

**ON A RELATION BETWEEN de RHAM COHOMOLOGY OF  $H_{(f)}^1(R)$  AND THE KOSZUL COHOMOLOGY OF  $\partial(f)$  IN  $R/(f)$**

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Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic zero,  $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . Let  $A_n(K) = K \langle X_1, \dots, X_n, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n \rangle$  be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Weyl algebra over  $K$ . We consider the case when  $R$  and  $A_n(K)$  is graded by giving  $\deg X_i = \omega_i$  and  $\deg \partial_i = -\omega_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  (here  $\omega_i$  are positive integers). Set  $\omega = \sum_{k=1}^n \omega_k$ . Let  $I$  be a graded ideal in  $R$ . By a result due to Lyubeznik the local cohomology modules  $H_I^i(R)$  are holonomic  $A_n(K)$ -modules for each  $i \geq 0$ . In this article we compute the de Rham cohomology modules  $H^j(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R))$  for  $j \leq n - 2$  when  $V(f)$  is a smooth hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  (equivalently  $A = R/(f)$  is an isolated singularity).

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $K$  be a field of characteristic zero and let  $R = K[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . We consider  $R$  graded with  $\deg X_i = \omega_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ; here  $\omega_i$  are positive integers. Set  $\mathfrak{m} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ . Let  $I$  be a graded ideal in  $R$ . The local cohomology modules  $H_I^*(R)$  are clearly graded  $R$ -modules. Let  $A_n(K) = K \langle X_1, \dots, X_n, \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n \rangle$  be the  $n^{\text{th}}$  Weyl algebra over  $K$ . By a result due to Lyubeznik, see [2], the local cohomology modules  $H_I^i(R)$  are *holonomic*  $A_n(K)$ -modules for each  $i \geq 0$ . We can consider  $A_n(K)$  graded by giving  $\deg \partial_i = -\omega_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

Let  $N$  be a graded left  $A_n(K)$  module. Now  $\partial = \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n$  are pairwise commuting  $K$ -linear maps. So we can consider the de Rham complex  $K(\partial; N)$ . Notice that the de Rham cohomology modules  $H^*(\partial; N)$  are in general only *graded*  $K$ -vector spaces. They are finite dimensional if  $N$  is holonomic; [1, Chapter 1, Theorem 6.1]. In particular  $H^*(\partial; H_I^*(R))$  are finite dimensional graded  $K$ -vector spaces. By [4, Theorem 1] the de Rham cohomology modules  $H^*(\partial; H_I^*(R))$  is concentrated in degree  $-\omega$ , i.e.,  $H^*(\partial; H_I^*(R))_j = 0$  for  $j \neq -\omega$ .

Let  $f$  be a homogenous polynomial in  $R$  and set  $A = R/(f)$ . By [3, Theorem 2.7] we have  $H^0(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R)) = 0$ . In this paper we extend a technique from [4]. In that paper the first author related  $H^{n-1}(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R))$  with  $H^{n-1}(\partial(f); A)$ . In this paper quite generally we prove that (see, Theorem 3.9):

**Theorem 1** — Assume  $H^{i-1}(\partial f; A) = 0$ . Then there exists a filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_\nu\}_{\nu \geq 0}$  consisting of  $K$ -subspaces of  $H^i(\partial; R_f)$  with  $\mathcal{F}_\nu = H^i(\partial; R_f)$  for  $\nu \gg 0$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_\nu \supseteq \mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_0 = 0$  and  $K$ -linear maps

$$\eta_\nu : \frac{\mathcal{F}_\nu}{\mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}} \rightarrow H^i(\partial f; A)_{(v+n-i) \deg f - \omega}.$$

such that

- (a)  $\eta_\nu$  is injective for all  $\nu \geq 2$ .
- (b) If  $i \neq 1$ . Then  $\eta_1$  also injective.
- (c) If  $i = 1$ . Then  $\ker(\eta_1) = K$ .

If  $H^{n-i}(\partial f; A) = 0$  for  $i \geq \alpha + 1$ . Then as a corollary we obtain (see, Corollary 3.10)

$$H^{n-i}(\partial; R_f) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha + 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \\ K & \text{if } i = n - 1. \end{cases}$$

When  $A$  is an isolated singularity, i.e.,  $A_P$  is regular for all homogeneous prime ideals  $P \neq \mathfrak{m}$ . Note that  $V(f)$  is a smooth hypersurface in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ . As a corollary we prove that (see, Corollary 3.11)

$$H^i(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R)) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \leq n - 2 \text{ and } i \neq 1 \\ K & \text{if } i = 1. \end{cases}$$

We now describe in brief the contents of the paper. In Section 2 we discuss a few preliminaries that we need. In Section 3 we construct certain functions which we need to define  $\eta_\nu$ . In Section 4 we construct our filtration of  $H^i(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R))$  and prove our result.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section we discuss a few preliminary results that we need.

*Remark 2.1* : Although all the results are stated for de Rham cohomology of a  $A_n(K)$ -module  $M$ , we will actually work with de Rham homology. Note that  $H_i(\partial; M) = H^{n-i}(\partial; M)$  for any

$A_n(K)$ -module  $M$ . Let  $S = K[\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n]$ . Consider it as a subring of  $A_n(K)$ . Then note that  $H_i(\partial, M)$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Koszul homology module of  $M$  with respect to  $\partial$ .

2.2 Let  $A$  be commutative ring and  $a = a_1, \dots, a_n \in A$ . Let  $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $|I| = m$ . Say  $I = \{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_m\}$ . Let

$$e_I := e_{i_1} \wedge e_{i_2} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_m}.$$

Then the Koszul complex of  $A$  with respect to  $a$  is

$$\mathbb{K}(a; A) := 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{K}_n \xrightarrow{\phi_n} \mathbb{K}_{n-1} \xrightarrow{\phi_{n-1}} \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{K}_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} \mathbb{K}_0 \rightarrow 0.$$

Here  $\mathbb{K}_m = \bigoplus_{|I|=m} Ae_I$ .

Let  $\xi = \sum_{|I|=m} \xi_I e_I \in \mathbb{K}_m$  we write  $\xi = (\xi_I \mid |I| = m)$ . For the map  $\mathbb{K}_p \xrightarrow{\phi_p} \mathbb{K}_{p-1}$ ,

say  $\phi_p(\xi) = U$ . Write  $U = (U_J \mid |J| = p-1)$ . Then

$$U_J = \sum_{i \notin J} (-1)^{\sigma(J \cup \{i\})} (a_i \xi_{J \cup \{i\}}).$$

Here  $J = \{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_{p-1}\}$  and

$$\sigma(J \cup \{i\}) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i < j_1; \\ p, & \text{if } i > j_{p-1} \\ r, & \text{if } j_r < i < j_{r+1}. \end{cases}$$

2.3 Let  $f \in R$  be a homogeneous polynomial. We consider elements of  $R_f^m$  as column-vectors. For  $x \in R_f^m$  we write it as  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)'$ ; here  $'$  indicates transpose.

2.4 Let  $f \in R$  be a homogeneous polynomial. Set  $\partial = \partial_1, \dots, \partial_n$ . Consider the commutative subring  $S = K[\partial_1, \dots, \partial_n]$  of  $A_n(K)$ . The de Rham complex on a holonomic module  $N$  is just the Koszul complex  $K(\partial; N)$  of  $N$  with respect to  $S$ . In particular when  $N = R_f$  we have,

$$\mathbb{K}(\partial; R_f) = 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{K}_n \xrightarrow{\phi_n} \mathbb{K}_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \mathbb{K}_p \xrightarrow{\phi_p} \mathbb{K}_{p-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbb{K}_1 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} \mathbb{K}_0 \rightarrow 0.$$

Here  $\mathbb{K}_0 = R_f$  and  $\mathbb{K}_p = \bigoplus_{|I|=p} R_f(\omega_{i_1} + \dots + \omega_{i_p})$ .

The maps  $\mathbb{K}_p \xrightarrow{\phi_p} \mathbb{K}_{p-1}$ , say  $\xi = (\xi_I \mid |I| = p)'$ . Then

$$\phi_p(\xi) = \left( \sum_{i \notin J} (-1)^{\sigma(J \cup \{i\})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \xi_{J \cup \{i\}} \right) : |J| = p-1 \right).$$

2.5 Let  $f \in R$  be a homogeneous polynomial. Set  $A = R/(f)$ , and  $\partial f = \partial f/\partial x_1, \dots, \partial f/\partial x_n$ . Consider the Koszul complex  $\mathbb{K}'(\partial f; A)$  on  $A$  with respect to  $\partial f$ .

$$\mathbb{K}'(\partial f; A) = 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{K}'_n \xrightarrow{\psi_n} \mathbb{K}'_{n-1} \cdots \rightarrow \mathbb{K}'_p \xrightarrow{\psi_p} \mathbb{K}'_{p-1} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow \mathbb{K}'_1 \xrightarrow{\psi_1} \mathbb{K}'_0 \rightarrow 0.$$

$$\text{Here } \mathbb{K}'_p = \bigoplus_{|I|=p} A(-p \deg f + \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_p}).$$

2.6 By [4, Theorem 1],  $H_i(\partial; R_f)_j = 0$  for  $j \neq \omega$ , where  $\omega = \omega_1 + \cdots + \omega_n$ .

2.7 Let  $\xi \in R_f^m \setminus R^m$ . The element  $(a_1/f^i, a_2/f^i, \dots, a_m/f^i)'$ , with  $a_j \in R$  for all  $j$ , is said to be a *normal form* of  $\xi$  if

- (1)  $\xi = (a_1/f^i, a_2/f^i, \dots, a_m/f^i)'$ .
- (2)  $f$  does not divide  $a_j$  for some  $j$ .
- (3)  $i \geq 1$ .

It can be easily shown that normal form of  $\xi$  exists and is unique (see [4, Proposition 5.1]).

2.8 Let  $\xi \in R_f^m$ . We define  $L(f)$  as follows.

*Case 1* :  $\xi \in R_f^m \setminus R^m$ .

Let  $(a_1/f^i, a_2/f^i, \dots, a_m/f^i)'$  be the normal form of  $\xi$ . Set  $L(\xi) = i$ . Notice  $L(\xi) \geq 1$  in this case.

*Case 2* :  $\xi \in R^m \setminus \{0\}$ .

Set  $L(\xi) = 0$ .

*Case 3* :  $\xi = 0$ .

Set  $L(\xi) = -\infty$ .

The following properties of the function  $L$  can be easily verified.

*Proposition 2.9* — (with hypotheses as above). Let  $\xi, \xi_1, \xi_2 \in R_f^m$  and  $\alpha, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in K$ .

- (1) If  $L(\xi_1) < L(\xi_2)$  then  $L(\xi_1 + \xi_2) = L(\xi_2)$ .
- (2) If  $L(\xi_1) = L(\xi_2)$  then  $L(\xi_1 + \xi_2) \leq L(\xi_2)$ .
- (3)  $L(\xi_1 + \xi_2) \leq \max\{L(\xi_1), L(\xi_2)\}$ .
- (4) If  $\alpha \in K^*$  then  $L(\alpha\xi) = L(\xi)$ .
- (5)  $L(\alpha\xi) \leq L(\xi)$  for all  $\alpha \in K$ .
- (6)  $L(\alpha_1\xi_1 + \alpha_2\xi_2) \leq \max\{L(\xi_1), L(\xi_2)\}$ .
- (7) Let  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r \in R_f^m$  and let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r \in K$ . Then

$$L\left(\sum_{j=1}^r \alpha_j \xi_j\right) \leq \max\{L(\xi_1), L(\xi_2), \dots, L(\xi_r)\}.$$

### 3. CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS

In this section we construct few functions.

We define a function,  $\theta : Z_p(\partial; R_f) \setminus R^{(n)} \longrightarrow H_p(\partial f; A)$ , as follows.

Let  $\xi \in Z_p(\partial; R_f) \setminus R^{(n)}$  and let  $(\xi_I / f^c \mid |I| = p)'$  be the normal form of  $\xi$ . As  $\phi_p(\xi) = 0$ . We have for every  $J$  such that  $|J| = p - 1$ ,

$$\sum_{i \notin J} (-1)^{\sigma(J \cup \{i\})} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\xi_{J \cup \{i\}}}{f^c} \right) = 0.$$

$$\text{This implies } \sum_{i \notin J} (-1)^{\sigma(J \cup \{i\})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\xi_{J \cup \{i\}}) - c \xi_{J \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0.$$

$$\text{So } f \cdot \sum_{i \notin J} (-1)^{\sigma(J \cup \{i\})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\xi_{J \cup \{i\}}) \right) = c \cdot \sum_{i \notin J} (-1)^{\sigma(J \cup \{i\})} \left( \xi_{J \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right).$$

Thus  $f$  divides  $\sum_{i \notin J} (-1)^{\sigma(J \cup \{i\})} \left( \xi_{J \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right)$ . Therefore

$$(\bar{\xi}_I \mid |I| = p)' \in Z_p(\partial f; A).$$

Set  $\theta(\xi) = [(\bar{\xi}_I \mid |I| = p)'] \in H_p(\partial f; A)$ .

The following Lemma identifies the degree of  $\theta(\xi)$ .

*Lemma 3.1* — Assume  $p < n$ . Let  $\xi \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$  be non zero. Then

$$(a) \xi \in R_f^{(n)} \setminus R^{(n)}.$$

$$(b) \text{ If } L(\xi) = c. \text{ Then } \theta(\xi) \in H_p(\partial f; A)_{(c+p) \deg f - \omega}.$$

PROOF : (a) Let  $\xi = (\xi_I)'$  be non-zero in  $Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$ . Note that

$$\xi \in \bigoplus_{|I|=p} (R_f(\omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_p}))_{-\omega}.$$

It follows that

$$\xi_I \in (R_f)_{-\omega + \sum_{s=1}^p \omega_{i_s}}.$$

$$\text{It follows that } \xi \in R_f^{(n)} \setminus R^{(n)}.$$

(b) Let  $(a_I/f^c \mid |I| = p)'$  be the normal form of  $\xi$ . As  $a_I/f^c \in R_f(\omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_p})_{-\omega}$ . It follows that

$$\deg(a_I) = c \deg f - \omega + \sum_{s=1}^p \omega_{i_s}.$$

As  $\theta(\xi) = [(\bar{a}_I \mid |I| = p)']$ . Let

$$\bar{a}_I \in A(-p \deg f + \sum_{s=1}^p \omega_{i_s})_t.$$

Then

$$\bar{a}_I \in A_{(-p \deg f + \sum_{s=1}^p \omega_{i_s}) + t}.$$

It follows that

$$t = (c + p) \deg f - \omega.$$

$$\text{Thus } \theta(\xi) \in H_p(\partial f; A)_{(c+p) \deg f - \omega}. \quad \square$$

A natural condition we want in  $\theta$  is that it vanishes on boundaries. The following result gives a sufficient condition when this happens.

*Proposition 3.2* — Let  $p < n$ . Assume  $H_{p+1}(\partial f; A) = 0$ . Then  $\theta(B_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega} \setminus \{0\}) = 0$ .

PROOF : Let  $U \in B_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$  be non zero. As  $B_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega} \subset Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$ . We get by Lemma 3.1(a) that  $U \in R_f^{(n)} \setminus R^{(n)}$ . Set

$$c = \min\{j \mid j = L(\xi) \text{ where } \phi_{p+1}(\xi) = U \text{ and } \xi \in (\mathbb{K}_{p+1})_{-\omega}\}.$$

Notice  $c \geq 1$ . Let  $\xi \in (\mathbb{K}_{p+1})_{-\omega}$  be such that  $L(\xi) = c$  and  $\phi_{p+1}(\xi) = U$ . Let  $(b_G/f^c \mid |G| = p+1)'$  be the normal form of  $\xi$ . Let  $U = (U_I \mid |I| = p)'$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} U_I &= \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{b_{I \cup \{i\}}}{f^c} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \frac{b_{I \cup \{i\}}}{f^c} - c \frac{b_{I \cup \{i\}}}{f^{c+1}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) \\ &= \frac{f}{f^{c+1}} \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (b_{I \cup \{i\}}) \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{c}{f^{c+1}} \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \left( b_{I \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$V_I = -c \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \left( b_{I \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right).$$

Then

$$U_I = \frac{f * + V_I}{f^{c+1}}.$$

*Claim :*  $f$  does not divides  $V_I$  for some  $I$  with  $|I| = p$ .

First assume the claim. Then  $U = (U_I \mid |I| = p) = ((f * + V_I)/f^{c+1} \mid |I| = p)'$  is the normal form of  $U$ . Therefore

$$\theta(U) = [(\bar{V}_I)'] = [\psi_{p+1}(-c\bar{b}_G \mid |G| = p+1)'] = 0.$$

We now prove our claim. Suppose if possible  $f|V_I$  for all  $I$  with  $|I| = p$ . Let  $b = (b_G \mid |G| = p+1)'$ . Then

$$\psi_{p+1}(-c\bar{b}) = (\bar{V}_I)' = (0, 0, \dots, 0)'$$

So  $-c\bar{b} \in Z_{p+1}(\partial f; A)$ . As  $H_{p+1}(\partial f; A) = 0$ , we get  $-c\bar{b} \in B_{p+1}(\partial f; A)$ . Thus

$$-c\bar{b} = \psi_{p+2}(\bar{r}), \quad \text{here } r = (r_L \in R \mid |L| = p+2).$$

For  $p = n - 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} -c\bar{b} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow cb_G &= \tilde{\alpha}_G f \quad \text{for some } \tilde{\alpha}_G \in R. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f/b_G$  for all  $G$ . This contradicts that  $(b_G/f^c |G| = p + 1)'$  is the normal form of  $\xi$ . Therefore  $p < n - 1$ . So

$$-cb_G = \sum_{k \notin G} (-1)^{\sigma(G \cup \{k\})} \left( r_{G \cup \{k\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) + \tilde{\alpha}_G f. \quad (3.2.1)$$

Now we compute the degrees of  $r_L$ . Note that  $\xi \in (\mathbb{K}_{p+1})_{-\omega}$ . So

$$\frac{b_G}{f^c} \in R_f(\omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_{p+1}})_{-\omega}.$$

It follows that

$$\deg b_G = c \deg f - \omega + \sum_{s=1}^{p+1} \omega_{i_s}. \quad (3.2.2)$$

It can be easily checked that

$$\bar{b}_{I \cup \{i\}} \in A(-(p+1) \deg f + \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_{p+1}})_{(c+p+1) \deg f - \omega}.$$

So

$$\bar{r}_L \in A(-(p+2) \deg f + \omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_{p+2}})_{(c+p+1) \deg f - \omega}.$$

It follows that

$$\deg r_L = (c-1) \deg f - \omega + \sum_{j=1}^{p+2} \omega_{i_j}. \quad (3.2.3)$$

*Case (1) :* Let  $c = 1$ . Then by equation (3.2.1) we get  $\tilde{\alpha}_G = 0$ . Also notice

$$\deg r_L = -\omega + \sum_{j=1}^{p+2} \omega_{i_j} < 0 \quad \text{if } n > p + 2.$$

So if  $n > p + 2$  we get  $r_L = 0$ . So  $b = 0$  and  $\xi = 0$  a contradiction.



Now consider  $n = p + 2$ . Then  $r_L = r_{12\dots n} = \text{constant}$ . Say  $r_L = r$ . So by equation (3.2.1) it follows

$$b = (b_G \mid |G| = n - 1)' = (-r\partial f/\partial x_1, \dots, (-1)^n r\partial f/\partial x_n)'. \quad (3.2.4)$$

$$\text{As } U_I = \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (b_{I \cup \{i\}}/f) \right).$$

Using equation (3.2.4) we get  $U_I = 0$  for all  $I$  with  $|I| = p$ . Therefore  $U = 0$  a contradiction.

Case (2) : Let  $c \geq 2$ . By equation (3.2.1) we have

$$\frac{-cb_G}{f^c} = \frac{1}{f^c} \sum_{k \notin G} (-1)^{\sigma(G \cup \{k\})} \left( r_{G \cup \{k\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_k} \right) + \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_G}{f^{c-1}}.$$

Notice

$$\frac{r_{G \cup \{k\}} \partial f / \partial x_k}{f^c} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( \frac{r_{G \cup \{k\}} / (1 - c)}{f^{c-1}} \right) - \frac{*}{f^{c-1}}.$$

$$\text{Put } \tilde{r}_{G \cup \{k\}} = \frac{r_{G \cup \{k\}}}{c(c-1)}. \quad \text{We obtain}$$

$$\frac{b_G}{f^c} = \sum_{k \notin G} (-1)^{\sigma(G \cup \{k\})} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( \frac{\tilde{r}_{G \cup \{k\}}}{f^{c-1}} \right) \right) + \frac{*}{f^{c-1}}.$$

Set

$$\delta = \left( \frac{\tilde{r}_{G \cup \{k\}}}{f^{c-1}} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\xi} = \left( \frac{*}{f^{c-1}} \right).$$

Then

$$\xi = \phi_{p+2}(\delta) + \tilde{\xi}.$$

So we have  $U = \phi_{p+1}(\xi) = \phi_{p+1}(\tilde{\xi})$  and  $L(\xi) \leq c - 1$ . This contradicts our choice of  $c$ .  $\square$

#### 4. CONSTRUCTION OF A FILTRATION ON $H_p(\partial; R_f)$

In this section we construct a filtration of  $H_p(\partial; R_f)$ . Throughout this section  $1 \leq p < n$  and  $H_{p+1}(\partial f; A) = 0$ .

4.1 By 2.6 we have

$$H_p(\partial; R_f) = H_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega} = \frac{Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}}{B_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}}.$$

Let  $x \in H_p(\partial; R_f)$  be non-zero. Define

$$L(x) = \min\{L(\xi) \mid x = [\xi], \text{ where } \xi \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}\}.$$

Let  $\xi = (\xi_I/f^c \mid |I| = p)' \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$  be such that  $x = [\xi]$ . So  $\xi \in (\mathbb{K}_p)_{-\omega}$ . Thus  $\xi \in R_f^{(n)}(\omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_p})_{-\omega}$ . So if  $\xi \neq 0$  then  $\xi \in R_f^{(n)} \setminus R^{(n)}$ . It follows that  $L(\xi) \geq 1$ . Thus  $L(x) \geq 1$ . If  $x = 0$  set  $L(x) = -\infty$ .

We now define a function

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\theta} : H_p(\partial; R_f) &\rightarrow H_p(\partial f; A) \\ x &\rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \theta(\xi) & \text{if } x \neq 0, x = [\xi], \text{ and } L(x) = L(\xi). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

*Proposition 4.2* — (with hypothesis as above).  $\tilde{\theta}(x)$  is independent of  $\xi$ .

PROOF : Suppose  $x = [\xi_1] = [\xi_2]$  is non zero and  $L(x) = L(\xi_1) = L(\xi_2) = c$ . Let  $(a_I/f^c)'$  be the normal form of  $\xi_1$  and  $(b_I/f^c)'$  be the normal of  $\xi_2$ . As  $[\xi_1] = [\xi_2]$  it follows that  $\xi_1 = \xi_2 + \delta$  for some  $\delta \in B_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$ . We get  $j = L(\delta) \leq c$  by 2.9. Let  $(c_I/f^j)'$  be the normal form of  $\delta$ . We consider two cases.

*Case (1) :*  $j < c$ . Then note that  $a_I = b_I + f^{c-j}c_I$ , for  $|I| = p$ . It follows that

$$\theta(\xi_1) = [(\bar{a}_I)'] = [(\bar{b}_I)'] = \theta(\xi_2).$$

*Case (2) :*  $j = c$ . Note that  $a_I = b_I + c_I$  for  $|I| = p$ . It follows that

$$\theta(\xi_1) = \theta(\xi_2) + \theta(\delta).$$

However by Proposition 3.2  $\theta(\delta) = 0$ . So  $\theta(\xi_1) = \theta(\xi_2)$ . Hence  $\tilde{\theta}(x)$  is independent of choice of  $\xi$ . □

4.3 We now construct a filtration  $\mathcal{F} = \{\mathcal{F}_v\}_{v \geq 0}$  of  $H_p(\partial; R_f)$ . Set

$$\mathcal{F}_v = \{x \in H_p(\partial; R_f) \mid L(x) \leq v\}.$$

*Proposition 4.4* — (1)  $\mathcal{F}_v$  is a  $K$ -subspace of  $H_p(\partial; R_f)$ .

(2)  $\mathcal{F}_{v-1} \subseteq \mathcal{F}_v$  for all  $v \geq 1$ .

(3)  $\mathcal{F}_v = H_p(\partial; R_f)$  for all  $v \gg 0$ .

(4)  $\mathcal{F}_0 = 0$ .

PROOF : (1) Let  $x \in \mathcal{F}_v$  and let  $\alpha \in K$ . Let  $x = [\xi]$  with  $L(x) = L(\xi) \leq v$ . Then  $\alpha x = [\alpha\xi]$ .

So

$$L(\alpha x) \leq L(\alpha\xi) \leq v.$$

So  $\alpha x \in \mathcal{F}_v$ .

Let  $x, x' \in \mathcal{F}_v$  be non-zero. Let  $\xi, \xi' \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)$  be such that  $x = [\xi]$ ,  $x' = [\xi']$  and  $L(x) = L(\xi)$ ,  $L(x') = L(\xi')$ . Then  $x + x' = [\xi + \xi']$ . It follows that

$$L(x + x') \leq L(\xi + \xi') \leq \max\{L(\xi), L(\xi')\} \leq v.$$

Thus  $x + x' \in \mathcal{F}_v$ .

(2) This is clear from the definition.

(3) Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{x_1, \dots, x_l\}$  be a  $K$ -basis of  $H_p(\partial; R_f) = H_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$ . Let

$$c = \max\{L(x_i) \mid i = 1, \dots, l\}.$$

We claim that

$$\mathcal{F}_v = H_p(\partial; R_f) \quad \text{for all } v \geq c.$$

Fix  $v \geq c$ . Let  $\xi_i \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$  be such that  $x_i = [\xi_i]$  and  $L(x_i) = L(\xi_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, l$ .

Let  $u \in H_p(\partial; R_f)$ . Say  $u = \sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i x_i$  for some  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_l \in K$ . Then  $u = [\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \xi_i]$ . It follows that

$$L(u) \leq L\left(\sum_{i=1}^l \alpha_i \xi_i\right) \leq \max\{L(\xi) \mid i = 1, \dots, l\} = c \leq v.$$

So  $u \in \mathcal{F}_v$ . Hence  $\mathcal{F}_v = H_p(\partial; R_f)$ .

(4) If  $x \in H_p(\partial; R_f)$  is non-zero then  $L(x) \geq 1$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{F}_0 = 0$ . □

4.5 Let  $\mathcal{G} = \bigoplus_{v \geq 1} \mathcal{F}_v / \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . For  $v \geq 1$  we define

$$\eta_v : \frac{\mathcal{F}_v}{\mathcal{F}_{v-1}} \rightarrow H_p(\partial f; A)_{(v+p) \deg f - \omega}$$

$$u \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } u = 0 \\ \tilde{\theta}(x) & \text{if } u = x + \mathcal{F}_{v-1} \text{ is non-zero.} \end{cases}$$

*Proposition 4.6* — (with hypothesis as above).  $\eta_v(u)$  is independent of choice of  $x$ .

**PROOF :** Suppose  $u = x + \mathcal{F}_{v-1} = x' + \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$  be non-zero. Then  $x = x' + y$  where  $y \in \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . As  $u \neq 0$  we have  $x, x' \in \mathcal{F}_v \setminus \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . So  $L(x) = L(x') = v$ . Say  $x = [\xi]$ ,  $x' = [\xi']$ , and  $y = [\delta]$  where  $\xi, \xi', \delta \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$  with  $L(\xi) = L(\xi') = v$  and  $L(\delta) = L(y) = k \leq v - 1$ . So we have  $\xi = \xi' + \delta + \alpha$  where  $\alpha \in B_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$ . Let  $L(\alpha) = r$ . Note that  $r \leq v$ .

Let  $(a_I/f^v)', (a'_I/f^v)', (b_I/f^k)'$  and  $(c_I/f^r)'$  be normal forms of  $\xi, \xi', \delta$  and  $\alpha$  respectively, here  $|I| = p$ . So we have

$$a_I = a'_I + f^{v-k}b_I + f^{v-r}c_I \quad \text{with} \quad |I| = p.$$

*Case (1) :*  $r < v$ . In this case we have that  $\bar{a}_I = \bar{a}'_I$  in  $A$ . So  $\theta(\xi) = \theta(\xi')$ . Thus  $\tilde{\theta}(x) = \tilde{\theta}(x')$ .

*Case (2) :*  $r = v$ . In this case we have  $\bar{a}_I = \bar{a}'_I + \bar{c}_I$  in  $A$ . So  $\theta(\xi) = \theta(\xi') + \theta(\alpha)$ . However  $\theta(\alpha) = 0$  as  $\alpha \in B_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$ . Thus  $\tilde{\theta}(x) = \tilde{\theta}(x')$ .  $\square$

*Proposition 4.7* — (with notation as above). For all  $v \geq 1$ ,  $\eta_v$  is  $K$ -linear.

**PROOF :** Let  $u, u' \in \mathcal{F}_v/\mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . We first show that  $\eta_v(\alpha u) = \alpha\eta_v(u)$ . If  $\alpha = 0$  or  $u = 0$  we have nothing to show. So assume  $\alpha \neq 0$  and  $u \neq 0$ . Say  $u = x + \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . Then  $\alpha u = \alpha x + \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . It can be easily shown that  $\tilde{\theta}(\alpha x) = \alpha\tilde{\theta}(x)$ . So we get the result.

Next we show that  $\eta_v(u + u') = \eta_v(u) + \eta_v(u')$ . We have nothing to show if  $u$  or  $u'$  is zero. Now consider the case when  $u + u' = 0$ . Then  $u = -u'$ . So  $\eta_v(u) = -\eta_v(u')$ . Thus in this case

$$\eta_v(u + u') = 0 = \eta_v(u) + \eta_v(u').$$

Now consider the case when  $u, u'$  are non-zero and  $u + u'$  non-zero. Say  $u = x + \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$  and  $u' = x' + \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . Note that as  $u + u'$  is non-zero  $x + x' \in \mathcal{F}_v \setminus \mathcal{F}_{v-1}$ . Let  $x = [\xi]$  and  $x' = [\xi']$  where  $\xi, \xi' \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$  and  $L(\xi) = L(\xi') = v$ . Then  $x + x' = [\xi + \xi']$ . Note that  $L(\xi + \xi') \leq v$ . But  $L(x + x') = v$ . So  $L(\xi + \xi') = v$ . Let  $(a_I/f^v)', (a'_I/f^v)'$  be the normal forms of  $\xi$ , and  $\xi'$  respectively. Note that  $((a_I + a'_I)/f^v)'$  is the normal form of  $\xi + \xi'$ . It follows that  $\theta(\xi + \xi') = \theta(\xi) + \theta(\xi')$ . Thus  $\tilde{\theta}(x + x') = \tilde{\theta}(x) + \tilde{\theta}(x')$ . Therefore

$$\eta_v(u + u') = \eta_v(u) + \eta_v(u'). \square$$

Surprisingly the following result holds.

*Proposition 4.8* — (with notation as above).

- (a)  $\eta_\nu$  is injective for all  $\nu \geq 2$ .
- (b) If  $p \neq n - 1$ . Then  $\eta_1$  also injective.
- (c) If  $p = n - 1$ . Then  $\ker(\eta_1) = K$ .

PROOF : Suppose if possible  $\eta_\nu$  is not injective. Then there exists non-zero  $u \in \mathcal{F}_\nu/\mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}$  with  $\eta_\nu(u) = 0$ . Say  $u = x + \mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}$ . Also let  $x = [\xi]$  where  $\xi \in Z_p(\partial; R_f)_{-\omega}$  and  $L(\xi) = L(x) = \nu$ . Let  $(a_I/f^\nu \mid |I| = p)'$  be the normal form of  $\xi$ . So we have

$$0 = \eta_\nu(u) = \tilde{\theta}(x) = \theta(\xi) = [(\bar{a}_I)'].$$

It follows that  $(\bar{a}_I)' = \psi_{p+1}(\bar{b})$ , where  $\bar{b} = (b_G \mid |G| = p + 1)'$ . It follows that

$$\bar{a}_I = \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \left( \bar{b}_{I \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial \bar{f}}{\partial x_i} \right).$$

It follows that for  $|I| = p$  we have the following equation in  $R$ :

$$a_I = \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \left( b_{I \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) + d_I f, \quad (4.8.1)$$

for some  $d_I \in R$ . Note that the above equation is of homogeneous elements in  $R$ . So we have the following

$$\frac{a_I}{f^\nu} = \frac{\sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} b_{I \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}}{f^\nu} + \frac{d_I}{f^{\nu-1}}. \quad (4.8.2)$$

We consider two cases:

- (a): Let  $\nu \geq 2$ . Set  $\tilde{b}_{I \cup \{i\}} = -b_{I \cup \{i\}}/(\nu - 1)$ . Then note that

$$\frac{b_{I \cup \{i\}} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}}{f^\nu} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\tilde{b}_{I \cup \{i\}}}{f^{\nu-1}} \right) - \frac{*}{f^{\nu-1}}.$$

By equation (4.8.2) we have

$$\frac{a_I}{f^\nu} = \sum_{i \notin I} (-1)^{\sigma(I \cup \{i\})} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \frac{\tilde{b}_{I \cup \{i\}}}{f^{\nu-1}} \right) - \frac{*}{f^{\nu-1}}.$$

Put  $\xi' = (* / f^{\nu-1} : |I| = p)'$  and  $\delta = \left( \tilde{b}_{I \cup \{i\}} / f^{\nu-1} \mid i \notin I, |I| = p \right)'$ . Then we have

$$\xi = \phi_{p+1}(\delta) + \xi'.$$

So we have  $x = [\xi] = [\xi']$ . This yields  $L(x) \leq L(\xi') \leq \nu - 1$ . This is a contradiction.

(b): Let  $\nu = 1$  and  $p \neq n - 1$ . Note that  $n \geq p + 2$ . Also note that  $\xi \in (\mathbb{K}_p)_{-\omega}$ . Thus for  $|I| = p$  we have

$$\frac{a_I}{f} \in (R_f(\omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_p}))_{-\omega}.$$

It follows that

$$\deg a_I = \deg f - \omega + (\omega_{i_1} + \cdots + \omega_{i_p}).$$

Also note that  $\deg \partial f / \partial x_i = \deg f - \omega_i$ . By comparing degrees in equation (4.8.1) we get  $a_I = 0$  for all  $I$  with  $|I| = p$ . Thus  $\xi = 0$ . So  $x = 0$ . Therefore  $u = 0$  a contradiction.

(c): Let  $p = n - 1$ . By comparing degrees in equation (4.8.1) we get  $d_I = 0$  and  $b_{I \cup \{i\}} = \text{constant}$ . But

$$\xi = \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} / f, -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_{n-1}} / f, \dots, (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} / f \right)'$$

It is easily verified that  $\xi \in Z_{n-1}(\partial; R_f)$  and that if  $x = [\xi]$  then  $\eta_1(x) = 0$ .

We prove that  $\xi \notin B_{n-1}(\partial; R_f)$ . Suppose if possible let  $g \in R$ ,  $\text{g.c.d}(g, f) = 1$  and

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}, -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_{n-1}}, \dots, (-1)^{n-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)' (g/f^c) = \xi.$$

Thus

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (g/f^c) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} / f \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

By computing left hand side we see that  $f$  divides  $g \partial f / \partial x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

$$\text{Let } g \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = f h_i.$$

Let

$$f = f_1^{a_1} f_2^{a_2} \cdots f_s^{a_s}, \quad f_j \text{ irreducible and } a_j \geq 1.$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^s f_1^{a_1} \cdots f_{j-1}^{a_{j-1}} (a_j f_j^{a_j-1} \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial x_i}) f_{j+1}^{a_{j+1}} \cdots f_s^{a_s}.$$

If  $a_j = 1 \Rightarrow f_j$  does not divide  $\partial f_j / \partial x_j$  so  $f_j$  does not divide  $\partial f / \partial x_i$ .

If  $a_j \geq 2 \Rightarrow f_j^{a_j-1}$  divides  $\partial f/\partial x_i$  and  $f_j^{a_j}$  does not divides  $\partial f/\partial x_i$ . So we can write

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = f_1^{a_1-1} f_2^{a_2-1} \cdots f_s^{a_s-1} V_i, \quad \text{where } f_j \text{ does not divides } V_i \forall j.$$

Let  $U = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_s$ . Then we have  $gV_i = Uh_i$ . As  $\text{g.c.d}(g, f) = 1$  so  $\text{g.c.d}(g, U) = 1$ . So  $f_j$  divides  $V_i$  a contradiction. Therefore  $\xi \notin B_{n-1}(\partial; R_f)$ . Hence  $\ker(\eta_1) = K$ .  $\square$

By summarizing the above results, we obtain our main Theorem:

**Theorem 4.9** — Assume  $H_{p+1}(\partial f; A) = 0$ . Then there exists a filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_\nu\}_{\nu \geq 0}$  consisting of  $K$ -subspaces of  $H_p(\partial; R_f)$  with  $\mathcal{F}_\nu = H_p(\partial; R_f)$  for  $\nu \gg 0$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_\nu \supseteq \mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_0 = 0$  and  $K$ -linear maps

$$\eta_\nu : \frac{\mathcal{F}_\nu}{\mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}} \rightarrow H_p(\partial f; A)_{(v+p) \deg f - \omega}.$$

such that

- (a)  $\eta_\nu$  is injective for all  $\nu \geq 2$ .
- (b) If  $p \neq n - 1$ . Then  $\eta_1$  also injective.
- (c) If  $p = n - 1$ . Then  $\ker(\eta_1) = K$ .

**Corollary 4.10** — If  $H_i(\partial f; A) = 0$  for  $i \geq \alpha + 1$ . Then

$$H_i(\partial; R_f) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha + 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \\ K & \text{if } i = n - 1. \end{cases}$$

**PROOF :** Let  $\alpha + 1 \leq i \leq n - 2$ . By Theorem 4.9 there exist a filtration  $\{\mathcal{F}_\nu\}_{\nu \geq 0}$  of  $H_i(\partial; R_f)$  and injective maps

$$\eta_\nu : \frac{\mathcal{F}_\nu}{\mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}} \longrightarrow H_i(\partial f; A).$$

Note that  $\mathcal{F}_0 = 0$ . As  $H_i(\partial f; A) = 0$  we get  $\mathcal{F}_1 = 0$ . Continuing this way we get  $\mathcal{F}_\nu = 0$  for all  $\nu$ . As  $\mathcal{F}_\nu = H_i(\partial; R_f)$  for  $\nu \gg 0$ . Hence  $H_i(\partial; R_f) = 0$ .

Let  $i = n - 1$ . Then  $\ker(\eta_1) = K$ . So  $\mathcal{F}_1/K = 0$ . Thus  $\mathcal{F}_1 = K$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } \dim_K H_{n-1}(\partial; R_f) &= \sum \dim_K (\mathcal{F}_\nu / \mathcal{F}_{\nu-1}) \\ &= \dim_K \mathcal{F}_1 \\ &= 1. \square \end{aligned}$$

When  $A$  is smooth we get:

Corollary 4.11 — Let  $f \in R$  be quasi homogeneous. Let  $A = R/(f)$  be smooth. Then

$$H_i(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R)) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 2 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ or } i = n \\ K & \text{if } i = n-1. \end{cases}$$

PROOF : As  $A$  is smooth, so  $H_i(\partial f; A) = 0$  for  $i \geq 2$ . Therefore by Corollary 4.10.

$$H_i(\partial; R_f) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \alpha + 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \\ K & \text{if } i = n-1. \end{cases}$$

By [3, Theorem 2.7]

$$H_n(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R)) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad H_i(\partial; R_f) \cong H_i(\partial; H_{(f)}^1(R)) \quad \text{for } i < n.$$

Hence the result. □

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