

## Real Milnor Fibrations and $(C)$ -Regularity

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In this paper we study Milnor fibrations associated to real isolated singularities defined by map-germs  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, 0$ . The main result relates the existence of the Milnor fibration with the  $(c)$ -regularity of the family of hypersurfaces with isolated singularity obtained by projecting  $f$  into the family  $L_{-\theta}$  of all lines through the origin in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . May, 2003 ICMC-USP

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

It is well known [Mi] that if

$$\psi : (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0) \longrightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0),$$

is the germ of a holomorphic function with a critical point at  $0$  then for every sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ , the map  $\phi := \frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|} : S_\epsilon^{2n-1} \setminus K_\epsilon \rightarrow S^1$ , is the projection map of a locally trivial fiber bundle, where  $K = \psi^{-1}(0) \cap S_\epsilon$  is the link of  $0$ . This is the **Milnor fibration** of  $\psi$ . Milnor also proved in the last chapter of his book a fibration theorem for real singularities. He showed that if

$$\psi : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^p, 0), n \geq p \geq 2,$$

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is the germ of a real analytic map whose derivative  $D\psi$  has rank  $p$  on a punctured neighbourhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then, for every sufficiently small sphere  $S_\epsilon \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  centered at  $0$ , one has a locally trivial fiber bundle,

$\phi = \frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|} : S_\epsilon \setminus N_K \rightarrow S^{p-1}$ , where  $N_K$  denotes a tubular neighborhood of the link  $K$  in  $S_\epsilon$ . Moreover,  $\phi$  can be extended to  $S_\epsilon \setminus K$  as the projection map of a fiber bundle, but this extension may not be given by the obvious map  $\frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|}$ .

The problem of studying real isolated singularities at  $0$ , for which the map  $\frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|}$  extends to all of  $S_\epsilon \setminus K \rightarrow S^{p-1}$  as the projection map of a fibre bundle (as in the case of holomorphic maps) was first studied by A. Jacquemard in [Ja]. When  $p = 2$ , given a polynomial  $\psi = (P, Q) : (\mathbb{R}^n, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, 0)$ , with isolated singularity at  $0$ , Jacquemard gave two conditions that were sufficient to guarantee that  $\frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|}$  extends to all of  $S_\epsilon \setminus K$  as the projection map of a fiber bundle. The first condition (A) is geometric: the angle between the gradient vector fields of  $P$  and  $Q$  be bounded below; the second condition (B) is algebraic: the ideals generated by the partial derivatives of  $P$  and  $Q$  have the same integral closure in the local ring of analytic map-germs at  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

In [S1, S2], Seade gave the following construction that provides infinite families of real analytic isolated singularities  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^{2n}, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, 0$  satisfying the strong Milnor condition at  $0$  (see Definition 3.3). Given germs at  $0 \in U \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  of holomorphic vector fields  $F$  and  $X$ , the function  $\psi_{F,X} : U \subset \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \cong \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by:

$$\psi_{F,X}(z) = \langle F(z), X(z) \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n F_i(z) \cdot \overline{X}_i(z),$$

is real analytic, and one can find the conditions for this map to have isolated singularity and satisfy the above condition at  $0$ .

A complete description of such examples when  $F$  and  $X$  are monomial vector fields is given in [RSV].

In this paper we use Seade's method to give a sufficient condition for a real analytic map-germ  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, 0$ , with isolated singularity at  $0$  to satisfy the strong Milnor condition. Let  $\pi_\theta : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow L_{-\theta}$  be the orthogonal projection to the line  $L_{-\theta}$  forming angle  $-\theta$  with the horizontal axis in  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R}^2$ . Our main result establishes that if the family  $\Psi_\theta = \pi_\theta \circ \psi$  satisfies K. Bekka's  $(c)$ -regularity condition, then  $\psi$  satisfies the strong Milnor condition. As a consequence of this result, we can also prove that Jacquemard's hypothesis are equivalent to the  $(w)$ -regularity of the family  $\Psi_\theta$ .

## 2. BASIC RESULTS ON REGULAR FAMILIES

In this section we briefly recall the definitions and basic results on regular families needed in the paper; see [BK], [B1] for details.

Let  $M$  be a smooth manifold and  $X$  and  $Y$  be submanifolds of  $M$  such that  $Y \subset \overline{X}$ .

**DEFINITION 2.1.** The pair  $(X, Y)$  is  $(a)$ -regular at  $y_0 \in Y$  if, for any sequence of points  $\{x_i\}$  in  $X$ ,  $\{x_i\} \rightarrow y_0$  such that the corresponding sequence of tangent spaces  $\{T_{x_i}X\}$  of

$X$  at  $x_i$  converges to  $T$  in the Grassmann space of  $\dim X$ -planes, then  $T_{y_0} Y \subset T$ . We say that  $(X, Y)$  is (a)-regular if it is (a)-regular at every  $y_0$  in  $Y$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. Let  $\rho : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a smooth non-negative function such that  $\rho^{-1}(0) = Y$ . The pair  $(X, Y)$  is (c)-regular at  $y_0 \in Y$  with respect to the control function  $\rho$  if, for any sequence of points in  $X$ ,  $\{x_i\} \rightarrow y_0$  such that the sequence of planes  $\{ker d\rho(x_i) \cap T_{x_i} X\}$  converges to a plane  $T$  in the Grassmann space of  $(\dim X - 1)$ -planes, then  $T_{y_0} Y \subset T$ . The pair  $(X, Y)$  is (c)-regular with respect to the control function  $\rho$  if it is (c)-regular for every point  $y_0 \in Y$  with respect to the function  $\rho$ .

It is easy to see that (c)-regularity  $\implies$  (a)-regularity.

We shall assume now that  $M$  has a Riemannian metric. Let  $(T_Y, \pi, \rho)$  be a tubular neighbourhood of  $Y$  together with a projection associated to a smooth non-negative control function such that  $\rho^{-1}(0) = Y$  and  $\nabla \rho(x) \in ker d\pi(x)$

DEFINITION 2.3. [BK]: The pair  $(X, Y)$  satisfies condition (m) if there exists a positive real number  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$(\pi, \rho) |_{X \cap T_Y^\epsilon} : X \cap T_Y^\epsilon \rightarrow Y \times \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \longmapsto (\pi(x), \rho(x))$$

is a submersion, where  $T_Y^\epsilon := \{x \in T_Y / \rho(x) < \epsilon\}$

The following characterization of (c)-regularity is also due to K. Bekka.

THEOREM 2.1. [BK]: The pair  $(X, Y)$  is (c)-regular at  $y_0 \in Y$  with respect to the control function  $\rho$  if and only if the pair  $(X, Y)$  is (a)-regular at  $y_0 \in Y$  and satisfies condition (m).

Let  $F : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}, 0 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, 0$  be a one-parameter family of function-germs with isolated singularity,  $F_t(x) = F(x, t)$ ,  $X_t = F_t^{-1}(0) \setminus \{0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^n, 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $X = F^{-1}(0) \setminus (0 \times \mathbb{R}) \subset (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}, 0 \times \mathbb{R})$ ,  $Y = 0 \times \mathbb{R}$ . Then, the following result holds:

THEOREM 2.2. ([B2],[AV]) If the pair  $(X, Y)$  as above is (c)-regular with respect to some control function  $\rho$ , then there exists a family of homomorphisms  $h_t : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, 0$  such that  $h_t(X_t) = X_0$  and,  $\rho(h_t(x)) = \rho(x)$  on  $F^{-1}(0)$ .

### 3. STRONG MILNOR CONDITION AND (C)-REGULARITY

DEFINITION 3.1. ([RSV]) Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^p, 0)$  be a real analytic map-germ. If there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , such that  $\text{rank}(d\psi(x)) = p, \forall x \in V \setminus \{0\}$ , we say that  $\psi$  satisfies a *Milnor condition* at 0.

Under this hypothesis, it follows from [Mi] that there exist a sufficiently small  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  and a tubular neighbourhood  $N_{K_\epsilon}$  of  $K_\epsilon = \psi^{-1}(0) \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}$  in  $S_\epsilon^{m-1}$ , such that,  $\phi = \frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|} : S_\epsilon^{m-1} \setminus N_{K_\epsilon} \rightarrow S^{p-1}$ , is the projection map of a locally trivial fiber bundle.

It is possible to extend  $\phi$  as the projection map of a fiber bundle to  $S_\epsilon^{m-1} \setminus K_\epsilon$ , but this extension is not necessarily given by  $\frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|}$ , (see [Mi], p.99).

DEFINITION 3.2. If there exists a sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$  such that,  $\phi = \frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|} : S_\epsilon^{m-1} \setminus K_\epsilon \rightarrow S^{p-1}, 0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0$ , is the projection map of a locally trivial fiber bundle, we say that  $\psi$  satisfies a *strong Milnor condition* at 0.

If  $\psi : (\mathbb{C}^{n+1}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, 0)$  is the germ of a holomorphic function with isolated singularity at zero,  $\psi(z) = (P(z), Q(z))$ , where  $P(z)$  and  $Q(z)$ , are respectively, the real and imaginary part of  $\psi$ , it follows from the Milnor Fibration Theorem for holomorphic functions, that  $\psi$  satisfies the strong Milnor condition. Nontrivial examples of such singularities not arising from holomorphic singularities are obtained in [RSV].

The first approach to study real analytic map-germs  $\psi = (P, Q) : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, 0)$  satisfying the strong Milnor condition was described by A. Jacquemard ([Ja], [Ja1]). We shall discuss Jacquemard's results in the next section.

In this section, we introduce a new approach to this problem. Following J. Seade's method in [S1] (see also [S2] and [RSV]), we associate to  $\psi$ , the family  $\Psi_\theta = \pi_\theta \circ \psi$ , where  $\pi_\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \simeq \mathbb{C} \rightarrow L_{-\theta}$  is the orthogonal projection into the line  $L_{-\theta}$ , which passes through the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and makes an angle  $-\theta$  with the horizontal axis. Our purpose is to consider the (c)-regularity of the family  $\Psi_\theta$  as a sufficient condition to guarantee that  $\psi$  satisfies the strong Milnor condition.

Let  $\psi(x) = (P(x), Q(x)) \sim P(x) + iQ(x)$  be the natural identification and  $\Psi_\theta(x) = \pi_\theta \circ \psi(x)$ . After making a linear coordinate change in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \simeq \mathbb{C}$ , we obtain  $\Psi_\theta(x) = \text{Re}(e^{i\theta}\psi(x)) = \cos(\theta)P(x) - \sin(\theta)Q(x)$ . Let  $M = \psi^{-1}(0)$  and  $M_\theta = \Psi_\theta^{-1}(0)$ .

The following Lemma is an easy generalization of Theorem 1.4 in [S1].

LEMMA 3.1. Let  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$  be a neighbourhood of 0 such that for every  $x \in U \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\psi$  has maximal rank at  $x$ . Then the following hold:

- (i)  $U = \cup_\theta (M_\theta \cap U), 0 \leq \theta < \pi$ .
- (ii)  $M = \cap_\theta M_\theta = M_{\theta_1} \cap M_{\theta_2}$ , where  $M = \psi^{-1}(0), \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$   
 $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in [0, \pi)$ .
- (iii) For each  $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ ,  $M_\theta = E_\theta \cup M \cup E_{\theta+\pi}$ , where  $E_\alpha = \tilde{\phi}^{-1}(e^{i\alpha})$  with  $\tilde{\phi} : U \setminus M \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ ,  
 $\tilde{\phi}(x) = i \frac{\psi(x)}{\|\psi(x)\|}$ .

(iv) For each  $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ ,  $M_\theta^* = M_\theta \setminus \{0\}$  is a real smooth submanifold of real codimension 1 of  $U \setminus \{0\}$ , given by the union of  $E_\theta$ ,  $E_{\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}$  and  $M \setminus \{0\}$ .

*Proof.* We start by proving (iii). Let  $x \in M = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \psi(x) = 0\}$ . Then  $\Psi_\theta(x) = \pi_\theta(\psi(x)) = 0$ , and  $M \subset M_\theta$ .

To show that  $E_\theta \subset M_\theta$ , let  $x \in E_\theta = \tilde{\phi}^{-1}(e^{i\theta})$ . In this case  $\psi(x) \neq 0$ , then  $\tilde{\phi}(x) = i \frac{\overline{\psi(x)}}{\|\psi(x)\|} = e^{i\theta}$ . That is,  $i\overline{\psi(x)} = \|\psi(x)\|e^{i\theta}$ , or,  $\overline{\psi(x)} = -i\|\psi(x)\|e^{i\theta}$ , and hence  $\psi(x) = \|\psi(x)\|e^{-i(\theta+\frac{\pi}{2})}$ .

Thus, by definition,  $\psi(x) \in L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}$  and  $x \in M_\theta$ .

To show that  $E_{\theta+\pi} \subset M_\theta$ , we first note that  $L_{-\theta} = L_{-\theta+\pi}$  and  $\pi_\theta = \pi_{\theta+\pi}$ , and hence the inclusion follows from the previous argument. Then,  $E_\theta \cup M \cup E_{\theta+\pi} \subseteq M_\theta$ .

To prove the reverse inclusion, if  $x \in M_\theta = \Psi_\theta^{-1}(0)$ , that is  $\Psi_\theta(x) = \pi_\theta \circ \psi(x) = 0$ , then  $\psi(x) \in L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}$  and  $\psi(x) = \|\psi(x)\|e^{i(-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2})} = \|\psi(x)\|ie^{-i\theta}$ . If  $\psi(x) = 0$ , then  $x \in M$ .

If  $\psi(x) \neq 0$ , we have  $e^{i\theta} = \frac{i\overline{\psi(x)}}{\|\psi(x)\|} = \tilde{\phi}(x)$ . Then  $x \in \tilde{\phi}^{-1}(e^{i\theta}) = E_\theta$  and  $M_\theta \subseteq E_\theta \cup M \cup E_{\theta+\pi}$ . Hence,  $M_\theta = E_\theta \cup M \cup E_{\theta+\pi}$ .

(ii) From the above result, it follows that  $M \subseteq \cap_\theta M_\theta$ . To get the reverse inclusion, we show that for every  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in [0, \pi)$ ,  $\theta_1 \neq \theta_2$ ,  $M_{\theta_1} \cap M_{\theta_2} = M$ .

The inclusion  $M \subseteq M_{\theta_1} \cap M_{\theta_2}$  is obvious.

Suppose that  $M \subsetneq M_{\theta_1} \cap M_{\theta_2}$  and let  $x \in M_{\theta_1} \cap M_{\theta_2}$ ,  $x \notin M$ . Since  $M_{\theta_1} = E_{\theta_1} \cup M \cup E_{\theta_1+\pi}$ ,  $M_{\theta_2} = E_{\theta_2} \cup M \cup E_{\theta_2+\pi}$  and  $E_{\theta_1} = \tilde{\phi}^{-1}(e^{i\theta_1})$ ,  $E_{\theta_2} = \tilde{\phi}^{-1}(e^{i\theta_2})$ , we can assume  $x \in E_{\theta_1} \cap E_{\theta_2}$  so that  $\theta_1 - \theta_2 = 2n\pi$ ;  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in [0, \pi)$  we get  $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $M_{\theta_1} \cap M_{\theta_2} = M$ .

(i)  $\cup_\theta (M_\theta \cap U) = U$ . The inclusion  $\cup_\theta (M_\theta \cap U) \subseteq U$  is clear. Let  $x \in U$ . If  $\psi(x) = 0$ , then  $x \in M \subseteq \cup (M_\theta \cap U)$ . If  $\psi(x) \neq 0$ , we have  $\tilde{\phi}(x) = \frac{i\overline{\psi(x)}}{\|\psi(x)\|} = e^{i(-\theta(x)+\frac{\pi}{2})}$ , therefore  $x \in \tilde{\phi}^{-1}(e^{i(-\theta(x)+\frac{\pi}{2})}) = E_{-\theta(x)+\frac{\pi}{2}} \subseteq \cup_\theta (M_\theta \cap U)$ .

(iv) Let  $\Psi_\theta^{-1}(0) = \psi^{-1}(\pi_\theta^{-1}(0)) = \psi^{-1}(L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}) = \psi^{-1}(L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^+) \cup \psi^{-1}(0) \cup \psi^{-1}(L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^-)$ , where we are considering  $L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}} = L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^+ \cup \{0\} \cup L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^-$ , with  $L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^+$  to be the positive semi-axis  $Oy$ , and  $L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^-$  the negative semi-axis  $Oy$ . We have  $\psi^{-1}(L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^+) = E_{\theta(x)}$ ,  $\psi^{-1}(L_{-\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}}^-) = E_{\theta(x)+\frac{\pi}{2}}$  and  $\psi^{-1}(0) = M$ . Since  $\psi$  has an isolated singularity at the origin,  $\psi(U \setminus \{0\})$  is an open set whose closure contains the origin. Hence  $E_{\theta(x)}$  and  $E_{\theta(x)+\frac{\pi}{2}}$  are real codimension 1 submanifolds of  $U$  and  $M \setminus \{0\}$  is a codimension 2 real submanifold of  $U$ . Moreover,  $\Psi_\theta|_{U \setminus \{0\}}$  is a submersion therefore  $M_\theta$  is a submanifold of  $U$ . **■**

Our main result in this section is the following:

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $\psi : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, 0)$  be a real analytic map-germ with isolated singularity at the origin, such that the family  $\Psi_\theta : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$  satisfies the (c)-regularity condition with respect to the function  $\rho(x, \theta) = \sum_i x_i^2$ . Then  $\psi$  satisfies the strong Milnor condition.*

*Proof.* Let  $\Psi_\theta$  be (c)-regular. It follows from Theorem 2.2 that there exists a family of germs of homeomorphisms  $h_\theta : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, 0)$ , with  $h_0 = Id$  and  $\|h_\theta(x)\| = \|x\|$ ,  $\forall x \in \Psi_\theta^{-1}(0)$  (preserving small spheres centered at the origin), such that  $\Psi_\theta \circ h_\theta(x) = \psi_\theta(x)$ . Hence, the hypersurfaces  $M_{\theta's}$  are homeomorphic. Since the (c)-regularity condition is equivalent to (a)-regularity and the condition (m), it follows, in particular, that there exists a sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ , such that  $M_\theta$  is transverse to  $S_\epsilon^{m-1}$ ,  $\forall \theta$ . Since  $E_\theta$  is a submanifold of  $U$ , and  $M_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1} = (E_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}) \cup (M \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}) \cup (E_{\theta+\frac{\pi}{2}} \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1})$ , we can use Lemma 3.1 to obtain:

- (i)  $S_\epsilon^{m-1} = \cup_\theta (M_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1})$ ,
- (ii)  $K_\epsilon = S_\epsilon^{m-1} \cap M = \cap_\theta (M_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1})$
- (iii) for each  $\theta \in [0, \pi)$ ,  $M_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1} = (E_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}) \cup (M \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}) \cup (E_{\theta+\pi} \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1})$  and
- (iv) each  $M_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}$  is a real submanifold of the sphere  $S_\epsilon^{m-1}$ .

Let  $F_\theta = E_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}$ . It follows from (iii) that  $M_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1} = F_\theta \cup K_\epsilon \cup F_{\theta+\pi}$ . For each  $\theta_1, \theta_2$ ,  $(\Psi_{\theta_1} \circ h_{\theta_1})^{-1}(0) = \psi_0^{-1}(0) = (\Psi_{\theta_2} \circ h_{\theta_2})^{-1}(0)$ . Then,  $h_{\theta_1}^{-1}(M_{\theta_1}) = h_{\theta_2}^{-1}(M_{\theta_2})$   
Hence,  $h_{\theta_2} \circ h_{\theta_1}^{-1}(M_{\theta_1} \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}) = M_{\theta_2} \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}$   
Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\alpha : \mathbb{R} \times S_\epsilon^{m-1} &\rightarrow S_\epsilon^{m-1} \\ (\theta, x) &\longmapsto h_\theta \circ h_\alpha^{-1}(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\|h_\epsilon(x)\| = \|x\|$ ,  $\Gamma_\alpha$  is well defined and  $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in F_\alpha$ ,  $h_\theta \circ h_\alpha^{-1}(F_\alpha) = h_\theta \circ h_\alpha^{-1}(E_\alpha \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}) = E_\theta \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1} = F_\theta$

The map  $\Gamma_\alpha$  is transversal to the fibres and satisfies

$\Gamma_\alpha(K_\epsilon) = \Gamma_\alpha(M \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1}) = \Gamma_\alpha(M) \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1} = M \cap S_\epsilon^{m-1} = K_\epsilon$ , hence it leaves the link invariant. We proceed now as in [Mi], Theorem 4.8, and show that  $\frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|}$  is the projection map of a locally trivial fibre bundle. ■

EXAMPLE 3.1. The converse of the above theorem does not hold in general. Consider the following map-germ from the plane to the plane:

$$\begin{cases} P(x, y) = x \\ Q(x, y) = y(x^2 + y^2) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

The map-germ  $\psi = (P, Q)$  satisfy the strong Milnor condition, but the corresponding family  $\Psi_\theta$  is not (a)-regular. In fact, it is easy to verify that  $\psi$  has an isolated singularity and the link  $K_\epsilon$  is empty. Calculations show that  $\frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|}$  is always regular for all spheres  $S_\epsilon$ , and is onto  $S^1$ . Also, one can show that the family  $\Psi_\theta(x, y) = \Psi(x, y, \theta)$  associated to  $\psi$  satisfies condition (m).

We consider the following sequence of points  $p_i = (x_i, y_i, \theta_i)$ , where  $x_i \rightarrow 0$ ,  $y_i = 0$ ,  $\theta_i = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Clearly,  $\Psi_\theta(p_i) = 0$ , that is,  $p_i$  belongs to  $X = \Psi_\theta^{-1}(0)$ . We have  $T_{p_i}X =$

$\nabla\Psi(x_i, y_i, \theta_i)^\perp$ . Let  $y_0 = \lim_i p_i = (0, 0, \frac{\pi}{2})$  and  $Y = (0, 0, \theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $(T_{y_0}Y)^\perp = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$  and  $T_{p_i}X^\perp = \nabla\Psi(x_i, y_i, \theta_i) = (\cos \theta_i - 2x_i y_i \sin \theta_i, -\sin \theta_i(x_i^2 + 3y_i^2), -\sin \theta_i x_i - \cos \theta_i y_i(x_i^2 + y_i^2)) = (0, -x_i^2, -x_i)$ . Then,  $(0 : x_i^2 : x_i) = (0 : x_i : 1)$  converges to  $(0 : 0 : 1)$ , but  $(0, 0, 1) \notin (T_{y_0}Y)^\perp = \mathbb{R}^2 \times \{0\}$ . So the family does not satisfies the (c)-regularity condition.

We can now obtain a generalization of Theorem 4.0.2 in [RSV]:

**COROLLARY 3.1.** *If  $\psi : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, 0)$  is the germ of a quasi-homogeneous polynomial map-germ of type  $(w_1, \dots, w_n : d)$  with an isolated singularity at the origin, then  $\psi$  satisfies the strong Milnor condition .*

*Proof.* Being  $\psi$  quasi-homogeneous, it is well known that the family  $\Psi_\theta$  is (c)-regular, (see [B1]). ■

**4. COMPARING OUR RESULT WITH A. JACQUEMARD’S RESULT**

We recall the notion of the integral closure of an ideal ([Te]).

**DEFINITION 4.1.** Let  $I$  be an ideal in the ring  $A$ . An element  $h \in A$  is in the integral closure of  $I$ , denoted by  $\bar{I}$ , if there exists a monic polynomial  $P(z) = z^n + \sum_i a_i z^i$ ,  $a_i \in I^{n-i}$ , such that  $P(h) = 0$ .

A. Jacquemard obtained in his Ph.D. thesis sufficient conditions to guarantee that a real analytic map germ  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^m, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, 0$  satisfies the Milnor condition. His hypothesis were inspired by the Milnor’s proof of the fibration theorem for holomorphic functions. Jacquemard’s main result is the following.

**THEOREM 4.1** ( Theorem 2 in [Ja]).

Let  $\psi = (P, Q) : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, 0)$  be a real analytic map-germ with an isolated singularity at 0. Suppose that there exists a neighbourhood  $V$  of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  such that:

(A)  $\frac{\|\langle \nabla P(x), \nabla Q(x) \rangle\|}{\|\nabla P(x)\| \cdot \|\nabla Q(x)\|} \leq 1 - \rho$  ,  $\forall x \in V \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $0 < \rho \leq 1$ .

(B) The integral closure of the ideals generated by  $\nabla P(x)$  and  $\nabla Q(x)$  in the ring  $\mathcal{A}_m$  of real analytic function germs, coincide.

Then there exists a sufficiently small  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ , such that

for all  $0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0$ ,  $\phi = \frac{\psi}{\|\psi\|} : S_\epsilon^{m-1} \setminus K_\epsilon \rightarrow S^1$  is the projection map of a locally trivial fiber bundle. Furthermore, this fiber bundle is equivalent to the fibration given by Milnor in [Mi].

In [RSV] the authors modified the condition (B) in Theorem 4.2 replacing the integral closure by the real integral closure, as defined by Gaffney in [Ga]. In the complex analytic category, both conditions are equivalent (see [Te], [Ga]).

DEFINITION 4.2. Let  $I$  be an ideal in the ring  $\mathcal{A}_m$ . The real integral closure of  $I$ , denoted by  $\overline{I}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , is the set of elements  $h \in \mathcal{A}_m$  such that for every analytic curve  $\gamma : (\mathbb{R}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, 0)$ ,  $h \circ \gamma \in (\gamma^*(I))\mathcal{A}(1)$ .

It is easy to verify from Jacquemard's proof, that Theorem 4.2 still holds when condition (B) is replaced by the condition  $(B_{\mathbb{R}})$ :  $\overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla Q(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$  in the ring  $\mathcal{A}_m$ .

We consider, as in the previous section, the family

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{\theta} : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) &\rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0) \\ x &\longmapsto \operatorname{Re}(e^{i\theta} \psi(x)) = \cos(\theta)P(x) - \sin(\theta)Q(x). \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 4.2. Let  $\psi = (P, Q) : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^2, 0)$ , with an isolated singularity at the origin. The coordinate functions  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  satisfy the conditions (A) and  $(B_{\mathbb{R}})$  if, and only if,  $\overline{\langle \nabla \Psi_{\theta}(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla \Psi_0 \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $\forall \theta \in [0, \pi)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma : (\mathbb{R}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, 0)$  be the germ of a non constant real analytic curve. Since  $\nabla \Psi_{\theta}(x) = \cos(\theta)\nabla P(x) - \sin(\theta)\nabla Q(x)$ , it follows that  $\nabla \Psi_{\theta}(\gamma(t)) = \cos(\theta)\nabla P(\gamma(t)) - \sin(\theta)\nabla Q(\gamma(t))$ .

We now consider the following Taylor expansions :

$$\nabla P(\gamma(t)) = a_1 t^{n_1} + \dots, \quad a_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}, \quad n_1 \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

$$\nabla Q(\gamma(t)) = b_1 t^{m_1} + \dots, \quad b_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m \setminus \{0\}, \quad m_1 \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

Since  $\overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla Q(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , then  $n_1 = m_1$  and  $\nabla \Psi_{\theta}(\gamma(t)) = (\cos(\theta)a_1 - \sin(\theta)b_1)t^{n_1} +$

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The hypothesis  $\frac{\|\langle \nabla P(x), \nabla Q(x) \rangle\|}{\|\nabla P(x)\| \cdot \|\nabla Q(x)\|} \leq 1 - \rho$  for some  $0 < \rho \leq 1$  implies that for each real analytic  $\gamma : (\mathbb{R}, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}^m, 0)$ , the principal part of  $\frac{\|\langle \nabla P(x), \nabla Q(x) \rangle\|}{\|\nabla P(x)\| \cdot \|\nabla Q(x)\|}$  satisfies  $\frac{\|a_1, b_1\|}{\|a_1\| \cdot \|b_1\|} < 1$ , that is,  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  are linearly independents. Hence,  $\cos(\theta)a_1 - \sin(\theta)b_1 \neq 0$ ,  $\forall \theta$ , and therefore  $\nu(\nabla \Psi_{\theta}) = n_1 = \nu(\nabla \Psi_0)$ , where  $\nu(f)$  denotes the order of the function  $f$ , when restricted to the curve  $\gamma$ .

Since the curve  $\gamma$  was chosen arbitrary, we conclude that  $\overline{\langle \nabla \Psi_{\theta} \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla P \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Reciprocally, if  $\overline{\langle \nabla \Psi_{\theta} \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla \Psi_0 \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla P \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , making  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  we get condition  $(B_{\mathbb{R}})$ .

Observe that  $\forall \theta$ ,  $\cos(\theta)a_1 - \sin(\theta)b_1 \neq 0$ , otherwise there exists  $\theta_0$  such that  $\cos(\theta_0)a_1 - \sin(\theta_0)b_1 = 0$ , and  $\nu(\nabla \Psi_{\theta_0}) > \nu(\nabla P)$ , which is a contradiction.

If  $\cos(\theta) \neq 0$ , we have  $a_1 - \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}b_1 = a_1 - \tan(\theta)b_1 \neq 0$ , therefore  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  are linearly independent.

The curve  $\gamma$  is taken arbitrarily, so it follows that  $\frac{|\langle \nabla P(x), \nabla Q(x) \rangle|}{\|\nabla P(x)\| \|\nabla Q(x)\|} \leq 1 - \rho$ , for some  $0 < \rho \leq 1$ , and  $\forall x$  sufficiently close to the origin.  $\blacksquare$

We will show now that our conditions are weaker than Jacquemard's hypothesis. More precisely, we will show that conditions (A) and  $(B_{\mathbb{R}})$  imply the (c)-regularity of the family  $\Psi_{\theta}$ . Furthermore, we will exhibit an example of an isolated singularity for which the corresponding family  $\Psi_{\theta}$  is (c)-regular, but Jacquemard's hypothesis do not hold.

First we recall the following definition ([FP]).

DEFINITION 4.3. [FP] Let  $F_z : (\mathbb{R}^m, 0) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, 0)$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  be a family of analytic map-germs. We say that the family is  $(w)$ -regular if there exists a constant  $K > 0$  such that,  $|\frac{\partial F(x,z)}{\partial z}| \leq K\|x\| \cdot \|\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x}\|$ , where  $\frac{\partial F_z}{\partial x}$  denotes the gradient of the function  $F_z$ .

LEMMA 4.1. Let  $\Psi(x, t) = \cos(t)P(x) - \sin(t)Q(x)$ . If, for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$  in the ring  $\mathcal{A}_m$ , then  $\overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$  in the ring  $\mathcal{A}_{m+1}$ .

*Proof.* To simplify notation, we shall denote by  $\overline{I}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathcal{A}_m$  the real integral closure of the ideal  $I$ , and by  $\overline{I}_{\mathbb{R}}$  the real integral closure of the ideal  $I$  in the ring  $\mathcal{A}_{m+1}$ .

Let  $\alpha(x, t) \in \overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Then for every non constant real analytic curve  $\gamma(s) = (x(s), t(s))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}, 0$  with  $\gamma(0) = (0, 0)$ , it follows that,

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(\alpha \circ \gamma(s)) &\geq \nu(\cos(t(s))\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j}(x(s)) - \sin(t(s))\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_j}(x(s))) \\ &\geq \min\{\nu(\cos(t(s))\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j}(x(s))), \nu(\sin(t(s))\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_j}(x(s)))\}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $j = 1, \dots, n$ .

If  $\min\{\nu(\cos(t(s))\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j}(x(s))), \nu(\sin(t(s))\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_j}(x(s)))\} = \nu(\cos(t(s))\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j}(x(s))) \geq \nu(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j}(x(s)))$ , then  $\overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} \subseteq \overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ .

Otherwise,  $\min\{\nu(\cos(t(s))\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j}(x(s))), \nu(\sin(t(s))\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_j}(x(s)))\} = \nu(\sin(t(s))\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_j}(x(s))) \geq \nu(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_j}(x(s)))$ ,  $\forall j$ . Therefore  $\overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} \subseteq \overline{\langle \nabla Q(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Since  $\overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla Q(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , one inclusion follows.

To prove that  $\overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} \subseteq \overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , we observe that  $\frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x_i}(x, t) = \frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i}(x) + f_1(t)\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i}(x) + f_2(t)\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_i}(x)$ , where  $f_1(t) = \cos(t) - 1$  and  $f_2(t) = \sin(t)$ . Then,  $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$  and it is now easy to show that for each non constant real analytic curve  $\gamma(s) = (x(s), t(s))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}, 0$  with  $\gamma(0) = (0, 0)$ , we have  $\nu(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i}(x(s))) \geq \nu(\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + f_1(t)\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_i} + f_2(t)\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x_i})(x(s), t(s))$   $i = 1, \dots, n$ . ■

LEMMA 4.2. Let  $\Psi(x, t) = \cos(t)P(x) - \sin(t)Q(x)$  as above and suppose that  $\overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}} = \overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}$  in the ring  $\mathcal{A}_m$ , for every  $t$ . Then the family  $\Psi_t$  is  $(w)$ -regular.

*Proof.* Since  $\overline{\langle \nabla_x \Psi(x, t) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathcal{A}_m = \overline{\langle \nabla P(x) \rangle}_{\mathbb{R}}\mathcal{A}_m$  then, by Lemma 4.7, there exist positive constants  $c_1, c_2, c_3$  and  $c_4$  such that, (1) :  $c_1|\nabla P(x)| \leq |\nabla_x \Psi(x, t)| \leq c_2|\nabla P(x)|$ , and (2) :  $c_3|\nabla Q(x)| \leq |\nabla_x \Psi(x, t)| \leq c_4|\nabla Q(x)|$ .

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial \Psi(x, t)}{\partial t} \right| &= | -\sin(t)P(x) - \cos(t)Q(x) | \\ &\leq | \sin(t)P(x) | + | \cos(t)Q(x) | \leq | P(x) | + | Q(x) | \end{aligned}$$

(from Bochnak-Lojasiewicz's [B1] result)

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq k_1 \|x\| \cdot \|\nabla P(x)\| + k_2 \|x\| \cdot \|\nabla Q(x)\| \\ &\leq k_1 \|x\| \cdot \|\nabla P(x)\| + k_3 \|x\| \cdot \|\nabla P(x)\| \\ &\leq K_1 \|x\| \cdot \|\nabla P(x)\| \\ &\leq K \|x\| \cdot \|\nabla_x \Psi(x, t)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the family  $\Psi(x, t)$  is  $(w)$ -regular.  $\blacksquare$

THEOREM 4.3. : *With the hypothesis of Theorem 4.2, the family  $\Psi_\theta$  is  $(c)$ -regular.*

*Proof.* The following holds both in the real and complex cases:  $(w)$ -regularity  $\Rightarrow$   $(c)$ -regularity [B1].  $\blacksquare$

The following example shows that the converse of the above theorem does not hold in general.

EXAMPLE 4.1.

$$\begin{cases} P = xy \\ Q = x^2 - y^4 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

It is easy to verify that  $\psi(x, y) = (P(x, y), Q(x, y))$  has an isolated singularity at the origin.

Let  $\Psi(x, y, t) = \cos(t)xy - \sin(t)(x^2 - y^4)$ ,  $X = \Psi^{-1}(0) \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$ , and  $Y = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}$ . The family  $\Psi$  has infinite Milnor radius. Moreover, for every  $t \neq \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2}$ , the family has a Morse singularity at the origin, hence it is  $(a)$ -regular. To verify condition  $(a)$  for the pair  $(X, Y)$  at  $t_0 = \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2}$  we will show that  $\lim_{(x,y,t) \rightarrow (0,0,t_0)} \frac{|\partial_t \Psi(x,y,t)|}{\|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi(x,y,t)\|} = 0$ , where  $\partial_t \Psi$  is the derivative of  $\Psi$  with respect to the parameters, and  $\nabla_{x,y} \Psi$  denotes the gradient of  $\Psi$  with respect to the variables  $x, y$ . To prove this, let  $\alpha : [0, \epsilon) \rightarrow \Psi^{-1}(0)$  be a non constant real analytic curve with  $\alpha(0) = 0$ ,  $\alpha(s) = (x(s), y(s), t(s))$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} x(s) &= x_1 s^{n_1} + \dots; x_1 \neq 0, n_1 \geq 1, \\ y(s) &= y_1 s^{n_2} + \dots; y_1 \neq 0, n_2 \geq 1, \\ \cos t(s) &= \mu_0 s^n + \dots, \mu_0 \neq 0, n \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

For points  $(x, y, t) \in \Psi^{-1}(0)$ , the following equations hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos(t)xy &= \sin(t)(x^2 - y^4), \\ |\partial_t \Psi(x, y, t)|^2 &= \frac{(xy)^2}{\sin^2(t)} \\ \|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi_t(x, y, t)\|^2 &= (x^2 + y^2)\cos^2(t) + 4y^2(2y^4 + 2x^2 + y^2)\sin^2(t) \end{aligned}$$

The leading terms of the restriction to the curve  $\alpha(s)$  of the Taylor expansions of the above equations are respectively

- (a)  $\mu_0 x_1 y_1 s^{n+n_1+n_2} = x_1^2 s^{2n_1} - y_1^4 s^{4n_2} + \dots,$
- (b)  $|\partial_t \Psi(s)|^2 = \frac{(x_1 y_1)^2 s^{2(n_1+n_2)} + \dots}{\sin^2(t(s))}$
- (c)  $\|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi(s)\|^2 = (x_1^2 s^{2n_1} + y_1^2 s^{2n_2}) \mu_0^2 s^{2n} + 4y_1^2 (2y_1^4 s^{4n_2} + 2x_1^2 s^{2n_1} + y_1^2 s^{2n_2}) \sin^2(t(s)) + \dots$

We recall that for  $t_0 = \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2}$ ,  $\sin(t(s))$  is a unit for every  $s$  sufficiently close to zero.

If  $n_1 \leq n_2$ , it follows from (a) that  $2n_1 = n + n_1 + n_2$  hence  $n_1 = n + n_2 > n_2$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $n_1 > n_2$ .

We can have the following possibilities:

- (i)  $n_1 > 2n_2.$
- (ii)  $n_1 = 2n_2.$
- (iii)  $n_1 < 2n_2.$

We easily see from (a), (b) and (c) that in the cases (i) and (iii), it follows that  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\partial_t \Psi(s)|}{\|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi(s)\|} = 0.$

Let  $n_1 = 2n_2$ . In this case, condition (a) implies that  $n_1 \leq n + n_2$  and hence  $n_2 \leq n$ .

The equality  $n_2 = n$  holds if and only if the equality  $n_1 = n + n_2$  also holds. In this case, in (b) we obtain  $|\partial_t \Psi(s)|^2 = (x_1 y_1)^2 s^{4n} \cdot s^{2n} + \dots,$  and in (c),  $\|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi(s)\|^2 = (y_1^2 \mu_0^2 + 4y_1^4) s^{4n} + \dots$

Hence,  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\partial_t \Psi(s)|}{\|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi(s)\|} = 0.$

If  $n_2 < n$  (this inequality holds if and only if  $x_1^2 = y_1^4$ ), then (b) becomes  $|\partial_t \Psi(s)|^2 = (x_1 y_1)^2 s^{4n_2} \cdot s^{2n_2} + \dots,$

and (c)  $\|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi(s)\|^2 = 4y_1^4 s^{4n_2} + \dots$

Hence in this case we also obtain  $\lim \frac{|\partial_t \Psi(s)|}{\|\nabla_{x,y} \Psi(s)\|} \rightarrow 0,$  when  $s \rightarrow 0.$

The other cases follow in a similar way.

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