

We give below some details regarding an assertion used in the paper [5] of Liu-Lorenzini-Raynaud.

Let  $V/k$  be a proper smooth geometrically connected curve over a finite field. Let  $K := k(V)$  denote the function field of  $V$ . Let  $X/k$  be a smooth proper and geometrically connected surface endowed with a proper flat map  $f: X \rightarrow V$  such that the generic fiber  $X_K/K$  is a proper smooth geometrically connected curve of genus  $g$ .

**Assertion:** *Let  $A_K/K$  denote the Jacobian of  $X_K/K$ . Denote the Shafarevich-Tate group of  $A$  by  $\text{III}(A)$ , and let  $\text{Br}(X)$  be the Brauer group of  $X$ . Then  $\text{III}(A)$  is finite if and only if  $\text{Br}(X)$  is finite.*

A proof of this assertion can be obtained from the existing literature as follows (see the remark in [6] at the bottom of the page 1141).

Let  $P = \text{Pic}_{X_K/K}$ . The assertion that  $\text{III}(A)$  is finite if and only if  $\text{III}(P)$  is finite is standard and follows from the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$  (see [2], exact sequence (7) on page 405).

Similarly, the assertion that  $\text{III}(P)$  is finite implies that  $\text{Br}(X)$  is finite is standard (see [2], 2.4).

Assume now that  $\text{Br}(X)$  is finite. Let  $\mathbf{P} = \text{Pic}_{X/V}$  ([3], (4.3)). Then [3], Corollary 4.4, shows that  $\text{Br}(X)$  is finite if and only if  $H^1(V, \mathbf{P})$  is finite. We can then use the exact sequence (4.17) to deduce that if  $H^1(V, \mathbf{P})$  is finite, then  $\text{III}(V, \underline{B})$  is finite.

It remains to compare  $\text{III}(V, \underline{B})$  and  $\text{III}(P)$ , and this is done on page 122 of [3], Complement 4.9. It turns out that these groups are equal. The original definition of Shafarevich and Tate, used for  $\text{III}(P)$ , defines  $\text{III}(P)$  as the set of elements of  $H^1(K, P)$  whose images in each ‘completion’  $H^1(K_v, P)$  is trivial. The elements of  $\text{III}(V, \underline{B})$  consist in the elements of  $H^1(K, P)$  whose images in each ‘henselization’  $H^1(\tilde{K}_v, P)$  is trivial.

Let  $K$  be the field of fractions of a henselian discrete valuation ring with finite residue field. It is shown for instance in [4], page 59, remark 3.10 (ii), that when  $A/K$  is an abelian variety, the natural map  $H^1(K, A) \rightarrow H^1(\hat{K}, A)$  is an isomorphism. To show that the same result holds for  $P$ , we use the exact sequence  $0 \rightarrow A \rightarrow P \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 0$  (first exact sequence on page 405 of [2]), and the fact that if a connected component of  $P$  has a point over  $\hat{K}$ , then it has a point over  $K$  (see [1]).

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