

In this pdf we provide a complete proof that the trace and norm sheaf  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{O}^\times$  are presheaves with transfer in the sense of [MVW].

We will fix a base field  $k$  throughout the entire argument. All schemes or rings that appear are supposed to be separated of finite type or finitely generated over  $k$ , respectively.

The presheaf of global sections  $\mathcal{O}$  and global invertible sections  $\mathcal{O}^\times$  with transfer are defined by  $\mathcal{O}(X) = \mathcal{O}_X(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}^\times(X) = \mathcal{O}_X^\times(X)$ . for  $X \in Sm/k$ .

For an elementary correspondence  $V$  from  $X$  to  $Y$ , which is an integral closed subscheme of  $X \times Y$  finite surjective over  $X$ , we define  $\mathcal{O}(V) : \mathcal{O}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(Y)$  and  $\mathcal{O}^\times(V) : \mathcal{O}^\times(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(Y)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}(Y) &\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(V) \xrightarrow{\text{Tr}} \mathcal{O}(X), \\ \mathcal{O}^\times(Y) &\rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(V) \xrightarrow{N} \mathcal{O}^\times(X),\end{aligned}$$

respectively. Here  $\text{Tr}$  and  $N$  are induced by the usual trace and norm maps  $\text{Tr}_{K(V)/K(X)} : K(V) \rightarrow K(X)$  and  $N_{K(V)/K(X)} : K(V) \rightarrow K(X)$  of function fields. Note that  $X$  is normal and  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  is integrally closed.

This definition extends to all finite correspondences  $\text{Cor}(X, Y)$  by linearity.

We will show that this definition commutes with the composition of morphisms (finite correspondences).

From now on we only treat the case of norm  $N$ ; similar arguments apply to the trace. In order to prove that  $\mathcal{O}^\times$  commutes with the composition, we use the fact that if  $L/K/F$  is a field tower, then  $N_{L/F} = N_{K/F}N_{L/K}$ . All the arguments and definition below are just technical ones.

**Definition.** For a scheme  $X$ , let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be all the irreducible components of  $X$ . We define  $K^\times(X) = \prod_i K^\times(X_i)$ .

Let  $\eta_i$  be the generic point of  $X_i$ , we define the local ring of  $X$  along  $X_i$  and the geometric multiplicity of  $X$  along  $X_i$  to be length of the artinian ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X, X_i}$ .

**Definition.** For a finite surjective morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be all the irreducible components of  $X$ . Then  $Y_i = f(X_i)$  is an irreducible component of  $Y$ .

Let  $N_i : K^\times(X_i) \rightarrow K^\times(Y_i)$  be  $N_i(\alpha) = N_{K(X_i)/K(Y_i)}(\alpha)^e$ ,

$e = l_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, Y_i}}(\mathcal{O}_{X, X_i}/[K(X_i) : K(Y_i)])$ .

$l_A(M)$  means the length of  $M$  as an  $A$ -module.

Define  $N_{X/Y} = N_f : K^\times(X) \rightarrow K^\times(Y)$  by  $K^\times(X_i) \xrightarrow{N_i} K^\times(Y_i) \rightarrow K^\times(Y)$ .

**Remark.**  $N_{id_X} = id_{K^\times(X)}$ .

**Remark.**  $l_{\mathcal{O}_{Y, Y_i}}(\mathcal{O}_{X, X_i}/[K(X_i) : K(Y_i)])$  is an integer. First note that  $\mathcal{O}_{X, X_i}$  is a component of finite scheme  $X \times_Y \text{Spec } \mathcal{O}_{Y, Y_i}$ , so  $\mathcal{O}_{X, X_i}$  is finite over  $\mathcal{O}_{Y, Y_i}$ . Let  $(A, \mathfrak{m}, K) \rightarrow (B, \mathfrak{n}, L)$  be a finite local homomorphism of artinian local rings.

Then we have

$$l_A(B) = l_A(B/\mathfrak{n}) + l_A(\mathfrak{n}/\mathfrak{n}^2) + \cdots$$

and

$$l_A(\mathfrak{n}^s/\mathfrak{n}^{s+1}) = l_K(\mathfrak{n}^s/\mathfrak{n}^{s+1}) = [L : K] l_L(\mathfrak{n}^s/\mathfrak{n}^{s+1}).$$

With this "extended" norm map, we have some convenient lemmas:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $V \subseteq X \times Y$  be a finite correspondence between smooth schemes  $X, Y$ , i.e., a closed subscheme finite surjective over  $X$ . Then the map  $\mathcal{O}^\times(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(V) \xrightarrow{N_{V/X}} \mathcal{O}^\times(X)$  is equal to the map  $\mathcal{O}^\times([V]) : \mathcal{O}^\times(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(Y)$  defined by the finite correspondence  $[V] = \sum n_i V_i$ , where  $V_i$  are irreducible components of  $V$  and  $n_i$  are the geometric multiplicities of  $V$  along  $V_i$ .*

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  be finite surjective morphisms. Then  $N_{gf} = N_g N_f$ .*

(Proof). Let  $\{Z_i\}_i$  be all the irreducible components of  $Z$ ,  $\{Y_{i,j}\}_j$  all the irreducible components of  $Y$  such that  $g(Y_{i,j}) = Z_i$  and  $\{X_{i,j,k}\}_k$  all the irreducible components of  $X$  such that  $f(X_{i,j,k}) = Y_{i,j}$ .

$K^\times(Y) \xrightarrow{N_g} K^\times(Z)$  is given by  $(\alpha_{i,j})_{i,j} \mapsto (\prod_j N_{K(Y_{i,j})/K(Z_i)}(\alpha_{i,j})^{e_{i,j}})_i$  and  $K^\times(X) \xrightarrow{N_f} K^\times(Y)$  is given by  $(\alpha_{i,j,k})_{i,j,k} \mapsto (\prod_k N_{K(X_{i,j,k})/K(Y_{i,j})}(\alpha_{i,j,k})^{e_{i,j,k}})_{i,j}$  with  $e_{i,j} = l_{\mathcal{O}_{Z,Z_i}}(\mathcal{O}_{Y,Y_{i,j}}/[K(Y_{i,j}) : K(Z_i)])$  and  $e_{i,j,k} = l_{\mathcal{O}_{Y,Y_{i,j}}}(\mathcal{O}_{X,X_{i,j,k}}/[K(X_{i,j,k}) : K(Y_{i,j})])$ . By the fact that  $N_{K(X_{i,j,k})/K(Y_{i,j})} N_{K(Y_{i,j})/K(Z_i)} = N_{K(X_{i,j,k})/K(Z_i)}$  and that  $e_{i,j} e_{i,j,k} = l_{\mathcal{O}_{Z,Z_i}}(\mathcal{O}_{X,X_{i,j,k}}/[K(X_{i,j,k}) : K(Z_i)])$  we get the lemma.  $\square$

For our purpose we need a "base change theorem". The preceding definition, however, is not suitable for this and we need an alternative definition of the norm map of schemes.

**Definition.** *Let  $A$  be a ring and  $M$  be an  $A$ -module free of finite rank. For an  $A$ -endomorphism  $\phi : M \rightarrow M$ , we define  $Norm_A(\phi) = \det(\phi)$ . If  $M = B$  is also an  $A$ -algebra, then for any  $b \in B$ , we define  $Norm_A(b) = Norm_A(m_b)$  where  $m_b : x \mapsto bx$ .*

With this definition, the "base change theorem" is easy to see:

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $B$  be an  $A$ -algebra, free of finite rank as an  $A$ -module and let  $i : A \rightarrow A'$  be an  $A$ -algebra, and let  $B' = B \otimes_A A'$ . Then for any  $b \in B$ ,  $i(Norm_A(b)) = Norm_{A'}(b \otimes_A 1)$ .*

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $A$  be an integral domain,  $B$  an  $A$ -algebra, free of finite rank as an  $A$ -module. Then  $N_{B/A}(b) = Norm_A(b)$  for any  $b \in B$ .*

(Proof). Let  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) be all the minimal prime ideals of  $B$ . By the going-down theorem, each  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  lies above the prime ideal  $0$  of  $A$ .

Let  $B_i = B_{\mathfrak{q}_i}$  and  $L_i$  be its residue field, and let  $K$  be the quotient field of  $A$ . As  $Norm$  commutes with base change and  $N$  is local at the generic points, by replacing  $A$  by  $K$  and  $B$  by  $B \otimes_A K$ , we may assume that  $A = K$  and  $B = B_1 \times \dots \times B_n$ .

Now we can furthermore reduce to the case where  $(B, \mathfrak{q}, L)$  is an artinian local ring. Then the theorem is straightforward: consider  $\mathfrak{q}^s/\mathfrak{q}^{s+1}$ . The norm of the multiplication by  $b$  on  $\mathfrak{q}^s/\mathfrak{q}^{s+1}$  is  $N_{L/K}(b)^{\dim_L \mathfrak{q}^s/\mathfrak{q}^{s+1}}$ ; therefore we have

$$Norm_K(b) = N_{L/K}(b)^{\sum_s \dim_L \mathfrak{q}^s/\mathfrak{q}^{s+1}} = N_{B/A}(b)$$

since  $\sum_s \dim_L \mathfrak{q}^s/\mathfrak{q}^{s+1} = l_K(B)/[L : K]$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.** *Let  $f : T \rightarrow S$  be a finite morphism to a normal scheme,  $S' \rightarrow S$  any morphism from an integral scheme, and  $f' : T' = T \times_S S' \rightarrow S'$  the base change of  $f$ . Then the diagram below is commutative:*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} K^\times(T') & \xrightarrow{N} & K^\times(S') \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{O}^\times(T) & \xrightarrow{N} & \mathcal{O}^\times(S) \end{array}$$

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be smooth schemes,  $V$  and  $W$  be elementary correspondences between  $X, Y$  and  $Y, Z$ , respectively. Consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \mathcal{O}^\times(Z) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}^\times(V \times_Y Z) & & & & \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & & & \\ \mathcal{O}^\times(W) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}^\times(V \times_Y W) & \longrightarrow & K^\times(V \times_Y W) & \xrightarrow{N} & K^\times(X \times_Y W) \\ N \downarrow & & N \downarrow & & N \downarrow & & N \downarrow \\ \mathcal{O}^\times(Y) & \longrightarrow & K^\times(V) & \xlongequal{\quad} & K^\times(V) & \xrightarrow{N} & K^\times(X). \end{array}$$

The right-most square is commutative by Lemma 2. The left-most square on the row below is commutative by Lemma 3 and 4 (note that  $Y, V$  and  $W$  are integral).

Now the composition  $\mathcal{O}^\times(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(X)$  defined using finite correspondences  $V$  and  $W$  is equal to the map  $\mathcal{O}^\times(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(V \times_Y W) \xrightarrow{N} \mathcal{O}^\times(X)$ . Let  $p : X \times Y \times Z \rightarrow X \times Z$  be the projection.  $V \times_Y W$  is a closed subscheme of  $X \times Y \times Z$ . The composition of  $V$  and  $W$  in  $Cor(-, -)$  is defined to be  $p_*([V \times_Y W]) \in Cor(X, Z)$ . The push-forward is defined in the way similar to intersection theory; in this case every irreducible component of  $V \times_Y W$  is finite surjective over  $X$ , see [MVW] for more detail.

Now, using Lemma 1, we are reduced to show the following lemma:

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $p : C \rightarrow X \times Z$  a morphism from an integral scheme  $C$  whose composition with the projection  $X \times Z \rightarrow X$  is finite surjective. Then the map  $\mathcal{O}^\times(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(C) \xrightarrow{N_{K(C)/K(X)}} \mathcal{O}^\times(X)$  coincides with the map  $\mathcal{O}^\times(p_*C) : \mathcal{O}^\times(Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\times(X)$  defined by the finite correspondence  $p_*C = dp(C)$ ,  $d = [K(C) : K(p(C))]$ .*

(Proof). For a  $x \in K^\times(p(C))$  we have

$$N_{K(C)/K(X)}(x) = N_{K(D)/K(X)}N_{K(C)/K(D)}(x) = N_{K(D)/K(X)}(x)^d.$$

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## References

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