



## The Module $\mathcal{D}f^s$ for Locally Quasi-homogeneous Free Divisors

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**Abstract.** We find explicit free resolutions for the  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules  $\mathcal{D}f^s$  and  $\mathcal{D}[s]f^s/\mathcal{D}[s]f^{s+1}$ , where  $f$  is a reduced equation of a locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor. These results are based on the fact that every locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor is Koszul free, which is also proved in this paper.

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### Introduction

In this paper we study the module  $\mathcal{D}f^s$ , where  $\mathcal{D}$  is the ring of germs at  $0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  of linear holomorphic differential operators and  $f$  is a reduced local equation of a locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor  $D \subset (\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$ .

The module  $\mathcal{D}f^s$  encodes an enormous amount of geometric information of the singularity  $f = 0$ , but usually it is hard to work with in an explicit way. We prove the following results (see Corollary 5.8 and Theorem 5.9):

(A) Let  $f = 0$  be a reduced local equation of a locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor of  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , and let  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}\}$  be a basis of the module of vector fields vanishing on  $f$ . Then

- (1) The  $\delta_i$  generate the ideal  $\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{D}f^s$ .
- (2) There exist explicit Koszul–Spencer type free resolutions for the modules  $\mathcal{D}f^s$  and  $\mathcal{D}[s]f^s/\mathcal{D}[s]f^{s+1}$  built on  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}$  and  $f, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}$ , respectively.

Locally quasi-homogeneous free divisors form an important class of divisors with non isolated singularities: normal crossing divisors, the union of reflecting hyperplanes of a complex reflection group, free hyperplane arrangements or the discriminant of stable mappings in Mather’s ‘nice dimensions’ are examples of such divisors.

Let  $X$  be a complex analytic manifold. Given a divisor  $D \subset X$ , let us write  $j: U = X \setminus D \hookrightarrow X$  for the corresponding open inclusion and  $\Omega^\bullet(*D)$  for the meromorphic de Rham complex with poles along  $D$ . In [11], Grothendieck proved that the canonical morphism  $\Omega^\bullet(*D) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}j_*(\mathbb{C}_U)$  is an isomorphism (in the derived category). This result is usually known as (a version of) *Grothendieck's Comparison Theorem*.

In [17], K. Saito introduced the *logarithmic de Rham complex* associated with  $D$ ,  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)$ , generalizing the well known case of normal crossing divisors (cf. [8]). In the same paper, K. Saito also introduced the important notion of *free divisor*.

In [7], it is proved that the logarithmic de Rham complex  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)$  computes the cohomology of the complement  $U$  if  $D$  is a locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor (we say that  $D$  satisfies the *logarithmic comparison theorem*). In other words, the canonical morphism  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}j_*(\mathbb{C}_U)$  is an isomorphism, or using Grothendieck's result, the inclusion  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D) \hookrightarrow \Omega^\bullet(*D)$  is a quasi-isomorphism. In fact, in [5] it is proved that, in the case of  $\dim X = 2$ ,  $D$  is locally quasi-homogeneous if and only if it satisfies the logarithmic comparison theorem.

Since the derived direct image  $\mathbf{R}j_*(\mathbb{C}_U)$  is a perverse sheaf (it is the de Rham complex of the holonomic module of meromorphic functions with poles along  $D$  [15], II, th. 2.2.4), we deduce that  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)$  is perverse for every locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor.

On the other hand, the first author proved the following results [4]:

Let  $D \subset X$  be a Koszul free divisor (see Definition 1.6) and  $\mathcal{J}$  the left ideal of the ring  $\mathcal{D}_X$  of differential operators on  $X$  generated by the logarithmic vector fields with respect to  $D$ . Then

- (1) The left  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{D}_X/\mathcal{J}$  is holonomic.
- (2) There is a canonical isomorphism in the derived category

$$\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D) \simeq \mathbf{R}\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{D}_X/\mathcal{J}, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

As a consequence, the logarithmic de Rham complex associated with a Koszul free divisor is a perverse sheaf.

The proof of **(A)** depends strongly on the following result, which has been suggested by the above results (see Theorem 4.3):

- (B)** Every locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor is Koszul free.

In the first three sections we introduce some material concerning locally quasi-homogeneous free divisors, Koszul free divisors, the notion of linear type ideal and the module  $\mathcal{D}f^\circ$ .

In the fourth section we include the proof of **(B)** in our previous paper [6].

The fifth section is the main part of this paper and contains the proof of **(A)** and some related results.

In the sixth section we study some examples and we state some problems and conjectures.

The first part of (A) has been proposed (without proof) in [1, page 240] in the particular case of discriminants of versal deformations of simple hypersurface singularities. The normal crossing divisors case has been treated in [10].

## 1. Locally Quasi-homogeneous and Koszul Free Divisors

1.1. Let  $X$  be a  $n$ -dimensional complex analytic manifold. We denote by  $\pi: T^*X \rightarrow X$  the cotangent bundle,  $\mathcal{O}_X$  the sheaf of holomorphic functions on  $X$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_X$  the sheaf of linear differential operators on  $X$  (with holomorphic coefficients),  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$  the graded ring associated with the filtration  $F^\bullet$  by the order,  $\sigma(P)$  the principal symbol of a differential operator  $P$  and  $\{-, -\}$  the Poisson bracket on  $\mathcal{O}_{T^*X}$  or  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ . We will note  $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$ ,  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_{X,p}$  and  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)_p$  the respective stalks at  $p$ , with  $p$  a point of  $X$ . If  $J \subset \mathcal{D}$  is a left ideal, we denote by  $\sigma(J)$  the corresponding graded ideal of  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ . Given a divisor  $D \subset X$ , we denote by  $\text{Der}(\log D)$  the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module of the logarithmic vector fields with respect to  $D$  [17]. If  $f$  is a local equation of  $D$  at  $p$ , we denote by  $\text{Der}(\log f)$  the stalk at  $p$  of  $\text{Der}(\log D)$ , whose elements are germs at  $p$  of vector fields  $\delta$  such that  $\delta(f) \in (f)$ .

**DEFINITION 1.2.** A divisor  $D$  is Euler-homogeneous at  $p \in D$  if there is a local equation  $h$  for  $D$  around  $p$ , and a germ of (logarithmic) vector field  $\delta$  such that  $\delta(h) = h$ . A such  $\delta$  is called a local Euler vector field for  $f$ .

The set of points where a divisor is Euler-homogeneous is open.

**DEFINITION 1.3** (cf. [7]). A germ of divisor  $(D, p) \subset (X, p)$  is quasi-homogeneous if there are local coordinates  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  with respect to which  $(D, p)$  has a weighted homogeneous defining equation (with strictly positive weights). A divisor  $D$  in a  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold  $X$  is locally quasi-homogeneous if the germ  $(D, p)$  is quasi-homogeneous for each point  $p \in D$ . A germ of divisor  $(D, p) \subset (X, p)$  is locally quasi-homogeneous if the divisor  $D$  is locally quasi-homogeneous in a neighborhood of  $p$ .

Obviously a locally quasi-homogeneous divisor is Euler-homogeneous at every point.

**DEFINITION 1.4.** We say that a reduced germ  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is locally quasi-homogeneous if the germ of divisor  $(\{f=0\}, p)$  is.

*Remark 1.5.* A reduced germ  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is locally quasi-homogeneous if and only if for every  $q \in \{f=0\}$  near  $p$  there are local coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathcal{O}_{X,q}$  and a quasi-homogeneous polynomial  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  (with strictly positive weights) such that  $f_q = P(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ .  $\square$

**DEFINITION 1.6** ([17], [4], def. 4.1.1). Let  $D \subset X$  be a divisor. We say that  $D$  is free at  $p \in X$  if  $\text{Der}(\log D)_p$  is a free  $\mathcal{O}$ -module (of rank  $n$ ). We say that  $D$  is a Koszul free divisor at  $p \in X$  if it is free at  $p$  and there exists a basis  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  of  $\text{Der}(\log D)_p$  such that the sequence of symbols  $\{\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)\}$  is regular in  $\text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D}_X)_p$ . If  $D$  is a free (resp. Koszul free) divisor at each point of  $X$ , we simply say that it is free (resp. Koszul free). We say that a reduced germ  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  is free if the divisor  $f^{-1}(0)$  is free at  $p$ .

Let's remark that a divisor  $D$  is automatically Koszul free at every  $p \in X \setminus D$ .

*Remark 1.7.* The ideal  $I_{D,p} = \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})\text{Der}(\log D)_p$  is generated by the elements of any basis of  $\text{Der}(\log D)_p$ . As  $D$  is Koszul free at  $p$  if and only if  $\text{depth}(I_{D,p}, \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})) = n$  (cf. [14], cor. 16.8), it is clear that the definition of Koszul free divisor does not depend on the election of a particular basis. By the coherence of  $\text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ , if a divisor is Koszul free at a point, then it is Koszul free near that point.  $\square$

We have not found a reference for the following well known proposition (see [14], th. 17.4 for the local case).

**PROPOSITION 1.8.** *Let  $\mathbb{C}\{x\}$  be the ring of convergent power series in the variables  $x = x_1, \dots, x_n$  and let  $G$  be the graded ring of polynomials in the variables  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_t$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}\{x\}$ . A sequence  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s$  of homogeneous polynomials in  $G$  is regular if and only if the set of zeros  $V(I)$  of the ideal  $I$  generated by  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_s$  has dimension  $n + t - s$  in  $U \times \mathbb{C}^t$ , for some open neighborhood  $U$  of 0 (then each irreducible component has dimension  $n + t - s$ ).*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{C}\{x, \xi\}$  be the ring of convergent power series in the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t$ . As the  $\sigma_i$  are homogeneous in  $G$  and the ring  $\mathbb{C}\{x, \xi\}$  is a flat extension of  $G$ , the  $\sigma_i$  are a regular sequence in  $G$  if and only if they are a regular sequence in  $\mathbb{C}\{x, \xi\}$ . But the last condition is equivalent to the equality (*loc. cit.*):

$$\dim_{(0,0)}(V(I)) = \dim(\mathbb{C}\{x, \xi\}/I) = n + t - s.$$

Finally, using the fact that all the  $\sigma_i$  are homogeneous in the variables  $\xi$ , the local dimension of  $V(I)$  at  $(0, 0)$  coincides with its dimension in  $U \times \mathbb{C}^t$  for some neighborhood  $U$  of 0.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 1.9.** *Let  $D \subset X$  be a free divisor. Let  $J$  be the ideal in  $\mathcal{O}_{T^*X}$  generated by  $\pi^{-1}\text{Der}(\log D)$ . Then,  $D$  is Koszul free if and only if the set  $V(J)$  of zeros of  $J$  has dimension  $n$  (in this case, each irreducible component of  $V(J)$  has dimension  $n$ ).*

**PROPOSITION 1.10.** *Let  $X$  be a complex manifold of dimension  $n$  and let  $D \subset X$  be a divisor. Then*

- (1) *Let  $X' = X \times \mathbb{C}$  and  $D' = D \times \mathbb{C}$ . The divisor  $D \subset X$  is Koszul free if and only if  $D' \subset X'$  is Koszul free.*

- (2) Let  $Y$  be another complex manifold of dimension  $r$  and let  $E \subset Y$  be a divisor. Then: (a) The divisor  $(D \times Y) \cup (X \times E)$  is free if  $D \subset X$  and  $E \subset Y$  are free. (b) The divisor  $(D \times Y) \cup (X \times E)$  is Koszul free if  $D \subset X$  and  $E \subset Y$  are Koszul free.

*Proof.* (1) It is a consequence of [7], Lemma 2.2, (iv) and the fact that  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  is a regular sequence in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,p}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$  if and only if  $\xi_{n+1}, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n$  is a regular sequence in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,(p,i)}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n, \xi_{n+1}]$ .

- (2) a) It is an immediate consequence of Saito’s criterion (cf. [7], Lemma 2.2, (v)). (b) It is a consequence of a) and Corollary 1.9. □

EXAMPLE 1.11. Examples of Koszul free divisors are:

- (1) Nonsingular divisors.
- (2) Normal crossing divisors.
- (3) Plane curves: If  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 2$ , we know that every divisor  $D \subset X$  is free [17], cor. 1.7. Let  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$  be a basis of  $\text{Der}(\log D)_x$ . Their symbols  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$  are obviously linearly independent over  $\mathcal{O}$ , and by Saito’s criterion [17], 1.8, they are relatively primes in  $\text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{O}[\xi_1, \xi_2])$ . So they form a regular sequence in  $\text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})$ , and  $D$  is Koszul free (see [4], cor. 4.2.2).
- (4) Proposition 1.10 gives a way to obtain Koszul free divisors in any dimension.
- (5) There are irreducible Koszul free divisors in dimensions greater than 2, which are not constructed from divisors in lower dimension [16]:  $X = \mathbb{C}^3$  and  $D \equiv \{f = 0\}$ , with

$$f = 2^8 z^3 - 2^7 x^2 z^2 + 2^4 x^4 z + 2^4 3^2 xy^2 z - 2^2 x^3 y^2 - 3^3 y^4.$$

A basis of  $\text{Der}(\log f)$  is  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &= 6y\partial_x + (8z - 2x^2)\partial_y - xy\partial_z, \\ \delta_2 &= (4x^2 - 48z)\partial_x + 12xy\partial_y + (9y^2 - 16xz)\partial_z, \\ \delta_3 &= 2x\partial_x + 3y\partial_y + 4z\partial_z, \end{aligned}$$

and the sequence  $\{\sigma(\delta_1), \sigma(\delta_2), \sigma(\delta_3)\}$  is  $\text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})$ -regular.

## 2. Ideals of Linear Type

DEFINITION 2.1 (cf. [18], §7.2). Let  $A$  be a commutative ring,  $I \subset A$  an ideal,  $\mathcal{R}(I) = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} I^d t^d \subset A[t]$  the Rees algebra of  $I$  and  $\text{Sim}(I)$  the symmetric algebra of the  $A$ -module  $I$ . We say that  $I$  is of *linear type* if the canonical (surjective) morphism of graded  $A$ -algebras  $\text{Sim}(I) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(I)$  is an isomorphism.

LEMMA 2.2. *Given a commutative ring  $A$  and an ideal  $I \subset A$  generated by a family of elements  $\{a_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}$ , the following properties are equivalent:*

- (a)  $I$  is of linear type.
- (b) If  $\varphi: A[\{X_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}] \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(I)$  is the morphism of graded algebras defined by  $\varphi(X_i) = a_i t$ , then the kernel of  $\varphi$  is generated by homogeneous elements of degree 1.

*Proof.* We consider the kernel of the surjective morphism of graded  $A$ -algebras  $\Phi: A[\{X_i\}_{i \in \Lambda}] \rightarrow \text{Sim}(I)$ , defined by  $\Phi(X_{i_1} \cdots X_{i_d}) = a_{i_1} \cdots a_{i_d}$ . Then  $\ker(\Phi) = \ker(\varphi)$  if and only if  $I$  is of linear type,  $\ker(\Phi)$  is an ideal generated by its homogeneous elements of degree 1,  $\ker(\Phi)_1$ , and  $\ker(\Phi)_1 = \ker(\varphi)_1$ . □

The definition and the lemma above sheafify in the obvious way.

The following results concern the case where the ideal  $I$  is generated by a regular sequence.

LEMMA 2.3. *Let  $\{a_1, \dots, a_m\}$  be an  $A$ -sequence. For  $p \leq m$ , if  $\alpha a_1^{s_1} \cdots a_m^{s_m} \in (a_1^{s_1+k_1}, \dots, a_p^{s_p+k_p})$ , then  $\alpha \in (a_1^{k_1}, \dots, a_p^{k_p})$ .*

*Proof.* For  $j = p + 1, \dots, m$ ,  $\{a_1^{s_1+k_1}, \dots, a_p^{s_p+k_p}, a_{p+1}^{s_{p+1}}, \dots, a_j^{s_j}\}$  is a regular  $A$ -sequence, and we can prove inductively that

$$\alpha a_1^{s_1} \cdots a_{j-1}^{s_{j-1}} \in (a_1^{s_1+k_1}, \dots, a_p^{s_p+k_p}).$$

For  $i = p - 1, \dots, 0$ ,  $\{a_1^{s_1+k_1}, \dots, a_i^{s_i+k_i}, a_{i+1}^{k_{i+1}}, \dots, a_p^{k_p}\}$  is a regular  $A$ -sequence, and we inductively prove that

$$\alpha a_1^{s_1} \cdots a_i^{s_i} \in (a_1^{s_1+k_1}, \dots, a_i^{s_i+k_i}, a_{i+1}^{k_{i+1}}, \dots, a_p^{k_p}). \quad \square$$

PROPOSITION 2.4. *Let  $A$  be a commutative ring and let  $I \subset A$  be an ideal generated by a regular sequence  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . Then, the kernel of the morphism of graded algebras*

$$A[X_1, \dots, X_n] \rightarrow A[t], \quad X_i \mapsto a_i t,$$

*is generated by  $a_i X_j - a_j X_i$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . In particular,  $I$  is of linear type.*

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be an homogeneous polynomial of degree  $m$  in  $A[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  such that  $g(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ . Let  $\text{exp}_g = c X^{e_g}$  be the greatest monomial of  $g$  in the inverse lexicographic order, with  $e_g = (s_1, \dots, s_t, 0, \dots, 0)$ ,  $s_t \neq 0$ . Then

$$g(X_1, \dots, X_n) - \text{exp}_g \in (X_1^{s_1+1}, \dots, X_t^{s_t+1}).$$

By lemma 2.3,  $c = \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \alpha_i a_i \in (a_1, \dots, a_{t-1})$ . Then

$$f(X_1, \dots, X_n) = g(X_1, \dots, X_n) - \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} \alpha_i (a_i X_t - a_t X_i) X_1^{s_1} \cdots X_n^{s_n}$$

is an homogeneous polynomial of degree  $m$  such that  $e_f < e_g$  and

$$f(X_1, \dots, X_n) - g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in J = (a_i X_j - a_j X_i, 0 < i < j \leq n).$$

In particular,  $f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 0$ . Consequently, after a finite number of steps, we will obtain  $h(X_1) = c_m X_1^m$ , such that  $h(X_1) - g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in J$ . So  $h(a_1) = c_m a_1^m = 0$ ,  $c_m = 0$  and  $g(X_1, \dots, X_n) \in J$ .  $\square$

### 3. The Module $\mathcal{D}f^s$

Let  $X$  be a  $n$ -dimensional complex analytic manifold,  $p$  a point in  $X$  and  $f \in \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  a nonzero germ of holomorphic function with  $f(p) = 0$ . Let  $D$  be the (germ of) divisor defined by  $f = 0$ . The free module of rank one over the ring  $\mathcal{O}[f^{-1}, s]$  generated by the symbol  $f^s$  has a natural left module structure over the ring  $\mathcal{D}[s]$  [2]: the action of a derivation  $\delta \in \text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O})$  is given by  $\delta(f^s) = \delta(f)sf^{-1}f^s$ .

The following lemma is well-known and the proof is straightforward.

LEMMA 3.1. *For every linear differential operator  $P \in \mathcal{D}$  of order  $d$ , we have*

$$P(f^s) = C_{P,0}f^s + C_{P,1} \binom{s}{1} f^{s-1} + \dots + C_{P,d} \binom{s}{d} f^{s-d}$$

where

$$C_{P,d} = d! \sigma(P)(df) = \{\dots \{\{\sigma(P), f\}, f\} \cdot^d, f\}.$$

Denote by  $J_f \subset \mathcal{O}$  the Jacobian ideal associated with  $f$ . The surjection

$$\delta \in \text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}) \mapsto \delta(f) \in J_f$$

and the canonical isomorphism of graded  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras

$$\text{Sim}_{\mathcal{O}}(\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O})) \simeq \text{Gr}_{F^{\bullet}}(\mathcal{D}) \tag{1}$$

induce a surjective graded morphism of  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras

$$\varphi_f: \text{Gr}_{F^{\bullet}}(\mathcal{D}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(J_f). \tag{2}$$

In coordinates,  $\text{Gr}_{F^{\bullet}}(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{O}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$ ,  $\xi_i = \sigma(\partial_i)$  and

$$\varphi_f(\sigma(P)) = \sigma(P)(\partial_1(f)t, \dots, \partial_n(f)t) = \sigma(P)(df)t^d$$

for every differential operator  $P \in \mathcal{D}$  of order  $d$ .

The homogeneous part of degree 1 of  $\ker \varphi_f$  is naturally identified with the  $\mathcal{O}$ -module

$$\Theta_f = \{\delta \in \text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}) \mid \delta(f) = 0\}$$

by means of the canonical isomorphism (1).

Lemma 3.1 implies that  $\sigma(\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s) \subset \ker \varphi_f$ .

PROPOSITION 3.2. *With the above notations, if  $J_f$  is of linear type, then  $\sigma(\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s) = \ker \varphi_f$  and the left ideal  $\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  is generated by  $\Theta_f$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.2,  $\ker \varphi_f = \text{Gr}_{F^{\bullet}}(\mathcal{D})\Theta_f \subset \sigma(\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s)$ .

The inclusion  $\mathcal{D}\Theta_f \subset \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s$  is obvious. Let's prove that  $\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s \subset \mathcal{D}\Theta_f$ . Clearly,  $F^1 \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s = \Theta_f$ . Suppose  $F^{d-1} \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}}f^s \subset \mathcal{D}\Theta_f$  and take a differential opera-

tor  $P \in F^d \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}} f^s \setminus F^{d-1} \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}} f^s$ . Then,  $\sigma(P) \in \ker \varphi_f = \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})\sigma(\Theta_f)$ , and  $\sigma(P) = \sum A_i \sigma(\delta_i)$ , where  $\delta_i \in \Theta_f$  and the  $A_i$  are homogeneous of degree  $d-1$ . Let  $Q_i$  be differential operators such that  $\sigma(Q_i) = A_i$ . We apply the induction hypothesis to  $P - \sum_i Q_i \delta_i \in F^{d-1} \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}} f^s$  and we conclude the result.  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 3.3** (Isolated singularities case, cf. [13], 2.7). *If  $f$  has isolated singularity, then  $\ker \varphi_f$  is generated by  $\partial_i(f)\xi_j - \partial_j(f)\xi_i$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . In particular, the left ideal  $\text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}} f^s$  of  $\mathcal{D}$  is generated by  $\partial_i(f)\partial_j - \partial_j(f)\partial_i$ ,  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .*

*Proof.* It is a consequence of Lemma 2.4 and Proposition 3.2.  $\square$

#### 4. Locally Quasi-homogeneous Free Divisors are Koszul Free

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let  $U$  be a connected open set of a complex  $n$ -dimensional analytic manifold  $X$  and let  $\Sigma \subset U$  be a closed analytic set of dimension  $s$ . If a sequence  $C = \{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-s}\}$  of homogeneous polynomials in  $\mathcal{O}_X(U)[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$  is regular at every point  $q \in U \setminus \Sigma$  (i.e. it is regular in  $\mathcal{O}_{X,q}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$ ), then it is regular at every point of  $U$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p \in \Sigma$  and let  $\pi: U \times \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow U$  be the projection. By Proposition 1.8, we have to prove that the ideal  $I = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{n-s})$  defines an analytic set  $V = V(I) \subset U \times \mathbb{C}^n$  of dimension  $n+s$ . By hypothesis, we know that  $C$  is regular on  $U \setminus \Sigma$ , and so (loc. cit.) the dimension of (every irreducible component of)  $V \cap \pi^{-1}(U \setminus \Sigma)$  is  $n+s$ . Now, let  $W$  be an irreducible component of  $V$ . It has, at least, dimension  $n+s$ . If  $W$  is contained in  $\pi^{-1}(\Sigma) = \Sigma \times \mathbb{C}^n$ , then it must be equal to  $\pi^{-1}(\Sigma)$ . If not,  $\dim W = \dim(W \cap \pi^{-1}(U \setminus \Sigma)) \leq \dim(V \cap \pi^{-1}(U \setminus \Sigma)) = n+s$ . So, we conclude that  $W$  has dimension  $n+s$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.2.** *Let  $D$  be a free divisor in some analytic manifold  $X$  and let  $\Sigma \subset D$  a discrete set of points. If  $D$  is Koszul free at every point  $x \in D \setminus \Sigma$ , then  $D$  is Koszul free (at every point of  $X$ ).*

**THEOREM 4.3.** *Every locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor is Koszul free.*

*Proof.* We proceed by induction on the dimension  $t$  of the ambient manifold  $X$ . For  $t=1$ , the theorem is trivial and for  $t=2$ , the theorem is directly proved in example 1.11, 3. Now, we suppose that the result is true for  $t < n$ , and let  $D$  be a locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor of a complex analytic manifold  $X$  of dimension  $n$ . Let  $p \in D$  and let  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  be a basis of the logarithmic derivations of  $D$  at  $p$ .

Thanks to [7], prop. 2.4 and Lemma 2.2, (iv), there is an open neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$  such that for each  $q \in U \cap D$ , with  $q \neq p$ , the germ of pair  $(X, D, q)$  is isomorphic to a product  $(\mathbb{C}^{n-1} \times \mathbb{C}, D' \times \mathbb{C}, (0, 0))$ , where  $D'$  is a locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor. Induction hypothesis implies that  $D'$  is a Koszul free divisor at 0. Then, by Proposition 1.10.1,  $D$  is a Koszul free divisor at  $q$  too. We have then proved that  $D$  is a Koszul free divisor in  $U \setminus \{p\}$ . We conclude by using Corollary 4.2.  $\square$

**COROLLARY 4.4.** *Every free divisor that is locally quasi-homogeneous at the complement of a discrete set is Koszul free.*

In particular, the last corollary gives rise a new proof of the fact that every divisor in dimension 2 is Koszul free (cf. 1.11, 3)).

**5. The Module  $\mathcal{D}f^s$  for Locally Quasi-Homogeneous Free Divisors**

5.1. In this section,  $f \in \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  will be a reduced locally quasi-homogeneous free germ 1.4, 1.6. That means that  $D = \{f = 0\}$  is a locally quasi-homogeneous free divisor near  $p$ .

We will also assume that

- (1) The equation  $f$  and its Euler vector field  $E$  are globally defined on  $X$ .
- (2)  $E(q) \neq 0$  for every  $q \in X \setminus \{p\}$ .
- (3)  $\text{Der}(\log D)$  is  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -free (of rank  $n = \dim X$ ).

In order to proceed inductively on the dimension of the ambient variety when working with such  $f$ 's, we quote the following direct consequence of [9], Lemmas 1.3, 1.5 (see also [7], prop. 2.4).

**PROPOSITION 5.2.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  a reduced locally quasi-homogeneous free germ and let  $D$  be the divisor  $f = 0$ . For  $q \in D \setminus \{p\}$  close to  $p$ , there are local coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathcal{O}_{X,q}$  centered at  $q$  and a quasi-homogeneous polynomial  $G'(t_1, \dots, t_{n-1})$  in  $n - 1$  variables which is also a locally quasi-homogeneous free germ in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^{n-1},0}$  and such that  $f_q = G'(z_1, \dots, z_{n-1})$ .*

We call  $\tilde{\Theta}_f$  the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -sub-module (and Lie algebra) of  $\text{Der}(\log D)$  whose sections are vector fields annihilating  $f$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{J}_f \subset \mathcal{O}_X$  the jacobian ideal sheaf associated with  $f$ . The stalk of  $\tilde{\Theta}_f$  (resp. of  $\mathcal{J}_f$ ) at  $p$  is then  $\Theta_f$  (resp.  $J_f$ ).

As in (2), we have a surjective graded morphism of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebras

$$\Phi_f: \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D}_X) \longrightarrow \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{J}_f),$$

whose stalk at  $p$  is  $\varphi_f$ .

We have

$$\text{Der}(\log D) = \tilde{\Theta}_f \oplus (\mathcal{O}_X E), \quad \text{Der}(\log f) = \Theta_f \oplus (\mathcal{O} E), \tag{3}$$

and  $\tilde{\Theta}_f, \Theta_f$  are free of rank  $n - 1$ .

**PROPOSITION 5.3.** *The Koszul complex associated with  $\tilde{\Theta}_f \subset \text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n}) = \text{Gr}_{F^*}^1(\mathcal{D}_X) \subset \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ :*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \bigwedge^{n-1} \tilde{\Theta}_f \xrightarrow{d_{-n+1}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{-2}} \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \bigwedge^1 \tilde{\Theta}_f \xrightarrow{d_{-1}} \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X),$$

$$d_{-k}(F \otimes (\sigma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_k)) = \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} P\sigma_i \otimes (\sigma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{\sigma}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \sigma_k),$$

is exact.

*Proof.* We need to prove that some (or any) basis  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}\}$  of  $\tilde{\Theta}_f$  form a regular sequence in  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ , but such a basis can be augmented to a basis  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}, E\}$  of  $\text{Der}(\log D)$ , that we know by Theorem 4.3 to form a regular sequence in  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ .  $\square$

**PROPOSITION 5.4.** *With the hypothesis of 5.1, if the augmented graded complex of  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -modules*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \bigwedge^{n-1} \tilde{\Theta}_f \xrightarrow{d_{-n+1}} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{-1}} \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X) \xrightarrow{\Phi_f} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{J}_f) \rightarrow 0 \tag{4}$$

is exact on  $X - \{p\}$ , then it is exact everywhere.

*Proof.* We know that  $\Phi_f$  is surjective. By Proposition 5.3, the only thing to prove is  $\ker \Phi_f = \text{Im } d_{-1}$ . We can proceed separately on each homogeneous component:

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}^{m-n+1}(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \bigwedge^{n-1} \tilde{\Theta}_f \xrightarrow{d_{-n+1}^m} \dots \xrightarrow{d_{-1}^m} \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}^m(\mathcal{D}_X) \xrightarrow{\Phi_f^m} \mathcal{J}_f^m \rightarrow 0.$$

Let's consider the coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{F} = \text{Im } d_{-1}^m$  and the short sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}^m(\mathcal{D}_X) \xrightarrow{\Phi_f^m} \mathcal{J}_f^m \rightarrow 0. \tag{5}$$

By Proposition 5.3 and the fact that the cohomology with support  $H_p^i(\mathcal{O}_X)$  vanishes for  $i \neq n$ , we deduce that  $H_p^i(\mathcal{F}) = 0$  for  $i = 0, 1$  and  $H_p^0(\mathcal{J}_f^m) = 0$ . These properties and the exactness of (5) on  $X - \{p\}$  imply the proposition (cf. [12], (8.14)).  $\square$

The following lemma is clear.

**LEMMA 5.5.** *Let  $g \in \mathcal{O}_{n-1} = \mathbb{C}\{y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}\}$  and call  $f = g$ , but as an element in  $\mathcal{O}_n = \mathbb{C}\{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ . Then:*

- (1)  $\ker \varphi_f$  is generated by  $\ker \varphi_g$  and  $\sigma(\partial_{y_n})$ .
- (2)  $\Theta_f$  is generated by  $\Theta_g$  and  $\partial_{y_n}$ .

**THEOREM 5.6.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_{X,p}$  be a reduced locally quasi-homogeneous free germ. Then the graded complex of  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ -modules*

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \bigwedge^{n-1} \Theta_f \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-n+1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-1}} \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\varphi_f} \mathcal{R}(\mathcal{J}_f) \rightarrow 0$$

is exact. In particular, the kernel of the morphism

$$\mathrm{Gr}_{f^*}(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\varphi_f} \mathcal{R}(J_f)$$

is the ideal generated by  $\Theta_f$  and then the jacobian ideal  $J_f$  is of linear type.

*Proof.* By the exactness of (5.3), the only thing to prove is that  $\ker \varphi_f$  is generated by  $\sigma(\Theta_f)$ . We will use induction on  $n = \dim X$ . If  $n = 2$ , we apply Proposition 3.3. We suppose that the result is true if the ambient variety has dimension  $n - 1$ . By Proposition 5.4, we need to prove the exactness of the complex (4) on  $U \setminus \{x\}$ , for some open neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , or equivalently, that  $\ker \Phi_f$  is generated by  $\sigma(\Theta_f)$  at every  $q \in U \setminus \{x\}$ . The result is then a consequence of Proposition 5.2, Lemma 5.5 and the induction hypothesis.  $\square$

**DEFINITION 5.7.** The Spencer complex<sup>\*</sup> for  $\tilde{\Theta}_f$  is the complex of free left  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -modules given by:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \bigwedge^{n-1} \tilde{\Theta}_f \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-n+1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-2}} \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \bigwedge^1 \tilde{\Theta}_f \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-1}} \mathcal{D}_X,$$

$$\varepsilon_{-1}(P \otimes \delta) = P\delta;$$

$$\varepsilon_{-k}(P \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_k))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k (-1)^{i-1} P\delta_i \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{\delta}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_k) +$$

$$+ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} (-1)^{i+j} P \otimes ([\delta_i, \delta_j] \wedge \delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{\delta}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \hat{\delta}_j \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_k).$$

In a similar way we define the Spencer complex for  $\Theta_f$ , which is the stalk at  $p$  of the Spencer complex for  $\tilde{\Theta}_f$ .

Both Spencer complexes can be augmented by considering the obvious maps  $\mathcal{D}_X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X f^s, \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}f^s$ .

**COROLLARY 5.8.** *With the hypothesis of 5.1, we have*

- (a) *The Spencer complex for  $\Theta_f$  is a resolution of  $\mathcal{D}f^s$ . In particular, the left ideal  $\mathrm{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}f^s}$  is generated by  $\Theta_f$ .*
- (b) *The left ideal  $\mathrm{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}[s]f^s}$  is generated by  $\Theta_f$  and  $E - s$ .*
- (c) *The left ideal  $\mathrm{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}} \eta$ , where  $\eta$  is the class of  $f^s$  in the quotient  $\mathcal{D}[s]f^s / \mathcal{D}[s]f^{s+1}$ , is generated by  $\Theta_f$  and  $f$ .*

*Proof.* For (a) we proceed as in [4], prop. 4.1.3 by using Proposition 3.2 and Theorem 5.6. Property (b) follows easily from (a), and property (c) follows from (a) and (b).  $\square$

<sup>\*</sup>It should be noticed that such complex was originally used by Chevalley and Eilenberg in the setting of the cohomology of Lie algebras (cf. [19], 7.7).

Let's call  $\Xi_f = \Theta_f \oplus (\mathcal{O}f)$  (resp.  $\tilde{\Xi}_f = \tilde{\Theta}_f \oplus (\mathcal{O}_X f)$ ), which is a free sub- $\mathcal{O}$ -module (respectively, sub- $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module) and a Lie subalgebra of  $\mathcal{D}$  (resp. of  $\mathcal{D}_X$ ). It can be also canonically embedded in  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  (resp.  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ ) equipped with the Poisson bracket  $\{-, -\}$ . As in 5.3 and 5.7, we define the Koszul complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  (resp.  $\tilde{\Xi}_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ ) and the Spencer complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \mathcal{D}$  (resp.  $\tilde{\Xi}_f \subset \mathcal{D}_X$ ). The Koszul (resp. Spencer) complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  (resp. with  $\Xi_f \subset \mathcal{D}$ ) is obviously the stalk at  $p$  of the Koszul (resp. of the Spencer) complex associated with  $\tilde{\Xi}_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$  (resp. with  $\tilde{\Xi}_f \subset \mathcal{D}_X$ ).

**THEOREM 5.9.** *With the hypothesis of 5.1, the following properties hold:*

- (1) *The Koszul complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  is exact.*
- (2) *The Spencer complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \mathcal{D}$  is a free resolution of  $\mathcal{D}[s]f^s / \mathcal{D}[s]f^{s+1}$ .*

*Proof.* For the first property, call  $\mathbf{K}$  the Koszul complex associated with  $\tilde{\Xi}_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ . The Koszul complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  is the stalk at  $p$  of  $\mathbf{K}$ .

We proceed by induction on the dimension of the ambient variety. If that dimension is 1,  $\Xi_f = \mathcal{O}f$ , and the Koszul complex associated with  $f$  is clearly exact. Suppose the result true if the dimension of the ambient variety is  $< n$ .

Now, suppose  $\dim X = n$ .

Let  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_{n-1}$  be a basis of  $\tilde{\Theta}_f$  in some small enough neighborhood  $U$  of  $p$ . According to proposition 4.1, we need to prove that  $\mathbf{K}$  is exact on  $U \setminus \{p\}$ .

For every  $q \in U$  with  $f(q) \neq 0$ , the germ of  $f$  at  $q$  is an unit and by Proposition 5.3, the complex  $\mathbf{K}$  is exact at  $q$ .

Let  $q$  be a point in  $D = \{f = 0\}$ ,  $q \neq p$ . By Proposition 5.2, there are local coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n \in \mathcal{O}_{X,q}$  and a quasi-homogeneous polynomial  $G'(t_1, \dots, t_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^{n-1},0}$  in  $n-1$  variables which is also a locally quasi-homogeneous free germ in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^{n-1},0}$  and such that  $f_q = G'(z_1, \dots, z_n)$ .

Let  $G(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{C}^n,0}$  be the same polynomial as  $G'(t_1, \dots, t_{n-1})$  but considered in  $n$  variables. The exactness of  $\mathbf{K}_q$  is then equivalent to the exactness of the Koszul complex associated with  $\Xi_G \subset \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}^n,0}$ .

Let's write  $\mathcal{O}_m = \mathbb{C}\{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$  and call  $\zeta'_i$  the principal symbol of  $\partial/\partial t_i$ .

Let

$$\{\delta'_1, \dots, \delta'_{n-2}\} \subset \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-1} \mathcal{O}_{n-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}$$

be a basis of  $\Theta_{G'}$ . A basis of  $\Theta_G$  is then

$$\left\{ \delta'_1, \dots, \delta'_{n-2}, \frac{\partial}{\partial t_n} \right\} \subset \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}_n \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i}.$$

Call  $\sigma'_i$  the principal symbol of  $\delta'_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n-2$ .

By induction hypothesis we know that the Koszul complex associated with  $\Xi_{G'} \subset \text{Gr}_{F^*} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}^{n-1},0} = \mathcal{O}_{n-1}[\zeta'_1, \dots, \zeta'_{n-1}]$  is exact or, equivalently, that  $\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_{n-2}, G'$  is a regular sequence in  $\mathcal{O}_{n-1}[\zeta'_1, \dots, \zeta'_{n-1}]$ . That implies that  $\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_{n-2}, \zeta'_n, G = G'$  is a regular sequence in  $\mathcal{O}_n[\zeta'_1, \dots, \zeta'_n]$ , i.e. that the Koszul complex associated with  $\Xi_G \subset \text{Gr}_{F^*} \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{C}^n,0}$  is exact, and the result is proved.

For the second property, we filter the Spencer complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \mathcal{D}$  as in [10], prop. 2.3.4:

$$\text{deg}(\Theta_f) = 1, \quad \text{deg}(f) = 0.$$

Its graded complex coincides with the Koszul complex associated with  $\Xi_f \subset \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})$ , and then the Spencer complex is exact. To conclude, we use Corollary 5.8, (c).  $\square$

*Remark 5.10.* From Corollary 5.8(b), and following the proof of Theorem 5.9, we can also prove that under the hypothesis of 5.1, the following results hold:

- (a) The Spencer complex over  $\mathcal{D}[s]$  associated with  $\Theta_f \oplus (\mathcal{O}(E - s))$  is a  $\mathcal{D}[s]$ -free resolution of  $\mathcal{D}[s]f^s$ .
- (b) The Spencer complex over  $\mathcal{D}$  associated with  $\Theta_f \oplus (\mathcal{O}(E + k))$  is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -free resolution of  $\mathcal{D}f^{-k} = \mathcal{O}[f^{-1}]$  for any integer  $k \gg 0$ .

### 6. Examples and Questions

We know several (related) kind of free divisors:

[LQH]

Locally quasi-homogeneous (Definition 1.3).

[EH]

Euler homogeneous (Definition 1.2).

[LCT]

Free divisors satisfying the logarithmic comparison theorem.

[KF]

Koszul free (Definition 1.6).

[P]

Free divisors such that the complex  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log D)$  is a perverse sheaf.

We have then the following implications: [LQH]  $\Rightarrow$  [EH] (obvious), [LQH]  $\Rightarrow$  [LCT] by [7], th. 1.1, [LCT]  $\Rightarrow$  [P], by [15], II, th. 2.2.4) [KF]  $\Rightarrow$  [P] by [4] th. 4.2.1, [LQH]  $\Rightarrow$  [KF] by Theorem 4.3.

**EXAMPLE 6.1** (Free divisors in dimension 2). We recall Theorem 3.9 from [5]: Let  $X$  be a complex analytic manifold of dimension 2 and  $D \subset X$  a divisor. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $D$  is Euler homogeneous.
- (2)  $D$  is locally quasi-homogeneous.
- (3) The logarithmic comparison theorem holds for  $D$ .

Consequently, in dimension 2 we have:

$$[\text{LQH}] \Leftrightarrow [\text{EH}] \Leftrightarrow [\text{LCT}]$$

and  $[\text{KF}]$  (cf. 1.11, 3) and  $[\text{P}]$  ([4]) always hold. In particular,

$$[\text{KF}] \not\Leftrightarrow [\text{LQH}], [\text{EH}], [\text{LCT}].$$

Examples of plane curves not satisfying logarithmic comparison theorem are, for instance, the curves of the family (cf. [5]):

$$x^q + y^q + xy^{p-1} = 0, \quad p \geq q + 1 \geq 5.$$

**EXAMPLE 6.2** (An example in dimension 3). Let's consider  $X = \mathbb{C}^3$  and  $D = \{f = 0\}$ , with  $f = xy(x+y)(x+yz)$  [4]. A basis of  $\text{Der}(\log D)$  is  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3\}$ , with

$$\delta_1 = xy\partial_x + y^2\partial_y - 4(x+yz)\partial_z,$$

$$\delta_2 = x(x+3y)\partial_x - y(3x+y)\partial_y + 4x(z-1)\partial_z,$$

$$\delta_3 = x\partial_x + y\partial_y$$

the determinant of the coefficients matrix being  $-16f$  and

$$\delta_1(f) = 0, \quad \delta_2(f) = 0, \quad \delta_3(f) = 4f.$$

In particular,  $D$  is Euler homogeneous ( $E = (1/4)\delta_3$ ) and we know [5] that it satisfies the logarithmic comparison theorem. Let  $I \subset \mathcal{O}_{T^*X}$  be the ideal generated by the symbols  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3\}$  of the basis of  $\text{Der}(\log D)$ . By corollary 1.9,  $D$  is not Koszul free, because the dimension of  $V(I)$  at  $((0, 0, \lambda), 0) \in T^*X$  is 4, and neither is  $D$  locally quasi-homogeneous. So

$$[\text{LCT}] \not\Leftrightarrow [\text{KF}], [\text{LQH}], \quad [\text{EH}] \not\Leftrightarrow [\text{KF}], [\text{LQH}].$$

Finally, for the only missing relation, we quote the following conjecture from [5]:

**CONJECTURE 6.3.** *If the logarithmic comparison theorem holds for  $D$ , then  $D$  is Euler homogeneous.*

**EXAMPLE 6.4.** Let's see in the example 6.2 that the left ideal  $\text{Ann}_D(f^s)$  is not generated by  $\Theta_f$  and then,  $J_f$  is not an ideal of linear type.

Here, we set  $X = \mathbb{C}^3$ ,  $p = (0, 0, 0)$  and  $E = (1/4)\delta_3$ . The  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules  $\Theta_f$  and  $\text{Der}(\log f) = \Theta_f \oplus \mathcal{O} \cdot E$  are generated by  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$  and  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, E\}$ , respectively. The symbols  $\sigma_1 = \sigma(\delta_1)$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \sigma(\delta_2)$  form a  $\text{Gr}_{F^*}(D)$ -regular sequence (the proof is

analogous to Example 1.11, 3)). Then, as in the proof of [4], prop. 4.1.2, we have  $\sigma(\mathcal{D}\Theta_f) = \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})\sigma(\Theta_f)$ . For

$$P = 2y^2\partial_x\partial_y - 2y^2\partial_y^2 - (2xz + 6yz)\partial_x\partial_z + 10yz\partial_y\partial_z + 8z(1-z)\partial_z^2 + \\ + (2x - 4y)\partial_y\partial_z - x\partial_x - y\partial_y - 8z\partial_z + 4\partial_z$$

and  $R = \mathbb{C}[x, y, z]$ ,  $S = R[\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3]$ ,  $\mathfrak{m} = R(x, y, z)$  we check that

- (1)  $P \in \text{Ann}_{\mathcal{D}_X}(f^s)$ ,
- (2)  $(S(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : \sigma(P)) = S(x, y)$ , and then  $(S(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) : \sigma(P)) \cap R = R(x, y)$ .

So,  $\sigma(P) \notin R_{\mathfrak{m}}[\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3]\sigma(\Theta_f)$  and, by faithful flatness,

$$\sigma(P) \notin \mathcal{O}[\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3]\sigma(\Theta_f) = \text{Gr}_{F^*}(\mathcal{D})\sigma(\Theta_f).$$

We conclude that  $P \notin \mathcal{D}\Theta_f$ .

**PROBLEM 6.5.** We do not know whether a free divisor defined by a quasi-homogeneous polynomial (with strictly positive weights) is locally quasi-homogeneous.

**PROBLEM 6.6.** We do not know any example of a free divisor  $D \subset X$  whose logarithmic de Rham complex  $\Omega_X^*(\log D)$  is not perverse.

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