

A duality for quasi-Gorenstein singularities

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Introduction

Let  $(X, x)$  be a germ of an  $n$ -dimensional normal isolated singularity, i.e.,  $X$  is an  $n$ -dimensional normal Stein space and a point  $x$  is the only singularity of  $X$ . Let  $\pi : (M, E) \rightarrow (X, x)$  be a resolution of the singularity, where  $E = \pi^{-1}(x)$ . Then for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} (R^i \pi_* \mathcal{O}_M)_x$  is finite and is independent of the choice of the resolution (for example, see Yau [Y, Theorem 2.6, p.434]). We write  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} (R^i \pi_* \mathcal{O}_M)_x = h^i(X, x)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-2$  and define the geometric genus of  $(X, x)$  to be  $p_g(X, x) = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} (R^{n-1} \pi_* \mathcal{O}_M)_x$ .

The analytic local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X, x}$  is Cohen-Macaulay if and only if  $h^i(X, x) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-2$ . The analytic local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{X, x}$  is Gorenstein if and only if it is Cohen-Macaulay and quasi-Gorenstein, i.e., the canonical line bundle is trivial in a deleted neighborhood of  $x$  in  $X - \{x\}$  (see [HO, Theorem 1.6, p.421]).

The purpose of this paper is to show the following theorems:

Theorem A. Suppose that  $(X, x)$  is a quasi-Gorenstein singularity. Then

- (i)  $h^i(X, x) = h^{n-(i+1)}(X, x)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-2$ ,
- (ii) If  $n = 4m + 3$ , then  $h^{2m+1}(X, x)$  is even.

Theorem B. If  $(X, x)$  is a Gorenstein singularity of dimension  $n = 2m + 1$ , then

$$p_g(X, x) = T_n(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1})[M],$$

where  $T_n \in \mathbb{Q}[c_1, \dots, c_n]$  is the  $n$ -th Todd polynomial and  $T_n[M]$  is the value of  $T_n(c_1, \dots, c_n)$  on the fundamental class  $[M] \in H_{2n}(M, \partial M)$ .

Theorem B is proved by Looijenga [Lo, 4.1g, p.299] under the condition that the singularity  $(X, x)$  is smoothable.

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(1.1) Let  $(X, x)$  be a germ of an  $n$ -dimensional normal isolated singularity. By a theorem of Artin [A],  $(X, x)$  can be realized as a Zariski open subset of a projective variety  $Y$  with  $x$  as its only singularity. Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow X$  be a good resolution of the singular point. Then, in a natural manner, we get a desingularization  $\rho : N \rightarrow Y$  of  $Y$  by letting  $N$  to be  $(Y - \{x\}) \cup M$ . Let  $E = \pi^{-1}(\{x\})$  and denote by  $D_i$  ( $i=1, \dots, r$ ) the irreducible components of  $E$ . These notations are used throughout the paper.

Note that  $M$  is a strongly pseudoconvex manifold and  $N$  is

a non-singular compactification of  $M$ . We may also assume that  $N - M$  consists of non-singular divisors in normal crossing.

(1.2) Let  $D$  be a non-singular divisor of  $M \subset N$ , and let  $d \in H^2(N, \mathbb{Z})$  be the cohomology class represented by the oriented  $(2n-2)$ -cycle  $D$ . Denote by  $[D]$  the line bundle defined by the integral divisor  $D$ . Then  $c_1([D]) = d$ .

The natural orientation of  $N$  defines an element of the  $2n$ -dimensional integral homology group  $H_{2n}(N, \mathbb{Z})$  called the fundamental cycle of  $N$ .

In general, following the notation in [Hi], for  $a = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k$   $\in H^*(N, \mathbb{C})$  with  $a_k \in H^{2k}(N, \mathbb{C})$ , we put

$$\kappa_n[a] = a_{2n},$$

$$\kappa_n(a) = a_{2n}[N] = \langle a_{2n}, [N] \rangle,$$

$[N]$  denoting the fundamental  $2n$ -cycle of  $N$ .

Let  $j : D \rightarrow N$  be the embedding of  $D$  in  $N$ , and  $c_i \in H^{2i}(N, \mathbb{Z})$  be the Chern classes of  $N$ . Every product  $c_{j_1} c_{j_2} \cdots c_{j_r}$  of weight  $n-s = j_1 + j_2 + \cdots + j_r$  defines an integer  $c_{j_1} c_{j_2} \cdots c_{j_r} d^s [N]$ , which is equal to  $\langle j^*(c_{j_1} c_{j_2} \cdots c_{j_r} d^{s-1}), [D] \rangle$  if  $s \geq 1$ .

Denote the complex analytic tangent bundles of  $N$ ,  $D$  by  $T_N$ ,  $T_D$ . There is an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow T_D \rightarrow T_N|_D \rightarrow [D]|_D \rightarrow 0,$$

so we have

$$j^*c(T_N) = c(j^*T_N) = c(T_N|_D) = c(T_D)(1 + j^*d).$$

(multiplicity of the total Chern class)

Then any  $j^*c_j(N)$  can be represented by the Chern classes of  $D$

and  $j^*d$ . Thus  $(c_{j_1} c_{j_2} \cdots c_{j_r} d^s)[N]$  is independent of the choice of the affine model of  $(X, x)$  and their non-singular compactifications if  $s \geq 1$ .

(1.3) Let  $f$  be a two dimensional cohomology class of  $H^2(N, \mathbb{Z})$ . Define  $T(N, f)$  by

$$T(N, f) = \left\langle \kappa_n \left[ e^f \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\gamma_i}{1 - e^{-\gamma_i}} \right], [N] \right\rangle.$$

This formula is to be understood as follows: There is a formal factorization

$$1 + c_1 x + \cdots + c_n x^n = (1 + \gamma_1 x) \cdots (1 + \gamma_n x),$$

where  $c_i \in H^{2i}(N, \mathbb{Z})$  are the Chern classes of  $N$ . Consider the term of degree  $n$  in  $f$  and the  $\gamma_i$  of the expression in square brackets. It is a symmetric function in the  $\gamma_i$  and is therefore a polynomial in  $f$  and the  $c_i$  with rational coefficients. If the multiplication is interpreted as the cup product in  $H^*(N, \mathbb{Z})$ , this polynomial defines as an element of  $H^{2n}(N, \mathbb{Z}) \otimes \mathbb{Q}$ . The value of this element on the  $2n$ -dimensional cycle of  $N$  determined by the natural orientation is denoted by  $T(N, f)$ .

(1.4) Following Laufer [L], we consider the sheaf cohomology with support at infinity. Let  $F$  be a line bundle on  $M$ . The sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \Gamma(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \rightarrow \Gamma_\infty(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \rightarrow H_C^1(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

is exact. By Siu [Si], p. 374, any section of  $F$  defined near the boundary of  $M$  has an analytic continuation to  $M - E$ . Therefore there is a natural isomorphism  $\Gamma_\infty(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \simeq \Gamma(M - E, \mathcal{O}(F))$ . By Hartshorne [H], p. 225, there exists an isomorphism:

$$H_{\mathbb{C}}^1(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \simeq H^{n-1}(M, \mathcal{O}(K-F))$$

where  $K$  denotes the line bundle determined by canonical divisors. Since  $M$  is strongly pseudoconvex,  $H^1(M, \mathcal{O}(K-F))$  is a finite dimensional vector space. Hence by the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \dim \Gamma(M-E, \mathcal{O}(F)) / \Gamma(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) &\leq \dim H_{\mathbb{C}}^1(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \\ &= \dim H^{n-1}(M, \mathcal{O}(K-F)), \end{aligned}$$

we have  $\dim \Gamma(M-E, \mathcal{O}(F)) / \Gamma(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \leq +\infty$ . We define the Euler-Poincaré characteristic  $\chi(M, \mathcal{O}(F))$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) &= \dim \Gamma(M-E, \mathcal{O}(F)) / \Gamma(M, \mathcal{O}(F)) \\ &\quad - \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} (-1)^q \dim H^q(M, \mathcal{O}(F)). \end{aligned}$$

Now we have the following theorem of Riemann-Roch type.

**Theorem 1.5 ([W]).** For any integral divisor  $D$  with the first Chern class  $d$  on  $M$ , the equality

$$\chi(M, \mathcal{O}([D])) - \chi(M, \mathcal{O}) = T(N) - T(N, d)$$

holds.

(2.1) Let  $(X, x)$  be a normal  $n$ -dimensional isolated singularity. The geometric genus  $p_g(X, x)$  is defined to be the dimension of  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}}(R^{n-1} \pi_* \mathcal{O}_M)_x$  where  $\pi : M \rightarrow X$  is a resolution of the singularity.

**Theorem 2.2 (Laufer-Yau[Y]).** Let  $(X, x)$  be a normal  $n$ -dimensional isolated singularity. Suppose that  $x$  is the only singularity of  $X$  and  $X$  is a Stein space. Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow X$  be a resolution of the singularity. Then

$$\dim H^{n-1}(M, \mathcal{O}) = \dim \Gamma(M - E, \mathcal{O}(K)) / \Gamma(M, \mathcal{O}(K))$$

where  $E = \pi^{-1}(\{x\})$ .

Definition 2.3. Let  $(X, x)$  be a normal isolated singularity. We say  $(X, x)$  is quasi-Gorenstein if there exists a holomorphic  $n$ -form  $\omega$  defined on a deleted neighborhood of  $x$ , which is nowhere vanishing on this neighborhood.

(2.4) Assume that  $(X, x)$  is a quasi-Gorenstein singularity. Then there exists a nowhere vanishing holomorphic  $n$ -form  $\omega$  defined on  $X - \{x\}$ . Let  $K_\omega$  be the part of the divisor of  $\pi^*\omega$  on  $N$  which is supported on  $N - M$ . Then  $(\omega) \sim K + K_\omega$ . Let  $k, k_\omega \in H^2(N, \mathbb{Z})$  be the cohomology class represented by the cycle  $K, K_\omega$  respectively.

(3.1) Let  $\{T_k(c_1, \dots, c_k)\}$  be the multiplicative sequence with characteristic power series

$$Q(x) = \frac{x}{1 - e^{-x}}.$$

The polynomial  $T_k$  are called Todd polynomial. For small  $n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= \frac{1}{2}c_1, \\ T_2 &= \frac{1}{12}(c_2 + c_1^2), \\ T_3 &= \frac{1}{24}c_1c_2. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.2. Let  $n$  be a positive integer, then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(-c_1)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} T_k(c_1, \dots, c_k) = \{(-1)^{n-1}\} T_n(c_1, \dots, c_n).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-c_1)^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} T_k(c_1, \dots, c_n) &= \kappa_n \left[ e^{-c_1} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\gamma_i}{1 - e^{-\gamma_i}} \right] \\
&= \kappa_n \left[ e^{-(\gamma_1 + \dots + \gamma_n)} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\gamma_i}{1 - e^{-\gamma_i}} \right] = \kappa_n \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\gamma_i}{e^{\gamma_i} - 1} \right] \\
&= \kappa_n \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{-\gamma_i}{1 - e^{-(-\gamma_i)}} \right] = T_n(-c_1, c_2, \dots, (-1)^1 c_1, \dots, (-1)^n c_n) \\
&= (-1)^n T_n(c_1, \dots, c_n)
\end{aligned}$$

Corollary 3.3 ([Hi]).  $T_k(c_1, \dots, c_n)$  is divisible by  $c_1$  for  $k$  odd.

Lemma 3.4.  $T(N) - T(N, k) = \{1 - (-1)^n\} T_n(-k, c_2, \dots, c_n)[N]$ .

Proof. By definition  $T(N) = T_n(c_1, \dots, c_n)[N]$  and  $T(N, k) = \langle \kappa_n \left[ e^k \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\gamma_i}{1 - e^{-\gamma_i}} \right], [N] \rangle$ , and hence it suffices to show

$$\begin{aligned}
&T_n(c_1, \dots, c_n) - \kappa_n \left[ e^k \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\gamma_i}{1 - e^{-\gamma_i}} \right] \\
&= T_n(c_1, \dots, c_n) - \sum_{j=0}^n \frac{k^{n-j}}{(n-j)!} T_j(c_1, \dots, c_j) \\
&= - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{k^{n-j}}{(n-j)!} T_j(c_1, \dots, c_j) \\
&= - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{k^{n-j}}{(n-j)!} T_j(-k - k_\omega, \dots, c_j) \\
&= - \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{k^{n-j}}{(n-j)!} T_j(-k, \dots, c_j) \quad [k \cdot k_\omega = 0] \\
&= \{1 - (-1)^n\} T_n(-k, \dots, c_n).
\end{aligned}$$

(4.1) From Lemma 3.4, applying Theorem 1.5 to the case  $[D] = K$ , we have the following:

Corollary 4.2. Let  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  be a normal isolated singularity of dimension  $n$ . If  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  is quasi-Gorenstein, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \{1 - (-1)^n\} \{p_{\mathfrak{g}}(X, \mathfrak{x}) - T_n(-k, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1})[N]\} \\ & = h^1(X, \mathfrak{x}) - h^2(X, \mathfrak{x}) + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} h^{n-2}(X, \mathfrak{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Proof.  $\chi(M, K) - \chi(M) =$

$$\begin{aligned} & = p_{\mathfrak{g}}(X, \mathfrak{x}) - \{h^1(X, \mathfrak{x}) - h^2(X, \mathfrak{x}) + \dots + (-1)^n h^{n-1}(X, \mathfrak{x})\} \\ & = \{1 - (-1)^n\} p_{\mathfrak{g}}(X, \mathfrak{x}) - \{h^1(X, \mathfrak{x}) - h^2(X, \mathfrak{x}) + \dots + \\ & (-1)^{n-1} h^{n-2}(X, \mathfrak{x})\} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from Lemma 3.4

$$T(N) - T(N, k) = \{1 - (-1)^n\} T_n(-k, \dots, c_n)[N].$$

Hence we obtain the corollary by Theorem 1.5.

Corollary 4.3. Let  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  be a normal isolated singularity of dimension  $2m + 1$ . If  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  is quasi-Gorenstein, then

$$\begin{aligned} & 2\{p_{\mathfrak{g}}(X, \mathfrak{x}) - T_{2m+1}(-k, c_2, \dots, c_{2m}, c_{2m+1})[N]\} \\ & = h^1(X, \mathfrak{x}) - h^2(X, \mathfrak{x}) + \dots + h^{2m-1}(X, \mathfrak{x}). \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 4.4. Let  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  be a normal isolated singularity of odd dimension. If  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  is Gorenstein, then

$$p_{\mathfrak{g}}(X, \mathfrak{x}) = T_n(-k, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1})[N].$$

Proof. As is well known,  $h^i(X, \mathfrak{x}) = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ ; [Ya, Theorem 2.6, p.434].

Corollary 4.5. Let  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  be a normal isolated singularity of even dimension. If  $(X, \mathfrak{x})$  is quasi-Gorenstein, then

$$h^1(X, \mathfrak{x}) - h^2(X, \mathfrak{x}) + \dots - h^{n-2}(X, \mathfrak{x}) = 0,$$



i.e.,  $\chi(M, \mathcal{O}) = h^{n-1}(X, \mathcal{X}) = p_g(X, \mathcal{X})$ .

Corollary 4.6. Let  $(X, \mathcal{X})$  be a normal isolated singularity of dimension 3. If  $(X, \mathcal{X})$  is quasi-Gorenstein, then

$$2\left\{ p_g(X, \mathcal{X}) - \frac{-k \cdot c_2}{24}[N] \right\} = h^1(X, \mathcal{X}),$$

i.e., the dimension of the second local cohomology group of  $\mathcal{O}_{X, \mathcal{X}}$  is even.

Corollary 4.7. Let  $(X, \mathcal{X})$  be a normal isolated singularity of dimension 4. If  $(X, \mathcal{X})$  is quasi-Gorenstein, then

$$h^1(X, \mathcal{X}) = h^2(X, \mathcal{X}).$$

Remark 4.8. A quasi-homogeneous cone over a three dimensional abelian variety satisfies the condition of this Corollary.

Theorem 5.1. If  $(X, \mathcal{X})$  is a quasi-Gorenstein normal isolated singularity of dimension  $n$ , then  $h^i(X, \mathcal{X}) = h^{n-(i+1)}(X, \mathcal{X})$ .

Proof. Let  $\pi : M \rightarrow X$  be a resolution of the singularity. By (2,2) of [La], we have the following exact sequence

$$\begin{aligned} H^1(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) &\rightarrow H^1_{\infty}(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) \rightarrow \\ H^2_C(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) &\rightarrow H^2(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) \rightarrow \dots \\ &\dots \rightarrow H^{n-2}_{\infty}(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) \rightarrow \\ H^{n-1}_C(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) &\rightarrow H^{n-1}(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) . \end{aligned}$$

By the vanishing theorem of Grauert-Riemenschneider,  $H^i(M, \mathcal{O}(K))$

= 0 for  $i \geq 1$ . Therefore

$$H_{\omega}^i(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) \simeq H_C^{i+1}(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2.$$

Since  $H^i(M, \mathcal{O})$  is Serre dual to  $H_C^{n-i}(M, \mathcal{O}(K))$ ,

$$H_{\omega}^i(M, \mathcal{O}(K)) \simeq \left( H^{n-(i+1)}(M, \mathcal{O}) \right)^* \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1.$$

Consider the following exact sequence

$$H_C^1(M, \mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow H^1(M, \mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow H_{\omega}^1(M, \mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow$$

... ..

$$\dots \longrightarrow H^{n-2}(M, \mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow H_{\omega}^{n-2}(M, \mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow H_C^{n-1}(M, \mathcal{O}) .$$

By Serre duality, we know that  $H_C^i(M, \mathcal{O})$  is the strong dual of  $H^{n-i}(M, \mathcal{O}(K))$  which is zero by the vanishing theorem of

Grauert-Riemenschneider for  $i \neq n$ . So  $H_C^i(M, \mathcal{O}) = 0$  for  $i \neq n$ . It follows that

$$H^i(M, \mathcal{O}) \simeq H_{\omega}^i(M, \mathcal{O}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 .$$

Since the singularity is quasi-Gorenstein, there exists a holomorphic  $n$ -form  $\omega$  defined on a deleted neighborhood of  $x \in X$ , which is nowhere vanishing on this neighborhood. Cupping, or wedging, with  $\tilde{\omega} = \pi^* \omega$ , we have a morphism

$$H_{\omega}^i(M, \mathcal{O}) \longrightarrow H_{\omega}^i(M, \mathcal{O}(K)).$$

The morphism is an isomorphism, since "at  $\infty$ "  $\tilde{\omega} = \omega$  doesn't vanish. Therefore  $h^i(X, x) = h^{n-(i+1)}(X, x)$ .

**Proposition 5.2.** If  $(X, x)$  is a quasi-Gorenstein singularity of dimension  $n = 4m + 3$ , then  $T_n(-k, c_2, \dots, c_n)[N]$  is an integer.

**Proof.** By Corollary 4.3

$$2\{p_g(X, x) - T_n(-k, c_2, \dots, c_n)[N]\} = h^1 - h^2 + \dots + h^{4m+1}.$$

Then, since  $h^i = h^{4m+1-i}$ ,

$$2\{p_g(X, x) - T_n(-k, c_2, \dots, c_n)[N]\} \\ = 2\{h^1 - h^2 + \dots - h^{2m}\} + h^{2m+1}$$

On the other hand,  $H^{2m+1}(M, \mathcal{O})$  has a non-degenerate skew-symmetric bilinear form, then the dimension of  $H^{2m+1}(M, \mathcal{O})$  is even. Thus the number  $T_n(-k, c_2, \dots, c_n)[N]$  is an integer.

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