

# Brauer Groups of Quot Schemes

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ABSTRACT. Let  $X$  be an irreducible smooth complex projective curve. Let  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  be the Quot scheme parameterizing all coherent subsheaves of  $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  of rank  $r$  and degree  $-d$ . There are natural morphisms  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d) \rightarrow \text{Sym}^d(X)$  and  $\text{Sym}^d(X) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^d(X)$ . We prove that both these morphisms induce isomorphism of Brauer groups if  $d \geq 2$ . Consequently, the Brauer group of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  is identified with the Brauer group of  $\text{Pic}^d(X)$  if  $d \geq 2$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be an irreducible smooth projective curve defined over  $\mathbb{C}$ . For any integer  $r \geq 1$ , consider the trivial holomorphic vector bundle  $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  on  $X$ . For any  $d \geq 0$ , let  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  denote the Quot scheme that parameterizes all torsion quotients of degree  $d$  of the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$ . This  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  is an irreducible smooth complex projective variety of dimension  $rd$ .

For every  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ , we have a corresponding short exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(Q) \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r} \rightarrow Q \rightarrow 0.$$

The pairs  $(\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r})^* = \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r} \xrightarrow{\rho^*} \mathcal{F}(Q)^*$  are vortices of a particular numerical type. The Quot scheme  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  is a moduli space of vortices of a particular numerical type (see [BDW; Ba; BR], and references therein).

Sending such  $Q$  to the scheme theoretic support of the quotient for the homomorphism

$$\bigwedge^r \mathcal{F}(Q) \rightarrow \bigwedge^r \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$$

induced by the inclusion  $\mathcal{F}(Q) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$ , we get a morphism

$$\varphi : \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \rightarrow \text{Sym}^d(X).$$

Sending any  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  to the holomorphic line bundle  $\bigwedge^r \mathcal{F}(Q)^*$ , we get a morphism

$$\varphi' : \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(1, d) = \text{Pic}^d(X).$$

On the other hand, we have the morphism

$$\xi_d : \text{Sym}^d(X) \rightarrow \text{Pic}^d(X)$$

that sends any  $(x_1, \dots, x_d)$  to the holomorphic line bundle  $\mathcal{O}_X(\sum_{i=1}^d x_i)$ . Note that  $\varphi' = \xi_d \circ \varphi$ .

The cohomological Brauer group of a smooth complex projective variety  $M$  will be denoted by  $\text{Br}'(M)$ . A theorem of Gabber says that  $\text{Br}'(M)$  coincides with the Brauer group of  $M$  (see [dJ]).

Our aim here is to prove the following:

**THEOREM 1.1.** *For the morphisms  $\varphi$  and  $\xi_d$ , the pullback homomorphisms of Brauer groups*

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_* : \text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) &\longrightarrow \text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) \quad \text{and} \\ \xi_d^* : \text{Br}'(\text{Pic}^d(X)) &\longrightarrow \text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) \end{aligned}$$

are isomorphisms if  $d \geq 2$ .

Theorem 1.1 is proved in Lemma 4.2 and Lemma 6.1.

If  $\text{genus}(X) = 1$ , then  $\text{Sym}^d(X)$  is a projective bundle over  $X$ , and hence  $\text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) = 0$ . If  $\text{genus}(X) = 0$ , then  $\text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) = 0$  because  $\text{Sym}^d(X) = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^d$ . Therefore, Theorem 1.1 has the following corollary:

**COROLLARY 1.2.** *If  $\text{genus}(X) \leq 1$ , then  $\text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) = 0$ .*

Since  $\mathcal{Q}(r, 1)$  is a projective bundle over  $X$ , it follows that  $\text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) = 0$ . Note that  $\text{Br}'(\text{Pic}^d(X))$  is nonzero if  $\text{genus}(X) > 1$ , whereas  $\text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^1(X)) = 0$ .

Fixing a point  $x_0 \in X$ , construct an embedding

$$\delta : \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(r, d + r)$$

by sending any subsheaf  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  to  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-x_0)$ .

The following is proved in Corollary 6.2:

**PROPOSITION 1.3.** *The pullback homomorphism for  $\delta$*

$$\delta^* : \text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d + r)) \longrightarrow \text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d))$$

is an isomorphism if  $d \geq 2$ .

Now assume that  $r, \text{genus}(X) \geq 2$ ; if  $r = 2$ , then also assume that  $\text{genus}(X) \geq 3$ . Iterating the morphism  $\delta$ , we get an ind-scheme. This ind-scheme has the cohomology isomorphic to the moduli stack; see [Dh, Theorem 4.5] or [Ne, Chapter 4]. Using Proposition 1.3 and Theorem 1.1, we can now describe the cohomological Brauer group of the moduli stack of rank  $r$  and degree  $d$  bundles. Further, we deduce that the cohomological Brauer group of the moduli stack of vector bundles on  $X$  of rank  $r$  and fixed determinant vanishes. This result was proved earlier in [BH, Theorem 5.2]. Using this vanishing result, we can deduce that the cohomological Brauer group of the moduli space of stable vector bundles on  $X$  of rank  $r$  and fixed determinant of degree  $d$  is a cyclic group of order  $\text{g.c.d.}(r, d)$ . This result was proved earlier in [BBGN].

### 2. Cohomological Brauer Group

Let  $M$  be an irreducible smooth projective variety defined over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_M^*$  denote the multiplicative sheaf on  $M$  of holomorphic functions with values in  $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ . The *cohomological Brauer group*  $\text{Br}'(M)$  is the torsion subgroup of the cohomology group  $H^2(M, \mathcal{O}_M^*)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}_M$  denote the sheaf of holomorphic functions on  $M$ . Consider the short exact sequence of sheaves on  $M$

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_M \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} \mathcal{O}_M^* \longrightarrow 0,$$

where the homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_M$  sends any integer  $n$  to the constant function  $2\pi\sqrt{-1} \cdot n$ . Let

$$\text{Pic}(M) = H^1(M, \mathcal{O}_M^*) \xrightarrow{c} H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(M, \mathcal{O}_M) \tag{2.1}$$

be the corresponding long exact sequence of cohomology groups. The homomorphism  $c$  in (2.1) sends a holomorphic line bundle to its first Chern class. The image  $c(\text{Pic}(M))$  coincides with the Néron–Severi group

$$\text{NS}(M) := H^{1,1}(M) \cap H^2(M, \mathbb{Z}).$$

Define the subgroup

$$A := H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})/c(\text{Pic}(M)) = H^2(M, \mathbb{Z})/\text{NS}(M) \subset H^2(M, \mathcal{O}_M) \tag{2.2}$$

(see (2.1)). Let

$$H^3(M, \mathbb{Z})_{\text{tor}} \subset H^3(M, \mathbb{Z})$$

be the torsion part.

PROPOSITION 2.1 [Sco]. *There is a natural short exact sequence*

$$0 \longrightarrow A \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \text{Br}'(M) \longrightarrow H^3(M, \mathbb{Z})_{\text{tor}} \longrightarrow 0,$$

where  $A$  is defined in (2.2).

See [Sco, p. 878, Proposition 1.1] for a proof of Proposition 2.1.

### 3. The Cohomology of Symmetric Products

Let  $X$  be an irreducible smooth complex projective curve. The genus of  $X$  will be denoted by  $g$ . For any positive integer  $d$ , let  $P_d$  be the group of all permutations of  $\{1, \dots, d\}$ . By  $\text{Sym}^d(X)$  we will denote the quotient of  $X^d$  for the natural action of  $P_d$  on it. So  $\text{Sym}^d(X)$  parameterizes all formal sums of the form  $\sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x$ , where  $n_x$  are nonnegative integers with  $\sum_{x \in X} n_x = d$ . In other words,  $\text{Sym}^d(X)$  parameterizes all effective divisors on  $X$  of degree  $d$ . This  $\text{Sym}^d(X)$  is an irreducible smooth complex projective variety of complex dimension  $d$ . Let

$$q_d : X^d \longrightarrow \text{Sym}^d(X) = X^d/P_d \tag{3.1}$$

be the quotient map.

Let  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{2g}$  be a symplectic basis for  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  chosen so that  $\alpha_i \cdot \alpha_{i+g} = 1$  for  $i \leq g$  and  $\alpha_i \cdot \alpha_j = 0$  if  $|i - j| \neq g$ . The oriented generator of

$H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})$  will be denoted by  $\omega$ . For  $i \in [1, 2g]$  and  $j \in [1, d]$ , we have the cohomology classes

$$\lambda_i^j := 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \alpha_i \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \in H^1(X^n, \mathbb{Z}) \tag{3.2}$$

and

$$\eta^j := 1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega \otimes \cdots \otimes 1 \in H^2(X^n, \mathbb{Z}), \tag{3.3}$$

where both  $\alpha_i$  and  $\omega$  are at the  $j$ th position.

**THEOREM 3.1** [Ma]. *For the morphism  $q_d$  in (3.1), the pullback homomorphism*

$$q_d^* : H^*(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^*(X^d, \mathbb{Z})$$

*is injective. Further, the image of  $q_d^*$  is generated, as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra, by*

$$\lambda_i = \sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_i^j, \quad 1 \leq i \leq 2g, \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \sum_{j=1}^d \eta^j.$$

See [Ma, p. 325, (6.3)] and [Ma, p. 326, (7.1)] for Theorem 3.1.

There is a universal divisor  $D^{\text{univ}}$  on  $\text{Sym}^d(X) \times X$ , which consists of all  $(z, x) \in \text{Sym}^d(X) \times X$  such that  $x$  is in the support of  $z$ . We wish to describe the class of this divisor in  $H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X) \times X, \mathbb{Z})$ . In view of the first part of Theorem 3.1, the algebra  $H^*(\text{Sym}^d(X) \times X, \mathbb{Z})$  is considered as a subalgebra of  $H^*(X^{d+1}, \mathbb{Z})$ .

For  $i \in [1, d + 1]$ , let  $\pi_i : X^{d+1} \longrightarrow X$  be the projection to the  $i$ th factor. For any integer  $k \in [1, d]$ , consider the closed immersion

$$\iota_k : X^d \hookrightarrow X^{d+1}$$

which is uniquely determined by

$$\pi_i \circ \iota_k = \begin{cases} \pi'_i & \text{if } i \neq d + 1, \\ \pi'_k & \text{if } i = d + 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\pi'_j$  is the projection of  $X^d$  to the  $j$ th factor. In other words,  $i_k(x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_d) = i_k(x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_d, x_k)$ . The divisor on  $X^{d+1}$  given by the image of  $\iota_k$  will be denoted by  $D_k$ .

The divisor  $D_k$  is closely related to the universal divisor  $D^{\text{univ}}$  defined before. To see this, consider the projection

$$q_d \times \text{Id}_X : X^{d+1} = X^d \times X^d \longrightarrow \text{Sym}^d(X) \times X,$$

where  $q_d$  is constructed in (3.1). The image  $(q_d \times \text{Id}_X)(D_k)$  is independent of the choice of  $k$  and coincides with  $D^{\text{univ}}$ . This implies that  $D^{\text{univ}}$  is irreducible.

The classes

$$\lambda_i^j \cup \lambda_{i'}^{j'}, \quad i \neq i', 1 \leq j < j' \leq d + 1,$$

and

$$\eta^j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq d + 1,$$

constructed as in (3.2) and (3.3) for  $d + 1$ , together give a basis for  $H^2(X^{d+1}, \mathbb{Z})$ . We have the dual basis for  $H^{2d}(X^{d+1}, \mathbb{Z})$  given by

$$\eta^{j\vee} = \omega \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega \otimes 1 \otimes \omega \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega$$

and

$$(\lambda_i^j \cup \lambda_{i'}^{j'})^\vee = \omega \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega \otimes \tilde{\alpha}_i \otimes \omega \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega \otimes \tilde{\alpha}_{i'} \otimes \omega \otimes \cdots \otimes \omega,$$

where  $\tilde{\alpha}_i$  (respectively,  $\tilde{\alpha}_{i'}$ ) is the class with  $\tilde{\alpha}_i \cup \alpha_i = \omega$  (respectively,  $\tilde{\alpha}_{i'} \cup \alpha_{i'} = \omega$ ). Now

$$\int_{D_k} \eta^{j\vee} = \int_{X^d} i_k^* \eta^{j\vee} = \begin{cases} 1, & j = k, \\ 1, & j = d + 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

whereas

$$\int_{D_k} (\lambda_i^j \cup \lambda_{i'}^{j'})^\vee = \int_X \tilde{\alpha}_i \cup \tilde{\alpha}_{i'}$$

if  $j' = d + 1$  and  $j = k$ , and

$$\int_{D_k} (\lambda_i^j \cup \lambda_{i'}^{j'})^\vee = 0$$

otherwise. So the class of  $D_k$  is

$$\eta^k + \eta^{d+1} + \sum_{i=1}^g \lambda_i^k \cup \lambda_{i+g}^{d+1} - \sum_{i=g+1}^{2g} \lambda_i^k \cup \lambda_{i-g}^{d+1}.$$

By the Künneth formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} & H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X) \times X, \mathbb{Z}) \\ & \cong (H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H^0(X, \mathbb{Z})) \\ & \quad \oplus (H^0(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H^2(X, \mathbb{Z})) \oplus (H^1(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})). \end{aligned}$$

Using Theorem 3.1 (3.1), we have a basis for  $H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X) \times X, \mathbb{Z})$  consisting of

$$\eta \otimes 1_X, \quad \{(\lambda_i \cup \lambda_j) \otimes 1_X\}_{i,j=1}^{2g}, \quad 1_{\text{Sym}^d(X)} \otimes \omega, \quad \{\lambda_i \otimes \alpha_j\}_{i,j=1}^{2g}.$$

From the previous computations it follows that the class of  $D^{\text{univ}}$  is

$$[D^{\text{univ}}] = \eta \otimes 1 + d(1_{\text{Sym}^d(X)} \otimes \omega) + \sum_{i=1}^g \lambda_i \otimes \alpha_{i+g} - \sum_{i=g+1}^{2g} \lambda_i \otimes \alpha_{i-g}. \quad (3.4)$$

PROPOSITION 3.2.

(1) For a fixed point  $x_0 \in X$ , consider the inclusion

$$\iota_{x_0} : \text{Sym}^d(X) \hookrightarrow \text{Sym}^d(X) \times X$$

defined by  $z \mapsto (z, x_0)$ . The cohomology class  $\iota_{x_0}^* [D^{\text{univ}}]$  is  $\eta$ .

(2) The slant product of  $[D^{\text{univ}}]$  with  $\alpha_i^\vee$  produces the class  $\lambda_i$  in  $H^1(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z})$ .

*Proof.* These follow from (3.4). □

### 4. Cohomological Brauer Group of the Symmetric Product

Recall that  $X$  denotes a smooth projective curve. Fix a point  $x_0 \in X$ . For any  $d \geq 1$ , let

$$f_d : \text{Sym}^d(X) \longrightarrow \text{Sym}^{d+1}(X) \tag{4.1}$$

be the morphism defined by  $\sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x \mapsto x_0 + \sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x$ . Let

$$f_d^* : \text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^{d+1}(X)) \longrightarrow \text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) \tag{4.2}$$

be the pullback homomorphism for  $f_d$  in (4.1).

LEMMA 4.1. *For every  $d \geq 2$ , the homomorphism  $f_d^*$  in (4.2) is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* For every positive integer  $d$ , the cohomology group  $H^*(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z})$  is torsionfree by Theorem 3.1. Therefore, from Proposition 2.1 we conclude that

$$\text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) \cong (H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) / \text{NS}(\text{Sym}^d(X))) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}). \tag{4.3}$$

From Theorem 3.1,

$$H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) = \left( \bigwedge^2 H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \right) \oplus H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}). \tag{4.4}$$

Let

$$f'_d : H^2(\text{Sym}^{d+1}(X), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z})$$

be the homomorphism that sends a cohomology class to its pullback by the map  $f_d$  in (4.1). It is evident that in terms of the isomorphism in (4.4), this homomorphism  $f'_d$  coincides with the identity map of  $(\bigwedge^2 H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}))$ .

The isomorphism in (4.4) is clearly compatible with the Hodge decompositions. Since  $f'_d$  coincides with the identity map of  $(\bigwedge^2 H^1(X, \mathbb{Z}) \oplus H^2(X, \mathbb{Z}))$ , we now conclude that  $f'_d$  takes  $\text{NS}(\text{Sym}^{d+1}(X))$  isomorphically to  $\text{NS}(\text{Sym}^d(X))$ . Therefore, the lemma follows from (4.3). □

For any positive integer  $d$ , let

$$\xi_d : \text{Sym}^d(X) \longrightarrow \text{Pic}^d(X) \tag{4.5}$$

be the morphism defined by  $\sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x \mapsto \mathcal{O}_X(\sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x)$ . Let

$$\xi_d^* : \text{Br}'(\text{Pic}^d(X)) \longrightarrow \text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) \tag{4.6}$$

be the pullback homomorphism corresponding to  $\xi_d$ .

LEMMA 4.2. *For any  $d \geq 2$ , the homomorphism  $\xi_d^*$  in (4.6) is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let

$$\eta_d : \text{Pic}^d(X) \longrightarrow \text{Pic}^{d+1}(X)$$

be the isomorphism defined by  $L \mapsto L \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(x_0)$ . We have the commutative diagram

$$\begin{CD} \mathrm{Sym}^d(X) @>f_d>> \mathrm{Sym}^{d+1}(X) \\ @V\xi_dVV @VV\xi_{d+1}V \\ \mathrm{Pic}^d(X) @>\eta_d>> \mathrm{Pic}^{d+1}(X) \end{CD}$$

where  $f_d$  and  $\xi_d$  are constructed in (4.1) and (4.5), respectively, and  $\eta_d$  is defined above. Let

$$\begin{CD} \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Pic}^{d+1}(X)) @>\eta_d^*>> \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Pic}^d(X)) \\ @V\xi_{d+1}^*VV @VV\xi_d^*V \\ \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^{d+1}(X)) @>f_d^*>> \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^d(X)) \end{CD} \tag{4.7}$$

be the corresponding commutative diagram of homomorphisms of cohomological Brauer groups. From Lemma 4.1 we know that  $f_d^*$  is an isomorphism for  $d \geq 2$ . The homomorphism  $\eta_d^*$  is an isomorphism because the map  $\eta_d$  is an isomorphism. Therefore, from the commutativity of (4.7) we conclude that the homomorphism  $\xi_d^*$  is an isomorphism if  $\xi_{d+1}^*$  is an isomorphism. Consequently, it suffices to prove the lemma for all  $d$  sufficiently large.

As before, the genus of  $X$  is denoted by  $g$ . Take any  $d > 2g$ . Note that for any line bundle  $L$  on  $X$  of degree  $d$ , using Serre duality, we have

$$H^1(X, L) = H^0(X, K_X \otimes L^\vee)^\vee = 0 \tag{4.8}$$

because  $\mathrm{degree}(K_X \otimes L^\vee) = 2g - 2 - d < 0$ .

Take a Poincaré line bundle  $\mathcal{L} \rightarrow X \times \mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$ . From (4.8) it follows that the direct image

$$\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$$

is locally free of rank  $d - g + 1$ , where  $\mathrm{pr}$  is the natural projection of  $X \times \mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$  to  $\mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$ . The projective bundle  $\mathbb{P}(\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L})$ , that parameterizes the lines in the fibers of the holomorphic vector bundle  $\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L}$ , is independent of the choice of the Poincaré line bundle  $\mathcal{L}$ . Indeed, this follows from the fact that any two choices of the Poincaré line bundle over  $X \times \mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$  differ by tensoring with a line bundle pulled back from  $\mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$  [ACGH, p. 166]. The total space of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L})$  is identified with  $\mathrm{Sym}^d(X)$  by sending a section to the divisor on  $X$  given by the section; see [Scb]. This identification between  $\mathrm{Sym}^d(X)$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L})$  takes the map  $\xi_d$  in (4.5) to the natural projection of  $\mathbb{P}(\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L})$  to  $\mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$ .

Since  $\mathbb{P}(\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L})$  is the projectivization of a vector bundle, the natural projection

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathrm{pr}_* \mathcal{L}) \rightarrow \mathrm{Pic}^d(X)$$

induces an isomorphism of cohomological Bauer groups [Ga, p. 193]. Consequently, the homomorphism

$$\xi_d^* : \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Pic}^d(X)) \rightarrow \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^d(X))$$

defined in (4.6) is an isomorphism if  $d > 2g$ . We noted earlier that it is enough to prove the lemma for all  $d$  sufficiently large. Therefore, the proof of the lemma is now complete. □

### 5. The Cohomology of the Quot Scheme

For integers  $r \geq 1$  and  $d$ , denote by  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  the Quot scheme parameterizing all coherent subsheaves

$$\mathcal{F} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r},$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is of rank  $r$  and degree  $-d$ . Note that there is no such subsheaf if  $d < 0$ . If  $d = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$ . If  $d = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d) = X \times \mathbb{C}P^{r-1}$ . We assume that  $d \geq 1$ .

We will now recall from [Bi] a few facts about the Białyński-Birula decomposition of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ . Using the natural action of  $\mathbb{G}_m = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$  on  $\mathcal{O}_X$ , we get an action of  $\mathbb{G}_m^r$  on  $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$ . This action produces an action of  $\mathbb{G}_m^r$  on  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ . The fixed points of this torus action correspond to subsheaves of  $\mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  that decompose into compatible direct sums

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{L}_i \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r},$$

where  $\mathcal{L}_i \hookrightarrow \mathcal{O}_X$  is a subsheaf of rank one. Let  $D_i$  be the effective divisor given by the inclusion of  $\mathcal{L}_i$  in  $\mathcal{O}_X$ . In particular, we have  $\mathcal{L}_i = \mathcal{O}_X(-D_i)$ .

We use the convention that  $\text{Sym}^0(X)$  is a single point. Using this notation, we have

$$(D_1, \dots, D_r) \in \text{Sym}^{m_1}(X) \times \dots \times \text{Sym}^{m_r}(X),$$

where  $m_i = \text{degree}(D_i)$ . Conversely, if  $(D'_1, \dots, D'_r) \in \text{Sym}^{m_1}(X) \times \dots \times \text{Sym}^{m_r}(X)$ , then the point of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  representing the subsheaf

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}_X(-D'_i) \subset \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$$

is fixed by the action of  $\mathbb{G}_m^r$  on  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ .

For  $k \geq 1$ , denote by  $\mathbf{Part}_r^k$  the set of partitions of  $k$  of length  $r$ . So

$$\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_r) \in \mathbf{Part}_r^k$$

if and only if  $m_j$  are nonnegative integers with

$$\sum_{j=1}^r m_j = k.$$

For  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{Part}_r^d$ , define

$$d_{\mathbf{m}} := \sum_{i=1}^r (i-1)m_i. \tag{5.1}$$

The connected components of the fixed point locus for the action of  $\mathbb{G}_m^r$  on  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  are in bijection with the elements of  $\mathbf{Part}_r^d$ . The component corresponding to the partition  $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_r)$  is the product

$$\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}}(X) := \text{Sym}^{m_1}(X) \times \dots \times \text{Sym}^{m_r}(X).$$

It is possible (see [Bi, p. 3]) to choose a one-parameter subgroup  $\mathbb{G}_m \longrightarrow \mathbb{G}_m^r$  given by  $z \mapsto (z^{\lambda_1}, z^{\lambda_2}, \dots, z^{\lambda_r})$  so that the following two hold:



- (1) The fixed point locus under the induced action of  $\mathbb{G}_m$  is the same as the fixed point locus under the action of  $\mathbb{G}_m^r$ .
- (2) The integers  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < \dots < \lambda_r$  are increasing.

For this action of  $\mathbb{G}_m$  on  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ , define

$$\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}}(X)^+ := \left\{ x \in \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t.x \in \text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}}(X) \right\},$$

where  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{Part}_r^k$ . This stratification of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  gives us a decomposition of the Poincaré polynomial of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ . Further, the morphism

$$\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}}(X)^+ \longrightarrow \text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}}(X) \tag{5.2}$$

that sends a point to its limit is a fiber bundle with fiber  $\mathbb{A}^{d_{\mathbf{m}}}$  (see [Bb] and [Bi]), where  $d_{\mathbf{m}}$  is defined in (5.1).

This gives

$$\dim \text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}}(X)^+ = \dim \text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}}(X) + d_{\mathbf{m}} = d + d_{\mathbf{m}} \tag{5.3}$$

(see [Bi]).

**THEOREM 5.1.** *For  $i \geq 1$ ,*

$$H^i(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z}) \cong \bigoplus_{\substack{\mathbf{m} \in \mathbf{Part}_r^d \\ j+2d_{\mathbf{m}}=i}} H^j(\text{Sym}^{m_1}(X) \times \dots \times \text{Sym}^{m_r}(X), \mathbb{Z}).$$

*Proof.* See [Bi] and [BGL, p. 649, Remark]. □

We will construct some cohomology classes in  $H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$ . There is a universal vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}}$  on  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d) \times X$ . Fix a point  $x_0 \in X$ . Let

$$i_x : \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \times X$$

be the embedding defined by  $z \mapsto (z, x)$ .

Let

$$c := i_x^* c_1(\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}}) \in H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z}) \tag{5.4}$$

be the pullback. This cohomology class  $c$  is clearly independent of  $x$ .

We can produce cohomology classes

$$\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\alpha}_2, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_{2g} \in H^1(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$$

by taking the slant product of  $c_1(\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}})$  with the elements of a basis  $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{2g}\}$  for  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$ . Finally, there is a cohomology class  $\gamma_2 \in H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$  obtained by taking the slant product of  $c_2(\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}})$  with the fundamental class of  $X$ .

**REMARK 5.2.** We will see in the next proposition that the cohomology of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  has no torsion. The class  $c_2(\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}})$  is a  $(p, p)$ -class and so is the fundamental class of  $X$ . It follows that the class  $\gamma_2$  is in the Néron–Severi subgroup of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  since the slant product of two  $(p, p)$  classes is in fact  $(p, p)$ .

PROPOSITION 5.3. *Suppose that  $d \geq 2$ . Then the classes*

$$c, \gamma_2, \bar{\alpha}_i \cup \bar{\alpha}_j, \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq 2g,$$

*generate  $H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$ . In fact,  $H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$  is torsionfree, and these classes form a basis of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module  $H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$ .*

*Proof.* Using Theorem 5.1 and Theorem 3.1, it follows that  $H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$  is torsionfree of rank

$$\binom{2g}{2} + 2.$$

Hence, it suffices to show the stated classes generate the second cohomology group.

The torus action on  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  induces a Białyński-Birula stratification on this variety, as described before. Using (5.3), the cell of largest dimension in the Białyński-Birula decomposition is the cell corresponding to the partition

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = (0, 0, 0, \dots, d),$$

and the second largest cell corresponds to the partition

$$\mathbf{m}_2 = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, d - 1).$$

It follows that  $\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+$  is an open dense subscheme of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ . Let  $D := \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \setminus \text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+$  be the complement. Using (5.2), we have

$$H^2(\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+, \mathbb{Z}) = H^2(\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X), \mathbb{Z}).$$

Further, by a dimension calculation (5.3) and a Gysin sequence,

$$H^0(D, \mathbb{Z}) \cong H^0(\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_2}(X), \mathbb{Z}).$$

Let

$$\iota : \text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(r, d)$$

be the inclusion map.

The Gysin sequence for the decomposition  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d) = \text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+ \amalg D$  now reads:

$$\begin{aligned} \dots &\longrightarrow H^0(\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_2}(X), \mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{f_*} H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z}) \\ &\xrightarrow{\iota^*} H^2(\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow \dots, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$f : \text{Sym}^{d-1}(X) \times X \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \tag{5.5}$$

is the embedding. From [CS], this sequence splits, or in other words, the Białyński-Birula stratification is integrally perfect.

To complete the proof, it suffices to verify the following two statements:

- (S1) The classes  $\iota^*(\bar{\alpha}_i \cup \bar{\alpha}_j)$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq 2g$ , and  $\iota^*(c)$  generate  $H^2(\text{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X), \mathbb{Z})$ .
- (S2) The class  $\gamma_2$  generates the image of  $f_*$ .

For (S1), observe that

$$i^*(\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}}) = j_z^* \mathcal{O}_{\text{Sym}^d(X) \times X}(-D^{\text{univ}}) \oplus \mathcal{O}_{\text{Sym}^d(X)}^{r-1},$$

where  $j_z : \text{Sym}^d(X) \rightarrow \text{Sym}^d(X) \times X$  is the embedding defined by  $z \mapsto (z, x)$ , and  $D^{\text{univ}}$  is the universal divisor on  $\text{Sym}^d(X) \times X$ . From Proposition 3.2 and Theorem 3.1 it follows that the classes

$$i^*(c), \quad i^*(\bar{\alpha}_i \cup \bar{\alpha}_j), \quad 1 \leq i < j \leq 2g,$$

give a basis for  $H^2(\text{Sym}^{\text{m}_1}(X), \mathbb{Z})$ . Further,  $\gamma_2 \in \text{kernel}(i^*)$ .

For (S2), we assume that  $r = 2$  for simplicity. The proof in the case of higher rank is obtained by adding some trivial summands to the argument below.

As noted before, we have a split exact sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \longrightarrow H^0(\text{Sym}^{d-1}(X) \times X, \mathbb{Z}) &\xrightarrow{f_*} H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z}) \\ &\xrightarrow{i^*} H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Fix some quotient

$$q : \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \longrightarrow 0$$

of degree  $d - 1$  and also fix some quotient

$$q' : \mathcal{O}_X \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_p \longrightarrow 0$$

of degree 1, where  $p \in X$  is a point not in the support of  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

This gives us a point  $z \in \text{Sym}^{d-1}(X) \times X$ . We can expand this to a morphism

$$F : \mathbb{A}^1 \longrightarrow (\text{Sym}^{d-1}(X) \times X)^+$$

by considering the family of quotients

$$F(t) := \begin{pmatrix} qf & 0 \\ tq' & q' \end{pmatrix} : \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus 2} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \oplus \mathcal{O}_p \longrightarrow 0.$$

Taking the closure of  $F(\mathbb{A}^1)$  in  $\mathcal{Q}(2, d)$ , we obtain an inclusion

$$F : \mathbb{P}^1 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(2, d).$$

Since  $\dim \mathcal{Q}(2, d) = 2d$ , this gives a cohomology class

$$[\mathbb{P}^1] \in H^{4d-2}(\mathcal{Q}(2, d), \mathbb{Z}).$$

Let

$$\mathcal{W} \longrightarrow \mathbb{P}^1 \times X$$

be the restriction of the universal vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}} \rightarrow \mathcal{Q}(2, d) \times X$ . It fits in the short exact sequence

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{W} \longrightarrow \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1 \times X}^{\oplus 2} \longrightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{Q}} := (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1} \boxtimes \mathcal{Q}) \oplus (\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1) \boxtimes \mathcal{O}_p) \longrightarrow 0. \quad (5.6)$$

Note that the Chern character

$$\text{Ch}(\tilde{\mathcal{Q}}) = d\omega_X + \omega_X \cup \omega_{\mathbb{P}^1}, \quad (5.7)$$

where  $\omega_X$  and  $\omega_{\mathbb{P}^1}$  are the fundamental classes of  $X$  and  $\mathbb{P}^1$ , respectively. In particular,  $c_1(\tilde{Q}) = \omega_X$ . Therefore, the slant product of  $c_1(\tilde{Q})$  with elements of  $H^1(X, \mathbb{Z})$  vanish. We have

$$c_2(\tilde{Q}) = \omega_X \cup \omega_{\mathbb{P}^1}.$$

Its slant product with  $X$  is then just  $\omega_{\mathbb{P}^1}$ . Therefore,

$$(F^* \gamma_2) \cup [\mathbb{P}^1] = \int_{\mathbb{P}^1} \gamma_2 = 1.$$

So the cohomology classes described in the statement of the proposition give a basis for the vector space  $H^2(Q(r, d), \mathbb{Q})$ .

We will prove the following statements:

$$(F^* c) \cup [\mathbb{P}^1] = 0, \tag{5.8}$$

$$\alpha_i \cup [\mathbb{P}^1] = 0, \tag{5.9}$$

$$f_*([\text{Sym}^{d-1}(X) \times X] \cup [\mathbb{P}^1]) = 1, \tag{5.10}$$

$$(F^* \gamma_2) \cup [\mathbb{P}^1] = \int_{\mathbb{P}^1} \gamma_2 = 1. \tag{5.11}$$

The map  $f$  is defined in (5.5).

We first show that these statements complete the proof. For that, it is sufficient to observe that they imply that both

$$f_*([\text{Sym}^{d-1}(X) \times X]) \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_2$$

are dual to  $[\mathbb{P}^1]$  and hence must be equal.

To prove (5.8), consider (5.6). Choose a point  $x \in X$  away from the support of  $Q \oplus \mathcal{O}_p$  and restrict  $\mathcal{W}$  to  $\mathbb{P}^1 \times \{x\}$ . From (5.7) it follows that the first Chern class of this restriction vanishes. The first Chern class of this restriction clearly coincides with  $(F^* c) \cup [\mathbb{P}^1]$ .

The left-hand side of (5.9) is clearly the slant product of  $c_1(\mathcal{W})$  with  $\alpha_i$ . We noted before that this slant product vanishes.

Now, (5.10) is clear from the construction of the morphism  $F$  from  $\mathbb{P}^1$ . Finally, (5.11) has already been proved. □

### 6. The Cohomological Brauer Group

For integers  $r \geq 1$  and  $d \geq 0$ , take any subsheaf  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  lying in  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ . Taking the  $r$ th exterior power, we get a subsheaf  $\bigwedge^r \mathcal{F} \subset \bigwedge^r \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r} = \mathcal{O}_X$ . Let

$$\varphi : \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \longrightarrow \text{Sym}^d(X) \tag{6.1}$$

be the morphism that sends any subsheaf  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  to the scheme theoretic support of the quotient  $\mathcal{O}_X / \bigwedge^r \mathcal{F}$ . Let

$$\varphi^* : \text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) \longrightarrow \text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) \tag{6.2}$$

be the pullback homomorphism using  $\varphi$ .

LEMMA 6.1. *The homomorphism  $\varphi^*$  in (6.2) is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* Note that  $\text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) = \text{Br}'(\text{Sym}^d(X)) = 0$  if  $d \leq 1$ . Therefore, we assume that  $d \geq 2$ .

The cohomology group  $H^3(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$  is torsionfree. Indeed, this follows from Theorem 5.1 and the fact that  $H^*(\text{Sym}^n(X), \mathbb{Z})$  is torsionfree [Ma, p. 329, (12.3)]. Therefore, Proposition 2.1 says that

$$\text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) = (H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})/\text{NS}(\mathcal{Q}(r, d))) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}). \tag{6.3}$$

Let

$$\varphi' : H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$$

be the pullback homomorphism using  $\varphi$  in (6.1). Recall from Theorem 3.1 the description of  $H^2(\text{Sym}^d(X), \mathbb{Z})$ . From Proposition 5.3 we conclude that  $\varphi'$  is injective, and

$$H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z}) = \text{image}(\varphi') \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot \gamma_2, \tag{6.4}$$

where  $\gamma_2$  is the cohomology class in Proposition 5.3. Take any point

$$y := (y_1, \dots, y_d) \in \text{Sym}^d(X)$$

such that all  $y_i$  are distinct. Then  $\varphi^{-1}(y)$  is a product of copies of  $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^{r-1}$ , and hence

$$H^1(\varphi^{-1}(y), \mathbb{Z}) = 0.$$

From this it follows that the image of the cup product

$$H^1(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z}) \otimes H^1(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z}) \longrightarrow H^2(\mathcal{Q}(r, d), \mathbb{Z})$$

is in the image  $\varphi'$ . If the point  $x \in X$  in (5.4) is different from all  $y_i$ , then the restriction of the universal vector bundle  $\mathcal{F}^{\text{univ}}$  (see (5.4)) to  $\varphi^{-1}(y)$  is the trivial vector bundle of rank  $r$ . From this it follows that  $c$  is in the image of  $\varphi'$ .

From (6.4) it follows immediately that

$$\text{NS}(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) = \varphi'(\text{NS}(\text{Sym}^d(X))) \oplus \mathbb{Z} \cdot \gamma_2.$$

In view of (6.3), from this we conclude that  $\varphi^*$  in (6.2) is an isomorphism if  $d \geq 2$ . □

As before, fix a point  $x_0 \in X$ . Let

$$\delta : \mathcal{Q}(r, d) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(r, d+r) \tag{6.5}$$

be the morphism that sends any  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  represented by a point of  $\mathcal{Q}(r, d)$  to the point representing the subsheaf  $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{O}_X(-x_0) \subset \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$ . Let

$$\delta^* : \text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d+r)) \longrightarrow \text{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) \tag{6.6}$$

be the pullback homomorphism by  $\delta$ .

**COROLLARY 6.2.** *For any  $d \geq 2$ , the homomorphism  $\delta^*$  in (6.6) is an isomorphism.*

*Proof.* As in (6.1), define

$$\psi : \mathcal{Q}(r, d+r) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^{d+r}(X)$$

to be the morphism that sends any subsheaf  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r}$  to the scheme theoretic support of the corresponding quotient  $(\bigwedge^r \mathcal{O}_X^{\oplus r})/(\bigwedge^r \mathcal{F})$ . Let

$$h : \mathrm{Sym}^d(X) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^{d+r}(X)$$

be the morphism defined by  $\sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x \longmapsto r \cdot x_0 + \sum_{x \in X} n_x \cdot x$ . The diagram of morphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{Q}(r, d) & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{Q}(r, d+r) \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \downarrow \psi \\ \mathrm{Sym}^d(X) & \xrightarrow{h} & \mathrm{Sym}^{d+r}(X) \end{array}$$

is commutative, where  $\varphi$  and  $\delta$  are defined in (6.1) and (6.5), respectively. Consider the corresponding commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^{d+r}(X)) & \xrightarrow{h^*} & \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^d(X)) \\ \downarrow \psi^* & & \downarrow \varphi^* \\ \mathrm{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d+r)) & \xrightarrow{\delta^*} & \mathrm{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) \end{array}$$

of homomorphisms. If  $d \geq 2$ , from Lemma 6.1 we know that  $\psi^*$  and  $\varphi^*$  are isomorphisms, whereas Lemma 4.1 implies that  $h^*$  is an isomorphism. Therefore, the homomorphism  $\delta^*$  is an isomorphism. □

REMARK 6.3. We are grateful to an unknown referee for this comment. We give here an alternative proof of the fact that the pullback map  $\varphi^*$  induces an isomorphism on cohomology. Consider the big cell of the Białyński-Birula decomposition described before. It corresponds to the partition

$$\mathbf{m}_1 = (0, 0, 0, \dots, d).$$

We have a Zariski locally trivial fibration

$$\rho : \mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+ \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)$$

with fiber  $\mathbb{A}^n$ , see [BB, p. 492]. We claim that we have an induced isomorphism

$$\mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+) \cong \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)).$$

To see this, we will use the exact sequence in Proposition 2.1, which is valid for noncompact spaces; see [Sco, p. 878]. The morphism  $\rho$  induces an isomorphism in cohomology groups since it has contractible fibers. Although the morphism  $\rho$  may not be a vector bundle, the Néron–Severi groups of the two varieties agree under the identification of cohomology groups as before; see [Fu, p. 22, Proposition 1.9]. It follows now from Proposition 2.1 and Lemma 5 that  $\rho^*$  induces an isomorphism on cohomological Brauer groups.

The morphism  $\varphi : \mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X) \longrightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^d(X)$  is an isomorphism. So we have a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+) & \xleftarrow{i^*} & \mathrm{Br}'(\mathcal{Q}(r, d)) \\
 \uparrow \varphi^* & \nearrow \varphi^* & \\
 \mathrm{Br}'(\mathrm{Sym}^d(X)) & & 
 \end{array}$$

$\iota$  is the composition  $\mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X)^+ \hookrightarrow \mathrm{Sym}^{\mathbf{m}_1}(X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Q}(r, d)$ ; we note that the homomorphism  $\varphi^*$  in the left is an isomorphism. The map  $i^*$  is injective by [Mi, IV, Corollary 2.6]. We can now deduce that  $\varphi^*$  is an isomorphism.

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