

MACKEY-FUNCTOR STRUCTURE ON THE BRAUER GROUPS OF A FINITE GALOIS COVERING OF SCHEMES

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ABSTRACT. For any finite étale covering of schemes, we can associate two homomorphisms for Brauer groups, namely the pull-back and the norm map. These homomorphisms make Brauer groups into a bivariant functor (a Mackey functor). Restricting to a finite Galois covering of schemes, we obtain a cohomological Mackey functor on its Galois group. This is a generalization of the result for rings by Ford [5]. Applying Bley and Boltje's theorem [1], we can derive certain isomorphisms for the Brauer groups of intermediate coverings.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, a scheme S is always assumed to be Noetherian, and $\pi(S)$ denotes its étale fundamental group. Since we use Čech cohomology, we assume S satisfies the following:

Assumption 1.1. For any finite set E of points of S , there exists an open set $U \subset S$, such that U contains every point in E .

As for the étale fundamental group and related notion, we follow the terminology in [9]. For example a finite étale covering is just a finite étale morphism of schemes.

Our aim is to make the following generalization of the result for rings by Ford [5].

Corollary (Corollary 4.2). Let $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ be a finite Galois covering of schemes with Galois group G . Then the correspondence

$$H \leq G \mapsto \text{Br}(Y/H)$$

forms a cohomological Mackey functor on G .

This follows from our main theorem;

Theorem (Theorem 3.5). Let S be a connected Noetherian scheme. Let (FEt/S) denote the category of finite étale coverings over S . Then, the Brauer group functor Br forms a cohomological Mackey functor on (FEt/S) .

As in Definition 3.1, a Mackey functor is a bivariant pair of functors $\text{Br} = (\text{Br}^*, \text{Br}_*)$. For any morphism $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$, the contravariant part $\text{Br}^*(\pi) : \text{Br}(X) \rightarrow \text{Br}(Y)$ is the pull-back, and $\text{Br}_*(\pi) : \text{Br}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Br}(X)$ is the norm map defined later.

By applying Bley and Boltje's theorem (Fact 5.2) to Corollary 4.2, we can obtain certain relations between Brauer groups of intermediate coverings:

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Corollary (Corollary 5.3). Let X be a connected Noetherian scheme and $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ be a finite Galois covering with $\text{Gal}(Y/X) = G$.

(i) Let ℓ be a prime number. If $H \leq G$ is not ℓ -hypoelementary, then there is a natural isomorphism of \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -modules

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{odd}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)(\ell)^{|U|} \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{even}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)(\ell)^{|U|}.$$

(ii) If $H \leq G$ is not hypoelementary, then there is a natural isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{odd}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)^{|U|} \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{even}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)^{|U|}.$$

2. RESTRICTION AND CORESTRICTION

Remark 2.1. For any scheme X , there exists a natural monomorphism

$$\chi_X : \text{Br}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Br}'(X) := H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X})_{\text{tor}},$$

such that for any morphism $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Br}(X) & \xrightarrow{\pi^*} & \text{Br}(Y) \\ \downarrow \chi_X & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \chi_Y \\ H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) & \xrightarrow{\pi^*} & H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) \end{array}$$

is a commutative diagram.

Here $\pi^* : \text{Br}(X) \rightarrow \text{Br}(Y)$ is the pull-back of Azumaya algebras, while $\pi^* : H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) \rightarrow H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y})$ is defined as the composition of the canonical morphism

$$H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) \rightarrow H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y})$$

and

$$H_{\text{et}}^2(\pi_{\sharp}) : H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) \rightarrow H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}),$$

where $\pi_{\sharp} : \mathbb{G}_{m,X} \rightarrow \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}$ is the canonical (structural) homomorphism of étale sheaves on X . We call these π^* the *restriction maps*.

Remark 2.2. For any finite étale covering $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$, there exists a homomorphism of étale sheaves on X

$$N_{Y/X} : \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_{m,X}$$

which induces the norm map for finite étale ring extensions.

When $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ is a finite étale covering, the canonical homomorphism $H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) \rightarrow H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y})$ becomes isomorphic (cf. [6]). By composing $H_{\text{et}}^2(N_{Y/X})$ with the inverse of this canonical isomorphism, we define the *corestriction map* for cohomology groups:

$$\text{cor}_{\pi} : H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) \xrightarrow{\cong} H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) \xrightarrow{H_{\text{et}}^2(N_{Y/X})} H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}).$$

Proposition 2.3. *Let $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ as before. There exists a corestriction homomorphism for Brauer groups*

$$\text{cor}_\pi : \text{Br}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Br}(X),$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Br}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_\pi} & \text{Br}(X) \\ \chi_Y \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \chi_X \\ H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) & \xrightarrow{\text{cor}_\pi} & H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) \end{array}$$

is commutative.

To construct $\text{cor} : \text{Br}(Y) \rightarrow \text{Br}(X)$, we define a monoidal functor

$$\mathcal{N}_{Y/X} : \text{q-Coh}(Y) \rightarrow \text{q-Coh}(X).$$

Lemma 2.4. *Let $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ be a finite étale covering of constant degree d . There exists a monoidal functor (unique up to a natural isomorphism)*

$$\mathcal{N}_\pi = \mathcal{N}_{Y/X} : \text{q-Coh}(Y) \rightarrow \text{q-Coh}(X),$$

($\text{q-Coh}(X)$: the category of quasi-coherent Zariski sheaves on X). such that

(i) *When Y is isomorphic to a disjoint union of d -copies of X , i.e. when $Y = \coprod_{1 \leq i \leq d} Y_i$ and $\exists \eta_i : X \xrightarrow{\cong} Y_i$, then $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$ is defined by*

$$\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{F}) := \eta_1^*(\mathcal{F}|_{Y_1}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \cdots \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \eta_d^*(\mathcal{F}|_{Y_d}) \quad (\forall \mathcal{F} \in \text{q-Coh}(Y)).$$

(ii) *For any pull-back by a morphism $f : X' \rightarrow X$*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & X' \\ g \downarrow & \square & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\pi} & X \end{array}$$

there exists a natural isomorphism of monoidal functors

$$\mathcal{N}_{Y'/X'} \circ g^* \xrightarrow{\cong} f^* \circ \mathcal{N}_{Y/X}.$$

Proof. When Y is isomorphic to a disjoint union of d -copies of X , then $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$ is defined by as in (i).

For a general case, remark that

Remark 2.5. For any finite étale covering $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ of constant degree d , there exists a fpqc morphism $f : X' \rightarrow X$ such that $Y \times_X X'$ is isomorphic to a disjoint union of d -copies of X' .

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y' \cong \coprod_d X' & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & X' \\ g \downarrow & \square & \downarrow f \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\pi} & X \end{array}$$

For any $\mathcal{F} \in \text{q-Coh}(Y)$, put $\overline{\mathcal{F}} := \mathcal{N}_{Y'/X'}(g^*(\mathcal{F}))$. Then $\overline{\mathcal{F}}$ descends to yield $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{F}) \in \text{q-Coh}(X)$. Thus we obtain a monoidal functor $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$. This construction does not depend on the choice of f , up to an isomorphism of monoidal functors. By the reduction to the disjoint-union case as above, we can show (ii). \square

While this $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$ is a generalization of the norm functor for a finite étale ring extension (Knus-Ojanguren [8], Ferrand [4]), it is also possible to define $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$ by gluing those for affines.

Lemma 2.6. *Let $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ be a finite étale covering of constant degree d . $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$ has the following properties:*

(0) $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$ is monoidal.

(1) For any $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G} \in \text{q-Coh}(Y)$, there exists a functorial morphism

$$\theta_{Y/X} : \mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{O}_Y}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{F}), \mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{G})).$$

(1⁺) Moreover if \mathcal{G} is locally free of finite rank, this is an isomorphism.

(2) There exists a natural isomorphism

$$\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{O}_Y^{\oplus n}) \cong \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus nd}.$$

(2⁺) More generally, if \mathcal{F} is locally free \mathcal{O}_Y -module of finite rank n , then $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{F})$ becomes locally free \mathcal{O}_X -module of rank nd .

For a general (non-constant degree) $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$, we can define the norm functor on each connected component of X as above, and glue them to obtain the norm functor $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X} : \text{q-Coh}(Y) \rightarrow \text{q-Coh}(X)$.

Proof. Conditions (0) and (2) follow from the definition of $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$. By taking an affine cover $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} U_i$, (2⁺) reduces to the case where X, Y are affine, shown by

Ferrand [4]. As for condition (1), existence of $\theta_{Y/X}$ simply follows from the fact that $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$ is a monoidal functor between closed symmetric monoidal categories. (1⁺) is shown by a reduction to the affine case. \square

Proof. (proof of Proposition) By the above lemma, especially we have an isomorphism

$$\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{O}_Y)) \cong \mathcal{M}_{nd}(\mathcal{O}_X)$$

of \mathcal{O}_X -algebras, for any finite étale covering Y/X of constant degree d .

Remark that for any \mathcal{O}_Y -algebra \mathcal{A} of finite type, \mathcal{A} is an Azumaya algebra if and only if \mathcal{A} is étale locally isomorphic to $\mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{O}_Y)$. Thus for any Azumaya algebra \mathcal{A} , there exists a covering $\mathcal{V} := \{V_i \xrightarrow{g_i} Y\}_{i \in I}$ of Y in the étale topology (simply written ‘ $\mathcal{V} \in \text{Cov}_{\text{et}}(Y)$ ’) such that

$$g_i^* \mathcal{A} \cong \mathcal{M}_{n_i}(\mathcal{O}_{V_i}) \quad (\exists n_i \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Replacing \mathcal{V} by its refinement, we may assume that there exists a covering $\mathcal{U} = \{U_i \xrightarrow{f_i} X\}_{i \in I} \in \text{Cov}_{\text{et}}(X)$ such that

$$\mathcal{V} = \pi^* \mathcal{U} := \{Y \times_X U_i \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_Y} Y\}_{i \in I}.$$

Then we have $f_i^* \mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{A}) \cong \mathcal{N}_{V_i/U_i}(g_i^* \mathcal{A}) \cong \mathcal{M}_{n_i}(\mathcal{O}_{U_i})$. Thus $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{A})$ also becomes an Azumaya algebra.

By the isomorphism

$$\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{E}\text{nd}(\mathcal{E})) \cong \mathcal{E}\text{nd}(\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{E})) \quad (\forall \mathcal{E}: \text{locally free of finite rank})$$

and the monoidality of $\mathcal{N}_{Y/X}$, we obtain a well-defined homomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{cor}_\pi : \text{Br}(Y) & \longrightarrow & \text{Br}(X) \\ \downarrow \Psi & & \downarrow \Psi \\ \mathcal{A} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{N}_{Y/X}(\mathcal{A}). \end{array}$$

By using Čech cohomology, we can show the commutativity of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Br}(Y) & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{cor}_\pi} & \mathrm{Br}(X) \\ \chi_Y \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \chi_X \\ H_{\mathrm{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{cor}_\pi} & H_{\mathrm{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}). \end{array}$$

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3. BRAUER-GROUP MACKEY FUNCTOR

For any profinite group G , let $(\mathrm{fin. } G\text{-space})$ denote the category of finite discrete G -spaces and equivariant G -maps.

Definition 3.1. Let \mathcal{C} be a Galois category, with fundamental functor F (i.e. there exists a profinite group $\pi(\mathcal{C})$ such that F gives an equivalence from \mathcal{C} to $(\mathrm{fin. } \pi(\mathcal{C})\text{-space})$).

A cohomological Mackey functor on \mathcal{C} is a pair of functors $M = (M^*, M_*)$ from \mathcal{C} to Ab , where M^* is contravariant and M_* is covariant, satisfying the following conditions:

(0) $M^*(X) = M_*(X)(=: M(X)) \quad (\forall X \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C}))$.

(1) (Additivity) For each coproduct $X \xrightarrow{i_X} X \amalg Y \xleftarrow{i_Y} Y$ in \mathcal{C} , the canonical morphism

$$(M^*(i_X), M^*(i_Y)) : M(X \amalg Y) \rightarrow M(X) \oplus M(Y)$$

is an isomorphism.

(2) (Mackey condition) For any pull-back diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y' & \xrightarrow{\varpi'} & Y \\ \pi \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \pi' \\ X' & \xrightarrow{\varpi} & X \end{array},$$

the following diagram is commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M(Y) & \xrightarrow{M^*(\varpi')} & M(Y') \\ M_*(\pi) \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow M_*(\pi') \\ M(X) & \xrightarrow{M^*(\varpi)} & M(X') \end{array}$$

(3) (Cohomological condition) For any morphism $\pi : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{C} with X and Y connected, we have

$$M_*(\pi) \circ M^*(\pi) = \text{multiplication by } \deg(\pi)$$

where $\deg(\pi) := \sharp F(Y)/\sharp F(X)$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & M(Y) & \\ M^*(\pi) \nearrow & & \searrow M_*(\pi) \\ M(X) & \xrightarrow{\quad \circlearrowleft \quad} & M(X) \\ & \deg \pi & \end{array}$$

A standard example is the cohomological Mackey functor on a profinite group G (in terminology of [1], a cohomological Mackey functor on the finite natural Mackey system on G):

Definition 3.2. Let G be a profinite group, and put $\mathcal{C} := (\text{fin. } G\text{-space})$, $F := \text{id}$. A cohomological Mackey functor on \mathcal{C} is simply called a cohomological Mackey functor on G , and their category is denoted by $\text{Mack}_c(G)$.

Remark 3.3. Since any object X in $(\text{fin. } G\text{-space})$ is a direct sum of transitive G -sets of the form G/H where H is a open subgroup of G , a Mackey functor on G is equivalent to the following datum:

An abelian group $M(H)$ for each open $H \leq G$, with structure maps

- a homomorphism $\text{res}_K^H : M(H) \rightarrow M(K)$ for each open $K \leq H \leq G$,

- a homomorphism $\text{cor}_K^H : M(K) \rightarrow M(H)$ for each open $K \leq H \leq G$,

- a homomorphism $c_{g,H} : M(H) \rightarrow M({}^gH)$ for each open $H \leq G$ and $g \in G$,

where ${}^gH := gHg^{-1}$, satisfying certain compatibilities (cf. [1]). Here $M(G/H)$ is abbreviated to $M(H)$ for any open $H \leq G$.

Example 3.4. In this notation, for any G -module A and any $n \geq 0$, the group cohomology

$$H \mapsto H^n(H, A) \quad (\forall H \leq G \text{ open})$$

becomes a cohomological Mackey functor on G , with appropriate structure maps.

For any finite étale covering $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$, put $\text{Br}^*(\pi) := \text{res}_\pi$ and $\text{Br}_*(\pi) := \text{cor}_\pi$. Then we obtain a cohomological Mackey functor Br (and similarly Br' , $H_{\text{ét}}^2(-, \mathbb{G}_m)$):

Theorem 3.5. For any connected Noetherian scheme S , we have a sequence of cohomological Mackey functors on (FEt/S)

$$\text{Br} \hookrightarrow \text{Br}' \hookrightarrow H_{\text{ét}}^2(-, \mathbb{G}_m).$$

Proof. We only show Mackey and cohomological conditions. Since restrictions and corestrictions are compatible with inclusions

$$\text{Br}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Br}'(X) \hookrightarrow H_{\text{ét}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}),$$

it suffices to show for $H_{\text{ét}}^2(-, \mathbb{G}_m)$.

(Mackey condition) For any pull-back diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xleftarrow{\varpi'} & Y' \\ \pi \downarrow & \square & \downarrow \pi' \\ X & \xleftarrow{\varpi} & X' \end{array}$$

in (FEt/S) , we have a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y} & \xrightarrow{\pi_*(\varpi'_\sharp)} & \pi_* \varpi'_\sharp \mathbb{G}_{m,Y'} \\ \downarrow N_{Y/X} & & \downarrow \varpi_* \pi'_\sharp \mathbb{G}_{m,Y'} \\ \mathbb{G}_{m,X} & \xrightarrow{\varpi_\sharp} & \varpi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,X'} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cong \\ \circlearrowright \end{array}$$

This yields a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) & \xrightarrow{\text{res}_{\varpi'}} & H_{\text{et}}^2(Y', \mathbb{G}_{m,Y'}) \\ \text{cor}_{\pi} \downarrow & \circlearrowleft & \downarrow \text{cor}_{\pi'} \\ H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) & \xrightarrow{\text{res}_{\varpi}} & H_{\text{et}}^2(X', \mathbb{G}_{m,X'}) . \end{array}$$

(Cohomological condition) For any morphism $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ in (FEt/S) with X and Y connected, since

$$N_{Y/X} \circ \pi_{\sharp} : \mathbb{G}_{m,X} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_{m,X}$$

is equal to the multiplication by $d = \deg(\pi)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{G}_{m,X} & \xrightarrow{\pi_{\sharp}} & \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y} \\ & \searrow & \downarrow N_{Y/X} \\ & & \mathbb{G}_{m,X} \\ & \xrightarrow{d} & \end{array}$$

we obtain $\text{cor}_{\pi} \circ \text{res}_{\pi} = d$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & H_{\text{et}}^2(Y, \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) & & \\ & \nearrow \text{res}_{\pi} & \cong \uparrow \text{can.} & \searrow \text{cor}_{\pi} & \\ H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) & \xrightarrow{H_{\text{et}}^2(\pi_{\sharp})} & H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \pi_* \mathbb{G}_{m,Y}) & \xrightarrow{H_{\text{et}}^2(N_{Y/X})} & H_{\text{et}}^2(X, \mathbb{G}_{m,X}) \\ & \searrow & \downarrow & \swarrow & \\ & & d & & \end{array}$$

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4. RESTRICTION TO A FINITE GALOIS COVERING

Thus we have obtained a Mackey functor Br on (FEt/S) . By pulling back by a quasi-inverse \mathcal{S} of the fundamental functor

$$F : (\text{FEt}/S) \xrightarrow{\cong} (\text{fin. } \pi(S)\text{-space}),$$

we can obtain a Mackey functor on $\pi(S)$:

Corollary 4.1. *There is a sequence of cohomological Mackey functors*

$$\text{Br} \circ \mathcal{S} \hookrightarrow \text{Br}' \circ \mathcal{S} \hookrightarrow H_{\text{et}}^2(-, \mathbb{G}_m) \circ \mathcal{S}$$

on $\pi(S)$, where $\text{Br} \circ \mathcal{S} := (\text{Br}^* \circ \mathcal{S}, \text{Br}_* \circ \mathcal{S})$ and so on.

Corollary 4.2. *Let X be a connected Noetherian scheme. For any finite Galois covering $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ with $\text{Gal}(Y/X) = G$, there exists a cohomological Mackey functor $\mathcal{B}r$ on G which satisfies*

$$\mathcal{B}r(H) \cong \text{Br}(Y/H) \quad (\forall H \leq G),$$

with structure maps induced from restrictions and corestrictions of Brauer groups. (We abbreviate $\mathcal{B}r(G/H)$ to $\mathcal{B}r(H)$.)

Proof. By the previous corollary, we have a cohomological Mackey functor $\text{Br} \circ \mathcal{S}$ on $\pi(X)$. Since there is a projection $\text{pr} : \pi(X) \twoheadrightarrow G^{\text{op}}$, we can regard any finite G^{op} -set naturally as a finite $\pi(X)$ -space, to obtain a functor

$$(\text{fin. } G^{\text{op}}\text{-space}) \rightarrow (\text{fin. } \pi(X)\text{-space}).$$

Pulling back by this functor, and taking the opposite Mackey functor, we obtain

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Mack}_c(\pi(X)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Mack}_c(G^{\text{op}}) \xrightarrow{\text{op}} \text{Mack}_c(G) \\ \Psi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Psi \\ M & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & M_G. \end{array}$$

In terms of subgroups of G , M_G satisfies

$$M_G(H) = M(\text{pr}^{-1}(H^{\text{op}})) \quad (\forall H \leq G).$$

Applying this to $\text{Br} \circ \mathcal{S}$, we obtain $\mathcal{B}r := (\text{Br} \circ \mathcal{S})_G \in \text{Mack}_c(G)$. Since the equivalence $\mathcal{S} : (\text{fin. } \pi(X)\text{-space}) \xrightarrow{\cong} (\text{FEt}/X)$ satisfies

$$\mathcal{S}(\pi(X)/\text{pr}^{-1}(H^{\text{op}})) \cong Y/H,$$

we have

$$\mathcal{B}r(H) \cong \text{Br}(Y/H).$$

□

Similarly we can define $\mathcal{B}r'$ (and also $(H_{\text{et}}^2(-, \mathbb{G}_m) \circ \mathcal{S})_G$). Since $\text{Mack}_c(G)$ is an abelian category with objectwise (co-)kernels (see for example [3]), we can take the quotient Mackey functor $\mathcal{B}r' / \mathcal{B}r \in \text{Mack}_c(G)$, which satisfies

$$(\mathcal{B}r' / \mathcal{B}r)(H) \cong (\mathcal{B}r'(Y/H)) / (\mathcal{B}r(Y/H)).$$

5. APPLICATION OF BLEY AND BOLTJE'S THEOREM

Let ℓ be a prime number. For any abelian group A , let

$$A(\ell) := \{m \in A \mid \exists e \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 0}, \ell^e m = 0\}$$

be the ℓ -primary part. This is a \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -module.

Definition 5.1 ([1]). For any finite group H ,

H is ℓ -*hypoelementary* \Leftrightarrow H has a normal ℓ -subgroup with a cyclic quotient.

H is *hypoelementary* \Leftrightarrow H is ℓ -hypoelementary for some prime ℓ .

Fact 5.2 ([1]). Let M be a cohomological Mackey functor on a finite group G .

(i) Let ℓ be a prime number. If $H \leq G$ is not ℓ -*hypoelementary*, then there is a natural isomorphism of \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -modules

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{odd}}} M(U)(\ell)^{|U|} \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{even}}} M(U)(\ell)^{|U|}.$$

(ii) If $H \leq G$ is not *hypoelementary* and $M(U)$ is torsion for any subgroup $U \leq H$, then there is a natural isomorphism of abelian groups

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{odd}}} M(U)^{|U|} \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{even}}} M(U)^{|U|}.$$

Here, $|U|$ denotes the order of U .

Applying this theorem to $\mathcal{B}r$, we obtain the following relations for the Brauer groups of intermediate étale coverings:

Corollary 5.3. *Let X be a connected Noetherian scheme and $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ be a finite Galois covering with $\text{Gal}(Y/X) = G$.*

(i) *Let ℓ be a prime number. If $H \leq G$ is not ℓ -hypoelementary, then there is a natural isomorphism of \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -modules*

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{odd}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)(\ell)^{|U|} \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{even}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)(\ell)^{|U|}.$$

(ii) *If $H \leq G$ is not hypoelementary, then there is a natural isomorphism of abelian groups*

$$\bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{odd}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)^{|U|} \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H \\ n:\text{even}}} \text{Br}(Y/U)^{|U|}.$$

Finally, we derive some numerical equations related to Brauer groups from Corollary 5.3.

Definition 5.4. Let G be a finite group. For any subgroups $U \leq H \leq G$, put

$$\mu(U, H) := \sum_{U=H_0 < \dots < H_n=H} (-1)^n, \quad \text{Möbius function.}$$

If m (resp. m_ℓ) is an additive invariant of abelian groups (resp. \mathbb{Z}_ℓ -modules) which is finite on Brauer groups, we obtain the following equations:

Corollary 5.5. *Let $\pi : Y \rightarrow X$ as before, $G = \text{Gal}(Y/X)$.*

(i) *If $H \leq G$ is not ℓ -hypoelementary,*

$$\sum_{U \leq H} |U| \cdot \mu(U, H) \cdot m_\ell(\text{Br}(Y/U)(\ell)) = 0.$$

(ii) *If $H \leq G$ is not hypoelementary,*

$$\sum_{U \leq H} |U| \cdot \mu(U, H) \cdot m(\text{Br}(Y/U)) = 0.$$

For a prime ℓ and an abelian group A , its corank is defined as $\text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(T_\ell(A))$, where $T_\ell(A) = \varprojlim_n \text{Ker}(\ell^n : A \rightarrow A)$. In this note, we denote this by

$$\text{rk}_\ell(A) := \text{rank}_{\mathbb{Z}_\ell}(T_\ell(A)).$$

$\text{Br}(X)(\ell)$ is known to be of finite corank, for example in the following cases ([7]):

- (C1) k : a separably closed or finite field, X : of finite type / k , and proper or smooth / k , or $\text{char}(k) = 0$ or $\dim X \leq 2$.
- (C2) X : of finite type / $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$, and smooth / $\text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$ or proper over $\exists \text{open } \subset \text{Spec}(\mathbb{Z})$.

Remark that if Y/X is a finite étale covering and X satisfies (C1) or (C2), then so does Y .

Example 5.6. Assume X satisfies (C1) or (C2). For any non- ℓ -hypoelementary subgroup $H \leq G$, we have an equation

$$\sum_{U \leq H} |U| \mu(U, H) \cdot \text{rk}_\ell(\text{Br}(Y/H)(\ell)) = 0.$$

Another example is related with the comparison of Br and Br' . By Gabber's lemma, for any finite étale covering Y/X , we have

$$\text{Br}'(X)/\text{Br}(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Br}'(Y)/\text{Br}(Y).$$

In particular, if $\text{Br}(Y) \subset \text{Br}(Y)'$ is of finite index, then so is $\text{Br}(X) \subset \text{Br}(X)'$.

Example 5.7. Assume X satisfies $[\text{Br}'(Y) : \text{Br}(Y)] < \infty$. Then for any non-hypoelementary subgroup $H \leq G$, we have an equation

$$\sum_{U \leq H} |U| \mu(U, H) \cdot [\text{Br}'(Y/U) : \text{Br}(Y/U)] = 0.$$

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