# STABILITY OF LOGARITHMIC DIFFERENTIAL ONE-FORMS.

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ABSTRACT. This article deals with the irreducible components of the space of codimension one foliations in a projective space defined by logarithmic forms of a certain degree. We study the geometry of the natural parametrization of the logarithmic components and we give a new proof of the stability of logarithmic foliations, obtaining also that these irreducible components are reduced.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

We consider differential one-forms of logarithmic type  $\omega = F \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i dF_i/F_i$  where, for  $i = 1, \ldots, m$ ,  $F_i$  is a homogeneous polynomial of a fixed degree  $d_i$  in variables  $x_0, \ldots, x_n$ , with complex coefficients,  $F = \prod_j F_j$ , and  $\lambda_i$  are complex numbers such that  $\sum_i d_i \lambda_i = 0$ . Such an  $\omega$  defines a global section of  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^n}^1(d)$  for  $d = \sum_i d_i$ . Also,  $\omega$  satisfies the Frobenius integrability condition  $\omega \wedge d\omega = 0$ .

Fixing  $\mathbf{d} = (m; d_1, \ldots, d_m)$  denote  $L_n(\mathbf{d}) \subset H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$  the collection of all such logarithmic one-forms and  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d}) \subset \mathbb{P}H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)) = \mathbb{P}^N$  the corresponding closed projective variety. It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  is an irreducible algebraic variety. Also,  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  is contained in the subvariety  $\mathcal{F}_n(d) \subset \mathbb{P}^N$  of integrable one-forms of degree d. Here the motivating problem is to describe the irreducible components of  $\mathcal{F}_n(d)$ .

It was proved by Omegar Calvo in [2] that, for any **d**, the variety of logarithmic forms  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  is an irreducible component of the moduli space  $\mathcal{F}_n(d)$  of codimension one algebraic foliations of degree d in  $\mathbb{P}^n(\mathbb{C})$ . In other words, the logarithmic one-forms enjoy a stability condition among integrable forms. Actually, the results of [2] hold for more general ambient varieties than projective spaces.

In this article we will provide another proof of O. Calvo's theorem, in case the ambient space is a complex projective space. Our strategy will be to calculate the tangent space  $T(\omega)$  of  $\mathcal{F}_n(d)$  at a general point  $\omega \in \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$ . The main results are stated in Theorems 24 and 25.

This method is completely algebraic and provides further information, especially the fact that  $\mathcal{F}_n(d)$  results generically reduced along the irreducible component  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$ .

The logarithmic components are the closure of the image of a multilinear map  $\rho$ , defined in Section 4, from a product of projective spaces into a projective space. We describe the base locus of  $\rho$  in Section 5, and study its generic injectivity in Section 6. Our proof requires a detailed analysis of the derivative of  $\rho$ , started in Section 7. Another important ingredient is the resolution of the ideal of various strata of the singular scheme of a logarithmic form; this is carried out in Section 8. The end of the proof is achieved in Section 9, where we distinguish two cases, depending on whether or not **d** is balanced.

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### 2. NOTATION.

We shall use the following notations:

 $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  = complex affine space of dimension n+1.

 $\mathbb{P}^n$  = complex projective space of dimension n.

 $S_n = \mathbb{C}[x_0, \dots, x_n]$  = graded ring of polynomials with complex coefficients in n + 1 variables.

When n is understood we denote  $S_n = S$ .

 $S_n(d)$  = homogeneous elements of degree d in  $S_n$ .

When n is understood we denote  $S_n(d) = S(d)$ . Recall that one has  $S_n(d) = H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$ .

 $\Omega_X^q$  = sheaf of algebraic differential q-forms on an algebraic variety X.  $\Omega^q(X)$  = the set of rational q-forms on X (with X an irreducible variety). It is a vector space over the field  $\mathbb{C}(X)$  of rational functions of X.

 $\Omega_n^q = H^0(\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, \Omega_{\mathbb{C}^{n+1}}^q).$ 

A typical element of  $\Omega_n^1$  is  $\omega = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \, dx_i$  with  $a_i \in S_n$ .

More generally, a typical element of  $\Omega_n^q$  may be written in the usual way as  $\sum_{|J|=q} a_J dx_J$  with  $a_J \in S_n$  and  $dx_J = dx_{j_1} \wedge \cdots \wedge dx_{j_q}$  where  $J = \{j_1, \ldots, j_q\}$  with  $j_1 < \cdots < j_q$ .

When n is understood we denote  $\Omega_n^q = \Omega^q$ .

 $\Omega_n^q$  is a graded  $S_n$ -module with homogeneous piece of degree d defined by

 $\Omega_n^q(d) = \{ \sum_{|J|=q} a_J \, dx_J, \, a_J \in S_n(d-q) \}.$ 

In particular,  $dx_i$  is homogeneous of degree one.

The exterior derivative is an operator of degree zero, i. e. it preserves degree.

 $H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)) =$ projective one-forms of degree d.

It follows from the Euler exact sequence that  $\omega = \sum_i a_i dx_i \in \Omega_n^1(d)$  is projective if and only if it contracts to zero with the Euler or radial vector field  $R = \sum_{i=0}^n x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$ , that is, if  $\sum_i a_i x_i = 0$ .

$$\mathbb{P}^n(d) = \mathbb{P}(H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))).$$

 $F_n(d) = \{\omega \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)) / \omega \wedge d\omega = 0\} =$ the set of integrable projective one-forms in  $\mathbb{P}^n$  of degree d, and

 $\mathcal{F}_n(d) \subset \mathbb{P}^n(d)$  the projectivization of  $F_n(d)$ .

 $\mathbb{P}^{n}(\mathbf{d}) = \mathbb{P}\Lambda(\mathbf{d}) \times \prod_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{P}S_{n}(d_{i}).$ 

3. Logarithmic one-forms.

1. **Definition.** Fix natural numbers n, d and m. Let

$$\mathbf{d} = (m; d_1, \dots, d_m)$$

be a partition of d into m parts, that is, for i = 1, ..., m each  $d_i$  is a natural number and  $\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i = d$ . Let us normalize so that  $d_i \ge d_{i+1}$  for all i < m. We denote

P(m,d)

the set of all such partitions of d into m parts.

2. Definition. Fix  $\mathbf{d} = (m; d_1, \dots, d_m) \in P(m, d)$ . A differential one-form  $\omega \in \Omega_n^1$  is logarithmic of type  $\mathbf{d}$  if

$$\omega = (\prod_{j=1}^m F_j) \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \ dF_i / F_i = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \ (\prod_{j \neq i} F_j) \ dF_i$$

where  $F_i \in S_n(d_i)$  is a non-zero homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d_i$  and the  $\lambda_i$  are complex numbers.

3. Definition. It will be convenient to use the following notation. For **d** and  $F_i \in S_n(d_i)$  as above,

$$\mathbf{F} = (F_1, \dots, F_m), \qquad F = \prod_{j=1}^m F_j,$$
$$\hat{F}_i = \prod_{j \neq i} F_j = F/F_i, \qquad \hat{F}_{ij} = \prod_{k \neq i, k \neq j} F_k = F/F_iF_j, \ (i \neq j),$$

or, more generally, for a subset  $A \subset \{1, \ldots, m\}$  we write

$$\hat{F}_A = \prod_{j \notin A} F_j$$

Hence a logarithmic one-form may be written

$$\omega = F \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ dF_i / F_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_i \ dF_i.$$
(3.1)

We denote  $\hat{d}_i = \sum_{j \neq i} d_j$  the degree of  $\hat{F}_i$  and, more generally,  $\hat{d}_A = \sum_{j \notin A} d_j$  the degree of  $\hat{F}_A$ .

- 4. **Proposition.** For  $\omega$  a logarithmic one-form as above,
  - a)  $\omega$  is homogeneous of degree  $d = \sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i$ . b)  $\omega$  is integrable. c)  $\langle R, \omega \rangle = (\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i \lambda_i) F$ . In particular,  $\omega$  is projective if and only if

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} d_i \lambda_i = 0$$

*Proof.* a) Since the exterior derivative is of degree zero, each term in the sum  $\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \hat{F}_i dF_i$  is homogeneous of degree d, hence the claim.

b) For each polynomial G, the rational one-form dG/G is closed. It follows that  $\omega/F = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ dF_i/F_i$  is closed, hence integrable. A short calculation shows that the product of a rational function with an integrable rational one-form is an integrable rational one-form. Therefore,  $\omega = F \ \omega/F$  is integrable.

c) Euler's formula implies that  $\langle R, dG \rangle = eG$  for  $G \in S_n(e)$ . By linearity of contraction we have  $\langle R, \omega \rangle = \langle R, \sum_i \lambda_i \hat{F}_i dF_i \rangle = \sum_i d_i \lambda_i \hat{F}_i F_i = (\sum_i d_i \lambda_i) F$ .

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### 5. **Proposition.** Suppose $\omega$ is logarithmic as in 3.1. Then,

a)  $d\omega = (dF/F) \wedge \omega = \sum_{1 \le i,j \le m} \lambda_j \hat{F}_{ij} dF_i \wedge dF_j = \sum_{1 \le i < j \le m} (\lambda_j - \lambda_i) \hat{F}_{ij} dF_i \wedge dF_j.$ b) F is an integrating factor of  $\omega: d(\omega/F) = 0$ , or, equivalently,  $Fd\omega - dF \wedge \omega = 0$ .

b) F is an integrating factor of  $\omega$ :  $d(\omega/F) = 0$ , or, equivalently,  $F d\omega - dF \wedge \omega = 0$ . c) Each hypersurface  $F_i = 0$  is an algebraic leaf of  $\omega$ , that is,  $dF_i/F_i \wedge \omega$  is a regular

2-form (i. e. without poles). Hence  $dF_i \wedge \omega = 0$  on the hypersurface  $F_i = 0$ .

*Proof.* These follow by straightforward calculations, left to the reader.

### 4. The logarithmic components and their parametrization.

As before, we fix natural numbers n, d and m and a partition  $\mathbf{d} = (m; d_1, \ldots, d_m)$  of d.

For a complex vector space V we denote  $\mathbb{P}V = V - \{0\}/\mathbb{C}^*$  the corresponding projective space of one-dimensional subspaces of V. Let  $\pi : V - \{0\} \to \mathbb{P}V$  be the canonical projection. If  $X \subset V$  we call  $\mathbb{P}X = \pi(X - \{0\}) \subset \mathbb{P}V$  the projectivization of X.

As in Section 2, we denote

$$\mathbb{P}^{n}(d) = \mathbb{P}H^{0}(\mathbb{P}^{n}, \Omega^{1}_{\mathbb{P}^{n}}(d))$$

the projective space of sections of  $\Omega_{\mathbb{P}^n}^1(d)$ . This is the ambient projective space that contains the set of integrable forms  $\mathcal{F}_n(d)$  and the logarithmic components that we will investigate.

6. **Definition.** Let  $L_n(\mathbf{d}) \subset H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$  denote the set of all logarithmic projective one-forms of type  $\mathbf{d}$  in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , and  $\mathbb{P}L_n(\mathbf{d}) \subset \mathbb{P}^n(d)$  its projectivization. We denote

$$\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d}) \subset \mathbb{P}^n(d)$$

the Zariski closure of  $\mathbb{P}L_n(\mathbf{d})$ .

If  $\omega$  is a non-zero logarithmic form, the corresponding projective point  $\pi(\omega)$  will be denoted simply by  $\omega$  when the danger of confusion is small.

Let

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{d}) = \{ (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m / \sum_{i=1}^m d_i \lambda_i = 0 \}$$

which is a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ .

### 7. Definition. Consider the map

$$\mu: V_n(\mathbf{d}) := \Lambda(\mathbf{d}) \times \prod_{i=1}^m S_n(d_i) \to H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$$

such that

$$\mu((\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_m),(F_1,\ldots,F_m)) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_i \ dF_i$$

and

$$\rho: \mathbb{P}^{n}(\mathbf{d}) := \mathbb{P}\Lambda(\mathbf{d}) \times \prod_{i=1}^{m} \mathbb{P}S_{n}(d_{i}) \dashrightarrow \mathbb{P}^{n}(d) = \mathbb{P}H^{0}(\mathbb{P}^{n}, \Omega^{1}_{\mathbb{P}^{n}}(d))$$

such that

$$\rho(\pi(\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_m),(\pi(F_1),\ldots,\pi(F_m)))=\pi(\sum_{i=1}^m\lambda_i\ \hat{F}_i\ dF_i).$$

8. **Remark.** a)  $\mu$  is a multi-linear map. By Proposition 4, the image of  $\mu$  is  $L_n(\mathbf{d})$ . b) The induced map  $\rho$  from a product of projective spaces into a projective space is only a rational map. Later we will determine the base locus  $B(\rho) = \{(\pi(\lambda), \pi(F))/\mu(\lambda, F) = 0\}$  of  $\rho$ . Anyway, it is clear that the image of  $\rho$  is  $\mathbb{P}L_n(\mathbf{d})$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  is the closure of the image of  $\rho$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  is a projective irreducible variety.

## 5. Base locus.

Let  $B(\mu) = \mu^{-1}(0)$ . Then  $B(\mu) \subset V_n(\mathbf{d})$  is an affine algebraic set, and we intend to describe its irreducible components.

Let us remark that the multilinearity of  $\mu$  implies that  $B(\mu)$  is stable under the natural action of  $(\mathbb{C}^*)^{m+1}$  on  $V_n(\mathbf{d})$ .

From the multilinearity of  $\mu$  it follows that  $Z = \{(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d}) | \lambda = 0 \text{ or } F_i = 0 \text{ for some } i\}$  is contained in  $B(\mu)$ . We denote  $B = B(\mu) - Z$  and

$$B(\rho) = \pi(B) \subset \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbf{d})$$

the base locus of  $\rho$ .

An example of a point in the base locus is the following. Suppose  $d_1 = \cdots = d_m$ . It is then clear that if  $F_1 = \cdots = F_m$  then  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in B(\mu)$ . More generally, each string of equal  $d_i$ 's gives elements of  $B(\mu)$ : if  $d_i = d_j$  for all  $i, j \in A$ , where  $A \subset \{1, \ldots, m\}$ , then taking  $F_i = F_j$  for all  $i, j \in A$ ,  $\sum_{i \in A} d_i \lambda_i = 0$ ,  $\lambda_j = 0$  for  $j \notin A$ , we obtain that  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in B(\mu)$ .

These examples generalize as follows: suppose our  $d_i$ 's may be written as

$$d_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m} e_{ij} d'_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, m,$$
(5.1)

where  $m' \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $d'_j \ge 1$  and  $e_{ij} \ge 0$  are integers. Let  $\lambda \in \Lambda_n(\mathbf{d})$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m e_{ij}\lambda_i = 0$  for  $j = 1, \ldots, m'$ , and take **F** such that

$$F_{i} = \prod_{j=1}^{m'} G_{j}^{e_{ij}}$$
(5.2)

for some  $G_j \in S_n(d'_j), j = 1, \ldots, m'$ . Then,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ dF_i / F_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^{m'} e_{ij} \ dG_j / G_j = \sum_{j=1}^{m'} (\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i e_{ij}) \ dG_j / G_j = 0$$
(5.3)

and we obtain elements in the base locus.

We will see now that this construction accounts for all the irreducible components of the base locus.

9. Definition. We denote  $F(\mathbf{d})$  the collection of all decompositions of  $\mathbf{d}$  as in 5.1, that is, let

$$F(\mathbf{d}) = \{ (m', e, \mathbf{d}') / m' \in \mathbb{N}, e \in \mathbb{N}^{m \times m'}, \mathbf{d}' \in (\mathbb{N} - \{0\})^{m'}, \mathbf{d} = e \mathbf{d}', e \text{ without zero columns } \}$$

In 5.1, for each *i* there exists *j* such that  $e_{ij} > 0$ ; that is, all rows of *e* are non-zero. This follows from  $d_i > 0$ . If the *j*-th column of *e* is zero then in the decomposition 5.1 the terms  $e_{ij}d'_{j}$  are zero and do not contribute, so this zero column may be disregarded.

Let us remark that  $F(\mathbf{d})$  is finite: we have,  $d = \sum_i d_i = \sum_{i,j} e_{ij} d'_j \ge \sum_j d'_j \ge m'$ , hence m' is bounded. Also, 5.1 implies  $e_{ij} \le d_i/d'_j \le d_i$ , so all  $e_{ij}$  are also bounded.

For  $\varphi = (m', e, \mathbf{d}') \in F(\mathbf{d})$  denote the (Segre-Veronese) map

$$\nu_{\varphi} : \prod_{j=1}^{m'} S_n(d'_j) \to \prod_{i=1}^m S_n(d_i)$$
$$_{\varphi}(G_1, \dots, G_{m'}) = (F_1, \dots, F_m)$$

 $\nu_{\varphi}(G_1,.$  such that  $F_i = \prod_{j=1}^{m'} G_j^{e_{ij}}$ . Also, let

$$\Lambda(e) = \{\lambda \in \Lambda(\mathbf{d}) / \lambda \ e = 0\}$$

which is a linear subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^m$  of dimension  $m - \operatorname{rank}(e)$ . Notice that  $\lambda \ e = 0$  implies  $\lambda \ \mathbf{d} = 0$ . For  $\varphi \in F(\mathbf{d})$  let

$$B_{\varphi} = \Lambda(e) \times \operatorname{im} \nu_{\varphi} \subset V_n(\mathbf{d})$$

By the calculation 5.3 we know that  $B_{\varphi} \subset B(\mu)$  for all  $\varphi \in F(\mathbf{d})$ .

Each  $B_{\varphi}$  is clearly irreducible. Next we will see, first, that  $B(\mu) = Z \cup \bigcup_{\varphi \in F(\mathbf{d})} B_{\varphi}$ . And, second, we will determine when there are inclusions among the  $B_{\varphi}$ 's, thus characterizing the irreducible components of the base locus.

Let us first recall from [14], Lemme 3.3.1, page 102, the following

10. **Proposition.** Let  $F_i \in S_n(d_i)$ , i = 1, ..., m, be irreducible distinct (modulo multiplicative constants) homogeneous polynomials. If  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$  are such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ dF_i / F_i = 0$$

then  $\lambda_i = 0$  for all *i*. That is, the rational one-forms  $dF_1/F_1, \ldots, dF_m/F_m$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbb{C}$ .

11. Corollary. Let  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  with the  $F_i$  distinct and irreducible, and  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \notin B(\mu)$ .

12. **Proposition.** With the notations above, we have  $B(\mu) = Z \cup \bigcup_{\omega \in F(\mathbf{d})} B_{\varphi}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in B = B(\mu) - Z$ . Write each  $F_i$  as a product of distinct irreducible homogeneous polynomials:

$$F_i = \prod_{j=1}^{m'} G_j^{e_{ij}}$$

We allow some  $e_{ij} = 0$ . Denote  $d'_j$  the degree of  $G_j$ . Taking degree we obtain  $\mathbf{d} = e \mathbf{d}'$ . Repeating the calculation of 5.3 we have

$$0 = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ dF_i / F_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \sum_{j=1}^{m'} e_{ij} \ dG_j / G_j = \sum_{j=1}^{m'} (\sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i e_{ij}) \ dG_j / G_j$$
(5.4)

Since the  $G_j$  are irreducible, Proposition 10 implies that  $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i e_{ij} = 0$  for all  $j = 1, \ldots, m'$ . Therefore,  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in B_{\varphi}$  with  $\varphi = (m', e, \mathbf{d}') \in F(\mathbf{d})$ , as claimed.  $\Box$ 

Regarding possible inclusions among the  $B_{\varphi}$ 's, we make the following

13. **Definition.** For  $\varphi_1 = (m_1, e_1, \mathbf{d}_1)$ ,  $\varphi_2 = (m_2, e_2, \mathbf{d}_2) \in F(\mathbf{d})$  we write  $\varphi_2 \leq \varphi_1$  if  $\operatorname{rank}(e_1) = \operatorname{rank}(e_2)$  and there exists  $e_3 \in \mathbb{N}^{m_1 \times m_2}$  such that  $e_2 = e_1 e_3$ .

Then we have

14. **Proposition.** For  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2 \in F(\mathbf{d})$ ,  $B_{\varphi_2} \subset B_{\varphi_1}$  if and only if  $\varphi_2 \leq \varphi_1$ .

Proof. Suppose  $B_{\varphi_2} \subset B_{\varphi_1}$ . Choose an element  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in B_{\varphi_2}$ , that is,  $\lambda e_2 = 0$  and  $F_i = \prod_{k=1}^{m_2} H_k^{e_{2ik}}$  for all *i*, for some  $H_k$ . We may take this element so that the  $H_k$ 's are irreducible. By our hypothesis,  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in B_{\varphi_1}$  and we also have  $F_i = \prod_{j=1}^{m_1} G_j^{e_{1ij}}$  for all *i*, for some  $G_j$ . By unique factorization and the irreducibility of the  $H_k$ ,  $G_j = \prod_{k=1}^{m_2} H_k^{e_{3jk}}$  for some  $e_{3jk} \in \mathbb{N}$ . A simple calculation now gives  $e_2 = e_1 e_3$ .

Also, the equality  $e_2 = e_1 e_3$  just obtained easily implies  $\Lambda(e_1) \subset \Lambda(e_2)$ . Since we are assuming  $B_{\varphi_2} \subset B_{\varphi_1}$ , we also have  $\Lambda(e_2) \subset \Lambda(e_1)$ . Hence  $\Lambda(e_1) = \Lambda(e_2)$ , and therefore rank $(e_1) = \operatorname{rank}(e_2)$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\varphi_2 \leq \varphi_1$ . Then  $e_2 = e_1 e_3$  and  $\operatorname{rank}(e_1) = \operatorname{rank}(e_2)$  imply, as before, that  $\Lambda(e_1) = \Lambda(e_2)$ . Also, the condition  $e_2 = e_1 e_3$  easily implies that im  $\nu_{\varphi_2} \subset$ im  $\nu_{\varphi_1}$ . Hence  $B_{\varphi_2} \subset B_{\varphi_1}$ . 15. Corollary. The irreducible components of  $B(\rho)$  are the  $\pi(B_{\varphi})$  for  $\varphi$  a maximal element of the finite ordered set  $(F(\mathbf{d}), \leq)$ .

6. GENERIC INJECTIVITY.

Suppose  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}), (\lambda', \mathbf{F}') \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  are such that  $\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) = \mu(\lambda', \mathbf{F}') \neq 0$ , that is,

$$F \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ dF_i / F_i = \omega = F' \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda'_i \ dF'_i / F'_i.$$

Next we discuss conditions that imply that  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) = (\lambda', \mathbf{F}')$ .

Let's observe that if the partition **d** contains repeated  $d_i$ 's then the generic injectivity may hold only up to order. More precisely, suppose  $A \subset \{1, \ldots, m\}$  is such that  $d_i = d_j$ for all  $i, j \in A$ . For each permutation  $\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_m$  such that  $\sigma(j) = j$  for  $j \notin A$ , clearly we have  $\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) = \mu(\sigma.\lambda, \sigma.\mathbf{F})$  for all  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$ . For  $e \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $A_e = \{i/d_i = e\}$ . Then the non-empty  $A_e$  form a partition of  $\{1, \ldots, m\}$ . Let  $\mathbb{S}(e) = \{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_m / \sigma(j) = j, \forall j \notin A_e\}$ and  $\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{d}) = \prod_e \mathbb{S}(e)$ . Then the subgroup  $\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{d}) \subset \mathbb{S}_m$  acts on  $V_n(\mathbf{d})$  and  $\mu$  is constant on its orbits. By injectivity up to order we will of course mean injectivity of the induced map with domain  $V_n(\mathbf{d})/\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{d})$ .

#### 16. **Proposition.** The rational map

$$\rho : \mathbb{P}^n(\mathbf{d}) \dashrightarrow \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d}) \subset \mathbb{P}^n(d)$$

as in Definition 7, is generically injective (up to order).

*Proof.* We will prove the existence of a non-empty Zariski open  $U \subset X$  such that  $\rho|_U$  is injective morphism (up to order). It is easy to see, using that  $\rho$  is a dominant map of irreducible varieties, that the existence of such a U implies that there exists a non-empty Zariski open  $V \subset \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  such that  $\rho : \rho^{-1}(V) \to V$  is injective (up to order).

Consider the Zariski open  $S(\mathbf{d})$ -stable  $U \subset V_n(\mathbf{d})$  of points  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  such that the  $F_i$ are irreducible and all distinct. Hence, for  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}), (\lambda', \mathbf{F}') \in U$  distinct (up to order),  $F = \prod_i F_i \neq F' = \prod_i F'_i$ . Suppose  $\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) = \omega = \mu(\lambda', \mathbf{F}') \neq 0$ . Then  $\omega$  has two integrating factors F and F', and therefore has a rational first integral f = F/F'. It follows that  $\omega$  has infinitely many algebraic leaves (the fibers of f).

On the other hand, if  $(\lambda_1 : \cdots : \lambda_m) \in \mathbb{P}^{m-1}(\mathbb{C}) - \mathbb{P}^{m-1}(\mathbb{Q})$ , Proposition (3.7.8) from [14] implies that  $\omega$  has only finitely many algebraic leaves.

Let  $U_0 = \{(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in U/\lambda \in \mathbb{P}^{m-1}(\mathbb{C}) - \mathbb{P}^{m-1}(\mathbb{Q})\}.$ 

Consider the restriction  $\rho: U \to \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  and  $\tilde{\rho}: U/\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{d}) \to \mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$  the induced map.

We obtain that if  $\omega = \mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  with  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in U_0$  then  $\tilde{\rho}^{-1}(\omega) = \{(\lambda, \mathbf{F})\}.$ 

This implies, first, that since  $\rho$  has a fiber of dimension zero,  $\dim(U) = \dim(\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d}))$ and the general fiber of  $\rho$  is finite. Also, since the (open analytic) set  $U_0$  is Zariski dense in U (because  $\mathbb{C} - \mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{C}$ ),  $U_0$  is not contained in the branch divisor of  $\tilde{\rho}$  and hence  $\tilde{\rho}$  has degree one, and therefore is birational, as claimed.

#### 7. DERIVATIVE OF THE PARAMETRIZATION.

With the notation of Definition 7, let

$$(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) = ((\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_m), (F_1, \dots, F_m)) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$$

be a point in the vector space  $V_n(\mathbf{d})$  domain of  $\mu$ .

Let  $(\lambda', \mathbf{F}') = ((\lambda'_1, \dots, \lambda'_m), (F'_1, \dots, F'_m)) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  represent a tangent vector

$$(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) + \epsilon(\lambda', \mathbf{F}'), \quad \epsilon^2 = 0,$$

to  $V_n(\mathbf{d})$  at  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ .

From the multilinearity of  $\mu$  we easily obtain the following formula for its derivative:

$$d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) : V_n(\mathbf{d}) \to H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$$
$$d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(\lambda', \mathbf{F}') = \sum_i \lambda'_i \hat{F}_i \, dF_i + \sum_{i \neq k} \lambda_i \, F'_k \, \hat{F}_{ik} \, dF_i + \sum_i \lambda_i \, \hat{F}_i \, dF'_i \tag{7.1}$$

17. **Remark.** By Proposition 4 b), the image of  $\mu$  is contained in the variety of integrable projective forms  $F_n(d) \subset H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$ . Hence for each  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  we have an inclusion of vector spaces

$$\operatorname{im} d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \subset T_{F_n(d)}(\omega) = \{ \alpha \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)) / \ \omega \wedge d\alpha + \alpha \wedge d\omega = 0 \}$$
(7.2)

where  $\omega = \mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  and  $T_{F_n(d)}(\omega)$  denotes de tangent space of  $F_n(d)$  at the point  $\omega$ .

Our main task in Section 9 will be to show that this inclusion is actually an equality, for a sufficiently general  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$ .

18. Definition. It is convenient now to introduce the following notation:

$$\begin{split} \omega &= \mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_i \ dF_i \ (\text{a logarithmic one-form}), \\ \eta &= \omega/F = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ dF_i/F_i \ (\text{the corresponding rational logarithmic one-form}), \\ \alpha &= d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(\lambda', \mathbf{F}') = \sum_i \lambda'_i \ \hat{F}_i \ dF_i + \sum_{i \neq k} \lambda_i \ F'_k \ \hat{F}_{ik} \ dF_i + \sum_i \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_i \ dF'_i, \\ \beta &= \alpha/F = \sum_i \lambda'_i \ dF_i/F_i + \sum_{i \neq k} \lambda_i \ F'_k/F_k \ dF_i/F_i + \sum_i \lambda_i \ dF'_i/F_i. \end{split}$$

19. Proposition. With the notations above, we have

$$\beta = \eta' + (G/F)\eta + d(H/F)$$

where

$$\begin{split} \eta' &= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda'_i \ dF_i / F_i, \\ G &= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \hat{F}_i \ F'_i \in S_n(d), \ and \\ H &= \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_i \ F'_i \in S_n(d). \end{split}$$

*Proof.* We add and substract to  $\beta$  the sum  $\sum_i \lambda_i F'_i / F_i^2 dF_i$ . A straightforward calculation gives the proposed expression.

### 8. SINGULAR IDEALS OF LOGARITHMIC ONE-FORMS AND THEIR RESOLUTION.

For  $\omega \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$  denote  $S(\omega) \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  the scheme of zeros of  $\omega$  and  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}_\omega \subset \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}$ the corresponding ideal sheaf. Considering  $\omega$  as a morphism  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n} \to \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)$ ,  $\mathcal{I}$  is defined as the image of the dual morphism  $T_{\mathbb{P}^n}(-d) \to \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}$ . Also, if  $\omega = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i dx_i$  then  $\mathcal{I}$ corresponds to the homogeneous ideal generated by  $a_0, \ldots, a_n \in S_n(d-1)$ .

We keep the notation of Definitions 2 and 3.

Let  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  and  $\omega = F \cdot \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \, dF_i / F_i = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \, \hat{F}_i \, dF_i$  the corresponding logarithmic one-form.

We denote

$$X_i = \{x \in \mathbb{P}^n / F_i(x) = 0\}$$

the hipersurface defined by  $F_i$ .

For  $i \neq j$ ,

$$X_{ij} = X_i \cap X_j = \{x \in \mathbb{P}^n / F_i(x) = F_j(x) = 0\}$$

and, more generally, for a subset  $A \subset \{1, \ldots, m\}$ ,

$$X_A = \bigcap_{i \in A} X_i$$

For  $1 \leq r \leq m$  we write

$$X^{(r)} = \bigcup_{|A|=r} X_A$$

and we shall use especially the following particular cases

$$X^{(1)} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{m} X_i, \quad X^{(2)} = \bigcup_{i < j} X_{ij}, \quad X^{(3)} = \bigcup_{i < j < k} X_{ijk}.$$

20. **Remark.** For our purposes we will be able to assume that the  $F_i \in S_n(d_i)$  are general. We shall assume, more precisely, that each  $F_i$  is smooth irreducible and that  $X^{(1)}$  is a normal crossings divisor. Hence, each  $X_A$  is a smooth complete intersection of codimension |A|, and thus the strata  $X^{(r)}$  are of codimension r, singular only along  $X^{(r+1)}$ .

It is shown in [8] and [3] that for  $\omega$  logarithmic as above, with all  $\lambda_i \neq 0$ ,

$$S(\omega) = X^{(2)} \cup P$$

with  $P \subset \mathbb{P}^n - X^{(1)}$  closed, and P is a finite set if  $\omega$  is general. Let's revisit the argument, under the assumptions of Remark 20. First, since clearly  $\hat{F}_i$  vanishes on  $X^{(2)}$  for all i, we have  $X^{(2)} \subset S(\omega)$ . Since  $\omega = \lambda_i \hat{F}_i dF_i$  on  $X_i$ , we see that  $(X^{(1)} - X^{(2)}) \cap S(\omega) = \emptyset$ . As for the zeros of  $\omega$  in the complement of  $X^{(1)}$ , they are the same as the zeros of  $\eta = \omega/F = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i dF_i/F_i$ , which is a section of the locally free sheaf  $E = \Omega_{\mathbb{P}^n}^1(\log X^{(1)})$ of rank n (see [9], [12], [15], [11]). Considering the  $F_i$  (hence the divisor  $X^{(1)}$ ) as fixed, the space of global sections of E has dimension m - 1, and these sections correspond bijectively with the residues  $(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_m)$ , satisfying  $\sum_i d_i \lambda_i = 0$ , as it follows from taking cohomology in the exact sequence ([9] or [11], p. 170):

$$0 \to \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n} \to E \to \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathcal{O}_{X_i} \to 0.$$

For general  $(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_m)$  as above, the corresponding section  $\eta$  of E has a finite set P of simple zeros. Further, the cardinality of P (see [8]) is the degree of the top Chern class  $c_n(E)$ , computable from the exact sequence above.

Coming back to the study of the resolution of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_{\omega}$ , let us denote

$$\mathcal{J}^{(r)} = \mathcal{I}(X^{(r)}) \subset \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}$$

the ideal sheaf of regular functions vanishing on  $X^{(r)}$ , and

$$J^{(r)} = \bigoplus_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{J}^{(r)}(k)) \subset S_n$$

the corresponding saturated homogeneous ideal.

Our arguments to prove stability of logarithmic forms will rely on the following results regarding the ideals  $J^{(2)}$ .

21. Proposition. Under the hypothesis of Remark 20,

a)  $J^{(2)}$  is generated by  $\{\hat{F}_i, 1 \leq i \leq m\}$ .

b) The relations among the generators of a) are generated by

 $F_j \hat{F}_j - F_i \hat{F}_i, \quad 1 \le i < j \le m,$ 

and also by the subset

$$R_j = F_j \ \hat{F}_j - F_1 \ \hat{F}_1, \ 2 \le j \le m.$$

c) We have a resolution of  $\mathcal{J}^{(2)}$ 

$$0 \to \mathcal{O}(-d)^{m-1} \xrightarrow{\delta_0} \bigoplus_{1 \le i \le m} \mathcal{O}(-\hat{d}_i) \xrightarrow{\delta_1} \mathcal{J}^{(2)} \to 0$$

where, denoting  $\{e_i\}$  the respective canonical basis,

$$\delta_0(e_j) = F_j \ e_j - F_1 \ e_1 \quad \text{for} \quad 2 \le j \le m,$$
  
$$\delta_1(e_i) = \hat{F}_i \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \le i \le m.$$

*Proof.* a) We are assuming that the  $F_i$  are generic. This implies in particular that each ideal  $\langle F_i, F_j \rangle$  is prime. Then,  $J^{(2)} = \bigcap_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} \langle F_i, F_j \rangle$ . Let us denote  $J = \langle \hat{F}_1, \ldots, \hat{F}_m \rangle$ . It is clear that  $J \subset J^{(2)}$ . We shall prove that  $J^{(2)} \subset J$  by induction on m. The case m = 2 is trivial. The inductive hypothesis, applied to  $F_1, \ldots, F_{m-1}$ , may be written as  $\bigcap_{1 \leq i < j \leq m-1} \langle F_i, F_j \rangle \subset \langle \hat{F}_{1m}, \ldots, \hat{F}_{m-1m} \rangle$ . Take an element  $G \in \bigcap_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} \langle F_i, F_j \rangle = \bigcap_{1 \leq i < j \leq m-1} \langle F_i, F_j \rangle \cap \bigcap_{1 \leq i < m} \langle F_i, F_m \rangle$ . Using the inductive hypothesis, we may write  $G = \sum_{i < m} a_i \hat{F}_{im}$ , and we also have  $G \in \langle F_i, F_m \rangle$  for i < m. Since  $\hat{F}_{jm} \in \langle F_i, F_m \rangle$  for  $j \neq i$ , it follows that  $a_i \hat{F}_{im} \in \langle F_i, F_m \rangle$  for i < m.

Since  $\langle F_i, F_m \rangle$  is prime, we have  $a_i = b_i F_i + c_i F_m$ . Then,  $G = \sum_{i < m} (b_i F_i + c_i F_m) \hat{F}_{im} = \sum_{i < m} (b_i \hat{F}_m + c_i \hat{F}_i) \in J$ , as wanted.

b) and c) Using the relations  $R_j$  of b) we write down the complex in c). The proof will be complete if we show that this complex is exact. The surjectivity of  $\delta_1$  follows from a). Looking at the matrix of  $\delta_0$  it is easy to see that the determinant of the minor obtained by removing row j is precisely  $\hat{F}_j$ , for  $j = 1, \ldots, m$ . Then this complex is the one associated to the maximal minors of a matrix of size  $m \times m - 1$ . Since in our case, by a), the ideal of minors vanishes in codimension two, the complex is exact (see [1] (5), [10] (20.4)).

22. **Remark.** Let X be an algebraic variety,  $\mathcal{J} \subset \mathcal{O}_X$  a sheaf of ideals, and E a locally free sheaf on X. Let  $Y \subset X$  denote the subvariety corresponding to  $\mathcal{J}$ . Taking global sections on the exact sequence  $0 \to E \otimes \mathcal{J} \to E \to E \otimes \mathcal{O}_Y = E|_Y \to 0$  we obtain an identification of  $H^0(X, E \otimes \mathcal{J})$  with the global sections of E vanishing on Y, that is, with the kernel of the restriction map  $H^0(X, E) \to H^0(Y, E|_Y)$ .

23. **Proposition.** Let  $\alpha \in \Omega_n^1(d)$  be a 1-form of degree d in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ . Denote  $\tilde{X}^{(2)} \subset \mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  the cone over  $X^{(2)}$ .

a)  $\alpha$  vanishes on  $\tilde{X}^{(2)}$  if and only if it may be written as

$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \hat{F}_i \alpha_i$$

for some  $\alpha_i \in \Omega^1_n(d_i)$ .

b)  $\alpha$  is projective (see Section 2) and vanishes on  $X^{(2)}$  if and only if it may be written as

$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i' \hat{F}_i dF_i + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \hat{F}_i \gamma_i$$

where  $\lambda'_i \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^m d_i \lambda'_i = 0$  and  $\gamma_i \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d_i))$  are projective 1-forms of respective degrees  $d_i$ .

*Proof.* a) By Remark 22, we need to determine  $H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d) \otimes \mathcal{J}^{(2)})$ . The stated result then follows from Proposition 21 c), by tensoring with  $\Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)$  and taking global sections. b) Suppose  $\alpha$  is also projective, that is,  $\langle R, \alpha \rangle = 0$ , where R is the radial vector field. From a) we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \hat{F}_i < R, \alpha_i >= 0.$$

This is a relation among the  $\hat{F}_i$  with coefficients  $\langle R, \alpha_i \rangle$  homogeneous of degrees  $d_i$ . By Proposition 21 c), by tensoring with  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)$  and taking global sections, this relation is a linear combination of the relations  $R_i$  of Proposition 21 b), that is,

$$(\langle R, \alpha_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle R, \alpha_m \rangle) = \sum_{2 \le i \le m} a_i R_i.$$

This means that

$$< R, \alpha_1 > = (\sum_j a_j) F_1, \quad < R, \alpha_i > = -a_i F_i, \quad i = 2, \dots, m$$

Hence  $a_i$  has degree zero, i. e.  $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$ , for all *i*. Define  $\lambda'_i = a_i/d_i$  for  $i = 2, \ldots, m$ ,  $\lambda'_1 = -(\sum_j a_j)/d_1$  and  $\gamma_i = \alpha_i - \lambda'_i dF_i$ . It follows that  $\langle R, \gamma_i \rangle = 0$  and hence  $\alpha$  may be written as stated.

### 9. Surjectivity of the derivative and main Theorem.

As in Remark 17 we denote the derivative of  $\mu$  at the point  $\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ 

$$d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) : V_n(\mathbf{d}) \to T(\omega)$$
 (9.1)

where  $\omega = \mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  and

$$T(\omega) = T_{F_n(d)}(\omega) = \{ \alpha \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)) / \ \omega \wedge d\alpha + \alpha \wedge d\omega = 0 \}$$
(9.2)

denotes the Zariski tangent space of  $F_n(d)$  at the point  $\omega$ .

Our main objective is to prove the following:

24. **Theorem.** Let n, d, m and  $\mathbf{d} \in P(m, d)$  be as in Definition 1. Suppose  $n \geq 3$ . Then the derivative  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) : V_n(\mathbf{d}) \to T(\omega)$  is surjective for  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  general.

*Proof.* The proof will be obtained through various steps, including several Propositions of independent interest.  $\Box$ 

25. **Theorem.** If  $n \geq 3$ , the set of logarithmic forms  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d}) \subset \mathcal{F}_n(d)$ , as in Definition 6, is an irreducible component of  $\mathcal{F}_n(d)$ . Furthermore, the scheme  $\mathcal{F}_n(d)$  is reduced generically along  $\mathcal{L}_n(\mathbf{d})$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Theorem 24 by the same arguments as in [6] or [7].  $\Box$ 

Let us now start with several steps towards the proof of Theorem 24.

26. **Remark.** A typical element  $\alpha$  in the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  as in 7.1

$$\alpha = \sum_{i} \lambda'_{i} \hat{F}_{i} dF_{i} + \sum_{i \neq j} \lambda_{i} F'_{j} \hat{F}_{ij} dF_{i} + \sum_{i} \lambda_{i} \hat{F}_{i} dF'_{i}$$

may be written

$$\alpha = \sum_{i} \hat{F}_{i} (\lambda'_{i} dF_{i} + \lambda_{i} dF'_{i}) + \sum_{i \neq j} \lambda_{i} F'_{j} \hat{F}_{ij} dF_{i}$$

or

$$\alpha = \sum_{i} \hat{F}_{i} \left( \lambda'_{i} \ dF_{i} + \lambda_{i} \ dF'_{i} \right) + \sum_{i < j} \hat{F}_{ij} \left( \lambda_{i} \ F'_{j} \ dF_{i} + \lambda_{j} \ F'_{i} \ dF_{j} \right)$$

Let us observe that the first sum is zero on  $X^{(2)}$  (hence on  $X^{(3)}$ ) and the second sum is zero on  $X^{(3)}$ . The idea of our proofs, leading to Theorem 24, will be based on this observation.

Our strategy to characterize the elements  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  will be this: first we shall determine  $\alpha|_{X^{(3)}}$ , next we shall determine  $\alpha|_{X^{(2)}}$ , and finally we show that  $\alpha$  may be written as in 7.1 for some  $\lambda'$  and  $\mathbf{F}'$ , and therefore  $\alpha$  belongs to the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ .

In order to carry out this plan, let us start with some Propositions, some of them of independent interest.

27. **Proposition.** For  $\omega \in F_n(d)$  and  $\alpha \in H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d))$ , the following conditions are equivalent:

a)  $\omega \wedge d\alpha + \alpha \wedge d\omega = 0$ , that is,  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$ . b)  $d\omega \wedge d\alpha = 0$ . Further, for  $\omega$  logarithmic,  $\eta = \omega/F$  and  $\beta = \alpha/F$ , c)  $\eta \wedge d\beta = 0$ . d)  $d(\eta \wedge \beta) = 0$ .

*Proof.* From a) one obtains b) by applying exterior derivative. Conversely, from b) one obtains a) by contracting with the radial vector field. The equivalence with c) follows from Proposition 5 by a straightforward calculation. The equivalence of c) and d) follows from the fact that  $\eta$  is closed.

28. **Proposition.** Let  $\omega = \mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  be a logarithmic form and  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$ . Assume that  $X^{(1)}$  is normal crossings, with smooth irreducible components  $X_i$ , as in Remark 20. Then  $\alpha|_{X^{(3)}} = 0$ , that is,  $\alpha(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in X^{(3)}$ .

*Proof.* Let us denote, for  $1 \le i < j \le m$ ,

$$U_{ij} := X_{ij} - X^{(3)} = \{ x \in \mathbb{P}^n / F_i(x) = F_j(x) = 0, \ F_k(x) \neq 0 \text{ for } k \notin \{i, j\} \}$$

and, similarly, for  $1 \le i < j < k \le m$ ,

$$U_{iik} := X_{iik} - X^{(4)}$$

Since the set of zeros of  $\alpha$  is closed, it is enough to see that  $\alpha$  is zero on  $X^{(3)} - X^{(4)}$ , which is the disjoint union of the  $U_{ijk}$ . Notice that  $dF_i, dF_j, dF_k$  are linearly independent on  $U_{ijk}$  because of the normal-crossings hypothesis. Since clearly  $\omega|_{X^{(2)}} = 0$ , the relation  $\omega \wedge d\alpha + \alpha \wedge d\omega = 0$  reduces to  $\alpha(x) \wedge d\omega(x) = 0$  for each  $x \in X^{(2)}$ . We may assume that  $\lambda_i \neq \lambda_j$  for  $i \neq j$  without losing generality. Then it follows from Proposition 5 a) that

$$\alpha \wedge dF_i \wedge dF_j = 0 \tag{9.3}$$

on  $U_{ij}$ , and hence on its closure  $X_{ij}$ . This means that

$$\alpha(x) \in \mathbb{C}.dF_i(x) + \mathbb{C}.dF_j(x) \subset \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(x)$$
(9.4)

for  $x \in X_{ij}$ . Therefore, for  $x \in U_{ijk}$  we have

$$\alpha(x) \in (\mathbb{C}.dF_i(x) + \mathbb{C}.dF_j(x)) \cap (\mathbb{C}.dF_i(x) + \mathbb{C}.dF_k(x)) \cap (\mathbb{C}.dF_j(x) + \mathbb{C}.dF_k(x)).$$

Due to the normal crossings hypothesis this last intersection of two-dimensional subspaces is zero, hence  $\alpha(x) = 0$  for  $x \in U_{ijk}$ , as wanted.

29. **Proposition.** With the notation and hypothesis of Proposition 28, for each ordered pair (i, j) with  $1 \le i, j \le m$  and  $i \ne j$ , there exists  $A_{ij} \in S_n(d_j)$  such that

$$\alpha = \hat{F}_{ij} \ (A_{ij} \ dF_i + A_{ji} \ dF_j) \text{ on } X_{ij}.$$

*Proof.* This will follow easily combining that  $X_{ij}$  is a smooth complete intersection of codimension two in a projective space, and the fact that  $\alpha|_{X^{(3)}} = 0$  that we just proved.

Suppose  $J = \langle A, B \rangle$  is the ideal generated by general homogenous polynomials A and B of respective degrees a and b. Let  $Y \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  be the set of zeroes of J. We have an exact sequence ([13], II.8)

$$0 \to J/J^2 = \mathcal{O}_Y(-a) \oplus \mathcal{O}_Y(-b) \xrightarrow{\delta} \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}|_Y \to \Omega^1_Y \to 0$$

Tensoring with  $\mathcal{O}_Y(d)$  and taking global sections we obtain that an element  $\alpha|_Y \in H^0(Y, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d)|_Y)$  which belongs to the image of  $H^0(\delta)$ , may be written as A'dA + B'dB for  $A' \in H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(d-a))$  and  $B' \in H^0(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y(d-b))$ . By [13], Ex. III (5.5), A' and B' are represented by homogeneous polynomials of respective degrees d-a and d-b.

For each (i, j),  $\alpha|_{X_{ij}}$  belongs to the image of the corresponding  $H^0(\delta)$ , by 9.4. Hence, we know that  $\alpha = A'_{ij} dF_i + A'_{ji} dF_j$  on  $X_{ij}$ , for homogeneous polynomials  $A'_{ij}$  of degree  $d - d_i$ . Now,  $\alpha|_{X^{(3)}} = 0$  by Proposition 28, and in particular  $\alpha = 0$  on  $X_{ijk}$  for all k. Since  $dF_i$  and  $dF_j$  are linearly independent at all points of  $X_{ijk}$  by the normal crossings hypothesis, it follows that  $A'_{ij}$  and  $A'_{ji}$  are divisible by  $\hat{F}_{ij}$  and we obtain the claim.  $\Box$ 

30. Corollary. With the notation of Proposition 29, define

$$\alpha' = \sum_{i < j} \hat{F}_{ij} \ (A_{ij} \ dF_i + A_{ji} \ dF_j) \in \Omega^1_n(d)$$

Then  $\alpha'|_{\tilde{X}^{(2)}} = \alpha|_{\tilde{X}^{(2)}}.$ 

(But notice that  $\alpha'$  may not satisfy 7.2; see the Proof of Corollary 35).

*Proof.* Follows from Proposition 29 since  $\hat{F}_{ij}$  vanishes on  $X_{hk}$  if  $\{h, k\} \neq \{i, j\}$ . 

31. Corollary. We keep the notation of Proposition 29. Then any  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  may be written as

$$\alpha = \sum_{i < j} \hat{F}_{ij} (A_{ij} \ dF_i + A_{ji} \ dF_j) + \sum_i \hat{F}_i \ \alpha_i$$
$$= \sum_{i \neq j} \hat{F}_{ij} \ A_{ij} \ dF_i + \sum_i \hat{F}_i \ \alpha_i.$$

for some  $\alpha_i \in \Omega^1_n(d_i)$ .

*Proof.* For  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$ , take  $\alpha'$  as in Corollary 30. Then  $\alpha - \alpha' \in \Omega^1_n(d)$  vanishes on  $\tilde{X}^{(2)}$ and hence, by Proposition 23 a), may be written as  $\sum_{i=1}^{m} \hat{F}_i \alpha_i$  for some  $\alpha_i \in \Omega_n^1(d_i)$ .  $\Box$ 

We would like to obtain further information on the  $A_{ij}$ 's and the  $\alpha_i$ 's. For this, we will use again that  $\alpha$  satisfies  $\omega \wedge d\alpha + \alpha \wedge d\omega = 0$  as in 7.2.

32. Proposition. Suppose  $n \geq 3$ . With notation as in Corollary 31, for each j = $1, \ldots, m$  there exists  $F'_j \in S_n(d_j)$  such that

$$A_{ij} = \lambda_i F'_j$$
 on  $X_{ij}$ 

for all (i, j) with  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$  and  $i \neq j$ .

*Proof.* The calculation is nicer working with the equivalent condition  $d\beta \wedge \eta = 0$ , where  $\beta = \alpha/F$  and  $\eta = \omega/F$ , see Proposition 27 c). We have:

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$$\begin{split} \beta &= \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{A_{ij}}{F_j} \frac{dF_i}{F_i} + \sum_i \frac{\alpha_i}{F_i} \\ d\beta &= \sum_{i \neq j} d(\frac{A_{ij}}{F_j}) \wedge \frac{dF_i}{F_i} + \sum_i d(\frac{\alpha_i}{F_i}) \\ d\beta \wedge \eta &= \sum_{i \neq j,k} \lambda_k \ d(\frac{A_{ij}}{F_j}) \wedge \frac{dF_i}{F_i} \wedge \frac{dF_k}{F_k} + \sum_{i,k} \lambda_k \ d(\frac{\alpha_i}{F_i}) \wedge \frac{dF_k}{F_k} = \\ \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \lambda_k \ d(\frac{A_{ij}}{F_j}) \wedge \frac{dF_i}{F_i} \wedge \frac{dF_k}{F_k} + \sum_{i \neq j} \lambda_j \ d(\frac{A_{ij}}{F_j}) \wedge \frac{dF_i}{F_i} \wedge \frac{dF_j}{F_j} + \\ \sum_{i \neq k} \lambda_k \ d(\frac{\alpha_i}{F_i}) \wedge \frac{dF_k}{F_k} + \sum_k \lambda_k \ d(\frac{\alpha_k}{F_k}) \wedge \frac{dF_k}{F_k} = 0 \end{split}$$

Let's replace

$$d(\frac{A_{ij}}{F_j}) = \frac{dA_{ij}}{F_j} - \frac{A_{ij}}{F_j}\frac{dF_j}{F_j}, \quad d(\frac{\alpha_i}{F_i}) = \frac{d\alpha_i}{F_i} - \frac{dF_i}{F_i} \wedge \frac{\alpha_i}{F_i}$$

and multiply by  $F^2$ . After some straightforward calculation we obtain:

$$F \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \lambda_k \ \hat{F}_{ijk} \ dA_{ij} \wedge dF_i \wedge dF_k + \sum_{i \neq k} \lambda_k \ \hat{F}_k \ \hat{F}_{ik} \ dA_{ik} \wedge dF_i \wedge dF_k +$$
$$\sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \lambda_k \ \hat{F}_j \ \hat{F}_{ijk} \ A_{ij} \ dF_i \wedge dF_j \wedge dF_k +$$
$$F \sum_{j \neq k} \lambda_k \ \hat{F}_{jk} \ d\alpha_j \wedge dF_k + \sum_k \lambda_k \ \hat{F}_k^2 \ d\alpha_k \wedge dF_k +$$
$$\sum_{j \neq k} \lambda_k \ \hat{F}_j \ \hat{F}_{jk} \ \alpha_j \wedge dF_j \wedge dF_k = 0$$

Now we choose r such that  $1 \le r \le m$  and restrict to  $X_r$ , that is, we reduce modulo  $F_r$ . We get:

$$\hat{F}_{r} \left( \sum_{i \neq r} \lambda_{r} \ \hat{F}_{ir} \ dA_{ir} \wedge dF_{i} \wedge dF_{r} + \sum_{i \neq k \neq r} \lambda_{k} \ \hat{F}_{irk} \ A_{ir} \ dF_{i} \wedge dF_{r} \wedge dF_{k} + \lambda_{r} \ \hat{F}_{r} \ d\alpha_{r} \wedge dF_{r} + \sum_{k \neq r} \lambda_{k} \ \hat{F}_{rk} \ \alpha_{r} \wedge dF_{r} \wedge dF_{k} \right) = 0$$

$$(9.5)$$

Since  $\hat{F}_r$  is not zero on the irreducible variety  $X_r$ , we may cancel this factor out.

Next, choose s such that  $1 \leq s \leq m$ ,  $s \neq r$ , and further restrict to  $X_r \cap X_s = X_{rs}$  to obtain:

$$\lambda_r \ \hat{F}_{sr} \ dA_{sr} \wedge dF_s \wedge dF_r + \sum_{k \neq r \neq s} \lambda_k \ \hat{F}_{srk} \ A_{sr} \ dF_s \wedge dF_r \wedge dF_k + \sum_{i \neq r \neq s} \lambda_s \ \hat{F}_{irs} \ A_{ir} \ dF_i \wedge dF_r \wedge dF_s \ + \ \lambda_s \ \hat{F}_{rs} \ \alpha_r \wedge dF_r \wedge dF_s \ = \ 0$$
(9.6)

And, once more, choose t such that  $1 \le t \le m$ ,  $t \ne s \ne r$ . Restricting to  $X_r \cap X_s \cap X_t = X_{rst}$  we get:

$$\hat{F}_{rst}(\lambda_t \ A_{sr} - \lambda_s \ A_{tr}) \ dF_r \wedge dF_s \wedge dF_t = 0$$

By the genericity of the  $F_i$ 's,  $X_{rst}$  is irreducible, and we may cancel out the factor  $\hat{F}_{rst} \neq 0$ . By the normal crossing hypothesis we may also cancel out  $dF_r \wedge dF_s \wedge dF_t \neq 0$ . Therefore,

$$A_{sr}/\lambda_s = A_{tr}/\lambda_t \quad \text{on } X_{rst} \tag{9.7}$$

for all distinct  $1 \leq r, s, t \leq m$ .

Let us fix  $r, 1 \leq r \leq m$ . We consider the natural restriction maps

$$S_n(d_r) = H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \mathcal{O}(d_r)) \to H^0(X_r, \mathcal{O}(d_r)) \to H^0(X_{rs}, \mathcal{O}(d_r)) \to H^0(X_{rst}, \mathcal{O}(d_r)).$$

For  $s = 1, \ldots, m$ ,  $s \neq r$ , the polynomials  $A_{sr}/\lambda_s \in S_n(d_r)$  (all of the same degree  $d_r$ ) define, by restriction to the hypersurfaces  $X_{rs} \subset X_r$ , sections  $A_{sr}/\lambda_s \in H^0(X_{rs}, \mathcal{O}(d_r))$ . By 9.7 these sections coincide on the pairwise intersections  $X_{rs} \cap X_{rt} = X_{rst}$ . Hence this collection defines a section of  $\mathcal{O}(d_r)$  on the (reducible) variety  $D_r = \bigcup_{s \neq r} X_{rs} \subset X_r$ . By Lemma 33 below, with  $X = X_r$  and  $D = D_r$ , there exists  $F'_r \in S_n(d_r)$ , such that  $A_{sr}/\lambda_s = F'_r$  on  $X_{rs}$ , for each  $s \neq r$ , as claimed.

33. Lemma. Let  $n \ge 3$ , and let  $X \subset \mathbb{P}^n$  be a smooth irreducible hypersurface of degree e. For  $m \ge 1$  and i = 1, ..., m let  $D_i \subset X$  be smooth irreducible distinct hypersurfaces. We consider the (reducible) hypersurface  $D = \bigcup_{1 \le i \le m} D_i \subset X$ . Then the natural restriction map

$$H^0(X, \mathcal{O}(e)) \to H^0(D, \mathcal{O}(e))$$

is surjective.

Proof. In the exact sequence  $0 \to \mathcal{O}_X(-D) \to \mathcal{O}_X \to \mathcal{O}_D \to 0$  we tensor by  $\mathcal{O}_X(e)$ and take cohomology. Since  $\mathcal{O}_X(-D)(e) = \mathcal{O}_X(-d)(e) = \mathcal{O}_X(e-d)$  for some d, and  $H^1(X, \mathcal{O}_X(e-d)) = 0$  (see e. g. [13], Exercise III, (5.5)), we obtain the claim.  $\Box$ 

34. Corollary. Let  $n \geq 3$ . Any  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  may be written as

$$\alpha = \sum_{i \neq j} \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_{ij} \ F'_j \ dF_i + \sum_i \hat{F}_i \ \alpha_i.$$

for some  $F'_i \in S_n(d_i)$  and  $\alpha_i \in \Omega^1_n(d_i)$ .

*Proof.* Follows from Corollary 31 and Proposition 32.

35. Corollary. Let  $n \geq 3$ . Any  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  may be written as

$$\alpha = \bar{\alpha} + \sum_{i} \hat{F}_i \,\, \gamma_i$$

where  $\bar{\alpha}$  belongs to the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ ,  $\gamma_i \in \Omega_n^1(d_i)$  and  $\sum_i \hat{F}_i \ \gamma_i \in T(\omega)$ .

*Proof.* Using Corollary 34, then adding and substracting  $\sum_i \lambda_i \hat{F}_i dF'_i$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \sum_{i \neq j} \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_{ij} \ F'_j \ dF_i + \sum_i \hat{F}_i \ \alpha_i \\ &= \sum_{i \neq j} \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_{ij} \ F'_j \ dF_i + \sum_i \lambda_i \ \hat{F}_i \ dF'_i + \sum_i \hat{F}_i \ (\alpha_i - \lambda_i \ dF'_i) \\ &= d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(0, \mathbf{F}') + \sum_i \hat{F}_i \ \gamma_i \end{aligned}$$

taking  $\gamma_i = \alpha_i - \lambda_i \ dF'_i$ . Since  $\alpha, \bar{\alpha} \in T(\omega)$ , we have  $\alpha - \bar{\alpha} = \sum_i \hat{F}_i \gamma_i \in T(\omega)$ , as claimed.

36. **Remark.** Corollary 35 implies that to prove Theorem 24 we are reduced to showing that any  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  of the form  $\alpha = \sum_i \hat{F}_i \gamma_i$ , with  $\gamma_i \in \Omega_n^1(d_i)$ , belongs to the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ .

To this end, let us first prove the following

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37. **Proposition.** Let  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  be of the form

$$\alpha = \sum_{j} (\hat{F}_j)^e \gamma_j \tag{9.8}$$

with  $e \in \mathbb{N}, e \geq 1$ , and  $\gamma_j \in \Omega_n^1(d - e\hat{d}_j)$ . Then, for  $1 \leq i, j \leq m$ ,  $i \neq j$ , there exist  $\lambda'_j \in \mathbb{C}, D_{ij} \in S_n(d_j - e\hat{d}_j)$  and  $\epsilon_j \in \Omega_n^1(d_j - e\hat{d}_j)$ , such that

$$\gamma_j = \lambda'_j \ dF_j + \sum_{i \neq j} \hat{F}_{ij} \ D_{ij} \ dF_i + \hat{F}_j \ \epsilon_j$$

for  $j = 1, \ldots, m$ . In case  $e \ge 2$ , all  $\lambda'_j = 0$ .

*Proof.* Let us use once more that  $\alpha$  satisfies 7.2  $\omega \wedge d\alpha + \alpha \wedge d\omega = 0$ . We may apply to our present  $\alpha$  the calculation in the Proof of Proposition 32, with  $A_{ij} = 0$  and  $\alpha_j = (\hat{F}_j)^{e-1} \gamma_j$ , for all i, j. Then it follows from equation 9.6 that

$$\gamma_j \wedge dF_i \wedge dF_j = 0$$
 on  $X_{ij}$ , for all  $i \neq j$ ,

since  $\lambda_j \neq 0$ , and  $\hat{F}_{ij} \neq 0$  on  $X_{ij}$ . Then,

$$\gamma_j = B_{ij}dF_i + C_{ij}dF_j \quad \text{on } X_{ij}$$

for some  $B_{ij} \in S_n(d - e\hat{d}_j - d_i)$  and  $C_{ij} \in S_n((1 - e)\hat{d}_j)$ . Notice that  $C_{ij} \in S_n(0) = \mathbb{C}$  if e = 1, and  $C_{ij} = 0$  if  $e \ge 2$ , since  $(1 - e)\hat{d}_j < 0$ .

Now we fix j and vary  $i \neq j$ . On  $X_{ij} \cap X_{kj} = X_{ijk}$  we have  $B_{ij}dF_i + C_{ij}dF_j = B_{kj}dF_k + C_{kj}dF_j$ . From the normal crossings hypothesis we obtain, for all  $i \neq k$ : a)  $B_{ij} = B_{kj} = 0$  on  $X_{ijk}$ , and

b) 
$$C_{ii} = C_{ki}$$

From b),  $C_{ij}$  does not depend on *i* and we may denote  $C_{ij} = \lambda'_j$ . As noticed above,  $C_{ij} = \lambda'_j = 0$  in case  $e \ge 2$ .

On the other hand, a) implies that  $B_{ij} = \hat{F}_{ij}D_{ij}$  on  $X_{ij}$  for some  $D_{ij} \in S_n(d_j - e\hat{d}_j)$ . Therefore,

$$\gamma_j = \lambda'_j dF_j + \tilde{F}_{ij} D_{ij} dF_i \quad \text{on } X_{ij}$$

for all j and all  $i \neq j$ . Let  $\gamma'_j = \gamma_j - (\lambda'_j dF_j + \sum_{i \neq j} \hat{F}_{ij} D_{ij} dF_i) \in \Omega^1_n(d - e\hat{d}_j)$ . Then  $\gamma'_j$ is zero on  $D_j = \bigcup_{i \neq j} X_{ij} \subset X_j$ , hence there exists  $\epsilon_j \in \Omega^1_n(d_j - e\hat{d}_j)$  such that  $\gamma'_j = \hat{F}_j \epsilon_j$ on  $X_j$ . Denoting  $J_j \cong \mathcal{O}(-d_j)$  the ideal sheaf of  $X_j$ , we have  $H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}(d_j)(J_j)) \cong$  $H^0(\mathbb{P}^n, \Omega^1_{\mathbb{P}^n}) = 0$ . Therefore the equality  $\gamma'_j = \hat{F}_j \epsilon_j$  holds in  $\mathbb{P}^n$ , and this implies our claim.

38. Corollary. If  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  is divisible by  $(\hat{F}_1)^e$ , that is,  $\alpha = (\hat{F}_1)^e \gamma_1$  for some  $\gamma_1 \in \Omega_n^1(d - e\hat{d}_1)$ , then there exist  $\lambda'_1 \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $D_i \in S_n(d_1 - e\hat{d}_1)$ , for i > 1, and  $\epsilon_1 \in \Omega_n^1(d_1 - e\hat{d}_1)$ , such that

$$\alpha = (\hat{F}_1)^e (\lambda'_1 \ dF_1 + \sum_{i>1} \hat{F}_{i1} \ D_i \ dF_i + \hat{F}_1 \ \epsilon_1).$$

In case  $e \geq 2$ ,  $\lambda'_1 = 0$ .

*Proof.* It follows immediately from Proposition 37 applied to the case  $\gamma_j = 0$  for j > 1.

### 9.1. End of the proof: balanced case.

39. Definition. Let  $\mathbf{d} = (m; d_1, \dots, d_m) \in P(m, d)$ . We say that  $\mathbf{d}$  is balanced if  $d_i < \sum_{j \neq i} d_j = \hat{d}_i$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . Equivalently, if  $2d_i < d$  for all i.

Notice that if **d** is not balanced then there exists a *unique* i such that  $2d_i \ge d$ . Since we normalized **d** so that  $d_1 \ge d_2 \ge \cdots \ge d_m$  (see Definition 1), it follows that **d** is balanced if and only if  $2d_1 < d$ .

40. **Theorem.** Suppose  $\mathbf{d} \in P(m,d)$  is balanced. Let  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  be general and  $\omega = \mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ . Then, for any  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  such that  $\alpha = \sum_i \hat{F}_i \gamma_i$ , with  $\gamma_i \in \Omega_n^1(d_i)$ , there exists  $\lambda' = (\lambda'_1, \ldots, \lambda'_m) \in \mathbb{C}^m$ , with  $\sum_{i=1}^m d_i \lambda'_i = 0$ , such that

$$\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i' \ \hat{F}_i \ dF_i$$

In particular,

$$\alpha = d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(\lambda', 0)$$

belongs to the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ .

*Proof.* We apply Proposition 37 with e = 1. Since **d** is balanced,  $d_j - \hat{d}_j < 0$  for all j and then  $D_{ij} = 0$  and  $\epsilon_j = 0$  for all i, j. Hence  $\gamma_j = \lambda'_j dF_j$  for all j, as claimed.  $\Box$ 

It follows from Remark 36 that the proof of Theorem 24 is now complete, if **d** is balanced.

9.2. End of the proof: general case. When **d** is not balanced, Theorem 40 is not true; we may have an  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  such that  $\alpha|_{X^{(2)}} = 0$  but  $\alpha$  is not logarithmic as in Theorem 40. For example, take  $F'_1 = G_1 \hat{F}_1$  where  $G_1$  is any homogeneous polynomial of degree  $d_1 - \hat{d}_1 > 0$ , and  $F'_j = 0$  for j > 1. Then  $\alpha = d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(0, F')$  satisfies this condition, as it easily follows from 7.1. Notice that this  $\alpha$  is divisible by  $\hat{F}_1$ .

In Theorem 42 we will see that any  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  such that  $\alpha|_{X^{(2)}} = 0$  may be written in a special form that still implies it belongs to the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ .

41. **Definition.** Let  $\mathbf{d} \in P(m, d)$ . We define

$$\mathbf{r}(\mathbf{d}) = \max \{ e \in \mathbb{N} / d_1 \ge e \ \hat{d}_1 \} = [d_1 / \hat{d}_1]$$

the integer part of  $d_1/d_1$ .

Notice that **d** is balanced when  $r(\mathbf{d}) = 0$ .

42. **Theorem.** Fix  $\mathbf{d} \in P(m, d)$ . Let  $(\lambda, \mathbf{F}) \in V_n(\mathbf{d})$  be general and  $\omega = \mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$ . Then, any  $\alpha \in T(\omega)$  such that  $\alpha = \sum_i \hat{F}_i \gamma_i$ , with  $\gamma_i \in \Omega_n^1(d_i)$ , may be written as

$$\alpha = d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(\lambda', \mathbf{F}')$$

where  $\lambda' \in \mathbb{C}^m$  is such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m d_i \lambda'_i = 0$ ,  $F'_j = 0$  for j > 1, and

$$F_1' = \sum_{e=1}^{r(\mathbf{d})} G_e \hat{F}_1$$

where  $G_e$  are homogeneous polynomials of respective degrees  $d_1 - e\hat{d}_1$ , for  $e = 1, \ldots, r(\mathbf{d})$ . *Proof.* By Proposition 37 with e = 1,

$$\alpha = \sum_{j} \lambda'_{j} \hat{F}_{j} dF_{j} + \sum_{i \neq j} \hat{F}_{ij} \hat{F}_{j} D_{ij} dF_{i} + \sum_{j} \hat{F}_{j} \hat{F}_{j} \epsilon_{j}.$$
(9.9)

In the current unbalanced case,  $d_1 - \hat{d}_1 \ge 0$  and  $d_i - \hat{d}_i < 0$  for i > 1, as in Definition 9.2. Hence  $D_{ij} = 0$  and  $\epsilon_j = 0$  for j > 1. Also, since  $\sum_j \lambda'_j \hat{F}_j dF_j = d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(\lambda', 0)$ , it is enough to consider

$$\alpha = \alpha^{(1)} = \sum_{i>1} \hat{F}_{i1} \ \hat{F}_1 D_{i1} \ dF_i + \hat{F}_1 \ \hat{F}_1 \epsilon_1 = \hat{F}_1 \ (\sum_{i>1} \hat{F}_{i1} \ D_{i1} \ dF_i + \hat{F}_1 \ \epsilon_1)$$
(9.10)

which is divisible by  $\hat{F}_1$  (the last term is actually divisible by  $\hat{F}_1^2$ ).

What we shall do is to express  $\alpha^{(1)}$  as the sum of an element of the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  (of the claimed shape) plus an  $\alpha^{(2)} \in T(\omega)$  divisible by  $\hat{F}_1^{\ 2}$ . Next we repeat the argument and express  $\alpha^{(2)}$  as the sum of another element of the image of  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})$  plus an  $\alpha^{(3)} \in T(\omega)$  divisible by  $\hat{F}_1^{\ 3}$ . After at most  $r(\mathbf{d})$  iterations this process ends, since  $\alpha^{(r(\mathbf{d})+1)} = 0$  by degree reason, and hence we obtain the claimed expression for the original  $\alpha$ . The essential step is to pass from  $\alpha^{(e)}$  to  $\alpha^{(e+1)}$ , for  $1 \leq e \leq r(\mathbf{d})$ .

To carry out this step, let us assume that  $\alpha$  is divisible by  $\hat{F}_1^{\ e}$ , that is,

$$\alpha = \alpha^{(e)} = \hat{F}_1^{\ e} \ (\sum_{i>1} \hat{F}_{i1} \ D_{i1} \ dF_i + \hat{F}_1 \ \epsilon_1).$$
(9.11)

as in Corollary 38.

Now we apply to  $\alpha$  the calculation in the Proof of Proposition 32 with

$$A_{ij} = \tilde{F}_1^{\ e} D_{ij}, \ \alpha_j = \tilde{F}_1^{\ e} \epsilon_j,$$

that is:

$$A_{i1} = \tilde{F}_1^{\ e} D_{i1} \text{ for } i > 1, \ \alpha_1 = \tilde{F}_1^{\ e} \epsilon_1,$$

$$A_{ij} = 0, \quad \alpha_j = 0 \quad \text{for } j > 1.$$

From equation 9.5 with r = 1 we get

$$\hat{F}_{1} \left( \sum_{i \neq 1} \lambda_{1} \ \hat{F}_{i1} \ d(\hat{F}_{1}^{\ e} D_{i1}) \wedge dF_{i} \wedge dF_{1} + \sum_{i \neq k \neq 1} \lambda_{k} \ \hat{F}_{i1k} \ \hat{F}_{1}^{\ e} D_{i1} \ dF_{i} \wedge dF_{1} \wedge dF_{k} + \lambda_{1} \ \hat{F}_{1} \ d(\hat{F}_{1}^{\ e} \epsilon_{1}) \wedge dF_{1} + \sum_{k \neq 1} \lambda_{k} \ \hat{F}_{1k} \ \hat{F}_{1}^{\ e} \epsilon_{1} \wedge dF_{1} \wedge dF_{k} \right) = 0 (9.12)$$

We have  $d(\hat{F}_1^{\ e}D_{i1}) = e\hat{F}_1^{\ e-1}D_{i1}d\hat{F}_1 + \hat{F}_1^{\ e}dD_{i1}$ . Also,  $d\hat{F}_1 \wedge dF_i = (\sum_{j\neq 1}\hat{F}_{j1}dF_j) \wedge dF_i = \sum_{j\neq 1, j\neq i}\hat{F}_{j1}dF_j \wedge dF_i$ , so that  $\hat{F}_{i1}d\hat{F}_1 \wedge dF_i = \sum_{j\neq 1, j\neq i}\hat{F}_{i1}\hat{F}_{j1}dF_j \wedge dF_i = \hat{F}_1 \sum_{j\neq 1, j\neq i}\hat{F}_{ij1}dF_j \wedge dF_i$ . Replacing these into 9.12, we obtain, on  $X_1$ :

$$\hat{F}_{1}^{e+1} \left(\sum_{i \neq j \neq 1} e\lambda_{1} \hat{F}_{ij1} D_{i1} \, dF_{j} \wedge dF_{i} \wedge dF_{1} + \sum_{i \neq 1} \lambda_{1} \hat{F}_{i1} \, dD_{i1} \wedge dF_{i} \wedge dF_{1} + \sum_{i \neq j \neq 1} \lambda_{j} \hat{F}_{ij1} D_{i1} \, dF_{i} \wedge dF_{1} \wedge dF_{j} + e\lambda_{1} \, d\hat{F}_{1} \wedge \epsilon_{1} \wedge dF_{1} + \lambda_{1} \hat{F}_{1} \, d\epsilon_{1} \wedge dF_{1} + \sum_{i \neq 1} \lambda_{i} \hat{F}_{1i} \, \epsilon_{1} \wedge dF_{1} \wedge dF_{i} \right) = 0 \quad (9.13)$$

Now we cancel the factor  $\hat{F}_1^{e+1}$  on  $X_1$  and then restrict to  $X_{1st}$  for 1, s, t distinct. After straightforward calculation we obtain, on  $X_{1st}$ :

$$(e\lambda_1 + \lambda_s)D_{t1} = (e\lambda_1 + \lambda_t)D_{s1}$$

Then the collection  $\{D_{s1}/(e\lambda_1 + \lambda_s) \in S_n(d_1 - e\hat{d}_1)\}_{s \neq 1}$  defines a section of  $\mathcal{O}(d_1 - e\hat{d}_1)$ on  $\bigcup_{s \neq 1} X_{1s} \subset X_1$ . Hence, there exists  $G_e \in S_n(d_1 - e\hat{d}_1)$  such that

$$D_{s1} = (e\lambda_1 + \lambda_s)G_e$$

on  $X_{1s}$  for all  $s \neq 1$ . Then, with the notation of 9.11,

$$\sum_{i>1} \hat{F}_{i1} D_{i1} dF_i + \hat{F}_1 \epsilon_1 - \sum_{i>1} \hat{F}_{i1} (e\lambda_1 + \lambda_i) G_e dF_i = 0$$

on  $\bigcup_{s\neq 1} X_{1s} \subset X_1$ , and hence is divisible by  $\hat{F}_1$ . We obtain

$$\alpha = \hat{F}_1^{\ e} \sum_{i>1} \hat{F}_{i1} \ (e\lambda_1 + \lambda_i) G_e \ dF_i + \hat{F}_1^{\ e+1} \ \bar{\epsilon}_1 \tag{9.14}$$

for some  $\bar{\epsilon}_1 \in \Omega_n^1(d_1 - e\hat{d}_1)$ . Denote  $\mathbf{F}' = (\hat{F}_1^{\ e} \ G_e, 0, \dots, 0)$ . Combining 9.14 with

$$d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(0, \mathbf{F}') = \sum_{i>1} \lambda_i \ F_1^{\ e} \ G_e \ \hat{F}_{i1} \ dF_i + \lambda_1 \hat{F}_1 d(\hat{F}_1^{\ e} G_e)$$

(see 7.1), one immediately obtains

$$\alpha = d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(0, \mathbf{F'}) + \alpha^{(e+1)}$$

with  $\alpha^{(e+1)} = \hat{F}_1^{e+1} \ (\bar{\epsilon}_1 - \lambda_1 dG_e)$ . Now,  $\alpha^{(e+1)} \in T(\omega)$  because  $\alpha$  and  $d\mu(\lambda, \mathbf{F})(0, \mathbf{F}')$  belong to  $T(\omega)$ . Since  $\alpha^{(e+1)}$  is divisible by  $\hat{F}_1^{e+1}$ , by Corollary 38, it may be written as in 9.11 with exponent e + 1. Hence we may apply again the previous procedure to  $\alpha^{(e+1)}$ . This proves the essential iterative step and implies our statement.  $\Box$ 

It follows from Remark 36 that the proof of Theorem 24 is now complete, for any  $\mathbf{d}.$ 

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