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Generalized Mordell curves, generalized Fermat curves, and the Hasse principle

We show that for each prime p congruent to 1 (mod 8), there exists a threefold \mathcal{X}_p in \mathbb{P}^6 such that the existence of certain rational points on \mathcal{X}_p produces families of generalized Mordell curves and of generalized Fermat curves that are counterexamples to the Hasse principle explained by the Brauer–Manin obstruction. We also introduce a notion of the descending chain condition (DCC) for sequences of curves, and prove that there are sequences of generalized Mordell curves and of generalized Fermat curves and of generalized Fermat curves satisfying DCC.