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Remark 1.0.1: What we've been calling a *torsor* (a sheaf with a group action plus conditions) is called by some sources a **pseudotorsor** (e.g. the Stacks Project), and what we've been calling a *locally trivial torsor* is referred to as a *torsor* instead.

Recall that statement of ??.

Proof (of Hilbert 90).

Let $\tau = X_{\text{zar}}, X_{\text{ét}}, X_{\text{fppf}}$, then the data of a GL_n -torsor split by a τ -cover $U \rightarrow X$ is the same as descent data for a vector bundle relative to U/X . This descent data comes from the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U \times_X U & & \\ \pi_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi_2 \\ U & & \\ \downarrow & & \\ X & & \end{array}$$

That U trivializes our torsor means that $\pi^*T = \pi^*G$ as a G -torsor, where G acts on itself by left-multiplication. We have two different ways of pulling back, and identifications with G in both, yielding

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \pi_1^* \pi^* T & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \pi_2^* \pi^* T \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \pi_1^* \pi^* G & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \pi_2^* \pi^* G \end{array}$$

Both of the bottom objects are isomorphic to $G|_{U \times U}$.

Claim: The top horizontal map is descent data for T , and the bottom horizontal map is an automorphism of a G -torsor and thus is a section to G .

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