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ADDENDUM: REAL TOPOLOGICAL HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY OF SCHEMES

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For commutative rings A in which 2 is invertible, as well as for $A = \mathbb{Z}$, [3, Proposition 2.3.5] is true. However, for some rings A in which 2 is not invertible, the result is not correct as stated. The reason is the description of the ideal T in the proof of loc. cit. is not correct in this case, and this might imply that the map α in loc. cit. is not an isomorphism. In more detail, let A be a commutative ring. Due to [1, Corollary 5.2], π_0 THR(A) is isomorphic to the Mackey functor

$$\begin{array}{c} A \xrightarrow[]{\text{tran}} \\ & \overbrace[]{\text{res}} \\ & id \end{array} (A \otimes A)/T_A, \end{array}$$

where $\operatorname{res}(x \otimes y) = xy$ for $x, y \in A$, $\operatorname{tran}(a) = 2a \otimes 1$ for $a \in A$, and T_A is the subgroup generated by $x \otimes a^2 y - a^2 x \otimes y$ and $x \otimes 2ay - 2ax \otimes y$ for $a, x, y \in A$. Let 2A denote the ideal (2) in A. We have the monomorphism $2A \to (A \otimes A)/T_A$ given by $2a \mapsto 2a \otimes 1$ for $2a \in 2A$. Its cokernel is isomorphic to $(A/2 \otimes A/2)/T_{A/2}$, where A/2 := A/2A. Observe that $T_{A/2}$ is the subgroup generated by $x \otimes a^2 y - a^2 x \otimes y$ for $a, x, y \in A/2$. Hence, we have the short exact sequence

$$0 \to 2A \to (A \otimes A)/T_A \to A/2 \otimes_{\varphi, A/2, \varphi} A/2 \to 0,$$

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where $\varphi: A/2 \to A/2$ denotes the Frobenius (i.e., the squaring map). In particular, [3, Proposition 2.3.5] holds if and only if φ is surjective.

The only statement in [3] where this proposition is used is the following one in the proof of [3, Proposition 3.2.2], for which we now provide an alternative proof.

Proposition 1. Let $A \rightarrow B$ be an étale homomorphism of commutative rings. Then the induced morphism of Mackey functors

$$\underline{\pi}_0 \operatorname{THR}(\iota A) \Box_{\iota A} \iota B \to \underline{\pi}_0 \operatorname{THR}(\iota B)$$

is an isomorphism.

Proof. By [2, Lemma 5.1], the Mackey functor $\underline{\pi}_0$ THR(ιA) $\Box_{\iota A}\iota B$ is isomorphic to

$$B \xleftarrow{\operatorname{tran}}_{\operatorname{res}} (A \otimes A) / T_A \otimes_A B.$$

Using the above computations, we have the following commutative diagram where the vertical maps are induced by multiplication:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 0 \rightarrow 2A \otimes_A B \rightarrow (A \otimes A)/T_A \otimes_A B \rightarrow A/2 \otimes_{\varphi, A/2, \varphi} A/2 \otimes_A B \rightarrow 0 \\ & \alpha \Big| & & & \downarrow^{\beta} & & \downarrow^{\gamma} \\ 0 \longrightarrow 2B \longrightarrow (B \otimes B)/T_B \longrightarrow B/2 \otimes_{\varphi, B/2, \varphi} B/2 \longrightarrow 0. \end{array}$$

We only need to show that β is an isomorphism. Since B is flat over A, the rows are short exact sequences, and α is an isomorphism. The induced square of commutative rings

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A/2 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & A/2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ B/2 & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & B/2 \end{array}$$

is coCartesian by [4, Tag 0EBS] since $A/2 \rightarrow B/2$ is étale. It follows that γ is an isomorphism. Hence, β is an isomorphism by the five lemma.

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