

Nilpotent singularities of holomorphic foliations

New results on two problems

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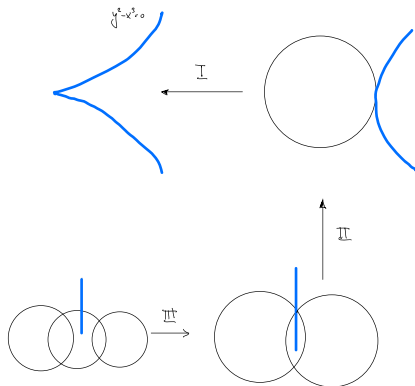


Figure: Reduction of the singularities of a cusp

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- ▶ In this talk we will introduce two problems. The first one concerns the analytic classification in the case $2p = n$. The second one concerns a family of foliations of generalized saddle-node type.

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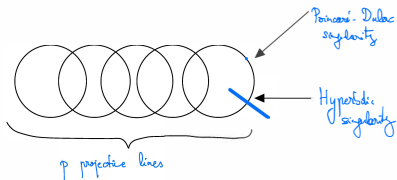


Figure: Reduction of the singularities of a generalized Poincaré Dulac singularity. First steps

Theorem (P. Fernández, –)

Let $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$ be two germs of generalized Poincaré-Dulac holomorphic foliations, formally equivalent. Assume that H_i is the holonomy group of the p th component of the exceptional divisor obtained when doing the reduction of singularities for \mathcal{F}_i ($i = 1, 2$). If H_1, H_2 are analytically conjugated, the foliations are also analytically conjugated.

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$$h_1 = \mu \exp(\mathcal{Y}), \quad h_2 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \exp(-\mathcal{Y}),$$

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