

# BRAUER EQUIVALENCE IN A HOMOGENEOUS SPACE WITH CONNECTED STABILIZER

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ABSTRACT. Let  $G$  be a simply connected semisimple algebraic group over a field  $k$  of characteristic 0,  $H$  a connected  $k$ -subgroup of  $G$ ,  $X = G/H$ . When  $k$  is a local field or a number field, we compute the set of Brauer equivalence classes in  $X(k)$ .

## 0. INTRODUCTION

In this note we investigate the Brauer equivalence in a homogeneous space  $X = G/H$ , where  $G$  is a simply connected semisimple algebraic group over a local field or a number field, and  $H$  is a connected subgroup of  $G$ .

In more detail, let  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0, and let  $\bar{k}$  be a fixed algebraic closure of  $k$ . For a smooth algebraic variety  $Y$  over  $k$ , set  $\bar{Y} = Y_{\bar{k}} = Y \times_k \bar{k}$ . Let  $\text{Br } Y$  denote the cohomological Brauer group of  $Y$ ,  $\text{Br } Y = H_{\text{ét}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_m)$ . Set  $\text{Br}_1 Y = \ker[\text{Br } Y \rightarrow \text{Br } \bar{Y}]$ . There is a canonical pairing

$$Y(k) \times \text{Br}_1 Y \rightarrow \text{Br } k, \quad (y, b) \mapsto b(y) \quad (0.1)$$

called the Manin pairing. We define the Brauer equivalence on  $Y(k)$  as follows:  $y_1 \sim y_2$  if  $(y_1, b) = (y_2, b)$  for all  $b \in \text{Br}_1 Y$ . We denote the set of classes of Brauer equivalence in  $Y(k)$  by  $Y(k)/\text{Br}$ . Note that we define the Brauer equivalence in terms of  $\text{Br}_1 Y$ , not in terms of  $\text{Br}_1 Y^c$  or  $\text{Br } Y^c$ , where  $Y^c$  is a smooth compactification of  $Y$ .

The notion of  $B$ -equivalence for a subgroup  $B$  of the Brauer group  $\text{Br } Y$  was introduced by Manin [Ma1], [Ma2]. Colliot-Thélène and Sansuc [CT/Sa1] investigated the Brauer equivalence in algebraic tori (they defined the Brauer equivalence in terms of the Brauer group of a smooth

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compactification). The Brauer equivalence in reductive groups was studied in [Th].

Let  $G$  be a simply connected semisimple algebraic group over  $k$ . Let  $H$  be a connected subgroup of  $G$ . We denote by  $H^{\text{tor}}$  the biggest toric quotient group of  $H$ . We are interested in the Brauer equivalence in the set  $X(k)$  where  $X = G/H$ .

We compute  $X(k)/\text{Br}$  when  $k$  is a local field. Namely, we prove that there is a bijection

$$X(k)/\text{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{im} [\ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)] \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})]$$

(Theorem 2.1). Moreover, when  $k$  is a nonarchimedean local field, we prove that there is a bijection  $X(k)/\text{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  (Theorem 2.2).

We also compute  $X(k)/\text{Br}$  when  $k$  is a number field. We prove that there is a bijection

$$X(k)/\text{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{im} \left[ \ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)] \rightarrow \bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}}) \right]$$

(Theorem 3.1), where  $v$  runs over the set of places of  $k$ . Moreover when  $k$  is a totally imaginary number field, we prove that there is a bijection

$$X(k)/\text{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})/\text{III}^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$$

(Theorem 3.4), where  $\text{III}^1$  denotes the Shafarevich–Tate kernel.

In Example 3.9 we compute  $X(k)/\text{Br}$  when  $X$  is a symmetric space of a simply connected almost simple group over a totally imaginary number field  $k$ .

**Remark 0.1.** It would be interesting to compute the set of Brauer equivalence classes in  $X(k)$ , where  $X = G/H$ , with respect to the Brauer equivalence defined by the group  $\text{Br } X^c$ , where  $X^c$  is a smooth compactification of  $X$ . Unfortunately the group  $\text{Br } X^c$  is not known, there is only a conjecture of Colliot-Thélène and the second author [CT/K]. Note that if  $k$  is a number field and  $X = G/H$  is a symmetric space of a simply connected semisimple  $k$ -group  $G$ , then it follows from the conjecture of [CT/K] that  $\text{Br } X^c = \text{Br } k$ , and therefore there is only one equivalence class in  $X(k)$ .

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## 1. GENERALITIES OVER AN ARBITRARY FIELD

**1.1.** We introduce some notation. For a smooth algebraic variety  $Y$  over a field  $k$  of characteristic 0 let  $U(Y) = k[Y]^\times/k^\times$ . Let  $\text{Pic } Y$  denote the Picard group of  $Y$ . Let  $\text{Br } Y$  and  $\text{Br}_1 Y$  be as in the Introduction. Set  $\text{Br}_a Y = \text{coker}[\text{Br } k \rightarrow \text{Br}_1 Y]$ . Assume that  $Y$  has a  $k$ -rational point  $y$ , and define

$$\text{Br}_y Y = \ker[\text{Br}_1 Y \xrightarrow{y^*} \text{Br } k]$$

where  $y^*$  is the specialization map.

We prove that  $\text{Br}_y Y \simeq \text{Br}_a Y$ . Consider the composed map

$$\text{Br } k \rightarrow \text{Br}_1 Y \xrightarrow{y^*} \text{Br } k,$$

it is the identity of  $\text{Br } k$ . It follows that the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Br}_y Y \rightarrow \text{Br}_1 Y \xrightarrow{y^*} \text{Br } k \rightarrow 0$$

splits, and we obtain an isomorphism  $\text{Br}_y Y \oplus \text{Br } k \simeq \text{Br}_1 Y$ . Thus we obtain an isomorphism  $\text{Br}_y Y \rightarrow \text{Br}_a Y$  and a splitting  $\text{Br}_a Y \rightarrow \text{Br}_1 Y$  of the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Br } k \rightarrow \text{Br}_1 Y \rightarrow \text{Br}_a Y \rightarrow 0.$$

**1.2.** We wish to investigate the Brauer equivalence in homogeneous spaces. Let  $G$  be a simply connected semisimple algebraic group over a field  $k$  of characteristic 0. Let  $H \subset G$  be a connected  $k$ -subgroup. Set  $X = G/H$ ; then  $X$  is a left homogeneous space of  $G$  with connected stabilizer. The variety  $X$  has a distinguished  $k$ -rational point  $x_0$ , the image in  $X(k)$  of the unit element  $e \in G(k)$ .

We recall the definition of the connecting map  $\delta: X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, H)$ , cf. [Se], I-5.4. Let  $\pi: G \rightarrow G/H = X$  denote the canonical morphism. The group  $H$  acts on the right on  $G$  by  $g * h = gh$  where  $g \in G$ ,  $h \in H$ . Let  $x \in X(k)$ ; then  $\pi^{-1}(x)$  is a right torsor under  $H$ . By definition  $\delta(x)$  is the class of the torsor  $\pi^{-1}(x)$  in  $H^1(k, H)$ . Note that the map  $\delta$  induces a canonical bijection

$$G(k) \backslash X(k) \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)]$$

(cf. [Se], I-5.4, Cor. 1 of Prop. 36), where  $G(k) \backslash X(k)$  is the quotient of  $X(k)$  by the left action of  $G(k)$ .

We construct a map  $X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  taking  $x_0$  to 1. Composing the map  $\delta: X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, H)$  with the canonical map  $H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  induced by the homomorphism  $H \rightarrow H^{\text{tor}}$ , we obtain a map

$$\alpha: X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}). \quad (1.1)$$

Clearly this map is constant on the orbits of  $G(k)$  in  $X(k)$ .

Let  $\mathbf{X}(H)$  denote the group of  $k$ -characters of  $H$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{X}(H) = \text{Hom}_k(H, \mathbb{G}_m)$ . We have  $\mathbf{X}(H) = \mathbf{X}(H^{\text{tor}})$ .

**Proposition 1.3.** *There is a canonical isomorphism  $\mathbf{X}(H) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic } X$ .*

*Proof.* By [Sa], 6.10 there is an exact sequence

$$U(G) \rightarrow \mathbf{X}(H) \rightarrow \text{Pic } X \rightarrow \text{Pic } G.$$

By Rosenlicht's theorem [Ro]  $U(G) = \mathbf{X}(G)$ , and clearly  $\mathbf{X}(G) = 1$  because  $G$  is semisimple, so  $U(G) = 1$ . By [Sa], 6.9(iv) we have  $\text{Pic } G = 1$ . Thus we obtain an isomorphism  $\mathbf{X}(H) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic } X$ .  $\square$

**1.3.1. Remark.** In the case when  $k$  is algebraically closed, Proposition 1.3 was proved in [Po], Cor. of Thm. 4.

**1.4.** We have seen in the proof of Proposition 1.3 that  $U(\overline{G}) = 1$ . It follows that  $U(\overline{X}) = 1$ .

Since  $X(k) \neq \emptyset$  and  $U(\overline{X}) = 1$ , we have by [Sa], 6.3(iii)

$$\text{Br}_a X = H^1(k, \text{Pic } \overline{X}).$$

We have  $\text{Br}_{x_0} X \simeq \text{Br}_a X$ . By Proposition 1.3,  $\text{Pic } \overline{X} = \mathbf{X}(\overline{H})$ . We obtain

$$\text{Br}_{x_0} X = H^1(k, \mathbf{X}(\overline{H})) = H^1(k, \mathbf{X}(\overline{H}^{\text{tor}})). \quad (1.2)$$

There is a canonical cup product pairing

$$H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}) \times H^1(k, \mathbf{X}(\overline{H}^{\text{tor}})) \rightarrow \text{Br } k. \quad (1.3)$$

The pairing (1.3) together with the map (1.1)  $X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  and the isomorphism (1.2) defines a pairing

$$X(k) \times \text{Br}_{x_0} X \rightarrow \text{Br } k. \quad (1.4)$$

**Theorem 1.5.** *The pairing (1.4) up to sign coincides with the restriction of the Manin pairing (0.1) to  $X(k) \times \text{Br}_{x_0} X \subset X(k) \times \text{Br}_1 X$ .*

*Proof.* We use the description of the Manin pairing with the help of torsors given in [CT/Sa2], §2.

We regard the canonical map  $G \rightarrow X = G/H$  as a right (non-abelian)  $X$ -torsor under  $H$ . Set  $S = H^{\text{tor}}$  and denote by  $H^{\text{ssu}}$  the kernel of the natural homomorphism  $\psi: H \rightarrow S$ . This homomorphism induces push-forward maps in cohomology:  $H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, S)$  and  $H^1(X, H) \rightarrow H^1(X, S)$  sending non-abelian torsors under  $H$  to abelian torsors under  $S$  (explicitly, a torsor  $Z$  under  $H$  goes to the torsor  $Z/H^{\text{ssu}}$  under  $S$ ). Let  $Y = G/H^{\text{ssu}}$  be the torsor under  $S$  obtained

from  $X$  by push-forward. Note that by Proposition 1.3 we have an isomorphism  $\mathbf{X}(\overline{S}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Pic } \overline{X}$ .

Let  $\theta_Y: X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, S)$  be the canonical evaluation map associated to  $Y$ , i.e.  $\theta_Y$  takes  $x \in X(k)$  to the isomorphism class of the fibre of  $Y$  at  $x$ . Notice that  $\theta_Y$  coincides with the map  $\alpha$  defined by (1.1). Indeed,  $\alpha$  is the composition  $X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  where the first arrow is the connecting map  $\delta$  defined in 1.2 and the second one is the push-forward map induced by  $\psi$ . Recall that  $\delta(x)$  coincides with the isomorphism class of the fibre of  $G \rightarrow X$  at  $x$ . Since push-forward commutes with specialization,  $\alpha(x)$  coincides with the isomorphism class of the fibre of  $Y$  at  $x$ , and thus  $\alpha = \theta_Y$ .

To finish the proof, it only remains to recall the isomorphism (1.2) and to apply the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X(k) \times \text{Br}_1 X & \longrightarrow & \text{Br } k \\ \theta_Y \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ H^1(k, S) \times H^1(k, \mathbf{X}(\overline{S})) & \longrightarrow & \text{Br } k \end{array}$$

Here the top row is the Manin pairing and the bottom row is the cup-product. The diagram is commutative up to sign (cf. [CT/Sa2], Prop. 2.7.10), which proves the theorem.  $\square$

## 2. BRAUER EQUIVALENCE OVER A LOCAL FIELD

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $G, H, X$  be as in 1.2. Assume that  $k$  is a local field of characteristic 0 (archimedean or not). Then the map (1.1)  $\alpha: X(k) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  induces a bijection*

$$X(k)/\text{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{im} [\ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)] \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})].$$

*Proof.* It follows from Theorem 1.5 that two points  $x_1, x_2 \in X(k)$  are Brauer-equivalent if and only if  $(\alpha(x_1), \eta) = (\alpha(x_2), \eta)$  for every  $\eta \in H^1(k, \mathbf{X}(\overline{H}^{\text{tor}}))$ . Since  $k$  is a local field, the cup product pairing (1.3) is perfect (Tate–Nakayama duality, cf. [Mi], Cor. I-2.4), and it follows that  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are Brauer-equivalent if and only if  $\alpha(x_1) = \alpha(x_2)$ . Thus the set of classes of Brauer equivalence is in a bijective correspondence with  $\text{im } \alpha$ . We see that we must only describe the image of  $X(k)$  in  $H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$ . But the image of  $X(k)$  in  $H^1(k, H)$  is the same as the image of  $G(k) \setminus X(k)$  and it equals  $\ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)]$ . Hence the image of  $X(k)$  in  $H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  is

$$\text{im} [\ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)] \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})],$$

and the assertion of the theorem follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $G, H, X$  be as in 1.2, and assume that  $k$  is a non-archimedean local field of characteristic 0. Then the map (1.1)  $\alpha$  induces a bijection*

$$X(k)/\mathrm{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(k, H^{\mathrm{tor}}).$$

*Proof.* Since  $G$  is a simply connected group, by Kneser's theorem (see [Pl/Ra], 6.1, Thm. 4)  $H^1(k, G) = 1$ . We see now from Theorem 2.1 that  $X(k)/\mathrm{Br}$  is in a bijective correspondence with  $\mathrm{im}[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\mathrm{tor}})]$ . Let  $H^{\mathrm{ssu}}$  denote  $\ker[H \rightarrow H^{\mathrm{tor}}]$ , it is an extension of a semisimple group by a unipotent group. Since  $k$  is local nonarchimedean and  $(H^{\mathrm{ssu}})^{\mathrm{tor}} = 1$ , the map  $H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\mathrm{tor}})$  is surjective, cf. [Bo], Cor. 6.4. This proves the theorem.  $\square$

### 3. BRAUER EQUIVALENCE OVER A NUMBER FIELD

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $k$  be a number field, and let  $G, H, X$  be as in 1.2. Then the map*

$$X(k) \rightarrow G(k) \backslash X(k) \xrightarrow{\sim} \ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)] \rightarrow \bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\mathrm{tor}})$$

*induces a bijection*

$$X(k)/\mathrm{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathrm{im} \left[ \ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)] \rightarrow \bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\mathrm{tor}}) \right]$$

*where  $v$  runs over the set of places of  $k$ .*

To prove Theorem 3.1 we need a lemma.

**Lemma 3.2.** (cf. [Ma/Ts], 4.5). *Let  $Y$  be a variety over a number field  $k$ . Then the map  $Y(k)/\mathrm{Br} \rightarrow \prod_v Y(k_v)/\mathrm{Br}$  is injective, where  $v$  runs over the set of places of  $k$  and  $Y(k_v)/\mathrm{Br}$  denotes the set of Brauer equivalence classes in  $Y(k_v)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $y_1, y_2 \in Y(k)$ , and assume that  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are Brauer-equivalent in  $Y(k_v)$  for all places  $v$  of  $k$ . This means that for every  $b_v \in \mathrm{Br}_1 Y_{k_v}$ ,  $(y_1, b_v) = (y_2, b_v)$ . Let now  $b \in \mathrm{Br}_1 Y$ . We wish to compare  $(y_1, b)$  and  $(y_2, b)$ . Consider  $\mathrm{loc}_v(y_i, b) \in \mathrm{Br} k_v$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , where  $\mathrm{loc}$  means localization. We have  $\mathrm{loc}_v(y_i, b) = (y_i, \mathrm{loc}_v b)$ , where  $\mathrm{loc}_v b \in \mathrm{Br}_1 Y_{k_v}$ . By assumption we have  $(y_1, \mathrm{loc}_v b) = (y_2, \mathrm{loc}_v b)$ . We see that  $\mathrm{loc}_v(y_1, b) = \mathrm{loc}_v(y_2, b)$  for all  $v$ . It follows that  $(y_1, b) = (y_2, b)$ , because the map  $\mathrm{loc}: \mathrm{Br} k \rightarrow \prod_v \mathrm{Br} k_v$  is injective. Thus  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are Brauer-equivalent in  $Y(k)$ .  $\square$

**3.3. Proof of Theorem 3.1.** Note that  $\text{Br}_1 G = \text{Br } k$  (cf. [Sa], 6.9(iv)), hence every orbit of  $G(k)$  in  $X(k)$  is contained in one class of Brauer equivalence. It follows that the map  $X(k) \rightarrow X(k)/\text{Br}$  factors through  $G(k)\backslash X(k)$ :

$$X(k) \rightarrow G(k)\backslash X(k) \rightarrow X(k)/\text{Br}$$

and these maps are surjective.

Consider the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X(k)/\text{Br} & \longrightarrow & H^1(k, H) & \longrightarrow & H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}) \\ a \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow d \\ \prod_v X(k_v)/\text{Br} & \xrightarrow{b} & \prod_v H^1(k_v, H) & \xrightarrow{c} & \prod_v H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}}) \end{array} \quad (3.1)$$

The image of the map  $d$  is contained in  $\bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}})$  (cf. e.g. [Vo], 11.3, Cor. 1 of Prop. 1), and we obtain a map

$$X(k)/\text{Br} \rightarrow H^1(k, H) \rightarrow \bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}}).$$

Consider the maps

$$X(k) \xrightarrow{e} H^1(k, H) \xrightarrow{f} \bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}}). \quad (3.2)$$

Since in diagram (3.1) the map  $a$  is injective by Lemma 3.2, and the map  $c \circ b$  is injective by Theorem 2.1, we see that in (3.2) the fibres of the map  $f \circ e$  are exactly the Brauer equivalence classes in  $X(k)$ , and so

$$X(k)/\text{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{im}(f \circ e) = f(\text{im } e),$$

whence Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *In Theorem 3.1 assume that  $k$  is a totally imaginary number field. Then the bijection of Theorem 3.1 induces a bijection*

$$X(k)/\text{Br} \xrightarrow{\sim} H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})/\text{III}^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}).$$

To prove Theorem 3.4 we need a proposition and two corollaries.

**Proposition 3.5.** *Let  $k$  be a totally imaginary number field, and  $L = (\bar{F}, \kappa)$  a  $k$ -kernel ( $k$ -lien) (see [Sp], [Bo], [F/S/S] for a definition), where  $\bar{F}$  is a connected linear  $\bar{k}$ -group such that  $\bar{F}^{\text{tor}} = 1$ . Then every element of  $H^2(k, L)$  is neutral.*

*Proof.* The proposition follows from [Bo], Thm. 6.8(iii) and Thm. 6.3(ii). Note that in the case when  $\bar{F}$  is semisimple, the proposition was proved by Douai ([Do], Cor. 5.1), see also [Bo], Cor. 6.9. The proposition follows also from Douai's result and [Bo], Prop. 4.1.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.6.** *Let  $k$  be a totally imaginary number field and let*

$$1 \rightarrow G_1 \rightarrow G_2 \rightarrow G_3 \rightarrow 1$$

*be an exact sequence of linear  $k$ -groups. If  $G_1$  is connected and  $G_1^{\text{tor}} = 1$ , then the map  $H^1(k, G_2) \rightarrow H^1(k, G_3)$  is surjective.*

*Proof.* We argue as in [Bo], the proof of Cor. 6.4. Let  $\xi \in H^1(k, G_3)$ , and let  $\psi \in Z^1(k, G_3)$  be a cocycle from the class  $\xi$ . According to Springer ([Sp], 1.20), one can associate to  $\psi$  a  $k$ -kernel  $L_\psi = (G_{1\bar{k}}, \kappa_\psi)$  and a cohomology class  $\Delta(\psi) \in H^2(k, L_\psi)$  which is the obstruction to lifting  $\xi$  to  $H^1(k, G_2)$ . Since  $G_{1\bar{k}}^{\text{tor}} = 1$ , by Prop. 3.5 the class  $\Delta(\psi)$  is neutral, and hence  $\xi$  comes from  $H^1(k, G_2)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.7.** *Let  $F$  be a connected linear group over a totally imaginary number field  $k$ . Then the map  $H^1(k, F) \rightarrow H^1(k, F^{\text{tor}})$  is surjective.*

*Proof.* We have an exact sequence

$$1 \rightarrow F^{\text{ssu}} \rightarrow F \rightarrow F^{\text{tor}} \rightarrow 1$$

where  $(F^{\text{ssu}})^{\text{tor}} = 1$ . Now the corollary follows from Corollary 3.6.  $\square$

**3.8. Proof of Theorem 3.4.** Since  $G$  is simply connected and  $k$  is a totally imaginary number field,  $H^1(k, G) = 1$  (Kneser–Harder–Chernousov, see [Pl/Ra] §6.1, Thm. 6). Thus  $\ker[H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, G)] = H^1(k, H)$ . By Theorem 3.1  $X(k)/\text{Br}$  is in a bijective correspondence with

$$\text{im} \left[ H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}}) \right].$$

By Corollary 3.7 the map  $H^1(k, H) \rightarrow H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$  is surjective. We see that  $X(k)/\text{Br}$  is in a bijective correspondence with

$$\text{im} \left[ H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}) \rightarrow \bigoplus_v H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}}) \right] = H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})/\text{III}^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}).$$

$\square$

**Example 3.9.** Let  $G$  be a simply connected absolutely almost simple group over a number field  $k$ ,  $H \subset G$  a connected  $k$ -subgroup,  $X = G/H$ . Assume that  $X$  is a symmetric space, i.e.  $H$  is the group of invariants of an involution of  $G$ . From the classification of involutions of simple Lie algebras (see e.g. [He], X-5, p. 514) it follows that  $\dim H^{\text{tor}} \leq 1$ .

If  $H^{\text{tor}} = 1$  or  $H^{\text{tor}}$  is a one-dimensional split torus, then  $H^1(k_v, H^{\text{tor}}) = 1$  for all  $v$ , and by Theorem 3.1  $X(k)/\text{Br}$  consists of one element.



If  $H^{\text{tor}}$  is a one-dimensional nonsplit torus, then  $H^{\text{tor}}$  splits over a quadratic extension  $K$  of  $k$ . Assume in addition that  $k$  is totally imaginary. Then by Theorem 3.4  $X(k)/\text{Br} = H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})/\text{III}^1(k, H^{\text{tor}})$ . Since  $K/k$  is cyclic, we have  $\text{III}^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}) = 1$  ([Vo], 11.6, Cor. 3), and we see that

$$X(k)/\text{Br} = H^1(k, H^{\text{tor}}) = k^\times / N_{K/k} K^\times$$

where  $N_{K/k}$  denotes the norm map.

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