

## On the fields of moduli for FM-structures.

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We shall give a rough description of our subject because the problem discussed here will be considered more thoroughly in a separate paper.

Throughout the paper we fix a universal domain  $\mathbb{K}$  and are concerned with algebraic geometry over  $\mathbb{K}$ .

DEFINITION 1.1.  $(\mathcal{R}, F)$  is a pair of a field  $F$  and a collection  $\mathcal{R}$  of geometric objects  $S, S', \dots$ , together with the following three laws:

i) Given  $S \in \mathcal{R}$ , the notion of fields of rationality for  $S$  is defined. (We consider only a field  $k$  containing  $F$  as a field of rationality for  $S$ .)

ii) Given  $S$  &  $S' \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $S \cong S'$  or  $S \not\cong S'$ .

iii) Given  $S \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K}/F)$  = the group of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{K}$  over  $F$ ,  $S^\sigma$  is defined and belongs to  $\mathcal{R}$ .

The pair  $(\mathcal{R}, F)$  is called an FM-system and an object  $S$  in  $\mathcal{R}$  is called an FM-structure (in  $(\mathcal{R}, F)$ ) if the following conditions are satisfied:

fm i)  $S$  is rational over  $k$  and  $k' \supset k$   
 $\Rightarrow S$  is rational over  $k'$ .

fm ii)  $\cong$  is an equivalence relation.

fm iii)  $S$  &  $S' \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\sigma$  &  $\tau \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K}/F)$

1)  $\sigma|_k = \text{identity}$ , where  $k$  is a field of rationality for  $S$ .  $\Rightarrow S^\sigma = S$

2)  $S$  is rational over  $k \Rightarrow S^\sigma$  is rational over  $k^\sigma$ .

3)  $S \cong S' \Rightarrow S^\sigma = S'^\sigma$ .

4)  $S^{\sigma\tau} = (S^\sigma)^\tau$ .

DEFINITION 1.2. For an FM-system  $(\mathcal{X}, F)$  and  $S \in \mathcal{X}$ , a field  $k_S$  containing  $F$  is called the "field of moduli for  $S$ " if the following two conditions are satisfied:

$$\text{FM 1) For } \sigma \in \text{Aut}(\mathbb{K}/F), \\ S^\sigma \cong S \iff \sigma|_{k_S} = \text{identity}.$$

$$\text{FM 2) } k_S = \bigcap K,$$

where  $K$  runs over the set of all fields of rationality for all  $S' \cong S$ .

EXAMPLE 2.1. Let  $V$  be a complete variety rational over  $F$ , non-singular in codimension 1, containing an  $F$ -rational simple point; let  $\mathcal{D}_a(V)$  be the group of  $V$ -divisors algebraically equivalent to zero. The relation  $\cong$  in  $\mathcal{D}_a(V)$  is defined by the linear equivalence. Then  $(\mathcal{D}_a(V), F)$  becomes an FM-system in a natural way and the field of moduli  $k_{\text{cl}(X)}$  for  $X \in \mathcal{D}_a(V)$  exists and is generated by the point of the Picard variety  $\widehat{V}$  of  $V$  over  $F$ , which corresponds to the linear class

$\text{Cl}(X)$  determined by  $X$ , (if we choose a suitable model of the Picard variety of  $V$ ).

EXAMPLE 2.2. Let  $V$  be a projective non-singular variety rational over  $F$  having an  $F$ -rational point. If we replace  $\mathcal{D}_a(V)$  and the linear equivalence in Ex. 2.1. respectively by the group  $\mathcal{Z}_a(V)$  of zero-cycles on  $V$  of degree zero and the regular equivalence in  $\mathcal{Z}_a(V)$ , we get the same kind of results for  $(\mathcal{Z}_a(V), F)$  as those for  $(\mathcal{D}_a(V), F)$  in Ex. 2.1., and the Albanese variety of  $V$  works as the Picard variety of  $V$  did in the previous case.

EXAMPLE 2.3. For a polarized abelian variety  $\mathcal{P} = (A, \rho(X))$ , the field of moduli  $\mathbb{K}_{\mathcal{P}}$  exists.

EXAMPLE 2.4. Let  $V$  be a complete non-singular curve. For the biregular isomorphism

class determined by  $V$ , the field of moduli  $k_V$  exists.

REMARK. In the case of positive characteristic, if we consider a birational class determined by a curve (may be having singularities), the field of moduli for the class never exists. This is a consequence of the following easy lemma.

LEMMA 2.5. Let  $k'$  be a purely inseparable extension of a field  $k$ . If  $k'(x)$  is a regular extension of  $k'$ , there exists a subfield  $K$  of  $k'(x)$  which is a regular extension of  $k$  such that  $k'(x)$  is the composite of  $K$  and  $k'$ .

(Proof) Let  $(t_1, \dots, t_n) = (t)$  be a set of independent variables in  $k'(x)$  over  $k'$  such that  $k'(x)$  is separable algebraic over  $k'(t)$ . If we define a subfield  $K$  of  $k'(x)$  by

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$$K = \{ y \in k(x) \mid y \dots \text{separable algeb. over } k(t) \}$$

$K$  satisfies all the conditions we want.