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A  $C^\infty$  map germ  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  is  $C^\ell$ - $G$ -determined,  $0 \leq \ell < \infty$ , ( $G = \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{K}$ ) if for each germ  $g$  such that  $j^\ell g(0) = j^\ell f(0)$ ,  $g$  is  $C^\ell$ - $G$ -equivalent to  $f$ .

We give estimates for the degree of  $C^\ell$ - $G$ -determinacy of  $f$ ,  $0 \leq \ell < \infty$ , ( $G = \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{K}$ ), of weighted homogeneous map-germs satisfying a convenient Lojasiewicz condition. Our work extends the results given in [R], where the first author obtains estimates for the degree of  $C^\ell$ - $G$ -determinacy of homogeneous map-germs.

The question of determining the degree of  $C^0$ - $G$ -determinacy of  $f$  has been considered by several authors (e.g. [DG], [D], [P]), but those results do not include the  $C^\ell$  case,  $0 < \ell < \infty$ . As an application, we use the degree of  $C^1$ -determinacy and the Newton diagram to obtain equisingular deformations in the Briançon-Speder example.

## 1 Basic definitions

The basic notation is the same as in [R] or [W].

The groups  $C^\ell$ - $G$ , ( $G = \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{K}$ ;  $0 \leq \ell < \infty$ ) are defined as the groups  $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{K}$ , taking diffeomorphisms of class  $C^\ell$ ,  $\ell \geq 1$ , or homeomorphisms, when  $\ell = 0$ .

The ring of  $C^\infty$  map-germs  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, 0$  is denoted by  $C_n$  and  $m_n$  denotes its maximal ideal.

As in [W], given  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  we denote by  $I_{\mathcal{R}}f$  the ideal of  $C_n$  generated by the  $p \times p$  minors of the jacobian matrix of  $f$ , by  $I_Cf$  the ideal generated by the coordinate functions of  $f$ , and by  $I_{\mathcal{K}}f$  the ideal  $I_{\mathcal{R}}f + I_Cf$ .

Let  $N_Cf(x) = |f(x)|^2$ ,  $N_{\mathcal{R}}f(x) = |df(x)|^2 = \sum_j M_j^2$ , where the  $M_j$  are the generators of  $I_{\mathcal{R}}f$  and  $N_{\mathcal{K}}f = N_{\mathcal{R}}f + N_Cf$ .

We say that  $N_Gf$  satisfies a Lojasiewicz condition if there exist constants  $c > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $N_Gf(x) \geq c|x|^\alpha$ .

**Proposition 1.1** ([W])  *$N_Gf(x)$  satisfies a Lojasiewicz condition if and only if  $f$  is finitely  $C^\ell$ - $G$ -determined for any  $\ell$ ,  $0 \leq \ell < \infty$ .*

**Definition 1.2**  *$f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n : d_1, d_2, \dots, d_p)$  if for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $r_i, d_j \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ :*

$$f(\lambda^{r_1}x_1, \lambda^{r_2}x_2, \dots, \lambda^{r_n}x_n) = (\lambda^{d_1}f_1(x), \lambda^{d_2}f_2(x), \dots, \lambda^{d_p}f_p(x)) .$$

**Definition 1.3** *The filtration of a monomial  $x^\alpha = x_1^{\alpha_1}x_2^{\alpha_2} \dots x_n^{\alpha_n}$ , with respect to a fixed  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$  is  $\text{fil}(x^\alpha) = \sum \alpha_i r_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .*

The filtration of a germ  $f$  in  $C_n$  is defined by  $\text{fil}(f) = \min \text{fil}(x^\alpha)$  where  $x^\alpha \in j^\infty(f)$  (the Taylor series of  $f$ ). This definition can be extended to  $C_{n+r}$ , the ring of  $r$ -parameter families of germs in  $n$ -variables, by defining  $\text{fil}(x^\alpha t^\beta) = \text{fil}(x^\alpha)$ .

The filtration of a map germ  $f = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_p)$  is defined by  $\text{fil}(f) = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_p)$ , where  $d_i$  is the filtration of each  $f_i$ .

## 2 Estimates for the degree of $C^\ell$ -determinacy

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n; 2K)$  be fixed. We define the standard control function  $\rho_K(x)$  by  $\rho_K(x) = x_1^{2\alpha_1} + x_2^{2\alpha_2} + \dots + x_n^{2\alpha_n}$ , where the  $\alpha_i$  are chosen in such a way that the function  $\rho_K$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n; 2K)$ .*

We observe that  $\rho_K(x)$  satisfies a Lojasiewicz condition  $\rho_K(x) \geq c|x|^{2\alpha}$  for some constants  $c$  and  $\alpha$ .

**Lemma 1** Let  $h(x)$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; 2K)$  and  $h_t(x)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ , a weighted homogeneous deformation of  $h$ . Then:

- a. There exists a constant  $c_1$  such that  $|h_t(x)| \leq c_1 \rho_K(x)$ .
- b. If there exist constants  $c$  and  $\alpha$  such that  $|h_t(x)| \geq c|x|^\alpha$ , then  $|h_t(x)| \geq c_2 \rho_K(x)$  for some constant  $c_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $M = \{(y, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times [0, 1] / \rho_K(y) = 1\}$ .

To prove (a), we first observe that for each pair  $(x, t)$  fixed, there is a pair  $(y, t) \in M$ , and a real number  $\lambda \neq 0$ , such that  $(x, t) = (\lambda^{r_1} y_1, \dots, \lambda^{r_n} y_n, t)$ .

Now, let  $c_1 = \sup \{h_t(y) / (y, t) \in M\}$ . Then,

$$h_t(x) = h_t(\lambda y) = \lambda^{2k} h_t(y) \leq \lambda^{2k} c_1 \rho_K(y) = c_1 \rho_K(x).$$

To prove (b), let  $c_2 = \inf \{h_t(y) \text{ such that } (y, t) \in M\}$ .

From the hypothesis,  $c_2 > 0$ , hence  $c_2 \rho_K(x) = c_2 \lambda^{2k} \rho_K(y) \leq \lambda^{2k} h_t(y) = h_t(x)$ .

**Lemma 2** Let  $\rho(x)$  the standard control of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; 2K)$ ,  $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ ,  $h_t(x)$  a deformation of  $h$  such that:

$$\text{fil}(h_t) \geq 2k + \ell r_n + 1, \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad \ell \geq 1.$$

Then the function  $\nu(x) = \frac{h_t(x)}{\rho(x)}$  is differentiable of class  $C^\ell$ .

**Proof.** We will proceed by induction on the class of differentiability.

First we consider  $\ell = 1$ .

The gradient of  $\nu(x)$  is given by  $\nabla \nu(x) = \frac{\nabla h_t(x)}{\rho(x)} - \frac{\nabla \rho(x)}{\rho(x)} \frac{h_t(x)}{\rho(x)}$ , with  $\text{fil}(\nabla \rho(x)) \geq 2k - r_n$  and  $\text{fil}(h_t(x)) \geq 2k - r_n + 1$ . Hence  $\text{fil}|(\nabla \rho(x)) \cdot h_t(x)| \geq 4k + 1$ .

Each term of  $\nabla \nu(x)$  is of form  $\frac{g(x) \cdot m(x)}{\rho(x)}$ , where  $m(x)$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; 2K)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$ . It follows from Lemma 1 that  $\frac{m(x)}{\rho(x)}$  is bounded, hence  $\nabla \nu(x)$  is continuous.

Let us assume by induction that for all  $\nu = \frac{h}{\rho}$  with  $\text{fil}(h) \geq 2k + (\ell - 1)r_n + 1$ ,  $\nu$  is of class  $C^{\ell-1}$ .

Given  $\nu = \frac{h}{\rho}$  with  $\text{fil}(h) \geq 2k + \ell r_n + 1$ , then  $\nabla \nu(x) = \frac{H(x)}{\rho(x)}$  with  $\text{fil}(H) \geq 2k + (\ell - 1)r_n + 1$ , and  $\nu$  is of class  $C^\ell$ .

**Case 1:**  $G = \mathcal{R}$ .

**Proposition 2.2** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial map germ of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; d_1, \dots, d_p)$  with  $r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ ,  $d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_p$ , satisfying a Lojasiewicz condition  $|N_{\mathcal{R}}f(x)| \geq c|x|^\alpha$ , for constants  $c$  and  $\alpha$ . Then:*

- (a) *Deformations of  $f$  defined by  $f_t(x) = f(x) + t\Theta(x)$ ,  $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_p)$  with  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) \geq d_i - r_1 + \ell r_n + 1$ , for all  $i$ ,  $\ell \geq 1$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$  are  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{R}$ -trivial.*
- (b) *Weighted homogeneous deformations  $f_t$  of  $f$  of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n, d_1, \dots, d_p)$  are  $C^0$ - $\mathcal{R}$ -trivial, for small  $t$ .*

We observe that for each  $p \times p$  minor  $M_I$  of  $df$ , there is an  $s_I$  such that  $M_I$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; s_I)$ .

Let  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f$  be defined by  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f = \sum_I M_I^{2\alpha_I}$ , where  $\alpha_I = \frac{\text{l.c.m.}(s_I)}{s_I}$ . Then,  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f$  is a weighted homogeneous control function of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; 2K)$ .

For deformations  $f_t$  of  $f$ , we define the control  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t$  by  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t = \sum_I M_{t_I}^{2\alpha_I}$ , where  $M_{t_I}$  are the  $p \times p$  minors of  $J_{f_t}$ , and the  $\alpha_I$  are the same as above. If  $f_t$  is weighted homogeneous of same type than  $f$ , then  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; 2K)$  for all  $t$ . If  $f_t(x) = f(x) + t\Theta(x)$  and  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) \geq d_i$ , it follows that  $\text{fil}(N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t) \geq \text{fil}(N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f)$ .

**Lemma 3** *There exist constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that:*

$$c_2\rho_K(x) \leq N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t \leq c_1\rho_K(x).$$

**Proof.** When  $f_t$  is weighted homogeneous of same type than  $f$ , the result follows from Lemma 1.

If  $\text{fil}(f_t) > \text{fil}(f)$ , we write  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t = N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f + tR(x, t)$  where  $R(x, t)$  is polynomial with  $\text{fil}(R(x, t)) > \text{fil}(N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f)$ . Then  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f \leq N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t + |R_t(x)|$ , for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . By Lemma 1, there exists a constant  $c_2$  such that:  $c_2\rho_K(x) \leq N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f \leq N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f_t + |R_t(x)|$ .

Since  $\text{fil}(R(x, t)) > \text{fil}(N_{\mathcal{R}}^*f)$ , it follows that  $\frac{|R_t(x)|}{\rho_K(x)} \rightarrow 0$  when  $x \rightarrow 0$  (Lemma 2).

Thus  $c_2\rho_k(x) \leq N_{\mathcal{R}}^* f_t$ .

It is easy to see that there exists a constant  $c_1$  such that  $N_{\mathcal{R}}^* f_t \leq c_1\rho(x)$  for small  $t$ .

**Proof of the Proposition 2.2.**

(a) Let  $M_{t_I}$  a  $p \times p$  minor of  $J_{f_t}$ ,  $I = (i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p) \subset (1, 2, \dots, n)$ . Then, there exists a vector field  $W_I$  associated to  $M_{t_I}$ , such that:

$$(1.2.1) \quad \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} M_{t_I} = df(W_I), \text{ where } W_I = \sum_1^n w_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \text{ with:}$$

$$\begin{cases} w_i = 0; & \text{if } i \notin I \\ w_{i_k} = \sum_{j=1}^p N_{j i_k} \left( \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} \right)_j & ; \quad i_k \in I \text{ and } N_{j i_k} \text{ is the } (p-1) \times (p-1) \text{ minor} \\ & \text{cofactor of } \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial x_{i_k}} \text{ in } df. \text{ (See [G] or [R] for more details).} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\text{fil}(W_{i_k}) = \min \left( \text{fil}(N_{j i_k}) + \text{fil} \left( \frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} \right)_j \right)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, p$ , that is:

$$\text{fil}(w_{i_k}) = d - r_I + r_{i_k} - r_1 + \ell r_n + 1$$

where  $d = d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_p$  and  $r_I = r_{i_1} + r_{i_2} + \dots + r_{i_p}$ .

The least possible filtration of  $w_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$  is  $\text{fil}(w_1)$ , and  $\text{fil}(w_1) = d - r + \ell r_n + 1$ , where  $r = r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_p$ .

From (1.2.1),  $\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} N_{\mathcal{R}}^* f_t = df_t(W_R)$ , where  $W_R = \sum_I M_I^{2\alpha_I - 1} w_i$ . Then  $\text{fil}(W_R) = 2k + \ell r_n + 1$ .

Let  $\nu : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}, 0$  be the vector field defined by  $\nu(x) = \frac{W_R}{N_{\mathcal{R}}^* f_t}$ . By Lemma 2,  $\nu$  is of class  $C^\ell$ . The equation  $\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t}(x, t) = (df_t)_x(x, t)(\nu(x, t))$  implies the  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{R}$ -triviality of the family  $f_t(x)$  in a neighbourhood of  $t = 0$ . Since the same argument is true in a neighbourhood of  $t = \bar{t}$ ,  $\forall t \in [0, 1]$ , the proof is complete.

(b) The vector field is constructed as in case (a). Here,  $\text{fil}(W_R) \geq 2k + r_1$ , and  $\text{fil}(W_{R_i}) \geq 2k + r_i$ , where the  $W_{R_i}$  are the components of  $W_R$ . Then, the vector field  $\nu(x) = \frac{W_R}{N_{\mathcal{R}}^* f_t}$  is continuous.

Furthermore,  $\nu(x, t) \leq c|x|$ , and this condition implies the integrability of the vector field  $\nu \cdot$  ([K])

**Case 2:  $G = \mathcal{C}$ .**

Let  $N_C^* f = \sum_{i=1}^p f_i^{2\beta_i}$ , where  $\beta_i = k/d_i$ , and  $k = \text{l.c.m.}(d_i)$ .

Given a deformation  $f_t$  of  $f$ ,  $f_t = f + t\Theta$ , let  $N_C^* f_t = \sum_i f_{ti}^{2\beta_i}$ , where each  $\beta_i$  is as above.

**Proposition 2.3** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial map germ of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; d_1, \dots, d_p)$  with  $r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ ,  $d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_p$ , satisfying a Lojasiewicz condition  $N_C(f(x)) \geq c|x|^\alpha$ , for constants  $c$  and  $\alpha$ . Then:*

- (a) *Deformations  $f_t = f + t\Theta$  of  $f$ , with  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) \geq d_p + \ell r_n + 1$ , for all  $i, t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\ell \geq 1$  are  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -trivial.*
- (b) *Small deformations of  $f$ , with  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) = d_p + 1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$  are  $C^0$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -trivial.*

**Proof.** (a)  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -triviality of the family  $f_t$  is obtained by constructing  $C^\ell$ -map germs  $V_i, V_i : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0; i = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $V_i = (V_{i1}, V_{i2}, \dots, V_{ip})$ , with  $V_i(x, 0) = \delta_i(x)$  in such a way that:  $\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^p V_i(x, t)(f_{ti})$ .

Since  $\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^p (f_{ti})^{2\beta_i-1} \left(\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t}\right)}{N_C^* f_t}(f_{ti})$ , we define  $W_i(x, t) = (f_{ti})^{2\beta_i-1} \left(\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t}\right)$ .

Then  $\frac{\partial f_t}{\partial t} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^p W_i(x, t)}{N_C^* f_t}(f_{ti})$  with  $\text{fil}(W_i(x, t)) \geq 2k + \ell r_n + 1$  for all  $i$ .

Let  $V : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}, 0$  be the vector field defined by:  $(0, V_p, 0)$ , where  $V_p(x, y, t) = \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{W_i(x, t)}{N_C^* f_t} y_i$ . As  $V$  is of class  $C^\ell$ , the result follows by integrating  $V$ .

Case (b) is analogous to (a).

In order to obtain a better estimate, as in [R] we prove the following lemma:

Let  $c$  be a constant such that  $|f_{ti}(x)|^2 \leq c\rho(x)$ , and  $V$  and  $U$  be neighbourhoods of the region  $|y| < c\rho(x)^{1/2}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R} - \{0, 0, t\}$ ,

$$V = \{(x, y, t) / |y| \leq c_1 \rho(x)^{1/2}, \text{ with } c_1 > c\}$$

and  $U$  is chosen in such a way that  $U \subset \bar{U} \subset V$ .

**Lemma 4** *There exists a conic bump function  $p : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that:  $p|_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R} - \{0,0,t\}}$  is smooth, and*

$$\begin{cases} p(x, y, t) = 1, & \text{for all } (x, y, t) \in \bar{U} \\ p(x, y, t) = 0, & \text{outside of } V \\ 0 \leq p(x, y, t) \leq 1, & \text{in } V - \bar{U} \\ p(0, 0, t) = 0, & \text{for all } t \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** We define the function  $p(x, y_i) = h(\Theta_i)$ , with  $\Theta_i = \frac{y_i}{\rho(x)^{1/2}}$ , where for each  $i$ , the set  $|y_i| \leq c\rho(x)^{1/2}$ , is in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p$  and  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the usual bump function,

$$\begin{cases} h(\Theta) = 1 & , \text{ if } 0 \leq \Theta \leq \Theta_1 ; \\ h(\Theta) = 0 & , \text{ if } \Theta \geq \Theta_2 ; \\ 0 \leq h(\Theta) \leq 1 & , \text{ if } \Theta_1 < \Theta < \Theta_2 . \end{cases}$$

Since  $|f_i| \leq c\rho(x)^{1/2}$ , for a constant  $c$ , we have:

$$\begin{cases} h(\Theta_i) \leq 1 & \text{if } |y_i| \leq c\rho(x)^{1/2} \\ 0 \leq h(\Theta_i) \leq 1 & \text{if } c\rho(x)^{1/2} \leq |y_i| \leq c_1\rho(x)^{1/2} \\ h(\Theta_i) = 0 & \text{if } c_1\rho(x)^{1/2} \leq |y_i| . \end{cases}$$

The desired conic bump function is defined by:

$$p(x, y, t) = p(x, y_1)p(x, y_2) \cdots p(x, y_p).$$

**Proposition 2.4** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial map germ of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; d_1, \dots, d_p)$  with  $r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ ,  $d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_p$ , satisfying a Lojasiewicz condition:  $N_C|f(x)| \geq c|x|^\alpha$ , for constants  $c$  and  $\alpha$ . Then:*

- (a) *Deformations  $f_t = f + t\Theta$  of  $f$ , with  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) \geq d_p + \ell r_n$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\ell \geq 1$  are  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -trivial.*
- (b) *Small deformations of  $f$ , with  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) = d_p$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$  are  $C^0$ - $\mathcal{C}$ -trivial.*

**Proof.** (a) Let  $V$  be the vector field defined by  $V = \frac{W}{N_C^* f_t}$ , where  $W$  is defined in a neighbourhood of  $\{0, 0, t\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}$ , with  $W_j(x, y, t) = p(x, y, t)w_j(x, y, t)$  for  $i \leq j \leq p$ , and the  $w_j$  are defined as in Proposition 1.3.

We just have to check the class of differentiability of  $W_j = (w_{j1}, \dots, w_{jp})$  where:  $w_{ji} = \frac{h_{ji}}{\rho_k(x)} p(x, y, t) y_i$ , and  $h_{ji} = \Theta_i f_{ij}^{2\beta_j - 1}$ . Then,  $\text{fil}(h_{ji}) \geq 2k + \ell r_n$ , and

$$|W_{ji}| = \left| \frac{h_{ji}}{\rho(x)} \right| |p y_j| \leq \left| \frac{h_{ji}}{\rho(x)} \right| (\rho(x))^{1/2}.$$

Applying Lemmas 4 and 2, we see that each  $W_{ji}$  is of class  $C^\ell$  and  $W$  is of class  $C^\ell$ .

As in proposition 2.3, case (b) is analogous to (a).

**Case 3:**  $G = \mathcal{K}$ .

**Proposition 2.5** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial map germ of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; d_1, \dots, d_p)$  with  $r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ ,  $d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_p$ , satisfying a Lojasiewicz condition  $|N_{\mathcal{K}} f(x)| \geq c|x|^\alpha$ , for constants  $c$  and  $\alpha$ . Then:*

- (a) *Deformations  $f_t = f + t\Theta$  of  $f$ , with  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) \geq d_p + \ell r_n$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\ell \geq 1$  are  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{K}$ -trivial.*
- (b) *Small deformations off  $f$ , with  $\text{fil}(\Theta_i) = d_p$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, p$  are  $C^0$ - $\mathcal{K}$ -trivial.*

**Proof.** Since the group  $C^\ell\text{-}\mathcal{K}$  is the semi-direct product of the groups  $C^\ell\text{-}\mathcal{R}$  and  $C^\ell\text{-}\mathcal{C}$ , the vector fields are defined as in cases  $G = \mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ , and the control function  $N_{\mathcal{K}}^* f$  is defined by:  $N_{\mathcal{K}}^* f = N_{\mathcal{R}}^* f^\alpha + N_{\mathcal{C}}^* f^\beta$  where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants such that  $N_{\mathcal{K}}^* f$  is weighted homogeneous.

As a consequence of the above results, we obtain a general estimate for the degree of  $C^\ell$ - $G$ -determinacy ( $G = \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{K}$ ).

**Proposition 2.6** *Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n, 0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, 0$  be a weighted homogeneous polynomial map germ of type  $(r_1, \dots, r_n; d_1, \dots, d_p)$ ,  $r_1 \leq \dots \leq r_n$ ,  $d_1 \leq \dots \leq d_p$ , satisfying a Lojasiewicz condition:  $|N_G f(x)| \geq c|x|^\alpha$ , for constants  $c$  and  $\alpha$ .*

- (a)  *$f$  is  $k$ - $C^\ell$ - $G$ -determined, where  $k$  is the least integer bigger than or equal to:*

$$\left( \frac{d_p + \ell r_n + 1}{r_1} - 2 \right), \quad 0 < \ell < \infty,$$

(b)  $f$  is  $k$ - $C^0$ - $G$ -determined,  $k = \frac{d_p}{r_1}$ ,

(c) Small deformations of  $f$ , of degree  $\frac{d_p}{r_1}$  are  $C^0$ - $G$ -trivial.

**Example 2.7** Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $f(x, y) = (x^a - y^b; xy)$ , with  $a \geq b$  even integers.  $f$  is a weighted homogeneous map germ of type  $(r, s; d, r + s)$ , where  $d = \text{"l.c.m."}(a, b)$  and  $r = d/a$ ,  $s = d/b$ .

Let  $f_t = f + t\Theta$ , with  $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \Theta_2)$  a deformation of  $f$ .

If  $\text{fil}(\Theta_1) = d$  and  $\text{fil}(\Theta_2) = s + r$ , the family  $f_t$  is  $C^0$ - $\mathcal{R}$ -trivial for small  $t$ .

The family  $f_t$  is  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{R}$ -trivial for any  $t$  if  $\text{fil}(\Theta_1) \geq d - r + \ell s + 1$  and  $\text{fil}(\Theta_2) \geq (\ell + 1)s + 1$ .

For any  $G = \mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  or  $\mathcal{K}$ ,  $f$  is  $k$ - $C^\ell$ - $G$ -determined, where  $k = \frac{\text{sup}(d, r+s)}{r}$  if  $\ell = 0$ , and  $k$  is the least integer bigger than or equal to:  $\left( \frac{\text{sup}(d, r+s) + \ell s + 1}{r} - 2 \right)$  if  $\ell \geq 1$ .

### The Briançon-Speder example

Let  $f(x, y, z) = z^5 + y^7x + x^{15}$ ,  $f$  is weighted homogeneous of type  $(1, 2, 3; 15)$ .

Briançon and Speder showed in [BS] that the family  $F(x, y, z, t) = z^5 + y^7x + x^{15} + ty^6z$  is topologically trivial, but the variety  $F^{-1}(0)$  is not equisingular along the parameter space.

From Proposition 2.2, it follows that deformations  $F$  of  $f$ , by terms with  $\text{fil} \geq 15 + 3\ell, (\ell \geq 1)$  are  $C^\ell$ - $\mathcal{R}$ -trivial, hence the hypersurface  $F^{-1}(0)$  is Whitney equisingular along the parameter space.

Since  $\text{fil}(y^9) = 18$ , the family  $F(x, y, z, t) = z^5 + y^7x + x^{15} + ty^9$  is  $C^1$ - $\mathcal{R}$ -trivial, hence  $F^{-1}(0)$  is Whitney-equisingular along the parameter space. It is easy to see that the monomials  $x^{15}$  and  $z^5$  belong to the integral closure of  $\langle x_i \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_j} \rangle$ , and then equisingularity of deformations along these directions follows from Teissier's condition (c), ([T]). Then if we consider the new filtration  $(r_1, r_2, r_3) = (3, 5, 9)$  associated to the monomials  $x^{15}$ ,  $y^9$  and  $z^5$ , it follows from condition (c) that for any deformation  $F$  of  $f$  by terms with filtration  $\geq 45$ , the variety  $F^{-1}(0)$  is Whitney equisingular at 0.

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