

Exercises Singularity Theory

1. (2 points) Let $g(x, y, z) = z^p + f(x, y) \in \mathcal{R}_3$ with $f \in \mathcal{R}_2$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Determine a formula for the Milnor number of g in terms of the Milnor number of f .
2. (3 points) Let \mathcal{A} be an ideal of \mathcal{R}_n .
 - (a) Using Nakayama's Lemma, prove that $\mathcal{R}_n/\mathcal{A}$ is finite dimensional over k if and only if $\exists k \geq 1$ such that $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^k \subseteq \mathcal{A}$.
 - (b) Assume that $0 < \dim(\mathcal{R}_n/\mathcal{A}) < \infty$. Show that $\exists k, l \geq 1$ such that $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^k \subseteq \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^l$ and $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^{k-1} \not\subseteq \mathcal{A} \not\subseteq \mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^{l+1}$.
 - (c) Let be $l \geq 0$. Show that $\mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_1}^l \subset \mathcal{R}_1$ is the unique ideal $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{R}_1$ satisfying $\dim(\mathcal{R}_1/\mathcal{A}) = l$.
3. (1+2 points)
 - (a) Show that for any $f \in \mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^2$ with determinacy d

$$\mu(f) \leq \binom{n+d}{n} - 1$$

- (b) Show that for any $f \in \mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^k$ and any $l \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\mu(f) \geq \binom{n+k+l-1}{k+l-1} - n \binom{n+l}{l}.$$

(Hint: Start by proving that for all l one has $J_f + \mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^{k+l} = \mathcal{R}_n^{\leq l} \partial_{x_1} f + \dots + \mathcal{R}_n^{\leq l} \partial_{x_n} f + \mathfrak{m}_{\mathcal{R}_n}^{k+l}$ where $\mathcal{R}_n^{\leq l}$ denotes the space of polynomials of degree at most l .)