The Brauer-Manin Obstruction for Zero-Cycles on K3 Surfaces

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We study local-global principles for zero-cycles on *K*3 surfaces defined over number fields. We follow an idea of Liang to use the trivial fibration over the projective line.

1 Introduction

Let X be a smooth, projective, geometrically irreducible variety over a number field k. The theory of the Brauer-Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle, and its variants, has developed considerably since its introduction by Manin in [10] (see, e.g., [15] and references therein). Primarily one is interested in rational points but there is an analogous story for zero-cycles, where rational points are replaced by zero-cycles. This note is concerned with local-global principles for zero-cycles on K3 surfaces over number fields.

First we establish some general context. Denote by $CH_0(X)$ the group of zero-cycles modulo rational equivalence on X and by $A_0(X)$ the kernel of the degree map $CH_0(X) \to \mathbb{Z}$. We have a pairing

$$\operatorname{Br}(X) \times \prod_{v \in \Omega} CH_0(X_{k_v}) \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}$$

and the image of $CH_0(X) \to \prod_{v \in \Omega} CH_0(X_{k_v})$ is orthogonal to Br(X).

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The conjecture that the Brauer–Manin obstruction to the existence of a zero-cycle of degree one is the only one is still open. This conjecture was put forward in various forms and for various classes of smooth, projective, geometrically irreducible varieties by Colliot-Thélène, Sansuc, Kato, and Saito (cf. [3], [8], and [1]). We now have the following for arbitrary smooth, projective, geometrically connected varieties over a number field (we refer the reader to [1] and [19, Sections 0 and 1] for more information).

CONJECTURE (E_0)

The sequence

$$\varprojlim_n A_0(X)/n \to \prod_{v \in \Omega} \varprojlim_n A_0(X_{k_v})/n \to \operatorname{Hom}(\operatorname{Br}(X), \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$

is exact.

CONJECTURE (E_1)

If there is a family of local zero-cycles $\{z_v\}_{v\in\Omega}$ of degree one orthogonal to $\operatorname{Br}(X)$ then there exists a zero-cycle of degree one on X.

CONJECTURE (E)

The sequence

$$\widehat{CH_0(X)} \to \widehat{CH_0(X)} \to \widehat{CH_0(X)}, \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})$$

is exact (the notation will be explained below).

This formulation is due to [18]; see also [19]. Note that CONJECTURE (E) implies the other two [19, Remark 1.1, (ii)–(iii)].

Our results are in the spirit of [9]; we assume results about rational points for all finite extensions and deduce results about zero-cycles. We remind the reader that the phrase "the Brauer–Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle on X is the only one" is the statement " $X(\mathbf{A}_k)^{\mathrm{Br}(X)} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow X(k) \neq \emptyset$ ". We can now recall [9, Theorem 3.2.1] that states the following.

Theorem 1.1. Let Y be a proper smooth variety defined over a number field k such that $NS(Y_{\overline{k}})$ is torsion-free and $H^1(Y_{\overline{k}}, \mathcal{O}_{Y_{\overline{k}}}) = H^2(Y_{\overline{k}}, \mathcal{O}_{Y_{\overline{k}}}) = 0$. Suppose that for all finite extensions F/k the Brauer-Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle on Y_F is the only one. Then the Brauer-Manin obstruction is the only obstruction to the Hasse principle for 0-cycles of degree 1 on Y_k .

In [9, Theorem 3.2.1] there is also a similar statement concerning weak approximation. Note that a rationally connected variety satisfies the conditions above, but for a K3 surface the assumption that $H^2(Y_{\overline{k}}, \mathcal{O}_{Y_{\overline{k}}}) = 0$ fails. In this note we show that we can circumvent this crucial assumption by using results of Skorobogatov and Zarhin [17] and Orr and Skorobogatov [11], and therefore extend some of the main results of [9] to the case of *K*3 surfaces. More precisely we have

Theorem 1.2. Let *X* be a *K*3 surface over a number field *k* and $d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Suppose that for all finite extensions F/k the Brauer-Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle on X_F is the only one. Then the Brauer-Manin obstruction to the existence of a zero-cycle of degree d on X is the only one; if there is a family of local zero-cycles $\{z_v\}_{v\in\Omega}$ of degree d orthogonal to Br(X) then there exists a zero-cycle of degree d on X.

We also show something about "weak approximation".

Let X be a K3 surface over a number field k. Suppose that for all finite Theorem 1.3. extensions F/k we have that X(F) is dense in $X(A_F)^{Br(X_F)}$. Let $\{z_{v_i}\}_{v\in\Omega}$ be a family of local zero-cycles of constant degree orthogonal to Br(X). Then for any $n \geq 1$ there exists a zero-cycle b on X of the same degree such that $b=z_v$ in $CH_0(X_{k_v})/n$ for all $v\in\Omega$.

Remarks

- The Brauer-Manin obstruction does not explain all the failures of the Hasse principle (see [14] or [12], where in the latter the insufficiency of an even more refined obstruction is shown). However, this is conjectured to be the case for various classes of varieties, for example, for the class of K3 surfaces (cf. [17] and [16]). Note that although there is some scarce evidence for the aforementioned conjecture for rational points on K3 surfaces, there is no evidence whatsoever for the analogous conjecture for zero-cycles on K3 surfaces. By relating the two conjectures our results can be seen as providing some such evidence.
- The reason that Theorem 1.2 is not a Corollary of Theorem 1.3 is that in principle the statement " $X(\mathbf{A}_k)^{\mathrm{Br}(X)} \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow X(k) \neq \emptyset$ " is weaker than the statement "X(k) is dense in $X(\mathbf{A}_k)^{\operatorname{Br}(X)}$ "
- In order to make a precise link between CONJECTURE (E) and the conclusion (iii) of Theorem 1.3 we would need more information about divisibility properties of the groups $A_0(X_{k_v})$. For example CONJECTURE (E) would follow from the conclusion of Theorem 1.3 if we knew that there is a constant C such that

for all v, we have that C annihilates $A_0(X_{k_v})$ modulo its maximal divisible subgroup. Note that this is true if X is rationally connected, but it is not known in the case of K3 surfaces (cf. Proposition 3.4 and the references in its proof).

The plan of the proof is as follows. We employ the idea of Liang [9, proof of Theorem 3.2.1] to use the trivial fibration over the projective line, and hence utilize the fibration method. To that end, it will be most convenient for us to quote and use some results of Harpaz and Wittenberg on the fibration method from [6]. As already mentioned above the difficulty is that we have to somehow circumvent the crucial assumption that $H^2(\overline{X}, \mathcal{O}_{\overline{X}}) = 0$, which fails when X is a K3 surface. In order to do so we use some boundedness results of Skorobogatov and Zarhin [17] and Orr and Skorobogatov [11] on Brauer groups of K3 surfaces over number fields. The organization of the note is as follows. In Section 2 we set notation and conventions; in Section 3 we prove some auxiliary lemmata; and in Section 4 we give the proofs of the two theorems.

2 Notation and Conventions

All cohomology groups are étale (or Galois) cohomology groups. When k is a field we denote by \overline{k} a separable closure of k. Let X/k be a smooth, projective and geometrically irreducible variety.

We set $\mathrm{Br}(X)=H^2(X,\mathbb{G}_m)$, and $\mathrm{Br}_0(X)=\mathrm{Im}\,(\mathrm{Br}(k)\to\mathrm{Br}(X))$. For L/k a field extension we denote X_L the variety $X\times_{\mathrm{Spec}\,(k)}\mathrm{Spec}\,(L)$ over L. When $L=\overline{k}$ we simply write \overline{X} . We denote by X(L) the set of L-valued points of X, that is, $X(L)=\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Spec}\,(k)}(\mathrm{Spec}\,(L),X)$.

When k is a number field, we denote by Ω_k the set of places of k and by \mathbf{A}_k the ring of adeles. We suppress the dependence on k when there is no risk of confusion. By Ω_f (resp. Ω_∞) we denote the subset of Ω consisting of finite (resp. infinite) places. For $v \in \Omega$, k_v is the completion of k at the place v. For a finite subset $S \subset \Omega$ we denote by \mathcal{O}_S the ring of S-integers of k (elements of k that are integral at all the finite places not in S).

We denote by $Z_0(X)$ the group of zero-cycles of X and by $CH_0(X)$ its quotient by the subgroup of cycles rationally equivalent to zero. We denote by $A_0(X)$ the kernel of the degree map $CH_0(X) \to \mathbb{Z}$. A reduced zero-cycle is one all of whose coefficients belong to $\{0,1\}$.

We now follow the notations of [6]. We reproduce it here for the convenience of the reader. All varieties are assumed to be proper, which allows for some

simplifications. Hence, the results of this paper are presented in a less general form than in [6] (see also the remark at the end of this section).

We denote by $Z_{0,A}(X)$ the product $\prod_{v \in \Omega} Z_0(X_{k_v})$. For the definition of $CH_{0,A}(X)$ we modify the components at the infinite places. That is, we define $CH'_0(X_{k_v})$ to be the cokernel of the norm map $CH_0(X_{\overline{k_v}}) \to CH_0(X_{k_v})$ when u is infinite and $CH_0(X_{k_v})$ when vis finite. We denote by $\mathit{CH}_{0,A}(X)$ the product $\prod_{v \in \Omega} \mathit{CH}'_0(X_{k_v})$. For an abelian group M we denote \hat{M} the inverse limit $\varprojlim_{n>1} M/nM$.

We have a pairing

$$\operatorname{Br}(X) \times \widehat{CH_{0,A}(X)} \to \mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z}.$$

When we have a morphism $f: X \to C$ to a smooth projective curve over k, we denote $Z_0^{\mathrm{eff,red}}(X)$ the set of effective zero-cycles z on X such that f_*z is a reduced divisor on C (by a slight abuse we suppress f from the notation). If k is a number field we let $Z_{0,A}^{\mathrm{eff,red}}(X) = \prod_{v \in \Omega} Z_0^{\mathrm{eff,red}}(X_{k_v}). \text{ For } y \in \mathit{CH}_0(C), \text{ let } y' \text{ be its image in } \mathit{CH}_{0,A}(C) \text{ and denote by } Z_{0,A}^{\mathrm{eff,red},y} \text{ the inverse image of } y' \text{ by the push-forward map } Z_{0,A}^{\mathrm{eff,red}}(X) \to \mathit{CH}_{0,A}(C).$

We denote $Sym_{X/k}$ the disjoint union of the symmetric products $Sym_{X/k}^d$ for $d \ge 1$.

We say that a subset H of an irreducible variety X is a Hilbert subset if there exist a dense open subset $X^0 \subset X$, an integer $n \geq 1$, and irreducible finite étale X^0 schemes W_1, \dots, W_n such that H is the set of points of X^0 above which the fiber of W_i is irreducible for all $1 \le i \le n$. Note that by this definition H is not a subset of X(k).

Remark. In this note we will only consider the trivial fibration over \mathbb{P}^1_k . We will thus use only a small fraction of the results from [6], which allows for some simplifications in the notation above. For example C is always \mathbb{P}^1_k and we can take $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ as we identify $\operatorname{Pic}(\mathbb{P}^1)$ with $\mathbb Z$ via the degree map. Moreover, we can always take the open subsets involved in the results we will use from [6] to be the whole spaces (which are proper), which enables us to avoid the slightly more convoluted definition for $Z_{0,A}(X)$ that appears in op. cit.

3 Preparatory Results

We start with a trivial lemma.

Lemma 3.1. Let $h: Y \to V$ be a morphism of varieties over k, which admits a section and let $d \in \mathbb{Z}$. If the Brauer–Manin obstruction to the existence of a zero-cycle of degree d on Y is the only one, then the same is true for V.

Proof. Let $f:V\to X$ be a morphism of varieties over a field K, and denote $f^*:\operatorname{Br}(X)\to\operatorname{Br}(V)$, and $f_*:Z_0(V)\to Z_0(X)$ the corresponding induced maps. From the functoriality of the pairings we have

$$\langle \mathcal{A}, f_* z \rangle = \langle f^*(\mathcal{A}), z \rangle \in \operatorname{Br}(K)$$

for $z \in Z_0(V)$ and $A \in Br(X)$ (cf. [4, Section 3]).

Let $s: V \to Y$ be a section of h. If we have a family of local zero-cycles of degree d on V that is orthogonal to Br(V) we can push it forward via s and get a family of local zero-cycles of degree d on Y that is orthogonal to Br(Y). By assumption there exists a zero-cycle of degree d on Y. By pushing it forward via h we get a zero-cycle of degree d on V.

We will need the following easy lemma.

Lemma 3.2. Let F/k be a finite field extension inside \overline{k} . There exists a Hilbert subset H of \mathbb{P}^1_k with the property that for any closed point $P \in H$ we have that F and k(P) are linearly disjoint over k.

Proof. Consider the natural projection $p:\mathbb{A}^1_F\to\mathbb{A}^1_k$. This is a finite étale morphism and hence defines a Hilbert subset H of \mathbb{P}^1_k . If P is a closed point in H then by definition $k(P)\otimes_k F$ is irreducible and hence a field. This implies that for any k-linear embedding $f:k(P)\to \overline{k}$ we have that f(k(P)) and F are linearly disjoint over k.

We will also need the following lemma whose proof is an adaptation of the proof of [9, Proposition 3.1.1] to our case.

Lemma 3.3. Let X be a K3 surface over a number field k. There exists a finite Galois extension L/k such that Γ_L acts trivially on $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$ and for any Galois extension K/k that contains L we have an exact sequence

$$0 \to H^1(\operatorname{Gal}(K/k),\operatorname{Pic}\overline{X}) \to \operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_k} \to H^2(\operatorname{Gal}(K/k),\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})).$$

Proof. From the Hochschild-Serre spectral sequence

$$H^p(k,H^q(\overline{X},\mathbb{G}_m)) \implies H^{p+q}(X,\mathbb{G}_m)$$

and using the fact that $H^3(k, \overline{k}) = 0$ we get

$$0 \to H^1(k, \mathrm{Pic}\overline{X}) \to \mathrm{Br}(X)/\mathrm{Br}_0(X) \to \mathrm{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_k} \to H^2(k, \mathrm{Pic}(\overline{X})).$$

By [17, Theorem 1.2] we have that $Br(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_k}$ is finite and hence so is its image in $H^2(k, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$. As $H^2(k, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$ is the direct limit of the inflation maps from finite quotients we can choose a finite Galois extension L_1/k so that the image of $Br(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_k}$ is contained in the image of $H^2(\operatorname{Gal}(L_1/k), \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_{L_1}})$ in $H^2(k, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$.

As $Pic(\overline{X})$ is a finitely generated, free abelian group, we can choose a finite exten- $\mathrm{sion}\,L_2/k\ \mathrm{so\ that}\ \Gamma_{L_2}\ \mathrm{acts\ trivially\ on\ Pic}(\overline{X}).\ \mathrm{Let}\,L\ \mathrm{be\ the\ Galois\ closure\ of\ the\ composite}$ of L_1 and L_2 . The inflation-restriction sequence tells us that $H^1(\operatorname{Gal}(L/k),\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$ \to $H^1(k, \operatorname{Pic}\overline{X})$ is an isomorphism and $H^2(\operatorname{Gal}(L/k), \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})) \to H^2(k, \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X}))$ is an injection. We can therefore rewrite the exact sequence above as

$$0 \to H^1(\operatorname{Gal}(L/k), \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})) \to \operatorname{Br}(X)/\operatorname{Br}_0(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_k} \to H^2(\operatorname{Gal}(L/k), \operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})).$$

It is clear that we can replace L in the above exact sequence with K where K is any Galois extension K/k that contains L.

We will moreover use the following proposition in the proof of Theorem 1.3. The proposition follows from results of Kato, Saito, and Sato.

Proposition 3.4. Let V be a K3 surface over k_v , and let p be the characteristic of the residue field. Assume that V has a smooth projective model over \mathcal{O}_{V} . Then $A_{0}(V)$ is ℓ -divisible for all primes ℓ with $\ell \neq p$.

This follows immediately from [13,Thm. 0.3, Cor. 0.10] together with Proof. [7, Theorem 1].

4 Proofs of the Main Results

Proof of Theorem 1.2: Let $Y = X \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and let $p: Y \to X$ be the projection to the 1st factor. By Lemma 3.1 it suffices to prove that the Brauer-Manin obstruction to the existence of a zero-cycle of degree d on Y is the only one.

We start with some standard arguments (cf. [4, Sections 3 and 5]). We can find a finite set $S \subset \Omega$ containing the infinite places so that Y has a smooth projective model \mathcal{Y} over \mathcal{O}_S , and $Y(k_v) \neq \emptyset$ for any $v \notin S$. Since $|Br(X)/Br_0(X)|$ is finite by [17, Theorem 1.2] and $p^*: \operatorname{Br}(X) \to \operatorname{Br}(X \times \mathbb{P}^1)$ is an isomorphism we have that $|\operatorname{Br}(Y)/\operatorname{Br}_0(Y)|$ is finite. Let $\alpha_i \in \operatorname{Br}(Y), \ 1 \le i \le n$, be elements whose classes generate $\operatorname{Br}(Y)/\operatorname{Br}_0(Y)$. By enlarging S if necessary, we can furthermore assume that each α_i extends to an element of $\operatorname{Br}(\mathcal{Y})$. Hence, for any $1 \le i \le n$, $v \notin S$, and $b \in Z_0(Y_{k_v})$ we have that $\operatorname{inv}_v(\langle \alpha_i, b \rangle) = 0$. Let B be the span of the α_i in $\operatorname{Br}(Y)$.

We now work with the trivial fibration $f:Y\to \mathbb{P}^1$. Let $z_A=\{z_v\}_{v\in\Omega}$ be a family of local zero-cycles of degree d on Y, which is orthogonal to B. By [6, Proposition 7.5] we can find $z_A'\in Z_{0,A}^{\mathrm{eff},\mathrm{red},\delta}(Y)$, $z\in Z_0(Y)$, and $\xi_A\in CH_{0,A}(Y)$ such that the equality $z_A=z_A'+z+\xi_A$ holds in $CH_{0,A}(Y)$ the v-adic component of ξ_A is zero for $v\in S$ and has degree 0 for $v\notin S$. Moreover, property (3) of [6, Proposition 7.5] holds; the relevance of this property in this context is the following: we can choose Φ as in loc. cit. so that property (3) will ensure that z_A' satisfies the assumptions (ii) and (iii) of [6, Theorem 6.2]. From the above, we have in particular that z_A' is a family of effective, reduced local zero-cycles of constant degree δ on Y and that z is a zero-cycle of degree $d-\delta$ on Y. Moreover, it is clear from our choice of S that z_A' is orthogonal to B.

We now define a Hilbert subset of \mathbb{P}^1_k as follows. According to [11, Theorem C] there exists a constant C such that

$$|\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\operatorname{Gal}(\overline{k}/N)}| \leq C$$

for any field extension N/k with $[N:k] \leq \delta$. Since $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X}) \cong (\mathbb{Q}/\mathbb{Z})^{22-\rho}$, where ρ is the geometric Picard number, there are finitely many elements of $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})$ whose order is less or equal to C. Each one of them is stabilized by a subgroup of Γ_k of finite index, which corresponds to a finite extension of k. Taking the Galois closure of the finitely many such extensions we produce a finite Galois extension M/k. We choose L as in Lemma 3.3 and denote by F be the composite of M and L. For this F we now choose a Hilbert subset H of \mathbb{P}^1_k as in Lemma 3.2.

We are now in a position to apply [6, Theorem 6.2]. Let B, z'_A , and B be as above. For these choices the assumptions of loc. cit. are fullfiled and hence there exists a family $\{z''_V\}_{V\in\Omega}\in Z_{0,A}(Y)$ and a closed point $P\in B$ such that $\{z''_V\}$ is effective for all $V, p_*(z''_V)=P\in Z_0(\mathbb{P}^1_{k_V})$ for all V, and $\{z''_V\}_{V\in\Omega}$ is orthogonal to B. In particular $[k(P):k]=\delta$. Denote k(P) by k' and consider the fiber of Y at P, that is, $X_{k'}$. The image of P in $Z_0(\mathbb{P}^1_{k_V})$ is the disjoint union $\sqcup_{W\in R} \operatorname{Spec}(k'_W)$ where R is the set of the different prolongations of V to V'. It is not difficult to see that because of the above properties of Z''_V , we must have that Z''_V is the sum of distinct closed points, one closed point above each $\operatorname{Spec}(k'_W)$, and that closed point must have residue field k'_W . This implies that $\{Z''_V\}_{V\in\Omega_k}$ induces a family of

local points of the variety $X_{k'}$, that is, an element of $\prod_{w \in \Omega_{k'}} X(k'_w)$. Furthermore, this family is orthogonal to the image of *B* in $Br(X_{k'})$.

Assume that the image of B under the natural map generates $Br(X_{k'})/Br_0(X_{k'})$. Since the Brauer–Manin obstruction to the Hasse principle on $X_{k'}$ is the only one, we deduce the existence of a k'-rational point of $X_{k'}$. This gives us a zero-cycle, say a, of degree δ on Y. Since z is a zero-cycle of degree $d-\delta$ on Y we deduce that a+z is a zero-cycle of degree d on Y.

It remains to show that the image of B generates $Br(X_{k'})/Br_0(X_{k'})$ or equivalently that the map $\mathrm{Br}(X)/\mathrm{Br}_0(X) \to \mathrm{Br}(X_{k'})/\mathrm{Br}_0(X_{k'})$ is surjective. Denote by F' the composite of F and k'. Note that F'/k' is a Galois extension and there is a natural isomorphism $\operatorname{Gal}(F'/k') \to \operatorname{Gal}(F/k)$ compatible with the actions on $\operatorname{Pic}(\overline{X})$. Moreover since [k':k] δ we have that $|\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_{k'}}| \leq C$. This implies that $\operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_k} = \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_{k'}}$; let $\alpha \in \operatorname{Br}(\overline{X})^{\Gamma_{k'}}$. The stabilizer of α in Γ_k corresponds to a sub-extension of F/k, which is contained in k'/k. As k' and F are linearly disjoint over k by construction, this sub-extension of F/kmust be k/k, that is, a is stabilized by Γ_k . By our constructions we have the following commutative diagram with exact rows

where the 1st, 3rd, and 4th vertical arrows are isomorphisms. Therefore, the 2nd vertical arrow is an isomorphism as well.

Proof of Theorem 1.3: We will use many ideas from the proof of Theorem 1.2. First we make the following claim: for any $n \geq 1$ and any finite subset $S \subset \Omega$, there exists a zero-cycle b on X of the same degree such that $b = z_v$ in $CH_0(X_{k_v})/n$ for all $v \in S$.

It will be more convenient to prove a reformulation of the claim. Let $Y = X \times \mathbb{P}^1$ and let $p: Y \to X$ be the projection to the 1st factor. By Lemma 3.1 and its proof it is clear that to establish the claim it suffices to prove the following statement: let z_A = $\{z_v\}_{v\in\Omega}$ be a family of local zero-cycles of degree d on Y, which is orthogonal to Br(Y). Then for any finite subset $S \subset \Omega$ and any $n \geq 1$ there exists a zero-cycle y on Y of the same degree such that $y = z_v$ in $CH_0(Y_{k_v})/n$ for all $v \in S$.

In order to prove the statement above, we first enlarge S as in the beginning of the proof of Theorem 1.2. We now proceed exactly like the proof of Theorem 1.2, and we keep the notation used there. In particular, we now work with the trivial fibration $f: Y \to \mathbb{P}^1$. Note that when we come to the point where we apply [6, Theorem 6.2], we can choose the z_v'' as close as we want to z_v' in $Sym_{Y/k}(k_v)$ for $v \in S$ (this is part of [6, Theorem 6.2]). Applying weak approximation to the family induced by the $\{z_v''\}_{v\in\Omega_k}$ on $X_{k(P)}$, we can therefore take the zero-cycle a coming from a k(P)-rational point of $X_{k(P)}$ to be as close as we want to z_v' in $Sym_{Y/k}(k_v)$ for $v\in S$. By [19, Lemma 1.8] we can therefore ensure that $a=z_v'\in CH_0(Y_{k_v})/n$ for all $v\in S$. We can now take y=a+z, in order to finish the proof of the aforementioned statement. Therefore, the claim is also established.

We are now in a position to prove Theorem 1.3. We take S large enough so that for all $v \notin S$ we have that X_{k_v} has a smooth projective model over \mathcal{O}_v , and moreover the characteristic of the residue field of k_v does not divide n. We apply the claim to this choice of S. Hence, there exists a zero-cycle b on X of the same degree such that $b=z_v$ in $CH_0(X_{k_v})/n$ for all $v \in S$. If $v \notin S$, then since b and z_v have the same degree we deduce from Proposition 3.4 that $b-z_v$ is divisible by n in $CH_0(X_{k_v})$. Therefore, $b=z_v$ in $CH_0(X_{k_v})/n$ for all $v \in \Omega$.

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