

Brauer groups in arithmetic geometry: exercises 7 on the everywhere locally soluble varieties

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For the following exercises, you may use a CAS.

Exercise 1 (Selmer cubic). Let $C = V_+(3X^3 + 4Y^3 + 5Z^3) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Q}}^2$.

1. Show that C is a smooth projective geometrically integral curve of genus 1 over \mathbf{Q} .
2. Find the places of bad reduction of C/\mathbf{Q} .
3. Show that C has points everywhere locally.

Exercise 2 (Lind-Reichardt curve). Let $U = V(2y^2 + 17x^4 - 1) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{Q}}^2$.

1. Find homogeneous equations for a smooth projective geometrically integral model $C \hookrightarrow \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{Q}}^3$ of U/\mathbf{Q} (Hint: Write it as an intersection of two quadrics).
2. Find the genus of C (Hint: [Hartshorne, Remark IV.6.4.1]).
3. Find the places of bad reduction of C/\mathbf{Q} .
4. Show that C has points everywhere locally.