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Descent and generic forms using symmetric monoidal categories

Let A be some algebraic structure (e.g. Hopf or lie algebra) defined over a field K of characteristic zero. Classical descent theory asks over what fields does A have a form, and what are all the possible forms over subfields of K . In this talk I will explain how to address this problem using the theory of Deligne on symmetric monoidal categories. I will construct a symmetric monoidal category C_A , defined over a subfield K_0 of K , and I will show that forms over an intermediate field K_1 are in one to one correspondence with fiber functors from C_A to Vec_{K_1} . This also leads to the construction of generic forms, that specialize to all forms of A .