

Equivariant extensions of \mathbb{G}_a -torsors over punctured surfaces

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Abstract. Motivated by the study of the structure of algebraic actions of the additive group on affine threefolds X , we consider a special class of such varieties whose algebraic quotient morphisms $X \rightarrow X//\mathbb{G}_a$ restrict to principal homogeneous bundles over the complement of a smooth point of the quotient. We establish basic general properties of these varieties and construct families of examples illustrating their rich geometry. In particular, we give a complete classification of a natural subclass consisting of threefolds X endowed with proper \mathbb{G}_a -actions, whose algebraic quotient morphisms $\pi : X \rightarrow X//\mathbb{G}_a$ are surjective with only isolated degenerate fibers, all isomorphic to the affine plane \mathbb{A}^2 when equipped with their reduced structures.

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