrow E \rightarrow 0$$

for a certain $s \in \mathbb{N}$. Since E is free over $(C_y)_A$ we obtain the following exact sequence of R_A -bimodules

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(E, F) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(R_A^s, F) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(G, F) \rightarrow 0.$$

Applying the Hochschild cohomology functors (see [Pi] Ch. 11 for details) we obtain the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow H_{(C_y)_A}^0(R_A, \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(E, F)) = \text{Hom}_{R_A}(E, F) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{R_A}(R_A^s, F) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{R_A}(G, F) \rightarrow H_{(C_y)_A}^1(R_A, \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(E, F)).$$

Clearly the image of the last map above is $\text{Ext}_{R_A}^1(E, F)$ and so it is enough to show that

$$\mathcal{N}_{R/C_y} H_{(C_y)_A}^1(R_A, \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(E, F)) = 0. \quad (2)$$

As $H_{(C_y)_A}^1(R_A, \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(E, F))$ is a quotient of

$$\text{Der}_{(C_y)_A}^1(R_A, \text{Hom}_{(C_y)_A}(E, F))$$

we obtain (1), since $\mathcal{N}_{R/C_y} \Omega_{R_A/(C_y)_A} = 0$ (see [Yo] Ch. 6, or [Po1] (2.10)), $\Omega_{R_A/(C_y)_A}$ being the differential module of R_A over $(C_y)_A$.

Proposition 1.8 Let $z = (z_1, \dots, z_r)$ be a system of parameters of R , e_1, \dots, e_r some positive integers such that $z_i^{e_i} \in \mathcal{N}_R$ for $1 \leq i \leq r$, $x_i := z_i^{e_i+1}$ and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_r)$. Then the base change functor $(R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} - : \mathcal{D}_A \rightarrow \text{Mod}(R_1)_A$, $R_1 := R/(x)$ defines an injection from the isomorphism classes of indecomposable modules of \mathcal{D}_A to the isomorphism classes of indecomposable $(R_1)_A$ -modules.

Proof: Since $z_i^{e_i} \text{Ext}_{R_A}^1(E, F) = 0$ for all $E \in \mathcal{D}_A$ and each finitely generated R_A -module F (see 1.7), we can show similarly as in [PR] (2.1), (2.2) that given $E \in \mathcal{D}_A$, F a finitely generated R_A -module, $\tilde{R} := R/(z_1^{e_1}, \dots, z_r^{e_r})$ and a linear R_A -map $\phi : (R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} E \rightarrow (R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} F$ there exists a linear R_A -map $\psi : E \rightarrow F$ such that $\tilde{R}_A \otimes_{(R_1)_A} \phi \cong \tilde{R}_A \otimes_{R_A} \psi$. This is enough using a variant of [Yo] (6.16), (6.18) (here we need that R_A and so A are Henselian!).

Remark 1.9 The proofs of 1.7, 1.8 are entirely based on Yoshino's ideas, the only difference is that we prefer to work with $\text{Ext}_R^1(-, -)$ as in [Di], [PR], [CHP] (3.10), (3.11) instead of the first Hochschild cohomology functor.

Applying Proposition 1.8 we find the system x which satisfies Theorem 1.4 (Proposition 1.8 is an analog of Dieterich–Yoshino's result in the frame of deformations of maximal Cohen–Macaulay modules). To show that x really satisfies 1.4 means to extend [Po2], Section 1, in the frame of deformations. For this aim we need the concept of lifting in the sense of Auslander–Ding–Solberg [ADS] (see also [DS]) which we will recall below.

Definition 1.10 Let $\psi : \Lambda \rightarrow \Gamma$ be a morphism of Noetherian rings and M a finitely generated Γ -module. A finitely generated Λ -module L is a lifting of M to Λ (see [ADS]) if $M \cong \Gamma \otimes_{\Lambda} L$ and $\text{Tor}_i^{\Lambda}(L, \Gamma) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$.

Let $\text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Gamma)$ be the set of all finitely generated Λ -modules L such that $\text{Tor}_i^{\Lambda}(\Gamma, L) = 0$ for each $i \geq 1$ and let

$$\text{lift}(\Lambda, \Gamma) = \{\Gamma \otimes_{\Lambda} L \mid L \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Gamma)\}.$$

Notice that $\text{Lift}(R_A, R)$ is the set of deformations of all finitely generated R -modules over A .

Indeed, we have $\text{Tor}_i^A(K, E) \cong \text{Tor}_i^{R_A}(R, E)$ for all $i \geq 1$ and all R_A -modules E . Thus, $E \in \text{Lift}(R_A, R)$ if and only if $\text{Tor}_i^A(K, E) = 0$, $i \geq 1$, that is, if and only if E is flat over A by the local flatness criterium (see [Ma] (20.C)).

Remark 1.11 i) Let $\Lambda \rightarrow \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ be two ring morphisms and L a finitely generated Λ -module. If $L \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Gamma)$ then $L \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Delta)$ if and only if $\Gamma \otimes_{\Lambda} L \in \text{Lift}(\Gamma, \Delta)$ (see [Po2] (1.7)).

ii) Let y be a regular sequence of elements in Γ and suppose that $\Delta = \Gamma/(y)$. Then $\text{Lift}(\Gamma, \Delta)$ is the set of all Γ -modules for which y is a regular system. Moreover, $L \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Delta)$ if and only if $L \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Gamma)$ and $\Gamma \otimes_{\Lambda} L \in \text{Lift}(\Gamma, \Delta)$ (see, for example, [Po2] (1.15)).

iii) Let $z = (z_1, \dots, z_r)$ be a system of elements in Γ satisfying $((z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}) : z_j) = (z_1, \dots, z_j)$ for all j , $1 \leq j \leq r$ and suppose that $\Delta = \Gamma/(z)$. Then $L \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Delta)$ if and only if $L \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Gamma)$ and $\Gamma \otimes_{\Lambda} L \in \text{Lift}(\Gamma, \Delta)$ (see [Po2] (1.12)). Moreover, if E is a finitely generated Γ -module then $E \in \text{Lift}(\Gamma, \Delta)$ if and only if $((z_1, \dots, z_{j-1})E : z_j)_E = (z_1, \dots, z_j)E$ for all j , $1 \leq j \leq r$ (see [Po2] (1.11)).

iv) $\mathcal{D}_A = \text{Lift}(R_A, R/(y))$ holds for any system of parameters y of R . Indeed, y is an R -sequence and by ii) we have $E \in \text{Lift}(R_A, R/(y))$ if and only if $E \in \text{Lift}(R_A, R)$ and $K \otimes_A E \cong R \otimes_{R_A} E \in \text{Lift}(R, R/(y))$, that is, if and only if E is flat over A (see 1.10) and y is a $K \otimes_A E$ -sequence (see ii)).

v) A finitely generated R_A -module E belongs to \mathcal{D}_A if and only if a system of parameters y of R (and then any) is regular on E and E/yE is flat over A . Indeed, it is enough to show that $E \in \text{Lift}(R_A, R/(y))$ if and only if $E \in \text{Lift}(R_A, R_A/(y))$ and $E/yE \in \text{Lift}(R_A/(y), R/(y))$ by ii) and 1.10. The sufficiency follows from i). For the necessity see that $E \in \text{Lift}(R_A, R/(y))$ since y is regular on E by 1.3. Then apply i).

Lemma 1.12 Let $S \in \mathcal{C}_K$ be a complete local ring, $z = (z_1, \dots, z_r)$ a system of elements of S such that $((z_1, \dots, z_{j-1}) : z_j) = (z_1, \dots, z_j)$ and $z_j^2 = 0$ for all j , $1 \leq j \leq r$, $S_1 := S/(z)$, $A \in \mathcal{C}_K$, $S_A := S \widehat{\otimes}_K A$ and E a finitely generated S_A -module. The following statements are equivalent:

- i) $E \in \text{Lift}(S_A, S_1)$,
- ii) E is flat over A and $N := K \otimes_A E$ satisfies $((z_1, \dots, z_{j-1})N : z_j)_N = (z_1, \dots, z_j)N$ for all j , $1 \leq j \leq r$,
- iii) E satisfies $((z_1, \dots, z_{j-1})E : z_j)_E = (z_1, \dots, z_j)E$ for all j , $1 \leq j \leq r$ and $E/(z)E$ is a flat A -module.

Proof: By 1.11 iii) applied to $S_A \rightarrow S \rightarrow S_1$ we obtain $E \in \text{Lift}(S_A, S_1)$ if and only if $E \in \text{Lift}(S_A, S)$ (that is, E is flat over A by 1.10) and $S \otimes_{S_A} E \cong K \otimes_A E = N \in \text{Lift}(S, S_1)$ (that is, N satisfies the property from ii)). Thus i) \Leftrightarrow ii). Now iii) states that $E \in \text{Lift}(S_A, (S_1)_A)$ and $E/(z)E \in \text{Lift}((S_1)_A, S_1)$. Thus iii) \Rightarrow i) by 1.11 i).

It remains to prove the difficult part, namely ii) \Rightarrow iii). Apply induction on r . Let $r = 1$. Tensorizing with $K \otimes_A$ — the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow (0 : z)_E \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{z} zE \rightarrow 0, \quad (3)$$

we obtain the following exact sequence

$$0 = \text{Tor}_1^A(K, E) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^A(K, zE) \rightarrow K \otimes_A (0 : z)_E \xrightarrow{\gamma} N \rightarrow K \otimes_A zE \rightarrow 0, \quad (4)$$

where $\text{Im } \gamma \subset (0 : z)_N = zN$. Since $z^2 = 0$ we have $(0 : z)_E \supset zE$ and $\text{Im } \gamma \supset zN$ follows. Thus $\text{Im } \gamma = zN$. Then $K \otimes_A zE \cong N/zN \cong zN$ because the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow zN \rightarrow N \xrightarrow{z} zN \rightarrow 0$$

is exact by ii).

Tensorizing by $K \otimes_A$ — the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow zE \rightarrow E \rightarrow E/zE \rightarrow 0 \quad (5)$$

we obtain the following exact sequence

$$0 = \text{Tor}_1^A(K, E) \rightarrow \text{Tor}_1^A(K, E/zE) \rightarrow K \otimes_A zE \xrightarrow{\tau} N \rightarrow K \otimes_A E/zE \rightarrow 0, \quad (6)$$

where the image of τ is exactly zN . Thus, $K \otimes_A (E/zE) \cong N/zN \cong zN$ and τ defines a surjection $zN \cong K \otimes_A zE \xrightarrow{\tau'} zN$, which is also an injection. Hence, $\text{Tor}_1^A(K, E/zE) = 0$. By the local flatness criterium (see [Ma] (20.C)) we obtain that E/zE is flat over A . Using (5), zE flat over A follows, too, and so γ from (4) is an injection.

Tensorizing the inclusions $zE \rightarrow E$, $(0 : z)_E \rightarrow E$ by $K \otimes_A$ — we obtain the isomorphisms $K \otimes_A zE \xrightarrow{\sim} zN$ and $K \otimes_A (0 : z)_E \xrightarrow{\sim} zN$ given by γ and τ' . Thus, the inclusion $u : zE \rightarrow (0 : z)_E$ induces via $K \otimes_A$ — a bijection and $S \otimes_{S_A} \text{Coker } u \cong K \otimes_A \text{Coker } u = 0$ follows. By Nakayama's Lemma we obtain $\text{Coker } u = 0$, that is, $(0 : z)_E = zE$. If $r > 1$ then, as above, $E' := E/z_1E$ is flat over A and by induction hypothesis we are finished.

The following Proposition is an extension of [Po2] (1.16) in the frame of modules from \mathcal{D}_A .

Proposition 1.13 *Let $S \in \mathcal{C}_K$ be a complete local ring, $y = (y_1, \dots, y_r)$ a system of elements of S such that for all j , $1 \leq j \leq r$ either $((y_1, \dots, y_{j-1}) : y_j) = (y_1, \dots, y_j)$ and $y_j^2 = 0$ holds, or y_j is regular on $S/(y_1, \dots, y_{j-1})$. Let $S_{u|j} := S/(y_1^u, \dots, y_j^u)$, $u \in \mathbb{N}$, $1 \leq j \leq r$, $S_1 := S_{1|r} = S/(y)$, e an integer, $1 \leq e \leq r$, $A \in \mathcal{C}_K$ and L an $(S_{2|e})_A$ -module from $\text{Lift}((S_{2|e})_A, S_1)$. Then there exists a module $Q \in \text{Lift}(S_A, S_1)$ such that $M := (S_{1|e})_A \otimes_{(S_{2|e})_A} L$ is a direct summand in $(S_{1|e})_A \otimes_{S_A} Q$.*

Proof: By 1.11 ii), iii) we have $L \in \text{Lift}(S_{2|e}, S_{1|e})$ and $\bar{M} := K \otimes_A M \in \text{Lift}(S_{1|e}, S_1)$. Then we have $L \in \text{Lift}((S_{2|e})_A, (S_{1|e})_A)$ and M is flat over A by Lemma 1.12. Now we follow the proof of [Po2] (1.16) in the case S_A, y, L, e, r . Clearly, for all j , $1 \leq j \leq r$ we have either $((y_1, \dots, y_{j-1})S_A : y_j)S_A = (y_1, \dots, y_j)S_A$ and $y_j^2 = 0$ in A , or y_j is regular on $S_A/(y_1, \dots, y_{j-1})$ by flatness. Let $e = 1$. If $(0 : y_1) = (y_1)$, $y_1^2 = 0$ then there is nothing to show. If y_1 is regular on S_A , then as in [ADS] (3.2) we may take Q to be the first syzygy $\Omega_{S_A}^1(M) \in \text{Lift}(S_A, (S_{1|1})_A)$ of M over S_A which is clearly flat over A . Thus $Q \in \text{Lift}(S_A, S_{1|1})$ by 1.10 and 1.11 i). The first syzygy $\Omega_S^1(\bar{M})$ of \bar{M} over S is isomorphic with $K \otimes_A Q$ since M is flat over A . It follows $K \otimes_A Q \in \text{Lift}(S_{1|1}, S_1)$ since $\bar{M} \in \text{Lift}(S_{1|1}, S_1)$ and so $Q \in \text{Lift}(S_A, S_1)$ by 1.11 i).

Suppose that $e > 1$. Using $e = 1$ in the case

$$(S_{2|e-1})_A \rightarrow (S_{2|e})_A \rightarrow ((S_{2|e})_A/y_e(S_{2|e})_A) \rightarrow S_1$$

there exists a module $Q' \in \text{Lift}((S_{2|e-1})_A, S_1)$ such that $L/y_e L$ is a direct summand in $Q'/y_e Q'$. Applying induction hypothesis (case $e - 1$) to Q' there exists $Q \in \text{Lift}(S_A, S_1)$ such that $(S_{1|e-1})_A \otimes_{(S_{2|e-1})_A} Q' \cong Q'/(y_1, \dots, y_{e-1})Q'$ is a direct summand in the module $(S_{1|e-1})_A \otimes_{S_A} Q \cong Q/(y_1, \dots, y_{e-1})Q$. Thus M is a direct summand in $(S_{1|e})_A \otimes_{(S_{2|e})_A} Q'$ which is also a direct summand in $(S_{1|e})_A \otimes_{S_A} Q$.

Corollary 1.14 *With the notations and assumptions of Proposition 1.8, let T be a finitely generated $(R_1)_A$ -module which is flat over A . If $T \in \text{lift}((R_2)_A, (R_1)_A)$ then T is a direct summand of a module of the form $(R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} E$ for a certain $E \in \mathcal{D}_A$.*

Proposition 1.15 *With the notations and assumptions of Theorem 1.4 the functor $(R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} -$ induces a bijection between the set of isomorphism classes of modules of \mathcal{D}_A and the set of isomorphism classes of $(R_1)_A$ -modules from $\text{lift}((R_2)_A, (R_1)_A)$ which are flat over A .*

Proof: The injectivity follows from Proposition 1.8 as in [Po2] (1.3) (see also [DS]) with $R_A, (R_1)_A$, resp. \mathcal{D}_A instead of R, R_1 , resp. $\text{MCM}(R)$ (a module splits uniquely into a direct sum of indecomposable $(R_1)_A$ -modules since $(R_1)_A$ is Henselian!).

Now let $T \in \text{lift}((R_2)_A, (R_1)_A)$ be a module which is flat over A . By Corollary 1.14 there exists a module $E \in \mathcal{D}_A$ such that $(R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} E \cong T \oplus T'$ for a certain $(R_1)_A$ -module T' . Express E, T, T' as direct sums of indecomposable modules of \mathcal{D}_A , resp. $\text{Mod}(R_1)_A$. Since $(R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} -$ maps indecomposable modules of \mathcal{D}_A in indecomposable $(R_1)_A$ -modules, we conclude as in [Po2] (1.4) that there exists a direct summand F of E such that $(R_1)_A \otimes_{R_A} F \cong T$. Clearly, $F \in \mathcal{D}_A$.

1.16 Proof of Theorem 1.4. Applying Proposition 1.8 and Proposition 1.15 it remains to show that the modules T from $\text{lift}((R_2)_A, (R_1)_A)$ which are flat over A are those $(R_1)_A$ -modules which deform R_1 -modules of type $x_1 \dots x_r P$, where P is a finitely generated R_2 -module satisfying (\mathcal{L}) . Since T is flat over A we have $T \in \text{Lift}((R_1)_A, R_1)$ and so $T \cong (R_1)_A \otimes_{(R_2)_A} L$ for a certain $L \in \text{Lift}((R_2)_A, R_1)$ (see 1.11 i). By Lemma 1.12 $L \in \text{Lift}((R_2)_A, R_1)$ if and only if L is flat over A and $P := K \otimes_A L$ satisfies (\mathcal{L}) . But $x_1 \dots x_r P \cong R_1 \otimes_{R_2} P$ by [Po2] (1.17). Since L is a deformation of P we see that T is a deformation of $x_1 \dots x_r P$.

Remark 1.17 Let $M \in \text{MCM}(R)$ and $M_1 := M/xM$. In spite of Theorem 1.4 the map $\text{Def}_M(A) \rightarrow \text{Def}_{M_1}(A)$ induced by base change is not a bijection as the following example shows. The reason is that the isomorphisms considered in Theorem 1.4 are isomorphisms as modules but not as deformations (see 1.2).

Example 1.18 Let $R := K[[z, y]]$, $z^2 + y^3 = 0$, $A := K[\varepsilon]$, $\varepsilon^2 = 0$ and $M := (z, y)R$. Then z^i generates a reduction ideal for all $i \geq 2$ (see for example [Yo] (6.16), (6.18)). Take $x = z^4$ and let $R_1 := R/(x)$, $M_1 := M/xM$. Then the base change induces an injective map $\eta : \text{Def}_M(K[\varepsilon]) \rightarrow \text{Def}_{M_1}(K[\varepsilon])$ which is not surjective. Indeed, let $\eta' := \text{Ext}_R^1(M, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{R_1}^1(M_1, M_1)$ be the map induced by base change. Modulo the canonical isomorphisms $\text{Def}_M(K[\varepsilon]) \cong \text{Ext}_R^1(M, M)$, $\text{Def}_{M_1}(K[\varepsilon]) \cong \text{Ext}_{R_1}^1(M_1, M_1)$ the maps η, η' coincide. But η' is injective by [Yo] (6.17) and not surjective since the following extension

$$0 \rightarrow M_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} R_1 \otimes_R N \xrightarrow{\beta} M_1 \rightarrow 0$$

is not in $\text{Im } \eta'$, where $N := M \oplus R^2 / \langle (z^3 y, z, y), (z^4, y^2, -z) \rangle$, α is given by the inclusion $M \rightarrow M \oplus R^2$ and β is given by $(w, u, v) \rightarrow uy - vz$, $w \in M$, $u, v \in R$. Indeed, $R_1 \otimes_R N$ does not have the form $R_1 \otimes_R P$, $P \in \text{MCM}(R)$ as was shown in [Po2] (1.20), (1.21).

2 Matrix factorizations for liftings

2.1 Let (Λ, m) be a Noetherian local ring, $f \in m$ a non-zero divisor of Λ and $R = \Lambda/(f)$. A pair of square d -matrices (ϕ, φ) with entries in Λ satisfying $\phi\varphi = fI_d$, where I_d is the $d \times d$ -unit matrix, is called a matrix factorization of f . A morphism between matrix factorizations (ϕ_1, φ_1) and (ϕ_2, φ_2) is a pair of square d -matrices (α, β) with $\alpha\phi_1 = \phi_2\beta$. If α, β are invertible matrices then we say that (ϕ_1, φ_1) and (ϕ_2, φ_2) are equivalent. Since f is a non-zero divisor we have $\phi\varphi = fI_d$ if and only if $\varphi\phi = fI_d$. Also we have $\alpha\phi_1 = \phi_2\beta$ if and only if $\beta\varphi_1 = \varphi_2\alpha$ (see [Ei] or [Yo] Ch. 7). We always identify the square matrix ϕ with the linear map $\Lambda^d \rightarrow \Lambda^d$ associated to ϕ in the canonical bases.

Let $\text{MF}_\Lambda(f)$ be the category of matrix factorizations of f and morphisms between them. Defining

$$(\phi_1, \varphi_1) \oplus (\phi_2, \varphi_2) = \left(\begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

we see that $\text{MF}_\Lambda(f)$ is an additive category. A matrix factorization (ϕ, φ) of f is reduced if the entries of ϕ, φ are non-units.

Let $\text{RMF}_\Lambda(f)$ be the category of reduced matrix factorizations and according to [Yo] (7.3) we define

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{MF}}_\Lambda(f) &= \text{MF}_\Lambda(f)/\{(1, f)\}, \\ \underline{\text{RMF}}_\Lambda(f) &= \text{MF}_\Lambda(f)/\{(f, 1), (1, f)\} \end{aligned}$$

(for notations cf. [Yo]). As in [Ei] and [Yo] (7.2) it holds

Lemma 2.2 *Let (ϕ, φ) be a matrix factorization of f . Then the sequence*

$$\dots \rightarrow R^d \xrightarrow{\phi} R^d \xrightarrow{\varphi} R^d \xrightarrow{\phi} R^d \rightarrow \dots$$

induced by ϕ, φ is exact.

Proposition 2.3 *Let $a \subset m$ be an ideal such that $f \notin a$, $\bar{R} := R/aR$ and suppose that $\bar{\Lambda} := \Lambda/a$ is a discrete valuation ring (in short a DVR). Then*

- i) if (ϕ, φ) is a matrix factorization of f then $\text{Tor}_i^{\bar{R}}(\bar{R}, \text{Coker } \phi) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$, that is, $\text{Coker } \phi \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ (see 1.10),*
- ii) if $M \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ then there exists a matrix factorization (ϕ, φ) of f such that $M \cong \text{Coker } \phi$.*

Proof:

- i) Let $\bar{f}, \bar{\phi}, \bar{\varphi}$ be the maps induced by f, ϕ, φ modulo a . Then $(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\varphi})$ is a matrix factorization of \bar{f} and the sequence*

$$\dots \rightarrow \bar{R}^d \xrightarrow{\bar{\phi}} \bar{R}^d \xrightarrow{\bar{\varphi}} \bar{R}^d \xrightarrow{\bar{\phi}} \bar{R}^d \rightarrow \bar{M} := \text{Coker } \bar{\phi} \rightarrow 0 \quad (7)$$

induced by $(\bar{\phi}, \bar{\varphi})$ is exact (see 2.2). Thus (7) gives a free resolution of \bar{M} over \bar{R} . By Lemma 2.2 a free resolution of $M := \text{Coker } \phi$ is given by

$$\dots \rightarrow R^d \xrightarrow{\phi} R^d \xrightarrow{\varphi} R^d \xrightarrow{\phi} R^d \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0. \quad (8)$$

Since (7) is obtained by tensorizing (8) by \bar{R} over R , we see that $\text{Tor}_i^R(\bar{R}, M) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$.

- ii) Let $M \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ and $\bar{M} := \bar{R} \otimes_R M$. Then $\text{pd}_{\bar{\Lambda}} \bar{M} \leq 1$ as $\bar{\Lambda}$ is a DVR. But \bar{M} is not free over $\bar{\Lambda}$ because $\bar{f}\bar{M} = 0$. Thus, $\text{pd}_{\bar{\Lambda}} \bar{M} = 1$.

We have $\text{Tor}_i^{\bar{\Lambda}}(\bar{M}, M) \cong \text{Tor}_i^R(\bar{R}, M) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$, the isomorphism follows because tensorizing by R over Λ a free resolution of $\bar{\Lambda}$ over Λ we still obtain a free resolution of \bar{R} over R (f is a Λ and $\bar{\Lambda}$ -regular element!). Thus tensorizing by $\bar{\Lambda}$ a minimal free resolution of M over Λ we get a minimal free resolution of \bar{M} over $\bar{\Lambda}$. Hence, $\text{pd}_{\bar{\Lambda}} \bar{M} = 1$. Let

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda^s \xrightarrow{\phi} \Lambda^d \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \quad (9)$$

be a minimal free resolution of M over Λ which induces a minimal free resolution of \bar{M} over $\bar{\Lambda}$. Since $\text{rank}_{\bar{\Lambda}} \bar{M} = 0$ we obtain $s = d$. As in [Ei] or [Yo] (7.1.2) we see that there exists an endomorphism $\varphi \in \text{End}_{\Lambda}(\Lambda^d)$ such that $\phi\varphi = f1_{\Lambda^d}$. Clearly, (ϕ, φ) defines a matrix factorization of f such that $\text{Coker } \phi = M$.

Corollary 2.4 *With the hypothesis and notation of Proposition 2.3 every module from $\text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ has a periodic free resolution with periodicity 2.*

2.5 Matrix Factorization Theorem. Let $a \subset m$ be an ideal such that $f \notin a$, $\bar{R} := R/aR$ and suppose that Λ/a is a DVR. Then the functor $\text{Coker} : \text{MF}_{\Lambda}(f) \rightarrow \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ given by $(\phi, \varphi) \rightarrow \text{Coker } \phi$ induces an equivalence of categories:

$$\underline{\text{MF}}_{\Lambda}(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R}).$$

Moreover, this induces an equivalence:

$$\underline{\text{RMF}}_{\Lambda}(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \underline{\text{Lift}}(R, \bar{R})$$

where $\underline{\text{Lift}}(R, \bar{R}) = \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})/\{R\}$, (notations cf. [Yo]).

The proof can be given exactly as in [Ei] or [Yo] (7.4) using Proposition 2.3.

Corollary 2.6 *With the hypothesis of Theorem 2.5 the functor Coker yields a bijection preserving the indecomposability between the set of equivalence classes of reduced matrix factorizations of f and the set of isomorphism classes of modules from $\text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ which have no free summands.*

Corollary 2.7 *With the hypothesis of Theorem 2.5, let (ϕ, φ) be a reduced matrix factorization of f and $M = \text{Coker}(\phi, \varphi)$. If M is indecomposable then the first syzygy $\Omega_{\Lambda}^1(M)$ of M over Λ is also indecomposable and $\Omega_{\Lambda}^1(M) \cong \text{Coker}(\varphi, \phi)$.*

The proofs of these Corollaries follow [Yo] (7.6), (7.7).

Theorem 2.8 Let (B, \wp, K) be a Noetherian local ring, $\Lambda = B[[X]]$, $X = (X_1, \dots, X_r)$ some indeterminates, $f \in \Lambda$ be a non-unit formal power series which is not in $\wp\Lambda$, $\mathcal{R} := \Lambda/(f)$, $R := K \otimes_B \mathcal{R}$ and \mathcal{D}_B^R the category of all finitely generated \mathcal{R} -modules E which are flat over B and such that $K \otimes_B E \in \text{MCM}(R)$. Suppose that \mathcal{R} is flat over B . Then Coker induces an equivalence of the categories:

$$\underline{MF}_\Lambda(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_B^R.$$

Moreover, this induces an equivalence:

$$\underline{RMF}_\Lambda(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_B^R / \{\mathcal{R}\}.$$

Proof: If $f \notin a := (\wp, X_1, \dots, X_{r-1})\Lambda$ then apply Theorem 2.5 for Λ, \mathcal{R}, a . Clearly $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{R}, R)$ is exactly the category of all finitely generated \mathcal{R} -modules flat over B . Indeed, we have $\text{Tor}_i^{\mathcal{R}}(R, E) \cong \text{Tor}_i^B(K, E)$ for all \mathcal{R} -modules E , because \mathcal{R} is flat over B and $R = K \otimes_B \mathcal{R}$. Thus, $E \in \text{Lift}(\mathcal{R}, R)$ if and only if $\text{Tor}_i^B(K, E) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$, that is if and only if E is flat over B by the local flatness criterium (see [Ma] (20.C)). Since X_1, \dots, X_{r-1} defines a system of parameters in R , thus a regular sequence in R (R is a hypersurface over K and so a Cohen-Macaulay ring), we have $E \in \text{Lift}(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{R}/a\mathcal{R})$ if and only if $E \in \text{Lift}(\mathcal{R}, R)$ and X_1, \dots, X_{r-1} is regular on $\bar{E} := K \otimes_B E = R \otimes_{\mathcal{R}} E$ (1.11 ii)). Thus, $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{R}/a\mathcal{R}) = \mathcal{D}_B^R$. If $f \in a$ then modulo an automorphism of type $X_i \rightarrow X_i + X_r^{e_i}, i < r, X_r \rightarrow X_r$ we may suppose $f \notin a$.

Corollary 2.9 With the hypothesis of Theorem 2.8 the functor Coker yields a bijection preserving the indecomposability between the set of equivalence classes of reduced matrix factorizations of f over Λ and the set of isomorphism classes of modules from \mathcal{D}_B^R which have no free summands.

Remark 2.10 If $B = K$ then Theorem 2.8 is exactly the Eisenbud Matrix Factorization Theorem (see [Ei], Section 6).

Theorem 2.11 With the hypothesis and notation of Theorem 2.8, let $S := \Lambda/(X_1^2, \dots, X_{r-1}^2)$, $\mathcal{H} := S/(f)$, $H := K \otimes_B \mathcal{H}$ and \mathcal{L}_B^H be the category of all finitely generated \mathcal{H} -modules E which are flat over B and such that $\bar{E} := K \otimes_B E$ satisfies

$$(\mathcal{L}) \quad ((X_1, \dots, X_{j-1})\bar{E} : X_j)_E = (X_1, \dots, X_j)\bar{E}$$

for every $j, 1 \leq j < r$. Suppose that \mathcal{H} is flat over B and $f \notin (X_1, \dots, X_{r-1})$. Then Coker induces an equivalence of the categories

$$\underline{MF}_S(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}_B^H.$$

Moreover, this induces an equivalence:

$$\underline{RMF}_S(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}_B^H / \{\mathcal{H}\}.$$

Proof: Clearly $\{X_1, \dots, X_{r-1}, f\}$ forms a system of parameters in Λ and thus a regular system of elements in $\Lambda/(f)$ and so H satisfies (\mathcal{L}) above. Since \mathcal{H} is flat over B we have $\mathcal{H} \in \mathcal{L}_B^H$. Hence, $\mathcal{L}_B^H = \text{Lift}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}/a\mathcal{H})$, where $a = (\wp, X_1, \dots, X_{r-1})S$ (see 1.11 iii) and the proof of 2.8). Now it is enough to apply Theorem 2.5 for S, a, f, \mathcal{H} .

Corollary 2.12 *With the hypothesis and notation of Theorem 2.11, the functor Coker yields a bijection preserving the indecomposability between the set of equivalence classes of reduced matrix factorizations of f over S and the set of isomorphism classes of modules from \mathcal{L}_B^H which have no free summands.*

2.13 Keeping the hypothesis and notation of Theorem 2.8, let $\bar{\Lambda} := K \otimes_B \Lambda$ and $\bar{f} \in \bar{\Lambda}$ be the element induced by f . Let (ρ, η) be a matrix factorization of \bar{f} over $\bar{\Lambda}$. A deformation of (ρ, η) over B is a matrix factorization $(\phi, \psi) \in \underline{\text{MF}}_\Lambda(f)$ of f over Λ together with an isomorphism $(\alpha, \beta) : (\rho, \eta) \rightarrow (K \otimes \phi, K \otimes \psi)$. Two deformations $(\phi_1, \psi_1), (\phi_2, \psi_2)$ of (ρ, η) over B are isomorphic if an isomorphism $(\lambda, \tau) : (\phi_1, \psi_1) \rightarrow (\phi_2, \psi_2)$ exists such that the following diagram commutes in $\underline{\text{MF}}_\Lambda(f)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\rho, \eta) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & (K \otimes \phi_1, K \otimes \psi_1) \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \\ (\rho, \eta) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & (K \otimes \phi_2, K \otimes \psi_2) \end{array}$$

where the second vertical map is induced by (λ, τ) . $\text{Def}_{(\rho, \eta)}^\Lambda(B)$ denotes the set of isomorphism classes of deformations of (ρ, η) over B .

Now let M be a finitely generated R -module. A finitely generated \mathcal{R} -module E which is flat over B together with an isomorphism $\mathcal{X} : M \xrightarrow{\sim} K \otimes_B E$ forms a deformation of M over B . Two deformations E_1, E_2 of M over B are isomorphic if an isomorphism $\theta : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ exists such that the following diagram commutes

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\sim} & K \otimes E_1 \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \\ M & \xrightarrow{\sim} & K \otimes E_2 \end{array}$$

where the second vertical map is given by θ . The set of isomorphism classes of deformations of M over B is denoted by $\text{Def}_M^{\mathcal{R}}(B)$.

Theorem 2.14 *Keeping the hypothesis and notation of Theorem 2.8, let (ρ, η) be a matrix factorization of \bar{f} over $\bar{\Lambda}$ and $M := \text{Coker } \rho$. Then the functor Coker yields a bijection $\omega : \text{Def}_{(\rho, \eta)}^\Lambda(B) \rightarrow \text{Def}_M^{\mathcal{R}}(B)$.*

The proof follows since Coker induces the equivalences $\underline{\text{MF}}_\Lambda(f) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_B^{\mathcal{R}}, \underline{\text{MF}}_{\bar{\Lambda}}(\bar{f}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{MCM}(R)$. Note that the injectivity of ω holds only because we work modulo $\{(1, f)\}$ (see the proof of [Yo] (7.4)).

Example 2.15 Let $R := K[[Z, Y]]/(Z^2 + Y^3), A := K[[t]], R_A := R[[t]]$ and $M := (ZY, Y^2)R$ be the (only) non-trivial indecomposable maximal Cohen-Macaulay R -module.

$N := (ZY, Y^2 + tZ)R_A \subset R_A$ is a deformation of M over A . The corresponding matrix factorization is

$$\left(\left(\begin{array}{cc} Z - tY & Y + t^2 \\ Y^2 & -Z - tY \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} Z + tY & Y + t^2 \\ Y^2 & -Z + tY \end{array} \right) \right).$$

Now consider a deformation of R over A defined by $\mathcal{R} := K[[Z, Y, t]]/(Z^2 + Y^3 + tY^2)$ and the module $M := (Y^2, -Z)R_A$. The corresponding matrix factorization of M over \mathcal{R} is

$$\left(\left(\begin{array}{cc} Z & Y + t \\ Y^2 & -Z \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} Z & Y + t \\ Y^2 & -Z \end{array} \right) \right).$$

Example 2.16 Let $R := K[[X, Y]]/(X^3 + Y^4)$. We are interested in studying the deformations of the normalization of R . To have a nice description (all modules are embedded in R with fixed colength) one has to identify the normalization with the ideal $(XY^2, Y^3, X^2Y) \subset R$. The other rank one modules are then $(XY, X^3), (X^2, XY^2), (X^2, Y^3)$ and (Y^2) (see [PS] or [GK]). The normalization can be deformed into (XY, X^3) resp. (X^2, XY^2) using the family $(XY^2, Y^3 + uX^2 + vXY, X^2Y)$ with the parameters u, v . The corresponding matrix factorization is given by

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} Y + uv & -vY & X \\ -X - uY & Y^2 & 0 \\ v + u^2 & X - uY & -Y \end{array} \right),$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} Y^3 & -X^2 + uXY + vY^2 & XY^2 \\ XY + uY^2 & Y^2 + u^2X + vX + uvY & X^2 + uXY \\ X^2 + vY^2 & XY - uY^2 + uvX + v^2Y & -Y^3 + vXY \end{array} \right).$$

Similarly, one can obtain the matrix factorization for the deformation $(XY^2 + vX^2, Y^3 + uX^2, X^2Y)$ and the smoothing family.

3 Knörrer's Periodicity Theorem for liftings

3.1 Let (Λ, m, K) be a Noetherian, Henselian, local ring, $f \in m$ a non-zero divisor of Λ , $R = \Lambda/(f)$, $a \subset m$ an ideal of Λ such that $f \notin a$, $\bar{R} := R/aR$ and $\Lambda^* := \Lambda[[U]]$. Suppose that Λ/a is a DVR. Let λ, μ be two elements from Λ , $\lambda \in m$ and $R^* := \Lambda^*/(f - \lambda U + \mu U^2)$. We have $\bar{R} \cong R^*/(a, U)R^*$.

Lemma 3.2 *The following statements are equivalent for a finitely generated R^* -module N :*

- i) $N \in \text{Lift}(R^*, \bar{R})$,
- ii) $N \in \text{Lift}(R^*, R^*/aR^*)$ and U is regular on N/aN ,
- iii) U is regular on N and $N/UN \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$.

Proof: First note that U is a non-zero divisor on R^* and $R^*/aR^* \cong \Lambda/a[[U]]/(f - \lambda U + \mu U^2)$. Indeed, if $Ug = (f - \lambda U + \mu U^2)h$ for some non-zero formal power series $g, h \in \Lambda/a[[U]]$, then we may choose h with $h(U=0) \neq 0$. Thus, $fh(U=0) = 0$, which is not possible since f is a non-zero divisor in Λ/a . Hence, U is regular on R^*/aR^* .

ii) \Rightarrow i) and iii) \Rightarrow i) follow easily from 1.11 i), ii) and i) \Rightarrow ii) follows from 1.11 ii) since U is regular on R^*/aR^* . If i) holds then N has a periodic free resolution over R^* with periodicity 2 (see 2.4). In particular, N is a submodule in a free R^* -module. As U is regular on R^* it follows that U is also regular on N . Since $N \in \text{Lift}(R^*, \bar{R})$ (ii) implies i)!) it follows that $N/UN \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ by 1.11 i).

3.3 Let $N \in \text{Lift}(R^*, \bar{R})$. By Lemma 3.2 U is a non-zero divisor on N/aN . Since the ring $R^*/aR^* = \Lambda/a[[U]]/(f - \lambda U + \mu U^2)$ is Cohen-Macaulay of dimension one, we note that N/aN is a maximal Cohen-Macaulay module over R^*/aR^* . If μ is a unit then R^*/aR^* is finite over Λ/a and N/aN must be free over Λ/a . We have $\text{Tor}_i^\Lambda(\Lambda/a, N) \cong \text{Tor}_i^{R^*}(R^*/aR^*, N)$ for all $i \geq 1$ since R^* is free over Λ . But by 3.2 $N \in \text{Lift}(R^*, R^*/aR^*)$ and it follows that $\text{Tor}_i^\Lambda(\Lambda/a, N) = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$, that is $N \in \text{Lift}(\Lambda, \Lambda/a)$. As the liftings of free modules are free, we conclude that N must be free over Λ .

Let e_1, \dots, e_t be a basis in N over Λ . Then the multiplication with U on N is given by a square t -matrix ϕ with entries in Λ and with the property $-\lambda\phi + \mu\phi^2 = -fI_t$.

Lemma 3.4 *Suppose $\mu = 1$. Let $N \in \text{Lift}(R^*, \bar{R})$ and ϕ be a square t -matrix over Λ given by the action of U on N . Then $(UI_t - \phi, (U - \lambda)I_t + \phi)$ lies in $\text{MF}_{\Lambda^*}(f - \lambda U + U^2)$ with $\text{Coker}(UI_t - \phi, (U - \lambda)I_t + \phi) \cong N$. Similarly, $(\phi, \lambda - \phi)$ is in $\text{MF}_\Lambda(f)$ such that $\text{Coker}(\phi, \lambda - \phi) \cong N/UN$.*

Proof: We follow [Yo] (12.2). Clearly $(\phi, \lambda - \phi) \in \text{MF}_\Lambda(f)$ and $(UI_t - \phi, (U - \lambda)I_t + \phi) \in \text{MF}_{\Lambda^*}(f - \lambda U + U^2)$. Let $N' := \text{Coker}(UI_t - \phi)$, $p: \Lambda^{*t} \rightarrow N'$ be the canonical surjection and e_1, \dots, e_t the canonical basis in Λ^{*t} . We claim that $\bar{e} := \{p(e_1), \dots, p(e_t)\}$ forms a basis in N' over Λ . Indeed, since $Ue_i \equiv \phi(e_i) \pmod{\text{Im}(UI_t - \phi)}$ it follows $Up(e_i) = \phi(p(e_i))$ that \bar{e} generates N' over Λ . If $\sum_{i=1}^t \gamma_i p(e_i) = 0$ for some $\gamma_i \in \Lambda$ then $\sum_{i=1}^t \gamma_i e_i \in \text{Im}(UI_t - \phi)$, that is there exist $\tau_j \in \Lambda$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^t \gamma_i e_i = \sum_{j=1}^t \tau_j (Ue_j - \phi(e_j))$. Identifying the coefficients of U above we obtain $\sum_{j=1}^t \tau_j e_j = 0$, and so $\tau_j = 0$. Thus, $\sum_{i=1}^t \gamma_i e_i = 0$ which

gives $\gamma_i = 0$. Hence, \bar{e} is a basis of N' . Since the multiplication of U on N' must act like ϕ on \bar{e} it follows that $N \cong N'$ as Λ^* -modules and so as R^* -modules as well. Then $N/UN \cong R \otimes_{R^*} \text{Coker}(UI_t - \phi) \cong \text{Coker}(-\phi) = \text{Coker } \phi$ which ends the proof.

Lemma 3.5 *Let $M \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ be a module without free summands and (ϕ, φ) a reduced matrix factorization of f with $M = \text{Coker}(\phi, \varphi)$ (see 2.2). Then*

$$\theta = \left(\left(\begin{array}{cc} \varphi & -U \\ \mu U - \lambda & \phi \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \phi & U \\ \lambda - \mu U & \varphi \end{array} \right) \right)$$

is an element in $MF_{\Lambda^*}(f - \lambda U + \mu U^2)$ whose cokernel is the reduced first syzygy $\tilde{\Omega}_{R^*}^1(M)$ (that is the non-free part of the first syzygy) of M over R^* .

Proof: We follow [Yo] (12.3). Let σ be the first matrix from θ . We shall show that the following sequence

$$R^{*2t} \xrightarrow{\sigma} R^{*2t} \xrightarrow{(\phi, UI_t)} R^{*t} \rightarrow M \rightarrow 0 \quad (10)$$

is exact. Clearly, (10) is a complex and $R^{*t}/\text{Im}(\phi, UI_t) = R^{*t}/(UR^{*t} + \text{Im } \phi) \cong R^t/\text{Im } \phi = M$. If $\alpha, \beta \in R^{*t}$ satisfies $\phi(\alpha) = -U\beta$ then $\alpha \bmod U$ belongs to the kernel of the map $R^t \xrightarrow{\phi} R^t$. As ϕ, φ defines the exact sequence from Lemma 2.2 there exists $\gamma \in R^{*t}$ such that $\alpha \equiv \varphi(\gamma) \bmod U$, that is $\alpha = \varphi(\gamma) - U\tau$ for a certain $\tau \in R^{*t}$. Then $U\beta = -\phi(\alpha) = -\phi\varphi(\gamma) + U\phi(\tau) = (\mu U^2 - \lambda U)\gamma + U\phi(\tau)$ because $\phi\varphi = fI_t = (\lambda U - \mu U^2)I_t$. Hence, $\beta = (\mu U - \lambda)\gamma + \phi(\tau)$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi & -U \\ \mu U - \lambda & \phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}$$

follows.

Consequently (10) is exact and, therefore,

$$\text{Coker } \sigma \cong \tilde{\Omega}_{R^*}^1(M) \oplus L,$$

where L is a free R^* -module. Since θ is a reduced matrix factorization ($\lambda \in m!$) we see that its cokernel has no free summands (see 2.6) and so $L = 0$.

Proposition 3.6 *Let $M \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ and $N \in \text{Lift}(R^*, \bar{R})$. Suppose M (resp. N) has no free R -summands (resp. R^* -summands). Then*

- i) $R \otimes_{R^*} \tilde{\Omega}_{R^*}^1(M) \cong M \oplus \Omega_R^1(M)$ if $\lambda = 0$, where $\Omega_R^1(M)$ denotes the first syzygy of M over R ,
- ii) $\Omega_{R^*}^1(N/UN) \cong N \oplus \Omega_{R^*}^1(N)$ if $U \text{Ext}_{R^*}^1(N, \Omega_{R^*}^1(N)) = 0$.

Proof:

- i) Let (ϕ, φ) be a reduced matrix factorization of f over Λ such that $\text{Coker } \phi = M$. According to Lemma 3.5 $\tilde{\Omega}_{R^*}^1(M)$ is the kernel of the matrix factorization

$$\theta = \left(\left(\begin{array}{cc} \varphi & -U \\ \mu U - \lambda & \phi \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \phi & U \\ \lambda - \mu U & \varphi \end{array} \right) \right).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} R \otimes_{R^*} \tilde{\Omega}_{R^*}^1(M) &\cong \text{Coker } R \otimes_{R^*} \left(\begin{array}{cc} \varphi & -U \\ \mu U - \lambda & \phi \end{array} \right) = \\ &\text{Coker} \left(\begin{array}{cc} \varphi & 0 \\ -\lambda & \phi \end{array} \right) \cong M \oplus \Omega_R^1(M) \end{aligned}$$

if $\lambda = 0$.

- ii) Let s be the minimal number of generators of N over R^* . We have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \Omega_{R^*}^1(N) & \rightarrow & R^{*s} & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow & & \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \Omega_{R^*}^1(N/UN) & \rightarrow & R^{*s} & \rightarrow & N/UN & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where the rows are exact and the third vertical map is the canonical surjection. The Snake Lemma yields that the cokernel of the first vertical map is UN , that is, the sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Omega_{R^*}^1(N) \rightarrow \Omega_{R^*}^1(N/UN) \rightarrow UN \rightarrow 0 \quad (11)$$

is exact. We have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} (\xi) & 0 & \rightarrow & \Omega_{R^*}^1(N) & \rightarrow & R^{*s} & \rightarrow & N & \rightarrow & 0 \\ & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ & 0 & \rightarrow & \Omega_{R^*}^1(N) & \rightarrow & \Omega_{R^*}^1(N/UN) & \rightarrow & UN & \rightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

where the rows are exact and the vertical maps are multiplications by U ($UR^{*s} \subset \Omega_{R^*}^1(N/UN) \subset R^{*s}$). As U is regular on N according to Lemma 3.2 we see that the third vertical map is bijective. Then (11) gives in $\text{Ext}_{R^*}^1(N, \Omega_{R^*}^1(N))$ the element $U\xi$, where ξ is the top row from the above diagram. But $U\xi = 0$ by assumptions and so (11) splits.

Corollary 3.7 *Let $R' := \Lambda[[U, V]]/(f + UV)$, $T := U - V$, $M \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$ and $N \in \text{Lift}(R', \bar{R})$, $R \cong R'/(U, V)R'$. Suppose M (resp. N) has no free R -summands (resp. R^* -summands). Then*

- i) $R \otimes_{R[[T]]} (\tilde{\Omega}_{R[[T]]}^1(M)) \cong M \oplus \Omega_R^1(M)$,
ii) $\Omega_{R[[T]]}^1(N/(U, T)N) \cong N/UN \oplus \Omega_{R[[T]]}^1(N/UN)$,
 $\Omega_{R'}^1(N/UN) \cong N \oplus \Omega_{R'}^1(N)$.

Proof: i) follows from Proposition 3.6 i) for $\lambda = \mu = 0$. For ii) we need the following

Lemma 3.8 $(U, V) \text{Ext}_{R'}^1(N, -) = 0$ for all $N \in \text{Lift}(R', \bar{R})$.

The second isomorphism from ii) follows by Proposition 3.6 ii) applied for $\lambda := T, \mu := 1$ with the help of the above Lemma. Now, let P be an arbitrary $R[[T]]$ -module. By Lemma 3.8 we have $T \text{Ext}_{R'}^1(N, P) = 0$. But $\text{Ext}_{R'}^1(N, P) \cong \text{Ext}_{R'/(U)}^1(N/UN, P)$ since U is regular on N, R' and $UP = 0$. Hence, for all $R[[T]]$ -modules P we have $T \text{Ext}_{R'/(U)}^1(N/UN, P) = 0$; in particular for $P := \Omega_{R[[T]]}^1(N/UN)$. Then the first isomorphism from ii) follows by Proposition 3.6 ii) applied for $\lambda = \mu = 0$.

3.9 Proof of Lemma 3.8. Let $\varepsilon \in \Lambda$ be a unit, $T_\varepsilon := \varepsilon U - V$ and $N \in \text{Lift}(R', \bar{R})$. Then $R' \cong \Lambda[[T_\varepsilon, U]]/(f - T_\varepsilon U + \varepsilon U^2)$ is finite over $C_\varepsilon := \Lambda[[T_\varepsilon]]$. Since N is free over C_ε (see 3.3 for the case $\lambda := T_\varepsilon, \mu := \varepsilon$),

$$\mathcal{N}_{R'/C_\varepsilon} \text{Ext}_{R'}^1(N, -) = 0 \quad (12)$$

follows, as we have seen in the proof of 1.7. Note that $R' \otimes_{C_\varepsilon} R' \cong R'[[U']]/(f - T_\varepsilon U' + \varepsilon U'^2)$, U' being a new indeterminate. The kernel of the map $\rho : R' \otimes_{C_\varepsilon} R' \rightarrow R', y \otimes y' \rightarrow yy'$ is $(U - U')R' \otimes_{C_\varepsilon} R'$. Clearly we have $(U - U')(T_\varepsilon - \varepsilon U - \varepsilon U') = 0$ and so $\mathcal{N}_{R'/C_\varepsilon} = \rho(\text{Ann}_{R' \otimes_{C_\varepsilon} R'}(U - U'))$ contains $T_\varepsilon - 2\varepsilon U = -V - \varepsilon U$. If K has at least three elements then we can find a unit $\varepsilon_1 \in \Lambda$ such that $\varepsilon_2 := \varepsilon_1 + 1$ is still a unit. Then $U = -V - \varepsilon_1 - (-V - \varepsilon_2 U)$ (and V as well) annihilates $\text{Ext}_{R'}^1(N, -)$ by (12). If K has only two elements, that is $K = \mathbb{Z}_2$ then let $\Gamma := \Lambda[X]_{m[X]}, \tilde{R} := \Gamma/(f), \tilde{R}' := \Gamma[[U, V]]/(f + UV)$ and $\tilde{N} := \tilde{R}' \otimes_{R'} N$. Clearly the residue field $\mathbb{Z}_2(X)$ of Γ is infinite. Then $(U, V) \text{Ext}_{\tilde{R}'}^1(\tilde{N}, -) = 0$ and thus, by faithful flatness, we are finished.

Remark 3.10 The proof of 3.7 ii) in the case of [Kn] or [Yo] (12.4) uses directly the Lemmas 3.4, 3.5. Combining these Lemmas we can also see that $\Omega_{R'}^1(N/UN)$ is the kernel of the following matrix factorization of $f + UV$

$$\sigma = \left(\left(\begin{array}{cc} T - \phi & -U \\ V & \phi \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \phi & U \\ -V & T - \phi \end{array} \right) \right)$$

for a certain square t -matrix ϕ over $\Lambda[[T]]$ such that $(\phi, T - \phi) \in \text{MF}_{\Lambda[[T]]}(f)$ and $\text{Coker } \phi \cong N/UN$. However, it seems hard to decompose σ as it follows from 3.7 ii).

3.11 From now on let $\Lambda^{**} := \Lambda[[U, V]], R' := \Lambda^{**}/(f + UV)$ as in Corollary 3.7 and (ϕ, φ) a matrix factorization of f over Λ . Then

$$F(\phi, \varphi) := \left(\left(\begin{array}{cc} \phi & V \\ U & -\varphi \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \varphi & V \\ U & -\phi \end{array} \right) \right)$$

is a matrix factorization of $f + UV$ over Λ^{**} . If $(\alpha, \beta) : (\phi_1, \varphi_1) \rightarrow (\phi_2, \varphi_2)$ is a morphism in $\text{MF}_\Lambda(f)$ then

$$F(\alpha, \beta) := \left(\left(\begin{array}{cc} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc} \beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha \end{array} \right) \right)$$

is a morphism $F(\phi_1, \varphi_1) \rightarrow F(\phi_2, \varphi_2)$ in $\text{MF}_{\Lambda^{**}}(f + UV)$. F defines an exact functor $\text{MF}_{\Lambda}(f) \rightarrow \text{MF}_{\Lambda^{**}}(f + UV)$ and the functor $H : \text{MF}_{\Lambda^{**}}(f + UV) \rightarrow \text{MF}_{\Lambda}(f)$ given by $U, V \rightarrow 0$ satisfies $HF \cong 1_{\text{MF}_{\Lambda}(f)} \oplus D$, where $D : \text{MF}_{\Lambda}(f) \rightarrow \text{MF}_{\Lambda}(f)$ is given by $(\phi, \varphi) \rightarrow (\varphi, \phi)$ (see [So] (2.1)). If (ϕ, φ) is a reduced matrix factorization then $F(\phi, \varphi)$ is also reduced. Similarly, $F(f, 1)$ and $F(1, f)$ are direct sums of $(f + UV, 1)$ and $(1, f + UV)$. Thus, F induces an additive functor

$$F : \underline{\text{RMF}}_{\Lambda}(f) \rightarrow \underline{\text{RMF}}_{\Lambda^{**}}(f + UV).$$

3.12 Knörrer's Periodicity Theorem. F induces an equivalence of the categories

$$F : \underline{\text{Lift}}(R, \bar{R}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Lift}}(R', \bar{R}).$$

In particular, $\underline{\text{Lift}}(R, \bar{R})$ and $\underline{\text{Lift}}(R', \bar{R})$ are stable equivalent.

If $\text{char } K \neq 2$ the proof can be given as in [Kn] or [Yo] (12.9), (12.10) using Proposition 3.6 twice for $\lambda = 0$, $\mu = 1$ and Lemma 3.8. However, using Corollary 3.7 we can prove 3.12 independently of $\text{char } K$.

Lemma 3.13 *Let $N \in \underline{\text{Lift}}(R', \bar{R})$ be a non-free indecomposable module. Then there exists an indecomposable module $M \in \underline{\text{Lift}}(R, \bar{R})$ such that N is a direct summand of $F(M)$.*

Proof: By Corollary 3.7 N is a direct summand of $\Omega_{R'}^1(N/UN)$ and N/UN is a direct summand in $\Omega_{R[[T]]}^1(N/(U, V)N)$. Then N is a direct summand of $\Omega_{R'}^1(\Omega_{R[[T]]}^1(N/(U, V)N))$. Let $G := \Omega_{R'}^1(\Omega_{R[[T]]}^1(-))$ be the composite functor $\underline{\text{Lift}}(R, \bar{R}) \rightarrow L(R', \bar{R})$ and express $\hat{N} := N/(U, T)N$ as a direct sum of indecomposable R -modules, say $\hat{N} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s P_i$. As N is a direct summand of $G(\hat{N}) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^s G(P_i)$ we conclude that N is a direct summand of a certain $G(P_i)$ (R' is Henselian!).

Now we show that $G(P_i)$ and $F(P_i) \oplus F(\Omega_R^1(P_i))$ are isomorphic modulo free R -modules. Let (ϕ, φ) be a reduced matrix factorization of f over Λ such that $\text{Coker } \phi \cong P_i$. According to Lemma 3.5 applied for $\lambda = \mu = 0$, $T = U$ we see that $\tilde{\Omega}_{R[[T]]}^1(P_i)$ is the cokernel of the reduced matrix factorization

$$\left(\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} \varphi & -T & \\ \hline 0 & \phi & \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} \phi & T & \\ \hline 0 & \varphi & \end{array} \right) \right)$$

of f over $\Lambda[[T]]$. Applying again Lemma 3.5 for $\lambda = T$, $\mu = 1$ we see that $G(P_i)$ is the cokernel of the following reduced matrix factorization of $f + UV$ over Λ^{**} :

$$\left(\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \phi & T & -U & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \varphi & 0 & -U \\ \hline V & 0 & \varphi & -T \\ \hline 0 & V & 0 & \phi \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \varphi & -T & U & 0 \\ \hline 0 & \phi & 0 & U \\ \hline -V & 0 & \phi & T \\ \hline 0 & -V & 0 & \varphi \end{array} \right) \right).$$

Let σ be the first matrix above. By elementary transformations we note that

$$\sigma \sim \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \phi & -V & -U & 0 \\ \hline U & \varphi & 0 & -U \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \varphi & V \\ \hline 0 & 0 & -U & \phi \end{array} \right) \sim \left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \phi & -V & 0 & 0 \\ \hline U & \varphi & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \varphi & V \\ \hline 0 & 0 & -U & \phi \end{array} \right)$$

(add column 3 to column 2, then subtract row 2 from row 3, then add row 1 to row 4, then subtract column 4 from column 1, ...). Hence, $G(P_i) \cong F(P_i) \oplus F(\Omega_R^1(P_i))$. As N is indecomposable it should be a direct summand of $F(M)$ for $M := P_i$ or $\Omega_R^1(P_i)$ (R' is Henselian!). Due to 2.7 $\Omega_R^1(P_i)$ is indecomposable.

Lemma 3.14 F is fully faithful.

Proof: We follow [Yo] (12.10) (see also [So] (3.1)). Let $(\phi, \varphi), (\phi', \varphi') \in \underline{\mathbf{RMF}}_\Lambda(f)$ and $E = \text{Coker } \phi, E' = \text{Coker } \phi'$. We have to show that F induces a bijection

$$\rho : \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(E, E') \rightarrow \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_{R'}(F(E), F(E')),$$

where $\underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R$ defines the usual Hom for the category $\underline{\mathbf{Mod}} R$.

Let $\Omega_R^i(E)$ be the i -th syzygy of E over R , $i \geq 1$. Since the minimal free resolution of E has periodicity 2 (see 2.4) we obtain $\Omega_R^2(E) \cong E$. Thus we have an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E \cong \Omega_R^2(E) \xrightarrow{j} R^s \rightarrow \Omega_R^1(E) \rightarrow 0$$

for an $s \in \mathbb{N}$. Put $\widehat{E} := \Omega_R^1(E)$. Applying $\underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(-, E')$ and $\underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_{R'}(F(-), F(E'))$ to (12) we obtain the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(R^s, E') & \xrightarrow{j^*} & \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(E, E') & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \text{Ext}_R^1(\widehat{E}, E') \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_{R'}(F(R)^s, F(E')) & \rightarrow & \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_{R'}(F(E), F(E')) & \xrightarrow{\nu} & \text{Ext}_{R'}^1(F(\widehat{E}), F(E')) \end{array}$$

where the rows are exact, μ, ν are surjective ($F(R)$ is free!) and the vertical maps are induced by the exact functor F (see 3.11). Note that μ, ν induce the surjections $\text{Ext}_R^1(\widehat{E}, E') \xrightarrow{\gamma} \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(E, E')$, $\text{Ext}_{R'}^1(F(\widehat{E}), F(E')) \xrightarrow{\tau} \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_{R'}(F(E), F(E'))$. It is enough to show that the last vertical map θ from the diagram is bijective. Indeed, then we obtain σ surjective from the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Ext}_R^1(\widehat{E}, E') & \xrightarrow{\theta} & \text{Ext}_{R'}^1(F(\widehat{E}), F(E')) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(E, E') & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_{R'}(F(E), F(E')) \end{array}$$

because the vertical maps γ, τ are surjective. If $\rho(\delta) = 0$ for $\delta \in \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(E, E')$ then $F(\delta)$ factorizes by a free R' -module and thus $\delta \oplus D(\delta) \cong HF(\delta)$ (and so δ) factorizes by a free R -module as well (see 3.11). Hence, $\delta = 0$ in $\underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(E, E')$.

It remains to show that θ is a bijection. Let $(\alpha, \beta) : (\phi, \varphi) \rightarrow (\phi', \varphi')$ be a morphism in $\underline{\mathbf{RMF}}_\Lambda(f)$ corresponding to a certain $h \in \underline{\mathbf{Hom}}_R(E, E')$, $h := \text{Coker } (\alpha, \beta)$. Then $\mu(h)$ corresponds to the extension

$$\begin{pmatrix} \phi' & \alpha \\ 0 & \varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

and similarly $\nu F(h)$ corresponds to the extension

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|cc} \phi' & V & \alpha & 0 \\ U & -\varphi' & 0 & \beta \\ \hline 0 & 0 & \varphi & V \\ 0 & 0 & U & -\phi \end{array} \right).$$

Now the proof can be given as in [Yo] (12.10).

Remark 3.15 In fact the statement of Lemma 3.14 is weaker than we really prove there. The bijectivity of θ means, in fact, that the factor of $\text{Hom}_R(E, E')$ by the submodule (maps factorizing by j) is isomorphic with the factor of $\text{Hom}_{R'}(F(E), F(E'))$ by the submodule (maps factorizing by $F(j)$).

3.16 Proof of Theorem 3.12. It remains to show that F gives a surjective map onto the set of objects of $\underline{\text{Lift}}(R', \bar{R})$. Let $N \in \text{Lift}(R', \bar{R})$ be a non-free indecomposable module. According to Lemma 2.13, N is a direct summand of $F(M)$ for a certain indecomposable module $M \in \text{Lift}(R, \bar{R})$. As F is fully faithful by Lemma 3.14 we see that $F(M)$ is indecomposable in $\underline{\text{Lift}}(R', \bar{R})$ and so in $\text{Lift}(R', \bar{R})$, too. Hence, $N \cong F(M)$.

Theorem 3.17 Let (B, \wp, K) be a Noetherian, Henselian local ring, $\Lambda := B[[X]]$, $X = (X_1, \dots, X_r)$, $f \in \Lambda$ a non-unit formal power series which is not in $\wp\Lambda$, $\mathcal{R} := \Lambda/(f)$, $\mathcal{R}' := \Lambda[[U, V]]/(f + UV)$, $R := K \otimes_B \mathcal{R}$, $R' := K \otimes_B \mathcal{R}'$ and \mathcal{D}_B^R (resp. $\mathcal{D}_B^{R'}$) the category of all finitely generated \mathcal{R} -modules E (resp. \mathcal{R}' -modules E') which are flat over B and such that $K \otimes_B E \in \text{MCM}(R)$ (resp. $K \otimes_B E' \in \text{MCM}(R')$). Suppose \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{R}' are flat over B . Then there exists an equivalence

$$F : \mathcal{D}_B^R / \{\mathcal{R}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_B^{R'} / \{\mathcal{R}'\}.$$

In particular, $\mathcal{D}_B^R, \mathcal{D}_B^{R'}$ are stable equivalent.

For the proof apply Theorem 3.12 in the frame of Theorem 2.8.

Corollary 3.18 With the hypothesis and notation from Theorem 3.17, F yields a bijection preserving the indecomposability from the set of isomorphism classes of modules from \mathcal{D}_B^R which have no free summands onto the set of isomorphism classes of modules from $\mathcal{D}_B^{R'}$ which have no free summands.

Corollary 3.19 With the hypothesis and notation from Theorem 3.17, let M be a maximal Cohen-Macaulay R -module without free summands, $B := K[\varepsilon]$, $\varepsilon^2 = 0$ and $\mathcal{R} := B \otimes_K R = R[\varepsilon]$. Then F induces a bijection $\text{Def}_M(K[\varepsilon]) \rightarrow \text{Def}_{F(M)}(K[\varepsilon])$.

Proof: There exists a canonical bijection $\text{Def}_M(K[\varepsilon]) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_R^1(M, M)$. Thus it is enough to see that F induces a bijection

$$\text{Ext}_R^1(M, M) \rightarrow \text{Ext}_{R'}^1(F(M), F(M)).$$

But this was done in the proof of Lemma 3.14.

Theorem 3.20 With the hypothesis and notation from Theorem 3.17, let M be a non-free indecomposable maximal Cohen-Macaulay R -module and $\text{Def}_M^R(B)$ the set of isomorphism classes of deformations of M over B (see 2.13). Then F induces a bijection

$$\omega_B : \text{Def}_M^R(B) \rightarrow \text{Def}_{F(M)}^{R'}(B).$$

Proof: We denote by F both functors $\mathcal{D}_B^R/\{\mathcal{R}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_B^{R'}/\{\mathcal{R}'\}$, $\text{MCM}(R)/\{R\} \rightarrow \text{MCM}(R')/\{R'\}$. Let (E, ξ) , (E', ξ') be two deformations of $F(M)$ over B . If $(E, \xi) \cong (E', \xi')$, then, clearly, $(F(E), F(\xi)) \cong (F(E'), F(\xi'))$, that is ω_B is well-defined. Conversely, if $(F(E), F(\xi)) \cong (F(E'), F(\xi'))$, then there exists an R' -isomorphism $\alpha : F(E) \rightarrow F(E')$ such that $(K \otimes \alpha)F(\xi) = F(\xi')$. We have a commutative diagram as in the proof of Lemma 3.14 (see also 3.15)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{R}^s, E') & \xrightarrow{j^*} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{R}}(E, E') & \xrightarrow{\mu} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{R}}^1(\widehat{E}, E') \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{R}'}(F(\mathcal{R})^s, F(E')) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{R}'}(F(E), F(E')) & \xrightarrow{\nu} & \text{Ext}_{\mathcal{R}'}^1(F(\widehat{E}), F(E')) \end{array}$$

where $\widehat{E} := \Omega_{\mathcal{R}}^1(E)$, the rows are exact, μ, ν are surjective ($F(\mathcal{R})$ is free!), the last vertical map θ is bijective and j^* is induced by j from the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow E \xrightarrow{j} \mathcal{R}^s \rightarrow \widehat{E} \rightarrow 0. \quad (13)$$

Then there exists $\beta : E \rightarrow E'$ such that $\theta\mu(\beta) = \nu(\alpha)$, that is $h := F(\beta) - \alpha$ factorizes by $F(j)$. Tensorizing (13) by $K \otimes_B -$ we obtain the following exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow K \otimes_B E \xrightarrow{\bar{j}} R^s \rightarrow \Omega_R^1(K \otimes_B E) \cong K \otimes_B \widehat{E} \rightarrow 0. \quad (14)$$

Thus $K \otimes_B h$ factorizes by $F(\bar{j})$. Put $\bar{\lambda} := K \otimes_B \beta - \xi'\xi^{-1}$. Then $F(\bar{\lambda}) = F(K \otimes_B \beta) - F(\xi')F(\xi)^{-1} = K \otimes_B (F(\beta) - \alpha) = K \otimes_B h$. Passing from $(B, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{R}', E, E', \widehat{E})$ to $(K, R, R', \bar{E} := K \otimes_B E, \bar{E}' := K \otimes_B E', \bar{\widehat{E}} := K \otimes_B \widehat{E})$ the above commutative diagram becomes

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Hom}_R(R^s, \bar{E}') & \xrightarrow{\bar{j}^*} & \text{Hom}_R(\bar{E}, \bar{E}') & \xrightarrow{\bar{\mu}} & \text{Ext}_R^1(\bar{\widehat{E}}, \bar{E}') \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Hom}_{R'}(F(R)^s, F(\bar{E}')) & \rightarrow & \text{Hom}_{R'}(F(\bar{E}), F(\bar{E}')) & \xrightarrow{\bar{\nu}} & \text{Ext}_{R'}^1(F(\bar{\widehat{E}}), F(\bar{E}')) \end{array}$$

where the rows are exact, $\bar{\mu}, \bar{\nu}$ are surjective, the last vertical map $\bar{\theta}$ is bijective and \bar{j}^* is induced by \bar{j} . As $F(\bar{\lambda}) = K \otimes_B h$ factorizes by \bar{j} we have $\bar{\theta}\bar{\mu}(\bar{\lambda}) = \bar{\nu}(F(\bar{\lambda})) = 0$. Thus, $\bar{\mu}(\bar{\lambda}) = 0$, $\bar{\theta}$ being injective and so $\bar{\lambda}$ factorizes by \bar{j} , let us say $\bar{\lambda} = \bar{k}\bar{j}$ for an R -morphism $\bar{k} : R^s \rightarrow \bar{E}'$. Since R^s is free we may lift \bar{k} to a map $k : \mathcal{R}^s \rightarrow E'$. Then $\lambda := kj$ lifts $\bar{\lambda}$ and we see that $\beta' := \beta - \lambda$ satisfies $(K \otimes_B \beta')\xi = (K \otimes_B \beta)\xi - (K \otimes_B \lambda)\xi = (K \otimes_B \beta)\xi - \bar{\lambda}\xi = \xi'$. But $\text{End}_R M$ is local because M is indecomposable and R is Henselian. Then β' is an isomorphism since $K \otimes_B \beta' = \xi'\xi^{-1}$ is so. Hence, $(E, \xi) \cong (E', \xi')$, that is ω_B is injective.

It remains to prove the surjectivity of ω_B . By Theorem 3.17 any deformation of $F(M)$ over B has the form $(F(E), \sigma)$ for an $E \in \mathcal{D}_B^R$ and an R -isomorphism $\sigma : F(M) \rightarrow K \otimes_B F(E) \cong F(\bar{E})$. As $\bar{\theta}$ is surjective there exists an R -morphism $\chi : M \rightarrow \bar{E}$ such that $\bar{g} := \sigma - F(\chi)$ factorizes by $F(\bar{j})$. Since $F(M)$ is indecomposable $\text{End}_{R'}(F(M))$ is local and $F(\chi)$ must be an R' -isomorphism. Then χ is an R -isomorphism, too, because F defines an equivalence $\mathcal{D}_B^R/\{\mathcal{R}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_B^{R'}/\{\mathcal{R}'\}$ and $\text{End}_R(M)$ is local. Now \bar{g} can be lifted to an \mathcal{R} -endomorphism g of $F(E)$ factorizing $F(\bar{j})$ (as $\bar{\lambda}$ above!). Then $F(\chi) = \sigma - (K \otimes g) = (K \otimes \eta)\sigma$ for $\eta := 1 - g\sigma^{-1}$. Again η is an isomorphism because g factorizes $F(\bar{j})$ and $\text{End}_{\mathcal{R}}F(E)$ is local. Hence, $(F(E), \sigma) \cong (F(E), F(\chi))$, that is ω_B is surjective.

Theorem 3.21 *With the hypothesis and notation from Theorem 3.17, let $S := \Lambda/(X_1^2, \dots, X_{r-1}^2)$, $\mathcal{H} := S/(f)$, $H := K \otimes_B \mathcal{H}$ and \mathcal{L}_B^H be the category of all finitely generated \mathcal{H} -modules E which are flat over B and such that $\bar{E} := K \otimes_B E$ satisfies*

$$(\mathcal{L}) \quad ((X_1, \dots, X_{j-1})\bar{E} : X_j)_E = (X_1, \dots, X_j)\bar{E}$$

for every $j, 1 \leq j < r$. Let $\mathcal{H}' := S[[U, V]]/(f + UV)$, $H' := K \otimes_B \mathcal{H}'$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_B^{H'}$ be the category of all finitely generated \mathcal{H}' -modules E' which are flat over B and such that $\bar{E}' := K \otimes_B E'$ satisfies (\mathcal{L}) and the system $\{U, V\}$ is regular on $\bar{E}'/(X_1, \dots, X_{r-1})\bar{E}'$. Suppose that \mathcal{H} and \mathcal{H}' are flat B -algebras. Then the categories \mathcal{L}_B^H and $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}_B^{H'}$ are stable equivalent.

For the proof take $a = (\varphi, X_1, \dots, X_{r-1})$ and note that $\mathcal{L}_B^H = \text{Lift}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}/a\mathcal{H})$ as in theorem 2.11 and $\text{Lift}(\mathcal{H}', \mathcal{H}'/a\mathcal{H}') = \widehat{\mathcal{L}}_B^{H'}$ since $\mathcal{H}'/a\mathcal{H}' \cong \mathcal{H}'/(a, U, V)\mathcal{H}'$ and $\{U, V\}$ is a regular system on $\mathcal{H}'/a\mathcal{H}'$. Then apply theorem 3.12.

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