

1.  $R$  is the  $K$ -span of all monomials of even degree and those of odd degree that are multiples of  $x_i^3$  for some  $i$ . It follows that the  $x_i^3$  and  $x_1^2 \cdots x_n^2$  are in the conductor, and generate it: if say  $x_n$  does not occur in  $\mu = x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_{n-1}^{a_{n-1}} x_n^{a_n}$  with all  $a_j \leq 2$  and some  $a_i < 2$ , then  $\mu$  has even degree and  $x_i \mu \notin R$ .

2. We map  $R[X_1, \dots, X_n] \twoheadrightarrow S$  by  $X_i \mapsto x_i$  all  $i$ . If  $\mu = \mu(X)$  is any monomial of degree  $d$  in the  $X_j$ , then  $\mu(X) \mapsto \mu(x) \in R$ , and the differences  $\mu(X) - \mu(x)$  generate the kernel, since killing them is sufficient to identify the image of  $R$  with the  $K$ -isomorphic subring of  $R[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  generated by monomials of degree  $d$  in the  $X_j$ . The elements  $\mu(x)$  are all killed by the  $\partial/\partial X_j$ , and so we obtain the matrix  $(\partial\mu/\partial X_j)$  as  $\mu$  runs through all monomials of degree  $d$  in the  $X_j$ . When we take size  $n$  minors and evaluate, we get elements of degree  $n(d-1)$  in the  $x_j$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{J}_{S/R}$  is contained in  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{n(d-1)}S$ . We show that they are equal: we obtain every monomial as a Jacobian minor. After renumbering the variables we may assume the monomial has the form  $\mu(x) = x_1^{a_1} \cdots x_n^{a_n}$  where we have that  $a_1 \geq a_2 \geq \cdots \geq a_n$ . From these inequalities,  $a_1 \geq d-1$ ,  $a_1 + a_2 \geq 2(d-1)$ , and, in general,  $a_1 + \cdots + a_i \geq i(d-1)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . It follows we can factor  $\mu(X)$  in the form  $\mu_1 \cdots \mu_n$ , all of degree  $d-1$ , where  $\mu_1$  involves only  $X_1$ ,  $\mu_2$  involves only  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , and so forth:  $\mu_i$  involves only  $X_1, \dots, X_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . (In choosing  $\mu_j$  once  $\mu_i$  for  $i < j$  has been picked, use the highest power of the lowest numbered variable available before using any higher numbered variables.) Then the Jacobian submatrix corresponding to the partial derivatives of  $\mu_1 X_1, \mu_2 X_2, \dots, \mu_i X_i, \dots, \mu_n X_n$  is upper triangular, and the diagonal entries have the form  $b_1 \mu_1, b_2 \mu_2, \dots, b_n \mu_n$ , where for every  $i$ ,  $1 \leq b_i \leq d$ , so that the  $b_i$  are invertible in  $K$ . Hence, the image of the corresponding Jacobian determinant in  $S$  is a unit times  $\mu(x)$ .  $\square$

3. Since  $x \mapsto u$  has order 1,  $T_1$  is the localization of  $R[y/x]$  at the prime ideal lying under  $uV$ . The map of  $\mathbb{R}[x, y/x] \rightarrow V$  sends  $x \mapsto u$  and  $y/x \mapsto zt$ , which is a unit of  $V$ . The image of  $\mathbb{R}[x, y/x]$  in the residue class field  $\mathbb{C}(t)$  of  $V$  is  $\mathbb{R}(it)$ , where  $i$  is the image of  $z$ . Since this is transcendental over  $\mathbb{R}$ , the dimension formula implies that  $T_1$  has dimension 1, and must be the localization of  $\mathbb{R}[x, y/x]$  at  $xR[x, y/x]$ . The residue class field of  $T_1$  may be identified with  $\mathbb{R}(it) \subseteq \mathbb{C}(t)$ . Since  $T_1$  has dimension one, the quadratic sequence ends with  $T_1$ .

4. Let  $D = R[x_2/x_1, \dots, x_n/x_1] = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} m^n/x_1^n$ .  $T_1$  is  $D$  localized at the prime ideal of elements of positive  $m$ -adic order. This ideal may also be described as  $\bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} m^n/x_1^n$ , and is generated by  $x_1$ . Killing  $x_1$  in  $D$  gives  $K[y_2, \dots, y_n]$ , a polynomial ring, by a class theorem, where  $y_j$  is the image of  $x_j/x_1$  for  $j \geq 2$ , and so the residue class field of the first transform is  $K(y_2, \dots, y_d)$ . By the dimension formula,  $\dim(T_1) = 1$  and the sequence ends with  $T_1$ , which must be the same as the valuation ring of the fraction field corresponding to the  $m$ -adic order valuation, and is essentially of finite type over  $R$ .

5. After each transform, we still have local maps  $R \subseteq T_i \subseteq V$ , and if  $K_i$  is the residue class field of  $T_i$ , we have  $K \subseteq K_i \subseteq K$ , so that the extension of residue class fields from  $R$  to  $T_i$  is an isomorphism. It follows that the Krull dimension of every  $T_i$  is 2, and so the sequence of quadratic transforms does not terminate.

**6.** Let  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  be indeterminates over  $R$  and let  $S = R[I_1 t_1, \dots, I_n t_n] \subseteq R[t_1, \dots, t_n]$ . This domain is finitely generated over  $K$  (choose finitely many generators  $f_{ij}$  for each  $I_j$  and use the  $f_{ij} t_j$  as generators of  $S$ ). The normalization  $S'$  of this ring is contained in  $R[t_1, \dots, t_n]$  and, by a class theorem, graded by the monomials in the  $t_j$ : hence, it has the form  $\sum_{\underline{i}} J_{\underline{i}} t^{\underline{i}}$  where  $\underline{i}$  runs through elements  $(i_1, \dots, i_n)$  of  $\mathbb{N}^n$ .  $S'$  is module-finite over  $S$  by a class theorem. (What we need about  $R$  is that the normalization of a domain  $D$  finitely generated over  $R$  is module-finite over  $D$ : this also holds when  $R$  is complete local or, more generally, excellent.) If one chooses a homogeneous equation of integral dependence for  $rt^{\underline{i}}$  one sees that the condition for integral dependence is precisely that  $r \in \overline{J_{\underline{i}}}$ . This means that  $J_{\underline{i}} = \overline{J_{\underline{i}}}$ . The stated condition now follows easily if  $c$  is the maximum of the degrees of finitely many homogeneous  $S$ -module generators for  $S'$ .

**EC5.**  $K \rightarrow S$  splits as a map of vector spaces: let  $\theta : S \rightarrow K$  be a splitting. It follows that  $R \rightarrow R \otimes_K S$  splits as a map of  $R$ -modules, using  $\text{id}_R \otimes \theta$  as the splitting. This implies that  $R$  is normal. The proof for  $S$  is similar.

$\mathfrak{C} \otimes_K \mathfrak{D}$  is an ideal of both  $A \otimes_K B$  and of  $R \otimes_K S$ . We shall show that it is the conductor  $J$ . Since  $\mathfrak{C} \otimes_K \mathfrak{D}$  is the intersection of  $\mathfrak{C} \otimes_K S$  and  $R \otimes_K \mathfrak{D}$ , it suffices to show that  $J$  is contained in the intersection of these. By symmetry, it suffices to show that  $J$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{C} \otimes_K S$ . Choose a  $K$ -basis  $h_\nu$  for  $S$ . Then  $R \otimes_K S$  is a free  $R$ -module on the basis  $1 \otimes h_\nu$ ,  $A \otimes_K S$  is a free  $A$ -module on the basis  $1 \otimes h_\nu$ . Suppose that  $\sum_{j=1}^t r_j \otimes h_j$  is in  $J$ . Then for every  $r \in R$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^t r r_j \otimes h_j$  is in  $A \otimes_K B \subseteq A \otimes_R S$ , and this is only true if all the  $r r_j \in A$ . But if every  $r r_j \in A$ , then all the  $r_j \in \mathfrak{C}$ , as required.  $\square$

**EC6.** It suffices to show that if  $a, b \in m - \{0\}$  then  $a|b$  or  $b|a$ . We follow the suggested plan. Since principal ideals are integrally closed,  $R$  is normal. It follows that  $R[t]$  and its localization  $R(t)$  are normal. By a calculation in class, every  $a^i b^{n-i}$  is in  $\overline{(a^n, b^n)R}$  and, hence, in  $(a^n, b^n)R$ . Thus, with  $I = (a, b)R$  we have  $I^n = (a^n, b^n)R$ , and this continues to hold when we expand to  $R(t)$ . It follows that the length of  $I^n R(t)/m I^n R(t)$  is at most two, and so the Hilbert polynomial of  $K(t) \otimes_{R(t)} \text{gr}_{I R(t)} R(t)$  is a constant. It follows that the Krull dimension of this ring is 1, and so the analytic spread of  $I R(t)$  is one, and  $I R(t)$  is integral over a principal ideal. Since  $R(t)$  is normal, principal ideals are integrally closed, and, therefore,  $(a, b)R(t)$  is principal. By Nakayama's lemma, either  $a$  or  $b$  is a generator: suppose  $a$  is. Then  $b \in a R(t)$ . Since  $R(t)$  is faithfully flat over  $R$ , this implies  $b \in aR$ .  $\square$