

# SINGULARITIES IN POSITIVE CHARACTERISTIC II

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## THEOREM (STAGE A)

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such that  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{G}_r) = \emptyset$  or  $\mathcal{G}_r^{(d-e)}$  is monomial:

$$\mathcal{G}_r^{(d-e)} \sim \mathcal{O}_{V_r^{(e)}}[(I(H_1)^{\alpha_1} \cdots I(H_r)^{\alpha_r}) W^s].$$

## Local presentation

$\beta : V^{(d)} \longrightarrow V^{(d-\tau)}$  smooth locally at  $x$ ,  $\mathcal{G}, \tau_{\mathcal{G},x} \geq \tau$ .

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- (1) Positive integers  $0 \leq e_1 \leq e_2 \leq \dots \leq e_\tau$ .
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$\mathcal{G}'$  is relative differential. Then, there exists an elimination algebra,  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}, \beta} \subset \mathcal{O}_{V^{(d-1)}}[W]$  and

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By specialization

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## SPECIALIZATION FOR SEVERAL POLYNOMIALS

$F_{n_1}(Z), \dots, F_{n_s}(Z)$  universal polynomials.

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There is a universal algebra for  $s$  polynomials which specializes to

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$$\beta^*(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}, \beta}) \subset \mathcal{G} \text{ (free of } Z).$$

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## LOCAL RELATIVE PRESENTATION AND PERMISSIBLE TRANSFORMATIONS

There is a commutative diagram

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If  $\mathcal{G} \sim \mathcal{O}_{V^{(d)}}[f_n W^n, \Delta^\alpha(f_n) W^n] \odot \beta^*(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},\beta})$ ,

then  $\mathcal{G}_1 \sim \mathcal{O}_{V_1^{(d)}}[f_n^{(1)} W^n, \Delta^\alpha(f_n^{(1)}) W^n] \odot \beta_1^*((\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},\beta})_1)$  ( $f_n^{(1)}$  s.t.)

### STABILITY OF LOCAL RELATIVE PRESENTATION

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## THE MONOMIAL CASE

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Condition (CD) and the  $\tau$ -invariant

$V$  smooth,  $E = \{H_1, \dots, H_r\}$  smooth hypersurfaces with n.c.

- Monomial ideal supported on  $E$ :

$$\mathcal{M} = I(H_1)^{\alpha_1} \cdot I(H_2)^{\alpha_2} \cdots I(H_r)^{\alpha_r}.$$

- Monomial algebra:

Rees algebra  $\mathcal{O}_V[\mathcal{M}W^s]$  for  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

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## DEFINITION

$V^{(d)}$  smooth,  $E = \{H_1, \dots, H_r\}$  smooth hypersurfaces with n.c.  
 $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{O}_{V^{(d)}}[W]$ ,  $x \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{G})$ ,  $\tau_{\mathcal{G},x} \geq 1$ ,  $V^{(d)} \xrightarrow{\beta} V^{(d-1)}$  generic.  
 $\mathcal{O}_{V^{(d-1)}}[\mathcal{M}W^s]$  has **monomial contact** with  $\mathcal{G}$  if locally there is a smooth section defined by  $z \in \mathcal{O}_{V^{(d)},x}$  so that  
$$\mathcal{G} \subset \langle z \rangle W \odot \mathcal{M}W^s.$$

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## MONOMIAL CONTACT IN LOCAL COORDINATES

$$\mathcal{G} \subset \langle z \rangle W \odot \mathcal{M} W^s.$$

There is a r.s.p.  $\{y_1, \dots, y_{d-1}\}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{V^{(d-1)}, \beta(x)}$ , then  $z$  is such that:

- (I)  $\{z, y_1, \dots, y_{d-1}\}$  is a r.s.p. at  $\mathcal{O}_{V^{(d)}, x}$ .
- (II)  $\mathcal{G} \subset \langle z \rangle W \odot \langle y_1^{h_1} \dots y_j^{h_j} \rangle W^s$  (locally at  $x$ ), where  $y_1^{h_1} \dots y_j^{h_j}$  generates the monomial ideal  $\mathcal{M}$  at  $\mathcal{O}_{V^{(d-1)}, \beta(x)}$ .

$$zW \text{ ``}\in\text{'' } \mathcal{G} \odot \mathcal{M} W^s$$

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Condition (CD) and the  $\tau$ -invariant

## PROPOSITION

Condition (CD) holds for  $H_i$ .



The  $\tau$ -invariant of  $\mathcal{G}_{i-1}$  is 1 along closed points of  $C_i$ .



$\overline{f^{(i)}}$  is a  $p^e$ -th power of a regular parameter.

**Main Theorem: Stage B'**

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Set as in Theorem Stage A:

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$$(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}, \beta})_r = I(H_1)^{\alpha_1} \dots I(H_r)^{\alpha_r} W^s = \mathcal{N} W^s \text{ (monomial algebra).}$$

## THEOREM (STAGE B')

There is a monomial  $\mathcal{M}$  of “tight” contact s.t.

- (i)  $\mathcal{M} = I(H_1)^{h_1} \dots I(H_r)^{h_r}$  and  $0 \leq h_i \leq \alpha_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{M} W^s$  has monomial contact relative to  $\beta_r$  with  $\mathcal{G}_r$  locally at any closed point in  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{G}_r)$ , i.e.,

$$\mathcal{G}_r \subset \langle z \rangle W \odot \mathcal{M} W^s.$$

## Main Theorem: Stage B'

Recall

$$\mathcal{G}_i \sim \mathcal{O}_{V^{(d)}}[f_{p^e}^{(i)} W^{p^e}, \Delta^\alpha(f_{p^e}^{(i)}) W^{p^e - \alpha}]_{1 \leq \alpha \leq p^e - 1} \odot \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}, \beta}$$

If  $\mathcal{G}_i \subset \langle z \rangle W \odot (y_1^{h_1} \dots y_i^{h_i}) W^s$  ( $h_j \leq \alpha_j$ ), then

$$f_{p^e}^{(i)} = z^{p^e} + a_1 z^{p^e - 1} + \dots + a_{p^e}$$

with  $a_j W^j \in \langle y_1^{h_1} \dots y_i^{h_i} \rangle W^s$ .

$h_\ell \geq 1 \iff f_{p^e}^{(i)}|_{y_\ell=0} = z^{p^e} \iff H_\ell = \{y_\ell = 0\}$  satisfies (CD)

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Fix  $x \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{G})$  a center  $I(C) = \langle z, y_1, \dots, y_r \rangle$  and  $f = z^{p^e} + a_1 z^{p^e-1} + \dots + a_{p^e} \in \mathcal{O}_{V^{(d-1)}}[z]$  from a local relative presentation,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{G} & V^{(d)} & \xleftarrow{\pi_1} & V_1^{(d)} & \mathcal{G}_1 \\ & \downarrow \beta & & \downarrow \beta_1 & \\ \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}, \beta} & V^{(d-1)} & \xleftarrow{\pi'_1} & V_1^{(d-1)} & (\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}, \beta})_1 \end{array}$$

$x' \in H_1^{(d)} = \{y_1 = 0\}$  mapping to  $x$  and

$f_1 = z_1^{p^e} + a_1^1 z_1^{p^e-1} + \dots + a_{p^e}^1 \in \mathcal{O}_{V_1^{(d-1)}}[z_1]$  s.t. of  $f$ .

May assume  $\frac{z}{y_1}$  non-invertible at  $x'$ . For a suitable  $z_1$ ,  $\overline{a_i} = 0$  (condition (CD) holds). So

$$\mathcal{G}_1 \subset \langle z_1 \rangle W \odot \langle y_1 \rangle W^s.$$

Define  $h_1$ : highest so that  $\mathcal{G}_1 \subset \langle z_1 \rangle W \odot \langle y_1^{h_1} \rangle W^s$  for all  $x'$ .



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## PROPOSITION

Given  $x \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{G}_i) \subset V_i^{(d)}$  and  $\mathcal{G}_i \subset \langle z \rangle W \odot \left( y_{j_1}^{h_{j_1}} \dots y_{j_\ell}^{h_{j_\ell}} \right) W^s$ , if  $C_i$  is a permissible center so that  $\tau = 1$  along  $C_i$ . At  $x' \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{G}_{i+1}) \cap H_{i+1}$  there is an expression

$$\mathcal{G}_{i+1} \subset \langle z_1 \rangle W \odot \left( \left( \frac{y_{j_1}}{y_{i+1}} \right)^{h_{j_1}} \dots \left( \frac{y_{j_\ell}}{y_{i+1}} \right)^{h_{j_\ell}} y_{i+1}^{r_{i+1}} \right) W^s$$

so that  $y_{i+1}$  defines  $H_{i+1}$  and  $r_{i+1} \geq 1$

## DEFINITION

Define  $h_{i+1}$ : the highest  $r_{i+1}$  so that the previous inclusion holds.

## Inductive step

$$\mathcal{G}_i \subset \langle z \rangle W \odot \left( y_{j_1}^{h_{j_1}} \dots y_{j_\ell}^{h_{j_\ell}} \right) W^s \quad (*)$$

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## KEY POINT

We can assume that

- $\langle z \rangle \subset I(C_i)$  in (\*).
- $\text{In}_x(\langle f_{p^e}^{(i)} \rangle)$  is a  $p^e$ -th power of  $\text{In}_x(z)$  at  $gr_x(\mathcal{O}_{V_i^{(d)}, x})$ .

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implies that

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**TIGHT MONOMIAL ALGEBRA:**  $\mathcal{M}W^2 = I(H_1)I(H_2)W^2$

**Example**

A resolution of  $\mathcal{M}W^2$  is achieved by a blow-up at

$$I(C') = \langle X, Y \rangle \subset \mathcal{O}_{V^{(3)}}.$$

This induces a blow-up at  $I(C) = \langle T, X, Y \rangle \subset \mathcal{O}_{V^{(4)}}, \text{ i.e.,}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V_2^{(4)} & \xleftarrow{\pi_C} & V_3^{(4)} \supset U_X \\ \mathcal{G} : & (T^2 + XYZ)W^2 & (T^2 + XY)W^2 \\ \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}} : & (XY)W^1 & (XY)W^1 \\ & & \mathcal{M}_1 W^2 = YW^2 \end{array}$$

and the  $\tau$ -invariant of  $\mathcal{G}_3$  has increased.