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### THE FINITE S-DETERMINACY OF SINGULARITIES IN POSITIVE CHARACTERISITC, $S = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$

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ABSTRACT. For singularities  $f \in K[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]]$  over an algebraically closed field K of arbitrary characteristic, we introduce the finite S-determinacy under S-equivalence, where  $S = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . It is proved that the finite  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}})$ -determinacy is equivalent to the finiteness of the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -Milnor ( $\mathcal{G}$ -Tjurina) number and the finite  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}})$ -determinacy is equivalent to the finiteness of the relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -Milnor ( $\mathcal{A}$ -Tjurina) number. Moreover, some estimates are provided on the degree of the S-determinacy in positive characteristic.

**Keywords:** Finite  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}})$ -determinacy, finite  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}})$ - determinacy, the relative  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A})$ -Milnor number, relative  $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A})$ - Tjurina number.

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#### 1. Introduction

In this paper, we assume that K is an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic unless otherwise stated explicitly. Let

$$K[[\mathbf{x}]] = K[[x_1, \dots, x_n]] = \left\{ \sum_{\alpha \in N^n} a_\alpha \mathbf{x}^\alpha | a_\alpha \in K \right\}$$

be the formal power series ring over K. We use the usual multi-index notation  $\mathbf{x}^{\alpha} = x_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$  for  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in N^n$ . We denote  $\mathcal{M} =$ 

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 $\langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle$  the unique maximal ideal of  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ , so that the set of units in  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  is  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]^* = K[[\mathbf{x}]] \setminus \mathcal{M}$ ,

Let S be a subgroup of Aut $(K[[\mathbf{x}]])$ . Then an equivalence relation can be introduced on  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  via S. For the given equivalence relation, a fundamental question is: when is a function  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  equivalent to a finite number of terms of its power series. This question is concerned with the finite determinacy theory and the classification theory for mapgerms.

If K is the field of complex numbers and K[[x]] is the ring of formal power series defined by the convergent ones, this question is well studied by John Mather and some authors (see, e.g. [1,2,4-6,11-15,17]). In the complex case, let  $\mathcal{O}_{n+1,0}$  be the local ring of analytic function germs on analytic space ( $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0$ ). Let  $\{y_1, \ldots, y_{n+1}\}$  be a coordinate system in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$  be the maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{n+1,0}$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the group of all the holomorphic automorphisms of the germ ( $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0$ ). Take L as the  $y_1$ -axis in ( $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0$ ), then the defining ideal of L is  $\mathcal{G} = \langle y_2, \ldots, y_{n+1} \rangle$ . Let

$$\mathcal{R}_L \doteq \{ \phi \in \mathcal{R} \mid \phi(L) = L \},\$$

be the subgroup of the holomorphic automorphisms  $\phi : (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0) \to (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0)$  such that  $\phi(L) = L$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{R}$ .  $\mathcal{R}_L$  can act on  $\mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G}$ from right and this defines an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G}$ . Two germs  $f, g \in \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G}$  are called  $\mathcal{R}_L$ -equivalent if there exists a  $\phi \in \mathcal{R}_L$  such that  $f = g \circ \phi$ . A germ  $f \in \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G}$  is called  $k - \mathcal{R}_L$ -determined in  $\mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G}$  if for each  $g \in \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G}$  such that  $f - g \in \mathcal{M}^{k+1} \cap \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{M}^k \cdot \mathcal{G}, g$  is  $\mathcal{R}_L$ -equivalent to f.

Siersma studied the problem of finite  $\mathcal{R}_L$ -determinacy in [16]. He gave the list of  $\mathcal{R}_L$ -simple singularities and studied the Milnor fiber of a generic deformation of a certain class of such singularities.

Jiang and Siersma proved the following theorem (see Theorem 2.2. of [9]):

If  $\mathcal{M}^k \cdot \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{M} \cdot \tau_{\mathcal{G}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{k+1} \cdot \mathcal{G}$ , then f is  $k - \mathcal{R}_L$ -determined, where

$$\tau_{\mathcal{G}}(f) \doteq \mathcal{M} \cdot \langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_1} \rangle + \mathcal{G} \cdot \langle \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y_{n+1}} \rangle$$

is the tangent space at f of the  $\mathcal{R}_L$ -orbit  $\mathcal{R}_L(f)$ .

In [4], When (X, 0) is the germ of an analytic subvariety of  $(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$ , let  $\mathcal{R}_X$  be the group of all analytic automorphisms of  $(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  which preserve X.  $\mathcal{R}_X$  can act on  $\mathcal{O}_{n,0}$  and induce an equivalence relation. If f is again a function germ on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  at 0, Bruce and Roberts generalized the definition of Milnor number  $\mu(f)$  as follows. Let  $\Theta_{X,0}$  denote the  $\mathcal{O}_{n,0}$  module of germs of vector fields on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  at 0 which are tangent to X, or equivalently, the submodule of germs of derivations of  $\mathcal{O}_{n,0}$  which preserve the ideal defining X. For an  $f \in \mathcal{O}_{n,0}$  define  $j_X(f)$  the ideal in  $\mathcal{O}_{n,0}$  given by the image of the homomorphism

$$\Theta_{X,0} \to \mathcal{O}_{n,0}, \delta \mapsto \delta f,$$

and define the Milnor number  $\mu_X(f)$  of f on X to be  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_{n,0}/j_X(f)$ . Bruce and Roberts stated Damon's result as (see Theorem 2.2. of [4]): A germ f in  $\mathcal{O}_{n,0}$  is finitely determined with respect to the  $\mathcal{R}_X$  action if  $\mu_X(f) < \infty$ .

In [3], Yousra Boubakri, Gert-Martin Greuel, and Thomas Markwig studied the finite determinacy of singularities  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  over an algebraically closed field K of arbitrary characteristic under the equivalence relation on the power series ring  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  induced by the action of either  $\mathcal{R} = \operatorname{Aut}(K[[\mathbf{x}]])$  or the semidirect product  $\mathcal{K} = K[[\mathbf{x}]]^* \ltimes \mathcal{R}$ . For an  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ , they established that the finiteness of the Milnor number and the Tjurina number is equivalent to the finite  $\mathcal{R}$ -determinacy of f and the finite  $\mathcal{K}$ -determinacy of f respectively. The Milnor number  $\mu(f)$  is defined as  $\dim_K K[[\mathbf{x}]]/j(f)$  where j(f) is the Jacobian ideal of f, generated by the partial derivatives  $f_{x_i}$  of f,  $(i = 1, \ldots, n)$ . The Tjurina number  $\tau(f)$  is defined as  $\dim_K K[[\mathbf{x}]]/\langle f \rangle + j(f)$  where  $\langle f \rangle$  is the ideal generated by f. Their results are as follows (see Theorem 5 of [3]):

Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M} \subset K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  be a power series.

1.  $\mu(f) < \infty$  if and only if f is finitely  $\mathcal{R}$ -determined.

2.  $\tau(f) < \infty$  if and only if f is finitely  $\mathcal{K}$ -determined.

Since the proofs of Jiang's theorem and Damon's result need to use the solution of a differential equation, it seems that their methods do not work in the case of positive characteristic. Motivated by Jiang's theorem and Damon's result, following the ideas of [3], we discuss the finite determinacy of singularities  $f \in K[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]]$  under the equivalence relation on the power series ring  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  induced by the action of the subgroup of automorphisms preserving the line  $x_2 = \cdots = x_n = 0$  or the subgroup of automorphisms preserving a given hypersurface. We try to obtain some results which are similar to Jiang's theorem, respectively to Damon's result in case of X is a smooth hypersurface.

In this paper, We have two main results :

(1) For a singularity  $f \in \mathcal{M}^2 \subset K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  over an algebraically closed field K of arbitrary characteristic, the finite  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$  (or  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -)determinacy of f is equivalent to the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -isolatedness of the singularity f (or  $R_f$ ), when  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$  is the subgroup of automorphisms preserving the line  $x_2 = \cdots = x_n = 0$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}} \doteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]^* \ltimes \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ . (see Theorem 3.7)

(2) Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M}^2 \subseteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ . The finite  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  (or  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -)determinacy of f is equivalent to the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -isolatedness of the singularity f (or  $R_f$ ), when  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  is the subgroup of automorphisms preserving a given hypersurface and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}} \doteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]^* \ltimes \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . (see Theorem 4.7)

The above results also provide some estimates on the degree of determinacy in positive characteristic (for details, see section 3 and 4).

Moreover, the results we obtain can be applied to classify the  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  which are finitely S-determined.

#### 2. Preliminaries

**Lemma 2.1.** (see [7] p. 210) Let R be any ring and let  $f_1, \ldots, f_n \in \langle x_1, \ldots, x_n \rangle \cdot R[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]]$  be power series. If  $\varphi$  is the endomorphism

 $\varphi: R[[x_1, \dots, x_n]] \to R[[x_1, \dots, x_n]], \ x_i \mapsto f_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ 

and the Jacobian matrix  $J(\varphi)$  of  $\varphi$  is the matrix  $((\varphi_i)_{x_j})$ , then  $\varphi$  is an isomorphism if and only if  $DetJ(\varphi)(0)$  is a unit in K.

**Lemma 2.2.** (see [3]) Let K be an algebraically closed field of arbitrary characteristic and  $K[[\mathbf{x}]] = K[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]]$ . Let  $Q \ge 1$  be an integer and let  $b_{p,0} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1}$  and  $b_{p,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p}$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  and  $p \ge 1$ . Consider the units  $v_p = 1 + b_{p,0} \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  and the automorphisms  $\phi_p \in Aut(K[[\mathbf{x}]])$  given by  $\phi_p : x_i \mapsto x_i + b_{p,i}$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . We denote by

$$\varphi_p = \phi_p \circ \phi_{p-1} \circ \cdots \circ \phi_1 \in Aut(K[[\mathbf{x}]])$$

the composition of the first p automorphisms, and we define inductively  $u_p = v_p \cdot \phi_p(u_{p-1})$ , where  $u_0 = 1$ . Then the following hold true:

(a) The sequences  $(\varphi_p(x_i))_{p\geq 1}$  converge in the  $\mathcal{M}$ -adic topology of  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  to power series  $x_i + b_i$  with  $b_i \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . In particular, the map

$$\varphi: K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]]: x_i \mapsto x_i + b_i$$

is a local K-algebra automorphism of  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ .

(b) The sequence  $(u_p)_{p\geq 1}$  converges in the  $\mathcal{M}$ -adic topology to a unit  $u = 1 + b_0 \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  with  $b_0 \in \mathcal{M}^Q$ .

(c) For any power series  $f_0 \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  the sequence  $(\varphi_p(f_0))_{p\geq 1}$  converges in the  $\mathcal{M}$ -adic topology to  $\varphi(f_0)$ .

(d) For any power series  $f_0 \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  the sequence  $(u_p \cdot \varphi_p(f_0))_{p \ge 1}$ converges in the  $\mathcal{M}$ -adic topology to  $u \cdot \varphi(f_0)$ .

### 3. Finite S-determinacy of singularities in positive characteristic, $S = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}, \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the ideal  $\langle x_2, \ldots, x_n \rangle$  of  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  and  $\mathcal{R} = Aut(K[[\mathbf{x}]])$ . Define  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}} \doteq \{\varphi \in \mathcal{R} | \varphi(\mathcal{G}) = \mathcal{G}\}$ . We say that two power series  $f, g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  are right line equivalent or  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -equivalent if there is an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$  such that  $f = \varphi(g)$ . We denote this relation by  $f \sim_{r_{\mathcal{G}}} g$ . A power series  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  is called  $k - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined if for each  $g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  such that the same k-jet as f, g is right line equivalent to f.

Let  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}} \doteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]^* \ltimes \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ . Two power series  $f, g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  are contact line equivalent or  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -equivalent if there is an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ and a unit  $u \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  such that  $f = u \cdot \varphi(g)$ , we denote this relation by  $f \sim_{c_{\mathcal{G}}} g$ . A power series  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  is  $k - \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined if for each  $g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  such that the same k-jet as f, g is contact line equivalent to f.

We say that f is finitely  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}})$ -determined if it is  $k - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}})$ -determined for some positive integer k.

For an  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ , we call the K-algebra  $R_f = K[[\mathbf{x}]]/\langle f \rangle$  the induced hypersurface singularities.

We denote by  $j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \mathcal{M} \cdot \langle f_{x_1} \rangle + \mathcal{G} \cdot \langle f_{x_2}, \ldots, f_{x_n} \rangle$  the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -Jacobian ideal of of f, where  $f_{x_i}$  is the formal partial derivative of f with respect to  $x_i$ . We call the associated algebra  $M_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \frac{K[[\mathbf{x}]]}{j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)}$  the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -Milnor algebra and its dimension  $\mu_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \dim_K (M_{\mathcal{G}}(f))$  the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -Milnor number of f. We then call f a relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -isolated singularity if  $\mu_{\mathcal{G}}(f) < \infty$  or, equivalently, if there is a positive integer such that  $\mathcal{M}^k \subseteq j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ .

The relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -Tjurina ideal of f is defined by  $tj_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ . The associated algebra  $T_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \frac{K[[\mathbf{x}]]}{tj_{\mathcal{G}}(f)}$  is called the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -Tjurina algebra of f. The dimension  $\tau_{\mathcal{G}}(f) = \dim_K (T_{\mathcal{G}}(f))$  of  $T_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$  is called the relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -Tjurina number of f. We then call  $R_f$  a relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -isolated hypersurface singularity if  $\tau_{\mathcal{G}}(f) < \infty$ , which is equivalent to the existence of a positive integer k such that  $\mathcal{M}^k \subseteq tj_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ .

Note that the ideal  $j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$  is basically the tangent space to the orbit of f under the action of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ , and similarly that  $tj_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$  is basically the tangent space to the orbit of f under the action of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ . The precise statement and its proof will be given in Proposition 3.6.

Let  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  be a non-zero power series, we denote by  $\operatorname{ord}(f)$  the largest integer k such that  $f \in \mathcal{M}^k$ . We set  $\operatorname{ord}(0) = \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M}^2$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . (a) If

$$\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^2 \cdot \langle f_{x_1} \rangle + \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G} \cdot \langle f_{x_2}, \dots, f_{x_n} \rangle,$$

then f is  $(2k - ord(f) + 2) - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined. (b) If

$$\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \cdot \langle f \rangle + \mathcal{M}^2 \cdot \langle f_{x_1} \rangle + \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G} \cdot \langle f_{x_2}, \dots, f_{x_n} \rangle,$$

then f is  $(2k - ord(f) + 2) - \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined.

*Proof.* We first prove (b). Let  $o = \operatorname{ord}(f)$ . It follows that

$$\operatorname{ord}(f_{x_i}) \ge o - 1$$
 for all  $(i = 1, \ldots, n)$ 

and by assumption we have

$$\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \cdot \langle f \rangle + \mathcal{M}^2 \cdot \langle f_{x_1} \rangle + \mathcal{M} \cdot \mathcal{G} \cdot \langle f_{x_2}, \dots, f_{x_n} \rangle \subseteq \mathcal{M}^{o+1}.$$

This implies  $k \ge o - 1$ .

Set  $N = 2k - o + 2 \ge k + 1$ , and take  $g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  such that  $g - f \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1}$ , i.e., f and g have the same N-jet. We shall show that f and g are  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -equivalent, i.e., there exists an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$  and a unit  $u \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  such that

$$g = u \cdot \varphi(f).$$

We construct  $\varphi$  and u inductively, i.e., we construct inductively sequences of automorphisms  $(\varphi_p)_{p\geq 1}$  and units  $(u_p)_{p\geq 1}$  such that  $u_p \cdot \varphi_p(f)$ converges in the  $\mathcal{M}$ -adic topology to  $u \cdot \varphi(f)$  for some automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$  and some unit  $u \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  and at the same time

$$g - u_p \cdot \varphi_p(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1+p},$$

for all  $p \geq 1$ . The latter implies that  $u_p \cdot \varphi_p(f)$  converges to g as well, and thus

$$g = u \cdot \varphi(f).$$

By Lemma 2.2 and its terminology with  $Q = N - k \ge 1$  it suffices to construct certain series  $b_{p,0} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1}$ ,  $b_{p,1} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p}$ , and  $b_{p,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1} \cdot \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{M}^{Q+p}$  for  $i = 2, \ldots, n$  and  $p \ge 1$ .

In fact, note that by assumption

$$g - f \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1} = \mathcal{M}^{Q-1} \cdot \mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subset \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot tj_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$$

there exist  $b_{1,0} \in \mathcal{M}^Q$ ,  $b_{1,1} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ , and  $b_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$  for  $i = 2, \ldots, n$  such that

(3.1) 
$$g - f = b_{1,0}f + b_{1,1}f_{x_1} + \sum_{i=2}^{n} b_{1,i}f_{x_i}.$$

Let  $v_1 = 1 + b_{1,0} \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  and  $\phi_1 : K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]] : x_i \mapsto x_i + b_{1,i}, i = 1, \ldots, n$ , where  $b_{1,1} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}, b_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$  for  $i = 2, \ldots, n$ .

Now We prove  $\phi_1 \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ .

In fact, by Lemma 2.1  $\phi_1$  is an automorphism. For any g in  $\mathcal{G} = \langle x_2, \ldots, x_n \rangle$ , there exist power series  $g_2, \ldots, g_n \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  such that  $g = g_2 \cdot x_2 + \cdots + g_n \cdot x_n$ . We have

$$\phi_1(g) = \phi_1(g_2) \cdot (x_2 + b_{1,2}) + \dots + \phi_1(g_n)(x_n + b_{1,n})$$
$$= \sum_{i=2}^n \phi_1(g_i) \cdot x_i + \sum_{i=2}^n \phi_1(g_i)b_{1,i}.$$

Since  $b_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{G}, \ i = 2, ..., n$ , we have  $\phi_1(g) \in \mathcal{G}$ . Next, we want to show that

$$g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}.$$

If the above formula is true, we can replace f in the above argument by  $v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f)$  and go on inductively. Note first that

$$(x_1 + z_1)^{\beta_1} \cdots (x_n + z_n)^{\beta_n} = \sum_{\gamma_1 = 0}^{\beta_1} \cdot \sum_{\gamma_2 = 0}^{\beta_2} \cdots \sum_{\gamma_n = 0}^{\beta_n} c_{\beta,\gamma} \mathbf{x}^{\beta - \gamma} \cdot \mathbf{z}^{\gamma}$$
  
e  $c_{\beta,\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_2 \\ \beta_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , For  $f = \sum_{|\alpha| > 0} k_{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{x}$ 

where  $c_{\beta,\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_2 \\ \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} \cdots \begin{pmatrix} \beta_n \\ \gamma_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For  $f = \sum_{|\beta| \ge 0} k_{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{\beta}$ , consider

(3.2) 
$$f((x_1 + z_1), \dots, (x_n + z_n))$$
$$= \sum_{|\beta| \ge \operatorname{ord}(f)} k_{\beta} \cdot \sum_{\gamma_1 = 0}^{\beta_1} \sum_{\gamma_2 = 0}^{\beta_2} \cdots \sum_{\gamma_n = 0}^{\beta_n} c_{\beta,\gamma} \mathbf{x}^{\beta - \gamma} \cdot \mathbf{z}^{\gamma}$$
$$= \sum_{\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n} w_{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{z}^{\alpha},$$

where

$$w_{\alpha} = \sum_{|\beta| \ge \operatorname{ord}(f), \beta \ge \alpha} k_{\beta} \cdot c_{\beta, \alpha} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{\beta - \alpha}$$

if we define  $\beta \geq \alpha$  by  $\beta_i \geq \alpha_i$  for all i = 1, 2, ..., n. It follows that

$$\operatorname{ord}(w_{\alpha}) = \min\left\{ |\beta| - |\alpha| \mid |\beta| \ge \operatorname{ord}(f), \ |\beta| \ge |\alpha| \right\} \ge o - |\alpha|$$

We notice that  $w_{\alpha} = \frac{D^{\alpha}f(\mathbf{x})}{\alpha_1!\alpha_2!\cdots\alpha_n!}$  whenever  $\alpha_i < \operatorname{char}(K)$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ . In particular, the constant term is  $w_0 = f$ . For every unit vector  $e_i$   $(1 \le i \le n)$   $w_{e_i} = f_{x_i}$ .

Applying  $\phi_1$  to f amounts to substituting  $z_1$  by  $b_{1,1}$  and  $z_i$  by  $b_{1,i}$ in (3.2) we thus find  $\phi_1(f) = f + f_{x_1} \cdot b_{1,1} + \sum_{i=2}^n f_{x_i} \cdot b_{1,i} + w$ , where  $w = \sum_{|\alpha| \ge 2} w_{\alpha} \cdot b_{1,1}^{\alpha_1} \cdots b_{1,n}^{\alpha_n}$ . Since

$$\operatorname{ord}\left(w_{\alpha} \cdot b_{1,1}^{\alpha_{1}} \cdot b_{1,2}^{\alpha_{2}} \cdots b_{1,n}^{\alpha_{n}}\right) \geq \operatorname{ord}(w_{\alpha}) + \operatorname{ord}(b_{1,1}) \cdot \alpha_{1} + \sum_{i=2}^{n} \operatorname{ord}(b_{1,i}) \cdot \alpha_{i}$$
$$\geq o - \mid \alpha \mid + (Q+1) \cdot \mid \alpha \mid$$
$$\geq o + 2 \cdot Q = N + 2,$$

we have  $w \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}$ . Multiplying  $\phi_1(f)$  by  $v_1 = 1 + b_{1,0}$  and using (3.1) we get

$$g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) = g - (1 + b_{1,0}) \cdot (f + f_{x_1} \cdot b_{1,1} + \sum_{i=2}^n f_{x_i} \cdot b_{1,i} + w)$$
$$= -f_{x_1} \cdot b_{1,1} \cdot b_{1,0} - \sum_{i=2}^n f_{x_i} \cdot b_{1,i} \cdot b_{1,0} - (1 + b_{1,0}) \cdot w$$

Since

$$\operatorname{ord}(b_{1,0} \cdot b_{1,i} \cdot f_{x_i}) \ge Q + (Q+1) + (o-1) = N+2, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$
  
we have

(3.3) 
$$g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}$$

Thus we can proceed inductively to construct sequences  $\{b_{p,i}\}_{p\geq 1}$  for  $i=0,\ldots,n$  with  $b_{p,0}\in\mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1}$ ,  $b_{p,1}\in\mathcal{M}^{Q+p}$  and  $b_{p,i}\in\mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1}\cdot\mathcal{G}\subseteq\mathcal{M}^{Q+p}$  for  $i=2,\ldots,n$ . The generalization of (3.3) holds by induction. Using Lemma 2.2 we have

$$g - u_p \cdot \varphi_p(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1+p}.$$

Again using Lemma 2.2, we obtain an automorphism  $(u, \varphi) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$  such that  $g = u \cdot \varphi(f)$ .

The proof for right equivalence can be done in the same lines. The condition  $\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^1 \cdot j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{M}^{o+1}$  implies also that  $k \geq o-1$ . For any g with

$$g - f \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1} = \mathcal{M}^{Q-1} \cdot \mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$$

where  $N = 2k - o + 2 \ge k + 1$  and  $Q = N - k \ge 1$ , there exist  $b_{1,1} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ and  $b_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{G} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ ,  $i = 2, \ldots, n$  with

$$g - f = b_{1,1} \cdot f_{x_1} + b_{1,2} \cdot f_{x_2} + \dots + b_{1,n} \cdot f_{x_n}.$$

We can then define  $\phi_1$  as above. It is easy to show

$$g - \phi_1(f) = h \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}.$$

Going on by induction and applying Lemma 2.2, we get an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$  such that  $g = \varphi(f)$ .

Corollary 3.3. Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M}^2 \subseteq K[[\mathbf{x}]].$ 

(a) If  $\mu_{\mathcal{G}}(f) < \infty$ , then f is  $(2\mu_{\mathcal{G}}(f) - ord(f)) - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined. (b) If  $\tau_{\mathcal{G}}(f) < \infty$ , then f is  $(2\tau_{\mathcal{G}}(f) - ord(f)) - \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined.

The converse also holds in arbitrary characteristic.

Theorem 3.4. Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M} \subseteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ .

(a) If f is  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}} - k$ -determined, then  $\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ . (b) If f is  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}} - k$ -determined, then  $\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq \langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ .

The proof of Theorem 3.4 is analogous to the result established in [3]. Before we begin the proof, we need some notations.

Denote  $J_l = K[[\mathbf{x}]] / \mathcal{M}^{l+1}$  the space of l-jets of power series in  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ . Each K-algebra automorphism  $\varphi$  of  $K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  is a tuple  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \ldots, \varphi_n) \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^n$  of power series such that  $\varphi_i(0) = 0$ , for all  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$ and  $\text{Det}\left(\frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial x_j}(0)\right)_{i,j=1,2,\ldots,n}$  is invertible. The l-jet of the automorphism  $\varphi$  is  $\text{jet}_l(\varphi) = (\text{jet}_l(\varphi_1), \ldots, \text{jet}_l(\varphi_n))$ . The l-jet of the right line equivalence group is  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},l} = \{\text{jet}_l(\varphi) | \varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}\}$  and the l-jet of the contact line equivalence group is  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} = jet_l(K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*) \ltimes \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},l}$ .  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  acts on  $J_l$  via

 $\phi_l : \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \times J_l \to J_l : (\operatorname{jet}_l(u), \ \operatorname{jet}_l(\varphi), \ \operatorname{jet}_l(f)) \mapsto \operatorname{jet}_l(u \cdot \varphi(f)).$ 

Similarly, we define the action of the l-jet  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  on  $J_l$ .

**Remark 3.5.** (a) From [3], we know that  $J_l$  is an affine space and  $\mathcal{K}_l$  and  $\mathcal{R}_l$  are affine algebraic groups acting on  $J_l$  via a regular separable algebraic action.

(b)  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  are affine algebraic groups acting on  $J_l$  via a regular separable algebraic action.

In fact, given  $\varphi = (\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n) \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ , we have  $\varphi_i = \varphi(x_i) \in \mathcal{G}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . It implies that  $\frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial x_1}(x_1, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . Let  $\operatorname{jet}_l(f) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^l a_{\alpha} x_1^{\alpha_1} x_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots x_n^{\alpha_n}$ ,  $\operatorname{jet}_l(\varphi_i) = \sum_{|\beta|=1}^l b_{i,\beta} x_1^{\beta_1} x_2^{\beta_2} \cdots x_n^{\beta_n}$  and  $\operatorname{jet}_l(u) = \sum_{|\gamma|=0}^l c_{\gamma} x_1^{\gamma_1} x_2^{\gamma_2} \cdots x_n^{\gamma_n}$ .

We can choose coordinate variables  $(a_{\alpha}, b_{i,\beta}, c_{\gamma})_{\alpha,i,\beta,\gamma}$  on  $\mathcal{K}_l \times J_l$  with  $c_0 \neq 0$  and  $\text{Det}(B) \neq 0$  where  $B = (B_{ij})$  with  $B_{ij} = \frac{\partial \varphi_i}{\partial x_j}(0) = b_{i,e_j}$  and  $e_j$  the *j*-th canonical basic vectors in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ .

We note that  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \times J_l$  is a subvariety of  $\mathcal{K}_l \times J_l$ . This is because  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \times J_l$ is defined by a system of equations  $b_{i,k\cdot e_1} = 0$ , for all  $i = 2, \ldots, n$  and  $k = 1, \ldots, l$ . Again by Remark 2 of [3], the extension  $K(\mathcal{K}_l \times J_l)$  of the field Kis a purely transcendental extension of  $K(J_l)$  and it is thus a separably generated extension. Since  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \times J_l \subseteq \mathcal{K}_l \times J_l$ , we have  $K(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \times J_l)$  is a separably generated extension of  $K(J_l)$ .

Now we can obtain the tangent space to the orbits also in positive characteristic.

**Proposition 3.6.** Let  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ . Then the tangent space to the orbit of  $jet_l(f)$  under the action of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  considered as a subspace of  $J_l$  are

$$T_{jet_l(f)} \left( \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},l} \cdot jet_l(f) \right) = \left( j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{l+1} \right) / \mathcal{M}^{l+1}$$
$$T_{jet_l(f)} \left( \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \cdot jet_l(f) \right) = \left( \langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{l+1} \right) / \mathcal{M}^{l+1}$$

*Proof.* Let G be one of the two above groups, then the action of G on  $J_l$  induces a surjective separable morphism  $G \to G \cdot \text{jet}_l(f)$  of smooth varieties. As  $K(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \times J_l)$  is a separably generated extension of  $K(J_l)$ , the induced differential map on the tangent spaces is generically surjective (see e.g. the proof of [8], Ch.3. Lemma 10.5.]).

Because each point in G can be translated to the identity element of G and this translation is an isomorphism, it thus suffices to understand the image of the tangent space to G at the identity element of G and its image under the differential map. We restrict here to the case  $G = \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  since the proof for  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  is analogous to  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$ .

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We now describe the tangent space to  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  at (1, id), through the local K-algebra homomorphisms from the local ring of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  to K[[t]] with  $t^2 = 0$ . In this sense, a tangent vector of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  at (1, id) can be represented by the residue class modulo  $\mathcal{M}^{l+1}$  of a tuple  $(1+t \cdot a, id+t \cdot \phi)$  in  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$  with  $a \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  and  $\phi = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \ldots, \phi_n)$ , where  $\phi_1 \in \mathcal{M}$  and  $\phi_i \in \mathcal{G}, i = 2, \ldots, n$ .

The tangent space to  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$   $\operatorname{jet}_l(f)$  at  $\operatorname{jet}_l(f)$  can be described as follows. We apply the differential map by acting with the above tuple on f modulo  $\mathcal{M}^{l+1}$ . Expanding the power series as in (3.2), we have

$$(1+t\cdot a)\cdot f\left((\mathbf{x})+t\phi\right) = f+t\cdot \left(a\cdot f+f_{x_1}\phi_1+\sum_{i=2}^n f_{x_i}\phi_i\right)+t^2h(\mathbf{x},t).$$

Hence, in  $K[[\mathbf{x}]][[t]]/\langle t^2 \rangle$ ,

$$(1+t\cdot a)\cdot f((\mathbf{x})+t\cdot \phi) = f+t\cdot \left(a\cdot f+f_{x_1}\cdot \phi_1+\sum_{i=2}^n f_{x_i}\cdot \phi_i\right).$$

In  $J_l$  this tangent vector is just the l-jet of

$$a \cdot f + f_{x_1} \cdot \phi_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n f_{x_i} \cdot \phi_i.$$

This implies that

$$T_{\operatorname{jet}_{l}(f)}\left(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l} \cdot \operatorname{jet}_{l}(f)\right) = \left(\langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{l+1}\right) / \mathcal{M}^{l+1}.$$

Now we prove Theorem 3.4.

*Proof.* We give only the proof of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$ -determinacy since the proof of the other case is analogous. If f is  $k - \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},l}$ -determined and  $g \in \mathcal{M}^{k+1}$ , then for any  $t \in K$  the (k+1)-jet  $\operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(f) + t \cdot \operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(g)$  is in the orbit of  $\operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(f)$  under  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},k+1}$ . Hence

 $\operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(g) \in T_{\operatorname{jet}_l(f)}\left(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G},k+1} \cdot \operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(f)\right) = \left(\langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{k+2}\right) / \mathcal{M}^{k+2}.$ This implies that

$$g \in \langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{k+2},$$

and hence

$$\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq \langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{k+2}.$$

By Nakayama's Lemma we get  $\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq \langle f \rangle + j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$ .

From the formulas in Proposition 3.6, the geometrical meaning of the ideals  $j_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$  and  $tj_{\mathcal{G}}(f)$  are the tangent space to the orbit of f under the action of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$  respectively.

Combining Corollary 3.3 and Theorem 3.4, we obtain:

**Theorem 3.7.** Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M}^2 \subset K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  be a power series.

1. *f* is a relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -isolated singularity if and only if *f* is finitely  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined.

2.  $\mathcal{R}_f$  is a relative  $\mathcal{G}$ -isolated hypersurface singularity if and only if f is finitely  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$ -determined.

## 4. finite S-determinacy of singularities in positive characteristic, $S = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{G}}, \ \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{G}}$

**Definition 4.1.** Let  $h \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  with h(0) = 0 and  $\frac{\partial h}{\partial x_n}(0) \neq 0$ . For a hypersurface ideal  $\mathcal{A} = \langle h \rangle$  of  $K[[\mathbf{x}]], \ \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}} \doteq \{\varphi \in \mathcal{R} | \ \varphi(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A}\}$ .

Two power series  $f, g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  are right hypersurface equivalent or  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}-$  equivalent if there is an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $f = \varphi(g)$ . We denote this relation by  $f \sim_{r_{\mathcal{A}}} g$ .

A power series  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  is  $k - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -determined if for each  $g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ such that the same k-jet as f, g is right hypersurface equivalent to f.

We define  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}} \doteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]^* \ltimes \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . Two power series  $f, g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  are contact hypersurface equivalent or  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$  - equivalent if there is an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and a unit  $u \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  such that  $f = u \cdot \varphi(g)$ , where  $(u, \varphi) \in \mathcal{K}$ . We denote this relation by  $f \sim_{c_{\mathcal{A}}} g$ .

A power series  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  is  $k - \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -determined if for each  $g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ such that the same k-jet as f, g is contact hypersurface equivalent to f.

We say that f is finitely  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}})$ -determined if it is  $k - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}})$ -determined for some positive integer k.

For a power series  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ , Let

$$j_{\mathcal{A}}(f) = \mathcal{M} \cdot \left\langle h_{x_n} \cdot f_{x_i} - h_{x_i} \cdot f_{x_n} \right| \ i = 1, \dots, n-1 \right\rangle + \mathcal{A} \cdot \left\langle f_{x_n} \right\rangle$$

be the relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -Jacobian ideal of of f.

The relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -Milnor algebra  $M_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$  of f is defined as  $M_{\mathcal{A}}(f) = \frac{K[[\mathbf{x}]]}{j_{\mathcal{A}}(f)}$ . We call its dimension  $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(f) = \dim_{K}(M_{\mathcal{A}}(f))$  the relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -Milnor number of f. We call f a relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -isolated singularity if  $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(f) < \infty$  or, equivalently, if there is a positive integer such that  $\mathcal{M}^{k} \subseteq j_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ .

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The relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -Tjurina ideal of f is defined as  $tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f) = \langle f \rangle + \underline{j}_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ and the associated relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -Tjurina algebra of f is  $T_{\mathcal{A}}(f) = \frac{K[[\mathbf{x}]]}{tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f)}$ . The dimension  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}}(f) = \dim_{K}(T_{\mathcal{A}}(f))$  of  $T_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$  is called the *relative*  $\mathcal{A}$ -Tjurina number of f. We then call  $R_f$  a relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -isolated hypersurface singularity if  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}}(f) < \infty$ , which is equivalent to the existence of a positive integer k such that  $\mathcal{M}^k \subseteq tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ .

Note that the ideal  $j_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$  is basically the tangent space to the orbit of f under the action of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ , and similarly that  $tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$  is basically the tangent space to the orbit of f under the action of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . The precise statement and its proof will be given in Proposition 4.4.

**Remark 4.2.** In the complex case, when (X,0) is the germ of an analytic subvariety of  $(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$  and f again a function germ on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  at 0, J.W.Bruce defined the Milnor number of f on X by

$$\mu_X(f) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathcal{O}_{n,0} / j_X(f)$$

(see [4]). If X is a hypersurface defined by  $h: \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}$  in analytic space  $(\mathbb{C}^n, 0)$ , where h(0) = 0 and  $h_{x_n}(0) \neq 0$ , then

$$\Theta_{X,0} = \left\langle h_{x_n} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - h_{x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} | i = 1, \dots, n-1 \right\rangle + \left\langle h \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right\rangle$$

and

$$j_X(f) = \langle h_{x_n} \cdot f_{x_i} - h_{x_i} \cdot f_{x_n} \mid i = 1, \dots, n-1 \rangle + \langle h \cdot f_{x_n} \rangle.$$

However, the number  $\mu_X(f)$  does not coincide with the number  $\mu_A(f)$ . The number  $\mu_X(f)$  coincides with the usual Milnor number  $\mu(f)$  in the case that  $X = \emptyset$ . On the other hand, it is not the codimension of the orbit of f under the group action of  $\mathcal{R}_X$ , while this is the case for the number  $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$  under the group action of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

Theorem 4.3. Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M} \subseteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ .

- (a) If f is  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}} k$ -determined, then  $\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq j_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ . (b) If f is  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}} k$ -determined, then  $\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ .

In order to prove Theorem 4.3, we need some facts and propositions. Consider the map  $\psi$ :  $K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]], x_i \mapsto x_i, (1 \le i \le n-1), x_n \mapsto h.$ By Lemma 2.1,  $\psi$  is an isomorphism. Let  $\varphi$  be an element of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ . Set  $\overline{\varphi} \doteq \psi^{-1} \circ \varphi \circ \psi$ . Then  $\varphi = \psi \circ \overline{\varphi} \circ \psi^{-1}$ . We have

$$\varphi\left(\langle h\rangle\right) = \langle h\rangle \Leftrightarrow \overline{\varphi}\left(\langle x_n\rangle\right) = \langle x_n\rangle.$$

So  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{ \varphi \in \mathcal{R} | \varphi(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{A} \}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}} \doteq \{ \overline{\varphi} \in \mathcal{R} | \overline{\varphi}(\langle x_n \rangle) = \mathcal{R} \}$  $\langle x_n \rangle \}.$ 

The l-jet of  $\mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}}$  is  $\mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l} = \{ |\operatorname{jet}_l(\overline{\varphi})| | \overline{\varphi} \in \mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}} \}$  and the l-jet of  $\mathcal{K}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}}$  is  $\mathcal{K}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l} = \operatorname{jet}_l (K[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]]^*) \ltimes \mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l}.$ 

Now we show that  $\mathcal{K}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l}$  are affine algebraic groups acting on  $J_l$  via a regular *separable* algebraic action.

For  $u \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$ ,  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ , let  $\operatorname{jet}_l(u) = \sum_{|\gamma|=0}^l c_{\gamma} \mathbf{x}^{\gamma}$ ,  $\operatorname{jet}(f) = \sum_{|\alpha|=0}^l a_{\alpha} \mathbf{x}^{\alpha}$ . If  $\overline{\varphi} \in \mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}}$ , then  $\overline{\varphi} = (\overline{\varphi}_1, \ldots, \overline{\varphi}_n)$  and there exists a  $g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  such that  $\overline{\varphi}(x_n) = \overline{\varphi}_n = x_n \cdot g$ . Let  $\operatorname{jet}_l(\overline{\varphi}_i) = \sum_{|\beta|=1}^l b_{i,\beta} \mathbf{x}^{\beta}$ , and  $\operatorname{jet}_l(g) = \sum_{|\lambda|=0}^l g_{\lambda} \mathbf{x}^{\lambda}$ . Then  $\operatorname{jet}_l(\overline{\varphi}_n) = \operatorname{jet}_l(x_n \cdot g)$ . We can obtain a system of equations by comparing the coefficients of the monomials  $x^{\beta}$  on both sides of the equation  $\operatorname{jet}_l(\overline{\varphi}_n) = \operatorname{jet}(x_n \cdot g)$ . So the coordinates  $b_{n,\beta}$  are given by polynomial maps  $b_{n,\beta} = W_{\beta}(g_{\lambda})$ , where  $0 \leq |\lambda| \leq l-1$ ,  $1 \leq |\beta| \leq l$ , and  $g_0 \neq 0$ . In fact, if  $g_0 = 0$ , then the first term of  $\overline{\varphi}_n$  is  $b_{n,\beta}x_1^{\beta_1}x_2^{\beta_2}\cdots x_n^{\beta_n}$ , where  $|\beta| = 2$ , so that  $(\overline{\varphi}_n)_{x_i}(0) = 0$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . It is a contradiction to the fact that Det  $J(\overline{\varphi})(0)$  is a unit in K.

So we can take coordinates

$$\begin{array}{ll} (a_{\alpha}, \ b_{i,\beta}, \ g_{\lambda}, \ c_{\gamma})_{\alpha, \ i, \ \beta, \ \gamma, \ \lambda}, & 1 \leq i < n, \\ 0 \leq |\beta| \leq l, \ 1 \leq |\alpha|, \ |\gamma| \leq l, \ 0 \leq |\lambda| \leq l-1 \end{array}$$

on  $\mathcal{K}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l} \times J_l$ , it satisfies the following conditions: (1)  $c_0 \neq 0$ ; (2)  $\operatorname{Det}(B) \neq 0$  where  $B = (B_{ij})$  with  $B_{ij} = (\overline{\varphi}_i)_{x_j}(0) = b_{i,e_j}$  where  $e_j$  is the *j*-th canonical basis vector in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  and the coordinates  $b_{n,e_j} = W_{e_j}(g_\lambda), 0 \leq |\lambda| \leq l-1, 1 \leq j \leq n$ ; (3)  $g_0 \neq 0$ . Using in the same manner the coordinates  $\left(a'_{\delta}\right)_{|\delta|=0,\cdots,l}$  on the target space, we define the action by polynomial maps

$$a_{\delta}' = F_{\delta} (a_{\alpha}, b_{i,\beta}, g_{\lambda}, c_{\gamma}).$$

It is important to note that the inverse of this action is given by the rational maps

$$a_lpha = rac{G_\delta\left(a_\delta^{\prime},\;b_{i,eta},\;g_\lambda,\;c_\gamma
ight)}{H_\delta\left(a_\delta^{\prime},\;b_{i,eta},\;g_\lambda,\;c_\gamma
ight)}.$$

The reason for this is that we can solve the  $a_{\alpha}$  step by step starting with Cramer's rule. This property ensures the extension of the field of rational functions induced by the action of  $\Phi_l$ . We have

$$K(J_l) = K(a'_{\delta}) \subset K(\mathcal{K}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l} \times J_l) = K(a_{\alpha}, \ b_{i,\beta}, \ g_{\lambda}, \ c_{\gamma})$$
$$= K(a'_{\delta}, \ b_{i,\beta}, \ g_{\lambda}, \ c_{\gamma}) = K(J_l)(\ b_{i,\beta}, \ g_{\lambda}, \ c_{\gamma}).$$

The  $b_{i,\beta}$ ,  $g_{\lambda}$  and  $c_{\gamma}$  are algebraically independent over  $K(a_{\alpha})$ . Comparing transcendence degrees they must be also algebraically independent over  $K(J_l)$ . Thus  $K(\mathcal{K}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l} \times J_l)$  is a purely transcendental extension of  $K(J_l)$ , and it is a separably generated extension in the sense of [8, p.27]. Hence  $\mathcal{K}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}},l}$  operates separably on  $J_l$ .

Let  $F : \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}} \to \{\overline{\varphi} | \overline{\varphi} \in \mathcal{R} \text{ and } \overline{\varphi}(\langle x_n \rangle) = \langle x_n \rangle\}, \ \varphi \mapsto \psi^{-1} \circ \varphi \circ \psi.$ Then F from  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  to  $\mathcal{R}_{\overline{\mathcal{A}}}$  is one-to-one and onto. So  $K(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l} \times J_l)$  is a separably generated extension of  $K(J_l)$ .

Now we can prove the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.4.** Let  $f \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ . The tangent space to the orbit of  $jet_l(f)$  under the actions of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  and  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  considered as subspaces of  $J_l$  are, respectively,

$$T_{jet_l(f)}\left(\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A},l} \cdot jet_l(f)\right) = \left(j_A(f) + \mathcal{M}^{l+1}\right) / \mathcal{M}^{l+1}$$

and

$$T_{jet_l(f)}\left(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l} \cdot jet_l(f)\right) = \left(tj_A(f) + \mathcal{M}^{l+1}\right) / \mathcal{M}^{l+1}.$$

*Proof.* We note that the action of  $G = \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  or  $G = \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  on  $J_l$  induces a surjective separable morphism  $G \to G \cdot \text{jet}_l(f)$  of smooth varieties. The proof is similar to the first part of the proof of Proposition 3.6.

We give only the proof in the case  $G = \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  since the proof of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  is completely similar to the case of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$ .

Now we compute the tangent space  $T_{jet_l(f)} \left( \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l} \cdot jet_l(f) \right)$ .

Let  $\psi$  be the map  $\psi$ :  $K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ ,  $x_i \mapsto x_i$ ,  $(1 \le i \le n-1)$ ,  $x_n \mapsto h$ . By Lemma 2.1,  $\psi$  is an isomorphism. The tangent space to  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  at (1, id) can be described via the local K-algebra homomorphisms from the local ring of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  at (1, id) to  $K[[t]]/\langle t^2 \rangle$ . A tangent vector of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  at (1, id) can be represented by the residue class modulo  $\mathcal{M}^{l+1}$  of a tuple  $(1 + t \cdot a, id + t \cdot \varphi^*)$  with  $a \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  and  $\varphi^* = (\varphi_1^*, \varphi_2^*, \cdots, \varphi_n^*)$  where  $\varphi_i^* \in \mathcal{M}, i = 1, \ldots, n$ . This means in particular that  $t \in \mathcal{K}[[t]]/\langle t^2 \rangle$ , i.e.,  $t^2 = 0$ 

If  $(1 + t \cdot a, id + t \cdot \varphi^*)$  is a tangent vector of  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}$  at (1, id), then

$$\delta = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i^* \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

is a derivation that satisfies  $\delta(h) \subseteq \langle h \rangle$ . Thus there exists a power series  $g \in K[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]]$  such that

$$g \cdot h = \delta(h) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \varphi_i^* \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_i}.$$

This implies that

$$\varphi_n^* = \frac{1}{h_{x_n}} \cdot \left( g \cdot h - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \varphi_i^* \cdot h_{x_i} \right).$$

Plugging this into the definition of  $\delta$  we get

(4.1) 
$$\delta = \frac{1}{h_{x_n}} \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \varphi_i^* \cdot (h_{x_n} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - h_{x_i} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}) + h \cdot g \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right).$$

Applying this to f we find that

$$\delta(f) \in j_{\mathcal{A}}(f),$$

since  $\varphi_i^* \in \mathcal{M}$  for  $i = 1, \dots n - 1$  and  $g \cdot h \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then we have

$$(1+ta) \cdot f(\mathbf{x}+t\varphi^*) = f + t \cdot (af + \delta(f))$$

and

$$af + \delta(f) \in tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f).$$

Thus (4.1) implies that:

$$T_{\operatorname{jet}_{l}(f)}\left(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},l}\cdot\operatorname{jet}_{l}(f)\right) = \left(tj_{A}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{l+1}\right)/\mathcal{M}^{l+1}.$$

Now we prove Theorem 4.3.

*Proof.* We only prove the  $K_{\mathcal{A},k+1}$ -determinacy since the other case is completely analogous. If f is  $k \cdot K_{\mathcal{A},k+1}$ -determined and  $g \in \mathcal{M}^{k+1}$ , then for any  $t \in K$  the (k+1)-jet  $jet_{k+1}(f) + t \cdot jet_{k+1}(g)$  is in the orbit of  $jet_{k+1}(f)$  under  $K_{\mathcal{A},k+1}$ . So

$$\operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(g) \in T_{\operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(f)}\left(\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A},k+1} \cdot \operatorname{jet}_{k+1}(f)\right) = \left(tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{k+2}\right) / \mathcal{M}^{k+2}.$$

This implies that  $g \in tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{k+2}$ , and hence  $\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f) + \mathcal{M}^{k+2}$ . By Nakayama's Lemma we get  $\mathcal{M}^{k+1} \subseteq tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M}^2$  and  $k \in \mathbf{N}$ 

(a) If  $\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \cdot j_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ , then f is  $(2k - ord(f) + 2) - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}} - determined$ . (b) If  $\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \cdot tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$ , then f is  $(2k - ord(f) + 2) - \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}} - determined$ .

*Proof.* We first prove (b). Let  $o = \operatorname{ord}(f)$ . By assumption and the fact that  $\operatorname{ord}(f_{x_i}) \geq o-1$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , we have  $\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \cdot tj_{\mathcal{A}}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{M}^{o+1}$ . This implies that  $k \geq o-1$ .

Set  $N = 2k - o + 2 \ge k + 1$ , and take a  $g \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  such that  $g - f \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1}$ , i.e., f and g have the same N-jet. The key point of the proof is to show that f and g are contact hypersurface equivalent, i.e., there are an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  and a unit  $u \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  such that  $g = u \cdot \varphi(f)$ .

In order to construct  $\varphi$  and u, we must use Lemma 2.2 and consider the following three cases:

(1):  $h \in x_n K[[x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}]];$ 

(2):  $h = x_n + h_1(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1});$ 

(3):  $h = H_1(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cdot x_n + h_1(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ , where  $H_1 \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ .

Case (1): Let  $h \in x_n K[[x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}]]$ . Then there exits  $H \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  such that  $h = H(\mathbf{x}) \cdot x_n$ .

Set  $Q = N - k \ge 1$ , by assumption

$$g - f \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1} = \mathcal{M}^{Q-1} \cdot \mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \langle f \rangle + \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot j_{\mathcal{A}}(f)$$
$$= \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \langle f \rangle + \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{A} \cdot \langle f_{x_n} \rangle +$$
$$+ \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \cdot \left\langle \left\{ h_{x_n} \cdot f_{x_j} - h_{x_j} \cdot f_{x_n}; \ 1 \le j < n \right\} \right\rangle$$

Thus there exist  $a_{1,0} \in \mathcal{M}^Q$ ,  $a_{1,j} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ ,  $1 \leq j < n$  and  $a_{1,n} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$  such that

$$g - f = a_{1,0}f + \sum_{1 \le j < n} a_{1,j} \left( h_{x_n} \cdot f_{x_j} - h_{x_j} \cdot f_{x_n} \right) + a_{1,n}f_{x_n}$$

$$(4.2) = a_{1,0}f + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (a_{1,j}h_{x_n}) f_{x_j} - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (a_{1,j}h_{x_j}) f_{x_n} + a_{1,n}f_{x_n}.$$

Let  $b_{1,0} \doteq a_{1,0}, b_{1,j} \doteq a_{1,j}h_{x_n}, j = 1, \dots, n-1, b_{1,n} \doteq -\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (a_{1,j}h_{x_j}) + a_{1,n}$ , then

$$g - f = b_{1,0} \cdot f + \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{1,j} \cdot f_{x_j}.$$

Now define  $v_1 = 1 + b_{1,0} \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  and  $\phi_1 : K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]] : x_j \mapsto x_j + b_{1,j} = x_j + a_{1,j}h_{x_n}, \ (j = 1, \dots, n-1), x_n \mapsto x_n + b_{1,n} = x_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (a_{1,j}h_{x_j}) + a_{1,n}$ . We want to show that

(4.3) 
$$g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}$$

If the formula (4.3) is true, we can replace f in the above argument by  $v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f)$  and go on inductively.

For  $f = \sum_{|\beta| \ge 0} k_{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{\beta}$ , we have (3.2). Applying  $\phi_1$  to f amounts to substituting  $z_j$  by  $a_{1,j} \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_n}$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, n-1$ , and  $z_n$  by  $\left(-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{1,j}h_{x_j}\right) + a_{1,n}$  in (3.2). Thus we find that

$$\phi_1(f) = f + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_{x_i} \cdot (a_{1,i}h_{x_n}) + f_{x_n} \cdot \left(-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{1,j}h_{x_j} + a_{1,n}\right) + r$$

where

$$r = \sum_{|\alpha| \ge 2} w_{\alpha} \cdot (a_{1,1}h_{x_n})^{\alpha_1} (a_{1,2}h_{x_n})^{\alpha_2} \cdots (-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{1,j}h_{x_j} + a_{1,n})^{\alpha_n}.$$

Since  $h_{x_n}(0) \neq 0$  we obtain

$$\operatorname{ord}(r) \ge \operatorname{ord}(w_{\alpha}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \operatorname{ord}(a_{1,i}h_{x_n}) \cdot \alpha_i \\ + \operatorname{ord}(-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{1,j}h_{x_j} + a_{1,n}) \cdot \alpha_n \\ \ge o - |\alpha| + (Q+1) \cdot |\alpha| \\ \ge o + 2 \cdot Q = N + 2, \quad r \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}$$

Multiplying  $\phi_1(f)$  by  $v_1 = 1 + a_{1,0}$  and using (4.2) we get  $g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) = -\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f_{x_i} \cdot (a_{1,i}h_{x_n}) + f_{x_n} \cdot (-\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{1,j}h_{x_j} + a_{1,n})\right) \cdot a_{1,0} - (1 + a_{1,0})r.$ 

Since ord  $[a_{1,0} \cdot (a_{1,i}h_{x_n}) \cdot f_{x_i}] \ge Q + (Q+1) + (o-1) = N+2$  and ord  $\left[a_{1,0} \cdot (-\sum_{j=1}^n a_{1,j}h_{x_j} + a_{1,n}) \cdot f_{x_n}\right] \ge Q + (Q+1) + (o-1) = N+2,$ we have  $g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}$ . This proves (4.3).

Now, we prove  $\phi_1(\langle h \rangle) = \langle h \rangle$ .

We take a map  $\psi$  :  $K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]], \quad x_i \mapsto x_i, (1 \leq i \leq n-1), x_n \mapsto h$ . By Lemma 2.2,  $\psi$  is an isomorphism and  $\psi$  is the identity

on  $K[[x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}]]$ . Because  $K[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]] = K[[x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}]][[x_n]]$ and the elements of  $K[[x_1, \ldots, x_n]]$  which are not in  $\langle x_n \rangle$  are those with nonzero term in  $K[[x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}]], \psi$  preserves this subset. Since  $\psi$  is an isomorphism, it follows that  $\psi(\langle x_n \rangle) = \langle x_n \rangle$ . In particular, the image  $\psi(x_n) = h$  of the generator  $x_n$  of  $\langle x_n \rangle$  is a generator of  $\langle x_n \rangle$ . We have  $\langle x_n \rangle = \langle h \rangle.$ 

For any  $g = g_n(x_1, \ldots, x_n) x_n \in \langle x_n \rangle$ ,

$$\phi_1(g) = \phi_1(g_n) \cdot \phi_1(x_n) = \phi_1(g_n) \cdot \left( x_n - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (a_{1,j}h_{x_j}) + a_{1,n} \right)$$
$$= \phi_1(g_n)x_n - \phi_1(g_n) \cdot \left( \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} a_{1,j}h_{x_j} \right) + \phi_1(g_n) \cdot a_{1,n}.$$

From the fact that  $h_{x_j} = (H(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \cdot x_n)_{x_j} = H_{x_j} \cdot x_n, \ j = 1, \ldots, n - n$  $1, a_{1,n} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A} \text{ and } \mathcal{A} = \langle x_n \rangle, \text{ we obtain } \phi_1(g) \in \mathcal{A}.$ Therefore,

(4.4) 
$$\phi_1(\langle h \rangle) = \phi_1(\langle x_n \rangle) = \langle x_n \rangle = \langle h \rangle.$$

Consequently, we can proceed inductively to construct sequences  $\{b_{p,0}\}_{p\geq 1}$ , and  $\{b_{p,i}\}_{p\geq 1}$  for i = 1, ..., n with  $b_{p,0} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1}$  and  $b_{p,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1}$  $\mathcal{M}^{Q+p}$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . By induction and Lemma 2.2, the generalizations of (4.3) and (4.4) hold, i.e.  $g - u_p \cdot \varphi_p(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1+p}$  and  $\varphi_p(\langle h \rangle) = \langle h \rangle$ . Again from Lemma 2.2, we obtain an automorphisms  $(u, \varphi) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $q = u \cdot \varphi(f)$ .

Case (2): Suppose  $h = x_n + h_1(x_1, ..., x_{n-1})$ .

Because  $\psi : K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]], \quad x_i \mapsto x_i, (1 \le i \le n-1), x_n \mapsto h$  is an isomorphism, there is an inverse map  $\psi^{-1} : K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]], x_i \mapsto$  $x_i, x_n \mapsto x_n - h_1(x_1, \ldots, x_{n-1}).$ 

Now let  $Q = N - k \ge 1$ , by assumption

$$g - f \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1} = \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \langle f \rangle + \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{A} \cdot \langle f_{x_n} \rangle + \\ + \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \cdot \langle \{ f_{x_i} \cdot h_{x_n} - f_{x_n} \cdot h_{x_i}; \ 1 \le i \le n-1 \} \rangle.$$

There exist  $a_{1,0} \in \mathcal{M}^Q$ ,  $a_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ , and  $a_{1,n} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ ,  $1 \leq$  $i \leq n-1$  such that

$$g - f = a_{1,0} \cdot f + \sum_{1 \le i \le n-1} a_{1,i} \left( h_{x_i} \cdot f_{x_n} - h_{x_n} \cdot f_{x_i} \right) + a_{1,n} \cdot f_{x_n}$$
$$= a_{1,0} \cdot f + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1,i} \cdot \left( (h_1)_{x_i} \cdot f_{x_n} - f_{x_i} \right) + a_{1,n} \cdot f_{x_n},$$

where  $h_{x_n} = 1$  and  $h_{x_i} = (h_1)_{x_i}$ . One easily deduces that

$$\begin{split} \psi^{-1}(g) - \psi^{-1}(f) &= \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f) + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}) \cdot \left[ \psi^{-1}\left((h_{1})_{x_{i}}\right) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_{n}}) - \psi^{-1}\left(f_{x_{i}}\right) \right] \\ &+ \psi^{-1}\left(a_{1,n}\right) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_{n}}) = \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f) - \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}) \cdot \left[ (-(h_{1})_{x_{i}}\right) \cdot f_{x_{n}}(x_{1}, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n} - h_{1}) \right] + \\ &+ f_{x_{i}}(x_{1}, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n} - h_{1}) \right] + \\ &+ \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \cdot f_{x_{n}}(x_{1}, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_{n} - h_{1}) = \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f) - \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}) \cdot \left( \psi^{-1}(f_{x_{i}}) - h_{x_{i}} \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_{n}}) \right) + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_{n}}), \end{split}$$

i.e.,

(4.5) 
$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \psi^{-1}(f) = \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f) - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}) \cdot (\psi^{-1}(f_{x_i}) - h_{x_i} \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n})) + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}).$$
  
Let  $b_{1,0} \doteq \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0})$ ,  $b_{1,i} \doteq -\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i})$ ,  $b_{1,n} \doteq \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n})$ , then

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \psi^{-1}(f) = b_{1,0} \cdot \psi^{-1}(f) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} b_{1,i} \cdot \left(\psi^{-1}(f)\right)_{x_i} + b_{1,n} \cdot \left(\psi^{-1}(f)\right)_{x_n},$$

where  $b_{1,0} = \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \in \mathcal{M}^Q$ ,  $b_{1,i} = -\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}) \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ ,  $(i = 1, \ldots, n-1)$ , and  $b_{1,n} = \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \langle x_n \rangle$ . Therefore, we have

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \psi^{-1}(f) \in \psi^{-1}(\mathcal{M}^{N+1}) = \mathcal{M}^{N+1}$$

and

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \psi^{-1}(f) \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \left\langle \psi^{-1}(f) \right\rangle + \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \left\langle x_n \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \psi^{-1}(f)_{x_n} \right\rangle$$
$$+ \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \cdot \left\langle \psi^{-1}(f)_{x_1}, \dots, \psi^{-1}(f)_{x_{n-1}} \right\rangle.$$

Let  $\widetilde{v_1} = 1 + b_{1,0} = 1 + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \in K[[\mathbf{x}]]^*$  and  $\widetilde{\phi_1} : K[[\mathbf{x}]] \to K[[\mathbf{x}]] : x_i \mapsto x_i + b_{1,i} = x_i - \psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}), \ (i = 1, \dots, n-1), \ x_n \mapsto x_n + b_{1,n} = x_n + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}), \text{ where } a_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \text{ and } a_{1,n} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{A}.$ We want to show that

(4.6) 
$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \widetilde{v}_1 \cdot \widetilde{\phi}_1\left(\psi^{-1}(f)\right) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}$$

and

(4.7) 
$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \widetilde{v_{1}} \cdot \widetilde{\phi_{1}} \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right) \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \cdot \left\langle \psi^{-1}(f) \right\rangle + \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \cdot \left\langle x_{n} \right\rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_{n}} \right\rangle + \mathcal{M}^{Q+2} \cdot \left\langle \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_{1}}, \ldots, \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_{n-1}} \right\rangle.$$

In fact, for  $\psi^{-1}(f) = \sum_{|\beta| \ge 0} l_{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{\beta}$ ,

(4.8) 
$$\psi^{-1}(f)\left((x_1+z_1),\ldots,(x_n+z_n)\right) = \sum_{|\beta|\geq 0} l_{\beta} \cdot \sum_{\gamma_1=0}^{\beta_1} \cdots \sum_{\gamma_n=0}^{\beta_n} d_{\beta,\gamma} \mathbf{x}^{\beta-\gamma} \cdot \mathbf{z}^{\gamma} = \sum_{\alpha\in\mathbb{N}^n} u_{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{z}^{\alpha},$$

where  $u_{\alpha} = \sum_{|\beta| \ge 0, \beta \ge \alpha} l_{\beta} \cdot d_{\beta,\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{x}^{\beta-\alpha}$ , it follows that  $\operatorname{ord}(u_{\alpha}) \ge o - |\alpha|$ . Applying  $\widetilde{\phi}_1$  to  $\psi^{-1}(f)$  amounts to substituting  $z_j$  by  $-\psi^{-1}(a_{1,j}), j = 1, \ldots, n-1$ , and  $z_n$  by  $\psi^{-1}(a_{1,n})$  in (4.8) so we get

$$\widetilde{\phi_1}\left(\psi^{-1}(f)\right) = \psi^{-1}(f) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[\psi^{-1}(f_{x_i}) - \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) \cdot (h_1)_{x_i}\right] \cdot \left(-\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i})\right) + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) + R,$$

where

$$R = \sum_{|\alpha| \ge 2} d_{\alpha} \cdot \left( -\psi^{-1}(a_{1,1}) \right)^{\alpha_1} \cdots \left( -\psi^{-1}(a_{1,n-1}) \right)^{\alpha_{n-1}} \cdot \left( \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \right)^{\alpha_n}.$$

Multiplying  $\widetilde{\phi_1}(f)$  by  $\widetilde{v_1} = 1 + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0})$  and using (4.5) we get

$$\begin{split} \psi^{-1}(g) &- \widetilde{v_1} \cdot \widetilde{\phi_1} \left( \psi^{-1}((f)) \right) \\ &= \psi^{-1}(g) - \left( 1 + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \right) \cdot \\ &\left[ \psi^{-1}(f) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left( \psi^{-1}(f_{x_i}) - \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) \cdot h_{x_i} \right) \cdot \left( -\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}) \right) \\ &+ \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) + R \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[ \psi^{-1}(f_{x_i}) - \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) \cdot (h_1)_{x_i} \right] \cdot \left( -\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i}) \right) \cdot \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \\ &+ \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) + \left( 1 + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}) \right) \cdot R \end{split}$$

Because  $\operatorname{ord}(h_1) \ge 1$  and  $\operatorname{ord}\left(\psi^{-1}(f_{x_i})\right) \ge o - 1, (i = 1, \cdots, n - 1),$ 

ord 
$$(\psi^{-1}(f_{x_i}) \cdot (-\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i})) \cdot \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}))$$
  
 $\geq o - 1 + (Q + 1) + Q = N + 2, \ (i = 1, \dots, n - 1),$   
ord  $(\psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) \cdot (h_{x_i}) \cdot (-\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i})) \cdot \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0}))$   
 $\geq o - 1 + (Q + 1) + Q = N + 2, \ (i = 1, \dots, n - 1),$ 

ord 
$$\left(\psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(f_{x_n}) \cdot \psi^{-1}(a_{1,0})\right) \ge N+2$$

and

$$\operatorname{ord}(R) = \operatorname{ord}(d_{\alpha}) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{ord}\left(\psi^{-1}(a_{1,i})\right) \cdot \alpha_{i}$$
$$\geq o - \mid \alpha \mid + (Q+1) \cdot \mid \alpha \mid \geq N+2,$$

so  $R \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}$  and

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \widetilde{v_1} \cdot \widetilde{\phi_1} \left( \psi^{-1}((f)) \right) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}.$$

Hence we have proved (4.6).

Moreover, we have

$$\widetilde{\phi_1}(x_n) = (\widetilde{\phi_1})_n = x_n + \psi^{-1}(a_{1,n}) \in \langle x_n \rangle.$$

Again by applying  $\psi$  to (4.6), we get

$$\psi\left(\psi^{-1}(g)\right) - \psi(\widetilde{v_1}) \cdot \psi\left(\widetilde{\phi_1}\left(\psi^{-1}((f)\right)\right) \in \psi(\mathcal{M}^{N+2}) = \mathcal{M}^{N+2},$$

i.e.

$$g - \psi(\widetilde{v_1}) \cdot \psi \circ \widetilde{\phi_1} \circ \psi^{-1}(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}.$$

Moreover

$$\psi \circ \widetilde{\phi_1} \circ \psi^{-1}(h) = \psi \left[ \widetilde{\phi_1}(x_n) \right] = \psi \left[ \widetilde{\phi_1}(x_n) \right] \in \psi \left( \langle x_n \rangle \right) = \langle h \rangle.$$

Consequently, let  $\phi_1 = \psi \circ \widetilde{\phi_1} \circ \psi^{-1}$  and  $v_1 = \psi (\widetilde{v_1})$ , then

$$g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}.$$

Since by assumption

$$\mathcal{M}^{N+2} = \mathcal{M}^{Q} \cdot \langle f \rangle + \mathcal{M}^{Q} \cdot \mathcal{A} \cdot \langle f_{x_{n}} \rangle + \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \cdot \langle \{ f_{x_{i}} \cdot h_{x_{n}} - f_{x_{n}} \cdot h_{x_{i}} | 1 \le i \le n-1 \} \rangle,$$

there exist  $d_{1,0} \in \mathcal{M}^Q$ ,  $d_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ , and  $d_{1,n} \in \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$ ,  $(1 \leq i \leq n-1)$  such that

$$g - v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f) = d_{1,0} \cdot f + \sum_{1 \le j < n} d_{1,j} \cdot (h_{x_j} \cdot f_{x_n} - h_{x_n} \cdot f_{x_j}) + d_{1,n} \cdot f_{x_n}$$
$$= d_{1,0} \cdot f + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} d_{1,j} \cdot ((h_1)_{x_j} \cdot f_{x_n} - f_{x_j}) + d_{1,n} \cdot f_{x_n}.$$

The proof of the following formula is similar to that of (4.5):

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \psi^{-1}(v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f)) \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \langle \psi^{-1}(f) \rangle + \mathcal{M}^{Q+1} \langle x_n \rangle \left\langle \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_n} \right\rangle \\ + \mathcal{M}^{Q+2} \left\langle \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_1}, \dots, \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_{n-1}} \right\rangle$$

Because

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \psi^{-1}(v_1 \cdot \phi_1(f)) = \psi^{-1}(g) - \widetilde{v_1} \cdot \widetilde{\phi_1}(\psi^{-1}(f)),$$

we have proved (4.7).

Now we can proceed inductively to construct sequences  $b_{p,0} \doteq \{\psi^{-1}(a_{p,0})\}_{p\geq 1}$ , and  $b_{p,i} \doteq \{\psi^{-1}(a_{p,i})\}_{p\geq 1}$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ , with  $b_{p,0} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1}$ ,  $b_{p,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p}$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n-1$ , and  $b_{p,n} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p-1} \cdot \langle x_n \rangle$ . By induction and Lemma 2.2, we can generalize (4.6) as:

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \widetilde{u_p} \cdot \widetilde{\varphi_p} \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right) \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1+p}$$

In the same way we also generalize (4.7) as:

$$\psi^{-1}(g) - \widetilde{u_p} \cdot \widetilde{\varphi_p} \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right) \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+p} \cdot \left\langle \psi^{-1}(f) \right\rangle + \mathcal{M}^{Q+p} \langle x_n \rangle \cdot \left\langle \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_n} \right\rangle + \mathcal{M}^{Q+p+1} \left\langle \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_1}, \dots, \left( \psi^{-1}(f) \right)_{x_{n-1}} \right\rangle$$

Meanwhile we have  $\widetilde{\varphi_p}(\langle x_n \rangle) = \langle x_n \rangle$ . Again by Lemma 2.2, we obtain  $(\widetilde{u}, \widetilde{\varphi}) \in \mathcal{K}$  such that

$$\psi^{-1}(g) = \widetilde{u} \cdot \widetilde{\varphi}(\psi^{-1}(f))$$
, and  $\widetilde{\varphi}(\langle x_n \rangle) = \langle x_n \rangle$ .

Therefore,

$$g = \psi(\widetilde{u}) \cdot \psi\left(\widetilde{\varphi}\left(\psi^{-1}(f)\right)\right) = \psi(\widetilde{u}) \cdot (\psi \circ \widetilde{\varphi} \circ \psi^{-1})(f),$$

and

$$\psi \circ \widetilde{\varphi} \circ \psi^{-1}(h) = \psi \left( \widetilde{\varphi} \left( \psi^{-1}(h) \right) \right) = \psi \left( \widetilde{\varphi}(x_n) \right) \in \psi \left( \langle x_n \rangle \right) = \langle h \rangle.$$

Let  $u = \psi(\widetilde{u})$  and  $\varphi = \psi \circ \widetilde{\varphi} \circ \psi^{-1}$ . Then we get  $g = u \cdot \varphi(f)$  with  $(u, \varphi) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$ .

Case (3): Let  $h = H_1(x_1, ..., x_n) \cdot x_n + h_1(x_1, ..., x_{n-1}).$ 

Combining the case (1) and the case (2), we get  $(u, \varphi) \in \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $g = u \cdot \varphi(f)$ .

The proof for right equivalence goes along the same lines.

Let  $o = \operatorname{ord}(f)$ , the condition

$$\mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M} \cdot j_{\mathcal{A}}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{M}^{o+1}$$

implies that  $k \ge o - 1$  and that for any g with

$$g - f \in \mathcal{M}^{N+1} = \mathcal{M}^{Q-1} \cdot \mathcal{M}^{k+2} \subseteq \mathcal{M}^Q \cdot j_{\mathcal{A}}(f),$$

where  $N = 2k - o + 2 \ge k + 1$  and  $Q = N - k \ge 1$ , there are  $a_{1,i} \in \mathcal{M}^{Q+1}$  with

$$g - f = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} a_{1,i} (h_{x_i} \cdot f_{x_n} - h_{x_n} \cdot f_{x_i}) + a_{1,n} f_{x_n}$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-a_{1,i} h_{x_n}) \cdot f_{x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (a_{1,i} h_{x_i}) \cdot f_{x_n} + a_{1,n} \cdot f_{x_n}.$$

We can then define  $\phi_1$  as above and see that

$$g - \phi_1(f) = r \in \mathcal{M}^{N+2}.$$

Going on by induction and applying Lemma 2.2, we get an automorphism  $\varphi \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that  $g = \varphi(f)$ .

Corollary 4.6. Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M}^2 \subseteq K[[\mathbf{x}]]$ .

(1) If  $\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(f) < \infty$ , then f is  $(2\mu_{\mathcal{A}}(f) - ord(f)) - \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}} - determined$ . (2) If  $\tau_{\mathcal{A}}(f) < \infty$ , then f is  $(2\tau_{\mathcal{A}}(f) - ord(f)) - \mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}} - determined$ .

Combining Theorem 4.3 and Corollary 4.6, we obtain:

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $0 \neq f \in \mathcal{M} \subset K[[\mathbf{x}]]$  be a power series.

(1) f is a relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -isolated singularity if and only if f is finitely  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -determined.

(2)  $\mathcal{R}_f$  is a relative  $\mathcal{A}$ -isolated hypersurface singularity if and only if f is finitely  $\mathcal{K}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -determined.

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