

# Computing the monodromy and pole order filtration on Milnor fiber cohomology of plane curves

Alexandru Dimca <sup>1</sup>   Gabriel Sticlaru <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Université Côte d'Azur, LJAD

<sup>2</sup>Ovidius University

MEGA 2017 NICE

Acknowledgement: This work has been supported by the French government, through the UCA<sup>JEDI</sup> Investments in the Future project managed by the National Research Agency (ANR) with the reference number ANR-15-IDEX-01

# References

- A. Dimca, M. Saito, *Koszul complexes and spectra of projective hypersurfaces with isolated singularities*, *arXiv:1212.1081*
- A. Dimca, G. Sticlaru, *A computational approach to Milnor fiber cohomology*, *Forum Mathematicum*,  
DOI: 10.1515/forum-2016-0044.
- A. Dimca, G. Sticlaru, *Computing the monodromy and pole order filtration on Milnor fiber cohomology of plane curves*, *arXiv:1609.06818*.
- A. Dimca, G. Sticlaru, *Computing Milnor fiber monodromy for projective hypersurfaces*, *arXiv:1703.07146*.

SINGULAR codes available at  
<http://math1.unice.fr/dimca/singular.html>

- 1 Main characters and main question
  - Milnor fibers and monodromy
  - Basic facts: Alexander polynomial and Hodge Theory
  - Main question
- 2 Our computational approach
  - A general spectral sequence
  - Back to Alexander polynomials
  - The algorithm
- 3 Example of results via the algorithm
  - Zariski's sextic with 6 cusps on a conic
  - A free curve with non-w. h. singularities
- 4 Two conjectures and a higher dimensional example

## Basic definitions

Let  $C : f(x, y, z) = 0$  be a **reduced plane curve** in the complex projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , defined by a degree  $d$  homogeneous polynomial  $f$  in the graded polynomial ring  $S = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ .

The smooth affine surface  $F : f(x, y, z) = 1$  in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  is called the **Milnor fiber** of  $f$ . The mapping  $h : F \rightarrow F$  given by  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (\theta x, \theta y, \theta z)$  for  $\theta = \exp(2\pi i/d)$  is called the **monodromy** of  $f$ .

There are induced **monodromy operators**  $h^j : H^j(F, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^j(F, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $h^j(\omega) = (h^{-1})^*(\omega)$ , for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , and we can look at the corresponding **characteristic polynomials**

$$\Delta_C^j(t) = \det(t \cdot Id - h^j | H^j(F, \mathbb{Q})).$$

## Basic definitions

Let  $C : f(x, y, z) = 0$  be a **reduced plane curve** in the complex projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , defined by a degree  $d$  homogeneous polynomial  $f$  in the graded polynomial ring  $S = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ .

The smooth affine surface  $F : f(x, y, z) = 1$  in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  is called the **Milnor fiber** of  $f$ . The mapping  $h : F \rightarrow F$  given by  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (\theta x, \theta y, \theta z)$  for  $\theta = \exp(2\pi i/d)$  is called the **monodromy** of  $f$ .

There are induced **monodromy operators**  $h^j : H^j(F, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^j(F, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $h^j(\omega) = (h^{-1})^*(\omega)$ , for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , and we can look at the corresponding **characteristic polynomials**

$$\Delta_C^j(t) = \det(t \cdot Id - h^j | H^j(F, \mathbb{Q})).$$

## Basic definitions

Let  $C : f(x, y, z) = 0$  be a **reduced plane curve** in the complex projective plane  $\mathbb{P}^2$ , defined by a degree  $d$  homogeneous polynomial  $f$  in the graded polynomial ring  $S = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ .

The smooth affine surface  $F : f(x, y, z) = 1$  in  $\mathbb{C}^3$  is called the **Milnor fiber** of  $f$ . The mapping  $h : F \rightarrow F$  given by  $(x, y, z) \mapsto (\theta x, \theta y, \theta z)$  for  $\theta = \exp(2\pi i/d)$  is called the **monodromy** of  $f$ .

There are induced **monodromy operators**  $h^j : H^j(F, \mathbb{Q}) \rightarrow H^j(F, \mathbb{Q})$ ,  $h^j(\omega) = (h^{-1})^*(\omega)$ , for  $j = 0, 1, 2$ , and we can look at the corresponding **characteristic polynomials**

$$\Delta_C^j(t) = \det(t \cdot Id - h^j | H^j(F, \mathbb{Q})).$$

# Basic facts: Alexander polynomial

## Proposition

- 1 One has  $h^d = Id$ , and hence the monodromy operators  $h^j$  are semisimple.
- 2 The roots of the characteristic polynomials  $\Delta_C^j(t)$  are  $d$ -th roots of unity.
- 3  $H^0(F, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $h^0 = Id$ .

4

$$\Delta_C^0(t)\Delta_C^1(t)^{-1}\Delta_C^2(t) = (t^d - 1)^{\chi(U)},$$

where  $\chi(U)$  denotes the topological Euler characteristic of the complement  $U = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus C$ .

Hence the polynomial  $\Delta_C(t) = \Delta_C^1(t)$ , also called the **Alexander polynomial** of  $C$ , determines the remaining polynomial  $\Delta_C^2(t)$ .

# Basic facts: Alexander polynomial

## Proposition

- 1 One has  $h^d = Id$ , and hence the monodromy operators  $h^j$  are semisimple.
- 2 The roots of the characteristic polynomials  $\Delta_C^j(t)$  are  $d$ -th roots of unity.
- 3  $H^0(F, \mathbb{Q}) = \mathbb{Q}$  and  $h^0 = Id$ .

4

$$\Delta_C^0(t)\Delta_C^1(t)^{-1}\Delta_C^2(t) = (t^d - 1)^{\chi(U)},$$

where  $\chi(U)$  denotes the topological Euler characteristic of the complement  $U = \mathbb{P}^2 \setminus C$ .

Hence the polynomial  $\Delta_C(t) = \Delta_C^1(t)$ , also called the **Alexander polynomial** of  $C$ , determines the remaining polynomial  $\Delta_C^2(t)$ .



## Basic facts:Hodge theory

Theorem ( A.D., G. Lehrer, S. Papadima, M. Saito)

*There is a direct sum decomposition*

$$H^1(F, \mathbb{Q}) = H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_1 \oplus H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_{\neq 1}$$

*according to eigenspaces of the monodromy operator  $h^1$  such that*

- 1  $H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_1 = H^1(U, \mathbb{Q})$  is a pure Hodge structure of type  $(1, 1)$ , of dimension  $r - 1$ , where  $r$  is the number of irreducible components of the curve  $C$ ;
- 2  $H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_{\neq 1}$  is a pure Hodge structure of weight 1.

In particular, for  $\lambda \neq 1$  an eigenvalue of  $h^1$ , we have

$$H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda = H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda \oplus H^{0,1}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$$

and  $\dim H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda = \dim H^{0,1}(F, \mathbb{C})_{\bar{\lambda}}$ .

## Basic facts:Hodge theory

Theorem ( A.D., G. Lehrer, S. Papadima, M. Saito)

*There is a direct sum decomposition*

$$H^1(F, \mathbb{Q}) = H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_1 \oplus H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_{\neq 1}$$

*according to eigenspaces of the monodromy operator  $h^1$  such that*

- 1  $H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_1 = H^1(U, \mathbb{Q})$  is a pure Hodge structure of type  $(1, 1)$ , of dimension  $r - 1$ , where  $r$  is the number of irreducible components of the curve  $C$ ;
- 2  $H^1(F, \mathbb{Q})_{\neq 1}$  is a pure Hodge structure of weight 1.

In particular, for  $\lambda \neq 1$  an eigenvalue of  $h^1$ , we have

$$H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda = H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda \oplus H^{0,1}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$$

and  $\dim H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda = \dim H^{0,1}(F, \mathbb{C})_{\bar{\lambda}}$ .

# Main question

## Question

Given the degree  $d$  reduced plane curve  $C : f = 0$  and a  $d$ -th root of unity  $\lambda \neq 1$ , determine the multiplicity  $m(\lambda)$  of  $\lambda$  as a root of the Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_C(t)$ .

A more precise question: find a basis (e.g. in terms of rational differential forms) for the eigenspace  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  or for  $H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$ .

The complete answer is known in the case  $C$  **smooth** and for  $H^2(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  (in fact for any **smooth projective hypersurface**) by the work of Ph. Griffiths (1969) and J. Steenbrink (1977).

For singular curves, several answers have been given by H. Esnault (1982), A. Libgober (1982), E. Artal-Bartolo (1990) and many others.

# Main question

## Question

Given the degree  $d$  reduced plane curve  $C : f = 0$  and a  $d$ -th root of unity  $\lambda \neq 1$ , determine the multiplicity  $m(\lambda)$  of  $\lambda$  as a root of the Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_C(t)$ .

A more precise question: find a basis (e.g. in terms of rational differential forms) for the eigenspace  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  or for  $H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$ .

The complete answer is known in the case  $C$  **smooth** and for  $H^2(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  (in fact for any **smooth projective hypersurface**) by the work of Ph. Griffiths (1969) and J. Steenbrink (1977).

For singular curves, several answers have been given by H. Esnault (1982), A. Libgober (1982), E. Artal-Bartolo (1990) and many others.

# Main question

## Question

Given the degree  $d$  reduced plane curve  $C : f = 0$  and a  $d$ -th root of unity  $\lambda \neq 1$ , determine the multiplicity  $m(\lambda)$  of  $\lambda$  as a root of the Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_C(t)$ .

A more precise question: find a basis (e.g. in terms of rational differential forms) for the eigenspace  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  or for  $H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$ .

The complete answer is known in the case  $C$  **smooth** and for  $H^2(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  (in fact for any **smooth projective hypersurface**) by the work of Ph. Griffiths (1969) and J. Steenbrink (1977).

For singular curves, several answers have been given by H. Esnault (1982), A. Libgober (1982), E. Artal-Bartolo (1990) and many others.

# Main question

## Question

Given the degree  $d$  reduced plane curve  $C : f = 0$  and a  $d$ -th root of unity  $\lambda \neq 1$ , determine the multiplicity  $m(\lambda)$  of  $\lambda$  as a root of the Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_C(t)$ .

A more precise question: find a basis (e.g. in terms of rational differential forms) for the eigenspace  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  or for  $H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$ .

The complete answer is known in the case  $C$  **smooth** and for  $H^2(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$  (in fact for any **smooth projective hypersurface**) by the work of Ph. Griffiths (1969) and J. Steenbrink (1977).

For singular curves, several answers have been given by H. Esnault (1982), A. Libgober (1982), E. Artal-Bartolo (1990) and many others.

## A general spectral sequence

Let  $\Omega^j$  denote the graded  $S$ -module of (polynomial) differential  $j$ -forms on  $\mathbb{C}^3$ , for  $0 \leq j \leq 3$ . For instance  $f \in \Omega^0 = S$  and

$$df = f_x dx + f_y dy + f_z dz \in \Omega^1.$$

The complex  $K_f^* = (\Omega^*, df \wedge)$  is nothing else but the **Koszul complex** in  $S$  of the **partial derivatives**  $f_x$ ,  $f_y$  and  $f_z$  of the polynomial  $f$ . Fix an integer  $k$  such that  $1 \leq k \leq d$  and set from now on

$$\lambda = \exp(-2\pi ik/d).$$

Then one has the following results.

Theorem (A.D. (1990), A.D. and M. Saito (2012), M. Saito (2016))

With the above notation, for any integer  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq d$ , there is an  $E_1$ -spectral sequence  $E_*(f)_k$  such that

$$E_1^{s,t}(f)_k = H^{s+t+1}(K_f^*)_{td+k}$$

and converging to

$$E_\infty^{s,t}(f)_k = Gr_P^s H^{s+t}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$$

where  $P^*$  is a decreasing filtration on the Milnor fiber cohomology, called the pole order filtration. Moreover

- $E_1(f)_k = E_\infty(f)_k$  for all  $k$ 's if and only if  $C$  is **smooth**.
- $E_2(f)_k = E_\infty(f)_k$  for all  $k$ 's if and only if  $C$  has only **weighted homogeneous singularities**.



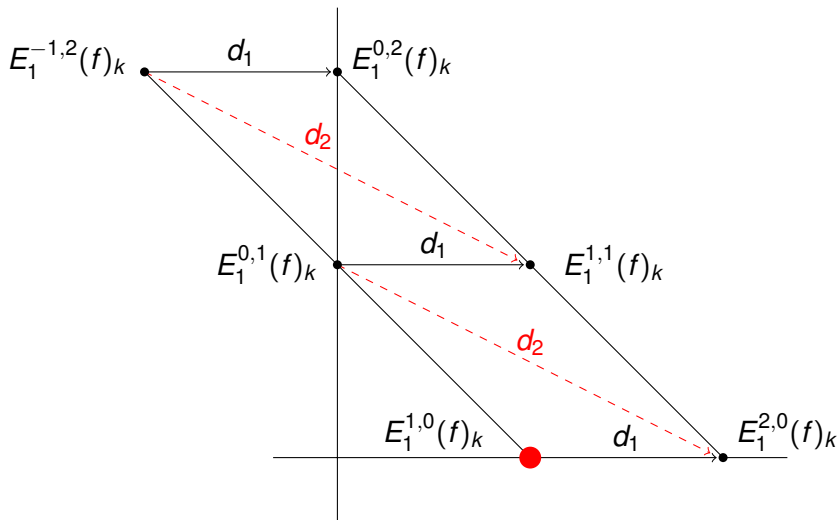


Figure: The  $E_1$ -term of the spectral sequence  $E_*(f)_k$ ,  $d_1([\omega]) = [d(\omega)]$ .

## Back to Alexander polynomials

What about the curves with non weighted homogeneous singularities? Then it is known that  $E_2(f)_k \neq E_\infty(f)_k$  for any  $1 \leq k \leq d$ . However we have the following.

### Theorem

*Let  $C : f = 0$  be a reduced degree  $d$  curve, and let  $\lambda = \exp(-2\pi ik/d)$ , with  $k \in (0, d)$  an integer. Then  $\lambda$  is a root of the Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_C(t)$  of multiplicity  $m(\lambda)$  given by*

$$m(\lambda) = \dim E_2^{1,0}(f)_k + \dim E_2^{1,0}(f)_{k'}.$$

Main idea: show that the pole order filtration on  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})$  coincides with the Hodge filtration.

## Back to Alexander polynomials

What about the curves with non weighted homogeneous singularities? Then it is known that  $E_2(f)_k \neq E_\infty(f)_k$  for any  $1 \leq k \leq d$ . However we have the following.

### Theorem

*Let  $C : f = 0$  be a reduced degree  $d$  curve, and let  $\lambda = \exp(-2\pi ik/d)$ , with  $k \in (0, d)$  an integer. Then  $\lambda$  is a root of the Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_C(t)$  of multiplicity  $m(\lambda)$  given by*

$$m(\lambda) = \dim E_2^{1,0}(f)_k + \dim E_2^{1,0}(f)_{k'}.$$

Main idea: show that the pole order filtration on  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})$  coincides with the Hodge filtration.

# The algorithm

The following steps can be performed using the software SINGULAR for instance.

- 1 Define  $\text{Syz}(f) := \ker\{df \wedge : \Omega^2 \rightarrow \Omega^3\}$ , and determine a  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector basis of the  $q$ -th homogeneous component  $\text{Syz}(f)_q$ , for  $2 \leq q \leq 2d$ . This is particularly easy when  $C$  is a free curve.
- 2 Determine the dimension  $\kappa_q$  of the kernel of the morphism  $\delta_q : \text{Syz}(f)_q \rightarrow M(f)_{q-3}$ , where  $M(f) = S/(f_x, f_y, f_z)$  is the Milnor algebra of  $f$  and

$$\delta_q(ady \wedge dz - bdx \wedge dz + cdx \wedge dy) = [a_x + b_y + c_z] \in M(f)_{q-3}.$$

$\delta_q$  is the differential  $d_1$  in the spectral sequence.

- 3 Compute  $\epsilon_q = \kappa_q - \dim(df \wedge \Omega^1)_q$ , where the last dimension depends only on the degree  $d$ , being exactly  $3 \dim S_{q-d-1}$ .

Finally note that

$$\epsilon_q = \dim E_2^{1-t, t}(f)_k$$

where  $k \in [1, d]$ ,  $q - k$  is divisible by  $d$  and  $t := (q - k)/d$ . This gives us all the  $E_2$ -terms of the spectral sequence that occur in our main results above.

Moreover, let  $\iota : F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$  denote the inclusion of the Milnor fiber  $F$  into  $\mathbb{C}^3$  and  $\Delta : \Omega^j \rightarrow \Omega^{j-1}$  denote the contraction with the Euler vector field  $E = x\partial_x + y\partial_y + z\partial_z$ . If a 2-form  $\eta$  satisfies both

$$df \wedge \eta = 0 \text{ and } d\eta = 0,$$

then it gives rise to an element  $\alpha = \iota^*(\Delta(\eta))$  in  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})$ . In this way, the above algorithm can give a **basis for the cohomology group**  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})$ .

Finally note that

$$\epsilon_q = \dim E_2^{1-t, t}(f)_k$$

where  $k \in [1, d]$ ,  $q - k$  is divisible by  $d$  and  $t := (q - k)/d$ . This gives us all the  $E_2$ -terms of the spectral sequence that occur in our main results above.

Moreover, let  $\iota : F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^3$  denote the inclusion of the Milnor fiber  $F$  into  $\mathbb{C}^3$  and  $\Delta : \Omega^j \rightarrow \Omega^{j-1}$  denote the contraction with the Euler vector field  $E = x\partial_x + y\partial_y + z\partial_z$ . If a 2-form  $\eta$  satisfies both

$$df \wedge \eta = 0 \text{ and } d\eta = 0,$$

then it gives rise to an element  $\alpha = \iota^*(\Delta(\eta))$  in  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})$ . In this way, the above algorithm can give a **basis for the cohomology group**  $H^1(F, \mathbb{C})$ .

# Zariski's sextic with 6 cusps on a conic

Consider the sextic curve

$$C : f = (x^2 + y^2)^3 + (y^3 + z^3)^2 = 0,$$

having 6 cusps on a conic and Alexander polynomial  $\Delta_C(t) = t^2 - t + 1$ . This curve is not free, the module  $\text{Syz}(f)$  has a minimal set of generators consisting of one syzygy of degree 5, namely

$$\omega_1 = yz^2 dy \wedge dz + xz^2 dx \wedge dz + xy^2 dx \wedge dy,$$

and 3 other syzygies of degree 7, among which

$$\omega_2 = (y^3 z^2 + z^5) dy \wedge dz - (x^5 + 2x^3 y^2 + xy^4) dx \wedge dy.$$

It is clear that  $d(\omega_1) = d(\omega_2) = 0$ .

## Theorem

Let  $C : f = (x^2 + y^2)^3 + (y^3 + z^3)^2 = 0$  be the above sextic curve and set  $\lambda = \exp(\pi i/3)$ . Then the following hold.

- 1  $\alpha = \iota^*(\Delta(\omega_1))$  spans the 1-dimensional vector space  $H^{1,0}(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda = H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda$ .
- 2  $\beta = \iota^*(\Delta(\omega_2))$  spans the 1-dimensional vector space  $H^{0,1}(F, \mathbb{C})_{\bar{\lambda}} = H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_{\bar{\lambda}}$ .

Hence the pair  $\alpha, \beta$  gives a basis for the cohomology group

$$H^1(F, \mathbb{C}) = H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda \oplus H^1(F, \mathbb{C})_{\bar{\lambda}}.$$



# A SINGULAR output for Zariski sextic

For the he term  $E_2 = E_3 = E_\infty$ , we set  $\epsilon_q^2 = \dim E_2^{1-t,t}(f)_k$  and  $\mu_q^2 = \dim E_2^{2-t,t}(f)_k$ , where  $q = td + k$ .

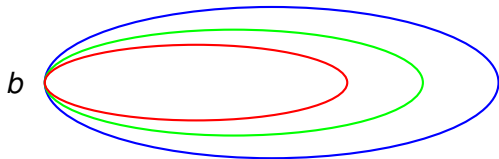
$q:$	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\epsilon_q^2:$	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
$\mu_q^2:$	1	3	6	7	10	9	8	6	4	1

The sequence  $\epsilon_q^2 = \epsilon_q^\infty$  is symmetric with respect to the center  $q = d$ , while the sequence  $\mu_q^2 = \mu_q^\infty$  does not have this property.

## A free curve with non-w. h. singularities

Consider the following conic pencil with one point base locus:

$$tx^2 + s(xz + y^2) = 0$$



Using this pencil we construct the following curves:

$$C_{2m} : f = x^{2m} + (xz + y^2)^m = 0 \text{ and } C_{2m+1} : f = x(x^{2m} + (xz + y^2)^m) = 0.$$

These curves have been essentially introduced by C.T.C. Wall and independently by Arkadiusz Płoski.

## Theorem (A.D. 2017)

Consider the curves  $C_d$  defined above, for  $d \geq 3$ . Then the following holds.

- 1 The curves  $C_d$  are free with exponents  $d_1 = 1$  and  $d_2 = d - 2$ .
- 2 The complement  $U$  satisfies  $b_2(U) = 0$  and the Euler characteristic  $\chi(U)$  is given by

$$\chi(U) = 2 - d + \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor.$$

- 3 When  $d$  is odd, then the Milnor fiber  $F$  is homotopy equivalent to a bouquet of circles  $\vee S^1$ , and hence the corresponding Alexander polynomial  $\Delta(t)$  of  $C_d$  is given by

$$\Delta(t) = (t - 1)(t^d - 1)^{-\chi(U)}.$$

# A SINGULAR output for $d = 9$

The term  $E_2$

$q$ :	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$\epsilon_q^2$ :	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
$\mu_q^2$ :	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

The term  $E_3 = E_\infty$

$q$ :	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$\epsilon_q^\infty$ :	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
$\mu_q^\infty$ :	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Conjecture (A.D. and G.S. 2016)

With the above notation, for any reduced degree  $d$  plane curve  $C : f = 0$  and any integer  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq d$ , the  $E_1$ - spectral sequence  $E_*(f)_k$  degenerates at the third page, i.e.

$$E_3(f)_k = E_\infty(f)_k.$$

Note that there are similar spectral sequences for a reduced degree  $d$  hypersurface  $V : f = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , for  $n > 2$ , whose complexity increases according to the dimension of the singular set of  $V$ .

## Conjecture (A.D. and G.S. 2016)

With the above notation, for any reduced degree  $d$  plane curve  $C : f = 0$  and any integer  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq d$ , the  $E_1$ - spectral sequence  $E_*(f)_k$  degenerates at the third page, i.e.

$$E_3(f)_k = E_\infty(f)_k.$$

Note that there are similar spectral sequences for a reduced degree  $d$  hypersurface  $V : f = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , for  $n > 2$ , whose complexity increases according to the dimension of the singular set of  $V$ .

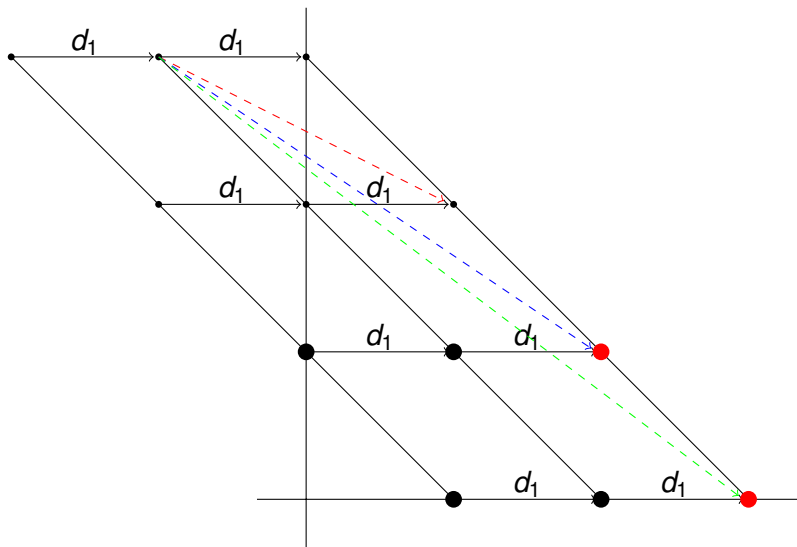


Figure: The spectral sequence  $E_*(f)_k$  for a surface with 1-dim singular set.

## Conjecture (A.D. and G.S. 2017)

For any hyperplane arrangement  $V : f = 0$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  and any integer  $k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq d$ ,  $d$  being the number of hyperplanes in  $V$ , the  $E_1$ - spectral sequence  $E_*(f)_k$  degenerates at the second page, i.e.

$$E_2(f)_k = E_\infty(f)_k.$$

Moreover, one has  $E_2^{s,t}(f)_k = 0$  for  $t > 1$ .

One knows that  $E_\infty^{s,t}(f)_k = 0$  for  $t > 1$  using results by M. Saito on the **Bernstein-Sato polynomials** of hyperplane arrangements. A similar result holds for free locally quasi-homogeneous hypersurfaces  $V : f = 0$  using results by L. Narvéz Macarro.



## Definition

Let  $V : f = 0$  be a hypersurface of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  and let  $k$  be a positive integer satisfying  $1 \leq k \leq d$ . We say that the hypersurface  $V$ , or the defining polynomial  $f$ , is  $k$ -top-computable if

$$\dim E_2^{n,0}(f)_k + \dim E_2^{n-1,1}(f)_k = \dim H^n(F, \mathbb{C})_\lambda,$$

where  $\lambda = \exp(-2\pi ik/d) \neq 1$ , and respectively  $\dim E_2^{n,0}(f)_d = \dim H^n(F, \mathbb{C})_1$  if  $k = d$ .

## Conjecture

For any arrangement  $\mathcal{A} : f = 0$  of  $d$  hyperplanes in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , and for any free locally quasi-homogeneous divisor  $V : f = 0$  of degree  $d$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , the defining polynomial  $f$  is  $k$ -top-computable for any positive integer  $k$  satisfying  $1 \leq k \leq d$ .

# An Example

## Example (The Coxeter arrangement $D_4$ )

The arrangement  $D_4$  is defined in  $\mathbb{C}^4$  by the equation of degree 12

$$\mathcal{A} : f = (x^2 - y^2)(x^2 - z^2)(x^2 - w^2)(y^2 - z^2)(y^2 - w^2)(z^2 - w^2) = 0.$$

We have the following formulas for the Alexander polynomials:

$$\Delta^1(\mathcal{A}) = \Phi_1^{11} \Phi_3,$$

$$\Delta^2(\mathcal{A}) = \Phi_1^{39} \cdot \Phi_2^4 \cdot \Phi_3^9 \cdot \Phi_6^4,$$

and

$$\Delta^3(\mathcal{A}) = \Phi_1^{45} \cdot \Phi_2^{20} \cdot \Phi_3^{24} \cdot \Phi_4^{16} \cdot \Phi_6^{20} \cdot \Phi_{12}^{16},$$

where  $\Phi_j$  is the  $j$ -th cyclotomic polynomial. Any value  $k \neq 2, 4, 6, 12$  is non-resonant with respect to the arrangement  $D_4$ .