

## Singularities of Algebraic Curve $f(y) = \lambda f(x)$ and Invariants Associated with Each Singular Point Over Finite Field

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### Abstract

Let  $K = F_q$  be a finite field of order  $q$ , ( $q$  is a power of a prime  $p$ ), and  $\mathcal{K}$  be an algebraically closed field extension of  $k$ . Let  $f(t)$  be a monic polynomial of degree  $n$  in  $\mathcal{K}[t]$ . In this paper, we give an algorithm to identify the singularities of the projective curve of the affine curve  $H_\lambda; f(y) - \lambda f(x) = 0$  for which  $\lambda \neq 0$  in  $K$ . The curve  $H_\lambda$  is a general form of the Holm Curve was introduced by ALEANDAR HOLM [6]. As result, we determine types and multiplicities of the singular points, and calculate Milnor number associated with each singularity.

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### INTRODUCTION

Consider the Holm Curve

$$by(y^2 - 1) = ax(x^2 - 1)$$

was introduced by ALEXANDER HOLM [6], where  $a, b \in K$ ,  $ab \neq 0, a \neq \pm b$ . If we put  $\lambda = \frac{a}{b}$ , the Holm's curve becomes

$$y(y^2 - 1) = \lambda x(x^2 - 1)$$

$$y^3 - y = \lambda(x^3 - x)$$

where  $\lambda \neq 0, \pm 1$ . Suppose  $f(t) = t^3 - t$ , then we can write Holm's Curve as follow;

$$f(y) - \lambda f(x) = 0 \text{ of degree } 3.$$

Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be an algebraically closed field. Our goal to study the singularities of the curve  $H_\lambda: f(y) - \lambda f(x) = 0$  for  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$ , and other topics related to for  $f(t) \in \mathcal{K}[t]$ , a monic polynomial of degree  $n \geq 2$ . The projective plane model for  $H_\lambda$  is given by

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda: z^n \left[ f\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) - \lambda f\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \right] \in \mathcal{K}[x, y, z]$$

then  $F(x, y, z) = z^n \left[ f\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) - \lambda f\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \right]$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $n$ . The singularities of both projective curve  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  and affine curve  $H_\lambda$  are given respectively as follow:

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda = \{(x; y; z) \in \mathcal{K}^3: F(x, y, z) = 0\}$$

$$H_\lambda = \{(x; y; 1) \in \mathcal{K}^3: F(x, y, 1) = 0\}$$

## 1 SINGULAR POINTS

**Theorem 1.1** *Let  $H_\lambda$  be the projective plane model of the affine curve  $H_\lambda$ . Then,  $H_\lambda$  has no singularity at infinity.*

*Proof.* Let  $f(t) = t^n + a_{n-1}t^{n-1} + \dots + a_1t + a_0$  of degree  $n \geq 2$  where  $a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, \dots, a_1, a_0 \in \mathcal{K}$ , and let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$ . The curve  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  is defined by the equation

$$F(x, y, z) = z^n f\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) - \lambda z^n f\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) = 0$$

The partial derivatives  $F_x, F_y, F_z$  are given by

$$F_x = -\lambda z^{n-1} f'\left(\frac{x}{z}\right)$$

$$F_y = z^{n-1} f'\left(\frac{y}{z}\right)$$

$$F_z = nz^{n-1} \left[ f\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) - \lambda f\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \right] + z^n \left[ -\frac{y}{z^2} f'\left(\frac{y}{z}\right) + \lambda \frac{x}{z^2} f'\left(\frac{x}{z}\right) \right]$$

Using the explicit expression for  $f(t)$  we find

$$F_x = -\lambda [nx^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1}zx^{n-2} + \dots + 2a_2z^{n-2}x + a_1z^{n-1}]$$

$$F_y = ny^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1}zy^{n-2} + \dots + 2a_2z^{n-2}y + a_1z^{n-1}$$

$$F_z = a_{n-1}y^{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}zy^{n-2} + \dots + (n-1)z^{n-2}y + na_0z^{n-1}$$

$$\lambda [a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}zx^{n-2} + \dots + (n-1)z^{n-2}x + na_0z^{n-1}]$$

to find the singularities of the curve  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  we solve the system

$$F = F_x = F_y = F_z = 0$$

to study the singularity at infinity, we put  $z = 0$  and the system becomes

$$x = y = z = 0$$

but the point  $(0; 0; 0)$  does not exist in the projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$  hence,  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  has no singularity at infinity. Next, for  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$  we study affine singularity for the curve  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$ . For this purpose, we let  $z = 1$  and consider the curve  $H_\lambda$  using the polynomial

$$F(x, y, 1) = f(y) - \lambda f(x)$$

as an abuse of notation, we write

$$F(x, y) = f(y) - \lambda f(x)$$

the singular points on  $H_\lambda$  are obtained by solving the system

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$f'(y) = 0$$

$$f(y) - \lambda f(x) = 0$$

Let  $S_\lambda$  be the set of singular points on the affine curve  $H_\lambda$ . Since there is no singularity at infinity,  $S_\lambda$  is the set of singular points on  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$ . Let  $R$  denote the set of roots of  $f(t)$  and  $R'$  that of  $f'(t)$ . Let

$$T = (R \cap R') \times (R \cap R')$$

and let

$$T_\lambda = \left\{ (\alpha, \beta) \in (R' - R) \times (R' - R) : \frac{f(\beta)}{f(\alpha)} = \lambda \right\}$$

Then we have the following theorem;

**Theorem 1.2** For every  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$ ,  $S_\lambda = T_\lambda \cup T$

*Proof.* Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$  and let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T$  then

$$f'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$f'(\beta) = 0$$

$$f(\beta) - \lambda f(\alpha) = 0$$

therefore  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_\lambda$  hence  $T \subset S_\lambda$ . Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T_\lambda$  then

$$f'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$f'(\beta) = 0$$

$$f(\alpha) \neq 0$$

$$f(\beta) \neq 0$$

$$f(\beta) = \lambda f(\alpha)$$

therefore  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_\lambda$  hence  $T_\lambda \subset S_\lambda$ . Conversely, suppose  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_\lambda$  then

$$f'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$f'(\beta) = 0$$

$$f(\beta) = \lambda f(\alpha)$$

If  $f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = 0$ , then  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T$  and if  $f(\alpha) \neq 0$  and  $f(\beta) \neq 0$  then,  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T_\lambda$ . Hence  $S_\lambda \subset T_\lambda \cup T$ . Explicitly, Theorem 1.2. says that if  $\alpha, \beta$  are common roots of  $f(t)$  and  $f'(t)$  then  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $(\beta, \alpha)$  are singular points on  $H_\lambda$  for any  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$ . Moreover, if  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of  $f'(t)$  but not roots of  $f(t)$  then  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a singular point on  $H_\lambda$  for  $\lambda = \frac{f(\beta)}{f(\alpha)}$ . Every singular point on  $H_\lambda$  is obtained in this fashion.

**Theorem 1.3** Let  $D$  be the discriminant of  $f(t)$

1. If  $D = 0$ , then for every  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$ ,  $H_\lambda$  is a singular curve
2. If  $D \neq 0$  and  $\lambda \notin \left\{ \frac{f(\beta)}{f(\alpha)} : \alpha, \beta \in R' \right\}$  then  $H_\lambda$  is a non-singular curve

*Proof.*

1. If  $D = 0$  then  $T \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\alpha, \beta \in T$  ( $\alpha = \beta$  is allowed), then for any  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$

$$f'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$f'(\beta) = 0$$

$$f(\beta) = \lambda f(\alpha) = 0$$

hence  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_\lambda$  and  $H_\lambda$  is a singular curve.

2. If  $D \neq 0$  then  $T = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $\lambda \notin \left\{ \frac{f(\beta)}{f(\alpha)} : \alpha, \beta \in R' \right\}$ . If  $(\alpha, \beta)$  were a singular point on  $H_\lambda$  then  $\alpha, \beta \in R'$  and  $\frac{f(\beta)}{f(\alpha)} = \lambda$  which is a contradiction, hence  $H_\lambda$  is non-singular.

**Example 1** Let  $f(t) = t^3 + at + b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathcal{K}^*$ , an algebraically closed field and let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{K}^*$ . Consider the projective curve

$$\mathcal{H}_\lambda: y^3 + ayz^2 + bz^3 = \lambda(x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3)$$

Let  $F = y^3 + ayz^2 + bz^3 - \lambda(x^3 + axz^2 + bz^3)$ , then the curve  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  is defined in  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , by

$$F(x, y, z) = 0$$

by Theorem 1.1  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$  has no singularity at infinity. let  $H_\lambda$  be the affine curve whose projective plane is  $\mathcal{H}_\lambda$ . The singularities will be on the curve  $H_\lambda$ .

$$f'(t) = 3t^2 + a$$

the set  $R'$  of roots of  $f'(t)$  is

$$R' = \left\{ \pm \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right\}$$

Let

$$D = -4a^3 - 27b^2$$

be the discriminant of  $f(t)$ .

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**Case 1**  $D = 0$ :

$$f\left(\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right) = \left(\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right)^3 + a\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} + b = b - \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{3}(-a)^{\frac{3}{2}} = b - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}\left(\frac{27}{4}b^2\right)^{1/2} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(-\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right) &= \left(-\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right)^3 + a\left(-\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right) + b = b + \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{3}(-a)^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= b + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}\left(\frac{27}{4}b^2\right)^{1/2} = 2b \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$R' \cap R = \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right\}$$

$$T = \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}$$

Next,

$$T_\lambda = \emptyset, \text{ if } \lambda \neq 1$$

$$T_1 = \left\{ \left( -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}$$

we conclude, in this case that

$$S_\lambda = \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}, \quad \text{if } \lambda \neq 1$$

$$S_1 = \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right), \left( -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}$$

**Case 2**  $D \neq 0$ , with  $ab \neq 0$ , In this case

$$T = \emptyset$$

Let

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{b - \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{3}(-a)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{b + \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{3}(-a)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{f\left(\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right)}{f\left(-\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right)} \neq 0$$

$$\lambda_2 = \frac{b + \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{3}(-a)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{b - \frac{2}{9}\sqrt{3}(-a)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = \frac{f\left(-\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right)}{f\left(\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}\right)} = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \neq 0$$

since  $ab \neq 0, \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$  Then, we can conclude that

$$S_{\lambda_1} = T_{\lambda_1} = \left\{ \left( -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}$$

$$S_{\lambda_2} = T_{\lambda_2} = \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}$$

$$S_\lambda = \emptyset \text{ if } \lambda \neq \lambda_1, \lambda_2$$

**Case 3**  $D \neq 0, a = 0$

$$f(t) = t^3 + b, \quad b \neq 0$$

$$f'(t) = 0$$

$$R' = \{0\}$$

In this case

$$T = \emptyset$$

$$S_1 = T_1 = \{(0,0)\}$$

$$S_\lambda = \emptyset, \text{ if } \lambda \neq 1$$

**Case 4**  $D \neq 0, b = 0$

$$f(t) = t^3 + at, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$f'(t) = 3t^2 + a$$

$$R = \{0, \pm\sqrt{-a}\}$$

$$R' = \left\{ \pm\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right\}$$

in this case

$$T = \emptyset$$

$$S_1 = T_1 = \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right), \left( -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}$$

$$S_{-1} = T_{-1} = \left\{ \left( \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right), \left( -\sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{-a}{3}} \right) \right\}$$

$$S_\lambda = \emptyset, \text{ if } \lambda \neq \pm 1$$

## 2 TYPES OF SINGULARITIES

The singular points that are under study are all affine points on  $H_\lambda$ . Let the equation of the curve be given by

$$F(x, y) = f(y) - \lambda f(x) = 0$$

**Proposition 2.1** *Let  $(\alpha, \beta)$  be a singular point on the curve  $H_\lambda$ , then*

1. *If  $F_{xx}(\alpha) \cdot F_{yy}(\beta) \neq 0$ , then the singular point  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a node.*
2. *If one of  $F_{xx}(\alpha), F_{yy}(\beta)$  is zero, then  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a cusp.*
3. *If both  $F_{xx}(\alpha), F_{yy}(\beta)$  are zero, then  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a triple point.*

*Proof.* Assume  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a singular point on the curve

$$F(\alpha, \beta) = F_x(\alpha, \beta) = F_y(\alpha, \beta) = 0$$

Explicitly, in terms of  $f(t)$

$$f'(\alpha) = 0$$

$$f'(\beta) = 0$$

$$f(\beta) - \lambda f(\alpha) = 0$$

Because the mixed derivatives are all zeros, the Taylor expansion of  $F(x, y)$  at  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is given by

$$F(x, y) = \frac{1}{2!}(-\lambda F_{xx}(\alpha)(x - \alpha)^2 + F_{yy}(\beta)(y - \beta)^2) + \frac{1}{3!}(-\lambda F_{xxx}(\alpha)(x - \alpha)^3 + F_{yyy}(\beta)(y - \beta)^3) + \dots$$

we move the singular point  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to the origin using the following substitutions

$$x = \alpha + X \quad y = \beta + Y$$

$F$  will be replaced by  $G$  such that  $G(X, Y) = F(\alpha + X, \beta + Y)$ , then the Taylor series for  $G$  is

$$G(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2!}(-\lambda F_{xx}(\alpha)X^2 + F_{yy}(\beta)Y^2) + \frac{1}{3!}(-\lambda F_{xxx}(\alpha)X^3 + F_{yyy}(\beta)Y^3) + \dots$$

1. If  $F_{xx}(\alpha) \cdot F_{yy}(\beta) \neq 0$ , then the tangents  $Y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\lambda F_{xx}(\alpha)}{F_{yy}(\beta)}}X$  are distinct and, hence, the singular point  $(0,0)$  is a node, thus  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a node.
2. If one of  $F_{xx}(\alpha), F_{yy}(\beta)$  is zero. then  $(0,0)$  is a cusp and has the tangent  $X = 0$  if  $F_{yy}(\beta) = 0$ , or  $Y = 0$  if  $F_{xx}(\alpha) = 0$ . thus  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a cusp.
3. If both  $F_{xx}(\alpha), F_{yy}(\beta)$  are zero, then  $(0,0)$  is a triple point, thus  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a triple point. In terms of the polynomial  $f(t)$  itself we have the following:

**Corollary 2.1** Let  $(\alpha, \beta)$  be a singular point

1. If  $f''(\alpha)f''(\beta) \neq 0$  then  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a node
2. If one of  $f''(\alpha), f''(\beta)$  is zero, then  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a cusp
3. If  $f''(\alpha), f''(\beta)$  are both zero, then  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is a triple point

### 3 THE MULTIPLICITIES OF THE SINGULAR POINTS

Let  $(\alpha, \beta)$  be a singular point. Moving the singularity to the origin and using the variables  $x, y$ , as a change of notation, give

$$G(x, y) = F(\alpha + x, \beta + y) = f(\beta + y) - \lambda f(\alpha + x)$$

$$G(0,0) = f(\beta) - \lambda f(\alpha) = 0$$

$$G_x = -\lambda f'(\alpha + x)$$

$$G_x(0,0) = f'(\alpha) = 0$$



$$G_y = f'(\alpha + y)$$

$$G_y(0,0) = f'(\beta) = 0$$

The Taylor series in terms of the polynomial  $f(t)$  is given by

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2!}(-\lambda f''(\alpha)x^2 + f''(\beta)y^2) + \frac{1}{3!}(-\lambda f'''(\alpha)x^3 + f'''(\beta)y^3) + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}(-\lambda f^{(n)}(\alpha)x^n + f^{(n)}(\beta)y^n)$$

which we write as

$$G = \sum_{i=2}^n G_i$$

where  $G_i$  is the form of degree  $i$

$$G_i = \frac{1}{i!}(-\lambda f^{(i)}(\alpha)xi + f^{(i)}(\beta)y^i), \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, n$$

Let

$$m_{(0,0)} = \inf\{i: G_i \neq 0\}$$

then  $m_{(0,0)}$  is the multiplicity of  $(0,0)$  on  $G = 0$ . Let  $m_{(\alpha,\beta)}(F)$  be the multiplicity of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  on the curve  $F(x, y) = 0$ , then

$$m_{(\alpha,\beta)}(F) = m_{(0,0)}$$

From Theorem 2.2 we have

$$S_\lambda = T_\lambda \cup T$$

For  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T$  we have

$$f(\alpha) = f(\beta) = 0$$

$$f'(\alpha) = f'(\beta) = 0$$

Let  $k_\alpha$  and  $k_\beta$  be non-negative integers,  $0 \leq k_\alpha, k_\beta \leq n$ , defined by

$$f^{(k_\alpha)}(\alpha) \neq 0 \text{ and } f^{(j)}(\alpha) = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq k_\alpha - 1$$

$$f^{(k_\beta)}(\beta) \neq 0 \text{ and } f^{(j)}(\beta) = 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq k_\beta - 1$$

Then

$$k_\alpha \geq 2$$

$$k_\beta \geq 2$$

For  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T_\lambda$  we have

$$f(\alpha) \neq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\beta) &\neq 0 \\
f(\beta) - \lambda f(\alpha) &= 0 \\
f'(\alpha) = f'(\beta) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $l_\alpha$  and  $l_\beta$  be positive integers,  $1 \leq l_\alpha, l_\beta \leq n$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
f^{(l_\alpha)}(\alpha) &\neq 0 \text{ and } f^{(j)}(\alpha) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq l_\alpha - 1 \\
f^{(l_\beta)}(\beta) &\neq 0 \text{ and } f^{(j)}(\beta) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq l_\beta - 1
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
l_\alpha &\geq 1 \\
l_\beta &\geq 1
\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_\lambda$  be a singular point with multiplicity  $m_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ . Assume  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) = 0$  or  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) > m$

1. If  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T$  then,  $m_{(\alpha, \beta)}(F) = \min(k_\alpha, k_\beta)$
2. If  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T_\lambda$  then,  $m_{(\alpha, \beta)}(F) = \min(l_\alpha, l_\beta)$

*Proof.* The power series expansion at the origin for  $G(x, y)$  is

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(-\lambda f''(\alpha)x^2 + f''(\beta)y^2) + HOT$$

where *HOT* stands for "higher order terms". In the case  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) > m_{(\alpha, \beta)}$ , division by any  $j \leq m_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is defined.

1. Suppose  $0 \leq k_\alpha \leq k_\beta$ . From the definition of  $k_\alpha$  we find

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{k_\alpha!}(-\lambda f^{(k_\alpha)}(\alpha)x^{k_\alpha} + f^{(k_\alpha)}(\beta)y^{k_\alpha}) + HOT$$

with  $f^{(k_\alpha)}(\alpha) \neq 0$ , hence the multiplicity of  $(0, 0)$  is

$$m_{(0, 0)} = k_\alpha$$

hence  $m_{(\alpha, \beta)}(F) = k_\alpha$

2. The case of  $k_\beta \leq k_\alpha$  is handled similarly and we conclude that

$$m_{(\alpha,\beta)}(F) = \min(k_\alpha, k_\beta)$$

is proved in a similar fashion.

#### 4 MILNOR NUMBER

The critical points of  $F(x, y)$  are the points where both  $F_x$  and  $F_y$  vanish, hence the set of critical points is  $R' \times R'$ . We note that the set of singular points is

$$S_\lambda = T \cup T_\lambda = \{(\alpha, \beta) \in R' \times R' : F(\alpha, \beta) = 0\} \subset R' \times R'$$

$F$  has an isolated critical point at  $(\alpha, \beta)$  if  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is isolated point of  $R' \times R'$ . We say also  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is an isolated singularity of  $F$  if  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is isolated of point of  $S_\lambda$ . We fix  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_\lambda$ , a singular point. We assume again that  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) = 0$  or  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) > m_{(\alpha,\beta)}(F)$ . Moving  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to the origin, as before, we obtain the polynomial

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(-\lambda f''(\alpha)x^2 + f''(\beta)y^2) + HOT$$

The following Proposition is clear;

**Proposition 4.1** *Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be the maximal ideal in  $\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]$  then  $G(x, y) \in \mathfrak{M}^2$*

*Proof.* We introduce the Jacobian ideal ([...])

$$J(G) = \langle G_x, G_y \rangle = \langle -\lambda f'(\alpha + x), f'(\beta + y) \rangle = \langle f'(\alpha + x), f'(\beta + y) \rangle$$

which is the ideal in  $\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]$  generated by the partials.  $F$  has an isolated critical point at  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . if the Milnor algebra is

$$\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/J(G) = \mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/\langle G_x, G_y \rangle = \mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/\langle f'(\alpha + x), f'(\beta + y) \rangle$$

We also introduce the Tjurina ideal

$$T(G) = \langle G, G_x, G_y \rangle$$

which is the ideal in  $\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]$  generated by  $G$  and the partials. We have

$$J(G) \subset T(G)$$

The Tjurina algebra is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/T(G) &= \mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/\langle G, G_x, G_y \rangle \\ &= \mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/\langle f(\beta + y) - \lambda f(\alpha + x), f'(\alpha + x), f'(\beta + y) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\mu(G) = \dim_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/J(G))$$

$$\tau(G) = \dim_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/T(G))$$

$\mu(G)$  is called the *Milnor number* of  $F$  at the singular point  $(0,0)$ . We define the *Milnor number* of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to be  $\mu(G)$  also.  $\tau(G)$  is the *Tjurina number* of  $F$  at the singular point  $(0,0)$ . We define the *Tjurina number* of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to be  $\tau(G)$  also. Since  $J(G) \subset T(G)$

$$\tau(G) \leq \mu(G)$$

we now calculate the Milnor number of  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_{\lambda} = T \cup T_{\lambda}$

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $(\alpha, \beta) \in S_{\lambda}$  be a singular point, assume  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) = 0$  or  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) > m_{(\alpha, \beta)}(F)$

1. If  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T$ , then  $\mu(G) = (k_{\alpha} - 1)(k_{\beta} - 1)$
2. If  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T_{\lambda}$ , then  $\mu(G) = (l_{\alpha} - 1)(l_{\beta} - 1)$

*Proof.*

1. Suppose  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T$  then, the Milnor number

$$\mu(G) = \dim_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/J(G)) = \dim_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/\langle G_x, G_y \rangle) = I(G_x, G_y)$$

where  $I(G_x, G_y)$  is the *intersection number* of  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  at  $(0,0)$  (see [Fulton]). With the notation in the proof of Theorem 3.1

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{k_{\alpha}!} (-\lambda f^{(k_{\alpha})}(\alpha) x^{k_{\alpha}} + f^{(k_{\alpha})}(\beta) y^{k_{\alpha}}) + HOT$$

$$G_x = \frac{-\lambda}{(k_{\alpha}-1)!} f^{(k_{\alpha})}(\alpha) x^{k_{\alpha}-1} + HOT \text{ in } x$$

$$G_y = \frac{1}{(k_{\beta}-1)!} f^{(k_{\beta})}(\beta) y^{k_{\beta}-1} + HOT \text{ in } y$$

The multiplicity of  $(0,0)$  on  $G_x$  is  $(k_{\alpha} - 1)$  and the tangent line there is  $x = 0$  with multiplicity  $(k_{\alpha} - 1)$ . The multiplicity of  $(0,0)$  on  $G_y$  is  $(k_{\beta} - 1)$  and the tangent line there is  $y = 0$  with multiplicity  $(k_{\beta} - 1)$ . Since  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  have no common tangent at  $(0,0)$ , it follows that

$$I(G_x, G_y) = (k_{\alpha} - 1)(k_{\beta} - 1)$$

and therefore the Milnor number at  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is  $\mu(G) = (k_\alpha - 1)(k_\beta - 1)$

2. Suppose  $(\alpha, \beta) \in T_\lambda$  then a similar argument gives

$$\mu(G) = (l_\alpha - 1)(l_\beta - 1)$$

The following corollary is immediate

**Corollary 4.1**

1.  $\tau(G) < \infty$
2.  $G$  has an isolated singularity at  $(0,0)$  hence  $F$  has an isolated singularity at  $(\alpha, \beta)$  ([Hefez-Rodrigues-Salomao])

*Proof.* We have defined the Milnor number of an isolated singularity of  $F$ , now the total *Milnor number* of  $F$  is given as follow

$$\dim_{\mathcal{K}}(\mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/J(G)) =_{(\alpha, \beta) \in R' \times R'} \mu(G, (\alpha, \beta))$$

similarly, the total *Tjurina number* of  $F$ :

$$\dim_{\mathcal{K}} \mathcal{K}[[x, y]]/T(G) =_{(\alpha, \beta) \in S_\lambda} \tau(G, (\alpha, \beta))$$

For  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R' \times R'$ , let  $h_\alpha$  and  $h_\beta$  be positive integers defined by

$$f^{(i)}(\alpha) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq h_\alpha - 1 \text{ and } f^{(h_\alpha)}(\alpha) \neq 0$$

$$f^{(i)}(\beta) = 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq h_\beta - 1 \text{ and } f^{(h_\beta)}(\beta) \neq 0$$

As a consequence of Bezout's theorem, we have

**Theorem 4.2** Assume  $\text{char}(\mathcal{K}) > \max\{h_\alpha, h_\beta : (\alpha, \beta) \in R' \times R'\}$  then the

$$_{(\alpha, \beta) \in R' \times R'} (h_\alpha - 1)(h_\beta - 1) = (n - 1)^2$$

*Proof.* For each  $(\alpha, \beta) \in R' \times R'$  we obtain, as before, after moving  $(\alpha, \beta)$  to  $(0,0)$

$$I((\alpha, \beta), F_x, F_y) = I((0,0), G_x, G_y)$$

Bezout's theorem applied to  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  gives

$$(\alpha, \beta) \in R' \times R' I((\alpha, \beta), F_x, F_y) = (n-1)^2$$

but

$$G_x = \frac{-\lambda}{(h_\alpha-1)!} f^{(h_\alpha)}(\alpha) x^{h_\alpha-1} + HOT_{in} x$$

$$G_y = \frac{1}{(h_\beta-1)!} f^{(h_\beta)}(\beta) y^{h_\beta-1} + HOT_{in} y$$

Hence, the multiplicity of  $(0,0)$  on  $G_x$  is  $(h_\alpha - 1)$  and on  $G_y$  it is  $(h_\beta - 1)$ . The tangents at  $(0,0)$  to the two curves are distinct, hence

$$I((0,0), G_x, G_y) = (h_\alpha - 1)(h_\beta - 1)$$

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