

# EQUIVARIANT BURNSIDE GROUPS: STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

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ABSTRACT. We introduce and study functorial and combinatorial constructions concerning equivariant Burnside groups.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $G$  be a finite group, and  $k$  a field of characteristic zero containing all roots of unity of order dividing  $|G|$ . In this paper, we continue the study of a new invariant in  $G$ -equivariant birational geometry over  $k$ , the *equivariant Burnside group*

$$\text{Burn}_n(G),$$

introduced in [7], and building on [6], [5], [8], and [3].

The class of an  $n$ -dimensional  $G$ -variety in this group is computed on an appropriate smooth  $G$ -birational model  $X$ , called *standard form*: after a sequence of  $G$ -equivariant blowups we may assume that [12]:

- there exists a Zariski open  $U \subset X$  such that the  $G$ -action on  $U$  is free,
- the complement  $X \setminus U$  is a  $G$ -invariant simple normal crossing divisor,
- for every  $g \in G$  and every irreducible component  $D$  of  $X \setminus U$ , either  $g(D) = D$  or  $g(D) \cap D = \emptyset$ .

The standard form is preserved under  $G$ -equivariant blowups with smooth centers which have normal crossings with respect to the components of  $D$ . Moreover, the stabilizer of every  $x$  on such  $X$  is an *abelian* subgroup of  $G$  [12, Thm. 4.1]. On such a model, the class of  $X \curvearrowright G$  is defined by:

$$[X \curvearrowright G] := \sum_{H \subseteq G} \sum_F \mathfrak{s}_F \in \text{Burn}_n(G), \quad (1.1)$$

with summation over conjugacy classes of *abelian* subgroups  $H \subseteq G$  and strata  $F \subseteq X$  with *generic* stabilizer  $H$ ; the symbol

$$\mathfrak{s}_F := (H, N_G(H)/H \curvearrowright k(F), \beta_F(X)) \quad (1.2)$$

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records the action of the normalizer  $N_G(H)$  of  $H$  on  $k(F)$ , the product of the function fields of the components of  $F$ , as well as the generic normal bundle representation  $\beta_F(X)$  of  $H$ . The class in (1.1) takes values in a quotient of the free abelian group generated by such symbols, by certain *blow-up* relations, spelled out in [7, Definition 4.2], and ensuring that this expression is a well-defined  $G$ -birational invariant [7, Theorem 5.1].

In [3], we presented first geometric applications of this invariant. Here, we continue to explore *functorial* and *combinatorial* properties of  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$ . We introduce and study:

- filtrations on  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$ ,
- the restriction homomorphism

$$\text{Burn}_n(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_n(G'),$$

where  $G' \subset G$  is any subgroup,

- products,
- a combinatorial analog  $\mathcal{BC}_n(G)$  of  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$ , obtained by forgetting *field-theoretic* information, while keeping only discrete invariants encoded in a symbol (1.2).

One of the motivating problems in this field is to distinguish equivariant birational types of (projectivizations of) linear actions (see, e.g., [11], [4]). A sample question, raised in [2, Section 8], is: *Are there isomorphic finite subgroups of  $\text{PGL}_3$  which are not conjugate in the plane Cremona group?*

Examples of equivariantly nonbirational representations considered in [13] required that  $G$  contains an abelian  $p$ -subgroup of rank equal to the dimension of the representation. Our formalism yields new examples without the rank condition on the group, see Example 5.3.

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## 2. GENERALITIES

We adopt notational conventions from [7]:

- $G$  is a finite group,
- $k$  is a field of characteristic 0, containing roots of unity of order  $|G|$ ,
- $H \subseteq G$  is an abelian subgroup, with character group

$$H^\vee := \text{Hom}(H, k^\times),$$

- $\text{Bir}_d(k)$  is the set of birational equivalence classes of  $d$ -dimensional algebraic varieties over  $k$ , i.e., the set of finitely generated fields of transcendence degree  $d$  over  $k$ ; we identify a field with its isomorphism class in  $\text{Bir}_d(k)$ ,
- $\text{Alg}_N(K_0)$  is the set of isomorphism classes of Galois algebras  $K$  over  $K_0 \in \text{Bir}_d(k)$  for the group

$$N := N_G(H)/H,$$

satisfying

**Assumption 1:** the composite homomorphism

$$\mathrm{H}^1(N_G(H), K^\times) \rightarrow \mathrm{H}^1(H, K^\times)^N \rightarrow H^\vee \quad (2.1)$$

is surjective (see [7, Section 2] for more details).

- More generally, for a subgroup  $M \subset N$  we denote by  $\text{Alg}_M(K_0)$  the set of isomorphism classes of  $M$ -Galois algebras  $K/K_0$  (i.e., Galois algebras  $K$  over  $K_0$  for the group  $M$ ), such that  $\text{Ind}_M^N(K)$  satisfies Assumption 1. Of particular interest is

$$Z := Z_G(H)/H \subseteq N = N_G(H)/H.$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $K \in \text{Alg}_N(K_0)$ . Then*

$$K \cong \text{Ind}_Z^N(K')$$

for some  $K' \in \text{Alg}_Z(K_0)$ .

*Proof.* With notation of Assumption 1, we have trivial  $H$ -action on  $K^\times$ , so

$$\mathrm{H}^1(H, K^\times) = \text{Hom}(H, K^\times).$$

Writing  $K \cong K^1 \times \cdots \times K^\ell$ , where each  $K^i$  is a field, as rightmost map in (2.1) we take

$$\mathrm{H}^1(H, K^\times) \rightarrow \mathrm{H}^1(H, (K^1)^\times) \cong H^\vee.$$

Projection  $K^\times \rightarrow (K^1)^\times$  is equivariant for the subgroup  $Y \subseteq N$ , defined by the condition of sending  $K^1$  to  $K^1$ , where the action on  $\mathrm{H}^1(H, (K^1)^\times)$  is given just by conjugation on  $H$ . Assumption 1 implies that the conjugation action is trivial, i.e.,  $Y \subseteq Z$ . So the result holds with

$$K' = \text{Ind}_Y^Z(K^1).$$

□

*Remark 2.2.* Assumption 1, for an  $N$ -Galois algebra  $K/K_0$ , of the form  $\text{Ind}_Z^N(K')$ , where  $K'/K_0$  is a  $Z$ -Galois algebra, may be expressed as the surjectivity of

$$\mathrm{H}^1(Z_G(H), K'^\times) \rightarrow H^\vee. \quad (2.2)$$

Given this, the proof of [7, Prop. 2.2] supplies an equivalence of categories between

- $H$ -Galois algebras over étale  $K_0$ -algebras and
- $Z_G(H)$ -Galois algebras with equivariant homomorphism from  $K'$ ;

in particular, there is then a  $Z_G(H)$ -Galois algebra  $L/K_0$  with homomorphism  $K' \rightarrow L$ , compatible with the structure of Galois algebra for the group  $Z$ , respectively  $Z_G(H)$ . Assumption 1 is also implied by the existence of such a Galois algebra  $L$  and homomorphism  $K' \rightarrow L$ , as we see by using the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence and Hilbert's Theorem 90 to identify  $H^1(Z_G(H), K'^{\times})$  with  $H^1(H \times Z_G(H), L^{\times})$ . This allows us to view Assumption 1 as a lifting problem of Galois cohomology

$$H^1(\mathrm{Gal}_{K_0}, Z_G(H)) \rightarrow H^1(\mathrm{Gal}_{K_0}, Z)$$

and remark that the machinery of nonabelian cohomology (cf. [10, §1.3.2]) supplies an obstruction to lifting in  $H^2(\mathrm{Gal}_{K_0}, H)$ .

We now recall the definition of the *equivariant Burnside group*

$$\mathrm{Burn}_n(G) = \mathrm{Burn}_{n,k}(G)$$

following [7, Section 4]: it is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, generated by symbols

$$\mathfrak{s} := (H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta),$$

where

- $H \subseteq G$  is an abelian subgroup,
- $K \in \mathrm{Alg}_N(K_0)$ , with  $K_0 \in \mathrm{Bir}_d(k)$ , and  $d \leq n$ ,
- $\beta = (b_1, \dots, b_{n-d})$ , a sequence of nonzero elements of the character group  $H^{\vee}$ , that generate  $H^{\vee}$ .

The sequence of characters  $\beta$  determines a faithful  $(n - d)$ -dimensional representation of  $H$  over  $k$ , with trivial space of invariants. As every  $(n - d)$ -dimensional representation of  $H$  over  $k$  splits as a sum of one-dimensional representations, any faithful  $(n - d)$ -dimensional representation of  $H$  over  $k$  determines a sequence of characters, generating  $H^{\vee}$ , up to order. The ambiguity of order gives us the first of several relations that we impose on symbols:

**(O):**  $(H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta) = (H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta')$  if  $\beta'$  is a reordering of  $\beta$ .

The further relations are **conjugation** and **blowup** relations:

**(C):**  $(H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta) = (H', N' \hookrightarrow K, \beta')$ , when  $H' = gHg^{-1}$  and  $N' = N_G(H')/H'$ , with  $g \in G$ , and  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  are related by conjugation by  $g$ .

**(B1):**  $(H, N \hookrightarrow K, \beta) = 0$  when  $b_1 + b_2 = 0$ .

**(B2):**  $(H, N \curvearrowright K, \beta) = \Theta_1 + \Theta_2$ , where

$$\Theta_1 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } b_1 = b_2, \\ (H, N \curvearrowright K, \beta_1) + (H, N \curvearrowright K, \beta_2), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\beta_1 := (b_1, b_2 - b_1, b_3, \dots, b_{n-d}), \quad \beta_2 := (b_2, b_1 - b_2, b_3, \dots, b_{n-d}), \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$\Theta_2 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } b_i \in \langle b_1 - b_2 \rangle \text{ for some } i, \\ (\overline{H}, \overline{N} \curvearrowright \overline{K}, \overline{\beta}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

with

$$\overline{H}^\vee := H^\vee / \langle b_1 - b_2 \rangle, \quad \overline{\beta} := (\overline{b}_2, \overline{b}_3, \dots, \overline{b}_{n-d}), \quad \overline{b}_i \in \overline{H}^\vee,$$

and  $\overline{K}$  carries the action described in Construction **(A)** in [7, Section 2], applied to the character  $b_1 - b_2$ .

We permit ourselves to write a symbol in the form

$$(H, M \curvearrowright K, \beta) \quad (2.4)$$

with a subgroup  $M \subset N$  and  $K \in \text{Alg}_M(K_0)$ , with

$$(H, M \curvearrowright K, \beta) := (H, N \curvearrowright \text{Ind}_M^N(K), \beta).$$

We further allow  $K_0$  to be a *product* of fields; then (2.4) will denote the corresponding sum of symbols, one for each factor.

By Lemma 2.1, any symbol in  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$  is of the form

$$(H, Z \curvearrowright K, \beta),$$

with  $K \in \text{Alg}_Z(K_0)$ . In this notation, Construction **(A)** has a compact formulation. Applied to a single character  $b \in H^\vee$ , this yields the subgroup

$$\overline{H} := \ker(b) \subset H$$

and the symbol

$$(\overline{H}, Z_G(H)/\overline{H} \curvearrowright K(t), \overline{\beta}),$$

where a  $Z_G(H)$ -action on  $K(t)$  arises by lifting  $b$  via (2.2) and is trivial on  $\overline{H}$ , and  $\overline{\beta}$  is obtained from  $\beta$  by applying the map  $H^\vee \rightarrow \overline{H}^\vee$ , as above.

*Remark 2.3.* Construction **(A)** may be applied to a collection of characters, yielding the same outcome as when applied iteratively, one character at a time.

A  $G$ -action on  $X$  in standard form always satisfies

**Assumption 2:** The stabilizers for the  $G$ -action on  $X$  are abelian, and for every  $H$  and  $F$  in (1.1) the composite homomorphism

$$\mathrm{Pic}^G(X) \rightarrow H^1(N_G(H), k(F)^\times) \rightarrow H^\vee$$

is surjective, where the first map is given by restriction and the second is the map from Assumption 1, with  $K = k(F)$ .

Note that Assumption 2 implies Assumption 1, for every  $H$  and every  $N_G(H)/H \hookrightarrow k(F)$  (see [7, Rmk. 3.2(i)]).

A variant, that will occur below, is the requirement of surjectivity, when we restrict to a given subgroup of  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X)$ . Given this, we will say that Assumption 2 holds for the given subgroup of  $\mathrm{Pic}^G(X)$ .

### 3. FILTRATIONS

In this section, we explore additional combinatorial constructions on equivariant Burnside groups  $\mathrm{Burn}_n(G)$ , reflecting the geometry of the  $G$ -action on strata with given generic stabilizers.

**Definition 3.1.** A  $G$ -prefilter is a collection  $\mathbf{H}$  of pairs  $(H, Y)$  consisting of an abelian subgroup  $H \subseteq G$  and a subgroup

$$Y \subseteq Z = Z_G(H)/H,$$

such that  $\mathbf{H}$  is closed under conjugation, i.e., for  $(H, Y) \in \mathbf{H}$  we have

$$(gHg^{-1}, gYg^{-1}) \in \mathbf{H}, \quad \text{for all } g \in G.$$

**Definition 3.2.** Given a  $G$ -prefilter  $\mathbf{H}$ , we let

$$\mathrm{Burn}_n^{\mathbf{H}}(G)$$

be the quotient of  $\mathrm{Burn}_n(G)$  by the subgroup generated by classes of the form

$$(H, Y \hookrightarrow K, \beta),$$

where  $K \in \mathrm{Alg}_Y(K_0)$  is a *field*, and

$$(H, Y) \notin \mathbf{H}.$$

**Proposition 3.3.** *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a  $G$ -prefilter such that if  $(H, Y) \in \mathbf{H}$ , with  $H$  nontrivial, then  $(\langle H, g \rangle, Y/\langle \bar{g} \rangle) \in \mathbf{H}$  for all  $g \in Z_G(H)$  satisfying*

$$\bar{g} \in Y \quad \text{and} \quad Y \subseteq Z_G(g)/H.$$

*Then  $\mathrm{Burn}_n^{\mathbf{H}}(G)$  is generated by triples*

$$(H, Y \hookrightarrow K, \beta),$$

where  $K \in \text{Alg}_Y(K_0)$  is a field and

$$(H, Y) \in \mathbf{H},$$

subject to relations **(O)**, **(C)**, **(B1)**, and **(B2)** applied to these triples.

*Proof.* For any

$$(H, Y \supseteq K, \beta)$$

with  $K \in \text{Alg}_Y(K_0)$  a field, the term  $\Theta_2$  from **(B2)**, when nontrivial, consists of a subgroup  $\ker(b)$  of  $H$  for some  $b \in H^\vee$ , a field  $K(t)$  with action of the pre-image of  $Y$  in  $Z_G(H)/\ker(b)$ , and a sequence of characters. If  $(H, Y) \notin \mathbf{H}$ , then by hypothesis the pair consisting of  $\ker(b)$  and the pre-image of  $Y$  is not in  $\mathbf{H}$ . This observation establishes the proposition, since **(B1)** involves just one triple, and in  $\Theta_1$  from **(B2)** the group and algebra do not change.  $\square$

**Example 3.4.**

- For  $G$  abelian, we have

$$\text{Burn}_n^G(G) = \text{Burn}_n^{\{(G, \text{triv})\}}(G),$$

where the left side was introduced in [7, §8]: this is the quotient of  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$  by all triples whose first entry is a proper subgroup of  $G$ .

- For  $\mathbf{H}$  consisting of all  $(H, Y)$  with  $H$  nontrivial cyclic and  $Y$  noncyclic, and  $k$  algebraically closed,  $\text{Burn}_2^{\mathbf{H}}(G)$  appeared in [3, §7.4].

*Remark 3.5.* One can additionally suppress the field information, which will lead to *combinatorial* analogues of Burnside groups. We will explore this in Section 8.

#### 4. NONTRIVIAL GENERIC STABILIZERS

In this section, we introduce a version of the equivariant Burnside group, relevant for considerations of actions with *nontrivial* generic stabilizer.

Let  $G$  be a finite group. A variant of the equivariant Burnside group takes the additional data of a finite index set

$$I \subset \mathbb{N}.$$

The *equivariant indexed Burnside group*

$$\text{Burn}_{n,I}(G),$$

is defined as a quotient of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module generated by symbols

$$(H \subseteq H', N' \supseteq K, \beta, \gamma),$$

where

- $H \subseteq H'$  are abelian subgroups of  $G$ ,
- $N' := N_{N_G(H)}(H')/H'$ ,
- $K \in \text{Alg}_{N'}(K_0)$ , with  $K_0 \in \text{Bir}_d(k)$ , and  $d \leq n - |I|$ ,
- $\beta = (b_1, \dots, b_{n-d-|I|})$ , a sequence of nonzero characters of  $H'$ , trivial upon restriction to  $H$ , that generate  $(H'/H)^\vee$ ,
- $\gamma = (c_i)_{i \in I}$  is a sequence of elements of  $H'^\vee$ , such that the images of  $c_i$  in  $H^\vee$  generate  $H^\vee$ .

As in Section 2, we permit ourselves to write a symbol in the form

$$(H \subseteq H', M' \supset K, \beta, \gamma),$$

where  $M' \subset N'$  is a subgroup. Every symbol may be expressed as

$$(H \subseteq H', Z' \supset K, \beta, \gamma), \quad Z' := Z_G(H')/H'.$$

(Notice that  $Z_G(H') = Z_{N_G(H)}(H')$ .)

These symbols are subject to relations:

**(O):**  $(H \subseteq H', N' \supset K, \beta, \gamma) = (H \subseteq H', N' \supset K, \beta', \gamma)$  if  $\beta'$  is a reordering of  $\beta$ .

**(C):**  $(H \subseteq H', N' \supset K, \beta, \gamma) = (gHg^{-1} \subseteq gH'g^{-1}, gN'g^{-1} \supset K, \beta', \gamma')$  for  $g \in G$ , with  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$ , respectively  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma'$ , related by conjugation by  $g$ .

**(B1):**  $(H \subseteq H', N' \supset K, \beta, \gamma) = 0$  when  $b_1 + b_2 = 0$ .

**(B2):**  $(H \subseteq H', N' \supset K, \beta, \gamma) = \Theta_1 + \Theta_2$ , where  $\Theta_1$  and  $\Theta_2$  are as in Section 2, with  $H$  prepended and  $\gamma$ , respectively  $\bar{\gamma}$ , appended to the corresponding symbols.

*Remark 4.1.* By analogy with Remark (2.2), we may express Assumption 1, for the Galois algebra  $K$ , as the surjectivity of the middle vertical map

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mathrm{H}^1(Z_G(H')/H, K^\times) & \rightarrow & \mathrm{H}^1(Z_G(H'), K^\times) & \rightarrow & \mathrm{H}^1(H, K^\times)^{Z_G(H')/H} \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & (H'/H)^\vee & \longrightarrow & H'^\vee & \longrightarrow & H^\vee \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

Here, the top row comes from the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence. In a symbol, we have  $\beta$  generating the left-hand group in the bottom row, while  $\gamma$  is a sequence of characters of  $H'$ , whose images generate  $H^\vee$ . Consequently,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  together generate  $H'^\vee$ . Thus we have a homomorphism

$$\psi_I: \text{Burn}_{n,I}(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_n(G),$$



sending  $(H \subseteq H', Z' \supseteq K, \beta, \gamma)$  to

$$(H', Z' \supseteq K, \beta \cup \gamma)$$

when  $\gamma$  is a sequence of nontrivial characters, otherwise to 0.

In order to explain the relevance of this definition, we introduce a map which converts some of the characters in  $\gamma$  to a transcendental extension of the Galois algebra. Let

$$J \subseteq I$$

be a subset. Given a symbol  $(H \subseteq H', Z' \supseteq K, \beta, \gamma)$ , we use  $J$  to define subgroups

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{H}' &:= \bigcap_{i \in I \setminus J} \ker(c_i) \subseteq H', \\ \overline{H} &:= H \cap \overline{H}' \subseteq H. \end{aligned}$$

Then we define

$$\omega_{I,J}: \text{Burn}_{n,I}(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_{n,J}(G),$$

by applying Construction **(A)** when possible:

$$(H \subseteq H', Z' \supseteq K, \beta, \gamma) \mapsto (\overline{H} \subseteq \overline{H}', Z_G(H')/\overline{H}' \supseteq K((t_i)_{i \in I \setminus J}), \overline{\beta}, \overline{\gamma}),$$

where  $\overline{\gamma} = (\overline{c}_j)_{j \in J}$ , when all of the characters of  $\overline{\beta}$  are nonzero, and

$$(H \subseteq H', Z' \supseteq K, \beta, \gamma) \mapsto 0, \quad \text{otherwise.}$$

This is compatible with relations: the only one that is nontrivial to check is **(B2)**, where  $\Theta_1$  maps to  $\overline{\Theta}_1$ , as we see by dividing into cases according to the vanishing of  $\overline{b}_1$  or  $\overline{b}_2$ , or their equality, and  $\Theta_2$  maps to  $\overline{\Theta}_2$ , as we see using Remark 2.3.

We recall the setting of [7, Defn. 5.4]: Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety of dimension  $n$ , with a generically free action of  $G$ , satisfying Assumption 2. Let  $D_1, \dots, D_\ell$  be  $G$ -stable divisors, with

$$D_I := \bigcap_{i \in I} D_i, \quad \text{for } I \subseteq \mathcal{I} := \{1, \dots, \ell\}, \quad D_\emptyset = X.$$

We suppose, for notational simplicity, that for every  $I$  the generic stabilizers of the components of  $D_I$  belong to a single conjugacy class of subgroups, and take  $H_I$  to be a representative. Then to  $I \subseteq M \subseteq \mathcal{I}$  we attach the following class in  $\text{Burn}_{n,I}(G)$ :

$$\chi_{I,M}(X \curvearrowright G, (D_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}}) := \sum_{H' \supseteq H_I} \sum_{\substack{W \subset D_I \\ \text{generic stabilizer } H' \\ \{i \in \mathcal{I} \mid W \subset D_i\} = M}} (H_I \subseteq H', N' \supseteq k(W), \beta, \gamma),$$

where

- the first sum is over conjugacy class representatives  $H'$  of abelian subgroups of  $N_G(H_I)$ , containing  $H_I$ ,
- the second sum is over  $N_{N_G(H_I)}(H')$ -orbits of components  $W$  with generic stabilizer  $H'$ , contained in components of  $D_I$  with generic stabilizer  $H_I$  and satisfying  $\{i \in \mathcal{I} \mid W \subset D_i\} = M$ ,
- $\beta = \beta_W(D_I)$  encodes the normal bundle to  $W$  in  $D_I$ , and
- $\gamma = (c_i)_{i \in I}$ , the characters coming from  $D_i$  with  $i \in I$ .

Then

$$[\mathcal{N}_{D_I/X} \curvearrowright G]^{\text{naive}} = \sum_{I \subseteq M \subseteq \mathcal{I}} \sum_{M \setminus I \subseteq J \subseteq M} \psi_{I \cap J}(\omega_{I, I \cap J}(\chi_{I, M}(X \curvearrowright G, (D_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}}))),$$

where the terms with  $J = \emptyset$  contribute  $[\mathcal{N}_{D_I/X}^\circ \curvearrowright G]^{\text{naive}}$ . This provides some insight to [7, Lemma 5.7].

## 5. FIBRATIONS

In this section, we define a projectivized version of the equivariant indexed Burnside group and use it to give a formula for the class in  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$  of the projectivization of a sum of line bundles.

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $I \subset \mathbb{N}$  a *nonempty* finite index set. The *equivariant projectively indexed Burnside group*

$$\text{Burn}_{n, \mathbb{P}(I)}(G)$$

is defined with generators and relations as in Section 4, where

- $\beta$  consists of  $n - d - |I| + 1$  characters (so  $d \leq n - |I| + 1$ ),
- the *differences* of pairs of characters of  $\gamma$  should generate  $H^\vee$ ,
- and there is an additional relation:

**(P):** If  $\gamma' - \gamma$  is a constant sequence then

$$(H \subseteq H', N' \curvearrowright K, \beta, \gamma) = (H \subseteq H', N' \curvearrowright K, \beta, \gamma').$$

We define

$$\omega_{\mathbb{P}(I), J}: \text{Burn}_{n, \mathbb{P}(I)}(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_{n, J}(G),$$

for a *proper* subset

$$J \subsetneq I,$$

by

- choosing  $i_0 \in I \setminus J$ ,
- applying **(P)** to get a representative symbol

$$(H \subseteq H', N' \curvearrowright K, \beta, \gamma)$$

with  $\gamma_{i_0} = 0$ , and

- applying  $\omega_{I \setminus \{i_0\}, J}$  to the class of  $(H \subseteq H', N' \supseteq K, \beta, (c_i)_{i \in I \setminus \{i_0\}})$  in  $\text{Burn}_{n, I \setminus \{i_0\}}(G)$ .

Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety over  $k$ . Assume that  $X$  carries a  $G$ -action, and let  $L_0, \dots, L_r$  be  $G$ -linearized line bundles on  $X$ . The next statement examines the condition, for  $G$  to act generically freely on  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$ , so that Assumption 2 satisfied.

**Lemma 5.1.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety over  $k$  with a  $G$ -action and  $G$ -linearized line bundles  $L_0, \dots, L_r$ . Let  $H$  be the stabilizer at the generic point of a component of  $X$ , and let us denote the  $N_G(H)$ -orbit of the component by  $X'$ . The following are equivalent.*

- (i) *The  $N$ -action on  $X'$  satisfies Assumption 2, and  $H$  is abelian with  $H^\vee$  spanned by the differences of characters determined by  $L_0, \dots, L_r$ .*
- (ii) *The  $G$ -action on  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$  is generically free and satisfies Assumption 2.*
- (iii) *The  $G$ -action on  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$  is generically free and satisfies Assumption 2 for  $L_0, \dots, L_r$ , together with the  $G$ -linearized line bundles on  $X$  associated with  $N$ -linearized line bundles on  $X'$ .*

The statement is inspired by [7, Lemma 7.3].

*Proof.* The action of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$  is generically free if and only if the action of  $N_G(H)$  on  $\mathbb{P}(L_0|_{X'} \oplus \dots \oplus L_r|_{X'})$  is generically free. The latter has generic stabilizer  $\bigcap_{i=1}^r \ker(b_i - b_0)$ . Thus the condition on  $H$  in (i) is equivalent to the condition of generically free action in (ii) and in (iii). We assume this from now on.

An  $N$ -linearized line bundle on  $X'$  determines an  $N_G(H)$ -linearized line bundle on  $X'$ , with trivial  $H$ -action. An  $N_G(H)$ -linearized line bundle on  $X'$  determines, and is determined by,  $G$ -linearized line bundle on  $X$ ; this is the meaning of the associated line bundles in (iii). Conversely, a  $G$ -linearized line bundle on  $X$  which restricts to an  $N_G(H)$ -linearized line bundle on  $X'$  with trivial  $H$ -action, gives rise to an  $N$ -linearized line bundle on  $X'$ .

We start by showing (i) implies (iii), using the interpretation of Assumption 2 in terms of the representability of a certain morphism from the quotient stack to a product of copies of  $B\mathbb{G}_m$ . Given (i), we have such a representable morphism

$$[X'/N] \rightarrow B\mathbb{G}_m \times \dots \times B\mathbb{G}_m.$$

Correspondingly, the fibers of the composite morphism

$$[X/G] \rightarrow [X'/N] \rightarrow B\mathbb{G}_m \times \dots \times B\mathbb{G}_m$$

all have constant stabilizer group  $H$ . The condition in (i) implies that the  $H$ -representation given by  $b_0, \dots, b_r$  is faithful. With  $r+1$  additional factors  $B\mathbb{G}_m$  we get a representable morphism from  $[X/G]$ , hence also from  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$ .

Since trivially (iii) implies (ii), it remains only to show (ii) implies (i). Generally, a line bundle on a projective bundle is isomorphic to the pullback of a line bundle from the base, twisted by a power of the tautological line bundle. Two vector bundles, one obtained from the other by tensoring by a line bundle, have isomorphic projectivizations, the tautological line bundle of one obtained from the other by tensoring by the pullback of the line bundle from the base. A sum of line bundles, after such tensoring, may be brought in a form with trivial  $i$ th factor, for any  $i$ , and this way see that any power of the tautological line bundle on  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$ , restricted to the open  $U_i \subset \mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$  defined by nonvanishing on the component  $L_i$ , is identified with a line bundle pulled back from the base; all of these assertions are valid in an equivariant setting. With the notation of Assumption 2 for  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$ , we always have  $\text{Spec}(k(F)) \subset U_i$  for some  $i$ . So, (ii) implies that the  $G$ -action on  $\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r)$  satisfies Assumption 2 for  $\text{Pic}^G(X)$ . Since

$$\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \dots \oplus L_r) \rightarrow X$$

admits equivariant sections, we deduce that some finite collection of  $G$ -linearized line bundles on  $X$  determines a representable morphism

$$[X/G] \rightarrow B\mathbb{G}_m \times \dots \times B\mathbb{G}_m.$$

Replacing each by a tensor product with combinations of  $L_0, \dots, L_r$ , we obtain a  $G$ -linearized line bundle on  $X$  that comes from an  $N$ -linearized line bundle on  $X'$ . The corresponding morphism

$$[X'/N] \rightarrow B\mathbb{G}_m \times \dots \times B\mathbb{G}_m$$

is representable, and thus we have (i).  $\square$

**Proposition 5.2.** *Let  $X$  be a smooth projective variety of dimension  $n - r$  over  $k$  with a  $G$ -action and  $G$ -linearized line bundles  $L_0, \dots, L_r$ . We assume the conditions and adopt the notation of Lemma 5.1. We define  $I := \{0, \dots, r\}$  and the following class in  $\text{Burn}_{n, \mathbb{P}(I)}(G)$ :*

$$\xi(X \curvearrowright G, (L_i)_{i \in I}) := \sum_{H' \supseteq H} \sum_{\substack{W \subset X' \\ \text{generic stabilizer } H'}} (H \subseteq H', N' \curvearrowright k(W), \beta, \gamma),$$

where

- the first sum is over abelian subgroups  $H'$  of  $G$  that contain  $H$ , up to conjugacy in  $N_G(H)$ ,

- the second sum is over  $N_{N_G(H)}(H')$ -orbits of components  $W \subset X'$  where the generic stabilizer is  $H'$ ,
- $\beta = \beta_W(X')$  encodes the normal bundle to  $W$  in  $X'$ , and
- $\gamma = (c_i)_{i \in I}$ , the characters coming from  $L_i$  with  $i \in I$ .

Then

$$[\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_r) \curvearrowright G] = \sum_{J \subsetneq I} \psi_J(\omega_{\mathbb{P}(I), J}(\xi(X \curvearrowright G, (L_i)_{i \in I})))$$

in  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$ .

*Proof.* We identify each contribution to  $[\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus \cdots \oplus L_r) \curvearrowright G]$  as

$$V = \varphi_J^{-1}(W),$$

for some  $W$  in the definition of  $\xi(X \curvearrowright G, (L_i)_{i \in I})$ , where  $\varphi_J$  denotes the projection to  $X$  from the projectivization of  $\bigoplus_{i \in I \setminus J} L_i$ . Then,

$$(H \subseteq H', N' \curvearrowright k(W), \beta, \gamma) \in \text{Burn}_{n, \mathbb{P}(I)}(G)$$

maps under  $\psi_J \circ \omega_{\mathbb{P}(I), J}$  to

$$(\overline{H}', N_{N_G(H)}(\overline{H}') \curvearrowright k(V), \beta_V(X)).$$

□

**Example 5.3.** Let  $G := C_5 \times \mathfrak{S}_3$ , acting on  $X := \mathbb{P}^1$  via an irreducible 2-dimensional representation of  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ . We take  $L_0$  to be trivial and  $L_1$  to be the twist of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^1}(1)$  by a nontrivial character  $\chi$  of  $C_5$ . Then we have the situation of Lemma 5.1 with  $H = C_5$  and  $N = \mathfrak{S}_3$ , and the conditions of the lemma are satisfied. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \xi(X \curvearrowright G, (L_0, L_1)) &= (C_5 \subseteq C_5, \mathfrak{S}_3 \curvearrowright k(\mathbb{P}^1), \emptyset, (0, \chi)) \\ &\quad + (C_5 \subseteq C_5 \times \langle(1, 2)\rangle, \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, (0, 1), (0, (\chi, 0))) \\ &\quad + (C_5 \subseteq C_5 \times \langle(1, 2)\rangle, \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, (0, 1), (0, (\chi, 1))) \\ &\quad + (C_5 \subseteq C_5 \times \mathfrak{A}_3, \mathfrak{S}_3/\mathfrak{A}_3 \curvearrowright k \times k, (0, 1), (0, (\chi, 1))). \end{aligned}$$

The outcome of Proposition 5.2 is

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus L_1) \curvearrowright G] &= (\text{triv}, G \curvearrowright k(\mathbb{P}^1)(t), \emptyset) + (\langle(1, 2)\rangle, C_5 \overset{\chi}{\curvearrowright} k(t), 1) \\ &\quad + (C_5, \mathfrak{S}_3 \curvearrowright k(\mathbb{P}^1), \chi) + (C_5 \times \langle(1, 2)\rangle, \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, ((0, 1), (\chi, 0))) \\ &\quad + (C_5 \times \langle(1, 2)\rangle, \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, ((0, 1), (\chi, 1))) \\ &\quad + (C_5 \times \mathfrak{A}_3, \mathfrak{S}_3/\mathfrak{A}_3 \curvearrowright k \times k, ((0, 1), (\chi, 1))) \\ &\quad + (C_5, \mathfrak{S}_3 \curvearrowright k(\mathbb{P}^1), -\chi) + (C_5 \times \langle(1, 2)\rangle, \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, ((0, 1), (-\chi, 0))) \\ &\quad + (C_5 \times \langle(1, 2)\rangle, \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, ((0, 1), (-\chi, 1))) \\ &\quad + (C_5 \times \mathfrak{A}_3, \mathfrak{S}_3/\mathfrak{A}_3 \curvearrowright k \times k, ((0, 1), (-\chi, 1))). \end{aligned}$$

In the notation of Section 3 we observe that the  $G$ -prefilter

$$\mathbf{H} := \{(C_5, \mathfrak{S}_3)\}$$

satisfies the condition of Proposition 3.3. Upon projection

$$\text{Burn}_2(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_2^{\mathbf{H}}(G)$$

(see Definition 3.2), we obtain the class

$$(C_5, \mathfrak{S}_3 \curvearrowright k(\mathbb{P}^1), \chi) + (C_5, \mathfrak{S}_3 \curvearrowright k(\mathbb{P}^1), -\chi) \in \text{Burn}_2^{\mathbf{H}}(G).$$

This class is nonzero. Moreover, it is different for  $\chi \in \{\pm 1\}$  as compared to  $\chi \in \{\pm 2\}$ .

Geometrically, the situation above arises as follows: Consider the 3-dimensional representation  $W_\chi = 1 \oplus (V \otimes \chi)$  of  $G$ , sum of a trivial 1-dimensional representation and twist by  $\chi$  of the standard 2-dimensional representation  $V$  of  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ . This gives a generically free action of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{P}^2 = \mathbb{P}(W_\chi)$ , with a  $G$ -fixed point  $\mathfrak{p}$ . To bring the  $G$ -action into a form where Assumption 2 is satisfied, we need to blow up  $\mathfrak{p}$ , and

$$[\mathbb{P}(W_\chi) \curvearrowright G] = [\mathbb{P}(L_0 \oplus L_1) \curvearrowright G] \in \text{Burn}_2(G).$$

## 6. PRODUCTS

Let  $G'$  and  $G''$  be finite groups. Define a product map

$$\text{Burn}_{n'}(G') \times \text{Burn}_{n''}(G'') \rightarrow \text{Burn}_{n'+n''}(G' \times G'').$$

On symbols, it is given by

$$((H', Z' \curvearrowright K', \beta'), (H'', Z'' \curvearrowright K'', \beta'')) \mapsto (H, Z \curvearrowright K, \beta), \quad (6.1)$$

where

- $H = H' \times H''$ ,
- $Z = Z' \times Z''$ ,
- $K = K' \otimes_k K''$ , with the natural action of  $Z$ ,
- $\beta = \beta' \cup \beta''$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** *The product map (6.1) is well-defined, and satisfies*

$$([X' \curvearrowright G'], [X'' \curvearrowright G'']) \mapsto [X' \times X'' \curvearrowright G' \times G''].$$

*Proof.* The map clearly respects relations. The only point to remark is that in **(B2)**, the condition for nontriviality of  $\Theta_2$  holds for  $\beta'$  if and only if it holds for  $\beta = \beta' \cup \beta''$ .  $\square$

## 7. RESTRICTIONS

Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $G' \subset G$  a subgroup. A  $G$ -action on a quasiprojective variety  $X$  induces an action of  $G'$ , and thus it is natural to propose the existence of a restriction homomorphism from  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$  to  $\text{Burn}_n(G')$ , acting by

$$[X \curvearrowright G] \mapsto [X \curvearrowright G']. \quad (7.1)$$

In this section we establish the existence and uniqueness of this homomorphism.

**Example 7.1.** Suppose  $H$  is an abelian subgroup of  $G$ , contained in  $G'$ . Symbols, identified in  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$  by relation **(C)**, might no longer be identified in  $\text{Burn}_n(G')$ . E.g., with  $G = \mathfrak{D}_4$  and  $G' = C_4$  the restriction of  $(G', G/G' \curvearrowright k \times k, 1) \in \text{Burn}_1(G)$  to  $\text{Burn}_1(G')$  has to be a sum of two symbols with distinct characters:

$$(G', G/G' \curvearrowright k \times k, 1) \mapsto (G', \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, 1) + (G', \text{triv} \curvearrowright k, 3).$$

**Theorem 7.2.** *For all  $n \geq 0$ , there exists a unique homomorphism of abelian groups*

$$\text{res}_{G'}^G : \text{Burn}_n(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_n(G').$$

*compatible with (7.1).*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.1, it suffices to consider symbols of the form

$$\mathfrak{s} = (H, Z \curvearrowright K, \beta).$$

When we act by conjugation by some element of  $G$ , we obtain an equivalent symbol, where  $H$  is replaced by a conjugate, the corresponding centralizer quotient replaces  $Z$ , and conjugation is used to form from  $\beta$  a sequence of characters of the conjugate of  $H$ . By conjugation we have a transitive action of  $G$  on a set  $\mathfrak{S}$  of symbols, where  $\mathfrak{s} \in \mathfrak{S}$  has stabilizer  $Z_G(H)$ . The restriction of the action to  $G'$  consists of finitely many orbits; in the formula below the sum is over orbit representatives

$$\mathfrak{s}' = (H', Z' \curvearrowright K, \beta'),$$

such that the restriction  $\beta'|_{H' \cap G'}$  of  $\beta'$  to  $H' \cap G'$  has trivial space of invariants; here,  $Z'$  denotes  $Z_G(H')/H'$ . Then we define the restriction to  $G'$  by

$$\mathfrak{s} \mapsto \sum_{\mathfrak{s}'} (H' \cap G', (Z_G(H') \cap G')/(H' \cap G') \curvearrowright K, \beta'|_{H' \cap G'});$$

this map respects relations. Uniqueness follows from [7, Rmk. 5.16].  $\square$

As an application of the restriction construction, we obtain a map

$$\text{Burn}_{n'}(G) \times \text{Burn}_{n''}(G) \rightarrow \text{Burn}_{n'+n''}(G),$$

using the product construction in Section 6 with  $G' = G'' = G$ , followed restriction to the diagonal

$$G \subset G \times G.$$

This map on Burnside groups sends

$$([X' \hookrightarrow G], [X'' \hookrightarrow G]) \mapsto [X' \times X'' \hookrightarrow G].$$

## 8. COMBINATORIAL ANALOGS

Here we define and study a quotient

$$\text{Burn}_n(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{BC}_n(G)$$

to a *combinatorial* version of the equivariant Burnside group, by forgetting the information about the Galois algebra.

**Definition 8.1.** The *combinatorial symbols group*

$$\mathcal{BC}_n(G)$$

is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, generated by symbols

$$(H, Y, \beta)$$

with  $H$  abelian,  $Y \subseteq Z_G(H)/H$ , and  $\beta$  a sequence of nonzero elements generating  $H^\vee$ , of length at most  $n$ , modulo relations:

**(O):**  $(H, Y, \beta) = (H, Y, \beta')$  if  $\beta'$  is a reordering of  $\beta$ .

**(C):**  $(H, Y, \beta) = (gHg^{-1}, gYg^{-1}, \beta')$  for  $g \in G$ , with  $\beta$  and  $\beta'$  related by conjugation by  $g$ .

**(B1):**  $(H, Y, \beta) = 0$  when  $b_1 + b_2 = 0$ .

**(B2):**  $(H, Y, \beta) = \Theta_1 + \Theta_2$ , where  $\Theta_1$  and  $\Theta_2$  are as in Section 2, i.e.,

$$\Theta_1 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } b_1 = b_2, \\ (H, Y, \beta_1) + (H, Y, \beta_2), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

with  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  as in (2.3), and

$$\Theta_2 = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } b_i \in \langle b_1 - b_2 \rangle \text{ for some } i, \\ (\overline{H}, \overline{Y}, \overline{\beta}), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\overline{H} = \ker(b_1 - b_2)$ ,  $\overline{Y}$  is the pre-image of  $Y$  in  $Z_G(H)/\overline{H}$ , and  $\overline{\beta}$  consists of the restrictions to  $\overline{H}$  of the characters of  $\beta$ .



**Proposition 8.2.** *The map sending the class of a triple*

$$(H, Y \hookrightarrow K, \beta) \in \text{Burn}_n(G),$$

for fields  $K \in \text{Alg}_Y(K_0)$ ,  $K_0 \in \text{Bir}_d(k)$ , with  $d \leq n$ , to

$$[k' : k](H, Y, \beta) \in \mathcal{BC}_n(G),$$

where  $k'$  is the algebraic closure of  $k$  in  $K_0$ , gives a surjective homomorphism

$$\text{Burn}_n(G) \rightarrow \mathcal{BC}_n(G).$$

*Proof.* This is clear from the description of the relations in  $\text{Burn}_n(G)$  from Section 2.  $\square$

**Definition 8.3.** Given a  $G$ -prefilter  $\mathbf{H}$ , we let

$$\mathcal{BC}_n^{\mathbf{H}}(G)$$

be the quotient of  $\mathcal{BC}_n(G)$  by the subgroup generated by classes  $(H, Y, \beta)$  with  $(H, Y) \notin \mathbf{H}$ .

Exactly as in Section 3 we have

**Proposition 8.4.** *Let  $\mathbf{H}$  be a  $G$ -prefilter, satisfying the hypothesis of Proposition 3.3. Then  $\mathcal{BC}_n^{\mathbf{H}}(G)$  is generated by symbols  $(H, Y, \beta)$  for  $(H, Y) \in \mathbf{H}$ , subject to relations **(O)**, **(C)**, **(B1)**, and **(B2)** applied to these symbols.*

Additionally, upon passage to the combinatorial analogue we also have the other structures developed in this paper:

- equivariant (projectively) indexed combinatorial Burnside group;
- product map;
- restriction homomorphisms.

**Example 8.5.** Suppose that  $G$  is abelian.

- We have (cf. [7, §8])

$$\mathcal{B}_n(G) = \mathcal{BC}_n^{(G, \text{triv})}(G),$$

where  $\mathcal{B}_n(G)$  is the symbols group from [5].

- There is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Burn}_n(G) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{BC}_n(G) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Burn}_n^G(G) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}_n(G) \end{array}$$

(The factor  $[k' : k]$  in Proposition 8.2 matches the similar factor in [7, Prop. 8.1].)



and  $\{D'_1, D'_2, D'_3\}$  consist of lines with generic stabilizer even  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  and faithful  $\mathfrak{K}_4$ -action, and the lines in the  $G$ -orbit  $\{R_1, \dots, R_6\}$  have generic stabilizer even  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  and a nontrivial  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action.

The restriction of  $V_3$  to  $\mathfrak{S}_3$  also decomposes into a 1-dimensional and an irreducible 2-dimensional representation. Looking at  $G$ -orbits, we find a  $G$ -orbit of 4 distinguished  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ -lines, which intersect in 6 points with odd  $\mathfrak{K}_4$  stabilizer. We also have a  $G$ -orbit of 4 distinguished points with  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ -stabilizer. We blow up the points with odd  $\mathfrak{K}_4$ -stabilizer and also those with  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ -stabilizer. We get a  $G$ -orbit of 6 lines, each with  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action and generic stabilizer odd  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ , as well as an orbit of 4 exceptional curves with  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ -action.

**Second action:** Let  $X$  be a del Pezzo surface of degree 6 given by

$$x_0y_0z_0 = x_1y_1z_1 \subset \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1.$$

We write the action of  $G$  in coordinates

$$x := x_0/x_1, \quad y := y_0/y_1, \quad z := z_0/z_1.$$

Then,  $\mathfrak{S}_3 = \langle \sigma, \tau \rangle$  acts by permuting  $x, y, z$ ;  $\lambda_1$  changes signs on  $x$  and  $z$ , and  $\lambda_2$  changes signs on  $x$  and  $y$ .

There are three orbits of points, of length 4, with stabilizer  $\mathfrak{S}_3$  (see [1, Lemma 1.3]). Blowing these up, we obtain 3  $G$ -orbits of  $\mathfrak{S}_3$ -lines. These do not contribute to  $[X \curvearrowright G]$ . There are also two  $G$ -orbits of points with  $\mathfrak{D}_4$ -stabilizers, these points are precisely the intersection points of the 6 lines at infinity, i.e., in the locus

$$\{x_0 = 0\} \cup \{y_0 = 0\} \cup \{z_0 = 0\}.$$

These lines have generic stabilizer even  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  and a nontrivial  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action, and they form a single  $G$ -orbit. After we blow up the two orbits of 3 points, we obtain precisely the wheel configuration we described above.

To summarize, the difference

$$[X \curvearrowright G] - [\mathbb{P}^2 \curvearrowright G]$$

is a symbol

$$(\text{odd } \mathbb{Z}/2, \mathbb{Z}/2 \curvearrowright k(t), (1)) \tag{9.1}$$

corresponding to a  $G$ -orbit of 6 lines with generic stabilizer odd  $\mathbb{Z}/2$  and nontrivial  $\mathbb{Z}/2$ -action. By a computation, analogous to the determination of  $\text{Burn}_2(\mathbb{Z}/2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}/2)$  in [3, §5.4], the class (9.1) is nontrivial in  $\text{Burn}_2(G)$ .

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