

3 - Reduction of singularities

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Embedded resolution of planar curves

Let $f \in \mathbb{C}[[x, y]]$ be a formal power series (with $f \neq 0$)

Write $f = f_m + f_{m+1} + \dots$ with f_j homogeneous polynomials of degree j , and $f_m \neq 0$. The number $m \in \mathbb{N}$ is called the multiplicity of f at 0 .

We will assume that $m \geq 1$, so that f defines a (formal) singular curve $C = \{f=0\} \subset (\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$ at 0 .

Often $f \in \mathbb{C}\{x, y\}$, i.e., $f = \sum_{i,j} f_{ij} x^i y^j$, with $|f_{ij}| \leq \rho^{i+j}$ for some $\rho > 0$

Notice that C is regular at $0 \Leftrightarrow m = 1$.

We want to eliminate the singularities of C via blow-ups.

Def: Let $\pi: X_\pi \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$ be the blow-up of 0 . The strict transform of C by π is defined as $C_\pi = \overline{\pi^{-1}(C \setminus \{0\})}$.

Algebraically: π is described in two charts:

$$U_x: \pi(x_1, y_1) = (x_1, x_1 y_1) \mapsto \pi^* f = \sum_{j \geq m} x_1^j f_j(1, y_1) = x_1^m \underbrace{(f_m(1, y_1) + x_1 f_{m+1}(1, y_1) + \dots)}_{f_\pi}$$

At any point $p_1 = (0, a_1)$ in the exceptional divisor, we get

a formal power series $(f_\pi)_{p_1}$ defining locally C_π .

Theorem (embedded resolution of planar curves). Let C be a reduced planar curve. Then there exists a finite sequence π of blow-ups (at singular points of the strict transforms of C) such that C_π is a regular curve.

Local Computations

When we blow-up the origin via π , $\forall p \in \pi^{-1}(0)$ we have that

$m_p(f_\pi) \leq m_0(f)$, with equality if and only if $f_m(x, y) = c_1(y - a, x)^m$.

Or $f_m(x, y) = c x^m$, but we can avoid this situation by exchanging x and y .

By proceeding by induction on $m = m_0(f)$, we may assume we are in this case. Up to a linear change of coordinates $y^{(1)} = \sqrt[m]{C_1}(y - a_1x)$, we may assume that $f_m(x, y) = y^m$.

We blow-up the origin again: $m_p(f_{a_2}) \leq m$, with equality if and only if $f_{a_2, m}(x, y) = (y - a_2x)^m$. We may assume $a_2 = 0$ by a change of coordinates $y^{(2)} = y^{(1)} - a_2x^2$.

By induction we get that $m_p(f_{a_k}) = \dots = m_p(f_0) = m \Leftrightarrow$ up to a change of coordinates of the form $y \mapsto cy - a_1x - \dots - a_kx^k$, we get that

$$f_{a_k}(x_k, y_k) = y_k^m + \text{h.o.t.}$$

In other terms, in these new coordinates, $f = y^m + \sum_{i, j} f_{ij} x^i y^j$

If this happens indefinitely, we have that $f = (y - \phi(x))^m$ $\phi \in \mathbb{C}[[x]]$

But then C is not reduced, a contradiction

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NEWTON'S ROTATING RULERS

Theorem. Let $C = \{f(x, y) = 0\}$ be a curve passing through 0. Suppose $x \notin f$.

Then $\exists \phi \in \mathbb{C}[[x^{1/m}]]$ for some $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$ so that $f(x, \phi) = 0$.

← Puiseux series

$v_{x=0}(f)$ local intersection with $\{x=0\}$

Write $f = \sum f_{ij} x^i y^j$. By assumption, $n := \min \{j \mid f_{0j} \neq 0\} < +\infty$.

On $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2$, consider $\Delta(f) = \text{ConvHull}(\{(0, j) + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2 \mid f_{ij} \neq 0\})$, and

$N(f) = \partial \Delta(f)$, called the Newton polygon of f .

Set (m_j, n_j) the points in $N(f)$ where $N(f)$ is not C^1 and $m_j \nearrow, n_j \searrow$

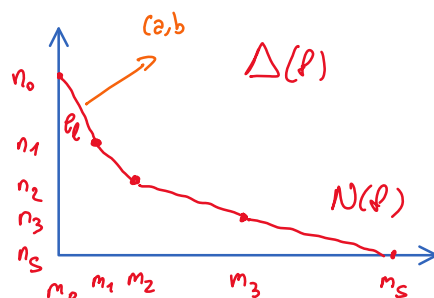
We may assume $m_s = 0$ (if not, $\phi = 0$)

$(0, n_0)$ is called leading vertex v_e

$(0, n_0) \xrightarrow{e_e} (m_1, n_1)$ is called leading edge

Take $(a, b) =: w$ to be a primitive ($\gcd(a, b) = 1$)

vector in $(\mathbb{N}^*)^2$ orthogonal to e_e



The initial part of f (w.r.t. ω) is $in_\omega(f) = \sum_{(i,j) \in e_e} p_{ij} x_1^i y_1^j$

We now perform the ω -weighted blow-up $\pi: X_n \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$

We work on the chart: $(x_1, y_1) \mapsto (x_1^a, x_1^b y_1)$

$$\pi^* f = \sum p_{ij} x_1^{ai+bj} y_1^j = x_1^{bn} \left(\underbrace{\sum_{(i,j) \in e_e} p_{ij} y_1^j}_{P(y_1)} + \langle x \rangle \right)$$

$$x_1^{bn} P(y_1) = \pi^* in_\omega(f)$$

The strict transform $C_\pi = \pi^* C$ intersects the exceptional divisor $E_1 = \{x_1 = 0\}$ at the roots of P .

A) If $\forall \alpha$ root of P , $ord_p(\alpha) < n$, we have that $\nu_{x_1, \alpha}(f_\pi)$ strictly decreases, and we conclude by recursion: we truncate: $(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{y}_1) \mapsto (\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{y}_1 + \alpha)$

$$\phi = \alpha x_1^{\frac{b}{a}} + x_1^{\frac{b}{a}} y_1 \quad \text{for the Puiseux series.}$$

B) If $P = c(y_1 - \alpha)^n$, we must have $\alpha \neq 0$ (e_e contains at least two vertices), and (by Newton binomial formula), $(\frac{b}{a}, n-1) \in e_e$, and $\alpha = \pm 1$. In this case, we perform the change of coordinates $(x', y') \mapsto (x', y' + \alpha x'^{\frac{b}{a}})$

$$\phi = \alpha x'^{\frac{b}{a}} + y' \quad \text{for the Puiseux series}$$

This change of coordinates erases the vertices in e_e (but for the leading vertex v_0), and we get a new leading edge e'_e associated to a weight $\omega' = (a', b')$ with $\frac{b'}{a'} > \frac{b}{a}$.

This process either finishes, or we fall ∞ -many times in the situation B.

In this case, the formal change of coordinates $(x^\infty, y^\infty) \mapsto (x^\infty; y^\infty + \alpha_1 x^{\frac{b_1}{a_1}} + \alpha_2 x^{\frac{b_2}{a_2}} + \dots)$ gives a map $f(x^\infty, y^\infty)$ with $(y^\infty)^n \mid f$, and C is not reduced. \square

Rem: For the Puiseux series, there are choices on the root α , that correspond to two different phenomena:

- different branches of C
- different lifts of a branch of C on orbifold charts.

$$\text{Ex: } y^3 - 3xy^2 + 3x^2y + x^3 + x^2y^2 - x^4 = (y-x)^3 + x^2(y-x)(y+x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (y')^3 + y'x'^2(y'+2x')$$

$$y'^2 + x'^2y' + 2x'^3$$

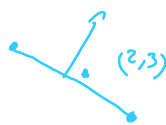
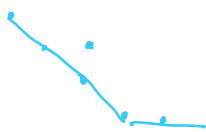
$$x_2^6 y_2^2 + x_2^7 y_2 + 2x_2^6$$

$$x_2^6 (y_2^2 + 2) + x_2 y_2$$

Splits into 2

$$y_2 = y_2' \pm i\sqrt{2}$$

$$y_2' (y_2' \pm 2i\sqrt{2}) + x_2 (y_2' \pm i\sqrt{2}) = 0$$



Maximal contact

We have seen how we are led to often change coordinates polynomially in order to have them better adapted to branches: $y=0$ should have maximal contact (= local intersection) with the branch that we want to either solve or parametrize (Puiseux).

Regular curves that maximise the intersection multiplicity with a given branch are called "curves of maximal contact", and are a geometric tool to get a cleaner exposition of the resolution algorithm.

In this setting, they always exist (convergent)

Rem: the analogous concept in higher dimensions is a fundamental tool for the proof of MIROUSKI's theorem.

Reduction of Singularities of foliations

Thm (SEIDENBERG, 1968) Let F be a foliation on $(\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$.

There exist a finite sequence of blow-ups of (singular points) $\pi: X_n \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$ so that each singularity is elementary. Up to further blow-up, we can obtain reduced singularities.

Def: a foliation F in $(\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$ is elementary if it is generated by X that is either regular ($X(0) \neq 0$) or whose linear part $X^{(1)}$ is non nilpotent.

In the latter case, denote by $\lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2$ the eigenvalues of $X^{(1)}$, and set $\alpha := \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} \in \mathbb{C}$.

Then X is reduced if X is regular, or $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \mathbb{Q}_{>0}$.

Rem. In the terminology of [McQUILLAN-PANARZOLLO]:

elementary \leftrightarrow log-canonical

reduced \leftrightarrow canonical

elementary non-reduced \leftrightarrow radial

Local computations

The approach via local computations consists in studying the behavior of singularities under blow-up.

We describe a foliation F via a tangent 1-form $\omega = f dx + g dy$.

In order to control the singularities under blow-up, we introduce two quantities.

$\nu_0(F) = \nu_0(\omega) = \min(\text{ord}_0(f), \text{ord}_0(g))$ the order;

$\mu_0(F) = \mu_0(\omega) = (f=0) \cdot (g=0)_0$ the multiplicity, a Milnor number
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 intersection multiplicity at 0

These quantities do not depend on the choice of ω , nor on the coordinates (x, y) at 0 (we call ν_0 and μ_0 "invariants").

Rem: For an hypersurface singularity $X = \{s=0\}$, the Milnor number is defined as $\mu_0(X) = \frac{\mathbb{C}\langle x^1, \dots, x^d \rangle}{\langle \frac{\partial s}{\partial x^1}, \dots, \frac{\partial s}{\partial x^d} \rangle} = \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial x^1} = 0 \right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial x^d} = 0 \right)_0$.

Hence $\mu_0(\omega) = \mu_0(X)$ if $\omega = ds$.

Notice that $\nu_0(F) = 1 \Leftrightarrow F$ is elementary or nilpotent
 $\mu_0(F) = 1 \Leftrightarrow F$ is elementary not Saddle-Node

If we blow-up $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$, we can express the projection $\pi: X_\pi \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$ via two charts: on U_x we have $\pi(x_1, y_1) = (x_1, x_1 y_1)$, and in U_y we get $(x_1 y_1, y_1)$.

By lifting ω , we get $\pi^* \omega = f(x_1, x_1 y_1) dx_1 + g(x_1, x_1 y_1) (y_1 dx_1 + x_1 dy_1)$

$$= \underbrace{(xf + yg)}_{h''} \circ \pi \cdot \frac{dx_1}{x_1} + (xg) \circ \pi dy_1$$

If $\nu = \nu_0(\omega)$, then

$$\pi^* \omega = x_1^\nu \left(\underbrace{f^{(\nu)}(1, y_1) + y_1 g^{(\nu)}(1, y_1)}_{\tau(y_1) = h^{(\nu+1)}(1, y_1)} + \langle x_1 \rangle \right) dx_1 + x_1^{\nu+1} \left(g^{(\nu)}(1, y_1) + \langle x_1 \rangle \right) dy_1$$

We distinguish two cases:

• non-dicritical case: $\tau(y_1) \neq 0$. The saturation is $\omega_\pi = x_1^{-\nu} \pi^* \omega$, and $p_0 = (0, y_0) \in S(\omega_\pi)$ is singular $\Leftrightarrow y_0$ is a root of τ .

Rem: $\infty \in S(\omega_\pi) \Leftrightarrow h^{(\nu+1)}([0:1]) = 0 \Leftrightarrow h^{(\nu+1)}$ has not the term $y^{\nu+1} \Leftrightarrow x \mid h^{(\nu+1)} \Leftrightarrow x \mid g^{(\nu)}$

Hence ω_π has at most $\nu+1$ singularities (and exactly $\nu+1$ if counted with mult.).

• dicritical case: $\tau(y_1) \equiv 0$. Notice that $g^{(\nu)} \neq 0$ (or we would have $g^{(\nu)} \equiv f^{(\nu)} \equiv 0$ and $\nu_0(\omega) > \nu$). Hence $\omega_\pi = x_1^{-(\nu+1)} \pi^* \omega$ defines a generically transverse foliation F_π with finitely many ($\leq \nu$) points $p \in E_0$ where $g^{(\nu)}(p) = 0$, that are either tangency or singular points of F_π . ($T(\omega_\pi) = \text{tangency}$, $S(\omega_\pi) = \text{singular}$, $TS(\omega_\pi) = T \cup S$).

In fact, $p_0 = (0, y_0) \in S(\omega_\pi) \Leftrightarrow g^{(\nu)}(p_0) = 0$ and $h^{(\nu+2)}(p_0) = 0$.

Rem: $\infty \in TS(\omega_\pi) \Leftrightarrow f^{(\nu)}$ has no term $x^\nu \Leftrightarrow y \mid f^{(\nu)}$.

$\infty \in S(\omega_\pi) \Leftrightarrow x \mid f^{(\nu)}$ and $x \mid h^{(\nu+2)}$, or equivalently $x \mid g^{(\nu+1)}$.

Ex: $\omega = y dx - (x + \varepsilon y) dy$ $h = \varepsilon y^2$: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon = 0 \text{ dicritic } \omega_\pi = -dy \text{ one singularity} \\ \varepsilon \neq 0 \text{ non dicritic } \omega_\pi = \varepsilon y^2 dx - x(1 + \varepsilon y) dy \end{array} \right.$

Prop. let $C_f = \{f=0\}$ and $C_g = \{g=0\}$ be curves at $0 \in \mathbb{C}^2$ without common branches. Then $\mu_0(f, g) = \nu_0(f) \cdot \nu_0(g) + \sum_{p \in E_0} \mu_p(f_\pi, g_\pi)$ where $(C_f)_\pi = \{f_\pi=0\}$ is the strict transform of C_f , and similarly for C_g .

Proof: $C_f \cdot C_g = \pi^* C_f \cdot \pi^* C_g = (\tilde{C}_f + \nu_f E) \cdot (\tilde{C}_g + \nu_g E) =$
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 projection formula
 $= \tilde{C}_f \cdot \tilde{C}_g + \nu_f \underbrace{E \cdot \tilde{C}_g}_{-E \cdot \nu_g E} + \nu_g \underbrace{E \cdot \tilde{C}_f}_{-E \cdot \nu_f E} + \nu_f \nu_g \underbrace{E \cdot E}_{-1}$
 $= \sum_{p \in E} \mu_p(\tilde{f}, \tilde{g}) + \nu_f \nu_g.$ □

We apply this computation to PFAFFIAN forms (= 1-forms).

error in the proof (dicritical case)

Prop ([IY Thm 8.33]) let F be a singular foliation in $(\mathbb{C}^2, 0)$, and π the blow-up of 0 .

We have: $\sum_p \mu_p(F_\pi) = \mu_0(F) + k + 1 - k^2$ (★) where

$$k = \text{ord}_E(\pi^* F) = \text{ord}_E(\pi^* \omega) = \begin{cases} \nu_0(\omega) & \text{non dicritical case} \\ \nu_0(\omega) + 1 & \text{dicritical case} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Up to a linear change of coordinates, we may assume that $\omega \notin S(\omega_a)$

• Non-dicritical case: this is equivalent to $x \nmid g^{(\nu)}$, i.e. $(x \cdot g)_0 = \nu (=k)$

• Dicritical case: this is equivalent to $x \nmid f^{(\nu)}$ or $x \nmid g^{(\nu+1)}$.

Notice that from $y g^{(\nu)} = -x f^{(\nu)}$, we get $x \mid g^{(\nu)}$.

If $x \nmid g^{(\nu+1)}$, then $(x \cdot g)_0 = \nu+1 (=k)$.

If $x \mid g^{(\nu+1)}$, we have $x \nmid f^{(\nu)}$. Up to a change of coordinates $(x, y) = (x + \tilde{y}^2, \tilde{y})$,

we get again $x \nmid g^{(\nu+1)}$.

Write $f^{(\nu)} = y l$ $g^{(\nu)} = -x l$ l homogeneous of degree $\nu-1$, with $l = y^{\nu-1} + \dots$

Then $\pi^* \omega = (\tilde{y} l \circ \pi + f^{(\nu)} \circ \pi) (dx + 2\tilde{y} d\tilde{y}) - (x + \tilde{y}^2) l \circ \pi d\tilde{y}$

$$= (\tilde{y} l \circ \pi + f^{(\nu)} \circ \pi) dx + (-x l \circ \pi + \tilde{y}^2 l \circ \pi + 2\tilde{y} f^{(\nu)} \circ \pi) d\tilde{y}$$

$$(\tilde{y} l(x, \tilde{y}) + \mathcal{H}^{\nu+1}) dx + (-x l(x, \tilde{y}) + \tilde{y}^{\nu+1} + x P^{(\nu)}(x, \tilde{y}) + \mathcal{H}^{\nu+2}) d\tilde{y}$$

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homogeneous of degree ν

Notice that in particular, $x \nmid g$, which is equivalent to asking that

$\{g=0\}$ and $\{h=0\}$ have no common branches. In fact:

If ϕ is irreducible and $\phi \mid g$, $\phi \mid h$, then $\phi \mid h - yg = xf$. If $\phi \nmid f$, then ω is not reduced $\Rightarrow \phi \mid x$. Hence a common branch must be $\{x=0\}$.

Write $\omega = f dx + g dy$, $\pi(x_i, y_i) = (x_i, x_i y_i)$, so that $\pi^* \omega = \frac{h \circ \pi}{x_i} dx_i + x_i g \circ \pi dy_i$

We compute $(h \cdot g)_0 = (xf \cdot g)_0 = (x \cdot g)_0 + (f \cdot g)_0 = k + \mu_0$

Moreover, $\omega_\pi = \frac{\pi^* \omega}{x^k} = \frac{h \circ \pi}{x^{k+1}} dx + \frac{g \circ \pi}{x^{k-1}} dy$

Denote by $D_g = \{g=0\}$ and $D_h = \{h=0\}$ the divisors associated to g and h

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \sum \mu_p(\omega_\pi) &= (\pi^* D_h - (k+1)E) \cdot (\pi^* D_g - (k-1)E) \\ &= \underbrace{\pi^* D_h \cdot \pi^* D_g}_{D_h \cdot D_g = \mu_0 + k} - \underbrace{(k+1)E \cdot \pi^* D_g}_{\substack{\text{proj. formula} \\ 0}} - \underbrace{(k-1)\pi^* D_h \cdot E}_{\substack{\text{proj. formula} \\ 0}} + \underbrace{(k^2-1)E^2}_{-1} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof of reduction to elementary singularities.

Let F be a non-elementary singularity, of order ν and multiplicity μ .

By \star , we have that $\mu_p(\omega_\pi) \leq \sum \mu_p(\omega_p) = \mu_0 + \begin{cases} -\nu^2 + \nu + 1 & \text{non-critical} \\ -\nu^2 - \nu + 1 & \text{critical} \end{cases}$

Notice that $-\nu^2 + \nu + 1 < 0 \quad \forall \nu \geq 2$, and $-\nu^2 - \nu + 1 < 0 \quad \forall \nu \geq 1$.

We deduce that the multiplicity strictly decreases under blow-up, unless F is non-critical of order $1 = \nu$.

The only non-elementary case to be studied is F nilpotent (\Rightarrow non-critical)

$\omega = f(x, y) dx + \underbrace{(y + \tilde{g}(x, y))}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{coeff } \pm \text{ up to } \nu \\ g}} dy$, $\nu_0(f), \nu_0(g) \geq 2$. Set $\mu = \mu_0(\omega)$.

We may assume $g = y$: by Weierstrass preparation, we can write $g = (y + g_0(x))u$ with u a unit; notice that $\text{ord}_x g_0 = \text{ord}_x (g(x, 0))$, but in general $g_0 \neq g(\cdot, 0)$.

We then change coordinates $(x, y) = (x, y + g_0(x))$ $y = y' - g_0(x)$, and get

$$\omega = f(x, y' - g_0(x)) dx + y' u(x, y' - g_0(x)) \left(dy' - \frac{dg_0(x)}{dx} dx \right)$$

$$= f'(x, y') dx + y' u'(x, y') dy'$$

We can finally divide by the unity u' , and get an equivalent 1-form $f''(x, y') dx + y' dy'$

In this case, we write $f'' = \sum_{j \geq \mu}'' a_j x^j + y \tilde{f}(x, y)$, with $\text{ord}_0(a) = \mu$.

If we denote by double prime the coeff. in the new form, we get $f_{1,1}'' = \frac{f_{1,1} - g_{2,0}}{b}$

We blow-up, and get $\omega_1 = \left(\frac{f(x, xy)}{x} + y^2 \right) dx + xy dy$

$$\left(\frac{\partial(x)''}{x} + y \tilde{f}(x, xy) + y^2 \right) dx + xy dy$$

$$\left(\sum_{\mu}'' x^{\mu-1} \langle x^\mu \rangle + f_{1,1} xy + \langle xy^2, x^2 \rangle + y^2 \right)$$

We get a unique singularity at $p_1 = [1:0]$, with the following invariants.

If $\mu \geq 3$: $(v_1=2, \mu_1 = \mu+1)$ case A

If $\mu = 2$: $(v_1=1; \mu_1=3)$ case B

Case A: we blow-up further; we get $h^{(3)} = x^3 \partial_3 + f_{1,1} x^2 y + 2xy^2 \neq 0$ (non trivial).

\Rightarrow we have a singularity at ∞ (of multiplicity 1), and at least another.

Then we get $\sum_{p \in S_2} \mu_p(\omega_2) = \mu + 1 - 1 = \mu$, and $\#S_2 \geq 2$: the multiplicity drops

Case B: the singularity at p_1 is nilpotent:

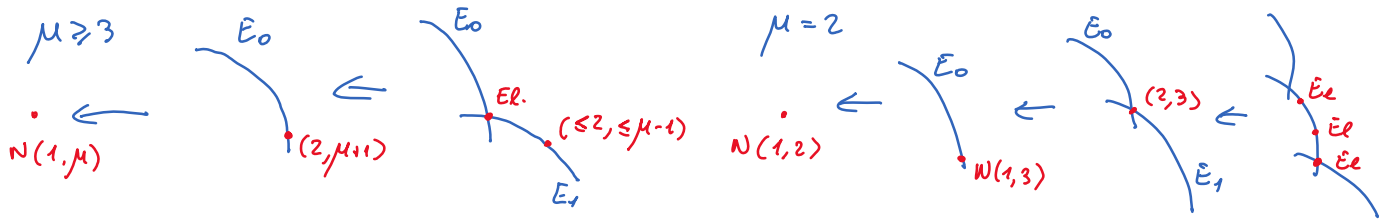
$$\omega_1 = (\partial_2 x + \partial_3 x^2 + f_{1,1} xy + y^2 + xy \langle x, y \rangle) dx + xy dy$$

This singularity has multiplicity 3, and the new $f_{1,1}$ is $1-1=0$

We deduce that $h_2^{(3)} = l_0 x^3 + l_2 xy^2$ $l_0, l_2 \neq 0$ which has three distinct

zeros. Hence after 3 blow-ups, we get from $(1, 2) \overset{\nu, \mu}{\rightarrow} 3 \times (1, 1)$
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elementary

N_i / potent singularities:



Newton polygon approach

[PELLETIER, PANAZZOLO]

In this approach, we work with the vector field $\chi = f \partial_x + g \partial_y$ instead.

While in general vector fields do not pull back, they do as long as we blow-up

a singularity: If $\pi(x_1, y_1) = (x, y)$, then $\pi^{-1}(x, y) = (x, \frac{y}{x})$, let

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^* \chi_{P_1} &= ((\pi^{-1})_* \chi)_{P_1} = d\pi^{-1}_P \chi_P = f \circ \pi \partial_{x_1} + \frac{-y f \circ \pi + x g \circ \pi}{x^2} \partial_{y_1} = \\ d\pi^{-1}_P &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{y}{x^2} & \frac{1}{x} \end{pmatrix} = f \circ \pi \partial_{x_1} + \frac{-y_1 f \circ \pi + f \circ \pi}{x_1} \partial_{y_1} \end{aligned}$$

But $x_1 \mid -y_1 f \circ \pi + g \circ \pi \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 \in S(\chi)$.

Rem: Dans les calculs, il vaut mieux laisser da' en fonction de x_1, y_1 .

$$da = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ y_1 & x_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad da' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{y_1}{x_1} & \frac{1}{x_1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \pi^* \chi = f \circ \pi \left(\underbrace{\partial_{x_1} - \frac{y_1}{x_1} \partial_{y_1}}_{da'(\partial_x)} \right) + g \circ \pi \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{x_1} \partial_{y_1}}_{da'(\partial_y)} \right)$$

More generally, consider weighted blow-ups: $\pi(x_1, y_1) = (x_1^a; x_1^b y_1^c)$,

or toric blow-ups: $\pi(x_1, y_1) = (x_1^a y_1^c, x_1^b y_1^d)$ $\pi(z) = z^A$ $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}$

$$d\pi = \begin{pmatrix} a x_1^{a-1} y_1^c & c x_1^a y_1^{c-1} \\ b x_1^b y_1^{d-1} & d x_1^b y_1^{d-1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \det d\pi = (ad - bc) x_1^{a+b-1} y_1^{c+d-1}$$

$$(d\pi)^{-1}_{(x,y)} = \frac{1}{\det d\pi} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dx_1}{x_1^a y_1^c} & -\frac{c x_1}{x_1^b y_1^d} \\ -\frac{b y_1}{x_1^a y_1^c} & \frac{d y_1}{x_1^b y_1^d} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & y_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d & -c \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 \\ 0 & y_1 \end{pmatrix} A^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{y} \end{pmatrix}$$

In particular, on the logarithmic basis $(x\partial_x, y\partial_y)$, π^* acts by sending $\lambda z^I \partial_z := x^i y^j (\alpha x \partial_x + \beta y \partial_y)$ to $x_1^{ai+bj} y_1^{ci+dj} \cdot \frac{1}{\det A} ((\alpha d - \beta c)x_1 \partial_{x_1} + (-\alpha b + \beta a)y_1 \partial_{y_1})$

Hence we write $\chi = F x \partial_x + G y \partial_y$ with $F = \sum_{\substack{i \geq -1 \\ j \geq 0}} F_{ij} x^i y^j$ $G = \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ j \geq -1}} G_{ij} x^i y^j$
 $= \sum \Lambda_I z^I \cdot \partial_z$, notation $\Lambda_I = (F_I, G_I)$

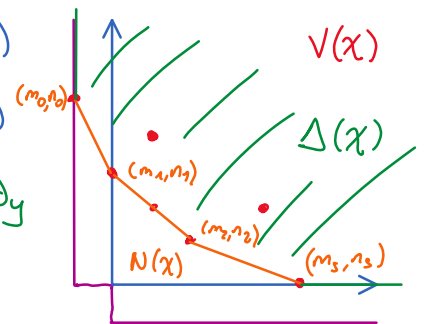
Rem: $\Lambda_{(-1, j)} = (F_{-1, j}, 0)$ $\Lambda_{(i, -1)} = (0, G_{i, -1})$

Def The Newton polygon of $\chi = F x \partial_x + G y \partial_y$ w.r.t. $z = (x, y)$:
 $V(\chi) := \{ I \mid \Lambda_I \neq 0 \}$, $\Delta^g(\chi) = \text{ConvHull}(V(\chi) + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2) \subseteq \{(-1, 0), (0, -1)\} + \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2$

Newton polygon: $N(\chi)$: union of bounded faces of $\Delta(\chi)$

$(m_0, n_0) \dots (m_s, n_s)$ vertices of $N(\chi)$ ($n_e \downarrow, m_e \uparrow$)

Ex: $\chi = (y^5 - x^2 y^4 + x^3 y + x^6) \partial_x + (y^4 - 2x y^3 + x^2 y^2 - 2x^4 y^3) \partial_y$



Prop: 1) χ is regular $\Leftrightarrow \lambda_{(-1, 0)} \neq 0$ or $\lambda_{(0, -1)} \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow (-1, 0)$ or $(0, -1) \in N(\chi)$
 $\Rightarrow (0, 0) \in \Delta(\chi) \setminus N(\chi)$

2) χ is elementary non-regular $\Leftrightarrow (0, 0) \in N(\chi) \forall L \in GL(2, \mathbb{C})$

$$\chi^{(1)} = (f_{00} x + f_{-1, 1} y) \partial_x + (g_{1, -1} x + g_{00} y) \partial_y$$

If $\lambda_{(0, 0)} = (0, 0)$, $\chi^{(1)}$ non-nilpotent $\Leftrightarrow f_{-1, 1}, g_{1, -1} \neq 0$

If $f_{00} + g_{00} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{tr } \chi^{(1)} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{Non nilpotent.}$

If $f_{00} + g_{00} = 0$: nilpotent $\Leftrightarrow \det \chi^{(1)} = 0$: might happen: $\chi^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -\frac{a}{b} & -a \end{pmatrix}$

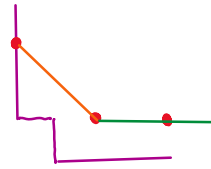
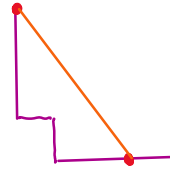
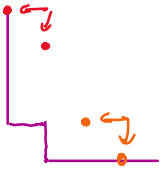
We can avoid this up to linear change of coords

3) χ is saturated $\Rightarrow m_0 \leq 0, n_s \leq 0$:

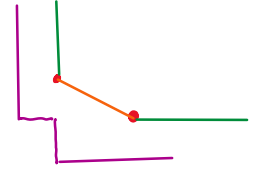
$x \nmid \chi \Rightarrow$ there must be a monomial $y^j \partial_x ((-1, j))$ or $y^j \partial_y ((0, j-1))$

$y \nmid \chi \Rightarrow$ there must be a monomial $x^i \partial_x ((i-1, 0))$ or $x^i \partial_y ((i, -1))$

Eg: $\chi = y^3 \partial_x + x^2 \partial_y$



Eg: $\chi = x^3 \partial_x + y^2 \partial_y$



Eg: $\chi = (x^4 - y^3) \partial_x + xy \partial_y$

4) χ is tangent to $x=0 \Leftrightarrow$ there are no monomials $y^j \partial_x$; $\Leftrightarrow m_0 = 0$.
 $(-1, j)$

Let now perform a weighted blow-up of weights $\omega = (a, b)$, and see how the vector field is transformed $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $A^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{a} & 0 \\ -\frac{b}{a} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\rightarrow \pi^* \Lambda_{\mathbb{I}} z^{\mathbb{I}} \partial_{z_i} = A^{-1} \Lambda_{\mathbb{I}} z_1^{\mathbb{I}A} \partial_{z_1} = x_1^{i_2 + j b} y_1^{j_1} \frac{1}{a} \left(F_{\mathbb{I}} x_1 \partial_{x_1} + \underbrace{(-b F_{\mathbb{I}} + a G_{\mathbb{I}})}_{H_{\mathbb{I}}} y_1 \partial_{y_1} \right)$$

Set $H := -bF + aG$. We denote by $F^{(c)} = \sum_{\langle \mathbb{I}, \omega \rangle = c} F_{\mathbb{I}} z^{\mathbb{I}}$ the ω -homogeneous part of F of degree c (analogously for G, H).

$$c_0: \omega\text{-order of } \chi = \min \{ c \mid \underbrace{F^{(c)} x \partial_x + G^{(c)} y \partial_y}_{\text{for } c=c_0: \omega\text{-initial part}} \neq 0 \}$$

Then we have: $\chi = \sum_{c \geq c_0} F^{(c)} x \partial_x + G^{(c)} y \partial_y$.

$$\begin{aligned} \partial \pi^* \chi &= F \circ \pi x_1 \partial_{x_1} + H \circ \pi y_1 \partial_{y_1} \\ &= \sum_{c \geq c_0} x_1^c (F^{(c)}(1, y_1) x_1 \partial_{x_1} + H^{(c)}(1, y_1) y_1 \partial_{y_1}) \\ &= x_1^{c_0} H^{(c_0)}(1, y_1) y_1 \partial_{y_1} + x_1^{c_0+1} (F^{(c_0)}(1, y_1) \partial_{x_1} + H^{(c_0+1)}(1, y_1) y_1 \partial_{y_1}) + x_1^{c_0+2} \eta_2 \end{aligned}$$

As we did for the case of 1-forms, we distinguish 2 cases:

(A) ω -NON-DICRITICAL CASE: $H^{(c_0)} \neq 0$. $\chi_{\pi} = x_1^{-c_0} \pi^* \chi = H^{(c_0)}(1, y_1) y_1 \partial_{y_1} + x_1 \eta_1$

χ_{π} is tangent to $E_{\omega} = \{x_1 = 0\}$

Singularities of: zeroes of $H^{(c_0)}(1, y_1) \cdot y_1 =: R(y_1)$.

$\mathbb{I}_{\omega} = (m_{\omega}, n_{\omega}), (m'_{\omega}, n'_{\omega})$ the extremos of $N(\chi) \cap \{ \langle \mathbb{I}, \omega \rangle = c_0 \} =: N_{\omega}(\chi)$

Similarly, $(m_H, n_H), (m'_H, n'_H)$ are the extremes of $N_\omega(H)$.

By construction: $\deg R = 1 + n_H \leq 1 + n_\omega$; $\text{ord}_0 R = 1 + n'_H \geq 1 + n'_\omega$

Notice that if $m_\omega = -1$, then $F_{I_\omega} \neq 0, G_{I_\omega} = 0 \Rightarrow H_{I_\omega} = -bF_{I_\omega} \neq 0$, and $n_H = n_\omega$.

Notice that any $\alpha \in E_\omega \setminus \{\infty\}$ root of y_1^H of multiplicity e_α gives a singularity of χ_α with $(0, e-1) \in \Delta(\chi_\alpha)$. Since χ_α is tangent to E_ω , we get

$(\tilde{m}_0, \tilde{n}_0) = (0, e-1)$. In particular, we have decreased the value of the leading vertex, unless $y_1^H \sim (y_1 - \alpha)^{n_0+1}$

Studying ∞ corresponds to studying 0 in the other chart.

We deduce that $e_\infty = m_H + 1$. In general this number can be greater than $n_0 + 1$.

But for this to happen, we must have $bF_I = aG_I \forall I \in N_\omega(X) \setminus N_\omega(H), i < m_H$.

In particular the order of $G_{(x_i, 1)}$ at 0 is m_ω , and χ_α has a monomial

$$x_1^{m_\omega} y_1 \partial y_1 \rightsquigarrow (m_\omega, 0) \in V(\chi_\omega). \quad (\text{and } (i, 0) \notin V(\chi_\omega) \forall i < m_\omega)$$

Being χ_α tangent to $E_\omega = \{y_1 = 0\}$, we get $(m_\omega, 0) \in N(\chi_\omega)$

(B) • (W)-DICRITICAL CASE: $H^{(c_0)} \equiv 0$. In this case $F^{(c_0)} \equiv G^{(c_0)}$, and

$$N_\omega(F) = N_\omega(G) = N_\omega(X) \subseteq \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^2.$$

$$\chi_\alpha = x_1^{-c_0-1} \pi^* \chi = \underbrace{F^{(c_0)}(1, y_1)}_{\text{polynomial of degree } n_\omega} \partial x_1 + H^{(c_0+1)}(1, y_1) y_1 \partial y_1 + x_1 \eta_2$$

at a root $\alpha \in E_\omega \setminus \{\infty\}$ of order e , we get the monomial $y_1^e \partial x_1 \rightsquigarrow (-1, e-1)$, and the leading exponent always drops.

At ∞ , the computation is analogous, with the roles of F and G (x and y) interchanged. The multiplicity is less than m_ω

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leading height.

We define the leading edge by (m_0, n_0) ($m_0 \leq 0$), and the leading edge e_ℓ on the first edge on the left.

We take ω on the positive primitive vector orthogonal to e_ℓ .

We blow-up with weight w .

At ∞ , the height becomes 0 or 1 (i.e., elementary or nilpotent), because $m_0 \leq 0$ (we also exchange the role of the coordinates, i.e., work with the coordinates (y_1, x_1) , where $\pi(x_1, y_1) = (x_1^2, y_1, y_1^b)$).

At $E_w \setminus \{\infty\}$, the leading height strictly decreases unless χ is w -non-divisible and $y_1 H^{(c_0)}(x_1, y_1) \asymp (y_1 - 2)^{n_0+1}$

If $2=0 \Rightarrow F_{m_1, n_1} \neq 0 \Rightarrow y_1^{n_1} x_1 \partial_{x_1}$ is a monomial in χ_{x_1} that gives $(0, n_1) \in N(\chi_{x_1})$, with $n_1 < n_0$.

If $2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow 2=1$, we change coordinates $y' = y - 2x$

We get the phenomenon analogous to the case of curves.

By iterating the process, we get singularities with $n_0 \leq 0$, which are elementary

Remarks

1) A priori we could have found curves of maximal contact.

Ex: Euler vector field: $\chi = x^2 \partial_x + (y-x) \partial_y$.

Notice that this singularity is already elementary

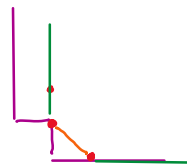
We change coordinates $x' = x, y' = y - 2x^2 \Phi_{1,1}^*(x', y') = (x', y' + 2x'^2)$

$$d\Phi_{1,1}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -2x & 1 \end{pmatrix} \chi_1 = \Phi_{1,1}^* \chi = x^2 (\partial_x - \partial_y) + y \partial_y$$

$$\chi_2 = \Phi_{2,1}^* \chi_1 = x^2 (\partial_x - 2x \partial_y) + y \partial_y$$

$$\Phi_{3,2}^* \chi_2 = x^2 (\partial_x - 6x^2 \partial_y) + y \partial_y$$

$$y_\infty = y - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n-1)! x^n \leftarrow \text{divergent.} \quad \chi = x^2 \partial_x - y^\infty \partial_{y_\infty}$$



If we get a similar phenomenon for $n_0 \geq 1$, we would get.

$N^{(x, y^\infty)}(\chi) \subseteq \{j \geq 1\}$, and χ^∞ is not rotated, $\{y_\infty = 0\}$ is a curve of singularities. But $\text{Sing}(\chi)$ is an analytic subspace, hence the maximal contact curve must converge

2) The algorithms in literature are slightly different in the choice of the leading vertex and edge, see [PELLETIER], or [PANAZZOLO]).

3) This approach has been followed by PANAZZOLO (see also [McQUINN-PANAZZOLO]) to reduce singularities of vector fields in dimension 3.

Notice that starting from dimension 3, we need weighted blow-ups.

Ex (PANAZZOLO) Does not reduce by simple blow-ups (of loci singular for χ_π)

$$\chi = x(x\partial_x - \alpha y\partial_y - \beta z\partial_z) + xz\partial_y + (y - \lambda x)\partial_z \quad \alpha, \beta \geq 0, \lambda > 0$$

$\text{Sing}(\chi) = \{x=y=0\}$. We can either blow-up O or $L = \{x=y=0\}$

CASE Bl_O : $\pi = (x_1, x_1 y_1, x_1 z_1)$.

$$\chi = x \cdot x\partial_x + x\left(\frac{z}{y} - \alpha\right)y\partial_y + \left(\frac{y - \lambda x}{z} - \beta x\right)z\partial_z$$

$$\pi^*\chi = x \cdot x\partial_x + x\left(\frac{z}{y} - \alpha - 1\right)y\partial_y + \left(\frac{y - \lambda}{z} - (\beta + 1)x\right)z\partial_z$$

$\text{Sing} \pi^*\chi = \{x = y - \lambda = 0\}$. We translate coordinates at $p = (0, \lambda, \lambda(\alpha + 1))$, and get

$$\pi^*\chi = x \cdot x\partial_x + x(z - (\alpha + 1)y)\partial_y + \left(y - (\beta + 1)x(z + \lambda(\alpha + 1))\right)\partial_z$$

Same singularity with coeff $(\alpha + 1, \beta + 1, \lambda(\alpha + 1)(\beta + 1))$

CASE Bl_L : $\pi(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (x_1, x_1 y_1, z_1)$

$$\pi^*\chi = x \cdot x\partial_x + x\left(\frac{z}{x y} - \alpha - 1\right)y\partial_y + \left(\frac{y - \lambda}{z} - \beta\right)xz\partial_z$$

$\text{Sing} \pi^*\chi = \{x = z - (\alpha + 1)x y = 0\}$. We translate at $(0, \lambda, 0)$, and get

$$\begin{aligned} \pi^*\chi &= x \cdot x\partial_x + (z - (\alpha + 1)x(y + \lambda))\partial_y + \left(\frac{y}{z} - \beta\right)xz\partial_z \\ &= x \cdot x\partial_x + x\left(\frac{y}{z} - \beta\right)z\partial_z + \left(\frac{z - (\alpha + 1)\lambda x - (\alpha + 1)x}{y}\right)y\partial_y, \end{aligned}$$

which, with respect to coords (x, z, y) ,

is again of the same form with parameters $(\beta, \alpha + 1, \lambda(\alpha + 1))$.

4) Reduction of singularities hold for codim. 1 foliations in any dimension, by [CANTO-CERVEAU, 1992] (non-dicritical) and [CANTO, 2004].