# On the Milnor Formula in Arbitrary Characteristic 

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Dedicated to Antonio Campillo on the occasion of his 65th birthday


#### Abstract

The Milnor formula $\mu=2 \delta-r+1$ relates the Milnor number $\mu$, the double point number $\delta$ and the number $r$ of branches of a plane curve singularity. It holds over the fields of characteristic zero. Melle and Wall based on a result by Deligne proved the inequality $\mu \geq 2 \delta-r+1$ in arbitrary characteristic and showed that the equality $\mu=2 \delta-r+1$ characterizes the singularities with no wild vanishing cycles. In this note we give an account of results on the Milnor formula in characteristic $p$. It holds if the plane singularity is Newton non-degenerate (Boubakri et al. Rev. Mat. Complut. 25:61-85, 2010) or if $p$ is greater than the intersection number of the singularity with its generic polar (Nguyen Annales de l'Institut Fourier, Tome 66(5):2047-2066, 2016). Then we improve our result on the Milnor number of irreducible singularities (Bull. Lond. Math. Soc. 48:94-98, 2016). Our considerations are based on the properties of polars of plane singularities in characteristic $p$.


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## 1 Introduction

John Milnor proved in his celebrated book [17] the formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mu=2 \delta-r+1 \tag{M}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mu$ is the Milnor number, $\delta$ the double point number and $r$ the number of branches of a plane curve singularity. The Milnor's proof of (M) is based on topological considerations. A proof given by Risler [21] is algebraic and shows that (M) holds in characteristic zero.

On the other hand Melle and Wall based on a result by Deligne [5] proved the inequality $\mu \geq 2 \delta-r+1$ in arbitrary characteristic and showed that the Milnor formula holds if and only if the singularity has not wild vanishing cycles [16]. In the sequel we will call a tame singularity any plane curve singularity verifying (M).

Recently some papers on the singularities satisfying (M) in characteristic $p$ appeared. In [1] the authors showed that planar Newton non-degenerate singularities are tame. Different notions of non-degeneracy for plane curve singularities are discussed in [10]. In [18] the author proved that if the characteristic $p$ is greater than the kappa invariant then the singularity is tame. In [7] and [11] the case of irreducible singularities is investigated. Our aim is to give an account of the abovementioned results.

In Sect. 2 we prove that any semi-quasihomogeneous singularity is tame. Our proof is different from that given in [1] and can be extended to the case of Kouchnirenko nondegenerate singularities ([1, Theorem 9]). In Sects. 3 and 4 we generalize Teissier's lemma ([22, Chap. II, Proposition 1.2]) relating the intersection number of the singularity with its polar and the Minor number to the case of arbitrary characteristic and reprove the result due to H.D. Nguyen [18, Corollary 3.2] in the following form: if $p>\mu(f)+\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$ then the singularity is tame.

Section 5 is devoted to the strengthened version of our result on the Milnor number of irreducible singularities.

## 2 Semi-quasihomogeneous Singularities

Let $\mathbf{K}$ be an algebraically closed field of characteristic $p \geq 0$. For any formal power series $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ we denote by $\operatorname{ord}(f)$ (resp. in $(f))$ the order (resp. the initial form of $f$ ). A power series $l \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ is called a regular parameter if $\operatorname{ord}(l)=1$. A plane curve singularity (in short: a singularity) is a nonzero power series $f$ of order greater than one. For any power series $f, g \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ we put $i_{0}(f, g):=$ $\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbf{K}} \mathbf{K}[[x, y]] /(f, g)$ and called it the intersection number of $f$ and $g$. The Milnor number of $f$ is

$$
\mu(f):=\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbf{K}} \mathbf{K}[[x, y]] /\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) .
$$

If $\Phi$ is an automorphism of $\mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ then $\mu(f)=\mu(\Phi(f))$ (see [1, p. 62]). If the characteristic of $\mathbf{K}$ is $p=$ char $\mathbf{K}>0$ then we can have $\mu(f)=+\infty$ and $\mu(u f)<+\infty$ for a unit $u \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ (take $f=x^{p}+y^{p-1}$ and $u=1+x$ ).

Let $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a reduced (without multiple factors) power series and consider a regular parameter $l \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$. Assume that $l$ does not divide $f$. We call the polar of $f$ with respect to $l$ the power series

$$
\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)=\frac{\partial(f, l)}{\partial(x, y)}=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial l}{\partial y}-\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial l}{\partial x} .
$$

If $l=-b x+a y$ for $(a, b) \neq(0,0)$ then $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)=a \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}+b \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$.
For any reduced power series $f$ we put $\mathscr{O}_{f}=\mathbf{K}[[x, y]] /(f), \overline{\mathscr{O}_{f}}$ the integral closure of $\mathscr{O}_{f}$ in the total quotient ring of $\mathscr{O}_{f}$ and $\delta(f)=\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbf{K}} \overline{\mathscr{O}_{f}} / \mathscr{O}_{f}$ (the double point number). Let $\mathscr{C}$ be the conductor of $\mathscr{O}_{f}$, that is the largest ideal in $\mathscr{O}_{f}$ which remains an ideal in $\overline{\mathscr{O}_{f}}$. We define $c(f)=\operatorname{dim}_{\mathbf{K}} \overline{\mathscr{O}}_{f} / \mathscr{C}$ (the degree of conductor) and $r(f)$ the number of irreducible factors of $f$. The semigroup $\Gamma(f)$ associated with the irreducible power series $f$ is defined as the set of intersection numbers $i_{0}(f, h)$, where $h$ runs over power series such that $h \not \equiv 0(\bmod f)$.

The degree of conductor $c(f)$ is equal to the smallest element $c$ of $\Gamma(f)$ such that $c+N \in \Gamma(f)$ for all integers $N \geq 0$ (see [2,9]).

For any reduced power series $f$ we define

$$
\bar{\mu}(f):=c(f)-r(f)+1
$$

In particular, if $f$ is irreducible then $\bar{\mu}(f)=c(f)$.
Proposition 2.1 Let $f=f_{1} \cdots f_{r} \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a reduced power series, where $f_{i}$ is irreducible for $i=1, \ldots, r$. Then
(i) $\bar{\mu}(f)=\bar{\mu}(u f)$ for any unit $u$ of $\mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$.
(ii)

$$
\bar{\mu}(f)+r-1=\sum_{i=1}^{r} \bar{\mu}\left(f_{i}\right)+2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq r} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)
$$

(iii) Let $l$ be a regular parameter such that $i_{0}\left(f_{i}, l\right) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ for $i=1, \ldots, r$. Then

$$
i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\bar{\mu}(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1 .
$$

(iv) $\bar{\mu}(f)=\mu(f)$ if and only if $\mu(f)=2 \delta(f)-r(f)+1$.
(v) $\bar{\mu}(f) \geq 0$ and $\bar{\mu}(f)=0$ if and only if $\operatorname{ord}(f)=1$.

Proof Property (i) is obvious. To check (ii) observe that

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{r} \bar{\mu}\left(f_{i}\right)+2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq r} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{r} c\left(f_{i}\right)+2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq r} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)=c(f)=\bar{\mu}(f)+r-1,
$$

by [3, Lemma 2.1, p. 381]. Property (iii) in the case $r=1$ reduces to the Dedekind formula $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=c(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1$ provided that $i_{0}(f, l) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ [7, Lemma 3.1]. To check the general case we apply the Dedekind formula to the irreducible factors $f_{i}$ of $f$ and we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) & =\sum_{i=1}^{r} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{r} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, \mathscr{P}_{l}\left(f_{i}\right) \frac{f}{f_{i}}\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{r}\left(i_{0}\left(f_{i}, \mathscr{P}_{l}\left(f_{i}\right)\right)+\sum_{j \neq i} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{r}\left(\bar{\mu}\left(f_{i}\right)+i_{0}\left(f_{i}, l\right)-1+\sum_{j \neq i} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{r} \bar{\mu}\left(f_{i}\right)+2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq r} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)+i_{0}(f, l)-r \\
& =\bar{\mu}(f)+r-1+i_{0}(f, l)-r=\bar{\mu}(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1 .
\end{aligned}
$$

Property (iv) follows since $c(f)=2 \delta(f)$ for any reduced power series $f$ by the Gorenstein theorem (see for example [20, Section 5]).

Now we prove Property (v). If $f$ is irreducible then $\bar{\mu}(f)=c(f) \geq 0$ with equality if and only if $\operatorname{ord}(f)=1$. Suppose that $r>1$. Then by (ii) we get

$$
\bar{\mu}(f)+r-1 \geq 2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq r} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right) \geq r(r-1)
$$

and $\bar{\mu}(f) \geq(r-1)^{2}>0$, which proves (v).
Remark 2.2 Using Proposition 2.1(ii) we check the following property:
Let $f=g_{1} \cdots g_{s} \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a reduced power series, where the power series $g_{i}$ for $i=1, \ldots, s$ are pairwise coprime. Then

$$
\bar{\mu}(f)+s-1=\sum_{i=1}^{s} \bar{\mu}\left(g_{i}\right)+2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq s} i_{0}\left(g_{i}, g_{j}\right)
$$

Let $\vec{w}=(n, m) \in\left(\mathbf{N}_{+}\right)^{2}$ be a pair of strictly positive integers. In the sequel we call $\vec{w}$ a weight.

Let $f=\sum c_{\alpha \beta} x^{\alpha} y^{\beta} \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a power series. Then

- the $\vec{w}$-order of $f$ is $\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)=\inf \left\{\alpha n+\beta m: c_{\alpha \beta} \neq 0\right\}$,
- the $\vec{w}$-initial form of $f$ is $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=\sum_{\alpha n+\beta m=w} c_{\alpha \beta} x^{\alpha} y^{\beta}$, where $w=$ $\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)$,
- $R_{\vec{w}}(f)=f-\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)$.

Thus $R_{\vec{w}}(f)$ is a power series of $\vec{w}$-order greater than $\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)$.
Note that ord $\vec{w}(x)=n$ and $\operatorname{ord} \vec{w}(y)=m$.
A power series $f$ is semi-quasihomogeneous (with respect to $\vec{w}$ ) if the system of equations

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=0, \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

has the only solution $(x, y)=(0,0)$.
A power series $f$ is convenient if $f(x, 0) \cdot f(0, y) \neq 0$.
Suppose that $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)$ is convenient and the line $\alpha n+\beta m=\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)$ intersects the axes in points $(m, 0)$ and $(0, n)$. Let $d=\operatorname{gcd}(m, n)$. Then $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=$ $F\left(x^{m / d}, y^{n / d}\right)$, where $F(u, v) \in \mathbf{K}[u, v]$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $d$.

Proposition 2.3 Suppose that $\mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)$ has no multiple factors. Then

$$
\bar{\mu}(f)=\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right) \cdot\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right) .
$$

Proof In the proof we will use lemmas collected in the Appendix.
Observe that if $\mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)$ has no multiple factors then $\mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=m_{\vec{w}}(f)$ $\left(\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)^{o}$, where $m_{\vec{w}}(f) \in\{1, x, y, x y\}$ and $\left(\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)^{o}$ is a convenient power series or a constant. To prove the proposition we will use Hensel's Lemma (see Lemma A.3) and Remark 2.2. We have to consider several cases.

Case 1: $\quad \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=($ const $) \cdot x$ or $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=($ const $) \cdot y$.
In this case $\operatorname{ord}(f)=1$ and by Proposition 2.1(v) $\bar{\mu}(f)=0$. If $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=$ $($ const $) \cdot x($ resp. in $\vec{w}(f)=($ const $) \cdot y)$ then ord $\vec{w}^{(f)}=n\left(\right.$ resp. $\left.\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)=m\right)$ and

$$
\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right)=0 .
$$

Case 2: $\quad \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=($ const $) \cdot x y$.
By Hensel's Lemma (see Lemma A.3) $f=f_{1} f_{2}$, where $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}\left(f_{1}\right)=c_{1} x$, $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}\left(f_{2}\right)=c_{2} y$ with constants $c_{1}, c_{2} \neq 0$. Using Remark 2.2 and Lemma A. 1 we get

$$
\bar{\mu}(f)+1=\bar{\mu}\left(f_{1} f_{2}\right)+1=\bar{\mu}\left(f_{1}\right)+\bar{\mu}\left(f_{2}\right)+2 i_{0}\left(f_{1}, f_{2}\right)=0+0+2.1
$$

and $\bar{\mu}(f)=1$. On the other hand $\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)=n+m$ and

$$
\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right)=1
$$

Case 3: The power series $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}} f$ is convenient.
Assume additionally that the line $n \alpha+m \beta=\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)$ intersects the axes in points $(m, 0)$ and $(0, n)$. Let $d=\operatorname{gcd}(n, m)$. Then the $\vec{w}$-initial form of $f$ is

$$
\mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}} f=\prod_{i=1}^{d}\left(a_{i} x^{m / d}+b_{i} y^{n / d}\right)
$$

where $a_{i} x^{m / d}+b_{i} y^{n / d}$ are pairwise coprime. By Hensel's Lemma (see Lemma A.3) we get a factorization $f=\prod_{i=1}^{d} f_{i}$, where in ${ }_{\vec{w}} f_{i}=a_{i} x^{m / d}+$ $b_{i} y^{n / d}$ for $i=1, \ldots, d$. The factors $f_{i}$ are irreducible with semigroup $\Gamma\left(f_{i}\right)=\frac{m}{d} \mathbf{N}+\frac{n}{d} \mathbf{N}$ and

$$
\bar{\mu}\left(f_{i}\right)=c\left(f_{i}\right)=\left(\frac{m}{d}-1\right)\left(\frac{n}{d}-1\right)
$$

(see, for example [6]). Moreover by Lemma A. 1 we have

$$
i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)=\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}} f_{i} \operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}} f_{j}}{m n}=\frac{m n}{d^{2}}, \text { for } i \neq j
$$

and we get by Proposition 2.1(ii)
$\bar{\mu}(f)+d-1=\sum_{i=1}^{d} \bar{\mu}\left(f_{i}\right)+2 \sum_{1 \leq i<j \leq d} i_{0}\left(f_{i}, f_{j}\right)=d\left(\frac{m}{d}-1\right)\left(\frac{n}{d}-1\right)+2 \frac{d(d-1)}{2} \frac{m n}{d^{2}}$,
which implies $\bar{\mu}(f)=(m-1)(n-1)=\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}} f}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}} f}{m}-1\right)$, since the weighted order of $f$ is $\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}} f=m n$.
Now consider the general case, that is when the line $n \alpha+m \beta=\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)$ intersects the axes in points $\left(m_{1}, 0\right)=\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}} f}{n}, 0\right)$ and $\left(0, n_{1}\right)=\left(0, \frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}\right)$. Then $f$ is semi-quasihomogeneous with respect to $\overrightarrow{w_{1}}=\left(n_{1}, m_{1}\right)$ and the line $n_{1} \alpha+m_{1} \beta=\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}_{1}}(f)$ intersects the axes in points $\left(m_{1}, 0\right)$ and $\left(0, n_{1}\right)$. By the
first part of the proof we get

$$
\bar{\mu}(f)=\left(m_{1}-1\right)\left(n_{1}-1\right)=\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right),
$$

which proves the proposition in Case 3.
Case 4: $\quad \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=x\left(\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)^{o}$ or $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=y\left(\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)^{o}$, where $\left(\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)^{o}$ is convenient.
This case follows from Hensel's Lemma (Lemma A.3), Cases 1 and 3.
Case 5: $\quad \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=x y\left(\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)^{o}$, where $\left(\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)^{o}$ is convenient.
This case follows from Hensel's Lemma (Lemma A.3), Cases 2 and 3.
Theorem 2.4 Suppose that $\mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)$ has no multiple factors. Then $f$ is tame if and only if $f$ is a semi-quasihomogeneous singularity with respect to $\vec{w}$.
Proof We have $\bar{\mu}(f)=\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right)$ by Proposition 2.3. On the other hand, by Lemma A.2, we get that $\mu(f)=\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right)$ if and only if the system of equations

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=0, \\
\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

has the only solution $(x, y)=(0,0)$. The theorem follows from Proposition 2.1(iv).
Example 2.5 Let $f(x, y)=x^{m}+y^{n}+\sum_{\alpha n+\beta m>n m} c_{\alpha} x^{\alpha} y^{\beta}$ and let $d=$ $\operatorname{gcd}(m, n)$. Then $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=x^{m}+y^{n}$ has no multiple factors if and only if $d \not \equiv 0$ $(\bmod p)$. If $d \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ then $f$ is tame if and only if $m \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ and $n \not \equiv 0$ $(\bmod p)$.

Corollary 2.6 The semi-quasihomogeneous singularities are tame.
Corollary 2.6 is a particular case of the following
Theorem 2.7 (Boubakri, Greuel, Markwig [1, Theorem 9].) The planar Newton non-degenerate singularities are tame.

## 3 Teissier's Lemma in Characteristic $p \geq 0$

The intersection theoretical approach to the Milnor number in characteristic zero [4] is based on a lemma due to Teissier who proved a more general result (the case of hypersurfaces) in [22, Chapter II, Proposition 1.2]. A general formula on isolated complete intersection singularity is due to Greuel [8] and Lê [14]. In this section we study Teissier's Lemma in arbitrary characteristic $p \geq 0$.

Let $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a reduced power series and $l \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a regular parameter. Assume that $l$ does not divide $f$ and consider the polar $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial l}{\partial y}-$ $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial l}{\partial x}$ of $f$ with respect to $l$. In this section we assume, without loss of generality, that $\operatorname{ord}(l(0, y))=1$.
Lemma 3.1 Let $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a reduced power series and $l \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a regular parameter. Then $i_{0}\left(l, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \geq i_{0}(f, l)-1$ with equality if and only if $i_{0}(f, l) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.

Proof Recall that $\operatorname{ord}(l(0, y))=1$. Let $\phi(t)=\left(\phi_{1}(t), \phi_{2}(t)\right)$ be a good parametrization of the curve $l(x, y)=0$ (see [19, Section 2]). In particular $0=l(\phi(t))$ so $\frac{d}{d t} l(\phi(t))=0$. On the other hand we have $\operatorname{ord}\left(\phi_{1}(t)\right)=i_{0}(x, l)=$ $\operatorname{ord}(l(0, y))=1$ and $\phi_{1}^{\prime}(0) \neq 0$. Differentiating $f(\phi(t))$ and $l(\phi(t))$ we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d t} f(\phi(t))=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\phi(t)) \phi_{1}^{\prime}(t)+\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\phi(t)) \phi_{2}^{\prime}(t) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
0=\frac{d}{d t} l(\phi(t))=\frac{\partial l}{\partial x}(\phi(t)) \phi_{1}^{\prime}(t)+\frac{\partial l}{\partial y}(\phi(t)) \phi_{2}^{\prime}(t) . \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (2) we have $\frac{\partial l}{\partial x}(\phi(t)) \phi_{1}^{\prime}(t)=-\frac{\partial l}{\partial y}(\phi(t)) \phi_{2}^{\prime}(t)$ and by (1) and the definition of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we get

$$
\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)(\phi(t)) \phi_{1}^{\prime}(t)=\frac{d}{d t} f(\phi(t)) \frac{\partial l}{\partial y}(\phi(t)) .
$$

Since $\phi_{1}^{\prime}(t)$ and $\frac{\partial l}{\partial y}(\phi(t))$ are units in $\mathbf{K}[[t]]$ we have

$$
\operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)(\phi(t))\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(\frac{d}{d t} f(\phi(t))\right) \geq \operatorname{ord}(f(\phi(t)))-1
$$

with equality if and only if $\operatorname{ord}(f(\phi(t))) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$. Now the lemma follows from the formula $i_{0}(h, l)=\operatorname{ord}(h(\phi(t)))$ which holds for every power series $h \in$ $\mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$.

Corollary 3.2 Suppose that $i_{0}(f, l)=\operatorname{ord}(f) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ for a regular parameter $l \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$. Then
(a) $i_{0}\left(l, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$,
(b) $\operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$,
(c) if $h$ is an irreducible factor of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ then $i_{0}(l, h)=\operatorname{ord}(h)$.

Proof Property (a) follows immediately from Lemma 3.1. To check (b) observe that we get $\operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \cdot \operatorname{ord}(l) \leq i_{0}\left(l, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$, where the last equality follows from (a). The inequality $\operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \geq \operatorname{ord}(f)-1$ is obvious.

Let $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)=\prod_{i=1}^{s} h_{i}$, where $h_{i}$ is irreducible. From (a) and (b) we get

$$
0=i_{0}\left(l, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)-\operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{s}\left(i_{0}\left(l, h_{i}\right)-\operatorname{ord}\left(h_{i}\right)\right) .
$$

Since $i_{0}\left(l, h_{i}\right) \geq \operatorname{ord}\left(h_{i}\right)$ we have $i_{0}\left(l, h_{i}\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(h_{i}\right)$ for $i=1, \ldots, s$ which proves (c).

Proposition 3.3 (Teissier's Lemma in characteristic $p$.) Let $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a reduced power series. Suppose that
(i) $i_{0}(f, l) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$,
(ii) for any irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we get $i_{0}(l, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.

Then

$$
i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \leq \mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1
$$

with equality if and only if
(iii) for any irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we get $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.

Proof Fix an irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ and let $\psi(t)=\left(\psi_{1}(t), \psi_{2}(t)\right)$ be a good parametrization of the curve $h(x, y)=0$. Then $\operatorname{ord}(l(\psi(t)))=i_{0}(l, h) \not \equiv 0$ $(\bmod p)$ by $($ ii $)$ and $\operatorname{ord}\left(\frac{d}{d t} l(\psi(t))\right)=\operatorname{ord}(l(\psi(t)))-1$. Differentiating $f(\psi(t))$ and $l(\psi(t))$ we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d t} f(\psi(t))=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(\psi(t)) \psi_{1}^{\prime}(t)+\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\psi(t)) \psi_{2}^{\prime}(t) \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d t} l(\psi(t))=\frac{\partial l}{\partial x}(\psi(t)) \psi_{1}^{\prime}(t)+\frac{\partial l}{\partial y}(\psi(t)) \psi_{2}^{\prime}(t) . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)(\psi(t))=0$, it follows from (3) and (4) that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d t} f(\psi(t)) \frac{\partial l}{\partial y}(\psi(t))=\frac{d}{d t} l(\psi(t)) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\psi(t)) . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $\frac{\partial l}{\partial y}(\psi(t))$ is a unit in $\mathbf{K}[[t]]$, taking orders in (5) we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\operatorname{ord}(f(\psi(t)))-1 & \leq \operatorname{ord}\left(\frac{d}{d t} f(\psi(t))\right)=\operatorname{ord}\left(\frac{d}{d t} l(\psi(t))\right)+\operatorname{ord}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\psi(t))\right) \\
& =\operatorname{ord}(l(\psi(t)))-1+\operatorname{ord}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(\psi(t))\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where the last equality follows from $\operatorname{ord}(l(\psi(t))) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.
Hence $i_{0}(f, h) \leq i_{0}(l, h)+i_{0}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, h\right)$.
Summing up over all $h$ counted with multiplicities as factors of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \leq i_{0}\left(l, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)+i_{0}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

By Lemma 3.1 and assumption (i) we have $i_{0}\left(l, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=i_{0}(f, l)-1$. Moreover $i_{0}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\mu(f)$ since $\operatorname{ord}(l(0, y))=1$ and we get from the equality (6)

$$
i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \leq \mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1
$$

The equality holds if and only if $i_{0}(f, h)=i_{0}(l, h)+i_{0}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, h\right)$ for every $h$, which is equivalent to the condition $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$, since $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ if and only if ord $\left(\frac{d}{d t} f(\psi(t))\right)=\operatorname{ord}(f(\psi(t)))-1$.
Corollary 3.4 (Teissier [22, Chapter II, Proposition 1.2]) If char $\mathbf{K}=0$ then

$$
i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1
$$

Corollary 3.5 Suppose that $p=\operatorname{char} \mathbf{K}>\operatorname{ord}(f)$ and let $i_{0}(f, l)=\operatorname{ord}(f)$. Then

$$
i_{0}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f), f\right) \leq \mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1
$$

The equality holds if and only if for any irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we get $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.

Proof If $\operatorname{ord}(f)<p$ then $i_{0}(f, l)=\operatorname{ord}(f) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ and by Corollary 3.2 for any irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we get

$$
i_{0}(l, h)=\operatorname{ord}(h) \leq \operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\operatorname{ord}(f)-1<p
$$

Hence $i_{0}(l, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ and the corollary follows from Proposition 3.3.
Example 3.6 Let $f=x^{p+2}+y^{p+1}+x^{p+1} y$, where $p=\operatorname{char} K>2$. Take $l=y$. Then $i_{0}(f, l)=p+2 \not \equiv 0(\bmod p), \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)=\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}=x^{p}(2 x+y)$ and the irreducible factors of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ are $h_{1}=x$ and $h_{2}=2 x+y$. Clearly $i_{0}\left(l, h_{1}\right)=i_{0}\left(l, h_{2}\right)=$ $1 \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$. Moreover $i_{0}\left(f, h_{1}\right)=i_{0}\left(f, h_{2}\right)=p+1$ and all assumptions of Proposition 3.3 are satisfied.

Hence $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1$ and $\mu(f)=i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)-i_{0}(f, l)+$ $1=p(p+1)$. Note that $l=0$ is a curve of maximal contact with $f=0$. Let $l_{1}=x$. Then $i_{0}\left(f, l_{1}\right)=\operatorname{ord}(f)=p+1, \mathscr{P}_{l_{1}}(f)=-\left(y^{p}+x^{p+1}\right)$ and $h=y^{p}+x^{p+1}$ is the only irreducible factor of the polar $\mathscr{P}_{l_{1}}(f)$. Since $i_{0}\left(l_{1}, h\right)=p$, the condition (ii) of Proposition 3.3 is not satisfied. However, $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l_{1}}(f)\right)=\mu(f)+i_{0}\left(f, l_{1}\right)-1$, which we check directly.

## 4 Tame Singularities

Assume that $f$ is a plane curve singularity.
Proposition 4.1 Let $f=f_{1} \cdots f_{r} \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a reduced power series, where $f_{i}$ is irreducible for $i=1, \ldots, r$. Suppose that there exists a regular parameter $l$ such that $i_{0}\left(f_{i}, l\right) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ for $i=1, \ldots, r$. Then $f$ is tame if and only if Teissier's lemma holds, that is if $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1$.

Proof By Proposition 2.1(iii) we have that $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\bar{\mu}(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1$. Thus $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)=\mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1$ if and only if $\mu(f)=\bar{\mu}(f)$. We finish the proof using Proposition 2.1(iv).

Proposition 4.2 (Milnor [17], Risler [21]) If char $\mathbf{K}=0$ then any plane singularity is tame.

Proof Teissier's Lemma holds by Corollary 3.4. Use Proposition 4.1.
Proposition 4.3 Let $p=\operatorname{char} \mathbf{K}>0$. Suppose that $p>\operatorname{ord}(f)$. Let $l$ be $a$ regular parameter such that $i_{0}(f, l)=\operatorname{ord}(f)$. Then $f$ is tame if and only if for any irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we get $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.

Proof Take a regular parameter $l$ such that $i_{0}(f, l)=\operatorname{ord}(f)$. By hypothesis we get $i_{0}(f, l)<p$ so $i_{0}(f, l) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$. By Corollary 3.2 the assumption (ii) of Proposition 3.3 is satisfied.

Hence $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \leq \mu(f)+i_{0}(f, l)-1$ with equality if and only if $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv$ $0(\bmod p)$ for any irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$. Use Proposition 4.1.

Proposition 4.4 (Nguyen [18]) Let $p=\operatorname{char} \mathbf{K}>0$. Suppose that there exists $a$ regular parameter l such that $i_{0}(f, l)=\operatorname{ord}(f)$ and $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)<p$. Then $f$ is tame.

Proof We have $p>i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \geq \operatorname{ord}(f) \cdot \operatorname{ord}\left(\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)$. Hence $p>\operatorname{ord}(f)$ and we may apply Proposition 4.3. Since $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)<p$ for any irreducible factor $h$ of $\mathscr{P}_{l}(f)$ we have that $i_{0}(f, h)<p$ and obviously $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$. The proposition follows from Proposition 4.3.

Theorem 4.5 (Nguyen [18]) If $p>\mu(f)+\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$ then $f$ is tame.
Proof Since $f$ is a singularity we get $\mu(f)>0$ and by hypothesis the characteristic of the field verifies $p>\mu(f)-1+\operatorname{ord}(f) \geq \operatorname{ord}(f)$. By the first part of the proof of Proposition 4.3 we have $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right) \leq \mu(f)+\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$, where $l$ is a regular parameter such that $i_{0}(f, l)=\operatorname{ord}(f)$. Hence $i_{0}\left(f, \mathscr{P}_{l}(f)\right)<p$ and the theorem follows from Proposition 4.4.

## 5 The Milnor Number of Plane Irreducible Singularities

Let $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be an irreducible power series of order $n=\operatorname{ord}(f)$ and let $\Gamma(f)$ be the semigroup associated with $f=0$.

Let $\overline{\beta_{0}}, \ldots, \overline{\beta_{g}}$ be the minimal sequence of generators of $\Gamma(f)$ defined by the conditions

- $\overline{\beta_{0}}=\min (\Gamma(f) \backslash\{0\})=\operatorname{ord}(f)=n$,
- $\overline{\beta_{k}}=\min \left(\Gamma(f) \backslash \mathbf{N} \overline{\beta_{0}}+\cdots+\mathbf{N} \overline{\beta_{k-1}}\right)$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$,
- $\Gamma(f)=\mathbf{N} \overline{\beta_{0}}+\cdots+\mathbf{N} \overline{\beta_{g}}$.

Let $e_{k}=\operatorname{gcd}\left(\overline{\beta_{0}}, \ldots, \overline{\beta_{k}}\right)$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$. Then $n=e_{0}>e_{1}>\cdots e_{g-1}>e_{g}=$ 1. Let $n_{k}=e_{k-1} / e_{k}$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$. We have $n_{k}>1$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$ and $n=n_{1} \cdots n_{g}$. Let $n^{*}=\max \left(n_{1}, \ldots, n_{g}\right)$. Then $n^{*} \leq n$ with equality if and only if $g=1$.

The following theorem is a sharpened version of the main result of [7].
Theorem 5.1 Let $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be an irreducible power series of order $n>1$ and let $\overline{\beta_{0}}, \ldots, \overline{\beta_{g}}$ be the minimal system of generators of $\Gamma(f)$. Suppose that $p=$ char $\mathbf{K}>n^{*}$. Then the following two conditions are equivalent:
(i) $\overline{\beta_{k}} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$,
(ii) $f$ is tame.

In [7] the equivalence of (i) and (ii) is proved under the assumption that $p>n$.
If $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ is an irreducible power series then we get $\operatorname{ord}(f(x, 0))=$ $\operatorname{ord}(f)$ or $\operatorname{ord}(f(0, y))=\operatorname{ord}(f)$. In the sequel we assume that $\operatorname{ord}(f(0, y))=$ $\operatorname{ord}(f)=n$. The proof of Theorem 5.1 is based on Merle's factorization theorem:

Theorem 5.2 (Merle [15], García Barroso-Płoski [7]) Suppose that $\operatorname{ord}(f(0, y))$ $=\operatorname{ord}(f)=n \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$. Then $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}=h_{1} \cdots h_{g}$ in $\mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$, where
(a) $\operatorname{ord}\left(h_{k}\right)=\frac{n}{e_{k}}-\frac{n}{e_{k-1}}$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$.
(b) If $h \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ is an irreducible factor of $h_{k}, k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$, then
(b1) $\frac{i_{0}(f, h)}{\operatorname{ord}(h)}=\frac{e_{k-1} \overline{\beta_{k}}}{n}$, and
(b2) $\operatorname{ord}(h) \equiv 0\left(\bmod \frac{n}{e_{k-1}}\right)$.
Lemma 5.3 Suppose that $p>n^{*}$. Then $i_{0}\left(f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) \leq \mu(f)+\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$ with equality if and only if $\overline{\beta_{k}} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ for $k \in\{0, \ldots, g\}$.

Proof Obviously $n_{k} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ for $k=1, \ldots, g$ and $n=n_{1} \cdots n_{g} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.
Let $h$ be an irreducible factor of $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$. Then, by Corollary 3.2(c) $i_{0}(h, x)=\operatorname{ord}(h)$. By Theorem $5.2(\mathrm{~b} 2) \operatorname{ord}(h)=m_{k} \frac{n}{e_{k-1}}$, for an index $k \in\{1, \ldots, g\}$, where $m_{k} \geq 1$ is an integer. Hence $m_{k} \frac{n}{e_{k-1}}=\operatorname{ord}(h) \leq \operatorname{ord}\left(h_{k}\right)=\frac{n}{e_{k-1}}\left(n_{k}-1\right)$ and $m_{k} \leq n_{k}-1<n_{k}<$ $p$, which implies $m_{k} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ and $\operatorname{ord}(h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$. By Proposition 3.3 we
get $i_{0}\left(f, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) \leq \mu(f)+\operatorname{ord}(f)-1$. By Theorem 5.2 (b1) we have the equalities $i_{0}(f, h)=\left(\frac{e_{k-1} \overline{\beta_{k}}}{n}\right) \operatorname{ord}(h)=m_{k} \overline{\beta_{k}}$ and we get $i_{0}(f, h) \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ if and only if $\overline{\beta_{k}} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$, which proves the second part of Lemma 5.3.

Proof of Theorem 5.1 Use Lemma 5.3 and Proposition 4.1.
Example 5.4 Let $f(x, y)=\left(y^{2}+x^{3}\right)^{2}+x^{5} y$. Then $f$ is irreducible and its semigroup is $\Gamma(f)=4 \mathbf{N}+6 \mathbf{N}+13 \mathbf{N}$. Here $e_{0}=4, e_{1}=2, e_{2}=1$ and $n_{1}=n_{2}=2$. Hence $n^{*}=2$.

Let $p>n^{*}=2$. If $p=\operatorname{char} \mathbf{K} \neq 3,13$ then $f$ is tame. On the other hand if $p=2$ then $\mu(f)=+\infty$ since $x$ is a common factor of $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$. Hence $f$ is tame if and only if $p \neq 2,3,13$. Note that for any $l$ with ord $(l)=1$ we have $i_{0}(f, l) \equiv 0$ $(\bmod 2)$.

Proposition 5.5 If $\Gamma(f)=\overline{\beta_{0}} \mathbf{N}+\overline{\beta_{1}} \mathbf{N}$ then $f$ is tame if and only if $\overline{\beta_{0}} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ and $\overline{\beta_{1}} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$.

Proof Let $\vec{w}=\left(\overline{\beta_{0}}, \overline{\beta_{1}}\right)$. There exists a system of coordinates $x, y$ such that we can write $f=y^{\overline{\beta_{0}}}+x^{\overline{\beta_{1}}}+$ terms of weight greater than $\overline{\beta_{0}} \overline{\beta_{1}}$. The proposition follows from Theorem 2.4 (see also [7, Example 2]).

In [11] the authors proved, without any restriction on $p=\operatorname{char} \mathbf{K}$, the following profound result:

Theorem 5.6 (Hefez, Rodrigues, Salomão [11, 12]) Let $\Gamma(f)=\overline{\beta_{0}} \mathbf{N}+\cdots+$ $\overline{\beta_{g}} \mathbf{N}$. If $\bar{\beta}_{k} \not \equiv 0(\bmod p)$ for $k=0, \ldots, g$ then $f$ is tame.

The question as to whether the converse of Theorem 5.6 is true remains open.
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## Appendix

Let $\vec{w}=(n, m) \in\left(\mathbf{N}_{+}\right)^{2}$ be a weight.
Lemma A. 1 Let $f, g \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be power series without constant term. Then

$$
i_{0}(f, g) \geq \frac{\left(\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)\right)\left(\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(g)\right)}{m n}
$$

with equality if and only if the system of equations

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=0, \\
\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(g)=0
\end{array}\right.
$$

has the only solution $(x, y)=(0,0)$.
Proof By a basic property of the intersection multiplicity (see for example [19, Proposition 3.8 (v)]) we have that for any nonzero power series $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
i_{0}(\tilde{f}, \tilde{g}) \geq \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{f}) \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{g}) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

with equality if and only if the system of equations $\operatorname{in}(\tilde{f})=0, \operatorname{in}(\tilde{g})=0$ has the only solution $(0,0)$. Consider the power series $\tilde{f}(u, v)=f\left(u^{n}, v^{m}\right)$ and $\tilde{g}(u, v)=$ $g\left(u^{n}, v^{m}\right)$. Then $i_{0}(\tilde{f}, \tilde{g})=i_{0}(f, g) i_{0}\left(u^{n}, v^{m}\right)=i_{0}(f, g) n m, \operatorname{ord}(\tilde{f})=\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)$, $\operatorname{ord}(\tilde{g})=\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(g)$ and the lemma follows from (7).
Lemma A. 2 Let $f \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ be a non-zero power series. Then

$$
i_{0}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) \geq\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right)
$$

with equality if and only if $f$ is a semi-quasihomogeneous singularity with respect to $\vec{w}$.

Proof The following two properties are useful:

$$
\begin{align*}
\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right) \geq & \operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)-n \text { with equality if and only if } \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f) \neq 0,  \tag{8}\\
& \text { if } \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f) \neq 0 \text { then } \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)=\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}(f) . \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

By the first part of Lemma A. 1 and Property (8) we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
i_{0}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right) & \geq \frac{\left(\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right)\right)\left(\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)\right)}{n m} \geq \frac{\left(\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)-n\right)\left(\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)-m\right)}{n m} \\
& =\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Using the second part of Lemma A. 1 and Properties (8) and (9) we check that $i_{0}\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)=\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{n}-1\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{ord}_{\vec{w}}(f)}{m}-1\right)$ if and only if $f$ is a semiquasihomogeneous singularity with respect to $\vec{w}$.

Lemma A. 3 (Hensel's Lemma [13, Theorem 16.6]) Suppose that $\mathrm{in}_{\vec{w}}(f)=$ $\psi_{1} \cdots \psi_{s}$ with pairwise coprime $\psi_{i}$. Then $f=g_{1} \cdots g_{s} \in \mathbf{K}[[x, y]]$ with $\operatorname{in}_{\vec{w}}\left(g_{i}\right)=\psi_{i}$ for $i=1, \ldots, s$.

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