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Additive invariants of toric and twisted projective homogeneous varieties via noncommutative motives



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ABSTRACT

I. Panin proved in the nineties that the algebraic K-theory of twisted projective homogeneous varieties can be expressed in terms of central simple algebras. Later, Merkurjev and Panin described the algebraic K-theory of toric varieties as a direct summand of the algebraic K-theory of separable algebras. In this article, making use of the recent theory of noncommutative motives, we extend Panin and Merkurjev-Panin's computations from algebraic K-theory to every additive invariant. As a first application, we fully compute the cyclic homology (and all its variants) of twisted projective homogeneous varieties. As a second application, we show that the noncommutative motive of a twisted projective homogeneous variety is trivial if and only if the Brauer classes of the associated central simple algebras are trivial. Along the way we construct a fully-faithful &-functor from Merkurjev-Panin's motivic category to Kontsevich's category of noncommutative Chow motives, which is of independent interest.

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1. Introduction

1.1. Algebraic K-theory of twisted projective homogeneous varieties

Let G be a split semisimple algebraic group over a field $k, P \subset G$ a parabolic subgroup, and $\gamma : \mathfrak{g} := \operatorname{Gal}(k_{\operatorname{sep}}/k) \to G(k_{\operatorname{sep}})$ a 1-cocycle. Out of this data one can construct the projective homogeneous variety $\mathcal{F} := G/P$ as well as its twisted form ${}_{\gamma}\mathcal{F}$. Let \widetilde{G} and \widetilde{P} be the universal covers of G and $P, R(\widetilde{G})$ and $R(\widetilde{P})$ the associated representation rings, n the index $[W(\widetilde{G}) : W(\widetilde{P})]$ of the Weyl groups, \widetilde{Z} the center of \widetilde{G} , and finally $\mathsf{Ch} := \operatorname{Hom}(\widetilde{Z}, \mathbb{G}_m)$ the character group. Under these notations, Panin proved in [21, Thm. 4.2] that every Ch -homogeneous basis ρ_1, \ldots, ρ_n of $R(\widetilde{P})$ over $R(\widetilde{G})$ gives rise to an isomorphism

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n} K_{*}(A_{\chi(i),\gamma}) \xrightarrow{\sim} K_{*}(\gamma \mathcal{F}), \qquad (1.1)$$

where $A_{\chi(i),\gamma}$ stands for the Tits' central simple algebra associated to ρ_i . Panin's computation (1.1) is a landmark in algebraic K-theory. It generalizes previous results of Grothendieck [2] on flag varieties, of Quillen [17] on Severi–Brauer varieties, of Swan [19] and Kapranov [6] on quadrics hypersurfaces, and of Levine, Srinivas and Weyman [15] on twisted Grassmann varieties.

1.2. Algebraic K-theory of toric varieties

Let S be a reductive algebraic group over k and A the associated division separable algebra $\prod_{\rho} A_{\rho} := \prod_{\rho} \operatorname{End}_{S}(W_{\rho})$, where the product is taken over all irreducible representations $\rho : S \to GL(W_{\rho})$. Given an S-torsor $\pi : U \to X$ over a smooth projective variety X, assume that there exists an S-equivariant open imbedding of U into an affine space on which S acts linearly. Under these assumptions, Merkurjev and Panin proved in [18, Thm. 4.2] that $K_*(X)$ is a direct summand of $K_*(A)$. Examples include toric models (see Example 3.16) and more generally toric varieties (see Remark 7.4).

1.3. Additive invariants

A dg category \mathcal{A} , over a field k, is a category enriched over complexes of k-vector spaces; see Section 4. Let dgcat be the category of (small) dg categories. Every (dg) algebra A gives naturally rise to a dg category with a single object. Another source of examples is provided by schemes since the derived category of perfect complexes perf(X) Download English Version:

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