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1. Introduction.

Let $g:\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $h:\mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be polynomial maps. Our main aim is the study of the polynomial maps $f:\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$; $f(x,y)=g(x)+h(y)$ and $f(x,y)=g(x) \cdot h(y)$. In fact, the methods which are presented in this note, can be used also in the more general case $f(x,y)=P(g(x),h(y))$, where $P:\mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a polynomial map with two variables. But in this general case, the formulation of the results becomes more complicated depending on the complexity of the topology of affine curve $P=0$.

The main results are the followings:

- the generic fiber of the map $f(x,y)=g(x)+h(y)$ is homeomorphic equivalent with the join space of the generic fibers of the maps g and h .
- the determination of the topology of generic fiber in the product case : $f(x,y)=g(x) \cdot h(y)$.
- the monodromy in both cases.

The results of this note are natural continuations of the results of M.Sebastiani and R.Thom [Se-T] (the local case of isolated singularities), K.Sakamoto [Sa₁], [Sa₂] (the local case), and M.Oka [O] (the case of weighted homogeneous polynomials.).

2. The sum case : $P(c,d)=c+d$

Let $g:\mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $h:\mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be polynomial maps. Then there exists a finite set $\Lambda_g=\{c_1, \dots, c_t\}$ (respectively $\Lambda_h=\{d_1, \dots, d_s\}$) such that $g:\mathbb{C}^n - g^{-1}(\Lambda_g) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} - \Lambda_g$ (respectively $h:\mathbb{C}^m - h^{-1}(\Lambda_h) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} - \Lambda_h$) is a C^∞ locally trivial fibration.

We define $f: \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $f(x, y) = g(x) + h(y)$ and $\Delta_f = \Delta_g + \Delta_h = \{c_i + d_j \mid c_i \in \Delta_g, d_j \in \Delta_h\}$. If we introduce the set $L_e = \{(c, d) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \mid c + d = e\}$ for all $e \in \mathbb{C}$, and the map $u = g \times h: \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C}$, $u(x, y) = (g(x), h(y))$, then $f^{-1}(e) = u^{-1}(L_e)$. Hence, the study of the polynomial f is in strong connection with the study of the map u and the mutual position of the line L_e and the set $\Delta = (\mathbb{C} \times \Delta_h) \cup (\Delta_g \times \mathbb{C})$. If $e \notin \Delta_f$, then let $\{c_i\}_{i=1,t} = \{(c_i, e - c_i)\}_{i=1,t} = L_e \cap (\Delta_g \times \mathbb{C})$ and $\{d_j\}_{j=1,s} = \{(e - d_j, d_j)\}_{j=1,s} = L_e \cap (\mathbb{C} \times \Delta_h)$.

Lemma 2.1. There exists a C^∞ diffeomorphism $v: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow L_e$, such that $v^{-1}(c_i) \subset \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty)$ ($i=1, \dots, t$) and $v^{-1}(d_j) \subset \mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, 0)$ ($j=1, \dots, s$).

This is the consequence of the following

Homogeneity Lemma [Mi]

Let n_i and n'_i ($i=1, \dots, l$) be arbitrary points of the smooth, connected manifold N . Then there exists a diffeomorphism $v: N \rightarrow N$ which (is smoothly isotopic to the identity and) carries n_i into n'_i . (In addition v can be chosen such that the set $\overline{\{x \in N : v(x) \neq x\}}$ is compact).

We define the following sets in L_e : $v(\mathbb{R} \times [0, \infty)) = \mathcal{C}$, $v(\mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, 0]) = \mathcal{D}$, $v(\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}) = \mathcal{T}$ and $v((0, 0)) = \Gamma$.

Hence $c_i \in \mathcal{C}$ ($i=1, \dots, t$) and $d_j \in \mathcal{D}$ ($j=1, \dots, s$).

First result is the following

Theorem 2.2. The restricted map

$f: \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m - f^{-1}(\Delta_f) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} - \Delta_f$ is a C^∞ locally trivial fibration.

Proof. If we denote $\mathcal{C}_\varepsilon = v(\mathbb{R} \times [\varepsilon, \infty))$ and

$\mathcal{D}_\varepsilon = v(\mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, -\varepsilon])$, then there exists a sufficiently small

$\varepsilon > 0$, such that $c_i \in \mathcal{C}_\varepsilon$ ($i=1, \dots, t$) and $d_j \in \mathcal{D}_\varepsilon$ ($j=1, \dots, s$).

We define a C^∞ function $\varphi: L_e \rightarrow [0, 1]$ by $\varphi = \varphi' \circ v^{-1}$,

where $\varphi'(r_1, r_2) = \varphi''(r_2)$ is a C^∞ function with

$$\varphi''(r_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & r_2 \leq -\frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ 0 & r_2 \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \end{cases}$$

Let $e \notin \Lambda_f$. Because g is trivial over $\text{pr}_1(L_e - \mathcal{L}_e) = P$ (where pr_1 is the first projection $\text{pr}_1 : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$), there exists a diffeomorphism $\Psi = (\Psi_1, \Psi_2) : g^{-1}(P) \rightarrow P \times G$ such that $\Psi_1 = g$. It can be shown, that there exists $\varepsilon' > 0$, such that the map $\tilde{\phi} : B_{\varepsilon'} \times P \times G \rightarrow B_{\varepsilon'} \times P \times G$, $\tilde{\phi}(a, c, x) = (a, c + \varphi(c, e - c) \cdot (a - e), x)$ is bijective and local diffeomorphism in any point (a, c, x) , hence is diffeomorphism (here $B_{\varepsilon'} = \{a \in \mathbb{C} : |a - e| < \varepsilon'\}$).

We define the diffeomorphism

$\phi^g = (1, \phi_2^g) : B_{\varepsilon'} \times g^{-1}(P) \rightarrow B_{\varepsilon'} \times g^{-1}(P)$ by the diagram :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B_{\varepsilon'} \times g^{-1}(P) & \xrightarrow{(1, \phi_2^g)} & B_{\varepsilon'} \times g^{-1}(P) \\ \downarrow \psi & \sim & \downarrow \psi \\ B_{\varepsilon'} \times P \times G & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\phi}} & B_{\varepsilon'} \times P \times G \end{array}$$

Therefore $g(\phi_2^g(a, x)) = g(x) + \varphi(g(x), e - g(x)) \cdot (a - e)$ (*)

The map $(1, \phi_2^g)$ can be extended by the identity, hence we have constructed a diffeomorphism

$(1, \phi_2^g) : B_{\varepsilon'} \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow B_{\varepsilon'} \times \mathbb{C}^n$, such that (*) holds.

In a similar way we obtain a diffeomorphism

$(1, \phi_2^h) : B_{\varepsilon'} \times \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow B_{\varepsilon'} \times \mathbb{C}^m$, such that

$$h(\phi_2^h(a, y)) = h(y) + (1 - \varphi)(e - h(y), h(y)) \cdot (a - e)$$

We define $\phi : B_{\varepsilon'} \times f^{-1}(e) \rightarrow f^{-1}(B_{\varepsilon'})$ by $\phi(a, x, y) = (\phi_2^g(a, x), \phi_2^h(a, y))$. Then ϕ is diffeomorphism and $f(\phi(a, x, y)) = a$.

Because $f^{-1}(e) = u^{-1}(L_e)$, it is important to study the restricted map $u : u^{-1}(L_e) \rightarrow L_e$.

Lemma 2.3. Let $e \notin \Lambda_f$. Then

a.) $u : u^{-1}(L_e - \Delta) \longrightarrow L_e - \Delta$ is a C^∞ locally trivial fibration.

$$b.) u^{-1}(\mathcal{D}) \approx G \times h^{-1}(pr_2 \mathcal{D}) \approx G \times \mathbb{C}^m$$

$$u^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) \approx g^{-1}(pr_1 \mathcal{E}) \times H \approx \mathbb{C}^n \times H$$

$$u^{-1}(\gamma) \approx u^{-1}(\Gamma) \times \mathbb{R} \approx G \times H \times \mathbb{R}$$

(where G and H are the generic fibres of the polynomials g and h and " \approx " means "diffeomorphic").

Proof: a.) Let $(c, d) \in L_e - \Delta$. Then there exists a neighbourhood U of (c, d) such that g (respectively h) is trivial over $pr_1 U$ ($pr_2 U$). Hence there exist the diffeomorphisms:

$$\psi^g = (g, \psi_2^g) : g^{-1}(pr_1 U) \longrightarrow pr_1 U \times G \text{ and}$$

$$\psi^h = (h, \psi_2^h) : h^{-1}(pr_2 U) \longrightarrow pr_2 U \times H.$$

Then $\psi : u^{-1}(U) \longrightarrow U \times G \times H$ by

$\psi(x, y) = ((g(x), h(y)), \psi_2^g(x), \psi_2^h(y))$ is a trivialisation of u over U .

b.) The map $(\psi_2^g, p_2) : u^{-1}(\mathcal{D}) \longrightarrow G \times h^{-1}(pr_2 \mathcal{D})$, $(\psi_2^g, p_2)(x, y) = (\psi_2^g(x), y)$ is a diffeomorphism.

Because $\Delta_h \subset pr_2 \mathcal{D}$, we have $h^{-1}(pr_2 \mathcal{D}) \approx h^{-1}(\mathbb{C})$. ■

With this preparations we can prove the following

Theorem 2.4. Let f be a polynomial in $\mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m$ such that $f(x, y) = g(x) + h(y)$. Let $F = f^{-1}(e)$ ($e \notin \Lambda_f$), $G = g^{-1}(c)$ ($c \notin \Lambda_g$) and $H = h^{-1}(d)$ ($d \notin \Lambda_h$). Then there is a homotopy equivalence between F and $G * H$ (where $G * H$ is the join of G and H).

Proof. From Lemma 2.3., there is a homotopy equivalence between $F = u^{-1}(L_e)$ and $u^{-1}(L_e - (\gamma - \Gamma))$, which is homotopic equivalent with $\mathbb{C}^n \times H \cup_{G \times H} G \times \mathbb{C}^m$ (in the disjoint union of the spaces $\mathbb{C}^n \times H$ and $G \times \mathbb{C}^m$ we identify the subspace $G \times H \subset \mathbb{C}^n \times H$, $G \times H \subset G \times \mathbb{C}^m$).

We have the following homotopy equivalences of pairs of spaces:

$$(\mathbb{C}^n \times H, G \times H) \sim (\mathbb{C}^n \times H \bigcup_{G \times H \times \{0\}} G \times H \times [0,1], G \times H \times \{1\}) \sim ((\text{Con } G) \times H, G \times H)$$

(where Con G is the cone over G).

If we define $x_1 = \{[x, t, y] \in G \times H : t \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$ and

$x_2 = \{[x, t, y] \in G \times H : t \geq \frac{1}{2}\}$, then $(x_1, x_1 \cap x_2) \sim (G \times (\text{Con } H), G \times H)$

and $(x_2, x_1 \cap x_2) \sim ((\text{Con } G) \times H, G \times H)$

Therefore $F \sim x_1 \bigcup_{x_1 \cap x_2} x_2 = G * H$. ■

Corollary 2.5.

$$\text{a.) } \tilde{H}_q(F) = \bigoplus_{p+r=q-1} \tilde{H}_p(G) \otimes \tilde{H}_r(H) \oplus \bigoplus_{p+r=q-2} \text{Tor}(\tilde{H}_p(G), \tilde{H}_r(H))$$

(for the proof, see [Mi₂]).

b.) If G is n_1 -connected and H is n_2 -connected, then F is $n_1 + n_2 + 2$ -connected. In particular F is connected.

c.) $\mathcal{T}_1(F) =$ the free group of rank $(a-1)(b-1)$, where $H_0(G) = \mathbb{Z}^a$, $H_0(H) = \mathbb{Z}^b$.

Remark 2.6. The homology groups can be calculated using the Mayer-Vietoris exact sequence :

$$\dots \rightarrow \tilde{H}_q(u^{-1}(\gamma)) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_q(u^{-1}(\mathcal{E})) \oplus \tilde{H}_q(u^{-1}(\mathcal{D})) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_q(F) \xrightarrow{\partial_*} \tilde{H}_{q-1}(u^{-1}(\gamma))$$

If we use Lemma 2.4. we obtain the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \tilde{H}_q(F) \xrightarrow{r_* \circ \partial_*} \tilde{H}_{q-1}(G \times H) \rightarrow \tilde{H}_{q-1}(\mathbb{C}^n \times H) \oplus \tilde{H}_{q-1}(G \times \mathbb{C}^m) \rightarrow 0$$

which is equivalent with Corollary 2.5.a.

(Here the isomorphism r_* is induced by the retraction $r : u^{-1}(\gamma) \rightarrow u^{-1}(\Gamma)$).

Now, we describe the monodromy of f.

If $e \in \Delta_f$, then $e = c_{i_1} + d_{j_1}$, $i_1 = 1, \dots, r$, $j_1 \in \{1, \dots, s\}$. If we take $e(t) = e + \beta \cdot \exp(2\pi it)$ with $\beta > 0$, sufficiently small and $t \in [0,1]$, then

$$c_i(t) = (c_i, e - c_i + \beta \cdot \exp(2\pi it)) \text{ and } d_j(t) = (e - d_j + \beta \cdot \exp(2\pi it), d_j).$$

Hence the points c_{i_1} and d_{j_1} turn around each other.

If we take $v_t : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow L_{e(t)}$ ($t \in [0,1]$) such that

v_t is a C^∞ diffeomorphism with $v_t^{-1}(d_j(t)) \subset \mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, 0)$ and

$v_t^{-1}(c_i(t)) \subset \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty)$, then we denote $v_1(\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}) = m_e(\gamma)$.

We can consider that the point $\Gamma = v_t((0,0))$ is invariable.

Then it is easy to prove the following

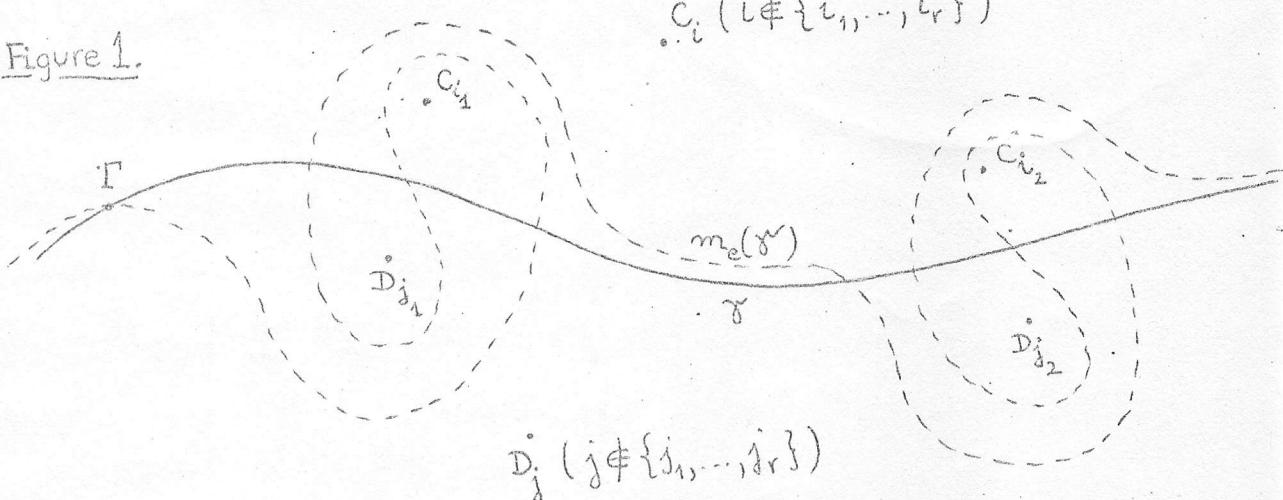
Theorem 2.7. If $m_e^q : \tilde{H}_q(F) \xrightarrow{\sim} \tilde{H}_q(F)$ denote the monodromy action induced by the path $t \mapsto e(t)$, then we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \tilde{H}_q(F) & \xleftarrow{\partial_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(u^{-1}(\gamma)) & \xrightarrow{(r_1)_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(G \times H) \\ \downarrow m_e^q & & & & \parallel \text{identity} \\ \tilde{H}_q(F) & \xleftarrow{\partial_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(u^{-1}(m_e(\gamma))) & \xrightarrow{(r_2)_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(G \times H) \end{array}$$

where $(r_1)_*$ and $(r_2)_*$ are induced by the retractions $r_1 : u^{-1}(\gamma) \longrightarrow u^{-1}(\Gamma)$ and $r_2 : u^{-1}(m_e(\gamma)) \longrightarrow u^{-1}(\Gamma)$.

The following drawing illustrate the change $\gamma \mapsto m_e(\gamma)$

Figure 1.



Corollary 2.8. If $\Delta_g = \{c\}$, $\Delta_h = \{d\}$ and if m_g and m_h denote the monodromy actions of the maps g and h around the points c and d , then the monodromy action of the f around the point $c+d$ is $m_g * m_h$.

Proof. Let B_D and B_C be open disks centred at $v_0^{-1}(D)$ respectively at $v_0^{-1}(C)$ with sufficiently small radius and let \overline{DC} be the segment with endpoints at $v_0^{-1}(D)$ and $v_0^{-1}(C)$. Then there is a homotopy equivalence between $u^{-1}(v_0(B_D \cup \overline{DC} \cup B_C))$ and $u^{-1}(L_e) = F$. If we choose v_t such that $m_e(\gamma) \cap v_0(\overline{DC}) = \gamma \cap v_0(\overline{DC}) = I$, then we have the following figure :

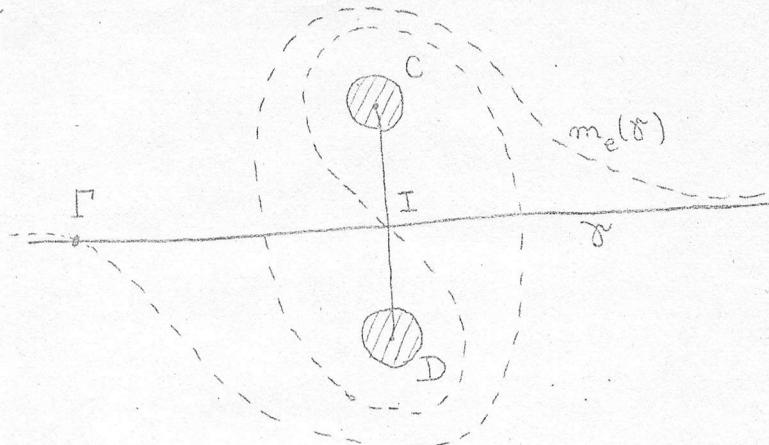


Figure 2.

Let $(\Gamma I)_i$ be the path $(\Gamma I)_i(t) = v_i(t \cdot v_i^{-1}(I))$, $t \in [0, 1]$ ($i=0, 1$)
and
 $(\Gamma I)_0^{-1} \circ (\Gamma I)_1(t) = \begin{cases} (\Gamma I)_1(2t) & t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}] \\ (\Gamma I)_0(2-2t) & t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1] \end{cases}$

Then we have the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \tilde{H}_q(F) & \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(u^{-1}(m_e(\delta))) & \xrightarrow[\sim]{(r_2)_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(u^{-1}(\Gamma)) \\ id. \downarrow s & & & & \downarrow ((\Gamma I)_0^{-1} \circ (\Gamma I)_1)_* \\ \tilde{H}_q(F) & \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(u^{-1}(\delta)) & \xrightarrow{(r_1)_*} & \tilde{H}_{q-1}(u^{-1}(\Gamma)) \end{array}$$

Summed this diagram with the diagram from Theorem 2.7. we obtain that $m_e = ((\Gamma I)_0^{-1} \circ (\Gamma I)_1)_* = m_g * m_h$ ■

Remarks 2.9.

1.) The construction of the generic fiber F as the join space $G * H$ is independent on the local structure of the singularities of the polynomials g and h .

For example, if we take $g(x_1, x_2) = x_1(x_1 x_2 + 1)$ then $\Lambda_g = \{0\}$ (the point 0 is not a critical value), the generic fiber is diffeomorphic with \mathbb{C}^* , and the monodromy m_g is trivial. Therefore, for any $h(y_1, \dots, y_m)$ with $\Lambda_h = \{0\}$, the generic fiber of the sum function $f = g + h$ has the homotopy type of $S^1 * H$, $\Lambda_f = \{0\}$ and the monodromy of f is $1 * m_h$.

2.) If Λ_g and Λ_h have more elements, then we can construct also a set S , as union of small disks and

curves, with the following properties

- F is homotopic equivalent with $u^{-1}(S)$
- $\gamma \cap S = m(\gamma) \cap S$
- m and $m(\gamma)$ intersect (transversally) only the curves.
- If γ intersects S in the points $(I_i)_i$, then we have.
the following decomposition of the $a \in \text{im}((r_1)_* \circ \partial_*)$, $a = \sum_i a_i$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \widetilde{H}_*(F) & \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \widetilde{H}_*(u^{-1}(\gamma)) & \xrightarrow{(r_1)_*} & \widetilde{H}_*(u^{-1}(\Gamma)) \\ \downarrow S & & & & \uparrow \sum_i \\ \widetilde{H}_*(S) & \xrightarrow{\partial_*} & \bigoplus_i \widetilde{H}_*(u^{-1}(I_i)) & \xrightarrow{\oplus \text{ind}_{I_i}} & \bigoplus_i \widetilde{H}_*(u^{-1}(\gamma)) \xrightarrow{\oplus (r_1)_*} \bigoplus_i \widetilde{H}_*(u^{-1}(\Gamma)) \end{array}$$

The monodromy action of f on a component a_i of this decomposition is the monodromy action induced by a path in $L_{e+\beta}$ (which depend on the i), hence can be described by the monodromy actions of the g and h .

For example, if we have the following picture (Figure 3). then $m_e(a) = m_e(a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{l=1}^r a_1^k) = a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^2 \sum_{l=1}^r (\gamma_1^k)_{*} (a_1^k)$, where γ_1^k is the path $(\Gamma I_{j_1}^k)_0^{-1} \circ (\Gamma I_{j_1}^k)_1$.

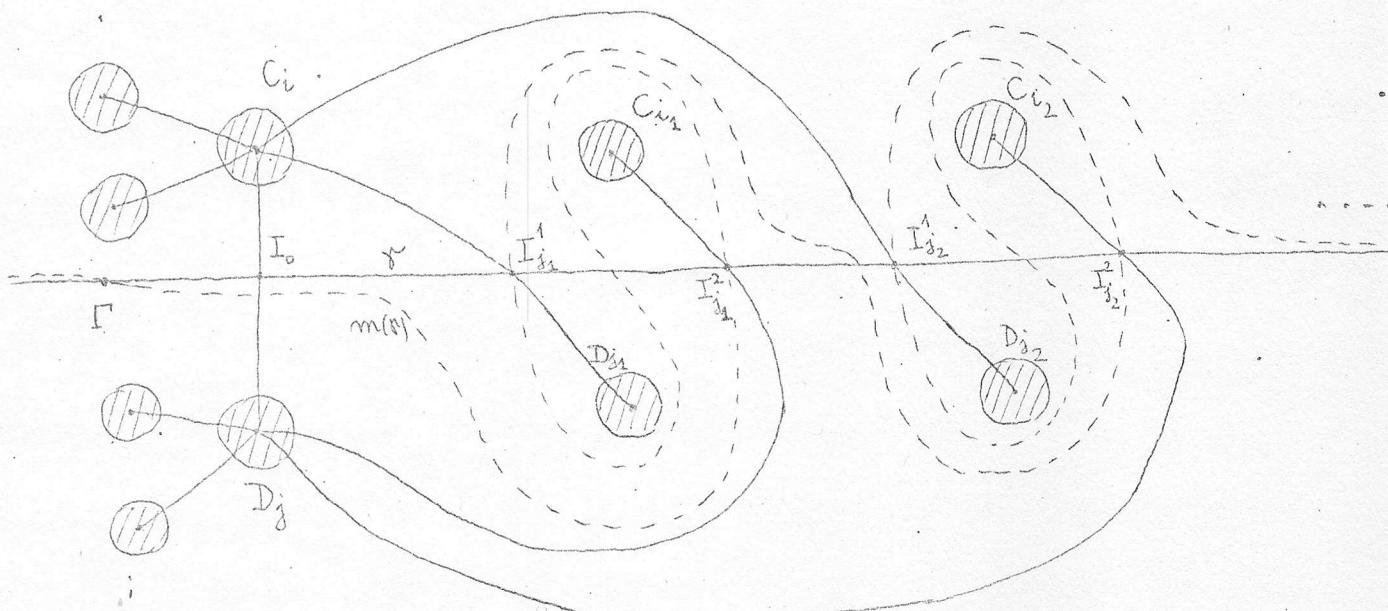


Figure 3.

3. The product case : $P(c,d)=c \cdot d$

The proofs of the affirmations in this section can be obtained by adapting the proofs of 2§. Therefore, they are omitted here.

Let $g : \mathbb{C}^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and $h : \mathbb{C}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be as in 2§, and we define $f : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$ by $f(x,y) = g(x) \cdot h(y)$. If we take $\Delta_f = \{0\} \cup \Delta_g \cup \Delta_h = \{0\} \cup \{c_i \cdot d_j \mid c_i \in \Delta_g, d_j \in \Delta_h\}$, then the restricted map $f : \mathbb{C}^n \times \mathbb{C}^m - f^{-1}(\Delta_f) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} - \Delta_f$ is a C^∞ locally trivial fibration.

If $e \notin \Delta_f$, then $Q_e = \{(c,d) \in \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \mid c \cdot d = e\}$ is diffeomorphic with $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : 1 < |z| < 2\}$. Let $\{D_j\}_{j=1,s} = Q_e \cap (\mathbb{C} \times \Delta_h)$ and $\{c_i\}_{i=1,t} = Q_e \cap (\Delta_g \times \mathbb{C})$. Then there exists a C^∞ diffeomorphism $v : D \longrightarrow Q_e$ such that $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 1} v(z) = (0, \infty)$, $\lim_{|z| \rightarrow 2} v(z) = (\infty, 0)$.

$$D_j \in v(D \cap \{z : |z-1| \leq \frac{1}{3}\}) = \mathcal{D} \quad (j=1, \dots, s)$$

$$c_i \in v(D \cap \{z : |z-2| \leq \frac{1}{3}\}) = \mathcal{C} \quad (i=1, \dots, t)$$

It is easy to see, that $\Delta_g - \{0\} \subset \text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}$ and $0 \notin \text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}$.

If $Q_e \cap (\mathbb{C} \times \Delta_h) = \emptyset$ (respectively $Q_e \cap (\Delta_g \times \mathbb{C}) = \emptyset$), then we don't construct the set \mathcal{D} (respectively \mathcal{C}).

If we denote $\mathcal{Y}_D = \partial \mathcal{D} = \{z \in D : |z-1| = \frac{1}{3}\}$, $\mathcal{Y}_C = \partial \mathcal{C}$,

and $\mathcal{E} = Q_e - \text{int}(\mathcal{D} \cup \mathcal{C})$, then :

$$f^{-1}(e) = u^{-1}(Q_e) = u^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) \bigcup_{\tilde{u}^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}_C)} u^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) \bigcup_{\tilde{u}^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}_D)} u^{-1}(\mathcal{D})$$

(A). Some properties of the set $u^{-1}(\mathcal{E})$:

i.) $u^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \approx g^{-1}(\text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}) \times H$

ii.) If $0 \notin \Delta_g$, then $g^{-1}(\text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}) \approx g^{-1}(0) \times H$, hence $u^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \approx \mathbb{C}^n \times H$

iii.) If $\{0\} = \Delta_g$, then $g^{-1}(\text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}) \approx g^{-1}(\text{point}) \times \text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}$,
hence $u^{-1}(\mathcal{B}) \approx G \times H \times \text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}$.

iv.) If $0 \in \Delta_g \setminus \{0\}$, then (by Mayer-Vietoris argument)

$$\tilde{H}_*(g^{-1}(\text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B})) \oplus \tilde{H}_*(g^{-1}(G - \text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B})) = \tilde{H}_*(g^{-1}(\text{pr}_1 \mathcal{Y}_C)) = \tilde{H}_*(G) \quad \text{and}$$

$\tilde{H}_*(g^{-1}(G - \text{pr}_1 \mathcal{B}))$ depend only on the singularity of g at 0 .

(A'). The set $u^{-1}(\mathcal{D})$ has similar properties.

(B). By the triviality of the fibrations $u^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}_c) \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_c$ and $u^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}_D) \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_D$ we have $u^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}_c) \approx \mathbb{R} \times G \times H$ and $u^{-1}(\mathcal{Y}_D) \approx \mathbb{R} \times G \times H$.

(C). Some properties of the set $u^{-1}(\mathcal{E})$:

i.) $u: u^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ is a C^∞ locally trivial fibration with fiber $G \times H$ and base space $\mathcal{E} \approx S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$.

ii.) The path $\alpha: [0,1] \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$, $\alpha(t) = v(\frac{3}{2} \cdot \exp(2\pi i t))$ is a generator of $\pi_1(\mathcal{E}, v(\frac{3}{2})) = \mathbb{Z}$.

iii.) Because $(\text{pr}_1 \circ v)_*: H_1(D) \rightarrow H_1(C^*)$ is a isomorphism of the group \mathbb{Z} , we have $(\text{pr}_1 \circ v)_*(1) = \mathcal{E}$, where $\mathcal{E} = \pm 1$.

Then $(\text{pr}_2 \circ v)_*(1) = -\mathcal{E}$, and the monodromy

$\alpha_*: H_*(G \times H) \rightarrow H_*(G \times H)$ is equal with $m_g(0)^\mathcal{E} \times m_h(0)^{-\mathcal{E}}$, where $m_g(0)$ (respectively $m_h(0)$) is the monodromy of g (of h) around at 0.

iv.) If $0 \notin \Delta_g$, then $u^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) \approx G \times h^{-1}(\text{pr}_2 \mathcal{E})$.

If $0 \notin \Delta_g$, $0 \notin \Delta_h$, then $u^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) \approx \mathcal{E} \times F \times G$.

Now, the topological properties of the generic fiber $f^{-1}(e) = F$ can be determined summing (A), (B), (C). For example :

I. If $\Delta_g \neq \emptyset$, then $F \approx G \times h^{-1}(C^*)$

II. If $\Delta_g = \{0\}$, then $F \approx u^{-1}(\mathcal{E}) \cup_{G \times H} G \times h^{-1}(\text{pr}_2 \mathcal{D})$

a.) $0 \notin \Delta_h \Rightarrow F \approx g^{-1}(\text{pr}_1 \mathcal{E}) \times H \bigcup_{G \times H} G \times C^m$

b.) $\{0\} = \Delta_h \Rightarrow F \approx u^{-1}(\mathcal{E})$ ($\mathcal{E} = 0_e$), hence there is a fibration $F \xrightarrow{u} S^1 \times \mathbb{R} = 0_e$ with fiber $G \times H$.

III. If $0 \notin \Delta_g$ and $0 \notin \Delta_h$, then

$$F \approx C^n \times H \bigcup_{G \times H} G \times H \times \mathcal{E} \bigcup_{G \times H} G \times C^m \approx G \times H \bigcup_{G \times H} G \times H \times \mathcal{E}$$

Therefore $H_q(F) = H_q(G \times H) \oplus H_{q-1}(G \times H)$.

The description of the monodromy of f in the general case is delicate, and we do not clarify it in this paper.

For example, the change $\gamma_D \mapsto m_e(\gamma_D)$, $\gamma_C \mapsto m_e(\gamma_C)$ ($e \neq 0$) is illustrated by the following "polypdance" figure :

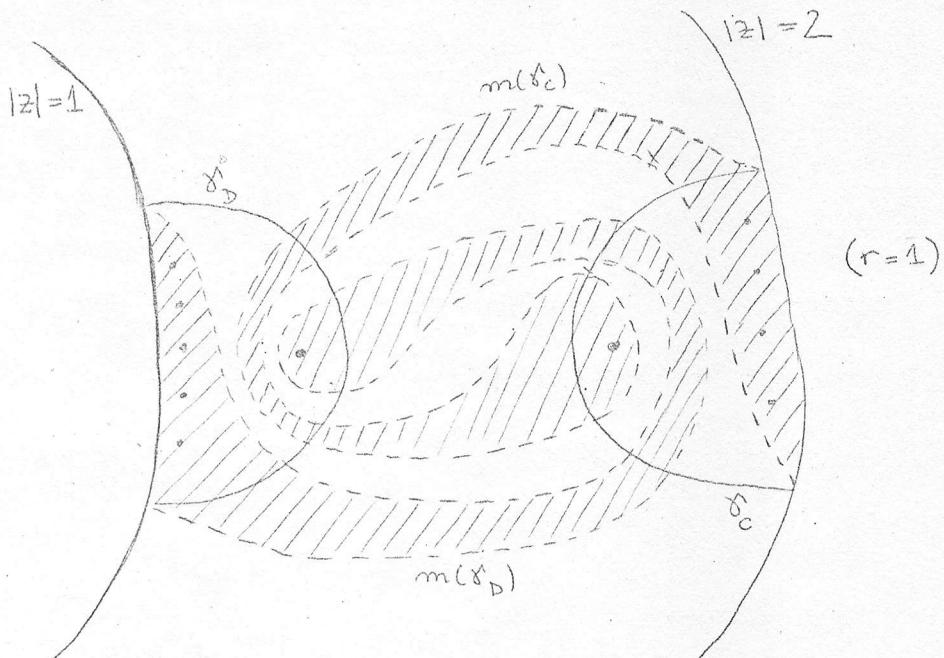


Figure 4.

In the case $\Delta_g = \{0\}$, $\Delta_h = \{0\}$ the monodromy of f can be described easily. In this case $F \longrightarrow Q_1 \approx S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ is a fibration with fiber $G \times H$. The path $\gamma_o: [0,1] \longrightarrow Q_1$ $\gamma_o(t) = (\exp(2\pi i t), \exp(-2\pi i t))$ induces the monodromy of u $(\gamma_o)_*: H_*(G \times H) \longrightarrow H_*(G \times H)$, $(\gamma_o)_* = m_g(0) \times m_h(0)^{-1}$. If we use the map $\gamma_s: [0,1] \longrightarrow Q_1$ $\exp(2\pi i s)$, $\gamma_s(t) = (\exp(2\pi i t), \exp(2\pi i s), \exp(-2\pi i t))$, we obtain that the monodromy action of f is induced by $m_g(0) \times 1$. (Because $(m_g(0) \times 1) \circ (m_g(0) \times m_h(0)^{-1}) = (m_g(0) \times m_h(0)^{-1}) \circ (m_g(0) \times 1)$ the map $m_g(0) \times 1$ defines a isomorphism on $H_*(F)$.) It is easy to see, that $m_g(0) \times 1$ and $1 \times m_h(0)$ induced the same action.

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