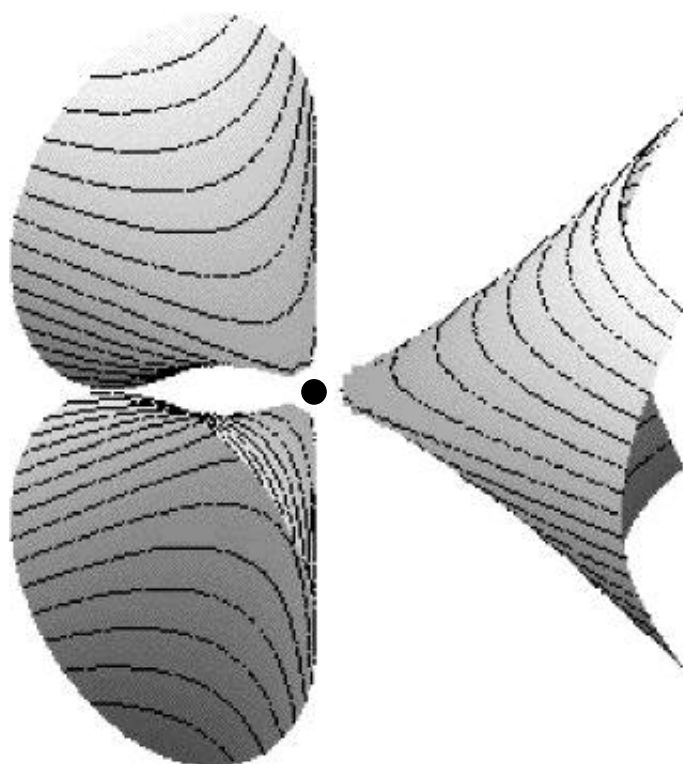


# SUMS OF SQUARES OF ANALYTIC FUNCTION GERMS

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## Main results

**I.** The Pythagoras number of an analytic surface germ is finite.

**Bounds** =  $f(\text{multiplicities, codimension})$

**II. List** of all surface germs in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\text{psd} = \text{sos}$ .

**All of them** have Pythagoras number 2.

# PRELIMINARIES

## 1. GENERAL SETTING FOR THE REAL SPECTRUM

- $\mathcal{P}(A) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{psd's} \\ \text{on } A \end{array} \right\} = \{f \in A : f(\alpha) \geq 0 \ \forall \alpha \in \text{Spec}_r(A)\}$
- $\Sigma(A) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{sums of} \\ \text{squares} \\ \text{on } A \end{array} \right\}; \quad \Sigma_q(A) = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{sums of } q \\ \text{squares} \\ \text{on } A \end{array} \right\}$
- *Pythagoras number:*  $p(A) = \inf\{q \in \mathbb{N} : \Sigma(A) = \Sigma_q(A)\}$

*Qualitative problem:* Is  $\mathcal{P}(A) = \Sigma(A)$ ?

*Quantitative problem:* To estimate  $p(A)$ .

**Consecuencia:** If  $p(A) \leq p < +\infty$  then

*Qualitative problem:*

Determine if the equations

$$f = Y_1^2 + \cdots + Y_p^2 \quad \text{for } f \text{ psd}$$

have always a solution.

## 2. A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY.

• **Origin:** 17th Hilbert's Problem for  $\mathbb{R}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , [E.Ar,27]

• **Generalization**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Geometric formulation} \\ \text{for functions in} \\ \text{real varieties} \end{array} \right\} \xLeftrightarrow{\text{Tarski}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Abstract formulation} \\ \text{for the real spectrum} \end{array} \right\}$$

• **Relevant results**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Irreducible} \\ \text{algebraic} \\ \text{sets} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rational func.} \\ \text{real irred. var} \end{array} \right) = \Sigma \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rational func.} \\ \text{real irred. var} \end{array} \right) \quad [\text{E.Ar},27] \\ \\ \dim + 2 \leq p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rational func.} \\ \text{real variety} \\ \dim \geq 2 \end{array} \right) \leq 2^{\dim} \quad [\text{CaElPf},71] \\ \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{polynomial func.} \\ \text{real irred. curve} \end{array} \right) < +\infty, \quad p[\mathbb{R}] = 2 \quad [\text{ChDLR},80] \\ \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{polynomial func.} \\ \text{real irred. surf.} \end{array} \right) \stackrel{?}{=} +\infty, \quad p[\mathbb{R}^2] = +\infty \quad [\text{ChDLR},80] \\ \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{polynomial func.} \\ \text{real variety} \\ \dim \geq 3 \end{array} \right) = +\infty \quad [\text{ChDLR},80] \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Connected Nash varieties} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rational Nash} \\ \text{functions} \end{array} \right) = \Sigma \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rational Nash} \\ \text{functions} \end{array} \right) \quad [\text{Mw},76] \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rational Nash} \\ \text{functions} \end{array} \right) \leq 2^{\dim} \quad [\text{BCR},87] \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Connected analytic varieties} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{mer. func.} \\ \text{compact var.} \end{array} \right) = \Sigma \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{mer. func.} \\ \text{compact var.} \end{array} \right) \quad [\text{Jw,Rz},85] \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{analytic func} \\ \text{smooth compact} \\ \text{curve} \end{array} \right) = 2 \quad [\text{Jw},82] \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{analytic func.} \\ \text{non-compact} \\ \text{smooth curve} \end{array} \right) = 1 \quad [\text{Jw},82] \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{analytic func} \\ \text{smooth compact} \\ \text{surface} \end{array} \right) = 3 \quad [\text{BKS},81] \\ p \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{analytic func.} \\ \text{non-compact} \\ \text{smooth surface} \end{array} \right) = 2 \quad [\text{BKS},81] \end{array} \right.$$

### 3. ANALYTIC GERMS

#### Notations

- *Analytic ring:*  $A = \mathbb{R}\{x\}/I, x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- *Zero germ:*  $X = \mathcal{Z}(I) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$
- $\mathcal{J}(X) = \begin{matrix} \text{real-radical} \\ \text{of } I \end{matrix} = \text{ideal of } X = \begin{matrix} \text{ideal of zero} \\ \text{germs of } X \end{matrix} \quad [\text{Ri}, 76]$
- $\mathcal{O}(X) = \mathbb{R}\{x\}/\mathcal{J}(X) = \begin{matrix} \text{real-reduction} \\ \text{of } A \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{ring of analytic} \\ \text{germs of } X \end{matrix}$
- $\mathcal{M}(X) = \begin{matrix} \text{total ring of} \\ \text{fractions of } \mathcal{O}(X) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{ring of meromorphic} \\ \text{germs of } X \end{matrix}$
- $\mathcal{P}(X) = \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{psd's} \\ \text{on } X \end{matrix} \right\} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{O}(X)) \quad \begin{matrix} [\text{Ri}, 76] \\ [\text{Rz}, 83] \end{matrix}$
- $\Sigma(X) = \Sigma(\mathcal{O}(X)); \quad \Sigma_q(X) = \Sigma_q(\mathcal{O}(X))$
- $p[X] = p(\mathcal{O}(X)); \quad p(X) = p(\mathcal{M}(X))$

## Some results:

$$\text{Meromorphic germs} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{meromorphic} \\ \text{func. germs} \end{array} \right) = \Sigma \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{meromorphic} \\ \text{func. germs} \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{array}{l} [\text{Ri},76] \\ [\text{Rz},83] \end{array} \\ \\ p(X) = 1 \quad \text{if } d = 1 \\ \\ p(X) \leq p(\mathbb{R}^d) \cdot m \leq \begin{cases} 2m & \text{if } d = 2 & [\text{BoRi},75] \\ 8m & \text{if } d = 3 & [\text{Jw},92] \\ ? & \text{if } d \geq 4 \end{cases} \end{array} \right.$$

Qualitative problem for analytic rings	{	<b>Curves:</b>
		$\mathcal{P}(X) = \Sigma(X) \iff \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X = \text{union of} \\ \text{indep. lines} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} [\text{Or},88] \\ [\text{Sch},01] \end{array}$
		<b>dim <math>\geq 3</math>:</b>
		$A$ <b>regular</b> local ring $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A) \neq \Sigma(A)$ [Sch,99]
		$X$ analytic germ, $\dim X \geq 4 \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) \neq \Sigma(X)$ [Rz,99]
		<i>Conjecture:</i> $A = \mathbb{R}\{x\}/I$ analytic ring, $\dim \mathcal{Z}(I) \geq 3$ $\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A) \neq \Sigma(A)$

Quantitative problem for analytic rings	{	<b>Curves:</b>
		$p[X] \leq \text{mult}(X)$ if $X$ is irreducible [Qz,01]
		<b>dim <math>\geq 3</math>:</b>
		$A$ <b>regular</b> local ring $\Rightarrow p(A) = +\infty$ [ChDLR,80]
		$X$ analytic germ, $\dim X \geq 4 \Rightarrow p[X] = +\infty$ [Rz,83]
		<i>Conjecture:</i> $A = \mathbb{R}\{x\}/I$ analytic ring, $\dim \mathcal{Z}(I) \geq 3$ $\Rightarrow p(A) = +\infty$



# I. MAIN RESULTS ON PYTHAGORAS NUMBER

- *Strong Question* de [ChDLR,80] for modules over  $R = \mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ ,  $\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]$  y  $\mathbb{R}\{x, y\}$ :

Let  $A$  be a ring which is a finite generated  $R$ -module, say by  $m$  generators. Then  $p(A) \leq p(R)m$ .

- $A = \mathbb{R}\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}/I$ ,  $\dim(A) = 2 \Rightarrow p(A) < +\infty$
- Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an analytic surface germ. Then

$$E[\log_2(\omega(I(X)) + 1)] \leq p[X] \leq 2 \operatorname{mult}_T(X)^{\operatorname{codim}(X)}$$

Moreover,  $p[X] \geq 2$ .

## II. MAIN RESULTS ON SUMS OF TWO SQUARES

- The singular surface germs  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $\mathcal{P}(X) = \Sigma(X)$  are exactly the following:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} z^2 - x^3 - y^5 = 0 & \text{(Brieskorn's singularity, [Rz,99])} \\ z^2 - x^3 - xy^3 = 0, & z^2 - x^3 - y^4 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} z^2 - x^2 = 0 & \text{(Two transversal planes, [Rz,99])} \\ z^2 - x^2 - y^2 = 0, & z^2 - x^2 - y^k = 0, \ k \geq 3 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} z^2 - x^2y = 0 & \text{(Whitney's umbrella, [Rz,99])} \\ z^2 - x^2y + y^3 = 0, & z^2 - x^2y - (-1)^k y^k = 0, \ k \geq 4 \end{array} \right.$$

- Furthermore, in **all** these cases  $p[X] = p(X) = 2$ .
- Existence of **other** surface germs in embedding dimension  $> 3$  with  $\mathcal{P} = \Sigma_2$ .

# I. PYTHAGORAS NUMBER

## 1. SUMS OF TWO SQUARES IN TWO VARIABLES

**Purpose:** To show that every positive semidefinite element (=psd) of  $\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]$  can be written as a sum of two squares of elements of  $\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]$ .

**Notations:** Let  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ , and

- $\Omega_{\mathbb{K}}$  = the ring of analytic Puiseux series over  $\mathbb{K}$
- $\Phi_{\mathbb{K}} = qf(\Omega_{\mathbb{K}})$
- $\mathbb{K}(\{x\}) = qf(\mathbb{K}\{x\})$

**Orderings of the field  $\mathbb{R}(\{x\})$ .** They are exactly the following ones with real closure  $\Phi_{\mathbb{R}}$ :

- $(\mathbb{R}(\{x\}), <)$  ordering such that  $x$  is positive

$$\begin{aligned} f = a_r x^r + a_{r+1} x^{r+1} + \dots > 0 &\iff a_r > 0 \\ f/g > 0 &\iff fg > 0. \end{aligned}$$

- $(\mathbb{R}(\{x\}), \prec)$  ordering such that  $x$  is negative

$$\begin{aligned} f = a_r x^r + a_{r+1} x^{r+1} + \dots \succ 0 &\iff (-1)^r a_r > 0 \\ f/g \succ 0 &\iff fg \succ 0. \end{aligned}$$

## Characterization of the psd's on $\mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ :

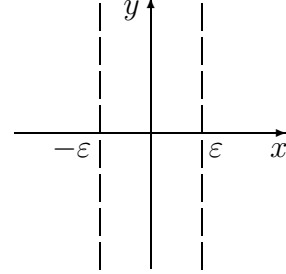
Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ ,  $f \neq 0$ . The following statements are equivalent:

a)  $f$  is psd on the ring  $\mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ .

b)  $f$  is psd on the field  $qf(\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y])$ .

c) There exist  $r \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $x^{2r}f \in \mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]$  is defined and is  $\geq 0$  on the vertical band  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \times \mathbb{R}$ .

d) For each  $\xi \in \Phi_{\mathbb{R}}$  the series  $f(x, \xi)$ ,  $f(-x, \xi)$  are psd on  $\Phi_{\mathbb{R}}$ .



## Result:

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]) = \Sigma_2(\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y])$$

*Sketch of proof.* Let  $f \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y])$

- Check that  $\text{grad}_y(f) = n$  is odd and that the leading coefficient  $a_n$  is a square.
- Factorize  $f/a_n$  in irreducible factors in  $\mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ .
- Check that the factors of odd multiplicity are reducible in  $\mathbb{C}(\{x\})[y]$  and therefore sum of **two** squares.
- Deduce that  $f$  is sum of **two** squares in  $\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]$ .



## 2. DIAGONALIZATION IN TWO VARIABLES

**Purposes:** To show that:

The positive semidefinite quadratic forms over  $\mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$  are diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}(\{x\})[y]$ .

**Consequence:** A ring  $A$  which is a module with  $m$  generators over  $R = \mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ ,  $\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]$  or  $\mathbb{R}\{x, y\}$  satisfies

$$p(A) \leq p(R)m = 2m$$

**Essential Hint:** Ideas of Djoković used to prove that:

The positive semidefinite quadratic forms over  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  are diagonalizable over  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ .

**Notations:**

- $a = \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$  is the matrix with main diagonal  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ .
- Given  $a = (a_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$  with coefficients in  $\mathbb{C}(\{x\})[y]$ , its *conjugated transposed* is:

$$a^* = \overline{a}^t = (\overline{a_{ji}})_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$$

**Main tool:** *Diagonalization in PID's:*

*Let  $R$  be a principal ideal domain and  $a \in \mathfrak{M}_n(R)$  a matrix of rank  $r$ . Then, there exist two invertible matrices  $u, v$  and another diagonal one*

$$e = \langle e_1, \dots, e_r, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle,$$

*such that  $e_1 | e_2 | \dots | e_r$  and  $a = uev$ ; moreover, the ideals*

$$(e_1), (e_2), \dots, (e_r)$$

*are unique, and the elements  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_r$  of the main diagonal of  $e$  are called invariant factors of  $a$ . The diagonal matrix  $e = \langle e_1, \dots, e_r, 0, \dots, 0 \rangle$  is a matrix of invariant factors of  $a$ .*

**Definition:** Let  $a \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{K}(\{x\})[y])$ ,  $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $a = a^*$ :

- $\Rightarrow z^* a z \in \mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y] \ \forall z \in \mathbb{K}(\{x\})^n$
- Then,  $a \geq 0 \iff z^* a z$  es psd en  $\mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y] \ \forall z \in \mathbb{K}(\{x\})^n$ .

**Diagonalization:** Given  $a \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{C}(\{x\})[y])$  such that  $a \geq 0$ , there exist  $b \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{C}(\{x\})[y])$  such that  $a = b^*b$ .

*Sketch of proof.* Several reduction steps:

(a) We can suppose  $a \geq 0$  and of maximum rank.

(b) We can suppose  $a \geq 0$  is invertible.

(c) We can suppose  $a \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{R}(\{x\}))$ ,  $a \geq 0$  and diagonal.

(d) In the hypotheses of (c) there exist  $g \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{R}(\{x\}))$  diagonal such that  $a = gg = g^*g$ . ■

## Main result:

Let  $L_1, \dots, L_r$  linear forms in  $n$  variables over  $R = \mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ ,  $\mathbb{R}\{x\}[y] \not\subset \mathbb{R}\{x, y\}$ , and  $\varphi = L_1^2 + L_2^2 + \dots + L_r^2$ . There exist linear forms  $Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_{2n}$  over  $R$  such that

$$\varphi = Q_1^2 + Q_2^2 + \dots + Q_{2n}^2.$$

*Sketch of proof.*

(a)  $R = \mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y]$ . Let  $a \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y])$  be the matrix associated to  $\varphi$  which is  $\geq 0$ :

- There exists  $b \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{C}(\{x\})[y])$  such that  $a = b^*b$ .
- $b = b_1 + ib_2$  with  $b_1, b_2 \in \mathfrak{M}_n(\mathbb{R}(\{x\})[y])$  and then

$$a = (b_1^t - ib_2^t)(b_1 + ib_2) = b_1^t b_1 + b_2^t b_2 + i(b_1^t b_2 - b_2^t b_1)$$

and thus:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= b_1^t b_1 + b_2^t b_2 \\ b_1^t b_2 &= b_2^t b_1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\varphi = Q_1^2 + Q_2^2 + \dots + Q_{2n}^2.$$

(b)  $R = \mathbb{R}\{x\}[y]$ . Proceed as above and check that the denominator is a unit of  $\mathbb{R}\{x\}$ .

(c)  $R = \mathbb{R}\{x, y\}$ . Take suitable jets and use *M. Artin's Approximation Theorem*. ■



### 3. MULTIPLICITIES

**Purpose:** Recall the general properties of the *multiplicity* of a local ring, and deduce a particular description for analytic rings.

**(3.1) Multiplicity of a local ring.** Let  $A$  be a local ring with residue field  $\kappa$  and maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  and  $M$  a module f.g. over  $A$ . The *characteristic function* of  $M$  is

$$L_M : k \mapsto \dim_{\kappa}(M/\mathfrak{m}^k M).$$

There exists  $Q_M \in \mathbb{Q}[T]$  such that

$$L_M(k) = Q_M(k) \quad \text{for } k \gg 0$$

$Q_M = \text{characteristic polynomial of } M$ :

- $\text{grad}(Q_M) = d = \dim_A(M) = \text{Krull's dimension of } A/(\text{ann } M).$
- Leading coefficient =  $\mathfrak{e}(M).$
- *Multiplicity of } M*:

$\text{mult}(M) = d! \mathfrak{e}(M) \geq 1$
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**(3.2) Total multiplicity.** Suppose  $M = A/I$  where  $I$  is a radical ideal of height  $r$ :

$$I = \mathfrak{p}_1 \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{p}_s \cap \mathfrak{p}_{s+1} \cap \dots \cap \mathfrak{p}_l$$

$\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_s$  associated prime ideals of height  $r$ ,

$\mathfrak{p}_{s+1}, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_l$  associated prime ideals of height  $> r$ .

We have:

$$\text{mult}(M) = \sum_{i=1}^s \text{mult}(A/\mathfrak{p}_i)$$

**Consequence:** The usual notion of *multiplicity* forgets the associated prime ideals which do not have minimal height, and thus, we must consider the *total multiplicity*:

$$\text{mult}_T(M) = \sum_{i=1}^l \text{mult}(A/\mathfrak{p}_i)$$

**(3.3) Multiplicity for analytic rings.** Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_n$  of height  $r = n - d$ . After a suitable linear change:

$$\text{mult}(\mathcal{O}_n/\mathfrak{p}) = [qf(\mathcal{O}_n/\mathfrak{p}) : qf(\mathcal{O}_d)]$$

## 4. BOUNDS

### Results:

- 1. Lower bound:** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be an analytic germ,  $n \geq 3$ .

Then

$$p[X] \geq E[\log_2 (\omega(I(X)) + 1)]$$

*Sketch of proof.* Proceed by *way of contradiction* using homogeneous polynomials of  $\mathbb{R}[x, y, z]$  of degree  $q = 2^p - 2$  which are sum of squares of polynomials, but not less than  $p$  [ChDLR,80].

■

- 2. Upper bound:** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a surface germ. Then

$$p[X] \leq 2 \operatorname{mult}_T(X)^{\operatorname{codim}(X)}$$

*Sketch of proof.* It suffices to bound  $\gamma_X =$  minimal number of generators of  $\mathcal{O}(X)$  as  $\mathbb{R}\{x, y\}$ -module, using

$$\gamma_X \leq \operatorname{mult}_T(X)^{\operatorname{codim}(X)}$$

and the results of section I.2.

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## 5. EXAMPLES

**Purpose:** To show that there is not an upper bound of the Pythagoras number of a surface germ depending only on the multiplicity. Therefore **the total multiplicity is necessary**.

**Result:** For each  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist a analytic surface germ  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  of multiplicity 1 and Pythagoras number  $\geq q$ .

*Sketch of proof.* Two steps:

(a) There exist a curve germ  $Y \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $p[Y] \geq q$ .

irreducible  
 $\forall k \geq 1 \exists Y_k$  curve :  $\omega(\mathcal{J}(Y_k)) > k$ . Take, for instance,  
 germ

$Y_k : (t^a, t^b, t^c), a = p$  prime  $\geq k^2 + 2, b = p(p - 1) + k, c = p^2 + 1$

(b) Let  $X = Y \cup \{z = 0\}$ , which is an analytic germ of dimension 2 and satisfies

$$\text{mult}(X) = \text{mult}(\{z = 0\}) = 1,$$

$$\text{mult}_T(X) = \text{mult}(Y) + 1,$$

$$p[X] \geq p[Y] \geq q \text{ (since } \mathcal{O}(Y) \text{ is a quotient of } \mathcal{O}(X)\text{).}$$

■

## II. SUMS OF TWO SQUARES

### STRATEGY

#### Generation of the list.

Two steps:

- If  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an analytic singular germ such that  $\mathcal{P}(X) = \Sigma(X)$ , then

$$\omega(\mathcal{J}(X)) = 2$$

- If  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  has  $\dim X = 2$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(X) = \Sigma(X)$  and  $\omega(\mathcal{J}(X)) = 2$ , then  $X$  is one of the germs of the list [Rz,99].

#### General method to attack $\mathcal{P} = \Sigma_2$ .

1. **Polynomial reduction:** Consider  $S_X$  the *algebraic surface associated* to  $X$ , and prove that the set of *positive definite* polynomials in  $S_X$ , considered as germs, is *dense* in the set of psd function germs on  $X$ .
2. **Blowing-up:** using a suitable blowing-up, we obtain a biregular equivalence between a dense open set of  $S_X$  and a dense open set of the plane or of Brieskorn's singularity.

3. ***Solution for the polynomial case:*** using the previous biregular equivalence, the fact that the plane and Brieskorn's singularity have the property  $\mathcal{P} = \Sigma_2$  and certain standard equations of sum of squares, we show that every *positive definite* polynomial over  $S_X$  is a sum of two squares of analytic function germs on  $X$ .

4. ***Solution of the general case:*** we extend the previous property for polynomials to analytic function germs by means of M. Artin's Approximation Theorem .

For the two planes an Whitney's umbrella the new proof is a kind of *limit argument* using the corresponding result for its deformations.

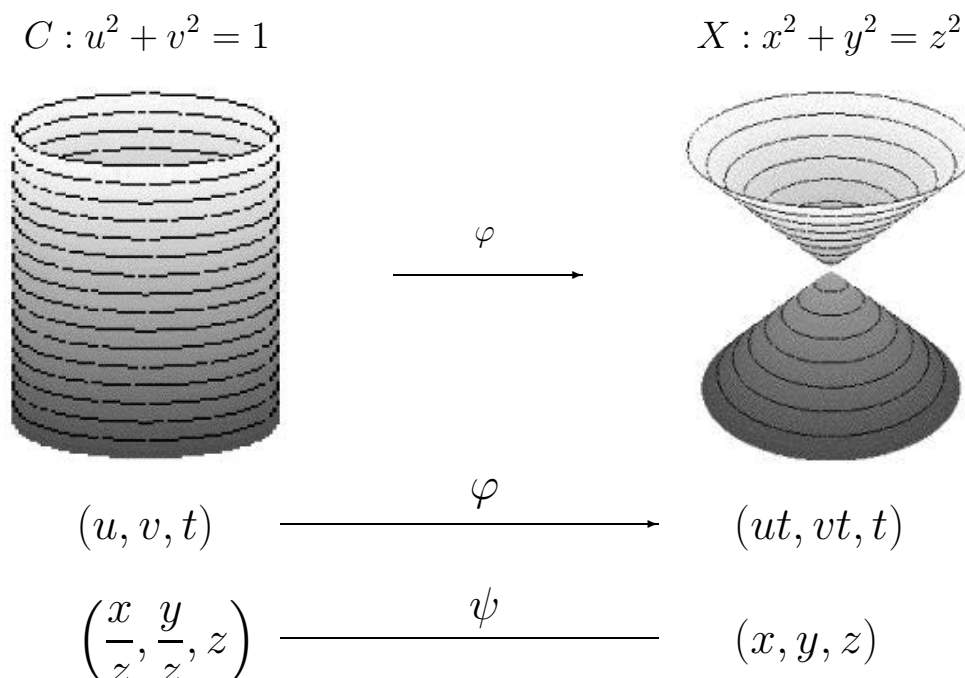
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**Result:** If  $X : z^2 = x^2 + y^2$  is the cone singularity, then any non negative function germ on  $X$  can be written as a sum of two squares of analytic function germs.

*Sketch of proof.* Several steps:

(a) If  $f, g \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  and  $f + zg$  (*cannonical expression* of an element of  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ ) is psd on  $X \Rightarrow$  there exists  $m \geq 0$ , such that  $z^m(f + zg)$  is a sum of two squares in  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ .

Consider the blowing-up



The used argument is a kind of parametrized revision of the classical proof of Polya of the fact that every psd polynomial on the circumference is a sum of two squares of polynomials.

(b) Get rid of the denominator  $z^m$ .

(c) Check that the set of psd polynomials on  $X$  is *dense* in  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , using for that *Newton-Puiseux's algorithm*.

(d) Apply M. Artin's Approximation Theorem to solve the analytic case. ■



## 2. POLYNOMIAL REDUCTION

**Notations:** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be an analytic surface germ at the origin with equation  $z^2 = F(x, y)$ ,  $F \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$

$S_X = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid z^2 - F(x, y) = 0\}$  is the *algebraic surface associated to  $X$*  (it satisfies  $(S_X)_0 = X$ ),

$\mathcal{P}(S_X) = \{\text{polynomials } P(x, y) + zQ(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ in } S_X\}$ .

**Reducción polinomial:** Let  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  be an analytic germ of equation  $z^2 - F(x, y) = 0$ ,  $F \in \mathbb{R}[x, y]$ ,  $F(0, 0) = 0$ . If  $k \geq 1$

$$\mathcal{P}(S_X) \subset \Sigma_k(X) \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X) = \Sigma_k(X)$$

*Sketch of proof.* Several steps:

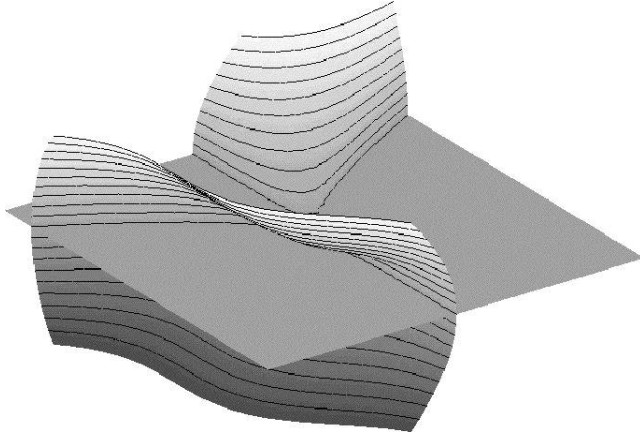
(a) *Weak polynomial density:* If  $Z \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  is a closed semianalytic set germ and  $f \in \mathcal{O}(Z)$  is positive defined or *pd* on  $Z$  (that is,  $f|_{Z \setminus \{0\}} > 0$ ), there exist  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $g \equiv f \pmod{(x, y)^r} \Rightarrow g$  is *pd* in  $Z$ .

(b) *Study of  $\mathcal{O}(X)$ :*

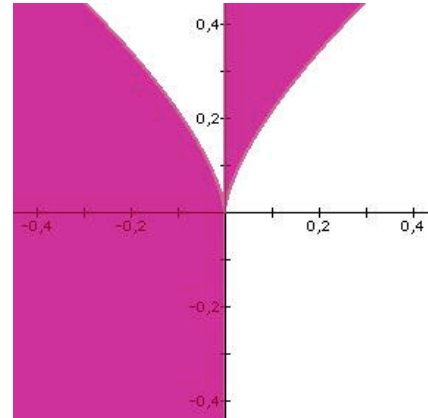
$$\mathcal{O}(X) = \{f(x, y) + zg(x, y) : f, g \in \mathbb{R}\{x, y\}\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(X) = \{f + zg : f \in \mathcal{P}(F \geq 0), f^2 - Fg^2 \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}^2)\}.$$

$$X : z^2 = F(x, y)$$



$$Z : F(x, y) \geq 0$$



(c) *Strong polynomial density:* If  $\varphi = f + zg \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  then for each  $m \geq 1$  there exist a polynomial

$$h_m = P(x, y) + zQ(x, y) \in \mathcal{P}(S_X)$$

such that  $\omega(\varphi - h_m) \geq m$  (using (a), (b)).

(d) Use the hypothese, the step (c) and apply M. Artin's Approximation Theorem to solve the equations

$$\varphi = f + zg = X_1^2 + \cdots + X_k^2 + (z^2 - F)Y$$

en  $\mathbb{R}\{x, y, z\}$ . ■

## EXAMPLE OF APPLICATION OF OUR METHOD

Let us see that  $\mathcal{P}(X : z^2 - x^3 - xy^3 = 0) = \Sigma_2(X)$ .

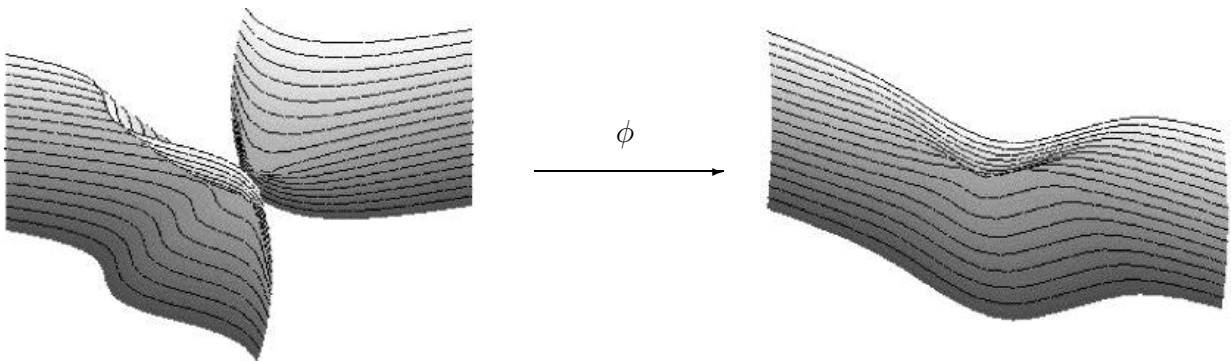
1. ***Polynomial reduction:*** it suffices to prove that

$$\mathcal{P}(S_X) \subset \Sigma_2(X).$$

2. ***Blowing-up:***

$$X : z^2 = x^3 + xy^3$$

$$E_8 : v^2 = x^5 + y^3$$



$$(x, y, z) = \left(x, \frac{u}{x}, \frac{v}{x}\right) \longrightarrow (x, xy, xz) = (x, u, v)$$

3. ***Solution of the polynomial case:*** If  $P + zQ \in \mathcal{P}(S_X)$  using the previous transform and the fact that

$$\mathcal{P}((E_8)_o) = \Sigma_2((E_8)_o)$$

it can be shown that  $r \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha's, \beta's, q_0 \in \mathbb{R}\{x, y\}$  such that  $x^{2r}(P + zQ) = (\alpha_0 + z\alpha_1)^2 + (\beta_0 + z\beta_1)^2 - (z^2 - x^3 - xy^3)q_0$ .

To end up we get rid of  $x^{2r}$ . Comparing coefficient with respect to  $z$  we obtain

$$(0) \quad x^{2r}P = \alpha_0^2 + \beta_0^2 + q_0(x^3 + xy^3) = \alpha_0^2 + \beta_0^2 + q_0x(x^2 + y^3)$$

$$(1) \quad x^{2r}Q = 2(\alpha_0\alpha_1 + \beta_0\beta_1)$$

$$(2) \quad q_0 = \alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2$$

Now:

$$(0) \Rightarrow x|\alpha_0^2 + \beta_0^2 \Rightarrow x|\alpha_0, \beta_0 \Rightarrow x|q_0.$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow x|\alpha_1^2 + \beta_1^2 \Rightarrow x|\alpha_1, \beta_1 \Rightarrow x^2|q_0.$$

This proves

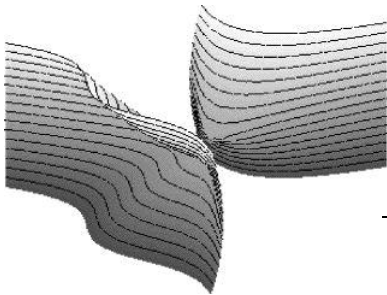
$$x^{2(r-1)}(P + zQ) = (\alpha'_0 + z\alpha'_1)^2 + (\beta'_0 + z\beta'_1)^2 - (z^2 - x^3 - xy^3)q'_0.$$

Applying this process  $r - 1$  times more, we deduce

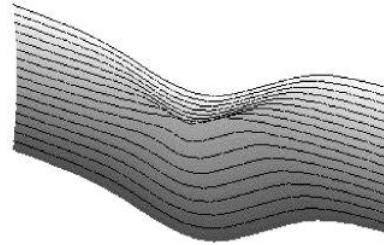
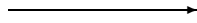
$$(P + zQ) = (a_0 + za_1)^2 + (b_0 + zb_1)^2 - (z^2 - x^3 - xy^3)h_0.$$

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### 3. BRIESKORN'S AND IT BLOWINGS-UP

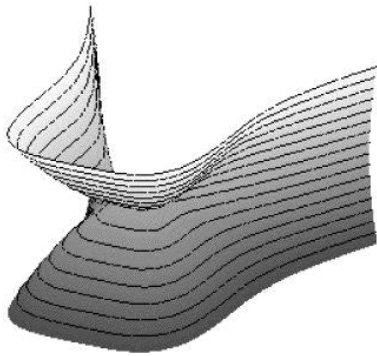


$$X : z^2 = x^3 + xy^3$$

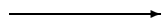


$$E_8 : v^2 = x^5 + y^3$$

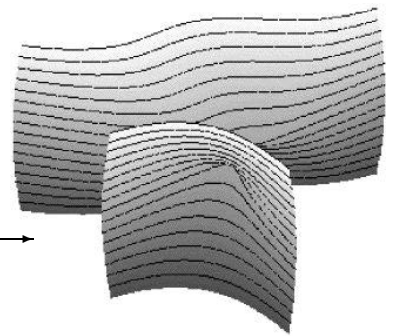
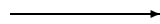
*Blowing-up*



$$Y : z^2 = x^3 + y^4$$



$$Z : z^2 = x^3 - zy^2$$

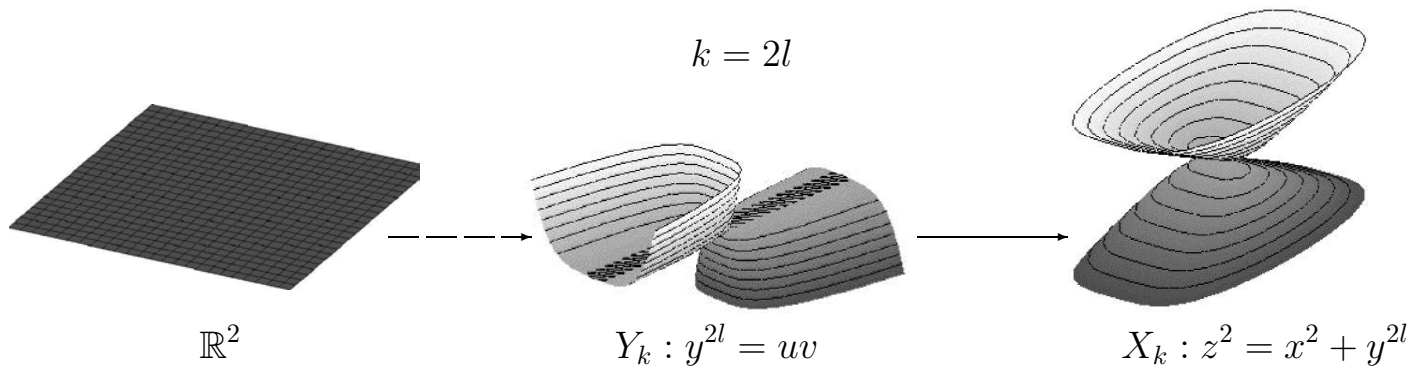


$$X : u^2 = -z^3 + zx^3$$

*Change of coordinates*

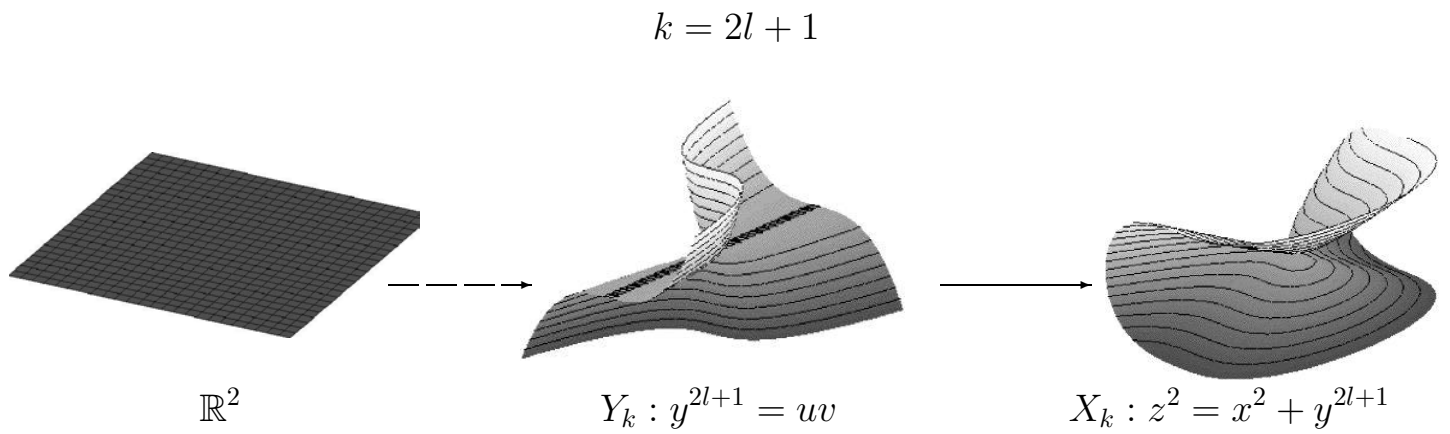
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#### 4. TWO TRANSVERSAL PLANES AND ITS DEFORMATIONS



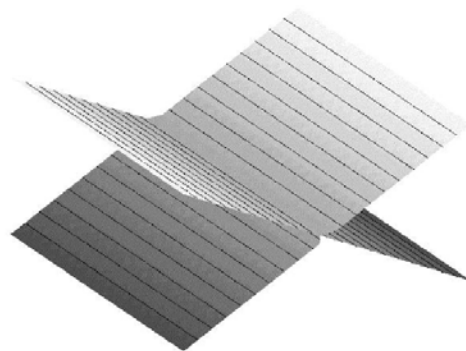
*Blowing-up*

*Change of coordinates*



*Blowing-up*

*Change of coordinates*



$$X : z^2 = x^2$$

Solved by *limit argument*

## LIMIT ARGUMENT

For the two transversal planes  $\mathcal{P}(X : z^2 - x^2 = 0) = \Sigma_2(X)$  we proceed as follows:

Let  $f + zg \in \mathcal{P}(z^2 - x^2 = 0)$ . There exists  $m_0 \geq 1$  such that  $\forall m \geq m_0$  there exists  $r \geq 2m$  such that the function germ  $f + (x^2 + y^2)^m + zg \in \mathcal{O}(X_{2r})$  is pd in  $X_{2r} : z^2 - x^2 - y^{2r} = 0$ .

It is satisfied that

$$f + (x^2 + y^2)^m + zg = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - (z^2 - x^2 - y^{2r})h$$

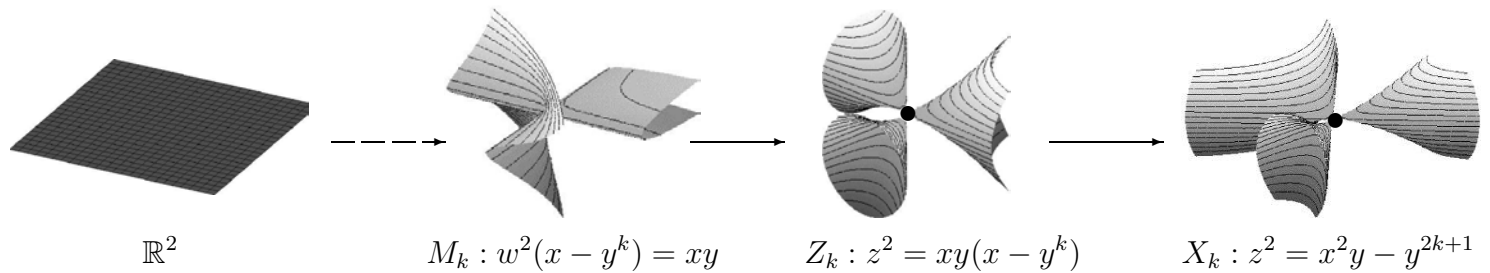
and then

$$f + zg \equiv \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - (z^2 - x^2)h \quad \text{mod } (x, y)^{2m}$$

By M. Artin's Approximation Theorem

$$f + zg = a^2 + b^2 - (z^2 - x^2)q.$$

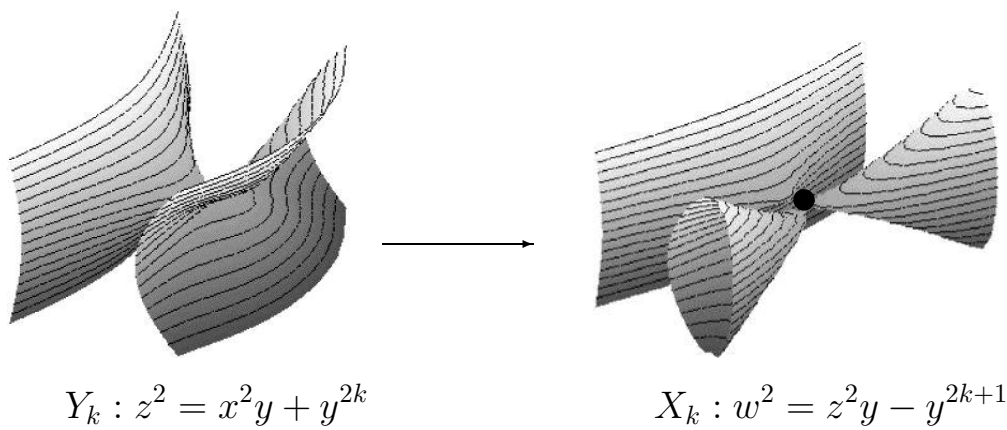
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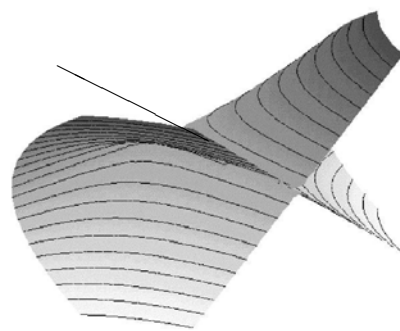
*2<sup>nd</sup> Blowing-up*

*1<sup>st</sup> Blowing-up*

*Change of coordinates*



*Blowing-up*



$$X : z^2 = x^2y$$

Solved by *limit argument*



## 6. GERMS IN HIGHER CODIMENSION

**Purpose:** To prove that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist a surface germ with  $\text{emb dim} = n + 1$  such that  $\mathcal{P} = \Sigma_2$ .

**Germes and associated surfaces:** *Veronese's real cones*

*Germes:*  $X_n = (S_n)_o \subset \mathbb{R}_o^{n+1}$ ,

$$S_n : F_{ij} = x_i x_j - x_{i-1} x_{j+1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq j \leq n - 1$$

*Associated algebraic surfaces:*  $S_{X_n} = S_n$ .

*Parametrization of the complexification of  $S_n$ :*

$$\gamma(z, w) = (z^n, z^{n-1}w, \dots, zw^{n-1}, w^n)$$

*Parametrizations of  $S_n$ :*

- $n$  par:

$\gamma^+ = \gamma|_{\mathbb{R}^2}$  parametrizes  $S_n \cap \{x_0 \geq 0\}$ ,

$\gamma^- = -\gamma|_{\mathbb{R}^2}$  parametrizes  $S_n \cap \{x_0 \leq 0\}$ .

- $n$  impar:

$\gamma^+ = \gamma|_{\mathbb{R}^2}$  parametrizes  $S_n$ ,

$\gamma^- = -\gamma|_{\mathbb{R}^2}$  parametrizes  $S_n$ .

**Result:**  $\mathcal{P}(X_n) = \Sigma_2(X_n)$

*a) Polynomial reduction:* It is enough to prove:

$$\mathcal{P}(S_n) \subset \Sigma_2(X_n).$$

*b) Blowing-up:*

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_n : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{x_0 = 0\} &\rightarrow S_n \setminus \{x_0 = 0\} \\ (x_0, x_1) &\mapsto \left( x_0, x_1, \frac{x_1^2}{x_0}, \dots, \frac{x_1^k}{x_0^{k-1}}, \dots, \frac{x_1^n}{x_0^{n-1}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

*c) Solution of the polynomial case:* If  $f \in \mathcal{P}(S_n)$ , using the previous transform, check that

$$x_0^{2r} f \equiv (a^2 + b^2) \pmod{I(X_n)}$$

Using the parametrization  $\gamma^+$  verify that we can divide by  $x_0^{2r}$ .