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*Forms of actions of the multiplicative group on affine 3-space*

Let  $k$  be a field of characteristic 0. Let  $\alpha : G \times X \rightarrow X$  be an effective action of an algebraic  $k$ -group  $G$  on an affine  $k$ -variety  $X$  that is a  $k$ -form of a (linear)  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $\mathbb{A}^3$ . (This means that for some field  $K \supset k$  we have  $G_K = \mathbb{G}_{m,K}$ ,  $X_K = \mathbb{A}_K^3$  and  $\alpha_K$  is linear. Note that for the first two conditions we can assume  $K/k$  finite and that the last then holds for  $K = \bar{k}$ .)

Theorem:  $X \simeq \mathbb{A}^3$  and  $\alpha$  is linearizable.

Corollary 1: A  $\mathbb{G}_m$ -action on  $\mathbb{A}^3$  is linearizable.

Corollary 2: A  $k$ -form  $X$  of  $\mathbb{A}^3$  that admits a non-trivial action of a reductive group is trivial.