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## ON THE BIALGEBRAS OF GROUP SCHEMES

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Let  $G$  be an algebraic group scheme over an algebraically closed field  $k$ . We shall first show that the set  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  of left invariant high order derivations on  $G$  will have a natural structure of bialgebra over  $k$  with only one grouplike element. If  $\alpha$  is a surjective homomorphism of a group variety  $G$  onto a group variety  $G'$ , the kernel  $H$  of  $\alpha$  in the category of algebraic  $k$ -group schemes is well defined. Moreover we have a bialgebra homomorphism  $d\alpha$  of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  into  $\mathfrak{H}(G')$ . H. Yanagihara showed surjectivity of  $d\alpha$  and investigated  $k$ -vector space structure of the kernel of  $d\alpha$  in the category of bialgebras using the semi-derivations in [13]. In this paper it will be proved that the kernel of  $d\alpha$  in the category of bialgebras coincides with the bialgebra of  $H$  and we have an exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathfrak{H}(H) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{H}(G) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{H}(G') \longrightarrow 0$$

in the category of bialgebras, while the bialgebra of  $H$  is not defined in general using the semi-derivations. Thus the bialgebra  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  may be a good substitute of Lie algebras in the case of positive characteristic. The next problem which we are interested is the characterization of sub-bialgebra of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  which arises from a closed subgroup scheme. Unfortunately we have no general solution, but a solution will be given when  $G$  is a commutative group variety over  $k$ . Our results have close connection with the work of H. Yanagihara and our bialgebra  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  coincides with the bialgebra used by H. Yanagihara in [12] when  $G$  is a group variety.

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### 1. Local high order derivations of a local ring

Let  $O$  be a noetherian local ring containing a field  $k$  such that  $O/\mathfrak{m}$  is canonically isomorphic to  $k$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}$  is the unique maximal ideal of  $O$ . We denote by  $x(\mathfrak{o})$  the element of  $k$  representing the class of  $x$  in  $O$  modulo  $\mathfrak{m}$ . A  $k$ -linear homomorphism  $D$  of  $O$  into  $k$  is called a local  $n$ -th order derivation of  $O$  if we have

$$D(x_0 x_1 \cdots x_n) = \sum_{s=1}^n (-1)^{s-1} \sum_{i_1 < \cdots < i_s} x_{i_1}(o) \cdots x_{i_s}(o) D(x_0 \cdots \hat{x}_{i_1} \cdots \hat{x}_{i_s} \cdots x_n)$$

for any sequence  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  of  $(n+1)$ -elements in  $O$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{D}_n(O)$  the set of local  $n$ -th order derivations of  $O$  and set  $\mathfrak{D}(O) = k \oplus \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ , where  $a(x)$  is defined by  $ax(o)$  for  $a \in k$  and  $x \in O$ . Then it is easily seen that  $\mathfrak{D}(O)$  is a subspace of  $\text{Hom}_k(O, k)$ .

**Proposition 1.** *Let the situation be as above. Then we have*

- (1)  $\mathfrak{D}_n(O)$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\text{Hom}_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}, k)$  as a  $k$ -vector space.
- (2)  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{D}_n(O)$  is the set of  $k$ -linear homomorphisms of  $O$  into  $k$  vanishing on some power of  $\mathfrak{m}$ .
- (3)  $\mathfrak{D}(O)$  has a cocommutative coalgebra structure over  $k$ .

*Proof.* (1) The mapping  $\Phi$  of  $\mathfrak{D}_n(O)$  into  $\text{Hom}_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}, k)$  is defined as follows. If  $D \in \mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ , we set  $\Phi(D)(\bar{x}) = D(x)$  for  $x \in \mathfrak{m}$ , where  $\bar{x}$  is the class of  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{m}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ . Since  $D$  vanishes on  $\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ ,  $\Phi(D)$  is well defined. Clearly  $\Phi$  is  $k$ -linear and injective. We shall prove that  $\Phi$  is surjective. Let  $f \in \text{Hom}_k(\mathfrak{m}/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}, k)$ . We put  $D(x) = f(\overline{x-x(o)})$  for  $x$  in  $O$ . It will suffice to show  $D \in \mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ . Then  $D$  is  $k$ -linear and  $[D, a+x] = [D, x]$  for  $a$  in  $k$  and  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{m}$ . (For the definition of  $[D, x]$ , see [8].) Hence we have  $[\cdots [[D, a_1 + x_1], a_2 + x_2], \cdots, a_n + x_n] = [\cdots [[D, x_1], x_2], \cdots, x_n]$  for any  $a_i \in k$  and any  $x_i \in \mathfrak{m}$ . Now  $[\cdots [[D, x_1], x_2], \cdots, x_n](a+x) = 0$  for any  $a \in k$  and any  $x, x_i \in \mathfrak{m}$  since  $D$  is  $k$ -linear and vanishes on  $\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ . Hence  $D$  is in  $\mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ .

(2) Obvious from (1).

(3) Let  $\mu : O \otimes_k O \rightarrow O$  be the homomorphism induced by the multiplication of  $O$ . Then we have the dual mapping  $\mu^* : \text{Hom}_k(O, k) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(O \otimes_k O, k)$ .

We shall prove  $\mu^*(\mathfrak{D}(O)) \subset \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes_k \mathfrak{D}(O) (\subset \text{Hom}_k(O \otimes_k O, k))$ . To this purpose, we have only to show  $\mu^*(\mathfrak{D}_n(O)) \subset \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes_k \mathfrak{D}(O)$ . Since  $O/\mathfrak{m} \cong k$ ,  $O/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$  is a finite dimensional  $k$ -vector space. We assume that the classes of  $u_0=1, u_1, \dots, u_m$  modulo  $\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$  form a  $k$ -basis of  $O/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ . We denote by  $\bar{u}_i$  the class of  $u_i$  in  $O/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$  and  $\bar{u}_0^*, \bar{u}_1^*, \dots, \bar{u}_m^*$  its dual basis. Then  $\bar{u}_1^* \circ \omega, \dots, \bar{u}_m^* \circ \omega$  form a  $k$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ , where  $\omega$  is the canonical homomorphism of  $O$  onto  $O/\mathfrak{m}^{n+1}$ . If  $D \in \mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ , an easy computation shows  $\mu^*(D) = \sum_{i,j=1}^m D(u_i u_j) (\bar{u}_i^* \circ \omega \otimes \bar{u}_j^* \circ \omega) + \sum_{i=1}^m D(u_i) \bar{u}_i^* \circ \omega \otimes \bar{u}_0^* \circ \omega + \bar{u}_0^* \circ \omega \otimes \bar{u}_i^* \circ \omega$ . Thus  $\mu^*(\mathfrak{D}_n(O)) \subset \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes_k \mathfrak{D}(O)$ . We set  $\Delta = \mu^*|_{\mathfrak{D}(O)}$ , the restriction of  $\mu^*$  on  $\mathfrak{D}(O)$ . Since  $O$  is commutative,  $\Delta$  is cocommutative. Augmentation  $\varepsilon : \mathfrak{D}(O) \rightarrow k$  is defined by  $\varepsilon(D) = D(1)$  for  $D$  in  $\mathfrak{D}(O)$ . Then it is easily seen that  $(\mathfrak{D}(O), \Delta, \varepsilon)$  is a coalgebra over  $k$ .

## 2. The bialgebras of group schemes

Let  $S$  be a prescheme and  $X$  be an  $S$ -prescheme. We denote by  $f$  the structure morphism:  $X \rightarrow S$ . An  $n$ -th order derivation  $D$  of  $X/S$  is, by definition, an endomorphism of  $f^{-1}(O_S)$ -Module  $O_X$  satisfying the following identity:

$$D(\varphi_0 \varphi_1 \dots \varphi_n) = \sum_{s=1}^n (-1)^{s-1} \sum_{i_1 < \dots < i_s} \varphi_{i_1} \dots \varphi_{i_s} D(\varphi_0 \dots \hat{\varphi}_{i_1} \dots \hat{\varphi}_{i_s} \dots \varphi_n)$$

for every open set  $U$  of  $X$  and every sequence  $\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$  of  $\Gamma(U, O_X)$ .  $\mathfrak{D}_0^{(n)}(X/S)$  denotes the set of  $n$ -th order derivations of  $X/S$ . We set  $\mathfrak{D}_0(X/S) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{D}_0^{(n)}(X/S)$  and  $\mathfrak{D}(X/S) = \Gamma(X, O_X) \oplus \mathfrak{D}_0(X/S)$ . We see easily that  $DE \in \mathfrak{D}_0(X/S)$  and  $[D, \varphi] = D\varphi - \varphi D - D(\varphi)$  is an  $(m-1)$ -th order derivation for  $D \in \mathfrak{D}_0^{(m)}(X/S)$ ,  $E \in \mathfrak{D}_0^{(n)}(X/S)$  and  $\varphi \in \Gamma(X, O_X)$  (cf. [8]). From these we can see that  $\mathfrak{D}(X/S)$  is a  $\Gamma(X, O_X)$ -algebra. If  $u$  is a morphism of preschemes:  $X \rightarrow Y$ , we denote by  $\tilde{u}$  the homomorphism of  $O_Y$  into  $u_*(O_X)$ .

Let  $G$  be an  $S$ -group scheme and let  $g: S \rightarrow G$  be a section. The morphism  $g_G: G \xrightarrow{g \times 1_G} G \times_S G \xrightarrow{m} G$  is the left translation by  $g$  of  $G$ , where  $1_G$  (resp.  $m$ ) is the identity morphism of  $G$  (resp. the multiplication of  $G$ ). If  $D$  is a high order derivation of  $G/S$ , then we set  $D^g = \tilde{g}_G^{-1}(g_G)_*(D)\tilde{g}_G$ .  $D^g$  is also a high order derivation of  $G/S$ . A high order derivation  $D$  of  $G/S$  is called left invariant if we have  $(D_T)^g = D_T$  for any base change  $t: T \rightarrow S$  and any section  $g: T \rightarrow T \times_S G$ , where  $D_T$  is the high order derivation of  $T \times_S G/T$  induced by  $D$ . Let  $k$  be a field and  $G$  be an algebraic  $k$ -group scheme. From now on we shall mean by a  $k$ -group scheme an algebraic  $k$ -group scheme. In this case we say a high order derivation of  $G/\text{Spec}(k)$  simply a high order derivation of  $G/k$ . We shall denote by  $\mathfrak{G}(G)$  the set of left invariant high order derivations of  $G/k$  and set  $\mathfrak{H}(G) = k \oplus \mathfrak{G}(G)$ . It is clear that  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  is a  $k$ -algebra. Then  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  coincides with the algebra of left invariant differential operators on  $G$  defined in 2B of [3].

Hereafter we assume that  $k$  is an algebraically closed field of positive characteristic  $p$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $G$  be a  $k$ -group scheme. Then  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G,e})$  is a bialgebra over  $k$ , where  $e$  is the origin of  $G$ .*

*Proof.* We set  $O = O_{G,e}$  and denote by  $\mathfrak{m}$  the maximal ideal of  $O$ . If we put  $\mathfrak{n} = O \otimes_k \mathfrak{m} + \mathfrak{m} \otimes_k O (\subset O \otimes_k O)$ , then we have the canonical isomorphism  $\varphi: O_{G \times G, e \times e} \xrightarrow{\sim} (O \otimes_k O)_{\mathfrak{n}}$ . Let  $D \in \mathfrak{D}_m(O)$  and  $E \in \mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ , then  $D \otimes E: O \otimes_k O \rightarrow k$  is an  $(m+n)$ -th order derivation.  $D \otimes E$  is uniquely extended to an element of  $\mathfrak{D}_{m+n}((O \otimes_k O)_{\mathfrak{n}})$  ([8] Theorem 15). We denote it  $D \otimes E$  again. The product of  $D$  and  $E$  is given by:

$$(D * E)(x) = (D \otimes E)(\varphi m^*(x))$$

for  $x$  in  $O$ , where  $m^*$  is the homomorphism of  $O = O_{G,e}$  into  $O_{G \times G, e \times e}$  associated with the multiplication  $m$  of  $G$ . Clearly we have  $D * E \in \mathfrak{D}_{m+n}(O)$ . We define  $\alpha * D = D * \alpha = \alpha D$  and  $\alpha * \beta = \beta * \alpha = \alpha \beta$  for  $\alpha, \beta$  in  $k$  and  $D$  in  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{D}_n(O)$ .

Then  $\mathfrak{D}(O)$  is a  $k$ -algebra with respect to this multiplication  $*$  and ordinary addition. Let  $(\mathfrak{D}(O), \Delta, \varepsilon)$  be the coalgebra defined in Proposition 1. Obviously  $\varepsilon$  is an algebra homomorphism. To complete our proof, it suffices to show that  $\Delta$  is an algebra homomorphism, i.e. to see the following diagram is commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) & \xrightarrow{\nu} & \mathfrak{D}(O) \xrightarrow{\Delta} \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) \\ \downarrow \Delta \otimes \Delta & & \uparrow \nu \otimes \nu \\ \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) & \xrightarrow{1 \otimes T \otimes 1} & \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) \otimes \mathfrak{D}(O) \end{array}$$

where  $\nu$  is the mapping induced by the multiplication  $*$  and  $T$  is a twisting homomorphism:  $D \otimes E \rightarrow E \otimes D$ . Let  $\Delta(D) = \sum_i D_i \otimes D'_i$  and  $\Delta(E) = \sum_j E_j \otimes E'_j$ . Then we have  $\Delta(D * E)(x \otimes y) = (D \otimes E)(\varphi m^*(xy))$ . On the other hand we see  $(\nu \otimes \nu)(1 \otimes T \otimes 1)(\Delta \otimes \Delta)(D \otimes E)(x \otimes y) = \sum_{i,j} (D_i \otimes E_j)(\varphi m^*(x))(D'_i \otimes E'_j)(\varphi m^*(y))$ . Since  $\varphi m^*(xy) = \varphi m^*(x)\varphi m^*(y)$  and a high order derivation is uniquely extended to a quotient ring, we have only to show the following identity:

$(D \otimes E)(xu \otimes yv) = \sum_{i,j} (D_i \otimes E_j)(x \otimes y)(D'_i \otimes E'_j)(u \otimes v)$  for  $x \otimes y, u \otimes v \in O \otimes_k O$ . Being  $\Delta(D) = \sum_i D_i \otimes D'_i$  and  $\Delta(E) = \sum_j E_j \otimes E'_j$ , we get  $D(xu) = \sum_i D_i(x)D'_i(u)$  and  $E(yv) = \sum_j E_j(y)E'_j(v)$ . This proves our assertion.

REMARK 1. It is easily seen that  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G,e})$  is a Hopf algebra, i.e.  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G,e})$  has an antipode.

**Proposition 3.** *Let the situation be the same as in Proposition 2. Then  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G,e})$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{S}(G)$  as a  $k$ -algebra.*

Proof. We set  $O = O_{G,e}$ . If  $D$  is in  $\mathfrak{S}(G)$ ,  $D$  induces a high order derivation of  $O$  into itself. We shall denote it  $D$  again. Then we define  $\Phi(D) = \pi \circ D$ , where  $\pi$  is the canonical homomorphism of  $O$  onto  $k$ , and  $\Phi(a) = a$  for  $a \in k$ . Thus we have defined a mapping  $\Phi : \mathfrak{S}(G) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}(O)$ .  $\Phi$  is  $k$ -linear. To show  $\Phi$  is an algebra homomorphism, we must prove  $\Phi(DE) = \Phi(D) * \Phi(E)$  for  $D, E$  in  $\mathfrak{S}(G)$ . Since  $D$  is left invariant, the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} O_{G,e} & \xrightarrow{m^*} & O_{G \times G, e \times e} \\ \downarrow D & & \downarrow D_G \\ O_{G,e} & \xrightarrow{m^*} & O_{G \times G, e \times e} \end{array}$$

is commutative, where  $m^*$  is the homomorphism associated with the multiplication  $m$  of  $G$ . (cf. [3] 2B, A) Lemma). Hence we have  $(1 \otimes \pi) D_G m^* = (1 \otimes \pi) m^* D = D$ , i.e.  $(1 \otimes \Phi(D)) m^* = D$  where  $1$  denotes the identity mapping of  $O$ , and  $1 \otimes \pi$  and  $1 \otimes \Phi(D)$  are given as follows. Let  $\mathfrak{m}$  be the maximal ideal of  $O$  and put  $\mathfrak{n} = O \otimes_k \mathfrak{m} + \mathfrak{m} \otimes_k O (\subset O \otimes_k O)$ . Then we see easily that the mapping:  $O \otimes_k O \ni f \otimes g \rightarrow f \pi(g) \in O$  (resp.  $O \otimes_k O \ni f \otimes g \rightarrow f \Phi(D)(g) \in O$ ) can be extended to the mapping:  $(O \otimes_k O)_{\mathfrak{n}} \rightarrow O$  uniquely. We also denote by  $1 \otimes \pi$  and  $1 \otimes \Phi(D)$  these mappings composed with the canonical isomorphism:  $O_{G \times G, e \times e} \xrightarrow{\sim} (O \otimes_k O)_{\mathfrak{n}}$  respectively. We have  $(1 \otimes \Phi(D)) m^* (1 \otimes \Phi(E)) m^* = DE$ . On the other hand  $\pi(1 \otimes \Phi(D)) m^* = \Phi(D)$ . Thus we get  $\Phi(DE) = \Phi(D) * \Phi(E)$ . To prove  $\Phi$  is an isomorphism, we exhibit the inverse mapping  $\Psi$ . Let  $D_0 \in \mathfrak{D}_{\pi}(O)$  and let  $\varepsilon$  be the unit section:  $\text{Spec}(k) \rightarrow G$ . Then  $D_0$  induces a high order derivation of  $O_G$  into  $\varepsilon_*(k)$  by adjointness with respect to  $\varepsilon$ . We denote it  $D_0$  again. We set  $h = 1_G \times \varepsilon : G \times k \rightarrow G \times G$  and define  $\Psi(D_0)$  to be  $O_G \xrightarrow{\tilde{m}} m_*(O_{G \times G}) \xrightarrow{m_*(D_0)} m_* h_*(O_{G \times k}) \xrightarrow{\sim} O_G$ . It is easily seen that  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are inverse to each other.

REMARK 2. This proof is a version of that of 2.4 of [3] 2B, A).

(\*) A high order derivation:  $O_G \rightarrow \varepsilon_*(k)$  is a  $k$ -linear homomorphism satisfying the similar identity as a high order derivation of  $G/k$ .

We transform the bialgebra structure of  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G,e})$  into  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  by the isomorphism defined in Proposition 3. Thus  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  is a bialgebra over  $k$ .

**Theorem 1.** *If  $G$  is a  $k$ -group scheme, then  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  is a bialgebra with only one grouplike element  $1 \in k$ .*

Proof. We shall show the assertion for  $\mathfrak{D}(O)$ , where  $O = O_{G,e}$ . Assume that  $a + D(a \in k, D \in \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{D}_n(O))$  is grouplike. Since  $\Delta(a + D) = (a + D) \otimes (a + D)$ , we have  $(a + D)(xy) = (a + D)(x)(a + D)(y)$  for  $x, y$  in  $O$ . Hence  $D(xy) = D(x)D(y)$  for  $x, y$  in  $\mathfrak{m}$  because  $a(x) = 0$  by the definition of operation of elements in  $k$  on  $O$ . Let  $m^i$  be the least power of  $\mathfrak{m}$  on which  $D$  vanishes. We assume  $i > 1$ . Since  $D \neq 0$  there is an element  $x$  in  $\mathfrak{m}$  satisfying  $D(x) \neq 0$ . For  $x_1, \dots, x_{i-1} \in \mathfrak{m}$  we have  $D(xx_1 \cdots x_{i-1}) = D(x)D(x_1 \cdots x_{i-1}) = 0$  and so  $D(x_1 \cdots x_{i-1}) = 0$ . Now  $D$  vanishes on  $\mathfrak{m}^{i-1}$  contrary to the assumption on  $i$  and hence  $D = 0$ . We obtain  $a = 1$  immediately.

**Proposition 4.**<sup>(1)</sup> *We assume that  $G$  and  $G'$  are group varieties defined over  $k$ , and  $\alpha$  is a surjective  $k$ -homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G'$ . We set  $O = O_{G,e}$  and  $O' = O_{G',e'}$ , where  $e$  (resp.  $e'$ ) is the neutral element of  $G$  (resp.  $G'$ ). Then there exists a regular system of parameters  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  for  $O$  such that  $\{t_1^{p^{e_1}}, \dots, t_n^{p^{e_n}}\}$  is a regular system of parameters for  $O'$ , where we identify the rational function field of  $G'$  with a subfield of the rational function field of  $G$  by the comomorphism  $\alpha^*$ .*

(1) The author knew that H. Yanagihara obtained this result in [13].

Proof. We decompose  $\alpha: G \rightarrow G'$  as follows:

$$G \xrightarrow{\beta} G/\text{Ker}(\alpha)_{\text{red}} \xrightarrow{\gamma} G',$$

where  $\beta$  is the canonical epimorphism and  $\gamma$  is the homomorphism induced by  $\alpha$ . Since  $\beta$  is separable and  $\gamma$  is a purely inseparable isogeny, we get the assertion using Theorem in [6].

Let  $H, K$  be bialgebras over  $k$  and let  $\pi: H \rightarrow K$  be a homomorphism of bialgebras. Then we define  $\text{HKer}(\pi) = \{x \in H \mid 1 \otimes x = (\pi \otimes 1) \Delta_H(x) \text{ in } K \otimes_k H\}$ . If  $H$  is cocommutative we see that  $\text{HKer}(\pi)$  is a sub-bialgebra of  $H$  ([11] Lemma 16.1.1.).

We let  $\alpha: G \rightarrow G'$  denote a homomorphism of  $k$ -group schemes. Since the induced homomorphism  $\alpha^*: O_{G',e'} \rightarrow O_{G,e}$  is local, it gives a homomorphism of  $k$ -vector spaces  $d\alpha: \mathfrak{D}(O_{G,e}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{D}(O_{G',e'})$ , where  $e$  (resp.  $e'$ ) is the origin of  $G$  (resp.  $G'$ ). Then we have

**Proposition 5.**  *$d\alpha$  is a homomorphism of bialgebras.*

Proof. We shall first show that  $d\alpha$  is an algebra homomorphism. To this purpose, we have only to prove  $d\alpha(D * E) = d\alpha(D) * d\alpha(E)$  for  $D, E$  in  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathfrak{D}_n(O_{G,e})$ . Let  $x \in O_{G',e'}$ . Then we have  $d\alpha(D * E)(x) = (D \otimes E)(\varphi m^* \alpha^*(x))$ , where  $\varphi$  is the canonical isomorphism:  $O_{G \times G, e \times e} \xrightarrow{\sim} (O \otimes_k O)_n$  used in the proof of Proposition 2, and  $m^*$  is the homomorphism:  $O_{G,e} \rightarrow O_{G \times G, e \times e}$  associated with the multiplication  $m$  of  $G$ . On the other hand we have  $(d\alpha(D) * d\alpha(E))(x) = (D \otimes E)(\alpha_1^* \varphi' m'^*(x))$ , where  $\varphi': O_{G' \times G', e' \times e'} \xrightarrow{\sim} (O' \otimes_k O')_{n'}$  and  $m'^*: O_{G',e'} \rightarrow O_{G' \times G', e' \times e'}$  are defined similarly for  $G'$  and  $\alpha_1^*$  is the homomorphism:  $(O' \otimes_k O')_{n'} \rightarrow (O \otimes_k O)_n$  induced by  $\alpha^*: O' \rightarrow O$ . We obtain  $\varphi m^* \alpha^* = \alpha_1^* \varphi' m'^*$ , since  $\alpha$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  into  $G'$ . Thence  $d\alpha$  is an algebra homomorphism. Next we shall prove that  $d\alpha$  is a coalgebra homomorphism. Let  $\Delta(D) = \sum_i D_i \otimes D'_i$ . Then we get  $(d\alpha \otimes d\alpha)(\Delta(D))(x \otimes y) = \sum_i D_i(\alpha^*(x)) D'_i(\alpha^*(y))$  for  $x, y \in O_{G',e'}$ . On the other hand  $\Delta(d\alpha(D))(x \otimes y) = D(\alpha^*(x) \alpha^*(y))$ . Since  $\Delta(D) = \sum_i D_i \otimes D_i$ , we see  $D(\alpha^*(x) \alpha^*(y)) = \sum_i D_i(\alpha^*(x)) D'_i(\alpha^*(y))$ . This completes our proof.

Thus  $d\alpha$  induces a homomorphism of bialgebras:  $\mathfrak{H}(G) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}(G')$ . We also denote it  $d\alpha$ .

We assume that  $G$  is a group variety defined over  $k$  and  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  is a regular system of parameters for  $O_{G,e}$ . Let  $f \in O_{G,e}$  and we express  $f \equiv \sum a_{i_1 \dots i_n} t_1^{i_1} \dots t_n^{i_n} \text{ mod. } \mathfrak{m}_{G,e}^N$  with  $a_{i_1 \dots i_n} \in k$  for sufficiently large  $N$ , where  $\mathfrak{m}_{G,e}$  is the maximal ideal of  $O_{G,e}$ . Then the elements  $a_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  are uniquely determined by  $f$  and a regular system of parameters  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ . We set  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n, e}(f) = a_{i_1 \dots i_n}$ . If  $\sum_{j=1}^n i_j > 0$ ,  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n, e}$  vanishes on 1 and on  $\mathfrak{m}_{G,e}^{\sum i_j + 1}$ . Thence we see  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n, e} \in \mathfrak{D}_m(O_{G,e})$  for

some  $m$  by Proposition 1, (2). Since  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G,e})$  is canonically isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  by Proposition 3,  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n, e}$  corresponds to the unique left invariant high order derivation  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  of  $G$ . We say that the  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  are the *canonical* left invariant high order derivations with respect to a regular system of parameters  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  for  $O_{G,e}^{(2)}$ .

**Proposition 6.** *In the above situation the  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  form a basis of the  $k(G)$ -vector space of all high order derivations of  $k(G)/k$ , where  $k(G)$  is the rational function field of  $G$  over  $k$ .*

*Proof.* Following [8] we denote by  $\mathfrak{D}_q^{\mathfrak{g}}(k(G)/k)$  the set of all  $q$ -th order derivations of  $k(G)/k$ . We have only to show that the  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  ( $0 < \sum_{j=1}^n i_j \leq q$ ) form a  $k(G)$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{D}_q^{\mathfrak{g}}(k(G)/k)$ . From the proof of Proposition 18 in [9] we know the dimension of  $\mathfrak{D}_q^{\mathfrak{g}}(k(G)/k)$  over  $k(G)$ . Thus it is sufficient to see that the  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  are independent over  $k(G)$ . Let  $\sum a_{i_1 \dots i_n} I_{i_1 \dots i_n} = 0$  with  $a_{i_1 \dots i_n} \in k(G)$ . There is a closed point  $g$  in  $G$  such that non-zero  $a_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  are unit in  $O_{G,g}$ . We have  $\sum a_{i_1 \dots i_n} I_{i_1 \dots i_n}(L_{g^{-1}}^*(t_1^{j_1} \dots t_n^{j_n})) = \sum a_{i_1 \dots i_n} L_{g^{-1}}^* I_{i_1 \dots i_n}(t_1^{j_1} \dots t_n^{j_n}) = 0$  where  $L_{g^{-1}}^*$  is the automorphism of  $k(G)$  associated with the left translation by  $g^{-1}$  of  $G$ . By the definition of  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  we see that  $L_{g^{-1}}^* I_{i_1 \dots i_n}(t_1^{j_1} \dots t_n^{j_n})$  is unit in  $O_{G,g}$  for  $i_1 = j_1, \dots, i_n = j_n$  and is non-unit in  $O_{G,g}$  otherwise. If  $a_{j_1 \dots j_n} \neq 0$ , we have  $a_{j_1 \dots j_n} L_{g^{-1}}^* I_{j_1 \dots j_n}(t_1^{j_1} \dots t_n^{j_n}) = - \sum_{\substack{(i_1, \dots, i_n) \\ \neq (j_1, \dots, j_n)}} a_{i_1 \dots i_n} L_{g^{-1}}^* I_{i_1 \dots i_n}(t_1^{j_1} \dots t_n^{j_n})$ . In this equality

the left hand side is unit in  $O_{G,g}$  while the right hand side is non-unit in  $O_{G,g}$ . This is contradiction.

Let  $\alpha: G \rightarrow G'$  be surjective homomorphism of group varieties defined over  $k$ . By Proposition 4 we can choose a regular system of parameters  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  for  $O_{G,e}$  such that  $\{t_1^{p^e}, \dots, t_m^{p^e}\}$  is a regular system of parameters for  $O_{G',e'}$ . We let  $\{I_{j_1 \dots j_n}\}$  denote the *canonical* left invariant high order derivations of  $G$  with respect to  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  and  $\{I'_{l_1 \dots l_m}\}$  be the *canonical* left invariant high order derivations of  $G'$  with respect to  $\{t_1^{p^e}, \dots, t_m^{p^e}\}$ . Then we have

**Theorem 2.** <sup>(3)</sup> (1)  $d\alpha: \mathfrak{H}(G) \rightarrow \mathfrak{H}(G')$  is surjective.

(2)  $\mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha)) = H\text{Ker}(d\alpha)$  and moreover as a  $k$ -vector space  $\mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))$  has a  $k$ -basis  $\{I_{j_1 \dots j_n}\}_{j_l < p^{e_l} (1 \leq l \leq m)}$ .

(3)  $\text{Ker}(d\alpha)$  is a  $k$ -vector space with a basis  $\{I_{j_1 \dots j_{m^0 \dots 0}}\} \supseteq \{I_{j_1 \dots j_m}\}_{\substack{p^{e_i} \nmid j_i \\ 1 \leq i \leq m}} \cup \{I_{j_1 \dots j_n}\}$  at least one of  $j_{m+1}, \dots, j_n > 0$  and in fact  $\text{Ker}(d\alpha)$  is a left ideal of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  generated by  $\mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))^+ = \{D \in \mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha)) \mid \varepsilon(D) = 0\}$ , where  $\varepsilon$  is the augmentation of bialgebra  $\mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))$ .

(2) These are the same as the canonical left invariant semiderivations of  $G$  with respect to  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  defined in [11].

(3) The author knew that H. Yanagihara obtained (1) and the latter part of (2) in [13].



Proof. (1) We see that  $\{I'_{l_1 \dots l_m}\}$  is a  $k$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{H}(G')$ , since the  $I'_{l_1 \dots l_m, e'}$  form a  $k$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G', e'})$ . An easy calculation shows  $d\alpha(I_{l_1 p^{e_1} \dots l_m p^{e_m} \dots 0}) = I'_{l_1 \dots l_m}$  and so  $d\alpha$  is surjective.

(2) Since  $\text{Ker}(\alpha)$  is a closed subgroup scheme of  $G$ , it is clear that  $\mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))$  is a sub-bialgebra of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$ . We see  $\text{Ker}(\alpha) = G \times_{\text{Spec}(k)} \text{Spec}(k)$ . Hence if  $\mathfrak{m}'$  is the

maximal ideal of  $O_{G', e'}$  we have  $O_{\text{Ker}(\alpha), e} = O_{G, e} / \alpha^*(\mathfrak{m}') O_{G, e}$  where  $\alpha^*$  is the homomorphism:  $O_{G', e'} \rightarrow O_{G, e}$  induced by  $\alpha$ . Now it is immediate to see that  $\mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))$  coincides with  $\text{HKer}(d\alpha)$  as sub-bialgebras of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$ . Next we prove the second part. If  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n} \in \text{HKer}(d\alpha)$ , we have  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n, e}(\alpha^*(x')y) = \alpha^*(x')(o) I_{j_1 \dots j_n, e}(y)$  for any  $x' \in O_{G', e'}$  and any  $y \in O_{G, e}$  and conversely. We see easily  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n, e}(\alpha^*(x')y) = \sum_{l_i + l'_i = j_i} I_{l_1 \dots l_n, e}(\alpha^*(x')) I_{l'_1 \dots l'_n, e}(y)$ . Hence we obtain  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n} \in \text{HKer}(d\alpha)$  if and only if  $\sum_{l_i + l'_i = j_i} I_{l_1 \dots l_n, e}(\alpha^*(x')) I_{l'_1 \dots l'_n, e}(y) = 0$  for any  $x' \in O_{G', e'}$  and

any  $y \in O_{G, e}$ . Since  $I_{l_1 \dots l_n, e}(t_1^{l'_1} \dots t_n^{l'_n}) = 1$  for  $l_i = l'_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$  and 0 otherwise, we see  $I_{l_1 \dots l_n, e}(\alpha^*(x')) = 0$  for any  $x' \in O_{G', e'}$  and any integers  $l_1, \dots, l_n$  satisfying  $0 \leq l_i \leq j_i (1 \leq i \leq n)$  and  $\sum l_i > 0$ . Thence we must have  $j_l < p^{e_l}$  for  $1 \leq l \leq m$ . Since

the  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n}$  form a  $k$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$ , our assertion is now immediate.

(3) we have  $d\alpha(I_{l_1 p^{e_1} \dots l_m p^{e_m} \dots 0}) = I'_{l_1 \dots l_m}$  and  $d\alpha(I_{j_1 \dots j_n}) = 0$  if  $(j_1, \dots, j_n)$  is not of the form  $(l_1 p^{e_1}, \dots, l_m p^{e_m}, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Now the first assertion is obvious. We have  $\varphi m^*(t_i) \equiv t_i \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes t_i \pmod{\mathfrak{m}^2}$  (cf. chap. IX in [7]), where  $m^*$  is the homomorphism:  $O_{G, e} \rightarrow O_{G \times G, e \times e}$  associated with the multiplication  $m$  of  $G$  and  $\varphi$  is the canonical isomorphism:  $O_{G \times G, e \times e} \xrightarrow{\sim} (O_{G, e} \otimes_k O_{G, e})_{\mathfrak{n}}$  and  $\mathfrak{m}$  denotes the maximal ideal of  $(O_{G, e} \otimes_k O_{G, e})_{\mathfrak{n}}$ . Then an easy computation shows  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n, e} * I_{j_1 \dots j_n, e} \equiv \binom{i_1 + j_1}{i_1} \dots \binom{i_n + j_n}{i_n} I_{i_1 + j_1 \dots i_n + j_n, e} \pmod{\mathfrak{D}_0^{\langle \sum (i_l + j_l)^{-1} \rangle} (O_{G, e})}$ . Hence we get  $I_{i_1 \dots i_n}$

$I_{j_1 \dots j_n} \equiv \binom{i_1 + j_1}{i_1} \dots \binom{i_n + j_n}{i_n} I_{i_1 + j_1 \dots i_n + j_n} \pmod{\mathfrak{H}(G) \cap \mathfrak{D}_0^{\langle \sum (i_l + j_l)^{-1} \rangle} (G/k)}$ . If we express  $j_j = a_j p^{e_j} + b_j$  with  $0 \leq b_j < p^{e_j}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we have  $I_{i_1 \dots i_m 0 \dots 0} \equiv I_{a_1 p^{e_1} \dots a_m p^{e_m} 0 \dots 0} I_{b_1 \dots b_m 0 \dots 0} \pmod{\mathfrak{H}(G) \cap \mathfrak{D}_0^{\langle \sum j_j^{-1} \rangle} (G/k)}$ , since  $\binom{a_i p^{e_i} + b_i}{a_i p^{e_i}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

We see  $I_{b_1 \dots b_m 0 \dots 0} \in \mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))^+$  by (2) if some of  $b_j$  is positive. Moreover we have  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n} \equiv I_{j_1 \dots j_m 0 \dots 0} I_{0 \dots 0 j_{m+1} \dots j_n} \pmod{\mathfrak{H}(G) \cap \mathfrak{D}_0^{\langle \sum j_l^{-1} \rangle} (G/k)}$ . If at least one of  $j_{m+1}, \dots, j_n$  is positive,  $I_{0 \dots 0 j_{m+1} \dots j_n} \in \mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))^+$  by (2). Now the induction on the order of high order derivations completes our proof.

If  $G$  is a  $k$ -group scheme and  $G'$  is a closed subgroup scheme of  $G$ , it is immediate that  $\mathfrak{H}(G')$  is a sub-bialgebra of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$ . We consider which sub-bialgebras of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  arise from closed subgroup schemes of  $G$ . We obtain a characterization in the case  $G$  is a commutative group variety.

Let  $G$  be a group variety defined over  $k$  and let  $\mathfrak{H}$  be a sub-bialgebra of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$ . Then we define  $k(G)^{\mathfrak{H}}$  to be the set of elements  $x$  in  $k(G)$  such that  $D(x) =$

0 for every  $D$  in  $\mathfrak{D}$  satisfying  $\varepsilon(D) = 0$  where  $k(G)$  denotes the field of rational functions on  $G$  over  $k$ . We see that  $k(G)^{\mathfrak{D}}$  is a subfield of  $k(G)$ .

**Proposition 7.** *We assume that  $G$  and  $G'$  are group varieties defined over  $k$  and  $\alpha$  is a surjective homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G'$  defined over  $k$ . Then we have  $k(G)^{\text{HKer}(d\alpha)} = k(G')_s$ , where we identify  $\alpha^*(k(G'))$  with  $k(G')$  and  $k(G')_s$  denotes the separably algebraic closure of  $k(G')$  in  $k(G)$ .*

*Proof.* We shall first show that  $k(G')$  is contained in  $k(G)^{\text{HKer}(d\alpha)}$ . Let  $D \in \text{HKer}(d\alpha)$ . Then  $D$  vanishes on  $k(G')$ . Since an high order derivation can be uniquely extended to an high order derivation of separably algebraic extension field ([9] Theorem 17),  $D$  vanishes on  $k(G')_s$ . Hence we have  $k(G')_s \subset k(G)^{\text{HKer}(d\alpha)}$ . We assume  $k(G')_s \subsetneq k(G)^{\text{HKer}(d\alpha)}$ . Then there exists an element  $x$  in  $k(G)^{\text{HKer}(d\alpha)}$  satisfying  $x \notin k(G')_s$ . We shall show that this will lead to contradiction. Since  $x \notin k(G')_s$ ,  $x$  is either transcendental over  $k(G')_s$  or purely inseparable over  $k(G')_s$ . In any case there exists an ordinary derivation  $D$  of  $k(G')_s$  ( $x$ ) such that  $D$  vanishes on  $k(G')_s$  and  $D(x) = 1$ . Then  $D$  can be extended to a high order derivation  $\tilde{D}$  of  $k(G)$  ([9] Proposition 13, Theorem 17). Let  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  be a regular system of parameters for  $O_{G, g}$  as in Proposition 4. We assume that the  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n}$  are the canonical left invariant high order derivations of  $G$  with respect to  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ . The  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n}$  form a basis of the  $k(G)$ -vector space of all high order derivations of  $k(G)/k$  by Proposition 6. Thence we have  $\tilde{D} = \sum a_{j_1 \dots j_n} I_{j_1 \dots j_n}$  with  $a_{j_1 \dots j_n}$  in  $k(G)$ . We shall show  $a_{l_1 p^{e_1} \dots l_m p^{e_m} \dots 0} = 0$ . To the contrary we assume  $a_{l_1 p^{e_1} \dots l_m p^{e_m} \dots 0} \neq 0$ . There exists a closed point  $g$  in  $G$  such that every non zero  $a_{j_1 \dots j_n}$  is a unit in  $O_{G, g}$ . We have  $\tilde{D}(L_{g^{-1}}^*(t_1^{l_1 p^{e_1}} \dots t_m^{l_m p^{e_m}})) = \sum a_{j_1 \dots j_n} L_{g^{-1}}^*(I_{j_1 \dots j_n}(t_1^{l_1 p^{e_1}} \dots t_m^{l_m p^{e_m}}))$ , where  $L_{g^{-1}}^*$  is the automorphism of  $k(G)$  associated with the left translation by  $g^{-1}$ .  $\tilde{D}$  vanishes on  $k(G')$  by our construction and  $\sum a_{j_1 \dots j_n} L_{g^{-1}}^*(I_{j_1 \dots j_n}(t_1^{l_1 p^{e_1}} \dots t_m^{l_m p^{e_m}}))$  is a unit in  $O_{G, g}$  because  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n}(t_1^{l_1 p^{e_1}} \dots t_m^{l_m p^{e_m}})$  is a unit for  $j_i = l_i p^{e_i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ),  $j_{m+1} = \dots = j_n = 0$  and a non unit otherwise. This is contradiction. Hence we have  $a_{l_1 p^{e_1} \dots l_m p^{e_m} \dots 0} = 0$ . Since  $D(x) = 1$ , there is a set of integers  $\{j_1, \dots, j_n\}$  satisfying  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n}(x) \neq 0$ . The above argument means that either some  $j_i$  of  $j_1, \dots, j_m$  is not divisible by  $p^{e_i}$  or at least one of  $j_{m+1}, \dots, j_n$  is positive. Consequently we have  $I_{j_1 \dots j_n} \in \text{Ker}(d\alpha)$  by Theorem 2, (3) and so there exists  $D' \in \text{HKer}(d\alpha)^+$  such that  $D'(x) \neq 0$ , because  $\text{Ker}(d\alpha)$  is a left ideal generated by  $\text{HKer}(d\alpha)^+$  (Theorem 2, (3)). This contradicts to  $x \in k(G)^{\text{HKer}(d\alpha)}$ .

**Lemma 1** ([14] Lemma 2). *Let  $K$  be a field of positive characteristic and  $\{D_0 = 1, D_1, D_2, \dots\}$  be a higher derivation of  $K$  in the sense of [4]. If we set  $K_\infty = \{x \in K \mid D_i(x) = 0 \text{ for any } i \geq 1\}$ , then  $K$  is a separable extension of  $K_\infty$ .*

For the results of bialgebras with one grouplike element we refer to [10]. Let  $H$  be a cocommutative bialgebra over a perfect field  $k$  of positive character-

istic  $p$ . We assume that  $H$  has only one grouplike element and set  $H' = \text{Hom}_k(H, k)$ . Then  $H'$  is a commutative algebra with respect to convolution (Cf. [11]). We define  $F(a') = a'^p$  for  $a' \in H'$ . The transposed mapping  $F' : H'' \rightarrow H''$  is given by  $\langle a', F'(b'') \rangle = \langle F(a'), b'' \rangle^{1/p}$  for  $a' \in H'$  and  $b'' \in H''$ . Identifying  $H$  with subspace of  $H''$  we have  $F'(H) \subset H$ . Let  $V$  denote the restriction of  $F'$  on  $H$  and let  $V^n$  be  $V \cdots V$  ( $n$  times). We put  $V^\infty(H) = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} V^n(H)$ . It is shown that  $V^\infty(H)$  is a sub-bialgebra of  $H$ . We denote by  $L(H)$  the set of primitive elements in  $H$ , i. e.  $x \in H$  satisfying  $\Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x$ , where  $\Delta$  is the comultiplication of  $H$ . Moreover we set  $L_i(H) = L(H) \cap V^i(H)$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$ .

REMARK 3. If  $G$  is a  $k$ -group scheme, then we have  $V^\infty(\mathfrak{H}(G)) = \mathfrak{H}(G_{\text{red}})$ , and  $G$  is reduced if and only if  $\mathfrak{H}(G) = V^\infty(\mathfrak{H}(G))$ . This follows immediately from 6.4 of [2] III §3.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $G$  be a group variety defined over  $k$  of dimension  $n$ . Then we see that  $L(\mathfrak{H}(G)) = L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}(G))$  and this is  $n$ -dimensional as a  $k$ -vector space.*

Proof. We note that  $L(\mathfrak{H}(G))$  is the set of left invariant (ordinary) derivations of  $G$  and is of dimension  $n$  over  $k$  as a  $k$ -vector space. Thus we have only to prove  $L(\mathfrak{H}(G)) \subset L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}(G))$ . Let  $\{I_{j_1 \dots j_n}\}$  be the canonical left invariant high order derivations of  $G$  with respect to a regular system of parameters for  $O_{G, e}$ . Then it is easily seen that  $\{1, I_{0 \dots 0 1 0 \dots 0}, I_{0 \dots 0 2 0 \dots 0}, \dots, I_{0 \dots 0 r 0 \dots 0}, \dots\}$  is an infinite higher derivation in the sense of [4]. Thence we have  $I_{0 \dots 0 1 0 \dots 0} \in L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}(G))$  by Theorem 2 of [10]. On the other hand the  $I_{0 \dots 0 1 0 \dots 0}$  form a  $k$ -basis of  $L(\mathfrak{H}(G))$  and so our proof is complete.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $G$  be a commutative group variety defined over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of positive characteristic and  $\mathfrak{H}$  be a sub-bialgebra of  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$ . Then  $\mathfrak{H}$  is the bialgebra of a closed subgroup scheme of  $G$  if and only if we have  $\text{tr. deg}_k k(G)^\mathfrak{H} = \dim G - \dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H})$ , where  $\text{tr. deg}_k k(G)^\mathfrak{H}$  denotes the transcendence degree of  $k(G)^\mathfrak{H}$  over  $k$ .*

Proof. We assume  $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{H}(G')$  for some closed subgroup scheme  $G'$  of  $G$ . We consider the canonical epimorphism  $\alpha: G \rightarrow G/G'$  of group varieties. Then we have  $\text{HKer}(d\alpha) = \mathfrak{H}(G')$  by Theorem 2, (2). Hence  $k(G)^\mathfrak{H} = k(G/G')_s$  by Proposition 7 and so  $\text{tr. deg}_k k(G)^\mathfrak{H} = \dim G - \dim G'$ . On the other hand  $L_\infty(\mathfrak{D}(O_{G', e'})) = L_\infty(\mathfrak{D}(O_{G'_{\text{red}}, e'}))$  by Theorem 2 of [10], since  $O_{G', e'} = O_{G'_{\text{red}}, e'} \otimes_k H$  for some finite bialgebra  $H$  over  $k$  ([2] III 3, 6.4) and so  $\mathfrak{D}(O_{G', e'}) \cong \mathfrak{D}(O_{G'_{\text{red}}, e'}) \otimes_k \text{Hom}_k(H, k)$ . Being  $G'_{\text{red}}$  smooth over  $k$ , we have  $\dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{D}(O_{G'_{\text{red}}, e'})) = \dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}(G'_{\text{red}})) = \dim G'_{\text{red}} = \dim G'$  by Lemma 2. Hence we have  $\text{tr. deg}_k k(G)^\mathfrak{H} = \dim G - \dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H})$ . Conversely we assume  $\text{tr. deg}_k k(G)^\mathfrak{H} = \dim G - \dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H})$ . Since  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  has only one grouplike element 1,  $\mathfrak{H}$  is so. Thus we can apply The-

orem 3 of [10] to see the coalgebra structure of  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Since  $G$  is commutative,  $\mathfrak{H}(G)$  is commutative. An element of  $\mathfrak{H}$  therefore induces a high order derivation of  $k(G)^{V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})}$  into itself. We assert that  $k(G)^{V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})}$  is a finite modular purely inseparable extension of  $k(G)^\mathfrak{H}$ , for the latter is the constant field of higher derivations of finite rank in the sense of [4] by the coalgebra structure of  $\mathfrak{H}$  ([10] Theorem 3). We see that  $k(G)^{V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})}$  (resp.  $k(G)^\mathfrak{H}$ ) is the function field of some group variety  $G_0$  (resp.  $G_1$ ) defined over  $k$  by Proposition 8 of [1], because  $\mathfrak{H} \subset \mathfrak{H}(G)$  and  $G$  is commutative. We also have epimorphisms  $\beta: G \rightarrow G_0$  and  $\gamma: G_0 \rightarrow G_1$ . Clearly  $\gamma$  is purely inseparable isogeny. Since  $V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})$  is commutative and is generated by the components of infinite higher derivations by Theorem 3 in [10],  $\beta$  is separable by Lemma 1. We set  $\alpha = \gamma \circ \beta$ . We shall prove  $\mathfrak{H} = \text{HKer}(d\alpha)$ . To this purpose it suffices to show  $L_i(\mathfrak{H}) = L_i(\text{HKer}(d\alpha))$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty$ ) by Theorem 3 of [10]. By our assumption  $\dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}) = \dim G - \text{tr.deg}_k k(G)^\mathfrak{H} = \dim G - \dim G_1$ . Since  $\beta$  is separable and  $\gamma$  is purely inseparable, there exists a regular system of parameters  $\{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$  for  $O_{G,e}$  such that  $\{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$  (resp.  $\{t_1^{p^{e_1}}, \dots, t_m^{p^{e_m}}\}$ ) is a regular system of parameters for the local ring of  $G_0$  at the origin (resp. the local ring of  $G_1$  at the origin). Then  $\dim G - \dim G_1 = n - m$  and on the other hand  $\dim_k L_\infty(\text{HKer}(d\alpha)) = n - m$  by Theorem 2, (2). Being  $\mathfrak{H} \subset \text{HKer}(d\alpha)$  we get  $L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}) = L_\infty(\text{HKer}(d\alpha))$ . We see  $\dim_k L_1(\text{HKer}(d\alpha)) = (n - m) +$  (the number of  $l$  satisfying  $i + 1 \leq e_l (1 \leq l \leq m)$ ) from Theorem 2 in [10] and Theorem 2, (2). Thus we have  $\dim_k L_i(\text{HKer}(d\gamma)) = \dim_k L_i(\text{HKer}(d\alpha)) - \dim_k L_\infty(\text{HKer}(d\alpha))$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . We also see that  $\text{HKer}(d\gamma) = \{D|_{K(G)^{V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})}} \text{ for some } D \text{ in } \mathfrak{H}\}$  by Jacobson-Bourbaki Theorem (cf. [5]), where  $D|_{K(G)^{V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})}}$  denotes the restriction of  $D$  on  $k(G)^{V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})}$ . Since  $L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}) = L_\infty(\text{HKer}(d\alpha))$  we have  $\dim_k L_i(\mathfrak{H}) - \dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}) \leq \dim_k L_i(\text{HKer}(d\alpha)) - \dim_k L_\infty(\text{HKer}(d\alpha)) = \dim_k L_i(\text{HKer}(d\gamma))$ . We set  $H = \{D|_{K(G)^{V^\infty(\mathfrak{H})}} \text{ for some } D \text{ in } \mathfrak{H}\}$ . By Theorem 3 of [10] we see  $\dim_k \text{HKer}(d\gamma) = p^{\sum_i \dim_k L_i(\text{HKer}(d\gamma))}$  and  $\dim_k H \leq p^{\sum_i (\dim_k L_i(\mathfrak{H}) - \dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}))}$ . Since  $\text{HKer}(d\gamma) = H$  we get  $\dim_k L_i(\mathfrak{H}) - \dim_k L_\infty(\mathfrak{H}) = \dim_k L_i(\text{HKer}(d\gamma))$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence we have  $\dim_k L_i(\mathfrak{H}) = \dim_k L_i(\text{HKer}(d\alpha))$ . Since  $\mathfrak{H} \subset \text{HKer}(d\alpha)$  we obtain  $L_i(\mathfrak{H}) = L_i(\text{HKer}(d\alpha))$  for  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus we have  $\mathfrak{H} = \text{HKer}(d\alpha)$ , i. e.  $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{H}(\text{Ker}(\alpha))$  and we are done.

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