

# アフィン対角的2次曲面の Brauer 群について (On the Brauer group of affine diagonal quadrics)

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# Our Result

## Theorem (U-.)

There is no *uniform generator* for the *Brauer group* of *affine diagonal quadrics*.

## What is ...

- Brauer group ?
- Uniform generator ?
- Affine diagonal quadric ?

# What is Brauer group?

## Brauer group

- $X$ : an algebraic variety  
(i.e. a topological space defined by common zeros of algebraic equations)  
 $\rightsquigarrow \mathbf{Br}(X)$ : the **Brauer group** of  $X$ .
- $\mathbf{Br}(X)$  has many applications to geometry and arithmetic.  
- rationality problem, Hasse principle, Chow groups, etc...

## Basic questions for $\mathbf{Br}(X)$

- How about its **group structure**? (Note: abelian by definition)
- How can we express its **generator(s)** in a useful fashion?

# What is affine diagonal quadric?

## Affine diagonal quadric

$X$ : an affine diagonal quadric,

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow}$  an affine variety in  $\mathbb{A}^3$  defined by the following equation

$$x^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + D = 0,$$

where  $B, C, D \neq 0$ .

# What is uniform generator? – Naive Example

## Question

Can we solve the following equation

$$Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0 ?$$

## Answer

Of course **YES!**

Moreover, we can find the following **uniform algebraic solution**:

$$x = \frac{-B \pm \sqrt{B^2 - 4AC}}{2A}.$$

(if we assume the characteristic of a field is not equal to **2**.)

## Uniform generator

generator which is **“algebraically parametrized”**.

## Question

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Can we find a **uniform generator** of  $\mathbf{Br}(X)$  ?

## Answer

**NO!**

# Brauer group of fields

## Definition

- $k$ : a field  
 $\rightsquigarrow$  the Brauer group  $\mathbf{Br}(k)$  of  $k$  is defined as the classifying space of Morita equivalent classes of isomorphism classes of **central simple algebras** over  $k$ .  
-We can take the class of a **central skew field** over  $k$  as each representative.

- $\mathbf{Br}(k)$  can be defined as follows:

$$\mathbf{Br}(k) := H^2(G_k, \bar{k}^*),$$

where

- $\bar{k}$  = a separable closure of  $k$ ,
- $G_k = \text{Gal}(\bar{k}/k)$ .
- $\mathbf{Br}(k)$  has many applications to algebra and number theory.



## Symbol

- $k$ : a field,  $n$ : a positive integer with  $(n, \text{ch } k) = 1$
- Assume  $k$  contains a primitive  $n$ -th root  $\zeta_n$  of unity
- $\mu_n := \langle \zeta_n \rangle (\cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  as  $G_k$ -modules)

## Definition (Norm residue map)

The  $n$ -th norm residue map

$$\{\cdot, \cdot\}_n: k^* \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k^* \rightarrow {}_n\text{Br}(k)$$

is defined to be the following composite:

$$\begin{aligned} & k^* \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k^* \\ & \cong H^1(G_k, \mu_n) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} H^1(G_k, \mu_n) \quad (\text{Kummer seq.}) \\ & \downarrow \cup \quad H^2(G_k, \mu_n \otimes \mu_n) \quad (\text{cup product}) \\ & \cong H^2(G_k, \mu_n) \quad (\mu_n \cong \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}) \\ & \cong {}_n\text{Br}(k) \quad (\text{Kummer seq.}) \end{aligned}$$

# Examples

## Example

- $\text{Br}(\mathbb{C}) = 0$ .
- $\text{Br}(\mathbb{F}) = 0$ ,  $\text{Br}(\mathbb{C}(t)) = 0$ .
- $\text{Br}(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .

The only non-trivial element is the class of  $\mathbb{H}$ :

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}i \oplus \mathbb{R}j \oplus \mathbb{R}k$$

with  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$ .

We also have

$$[\mathbb{H}] = \{-1, -1\}_2$$

- $\text{Br}(\mathbb{Q}_p) = \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$ .

# Brauer group of varieties

## Definition (Brauer group of varieties)

For a variety  $\pi: X \rightarrow \text{Spec } k$ , define:

- the *Brauer group* of  $X$ :

$$\mathbf{Br}(X) := H_{\text{ét}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_m).$$

- We have  $\pi^*: \mathbf{Br}(k) \rightarrow \mathbf{Br}(X)$ .
- Put  $\mathbf{Br}(X)/\mathbf{Br}(k) = \mathbf{Br}(X)/\pi^* \mathbf{Br}(k)$ .

## $\mathbf{Br}(X)$ v.s. $\mathbf{Br}(k(X))$

- $k(X)$ : the function field of  $X$ .
- We have  $\mathbf{Br}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{Br}(k(X))$ .
- If  $X$  is smooth,  $\mathbf{Br}(X) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Br}(k(X))$   
 $\rightsquigarrow$  elements of  $\mathbf{Br}(X)$  may be expressed by symbols in  $\mathbf{Br}(k(X))$ .

# Brauer group of affine diagonal quadrics

## Affine diagonal quadric

Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic **zero**.

$U_{b,c,d}$ : affine diagonal quadrics in  $\mathbb{A}^3$  defined by

$$x^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + d = 0,$$

where  $b, c, d \in k^*$ .

(Note that  $U$  is (geometrically) rational.)

## Proposition (Structure of $\mathrm{Br}(U_{b,c,d})$ )

$$\mathrm{Br}(U_{b,c,d}) / \mathrm{Br}(k) \cong \mathbb{Z} / 2\mathbb{Z} \text{ or } 0.$$

## Definition (Domain of parameters)

$$\mathcal{P}_k := \{(b, c, d) \mid \mathrm{Br}(U_{b,c,d}) / \mathrm{Br}(k) \cong \mathbb{Z} / 2\mathbb{Z}.\}$$

# Formulation of uniform generator

## Setting

- $\mathcal{O}_F = k[B, C, D]$ .
- $\mathbb{A}_k^3 = \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_F$ .  
(3-dimensional parameter space)
- $F = \text{Frac } \mathcal{O}_F = k(B, C, D)$ .
- $\mathcal{U} = \{x^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + D = 0\}$  over  $\mathbb{A}_k^3$ ,  
i.e. a 3-parameter family of affine diagonal quadrics over  $k$ .
- $\mathcal{U} = \{x^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + D = 0\}$  over  $F$ .
- For  $P = (b, c, d) \in k^* \times k^* \times k^*$ ,  
 $\mathcal{U}_P = \{x^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + d = 0\}$  over  $k$ .

# Formulation of uniform generator

## Definition (Specialization map)

- $\forall e \in \mathbf{Br}(U)$  (=the Brauer group of the family),
- $\exists$  (Zariski) dense open  $W \subset \mathbb{A}_k^3$  s.t.
- $\forall P \in W(k)$ , we can define  $\mathbf{sp}(e; P) \in \mathbf{Br}(U_P)$ .  
We call  $\mathbf{sp}(e; P)$  **the specialization of  $e$  at  $P$** .

## Definition (Uniform generator)

$e \in \mathbf{Br}(U)$  is a uniform generator

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} \exists$  dense open  $W \subset \mathbb{A}_k^3$  s.t.  $\forall P \in W(k) \cap \mathcal{P}_k$ ,  
 $\mathbf{sp}(e; P) \in \mathbf{Br}(U_P) / \mathbf{Br}(k)$  is its generator.

## Additional assumption

In the following, we must assume  $k$  is **non-2-closed**. Then we assure that  $W(k) \cap \mathcal{P}_k \neq \emptyset$  for all dense open set  $W \subset \mathbb{A}_k^3$ .

## An existence result

- $\mathcal{O}_F = k[C, D]$ ,  $F = k(C, D)$ .
- $\mathcal{V}$ : a 2-parameter family of affine diagonal quadrics defined as

$$\{x^2 - y^2 - Cz^2 + D = 0\} \text{ over } \mathcal{O}_F.$$

- $V = \{x^2 - y^2 - Cz^2 + D = 0\}$  over  $F$ .
- In this setting, we can also define the domain  $\mathcal{P}_k$  and specializations  $\text{sp}(\cdot; \cdot)$ .
- $e := \{CD, x + y\}_2 \in \text{Br}(F(V))$ .
- Recall  $\text{Br}(V) \subset \text{Br}(F(V))$ .

### Proposition (U-.)

- 1  $e$  is in  $\text{Br}(V)$ .
- 2  $e$  is a uniform generator.

# Main Result

Recall:

- $\mathcal{O}_F = k[B, C, D]$ ,  $F = k(B, C, D)$ .
- $\mathcal{U}$ : a 3-parameter family of affine diagonal quadrics defined as

$$\{x^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + D = 0\} \text{ over } \mathcal{O}_F.$$

- $U = \{x^2 + By^2 + Cz^2 + D = 0\}$  over  $F$ .

Theorem (U-.)

*For this 3-parameter family, there is **no** uniform generator.*



## Some comments

- To prove the theorem, it is essential to prove

$$\mathbf{Br}(V) / \mathbf{Br}(F) = 0.$$

We have done this by lengthy computation...

(by proving  $d^{1,1} : H^1(G_F, \text{Pic}(\bar{V})) \rightarrow H^3(G_F, \bar{F}^*)$  is not zero)

Can we find another strategy?

- Our results tell us the non-existence of such uniform generators implicitly relates the **complexity** of a given family.
- How about **other class of surfaces**?
  - we've already done in the case of (projective) **diagonal cubic surfaces**.
- Similar problem for **unramified cohomology**?
  - group structure?
  - generator?

Thank you for your attention!