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## Holomorphic foliations by curves on $\mathbf{P}^3$ with non-isolated singularities<sup>(\*)</sup>

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**ABSTRACT.** — Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $\mathbf{P}^3$ . We treat the case where the set  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  consists of disjoint regular curves and some isolated points outside of them. In this situation, using Baum-Bott's formula and Porteous' theorem, we determine the number of isolated singularities, counted with multiplicities, in terms of the degree of  $\mathcal{F}$ , the multiplicity of  $\mathcal{F}$  along the curves and the degree and genus of the curves.

**RÉSUMÉ.** — Soit  $\mathcal{F}$  un feuilletage holomorphe de dimension 1 dans  $\mathbf{P}^3$ . Nous considérons le cas où l'ensemble  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  est formé par des courbes lisses et disjointes et quelques points isolés en dehors de ces courbes. Dans cette situation, en employant la formule de Baum-Bott et le théorème de Porteous, nous déterminons le nombre de singularités isolées, comptées avec multiplicités, en fonction du degré de  $\mathcal{F}$ , de la multiplicité de  $\mathcal{F}$  le long des courbes et du degré et du genre des courbes.

### 1. Introduction

Throughout this paper  $\mathcal{F}$  denotes a holomorphic foliation by curves with non-isolated singularities in a three-dimensional complex manifold  $M$ . More precisely, we consider foliations with singular sets consisting of smooth and disjoint curves, possibly with some isolated points. In [8], F. Sancho determines a bound for the number of curves that can appear on  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  in terms of the degree of the holomorphic foliation defined on  $\mathbf{P}^3$ .

Our aim is to describe  $\mathcal{F}$  from information obtained by blowing-up  $M$ ,  $\tilde{M} \xrightarrow{\pi} M$ , along a regular curve  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$ . As in the case of isolated singularities, concepts as dicritical and non-dicritical curve of singularities are

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directly obtained. The algebraic multiplicity of  $\mathcal{F}$  along  $\mathcal{C}$  and the order of tangency of  $\pi^*\mathcal{F}$  on  $E$ , the exceptional divisor, will be denoted by  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ , respectively.

Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  be the pullback foliation, defined in  $\tilde{M}$ , obtained from  $\mathcal{F}$  via  $\pi$ . The foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  will be called *special* along  $\mathcal{C}$  if  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  has  $E$  as an invariant set and contains only isolated singularities on  $E$ . As we will see, if  $\mathcal{F}$  is special along  $\mathcal{C}$  then  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F}) = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ . In case  $M = \mathbf{P}^3$  and  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  consisting of only one curve of singularities, we determine the number of isolated singularities, counted with multiplicities, of  $\mathcal{F}$  in  $\mathbf{P}^3$ . More precisely,

**THEOREM 1.1.** — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $\mathbf{P}^3$ , special along a regular curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus  $g$  and degree  $d$ . Suppose that  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}) = \mathcal{C} \cup \{p_1, \dots, p_q\}$ , disjoint union. Then,*

$$\sum_{j=1}^q \mu(\mathcal{F}, p_j) = 1+k+k^2+k^3+(\ell+1) \left[ (2g-2)(\ell^2+\ell+1)+4d\ell^2-d(k-1)(3\ell+1) \right]$$

where  $\mu(\mathcal{F}, p_j)$  is the multiplicity of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $p_j$ ,  $k = \text{degree}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\ell = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ .

If we make a small pertubation of  $\mathcal{F}$ , a regular curve  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  may be destroyed and transformed into isolated singularities. Theorem 1.1 gives the number of isolated singularities, counted with multiplicities, that will appear near  $\mathcal{C}$ . In fact, this number is  $(\ell+1)[(2-2g)(\ell^2+\ell+1)-4d\ell^2+d(k-1)(3\ell+1)]$ , because  $1+k+k^2+k^3$  is the total number of isolated singularities, counted with multiplicities, after this small pertubation. Therefore, this number may be seen as a Milnor number of  $\mathcal{C}$  relative to  $\mathcal{F}$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

A foliation by curves (with singularities)  $\mathcal{F}$  on a  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold  $M$  may be defined by a family of holomorphic vector fields  $\{X_\alpha\}$  on an open cover  $\{U_\alpha\}$  of  $M$ , which satisfies  $X_\alpha = f_{\alpha\beta}X_\beta$  in  $U_\alpha \cap U_\beta$ , where  $f_{\alpha\beta} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ . The singular set of  $\mathcal{F}$  is the analytic subvariety defined by

$$\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}) = \{p \in M \mid X_\alpha(p) = 0, \text{ for some } \alpha\}.$$

We assume that  $\text{cod}(\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})) \geq 2$ .

Let  $z$  be a coordinate for  $M$  near  $p \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be given by a vector field  $X(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_i}$ . We have the following objects associated to  $p$ :

1. The multiplicity  $\mu(\mathcal{F}, p)$  of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $p$  which is the codimension in the ring  $\mathcal{O}_{M,p}$  of the ideal generated by  $\{P_i\}_{i=1}^{j=n}$

$$\mu(\mathcal{F}, p) = \dim_{\mathbf{C}} \frac{\mathcal{O}_{M,p}}{\langle P_1, \dots, P_n \rangle}.$$

It is well known that  $\mu(\mathcal{F}, p)$  is finite if and only if  $p$  is an isolated singularity.

2. The algebraic multiplicity of  $\mathcal{F}$  at  $p$ , which is the degree of the smallest non-zero coefficient in the power series expansion of  $X$ . We will say that  $\mathcal{F}$  is non-dicritical at  $p$  if the terms of smallest degree of  $X$  are not a multiple of the radial vector field.

Let us recall the notion of quadratic transformation or blow up of a polydisc along a coordinate plane. Let  $\Delta$  be a  $n$ -dimensional polydisc with holomorphic coordinates  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  and  $V \subset \Delta$  be the locus  $z_1 = \dots = z_k = 0$ . Let  $[l_1, \dots, l_k]$  be homogeneous coordinates on  $\mathbf{P}^{k-1}$ , and let

$$\tilde{\Delta} \subset \Delta \times \mathbf{P}^{k-1}$$

be the smooth variety defined by the relations

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \{(z, [l]) \mid z_i l_j = z_j l_i; \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq k\}.$$

The projection  $\pi : \tilde{\Delta} \rightarrow \Delta$  on the first factor is an isomorphism away from  $V$ , while the inverse image of a point  $z \in V$  is a projective space  $\mathbf{P}^{k-1}$ . The manifold  $\tilde{\Delta}$  together with the map  $\pi : \tilde{\Delta} \rightarrow \Delta$  is called the blow-up or quadratic transformation of  $\Delta$  along  $V$ . The inverse image  $E = \pi^{-1}(V)$  is called the exceptional divisor of the blow-up.

The set  $\tilde{\Delta}$  has a natural structure of  $n$ -dimensional complex manifold. For each  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  let  $U_j = \{[l_1, \dots, l_k], l_j \neq 0\} \subset \mathbf{P}^{k-1}$  be the standard open cover, then

$$\tilde{U}_j = \{(z, [\varsigma]) \in \tilde{\Delta}; [\varsigma] \in U_j\} \tag{2.1}$$

with holomorphic coordinates  $\sigma(\varsigma_1, \dots, \varsigma_n) = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  given by

$$z_i = \begin{cases} \varsigma_i, & \text{for } i = j \text{ or } i > k, \\ \varsigma_i \varsigma_j, & \text{for } i = 1, \dots, \hat{j}, \dots, k. \end{cases}$$

The coordinates  $\varsigma \in \mathbf{C}^n$  are affine coordinates on each fiber  $\pi^{-1}(p) \cong \mathbf{P}^{k-1}$  of  $E$ .

We can generalize this construction. Let  $S \subset M$  be a submanifold of dimension  $n - k$ . Let  $\{\phi_\alpha, U_\alpha\}$  be a collection of local charts covering  $S$  and

$\phi_\alpha : U_\alpha \rightarrow \Delta_\alpha$ , where  $\Delta_\alpha$  is a  $n$ -dimensional polydisc. We may suppose that  $V_\alpha = \phi_\alpha(X \cap U_\alpha)$  is given by  $z_1 = \dots = z_k = 0$ . Let  $\pi_\alpha : \tilde{\Delta}_\alpha \rightarrow \Delta_\alpha$  be the blow-up of  $\Delta_\alpha$  along  $V_\alpha$ . Then, we have isomorphisms

$$\pi_{\alpha\beta} : \pi_\alpha^{-1}[\phi_\alpha(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)] \rightarrow \pi_\beta^{-1}[\phi_\beta(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)]$$

and using them, we can patch together the blow-ups  $\tilde{\Delta}_{\pi_\alpha}$  to form a manifold  $\tilde{\Delta} = \cup_{\pi_{\alpha\beta}} \tilde{\Delta}_\alpha$  with the map  $\pi : \tilde{\Delta} \rightarrow \cup \tilde{\Delta}_\alpha$ .

Finally, since  $\pi$  is an isomorphism away from the exceptional divisor, we can take  $\tilde{M} = (M - S) \cup_\pi \tilde{\Delta}$ , together with the map  $\pi : \tilde{M} \rightarrow M$ , extending  $\pi$  on  $\tilde{\Delta}$  and the identity on  $M - S$ , is called the blow-up of  $M$  along  $X$ . The blow-up has the following properties:

1. The *exceptional divisor*  $E$  is a fibre bundle over  $S$  with fiber  $\mathbf{P}^{k-1}$ . Indeed,  $\pi_E = \pi|_E : E \rightarrow S$  is naturally identified with the projectivization  $\mathbf{P}(N_{S/M})$  of the normal bundle  $N_{S/M}$  of  $S$  in  $M$ . If  $M$  is an algebraic threefold and  $S$  a regular compact curve, the exceptional divisor  $E$  will be a ruled surface.

2. For any variety  $Y \subset M$ , we may define the proper transform  $\tilde{Y} \subset \tilde{M}$  of  $Y$  in the blow-up  $\tilde{M}_S$  to be the closure in  $\tilde{M}_S$  of the inverse image

$$\pi^{-1}(Y - S) = \pi^{-1}(Y) - E$$

of  $Y$  away from the exceptional divisor  $E$ . The intersection  $\tilde{Y} \cap E \subset \mathbf{P}(N_{S/M})$  corresponds to the image in  $N_{S/M}$  of the tangent cones  $T_p(Y) \subset T_p(M)$  to  $Y$  at points of  $Y \cap S$ . In particular, for  $Y \subset M$  a divisor,

$$\tilde{Y} = \pi^{-1}(Y) - m.E, \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$m = \text{mult}_S(Y)$$

is the multiplicity of  $Y$  at a generic point of  $S$ .

From (2.2) follows that

$$\text{Pic}(\tilde{M}) = \pi^* \text{Pic}(M) + \mathbf{Z}[E]. \tag{2.3}$$

For additional informations, see [5].

*The cohomology of a blow-up.* — Let  $\rho : F \rightarrow S$  be a complex vector bundle with transition functions  $\{g_{\alpha\beta}\} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow \text{GL}(r, \mathbf{C})$ . We write  $F_p$  for the fiber over  $p$ . The projectivization of  $F$ ,  $\rho_F : \mathbf{P}(F) \rightarrow S$ , is by definition the fiber bundle whose fiber at a point  $p$  in  $S$  is the projective

space  $\mathbf{P}(F_p)$  and whose transition functions  $\bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} : U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \rightarrow \mathrm{PGL}(r, \mathbf{C})$  are induced from  $g_{\alpha\beta}$ . Thus a point of  $\mathbf{P}(F)$  is a line  $\ell_p$  in the fiber  $F_p$ . On  $\mathbf{P}(F)$  there are several tautological bundles: the pullback  $\pi^{-1}F$ , the universal, also called the tautological subbundle  $T$ , and the universal quotient bundle  $Q$  (See [2]). The cohomology ring  $H^*(\mathbf{P}(F))$  is, via the pullback map,  $H^*(S) \xrightarrow{\rho_F^*} H^*(\mathbf{P}(F))$  an algebra over the ring  $H^*(S)$ . A complete description of  $H^*(\mathbf{P}(F))$  is given in these terms by the

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** — *For  $S$  any compact oriented  $C^\infty$  manifold,  $F \rightarrow S$  any complex vector bundle of rank  $r$ , the cohomology ring  $H^*(\mathbf{P}(F))$  is generated, as an  $H^*(S)$ -algebra, by the Chern class  $\zeta = c_1(T)$  of tautological bundle, with the single relation*

$$\zeta^r - \rho_F^* c_1(F) \zeta^{r-1} + \dots + (-1)^{r-1} \rho_F^* c_{r-1}(F) \zeta + (-1)^r \rho_F^* c_r(F) = 0.$$

*Proof.* — See [5], page 606.  $\square$

Moreover, if  $\tilde{M} \rightarrow M$  is the blow-up of the manifold  $M$  along the submanifold  $S$ ,  $E = \mathbf{P}(N_{S/M})$  the exceptional divisor, then the normal bundle to  $E$  in  $\tilde{M}$  is just the tautological bundle on  $E \cong \mathbf{P}(N_{S/M})$ . As a consequence, we see that restriction to  $E$  of the cohomology class  $e = c_1([E])$  is

$$e|_E = c_1(N_{E/\tilde{M}}) = c_1(T) = \zeta,$$

and correspondingly, with the knowlegde of  $H^*(E)$  and the restriction map  $H^*(M) \rightarrow H^*(S)$ , we may compute effectively in the cohomology ring of blow-up  $\tilde{M}_S$ . We note  $c_1(N_{E/\tilde{M}})$  by  $[E]$ .

*Example 2.2.* — Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbf{P}^3$  be the blow-up of  $\mathbf{P}^3$  along a regular curve  $\mathcal{C}$  which has genus  $g$  and degree  $d$ . From the Proposition 2.1,

$$\pi_E^* c_2(N_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{P}^3}) - \pi_E^* c_1(N_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{P}^3}) \cdot \zeta + \zeta^2 = 0.$$

As  $\int_E \pi_E^* c_2(N_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{P}^3}) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} c_2(N_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{P}^3}) = 0$ , and the restriction of  $\zeta$  to each fiber of  $E$  is just the tautological bundle class of  $\mathbf{P}^1$ , results that  $\int_E \zeta^2 = \int_E \pi_E^* c_1(N_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{P}^3}) \cdot \zeta = - \int_{\mathcal{C}} c_1(N_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{P}^3})$ . From Whitney's formula, we have that

$$\int_E \zeta^2 = \int_{\mathcal{C}} [c_1(T\mathcal{C}) - c_1(T\mathbf{P}^3)] = 2 - 2g - 4d. \quad (2.4)$$

*Chern class of a blow-up.* — Our objective is to compare  $c(T\tilde{M})$  with  $\pi^*c(TM)$ . Let  $i : S \rightarrow M$ ,  $j : E \rightarrow \tilde{M}$  be the inclusions. We write  $N = N_{S/M}$  and  $c(M)$ ,  $c(\tilde{M})$  and  $c(S)$  for  $c(TM)$ ,  $c(T\tilde{M})$  and  $c(TS)$  respectively. Then, we have that

THEOREM 2.3 (Porteous). — *With the above notation, and  $\zeta = c_1(T)$ , we have*

$$c(\tilde{M}) - \pi^*c(M) = j_*(\pi_E^*c(S) \cdot \alpha), \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\zeta} \sum_{i=0}^r [1 - (1 - \zeta)(1 + \zeta)^i] \pi_E^*c_{r-i}(N).$$

*In this expression, the term in brackets is expanded as a polynomial in  $\zeta$ , and  $\alpha$  is the polynomial one obtains after formally dividing by  $\zeta$  and  $r$  is the rank of  $N$ .*

*Proof.* — The proof may be found in [7] or [3], page 298.  $\square$

*Example 2.4.* — In order to calculate the Chern class  $c(\tilde{M})$  we have to compare the terms of (2.5) with same degree. Equating terms of degree one,

$$c_1(\tilde{M}) - \pi^*c_1(M) = j_*(1 - r) = (1 - r)[E]. \quad (2.6)$$

For terms of degree two and  $r = 2$ , then

$$c_2(\tilde{M}) - \pi^*c_2(M) = -j_*\pi_E^*c_1(S) - [E] \cdot [E] = \pi^*i_*[S] - \pi^*c_1(M) \cdot [E], \quad (2.7)$$

where  $[S] \in H^4(M)$  is the class of  $S$ . The second part of (2.7) may be found in [3], page 114 or in [5], page 609.

For terms of degree three and  $r = 2$ , as  $c_1(M)|_S = c_1(S) + c_1(N)|_E$ , we have

$$c_3(\tilde{M}) - \pi^*c_3(M) = -\pi_E^*c_2(N) \cdot [E] - \pi_E^*c_1(M) \cdot [E]^2 + [E]^3. \quad (2.8)$$

*Blowing-up curves of singularities of a foliation.* — We will assume that  $M$  is a 3-dimensional manifold and  $\mathcal{C} \subset M$  a regular curve. Let  $f$  be a holomorphic complex function on  $M$  vanishing along  $\mathcal{C}$ . By a holomorphic change of coordinates, this curve can be given locally as  $z_1 = z_2 = 0$  and  $f$  can be written as:

$$f(z) = z_1f_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) + z_2f_2(z_1, z_2, z_3). \quad (2.9)$$

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If  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  also vanish on the  $z_3 - axis$ , we can apply (2.9) again to all of them. Thus, the function  $f$  can be rewritten as

$$f(z) = z_1^2 f_{2,0}(z_1, z_2, z_3) + z_1 z_2 f_{1,1}(z_1, z_2, z_3) + z_2^2 f_{0,2}(z_1, z_2, z_3).$$

We will repeat this process, until we find some function  $f_{i,j}$  which does not vanish on the  $z_3 - axis$ . Then, the function  $f$  will be of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{i+j=m} z_1^i z_2^j f_{i,j}(z), \quad (2.10)$$

with  $f_{i,j}(0, 0, z_3) \neq 0$  for some  $i, j$  and  $z_1^i z_2^j f_{i,j}$  are linearly independent over  $\mathbf{C}$ .

DEFINITION 2.5. — *The number  $m$  in (2.10) will be called the multiplicity of  $f$  along  $\mathcal{C}$  and will be denoted by  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(f)$ .*

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $M$  and suppose that  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  contains regular curves and possibly some isolated points. Assume that  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$ . Then, there exists an open set  $U \subset M$  such that  $U \cap \mathcal{C} \neq \emptyset$  and the  $\mathcal{F}$  is given in  $U$  by the vector field

$$X(z) = P(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} + Q(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} + R(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3}, \quad (2.11)$$

with  $P, Q$  and  $R$  vanishing along  $\mathcal{C}$ . Thus, we can write these functions as

$$\begin{cases} P(z) &= z_1^m P_0(z) + z_1^{m-1} z_2 P_1(z) + \dots + z_2^m P_m(z), \\ Q(z) &= z_1^n Q_0(z) + z_1^{n-1} z_2 Q_1(z) + \dots + z_2^n Q_n(z), \\ R(z) &= z_1^p R_0(z) + z_1^{p-1} z_2 R_1(z) + \dots + z_2^p R_p(z), \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

with  $m = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(P)$ ,  $n = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(Q)$  and  $p = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(R)$ . By a linear change of variables, we may assume that  $m \geq n$ .

DEFINITION 2.6. — *The multiplicity of  $\mathcal{F}$  along  $\mathcal{C}$ , noted  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$ , will be the smallest of the numbers  $m, n, p$ .*

PROPOSITION 2.7. — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $M$  with  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  a regular curve. Then,  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$  is independent of the coordinate system chosen.*



*Proof.*— Let us suppose that  $\mathcal{F}$  is generated in an other coordinate system by the vector field

$$Y(z) = A(w)\frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} + B(w)\frac{\partial}{\partial w_2} + C(w)\frac{\partial}{\partial w_3}$$

with  $A, B$  and  $C$  vanishing along the  $w_3$ -axis. There is a biholomorphism  $w = \Phi(z) = (\Phi_1(z), \Phi_2(z), \Phi_3(z))$  such that  $X = \Phi^*Y$ . Consequently, we have that

$$w_j = z_1\phi_{j1}(z) + z_2\phi_{j2}(z), \text{ for } j = 1, 2. \quad (2.13)$$

In particular,

$$\left[ \phi_{11}(z)\phi_{22}(z) - \phi_{12}(z)\phi_{21}(z) \right] \frac{\partial\Phi_3(z)}{\partial z_3} \Big|_{z=(0,0,z_3)} \neq 0.$$

Given that  $z_j = w_1\psi_{j1}(w) + w_2\psi_{j2}(w)$  too for  $j = 1, 2$ , we have that

$$P \circ \Psi(w) = \sum_{i=0}^m z_1^{m-i} z_2^i P_i(z) \Big|_{z=\Psi(w)} = \sum_{i=0}^m w_1^{m-i} w_2^i \tilde{P}_i(w), \quad (2.14)$$

with some  $\tilde{P}_i(0, 0, w_3) \neq 0$ . In fact, let us suppose that  $\tilde{P}_i(0, 0, w_3) \equiv 0$ , for all  $i$ . From (2.13), if we rewrite the right side of (2.14) in terms of the variable  $z$ , we will obtain  $P_i(0, 0, z_3) \equiv 0$ , for  $i = 0, \dots, m$ . An absurd, because  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(P) = m$ . From (2.13), follows that

$$Y(w) = \begin{cases} \dot{w}_1 = [\phi_{11} \circ \Psi(w) + \eta_{11}(w)]P \circ \Psi(w) + [\phi_{21} \circ \Psi(w) + \eta_{12}(w)]Q \circ \Psi(w) + \eta_{13}(w)R \circ \Psi(w) \\ \dot{w}_2 = [\phi_{21} \circ \Psi(w) + \eta_{21}(w)]P \circ \Psi(w) + [\phi_{22} \circ \Psi(w) + \eta_{22}(w)]Q \circ \Psi(w) + \eta_{23}(w)R \circ \Psi(w) \\ \dot{w}_3 = \frac{\partial\Phi_3}{\partial z_1} \circ \Psi(w)P \circ \Psi(w) + \frac{\partial\Phi_3}{\partial z_2} \circ \Psi(w)Q \circ \Psi(w) + \frac{\partial\Phi_3}{\partial z_3} \circ \Psi(w)R \circ \Psi(w). \end{cases}$$

with  $\eta_{ij}(0, 0, w_3) \equiv 0$  for all  $i, j$ , that is,  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\eta_{ij}) \geq 1$ . As before,  $m \geq n$ , consequently,  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$  will be  $n$  or  $p$ . Firstly, we will assume that  $p < n$ . Because  $\partial\Phi_3/\partial z_3 \circ \Psi(0, 0, w_3) \neq 0$ , the third component of  $Y$  has multiplicity equal to  $p$  along axis- $w_3$ , while the other components have multiplicity at least  $p + 1$ . Therefore, we have that  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y) = p$ .

Now, let us suppose that  $n \leq p$ . The third component of  $Y$  has multiplicity at least equal to  $n$  along the  $w_3$ -axis. Because  $\eta_{z_3}(w)R \circ \Psi(w)$  has multiplicity at least one, in order to complete the proof, it is enough to verify that one of these functions  $M(w) = [\phi_{11}P + \phi_{12}Q] \circ \Psi(w)$  and  $N(w) = [\phi_{21}P + \phi_{22}Q] \circ \Psi(w)$  has multiplicity  $n$  along  $\mathcal{C}$ . In fact, as  $[\phi_{11}\phi_{22} - \phi_{12}\phi_{21}](0, 0, z_3) \neq 0$ , we have that

$$P = \frac{M\phi_{22} - N\phi_{12}}{\phi_{11}\phi_{22} - \phi_{21}\phi_{12}} \text{ and } Q = \frac{N\phi_{11} - M\phi_{21}}{\phi_{11}\phi_{22} - \phi_{21}\phi_{12}}.$$

But, if the multiplicity of  $M$  and  $N$  is greater than  $n$ , the same will happen for  $P$  and  $Q$ . Then,  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y) = n$ .  $\square$

A bimeromorphic transformation  $\phi : N \rightarrow M$  is given by a biholomorphism  $\Phi|_{N-\Sigma} : N - \Sigma \rightarrow M - \Gamma$ , which  $\Sigma$  and  $\Gamma$  are analytic subsets. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be as before, on  $M$ , with  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  a regular curve. Let us suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is not contained in  $\Gamma$ . We may define a holomorphic foliation in  $N$  called the pullback of  $\mathcal{F}$  and denoted by  $\mathcal{G} = \Phi^*\mathcal{F}$ . This new foliation is also singular along the curve  $\mathcal{C}_1 = \Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{C} \setminus \Gamma)$ . We will show that  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}_1}(\mathcal{G}) = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$ . That is, the multiplicity is a bimeromorphic invariant whenever that  $\mathcal{C} \not\subset \Gamma$ .

**THEOREM 2.8.** — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $M$  and  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  a regular curve. Consider the bimeromorphism  $\Phi : N \rightarrow M$  such that  $\Phi|_{N-\Sigma} : N - \Sigma \rightarrow M - \Gamma$  is a biholomorphism, with  $\mathcal{C} \not\subset \Gamma$ . Then,  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}_1}(\mathcal{G}) = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$ , where  $\mathcal{G} = \Phi^*\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_1 = \Phi^{-1}(\mathcal{C} \setminus \Gamma)$ .*

*Proof.* — Let  $\{U_\alpha\}$  be an open cover of  $M$ . Shrinking each  $U_\alpha$ , if necessary, we may assume that  $\mathcal{C} \cap U_\alpha$ , non-empty, is given by  $z_{\alpha 1} = z_{\alpha 2} = 0$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  generated by a holomorphic vector field  $X_\alpha = (P_\alpha, Q_\alpha, R_\alpha)$ , with  $P_\alpha, Q_\alpha$  and  $R_\alpha$  as before. If  $\mathcal{C} \cap U_\alpha \cap U_\beta \neq \emptyset$  then  $X_\alpha = f_{\alpha\beta}X_\beta$ , with  $f_{\alpha\beta} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ . As  $\mathcal{C} \not\subset \Gamma$  and  $\Phi^{-1}|_{U_\alpha \setminus \Gamma \cap \mathcal{C}} : U_\alpha \setminus \Gamma \cap \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \Phi^{-1}(U_\alpha \setminus \Gamma \cap \mathcal{C})$  is a biholomorphism, the vector field  $Y_\alpha$  that generates the foliation  $\mathcal{G}$  in  $\Phi^{-1}(U_\alpha \setminus \Gamma \cap \mathcal{C})$  is analytically conjugated to  $X_\alpha$ . As the multiplicity of a foliation along a curve of singularities is independent of coordinate system chosen,  $X_\alpha$  and  $Y_\alpha$  have the same multiplicity. Given that  $X_\alpha = f_{\alpha\beta}X_\beta$ , with  $f_{\alpha\beta} \in \mathcal{O}^*(U_\alpha \cap U_\beta)$ ,  $X_\alpha$  and  $X_\beta$  have the same multiplicity too. Therefore,  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}_1}(\mathcal{G}) = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$ .  $\square$

Now, we blow-up  $M$  along  $\mathcal{C}$  and describe the behavior of  $\mathcal{F}$  under this transformation. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  generated by vector a vector field as in (2.11). In an open set in  $\tilde{U}_1$ , as in (2.1), we have

$$\sigma(\varsigma) = (\varsigma_1, \varsigma_1\varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) = (z_1, z_2, z_3).$$

Then, given that  $z_1 = \varsigma_1$  and  $z_2 = \varsigma_1\varsigma_2$ , we have that

$$\dot{\varsigma}_1 = \sum_{i=0}^m (\varsigma_1)^{m-i} (\varsigma_1\varsigma_2)^i P_i(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_1\varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) = \varsigma_1^m \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i P_i(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_1\varsigma_2, \varsigma_3).$$

But,  $P_i(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_1\varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) = P_i(0, 0, \varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 \tilde{P}_i(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) = p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 \tilde{P}_i(\varsigma)$ . Thus, we obtain that

$$\dot{\varsigma}_1 = \varsigma_1^m \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \right].$$

with  $P_1(\varsigma) = \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i \tilde{P}_i(\varsigma)$ . In the same way, we obtain that

$$\dot{\varsigma}_3 = \varsigma_1^p \left[ \sum_{i=0}^p \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 R_1(\varsigma) \right].$$

Finally, from  $z_2 = \varsigma_1\varsigma_2$ , we have that  $\dot{z}_2 = \dot{\varsigma}_1\varsigma_2 + \varsigma_1\dot{\varsigma}_2$ . Then

$$\varsigma_1^n \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i q_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 \tilde{Q}_1(\varsigma) \right] = \varsigma_2 \varsigma_1^m \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \right] + \varsigma_1 \dot{\varsigma}_2,$$

thus we obtain

$$\dot{\varsigma}_2 = \varsigma_1^{n-1} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_1^{m-n} \varsigma_2 \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 (\tilde{Q}(\varsigma) - \varsigma_1^{m-n} \varsigma_2 P_1(\varsigma)) \right].$$

The following are equations for  $\pi^*(\mathcal{F})$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\varsigma}_1 = \varsigma_1^m \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \right] \\ \dot{\varsigma}_2 = \varsigma_1^{n-1} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_1^{m-n} \varsigma_2 \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 Q_1(\varsigma) \right] \\ \dot{\varsigma}_3 = \varsigma_1^p \left[ \sum_{i=0}^p \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 R_1(\varsigma) \right] \end{array} \right. \quad (2.15)$$

with  $Q_1(\varsigma) = \tilde{Q}(\varsigma) - \varsigma_1^{m-n} \varsigma_2 P_1(\varsigma)$ . Now, all points of  $E$  given by  $\varsigma_1 = 0$  are singularities of  $\pi^*(\mathcal{F})$ . We have some ways of desingularizing it, according to the possible values of  $m, n$  and  $p$ . And if  $n = m$  we must verify whether  $\sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i (q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_2 p_i(\varsigma_3))$  is identically zero or not. Thus, we may divide it in

two cases, dicritical or non-dicritical curves of singularities, according to fact that the exceptional divisor is, or is not, invariant by the induced foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ .

(a) Non-dicritical curve of singularities.

(i) If  $p + 1 = n < m - 1$  or  $p + 1 = n = m$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i [q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_2 p_i(\varsigma_3)]$  is not identically zero. Dividing (2.15) by  $\varsigma_1^p$  we get

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\varsigma}_1 &= \varsigma_1^{m-p} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \right] \\ \dot{\varsigma}_2 &= \sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_1^{m-n} \varsigma_2 \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2 p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 Q_1(\varsigma) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_3 &= \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 R_1(\varsigma) \end{cases} \quad (2.16)$$

The expression in the other coordinate system (after dividing by  $\varsigma_2^p$ ) fits with (2.16) to define a foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  in  $\tilde{U}_1$  having the exceptional divisor as an invariant set. More precisely, the singularities on  $E$  are given by the roots of

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i [q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_2 p_i(\varsigma_3)] = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=0}^p \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) = 0$$

if  $n = m$  or

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i q_i(\varsigma_3) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=0}^p \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) = 0$$

if  $n < m$ ,  $E$  is an invariant set of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $\pi^*(\mathcal{F})$  coincide outside  $E$ .

(ii) If  $p + 1 < n \leq m$ , dividing (2.15) by  $\varsigma_1^p$ , we get

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\varsigma}_1 &= \varsigma_1^{m-p} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \right] \\ \dot{\varsigma}_2 &= \varsigma_1^l \left[ \sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_2 \varsigma_1^{m-n} \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 Q_1(\varsigma) \right] \\ \dot{\varsigma}_3 &= \sum_{i=0}^p \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 R_1(\varsigma) \end{cases} \quad (2.17)$$

with  $l \geq 1$ . In this situation, the exceptional divisor is also invariant by the foliation, but the restriction of the foliation to it is given by  $\varsigma_2 = \beta$ ,  $\beta$  a constant.

(iii) If  $n \leq p < m$  or  $n < m \leq p$  or  $n = m \leq p$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i [q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_2 p_i(\varsigma_3)]$  is not identically zero. Dividing (2.15) by  $\varsigma_1^{n-1}$ , we get

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\varsigma}_1 &= \varsigma_1^{m-n+1} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \right] \\ \dot{\varsigma}_2 &= \sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_1^{m-n} \varsigma_2 \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 Q_1(\varsigma) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_3 &= \varsigma_1^l \sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 R_1(\varsigma) \end{cases} \quad (2.18)$$

with  $l \geq 1$ . The exceptional divisor is invariant by the foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ , but now the restriction of this foliation to it is given by  $\varsigma_3 = \beta$ ,  $\beta$  a constant.

*Remark.* — If  $\mathcal{F}$  is special along a regular curve then this condition (i) must be satisfied, because in the other two cases, new curves of singularities will appear on  $E$ .

(b) Dicritical curve of singularities:

(i) If  $p = n = m$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i [q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_2 p_i(\varsigma_3)]$  is identically zero. Dividing (2.15) by  $\varsigma_1^m$  we get

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\varsigma}_1 &= \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_2 &= Q_1(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_3 &= \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 R_1(\varsigma) \end{cases} \quad (2.19)$$

Combining this with the corresponding expression in the other coordinate systems, we get defining equations for a foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  which coincides with  $\pi^*(\mathcal{F})$  outside  $E$  but this time the exceptional divisor is no longer invariant. The foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is transverse to  $E$  except at the hypersurface locally given by  $\sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) = 0$ , which may or may not consist of singularities of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$ .

(ii) If  $n = m < p$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^n \varsigma_2 [q_i(\varsigma_3) - \varsigma_2 p_i(\varsigma_3)]$  is identically zero. Dividing

(2.15) by  $\varsigma_1^m$ , we get

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\varsigma}_1 &= \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i p_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 P_1(\varsigma) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_2 &= Q_1(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_3 &= \varsigma_1^l \left[ \sum_{i=0}^m \varsigma_2^i r_i(\varsigma_3) + \varsigma_1 R_1(\varsigma) \right] \end{cases} \quad (2.20)$$

where  $l \geq 1$ . The exceptional divisor is not invariant by the foliation, but, on it, the third component of the vector field vanishes.

From (2.15) we have the following definition:

DEFINITION 2.9. — *The order of tangency of  $\pi^*\mathcal{F}$ , denoted by  $\text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ , is*

$$\text{tang}(\pi^*(\mathcal{F}), E) = \begin{cases} \min\{m, n-1, p\}, & \text{if } \mathcal{C} \text{ is non dicritical} \\ \min\{m, n, p\}, & \text{if } \mathcal{C} \text{ is dicritical} \end{cases} \quad (2.21)$$

Observe that if  $\mathcal{F}$  is special along  $\mathcal{C}$  then  $\text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F}) = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ .

### 3. Special foliations

In this section, unless said otherwise,  $\mathcal{F}$  will be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $\mathbf{P}^3$ , special along the compact, smooth and disjoint curves  $\mathcal{C}_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, r$ . We write

$$\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}) = \cup_{j=1}^r \mathcal{C}_j \cup \{p_1, \dots, p_q\}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $p_j$  are isolated points. Our objective is to calculate  $n_{\mathcal{F}} = \sum_{j=1}^q \mu(\mathcal{F}, p_j)$ , the number of isolated singularities, counted with multiplicities, of  $\mathcal{F}$ . We assume that  $r = 1$ , that is,  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  has only one one-dimensional component, noted  $\mathcal{C}$ . The case where  $r > 1$  will follow without difficulty.

In order to reach this goal, we blow-up  $\mathbf{P}^3$  along  $\mathcal{C}$ . In this manner, we will obtain a foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  on  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3$  which has only isolated singularities as well as the exceptional divisor  $E$  as an invariant set. Thus, using Baum-Bott's formula and Porteous' theorem we can calculate the number  $n_{\mathcal{F}}$  which is a difference between the total number of singularities of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  in  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3$  and in  $E$  because the blow-up is an isomorphism away from the  $E$ .

In order to use the Baum-Bott's formula, we must calculate the Chern class of tangent bundle of the foliation  $T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}$ . From [1], it follows that

$$T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}} \cong \pi^*(T_{\mathcal{F}}) \otimes [E]^\ell.$$

Therefore, in order to know  $T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}$  is enough to calculate the number  $\ell$ . With this notation, we have that

$$c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}) = \pi^* c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}) + \ell[E], \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\ell = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $\mathbf{P}^3$ , special along some regular curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus  $g$  and degree  $d$ . Consider  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbf{P}^3$  the blow-up centered at  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $E$  the exceptional divisor. Then*

$$\sum_{q \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_1)} \mu(\mathcal{F}_1, q) = (2 - 2g)(\ell^2 + 2\ell + 2) + 2d(\ell + 1)(k - 2\ell - 1),$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}|_E$ ,  $k = \text{degree}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\ell = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ .

*Proof.* — By Baum-Bott's formula, we have that

$$\sum_{q \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_1)} \mu(\mathcal{F}_1, q) = \int_E c_2(TE \otimes T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*),$$

with

$$c_2(TE \otimes T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) = c_2(TE) + c_1(TE) \cdot c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) + c_1^2(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*).$$

From Whitney and (2.6), it follows that

$$c_1(TE) = (c_1(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3) - [E])|_E = (\pi^* c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) - 2[E])|_E.$$

As  $c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) = \pi^* c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) - \ell[E]$ ,  $\int_E \pi^* c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) \cdot \pi^* c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = \int_E \pi^* c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = 0$

and  $\int_E \pi^*[H] \cdot [E] = -\int_{\mathcal{C}} [H] = -d$ , from the example 2.2, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E c_2(TE \otimes T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) &= \int_E \left[ c_2(TE) - [\ell \pi^* c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) + 2(1 + \ell) \pi^* c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*)] \cdot [E] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (2\ell + \ell^2)[E]^2 \right] \\ &= 2(2 - 2g) + \int_{\mathcal{C}} [\ell c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) + 2(\ell + 1) c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*)] \\ &\quad + (2\ell + \ell^2) \int_E [E]^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{q \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}_1)} \mu(\mathcal{F}_1, q) = 2(2-2g) + 4\ell d + 2(1+\ell)(k-1)d + (2\ell+\ell^2)(2-2g-4d).$$

Regrouping, we obtain the theorem.  $\square$

*Example 3.2.* — Let  $\mathcal{F}_k$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $\mathbf{P}^3$  with  $\text{degree}(\mathcal{F}_k) = k \geq 2$ , induced on the affine open set  $V_3 = \{[\xi_0 : \xi_1 : \xi_2 : \xi_3] \in \mathbf{P}^3 \mid \xi_3 \neq 0\}$  by the vector field

$$X_k(z) = \begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 &= a_0 z_1^k + a_1 z_1^{k-1} z_2 + \dots + a_{k-1} z_1 z_2^{k-1} + a_k z_2^k \\ \dot{z}_2 &= b_0 z_1^k + b_1 z_1^{k-1} z_2 + \dots + b_{k-1} z_1 z_2^{k-1} + b_k z_2^k \\ \dot{z}_3 &= z_1^{k-1} R_0(z) + z_1^{k-2} z_2 R_1(z) \dots + z_2^{k-1} R_{k-1}(z), \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

with  $z_1 = \xi_0/\xi_3, z_2 = \xi_1/\xi_3, z_3 = \xi_2/\xi_3, \sum_{i=0}^k a_i z_1^{k-i} z_2^i$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^k b_i z_1^{k-i} z_2^i$  linearly independent over  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $R_i(z) = \alpha_i + \beta_i z_1 + \gamma_i z_2 + \delta_i z_3$  for  $i = 0, \dots, k-1$ .

The curve defined by  $\xi_0 = \xi_1 = 0$  is a curve of singularities of  $\mathcal{F}_k$ . We blow-up  $\mathbf{P}^3$  along this curve. In the open set  $\tilde{U}_1$  with coordinates  $\varsigma \in \mathbf{C}^3$ , we have the relations

$$\sigma_1(\varsigma_1, \varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) = (\varsigma_1, \varsigma_1 \varsigma_2, \varsigma_3) = (z_1, z_2, z_3).$$

Because  $m = n = p + 1 = k$  we have that  $\ell = \text{tang}(\pi^* \mathcal{F}, E) = k - 1$ . In this way, the foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_k$  induced by  $\mathcal{F}_k$  via  $\pi$  is generated in  $\tilde{V}_3$  by the vector field

$$\tilde{X}_k(z) = \begin{cases} \dot{\varsigma}_1 &= \varsigma_1(a_0 + a_1 \varsigma_2 + \dots + a_k \varsigma_2^k) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_2 &= b_0 + b_1 \varsigma_2 + \dots + b_k \varsigma_2^k - \varsigma_2(a_0 + a_1 \varsigma_2 + \dots + a_k \varsigma_2^k) \\ \dot{\varsigma}_3 &= \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \varsigma_2 + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} \varsigma_2^{k-1} + \varsigma_3(\delta_0 + \delta_1 \varsigma_2 + \dots \\ &\quad + \delta_{k-1} \varsigma_2^{k-1}) + \varsigma_1 R(\varsigma) \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

for some polynomial  $R$ . It is not hard to see that on the affine open set,  $\varsigma_3 \in \mathbf{C}$ , the foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_k$ , when restricted on the exceptional divisor, has  $k+1$  singularities, counted with multiplicities. But, at fiber the  $\pi^{-1}([0 : 0 : 1 : 0])$  the foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_k$  has  $k+1$  additional singularities. Therefore,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}_k$  has  $2k+2$  singularities on  $E$ .



**THEOREM 3.3.** — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation on  $\mathbf{P}^3$ , special along a regular curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus  $g$  and degree  $d$ . Moreover, suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is the unique one-dimensional irreducible component of  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$ . Consider  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbf{P}^3$ , the blow-up centered at  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  the foliation induced by  $\mathcal{F}$  via  $\pi$ . Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{q \in \text{Sing}(\tilde{\mathcal{F}})} \mu(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}, q) &= 1 + k + k^2 + k^3 - d(k-1)(3\ell^2 + 2\ell - 1) \\ &\quad - (2 - 2g)(\ell^3 + \ell^2 - 1) + 4\ell d(\ell^2 - 1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{degree}(\mathcal{F}) = k$  and  $\ell = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ .

*Proof.* — By Baum-Bott's formula, we have that

$$\sum_{q \in \text{Sing}(\tilde{\mathcal{F}})} \mu(\tilde{\mathcal{F}}, q) = \int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_3(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \otimes T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*),$$

with

$$c_3(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \otimes T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) = c_3(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3) + c_2(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) + c_1(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1^2(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) + c_1^3(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*).$$

Let us calculate separately each term of the above expression. Writing  $c_i(\mathbf{P}^3)$  for  $c_i(T\mathbf{P}^3)$ , from (2.8) we obtain that

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_3(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3) = \int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} \left[ \pi^* c_3(\mathbf{P}^3) - \pi^* c_2(N) \cdot [E] - \pi^* c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) \cdot [E]^2 + [E]^3 \right],$$

where  $N = N_{\mathcal{C}/\mathbf{P}^3}$  is the normal bundle of  $\mathcal{C}$  in  $\mathbf{P}^3$ . Therefore,

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_3(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3) = \int_{\mathbf{P}^3} c_3(\mathbf{P}^3) + \int_E \left[ -\pi^* c_2(N) - \pi^* c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) \cdot [E] + [E]^2 \right],$$

because  $[E]$  is Poincaré dual of  $E$  in  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3$ . As  $\int_E \pi^* c_2(N) = \int_{\mathcal{C}} c_2(N) = 0$  and  $\int_E [E]^2 = 2 - 2g - 4d$ , example (2.2), follows that

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_3(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3) = 4 + 4d + 2 - 2g - 4d = 4 + (2 - 2g). \quad (3.5)$$

From (2.7) and (3.2) we obtain that

$$c_2(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) = \left[ \pi^* c_2(\mathbf{P}^3) + \pi^* [\mathcal{C}] - \pi^* c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) \cdot [E] \right] \left[ \pi^* c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}^*) - \ell[E] \right].$$

As in the previous calculation,

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_2(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = \int_{\mathbf{P}^3} c_2(\mathbf{P}^3)c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) + \int_{\mathcal{C}} c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) - \ell \int_{\mathcal{C}} c_1(\mathbf{P}^3).$$

Therefore, we conclude that

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_2(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = 6(k-1) + (k-1)d - 4\ell d. \quad (3.6)$$

From (2.6) and (3.2) follows that

$$c_1(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = \left[ \pi^* c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) - [E] \right] \left[ \pi^* c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) - 2\ell \pi^* c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) \cdot [E] + \ell^2 [E]^2 \right].$$

In the same way,

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_1(T\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = \int_{\mathbf{P}^3} c_1(\mathbf{P}^3)c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) - \int_{\mathcal{C}} [\ell^2 c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) + 2\ell c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*)] - \ell^2 \int_E [E]^2.$$

Thus, we obtain that

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_1(\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3)c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = 4(k-1)^2 - \ell^2(2-2g) - 2\ell(k-1)d. \quad (3.7)$$

As  $\int_E \pi^* c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) \cdot [E] = 0$ , from (3.2), we have that

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_1^3(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = \int_{\mathbf{P}^3} c_1^3(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) - 3\ell^2 \int_{\mathcal{C}} c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) - \ell^3 \int_E [E]^2.$$

Finally,

$$\int_{\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3} c_1^3(T_{\mathcal{F}}^*) = (k-1)^3 - 3\ell^2(k-1)d - \ell^3(2-2g-4d). \quad (3.8)$$

With the equations (3.5), (3.6), (3.7) and (3.8) added and regrouped, we conclude the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

As a direct consequence of the Theorems 3.1 and 3.3 we can effectively calculate  $n_{\mathcal{F}}$ , that is, the proof of the Theorem 1.1.

*Example 3.4.* — Let  $\mathcal{F}_k$  as in the example (3.2). The foliation  $\mathcal{F}_k$  has no singularity in  $V_3 = \{[\xi_j] \in \mathbf{P}^3 | \xi_3 \neq 0\}$  moreover  $\mathcal{C} \cap V_3$ , which  $\mathcal{C}$  is given by  $\xi_0 = \xi_1 = 0$ .

Let  $H_3 = \mathbf{P}^3 \setminus V_3$  be the infinity hyperplane. This hyperplane is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{P}^2$  as well as is invariant by  $\mathcal{F}_k$ . As  $\text{degree}(\mathcal{F}_k|_{H_3}) = k$  too, the number of isolated singularities, counted with multiplicities, of  $\mathcal{F}_k$  on  $H_3$  is  $1 + k + k^2$ . Given that the singularity  $q = [0 : 0 : 1 : 0] \in \mathcal{C}$  has Milnor number  $\mu(\mathcal{F}_k|_{H_3}, q) = k^2$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_k$  has  $k + 1$  singularities isolated on  $\mathbf{P}^3$ , counted with multiplicities.

The Theorem 1.1 may be generalized for special foliation along disjoint curves.

**THEOREM 3.5.** — *Let  $\mathcal{F}_0$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on  $\mathbf{P}^3$  with degree  $k$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}_i^0 \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  are regular and disjoint curves with genus  $g_i$  and degree  $d_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ . If  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is special along each curve  $\mathcal{C}_i$  then its number of isolated singularities, counted the multiplicities, will be*

$$\sum_{i=0}^3 k^i + \sum_{i=1}^r (\ell_i + 1) \left[ (2g_i - 2)(\ell_i^2 + \ell_i + 1) + 4d_i\ell_i^2 - d_i(k - 1)(3\ell_i + 1) \right]$$

where  $\ell_i = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}_i^0}(\mathcal{F}_0)$ .

*Proof.* — Let  $M_0 = \mathbf{P}^3$  and  $\{\pi_i\}$  be a sequence of blow-up  $\pi_i : M_i \rightarrow M_{i-1}$  centered at  $\mathcal{C}_i^{i-1}$  which  $\mathcal{C}_j^i = \pi_i^{-1}(\mathcal{C}_j^{i-1})$  for  $j = i + 1, \dots, r$  and  $E_i = \pi_i^{-1}(\mathcal{C}_i^{i-1})$  be the exceptional divisor of each blow-up. Apply successively the example (2.4), we obtain the Chern class of  $c_j(TM_r)$ . In the same way, we obtain  $c_1(T\mathcal{F}_r)$ . We can assume that  $E_i \cdot E_j = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  because the curves  $\mathcal{C}_j$  are disjoint. Using Baum-Bott's formula, the proof follows like in Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

We show that  $n_{\mathcal{F}} = \sum_{j=1}^q \mu(\mathcal{F}, p_j) > 0$  when  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  has a unique regular curve  $\mathcal{C}$  which is also a complete intersection of surfaces. Let  $f_1, f_2$  be two polynomials defined an affine open set of  $\mathbf{P}^3$  such that  $\mathcal{C} = f_1^{-1}(0) \cap f_2^{-1}(0)$  with  $d_j = \text{degree}(f_j)$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Therefore, the degree of  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $d = d_1 d_2$  while its genus is  $g = 1 + d_1 d_2 (d_1 + d_2 - 4)/2$ , see [6]. As  $\mathcal{C}$  is a regular curve, we have  $df_1 \wedge df_2 \neq 0$  along  $\mathcal{C}$ . Thus, given an open set  $U$  such that  $U \cap \mathcal{C} \neq \emptyset$ , we may assume that  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1} \neq 0$  for  $z \in U$ . Let  $F : U \rightarrow V \subset \mathbf{C}^3$ , defined by  $F(z) = (f_1(z), f_2(z), z_3)$ , be local biholomorphism and  $G = (g_1(w), g_2(w), w_3)$  its inverse biholomorphism. Notice the image of  $\mathcal{C}$  by  $F$  is the  $w_3$ -axis. Consider  $\mathcal{F}$  described by a vector field  $X$ .

Let  $Y = F_*(X)(w)$  be the push-forward of  $X$ ,

$$Y = P(w) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_1} + Q(w) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_2} + R(w) \frac{\partial}{\partial w_3},$$

which  $P, Q$ , and  $R$  are given as in (2.12). Given that  $w_j = f_j(z)$ , we obtain after the normalization by the factor  $\frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1}$  that

$$X(z) = \begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 &= \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} \sum_{i=0}^m f_1^{m-i}(z) f_2^i(z) P_i \circ F(z) \\ &- \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_2} \sum_{i=0}^n f_1^{n-i}(z) f_2^i(z) Q_i \circ F(z) \\ &+ \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_3} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} \right) \sum_{i=0}^p f_1^{p-i}(z) f_2^i(z) R_i \circ F(z) \\ \dot{z}_2 &= - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1} \sum_{i=0}^m f_1^{m-i}(z) f_2^i(z) P_i \circ F(z) \\ &+ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_1} \sum_{i=0}^n f_1^{n-i}(z) f_2^i(z) Q_i \circ F(z) \\ &- \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_3} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1} \right) \sum_{i=0}^p f_1^{p-i}(z) f_2^i(z) R_i \circ F(z) \\ \dot{z}_3 &= \left( \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1} \right) \sum_{i=0}^p f_1^{p-i}(z) f_2^i(z) R_i \circ F(z). \end{cases} \quad (3.9)$$

LEMMA 3.6. — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a special foliation along  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbf{P}^3$ , a curve given by the complete intersection of surfaces  $f_1^{-1}(0)$  and  $f_2^{-1}(0)$ , with  $d_j = \text{degree}(f_j)$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Then*

$$k = \text{degree}(\mathcal{F}) \geq \begin{cases} \ell + 1, & \text{if } d_2 = 1 \\ (\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2, & \text{if } d_2 \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

which  $d_2 \geq d_1$  and  $\ell = \text{mult}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{F})$ .

*Proof.* — Let us suppose by absurd that exists a special foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  along  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $k < (\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2$  with  $d_2 \geq 2$ . As  $\mathcal{F}$  is special along  $\mathcal{C}$ , we have that  $p = n - 1 = \ell$  in (3.9).

Let  $f_{j,d_j}$  be the homogeneous terms of  $f_j$  with degree  $d_j$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Given that  $\mathcal{C}$  is the complete intersection of surfaces, the degree of  $df_1 \wedge df_2$  is  $d_1 + d_2 - 2$ . In fact, if the three terms of  $df_1 \wedge df_2$  have degree smaller than

$d_1 + d_2 - 2$  then we will have that  $f_{1,d_1} = \lambda f_{2,d_2}$ , for a some constant  $\lambda$ . But, it is an absurd. By the same reason,  $\text{degree}(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial z_1}) = d_j - 1$  or  $\text{degree}(\frac{\partial f_j}{\partial z_2}) = d_j - 1$ , for  $j = 1, 2$ .

If  $P_{\ell+1} \not\equiv 0$  or  $Q_{\ell+1} \not\equiv 0$ , the degree of the first or the second component of (3.9) will be at least  $(\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 1$ . Consequently, we must have  $P_{\ell+1} \equiv Q_{\ell+1} \equiv 0$  and  $R_\ell \not\equiv 0$  at most a constant because  $\text{cod}_{\mathbb{C}} \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F}) \geq 2$ .

In this way, the degree of each component of (3.9) is, at least,  $\ell d_2 + d_1 + d_2 - 2 = (\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2$ . In order to exists a special foliation along  $\mathcal{C}$  with  $k < (\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2$ , the infinity hyperplane must be non-invariant by  $\mathcal{F}$ . As the homogeneous term of  $\sum_{j=0}^p f_1^{p-j} f_2^j R_j \circ F(z)$  of degree  $(\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2$  is not divisible by  $f_{1,d_1}$  because  $R_\ell \not\equiv 0$ , the homogeneous term of

$$z_1 \left[ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_1} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1} \right] - z_3 \left[ \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_2} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_3} - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} \right]$$

with degree  $(\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2$  must have  $f_{1,d_1}$  as factor. That is,

$$d_1 f_{1,d_1} \frac{\partial f_{2,d_2}}{\partial z_2} - d_2 f_{2,d_2} \frac{\partial f_{1,d_1}}{\partial z_2}$$

must be divisible by  $f_{1,d_1}$ . An absurd, because  $\mathcal{C}$  is a complete intersection.

From (2.12) it is not hard to see that  $k \geq (\ell + 1)$  if  $d_2 = 1$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.7.** — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a special foliation along  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbf{P}^3$ , with  $\mathcal{C}$  a complete intersection and the unique one-dimensional component of  $\text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$ . Then  $\mathcal{F}$  has isolated singularities.*

*Proof.* — Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be as in the Lemma 3.6. As  $d$  and  $g$  was calculated in terms of  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ , for  $k = (\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} n_{\mathcal{F}} \geq & d_2(\ell + 1) \left\{ (d_2 - 1)(d_2 - 2) + (d_1 - 1) \left[ 3(d_1 + d_2) - 7 \right] + (d_2 - d_1) \right. \\ & \left. + \ell(d_2 - d_1) \left[ 2(d_2 + d_1) - 5 \right] + \ell^2(d_2 - d_1)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $n_{\mathcal{F}} \geq 0$  for  $d_2 \geq d_1 \geq 1$  with the equality only if  $d_2 = d_1 = 1$ . But, if  $d_2 = 1$  there is the sharp bound for  $k$ , that is,  $k \geq (\ell + 1)$ . With the same procedure above,  $n_{\mathcal{F}} = \ell + 2$  if  $k = (\ell + 1)$  and  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$ . In this way,  $n_{\mathcal{F}} > 0$  when  $k$  assumes its minimal value.

Assuming that  $k$  is a continuous variable, the partial derivative of  $n_{\mathcal{F}}$  with respect to  $k$  is

$$n'_{\mathcal{F}} = 1 + 2k + 3k^2 - d(\ell + 1)(3\ell + 1).$$

As  $k \geq (\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2$ , we have that

$$n'_{\mathcal{F}} > (d_1 - 1)^2 + 2(d_1 - 2)^2 + d_2(\ell + 1)[3\ell(d_2 - d_1) + 5d_1 + 3d_2 - 10].$$

If  $d_2 \geq 2$  then  $n'_{\mathcal{F}} > 0$  because we will have that  $5d_1 + 3d_2 \geq 11$ . But, if  $d_2 = 1$  then  $n'_{\mathcal{F}} \geq 1 + 4(\ell + 1) > 0$  because  $k \geq (\ell + 1)$ . Therefore,  $n_{\mathcal{F}} > 0$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Holomorphic foliations in ruled surfaces

A special foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  along  $\mathcal{C}$  gives a foliation with isolated singularities on  $E$  and in case  $\mathcal{F}$  is dicritical but not special new curves of singularities will appear. Two questions arise: given a foliation  $\mathcal{F}_1$  on  $E$  with isolated singularities, is there a condition on  $\mathcal{F}_1$  to be the restriction of  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  on  $E$  where  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  is the foliation induced from some holomorphic foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $\mathbf{P}^3$ ? How many curves of singularities will appear on  $E$  if  $\mathcal{F}$  is not special? We shall give the answer to these questions with the determination of the Chern class of the holomorphic tangent bundle  $T_{\mathcal{F}_1}$ . Firstly, we describe the results on ruled surfaces that will be needed later.

**DEFINITION 4.1.** — *A ruled surface  $S$  is a connected compact complex surface with a holomorphic map  $\Psi : S \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  to a regular complex curve  $\mathcal{C}$  giving  $S$  the structure of a holomorphic  $\mathbf{P}^1$ -bundle over  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

The map  $\Psi$  induces on the level of cohomology an isomorphism  $\Psi^* : H^1(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{Z}) \cong \mathbf{Z}^{2g} \rightarrow H^1(S, \mathbf{Z})$ , where  $g$  is the genus of  $\mathcal{C}$ , and an injection  $\Psi^* : H^2(\mathcal{C}, \mathbf{Z}) \cong \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow H^2(S, \mathbf{Z})$  sending the fundamental class of  $\mathcal{C}$  to the Poincaré dual of a fiber of the ruling  $\Psi$ ,  $f = [\Psi^{-1}(b)]^*$ . If  $\sigma : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow S$  denotes a holomorphic section of  $\Psi$  and  $f'$  denotes the Poincaré dual of  $\sigma(\mathcal{C})$ , then  $f$  and  $f'$  form a basis of  $H^2(S, \mathbf{Z})$  satisfying  $f \cdot f = 0$  and  $f \cdot f' = 1$ . We shall carry out computations in  $H^2(S, \mathbf{Z})$  by expanding its elements in terms of  $f$  and  $h = f' - \frac{1}{2}(f' \cdot f')f$ , using that  $f \cdot h = 1$  and  $h \cdot h = 0$ . Then, if  $L$  is a line bundle, there are  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $c_1(L) = af + bh$  which  $c_1(L)$  is the first Chern class.

Let  $TS$  be the tangent bundle of  $S$  and  $\tau \hookrightarrow TS$  be the sub-line bundle defined as the kernel of the Jacobian of  $\Psi$ ,

$$0 \longrightarrow \tau \longrightarrow TS \xrightarrow{D\Psi} \Psi^*(T\mathcal{C}) = N \longrightarrow 0, \quad (4.1)$$

where  $N$  is the normal bundle to the ruling.

LEMMA 4.2. — *The Chern classes of  $\tau$  and  $N$  are*

$$c_1(\tau) = 2h \text{ and } c_1(N) = (2 - 2g)f$$

where  $g$  is the genus of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

*Proof.* — See [4].  $\square$

DEFINITION 4.3. — *A holomorphic foliation by curves in the connected complex surface  $S$  is a nonidentically zero holomorphic bundle map  $X : L \rightarrow TS$  from the line bundle  $L$  to the tangent bundle of  $S$ .*

PROPOSITION 4.4. — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a holomorphic foliation by curves on the ruled surface  $S$  with isolated singularities and let  $af + bh$  be the first Chern class of  $T_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Then,*

$$(i) \quad \sum_{p \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})} \mu(\mathcal{F}, p) = 2(a + g - 1)(b - 1) + (2 - 2g),$$

$$(ii) \quad \sum_{p \in \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})} BB(\mathcal{F}, p) = 2(a + 2g - 2)(b - 2), \text{ where } BB(\mathcal{F}, p) \text{ is the Baum-Bott index of } \mathcal{F} \text{ at } p.$$

*Proof.* — See [9].  $\square$

PROPOSITION 4.5. — *Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbf{P}^3$  be the blow-up of  $\mathbf{P}^3$  along a regular curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus  $g$  and degree  $d$ . Consider a holomorphic foliation by curves  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  is non-dicritical, not necessarily special, with  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $E$  as before. Then*

$$c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}_1}) = -[d(k - 2\ell - 1) + \ell(1 - g)]f - \ell h,$$

where  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}|_E$ ,  $k = \text{degree}(\mathcal{F})$  and  $\ell = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ .

*Proof.* — From (3.2), we have that  $c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}) = \pi^*c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}) + \ell[E]$ . Let us suppose that  $c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}_1}) = af + bh$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E c_1^2(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}) &= \int_E [\pi^*c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}}) + 2\ell\pi^*c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}) \cdot [E] + \ell^2[E]^2] \\ &= 2\ell(k - 1)d + \ell^2(2 - 2g - 4d). \end{aligned}$$

By other side,  $\int_E c_1^2(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}}) = c_1^2(T_{\mathcal{F}_1}) = 2ab$ .

In the same way, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}})c_1(TE) &= \int_E [\pi^*c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}}) + \ell[E]] [\pi^*c_1(\mathbf{P}^3) - 2[E]] \\ &= 2(1-k)d - 4\ell d - 2\ell(2-2g-4d) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_E c_1(T_{\tilde{\mathcal{F}}})c_1(TE) &= c_1(T_{\mathcal{F}_1}) \cdot c_1(S) \\ &= 2a + (2-2g)b. \end{aligned}$$

From these equations, we obtain a linear system. Solving it for  $a$  and  $b$ , the proposition is then proved.  $\square$

With the determination of the Chern class of  $T_{\mathcal{F}_1}$  we can see that the parameters  $a$  and  $b$  are related with the genus and the degree of the curve of singularities as well as the degree of the foliation and the order of tangency  $\text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ . Therefore, there is a restriction for a foliation on  $E$  to be given by  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}|_E$ .

**THEOREM 4.6.** — *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a special foliation along  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbf{P}^3$  where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the complete intersection, with  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  and  $E$  as before. Then the foliation  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  has singularities on  $E$ .*

*Proof.* — Let us suppose by absurd that  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}|_E$  is non-singular. From item (ii) of the proposition 4.4, we must have that

$$2(a + 2g - 2)(b - 2) = 0.$$

As  $b = -\ell < 0$ , the unique possibility is  $a = 2 - 2g$ . From item (i) of the same proposition 4.4,

$$2(a + g - 1)(b - 1) + (2 - 2g) = (2 - 2g)b = 0.$$

Therefore, necessarily  $g = 1$ .

From the Theorem 3.1, since  $g = 1$ , we obtain  $2d(\ell + 1)(k - 2\ell - 1) = 0$ . In order to exist a foliation  $\mathcal{F}$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is non-singular, we must have that  $k = 2\ell + 1$ . As  $\mathcal{C} = f_1^{-1}(0) \cap f_2^{-1}(0)$  with  $d_j = \text{degree}(f_j)$  and  $d_1 \leq d_2$  and from the Lemma 3.6, we obtain

$$k = 2\ell + 1 \geq (\ell + 1)d_2 + d_1 - 2 \Leftrightarrow \ell(2 - d_2) + 3 - d_1 - d_2 \geq 0.$$

We have two possible cases for this inequality, that is,  $d_1 = d_2 = 1$  or  $d_1 = 1$  and  $d_2 = 2$ . But, in both cases, we have that  $g = 0$ . An absurd, because  $g = 1$ .  $\square$



Let us consider  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{C} \subset \text{Sing}(\mathcal{F})$  as before, but  $\mathcal{F}$  non-dicritical and non-special along  $\mathcal{C}$ . Thus, we will assume locally that  $\mathcal{F}$  is given by a vector field  $X(z)$  as in (2.11) with  $p + 1 \neq n \leq m$ . The foliation induced  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  when restricted to the exceptional divisor  $E$  is either tangent or normal to a fiber  $\pi^{-1}(q) \cong \mathbf{P}^1$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{C}$ , as was observed by equations (2.17) and (2.18). But, in both cases, new curves of singularities will appear on  $E$ . The number of these new curves is determined in the next result.

**THEOREM 4.7.** — *Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{P}}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathbf{P}^3$  be the blow-up of  $\mathbf{P}^3$  along a regular curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of genus  $g$  and degree  $d$ . Consider a holomorphic foliation by curves  $\mathcal{F}$ , with degree  $k$ , non-special along  $\mathcal{C}$ , with  $p + 1 \neq n \leq m$  as given above. The number of curves of singularities in the exceptional divisor, counted the multiplicities, is*

$$2 + \ell$$

in case  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \tilde{\mathcal{F}}|_E$  be tangent to the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(q) \cong \mathbf{P}^1$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{C}$  and

$$d(k - 2\ell - 1) + (\ell + 2)(1 - g)$$

in case  $\mathcal{F}_1$  be normal to the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(q) \cong \mathbf{P}^1$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{C}$  with  $\ell = \text{tang}(\pi^*\mathcal{F}, E)$ .

*Proof.* — Firstly, let us suppose  $\mathcal{F}_1$  be tangent to the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(q)$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{C}$ , as in (2.18). The number of singularities in each fiber is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tau} c_1(\tau \otimes T_{\mathcal{F}_1}^*) &= \int_{\tau} [2h - af - bh] = [(2 - b)h - af] \cdot f \\ &= 2 - b. \end{aligned}$$

As  $\mathcal{F}$  is analytical and  $b = -\ell$  we conclude that there are  $2 + \ell$  curves of singularities on  $E$ .

Let us suppose that  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is normal to the fiber  $\pi^{-1}(q)$ ,  $q \in \mathcal{C}$ , as in (2.17). In the same way, the number of singularities in each fiber is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_N c_1(N \otimes T_{\mathcal{F}_1}^*) &= \int_N [(2 - 2g)f - af - bh] \\ &= [(2 - 2g - a)f - bh] \cdot h \\ &= (2 - 2g - a). \end{aligned}$$

As  $a = -d(k - 2\ell - 1) - \ell(1 - g)$  and by the same reason of the previous case we conclude that there are  $2 - 2g - a = d(k - 2\ell - 1) + (\ell + 2)(1 - g)$  curves of singularities on  $E$ .  $\square$

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