

On the Rational $K(\pi, 1)$ - properties
of Open Algebraic Varieties

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§ 1. Introduction

In this note we shall study the rational $K(\pi, 1)$ - properties of a complement of a divisor. We shall say that a simplicial complex X is rational $K(\pi, 1)$ if its minimal algebra is generated by the elements of degree ≤ 1 .

By using the spectral sequence of Morgan [11], we give the explicit form of the minimal algebra of P^2 minus curves in § 3. The main theorem in this note will be the following.

Theorem : Let X be P^n minus a hypersurface D . Then the 1-minimal model of X , $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$, is formal. (i.e. there exists a quasi isomorphism $\psi : \mathcal{M}_X(1) \longrightarrow H^*(\mathcal{M}_X(1))$)

Applying this theorem and results in § 3, we have an algorithm to study the gap between the 1-minimal model $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ and the minimal model $\mathcal{M}_X$, which is closely related to the higher homotopy groups.

2. Preliminaries

In this section we review an outline of Sullivan's De Rham homotopy theory. For details, see [6], [8] and [13].

We denote by $\bigwedge_n(V)$ the free algebra on a vector space V whose elements are of degree n . Then $\bigwedge_n(V)$ is the polynomial algebra generated by V if n is even, and is the exterior algebra if n is odd.

Definition (2.1). By a Hirsch extension of a differential graded algebra (d.g.a.) A , we mean an inclusion $A \hookrightarrow B$ of d.g.a. such that B is isomorphic to $A \otimes \bigwedge_k(V)$ and the differential of B sends $V \longrightarrow A_{k+1}$, where A_{k+1} is the degree $k+1$ part of A .

Definition (2.2). A d.g.a. M is a minimal algebra if :

- a) M is connected. i.e. $M_0 =$ ground field.
- b) There is an increasing filtration :

$$\text{ground field} = M_0 \subset M_1 \subset M_2 \subset \dots$$

such that M_j is a subalgebra of M , $M_j \subset M_{j+1}$ is a Hirsch extension for each j , and $\bigcup_j M_j = M$.

- c) The differential of M , d , is decomposable, i.e.
- $d : I(M) \longrightarrow I(M)$ is zero, where $I(M)$ is indecomposable elements of M .

Definition (2.3). Let A be a differential algebra. An i -minimal model of A is a map $\rho : \mathcal{M} \longrightarrow A$ of d.g.a. such that :

- a) M is a minimal algebra.
 b) $I(M) = 0$ in degree $\geq i+1$.
 c) $\varphi^* : H(M) \longrightarrow H(A)$ is an isomorphism in degree $\leq i$ and injective in degree $= i+1$.

By the theorem of Sullivan [8] an i -minimal model exists and is unique up to isomorphism.

Definition (2.4). Let K be a simplicial complex. The $\mathbb{Q}$ -polynomial forms of K , $\mathcal{A}_{PL}^*(|K|)$, are collections of forms, one on each simplex, ω_σ on σ , such that $\omega_\sigma|_\tau = \omega_\tau$ for τ a face of σ ($\tau < \sigma$). Each ω_σ can be written as:

$$\sum P(x_0, \dots, x_k) dx_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge dx_{i_t}$$

where $x_0, \dots, x_k$ are the barycentric coordinates for σ and P is a polynomial with $\mathbb{Q}$ -coefficients.

Definition (2.5). Let K be a simplicial complex. The minimal model of $X = |K|$, $\mathcal{M}_X$ is defined to be a minimal model of $\mathcal{A}_{PL}^*(X)$.

Theorem (Sullivan) If X is nilpotent,

$$\pi_k(\mathcal{M}_X) \cong \pi_k(X) \otimes \mathbb{Q} \quad \text{for } k \geq 2,$$

where $\pi_k(\mathcal{M}_X)$ is the degree k part of the indecomposable elements of $\mathcal{M}_X$.

Definition (2.5) We shall say that X is rational $K(\pi, 1)$ if $\mathcal{M}_X(1) = \mathcal{M}_{X^-}$, where we denote by $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ the 1 - minimal model of X .

Let X be a plyhedron. We form the lower central series for $\pi_1(X)$:

$$\pi_1(X) \supset \Gamma_2 \supset \Gamma_3 \dots$$

where $\Gamma_2 = [\pi_1(X), \pi_1(X)]$

and we define inductively $\Gamma_{i+1} = [\pi_1(X), \Gamma_i]$

We get the tower of nilpotent groups :

$$\pi_1(X) / \Gamma_3 \rightarrow \pi_1(X) / \Gamma_2 \rightarrow e$$

It is a central extension of $\pi_1(X) / \Gamma_{n-1}$ by the abelian group

$$\Gamma_n / \Gamma_{n+1}.$$

Then it is possible to " tensor " these nilpotent groups with $\mathbb{Q}$. This gives a tower of rational nilpotent groups, and is called a rational nilpotent completion of $\pi_1(X)$.

The 1 - minimal model of X , $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ has the following canonical filtration ;

$$\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{M}_X(1)^0 \subset \mathcal{M}_X(1)^1 \subset \mathcal{M}_X(1)^2 \subset \dots$$

where $\mathcal{M}_X(1)^1$ is the subalgebra generated by closed 1 - forms

and $\mathcal{M}_X(1)^2$ is the subalgebra generated by the elements

whose image under d is contained in $\mathcal{M}_X(1)^1$, and so on.

By dualizing, we get a tower of $\mathbb{Q}$ - Lie algebras ;

$$\dots \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_1 \rightarrow 0$$

From the Sullivan's theorem [13] , this tower of rational Lie algebra is the tower of nilpotent Lie algebra associated to the rational nilpotent completion of $\pi_1(X)$.

Proposition (2.6) If X is rational $K(\pi, 1)$, X has a rational principal Postonikov decomposition :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \downarrow \\ & \nearrow \rho_{n+1} & K(\pi_1(X)/_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}, 1) \\ X & \searrow \rho_n & \downarrow \\ & & K(\pi_1(X)/_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}, 1) \\ & & \downarrow \end{array}$$

which induces: $H^*(X) \simeq \varprojlim_n H^*(\pi_1(X)/_{\mathbb{Q}} \otimes \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}) = H^*(\widehat{\pi_1(X)}, \mathbb{Q})$
 where $\widehat{\pi_1(X)}$ is a rational nilpotent completion of $\pi_1(X)$.

This is the direct consequence of Sullivan's de Rham homotopy theory and we omitt the proof.

§ 3 The structure of the minimal algebras of affine algebraic varieties

In this section we consider the following situation.

Let V be a smooth projective variety ,and let D be a divisor with normal crossings. We shall study the minimal algebra of $X = V - D$. First, we filter D in the following way.

We denote by D^p the set of poits $x \in D$ such that $\text{mult}_x D \geq p$. Let us denote by D^0 the variety V itself.

Let $\tilde{D}^p \rightarrow D^p$ be the normalization of D^p and let ε^p be the $\mathbb{Q}$ -local system over $\tilde{D}^p$ defined by the numbering of the divisors.

We denote by $\mathcal{A}_X^n$ the $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space :

$$\bigoplus_{q-p=n} H^{q-2p}(\tilde{D}^p; \varepsilon^p)$$

We introduce the $\mathbb{Q}$ -differential graded algebra structure in the direct sum :

$$\mathcal{A}_X = \bigoplus_n \mathcal{A}_X^n$$

Namely, $d_1 : \mathcal{A}_X^n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X^{n+1}$ is defined to be the d.g.a. homomorphism such that the following diagram is commutative.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} H^{q-2p}(D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge D_{i_p}) & \xrightarrow{d_1} & \bigoplus_k H^{q-2p+2}(D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge_k \dots \wedge D_{i_p}) \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \nearrow j^* \\ \bigoplus_k H^{q-2p+2}(\mathcal{N}_k, \mathcal{N}_k - 0) & & \\ \parallel? & & \\ \bigoplus_k H^{q-2p+2}(D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge_k \dots \wedge D_{i_p}, D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge D_{i_p}) & & \end{array}$$

$$\text{where } j: D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge D_{i_p} \longrightarrow D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge_k \dots \wedge D_{i_p}$$

is the inclusion map with the tubular neighbourhood $\mathcal{N}_k$ and

Thom class τ_k , and α is a $\mathbb{Q}$ -homomorphism defined by :

$$\alpha(x) = \sum_k (-1)^{q-2p} x \cup \tau_k$$

for $x \in H^{q-2p}(D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge D_{i_p})$.

The product structure is induced from the wedge product of PL forms, namely:

for $[\omega_1] \in H^{q-2p}(D_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge D_{i_p})$ and

$$[\omega_2] \in H^{q'-2p'}(D_{i'_1} \wedge \dots \wedge D_{i'_p})$$

the product $[\omega_1] \cdot [\omega_2]$ is defined to be

$$[j_1^* \omega_1 \wedge j_2^* \omega_2] \in H^{(q+q')-2(p+p')}(D_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap D_{i_p})$$

where j_1 and j_2 are inclusions :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap D_{i_p} & \xleftarrow{j_1} & D_{i_1} \cap \dots \cap D_{i_p} \cap D_{i'_1} \cap \dots \cap D_{i'_p} \\ D_{i'_1} \cap \dots \cap D_{i'_p} & \xleftarrow{j_2} & \end{array}$$

By calculating the Morgan's spectral sequence [3] explicitly, we have the following structure theorem for $\mathcal{M}_X$.

Theorem 1 [1.1]

Let $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$ be the minimal model of $\mathcal{A}_X$.

Then $\mathcal{M}$ is isomorphic to the minimal algebra of X as $\mathbb{Q}$ -differential graded algebras.

By using these methods we shall study the minimal algebra of P^2 minus curves. Let C be an algebraic curve in P^2 .

Let $\mu : (\hat{P}^2, \hat{C}) \rightarrow (P^2, C)$ be its minimal resolution.

In this case $\mathcal{A}_X$ can be calculated in the following way :

$$\mathcal{A}_0 = H^0(\hat{P}^2)$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1 = (\oplus H^0(\hat{C}_j)) \oplus (\bigoplus_{k=1}^l H^0(\mathcal{E}_k))$$

$$\mathcal{A}_2 = H^2(\hat{P}^2) \oplus (\oplus H^0(\hat{C}_i \cap \hat{C}_j)) \oplus (\oplus H^0(\hat{C}_k \cap \mathcal{E}_m)) \oplus (\oplus H^1(\hat{C}_j))$$

$$\mathcal{A}_3 = \oplus H^2(\hat{C}_j) \quad \hat{C}_j : \text{proper transform of the irreducible component } C_j$$

$$\mathcal{A}_4 = H^4(\hat{P}^2) \quad \mathcal{E}_k : \text{exceptional divisor}$$

Let $\{b_j\}$ be basis of $H^0(\hat{C}_j)$ and let $\{\varepsilon_k\}$ be a basis of $H^0(\mathcal{E}_k)$. $H^2(\hat{P}^2)$ has $(l+1)$ bases :

$$\alpha, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_l$$

where β_k corresponds to an exceptional divisor $\mathcal{E}_k$.

Let $\{c_{j_1} \dots c_{j_{2g}}\}$ be a basis of $H^1(C_j)$.

We observe that :

i) $\mathcal{A}$ is generated by :

$$\{b_j\}, \{\varepsilon_k\}, \alpha, \{\beta_k\}, \{c_{j_1} \dots c_{j_{2g}}\}$$

ii) The differential d satisfies ;

$$d\varepsilon_k = \beta_k$$

$$d\alpha = d\beta_1 = \dots = d\beta_l = 0$$

$$db_j = \delta_j \alpha - m_1 \beta_1 - m_2 \beta_2 - \dots - m_l \beta_l$$

where $\delta_j = \deg C_j$ and m_j is the multiplicity of an infinitely near singular point.

iii) The product structure is induced from the intersection forms.

Only non trivial parts are :

$$b_i \cdot b_j \neq 0 \text{ iff } \hat{C}_i \cap \hat{C}_j \neq \emptyset$$

$$b_k \cdot \varepsilon_m \neq 0 \text{ iff } \hat{C}_k \cap \mathcal{E}_m \neq \emptyset$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta_j^2 = 0$$

Let X be $\mathbb{P}^2 - L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_m = \mathbb{P}^2 - L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_m \cup l_\infty$

where $\{L_j\}$ are lines and L_∞ is a line at infinity.

By blowing up at the points p such that $\text{mult}_p L_j > 2$

we may assume that each singular point is a node.,

Let $\hat{L}_j$ be the proper transform of L_j and we denote by b_j the corresponding basis of $\mathcal{A}^1$.

Let m_{ij} be the multiplicity of $L_i \cap L_j$ and we put

$$a_i = b_i + \sum_j m_{ij} \varepsilon_{ij}$$

where ε_{ij} is the corresponding generator of the exceptional divisor of the blowing up at $L_i \cap L_j$.

Let f_i be a defining equation of L_i and let ω_i be

$$\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} d \log f_i$$

The following theorem describes the structure of the 1- minimal algebra of X .

Theorem (3.1)

The 1- minimal model of X , $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ is constructed in the following way :

$$\mathcal{M}_X(1) = \varinjlim_k \mathcal{M}_X(1)^k$$

where $\mathcal{M}_X(1)^0 = \mathbb{Q}$

$$\mathcal{M}_X(1)^1 = \bigwedge (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_X(1)^2 = \mathcal{M}_X(1)^1 \otimes_d \bigwedge (\{\omega^{(2)}\})$$

$d\omega^{(2)}$ equals one of the elements of

$$\omega_p \wedge \omega_q + \omega_q \wedge \omega_r + \omega_r \wedge \omega_p$$

$$(\text{ for } L_p \cap L_q \cap L_r \neq \emptyset)$$

$$\omega_a \wedge \omega_b \quad (\text{ for } L_a \cap L_b = \emptyset)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^{k+1} = \mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^k \otimes (\{ \omega^{(k+1)} \})$$

$$d\omega^{(k+1)} = \text{closed form of degree 2 in } \mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^k \\ \text{not in } \mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^{k-1} \quad (k \geq 2)$$

proof We study the $\mathbb{Q}$ -d.g.a. $\mathcal{A}_X$. $\mathcal{A}_X$ is generated by;

$$\{b_j\} \quad \{\varepsilon_k\} \quad \alpha, \quad \{\beta_k\}$$

and they satisfy the following equations :

$$d\varepsilon_k = \beta_k$$

$$d\alpha = d\beta_1 = \dots = d\beta_l = 0$$

$$db_j = \alpha - \sum_j m_{ij} \beta_j$$

Let $\mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^1 = \bigwedge (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m)$, $d\omega_1 = \dots = d\omega_m = 0$.

We define $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$

by $\mathcal{P}(\omega_j) = \alpha_j = a_j - a_\infty$

To show that $\mathcal{P}$ is a d. g. a. map we shall compute $d\mathcal{P}(\omega_j)$

$$\begin{aligned}
d \mathcal{P}(\omega_j) &= da_j - da_\infty \\
&= d(b_j + \sum_i m_{ij} \varepsilon_i) - \alpha \\
&= \alpha - \sum m_{ij} \beta_i + \sum m_{ij} \beta_i - \alpha \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\mathcal{P}$ is a d.g.a. map.

We define $\mathcal{M}_X(i)^2$ as in the statement of the theorem and we define $\mathcal{P}(\omega^{(2)}) = 0$. To prove that $\mathcal{P}$ is a d.g.a. map, we claim that $\mathcal{P}(d\omega^{(2)}) = 0$.

If $L_p \wedge L_q \wedge L_r \neq \emptyset$,

$$\mathcal{P}(d\omega^{(2)}) = \omega_p \wedge \omega_q + \omega_q \wedge \omega_r + \omega_r \wedge \omega_p$$

which is zero because we have the relation

$$(\alpha_p - \alpha_r) \cdot (\alpha_q - \alpha_r) = 0$$

In this way we define $\mathcal{P}(\omega^{(k+1)}) = 0$ and we have a d.g.a. homomorphism :

$$\mathcal{P} : \varinjlim \mathcal{M}_X(1)^k \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$$

From the calculation of betti numbers it can be shown that $\mathcal{P}$ is a quasi isomorphism up to dimension 2, which completes the proof.

§ 5. On the formality of 1- minimal models

The main theorem in this section is the following:

Theorem(5.1) Let X be P^n minus a hypersurface D . Then the 1 - minimal model of X , $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ is formal. (i.e. there exists a quasi isomorphism :

$$\psi : \mathcal{M}_X(1) \longrightarrow H^*(\mathcal{M}_X(1)) .$$

By the theorem of Zariski, [14] , we can take general P^2 such that :

$$\pi_1(P^2 - C) \longrightarrow \pi_1(P^n - D)$$

is bijective, where $C = P^2 \cap D$. Applying the theorem of Sullivan (§ 2), We have the following Lefschetz type theorem.

Theorem (5.2) Let X be $P^n - D$. For a general P^2

$$\mathcal{M}_{P^2-C}(1) \xleftarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}_X(1),$$

where $C = P^2 \cap D$.

Therefore it is sufficient to prove theorem (5.1) in the case of P^2 minus curves.

Cororally (5.3) Let X be C^n minus hyperplanes H_j . Let ω_j be $\frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{-1}} d \log f_j$ where f_j is a defining equation of H_j . Then the cohomology ring of the rational nilpotent completion of $\pi_1(X)$, $H^*(\widehat{\pi_1(X)}; \mathbb{Q})$, is generated by $[\omega_j]$.

proof of Cor. (5.3) Since $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ is formal, we have a formal structure :

$$\psi : \mathcal{M}_X(1) \longrightarrow H^*(\mathcal{M}_X(1))$$

such that $\psi(\omega_j) = [\omega_j]$, and $\psi(x) = 0$ for x such that $x \notin \mathcal{M}_X(1)^1$.

ψ is a quasi isomorphism, hence $H^*(\mathcal{M}_X(1))$ is generated by $[\omega_j]$.

Let X be C^2 minus lines.

Cororally (5.4) X is rational $K(\pi, 1)$ if and only if

$\omega_{i_1} \wedge \omega_{i_2} \wedge \omega_{i_3}$ is exact for each $\omega_{i_1}, \omega_{i_2}, \omega_{i_3} \in \mathcal{M}_X(1)^1$.

proof . As we proved in the previous section

$$\rho : \mathcal{M}_X(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$$

induces an isomorphism up to $\dim. \leq 2$. Therefore $\mathcal{M}_X(1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_X$ is a minimal model if $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ is acyclic in $\dim. \geq 3$.

Cororally (5.5) We assume that if three lines L_p, L_q, L_r are in general position, there exists a line L_s such that :

$$L_s \cap L_r = \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad L_s \supset L_p \cap L_q.$$

Then X is rational $K(\pi, 1)$.

proof First we consider the case that three lines L_p, L_q, L_r are not in general position. Then the following two cases occur.

case 1 : $L_p \cap L_q \cap L_r \neq \emptyset$

In this case :

$$\omega_p \wedge \omega_q \wedge \omega_r = d(\omega_{pqr} \wedge \omega_r).$$

case 2 : There exist L_p and L_q such that $L_p \cap L_q = \emptyset$.

In this case ;

$$\omega_p \wedge \omega_q \wedge \omega_r = d(\omega_{pq} \wedge \omega_r)$$

If L_p, L_q, L_r are in general position, from hypothesis we have ω_{pqs} , and ω_{sr} such that :

$$d \omega_{pqs} = \omega_p \wedge \omega_q + \omega_q \wedge \omega_s + \omega_s \wedge \omega_p$$

$$d \omega_{sr} = \omega_s \wedge \omega_r$$

Therefore we have the following equation :

$$d(\omega_{pqs} \wedge \omega_r + \omega_q \wedge \omega_{sr} - \omega_p \wedge \omega_{sr}) = \omega_p \wedge \omega_q \wedge \omega_r.$$

This completes the proof of the corollary.

Remark : If X is an $S^1 \vee \dots \vee S^1$ -bundle over $S^1 \vee \dots \vee S^1$, X is $K(\pi, 1)$ and it is rational $K(\pi, 1)$ by this corollary.

We divide the proof of the main theorem into several steps.

Step 1 By [11], we have a mixed Hodge structure on the complexified minimal model $\mathcal{M}_X(1)\mathbb{C}$ such that the differential d , preserves the bidegrees. In particular $\mathcal{M}_X(1)\mathbb{C}^1 = \bigwedge_1(A)$ where $A = H^1(V;\mathbb{C}) \oplus \text{Ker} (H^0(\tilde{D}^1;\mathbb{C}) \longrightarrow H^2(V;\mathbb{C}))$ and A has the following decomposition in the category of mixed Hodge structure :

$$A = A^{1,0} \oplus A^{0,1} \oplus A^{1,1}$$

The dual Lie algebra of $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$, $\hat{\pi}$, has the following presentation:

$$0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{I} \longrightarrow \mathcal{F}(A^*) \longrightarrow \hat{\pi} \longrightarrow 0$$

where $\mathcal{F}(A^*)$ is a free Lie algebra generated by the dual of A , and $\mathcal{I}$ is a homogeneous ideal generated by the elements of type : $(-1, -1)$, $(-2, -1)$, $(-1, -2)$, $(-2, -2)$.

If we assume that $H^1(V) = 0$, then $A = A^{1,1}$ and $\mathcal{I}$ is generated by the elements of type; $(-2, -2)$.

Moreover $\mathcal{M}_X(1)\mathbb{C}$ has the bigrading :

$$\mathcal{M}_X(1)\mathbb{C} \cong \bigoplus_{p \geq 0} \mathcal{M}_X(1)\mathbb{C}^{p,p}$$

Step2 By using the fact that, if $\mathcal{L}$ is a free Lie algebra over k , $H^j(\mathcal{L}; V) = 0$ for any k -module V and $j \geq 2$, [9][10], we have a vanishing :

$$H^k(\mathcal{M}^{p,p}) = 0 \quad \text{for } p > k.$$

where $\mathcal{M}$ is the dual of the free Lie algebra $\mathcal{F}(A^*)$.

We have an injective homomorphism :

$$\mathcal{M}_X(1)\mathbb{C}^{p,p} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}^{p,p}$$

Let $a^{p,p}$ be its cokernel.

We have an exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{X(1)_C}^{p,p} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{p,p} \rightarrow a^{p,p} \rightarrow 0$$

Since d preserves the bidegrees, we have the following commutative diagram :

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{M}_{X(1)_k}^{p,p} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{M}_k^{p,p} & \rightarrow & a_k^{p,p} \rightarrow 0 \\ & & d \downarrow & & d \downarrow & & d \downarrow \\ 0 & \rightarrow & \mathcal{M}_{X(1)_{k+1}}^{p,p} & \rightarrow & \mathcal{M}_{k+1}^{p,p} & \rightarrow & a_{k+1}^{p,p} \rightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

From the long exact sequence we have an isomorphism:

$$H^k(\mathcal{M}_{X(1)_C}^{p,p}) \cong H^{k-1}(a^{p,p}) \quad p > k$$

Step 3 We have a following proposition :

Proposition (5.6)

If $H^k(\mathcal{M}_{X(1)_C}^{p,p}) = 0$ for $p > k$, $\mathcal{M}_{X(1)}$ is formal.

proof We define V_k by the extension:

$$\mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^k = \mathcal{M}_{X(1)}^{k-1} \otimes \wedge (V_k)$$

In particular $V_1 = A$. Let $N = \bigoplus_{j \geq 2} V_j$.

Let x be the element of degree k in the ideal $\mathcal{J}(N)$ (ideal generated by N). Then x has a bidegree (p,p) such that $p > k$. Therefore under the assumption every closed form of degree k in $\mathcal{J}N$ is exact.

Hence $\mathcal{M}_{X(1)_C}$ is formal. The descent from $\mathbb{C}$ to $\mathbb{Q}$ is due to Sullivan [13].

Step 4 We first claim that :

$$H^2(\mathcal{M}_X(1)_{\mathbb{C}}^{p,p}) = 0 \quad \text{for } p > 2$$

Let $x \in \mathcal{M}_X(1)_{\mathbb{C}}^{p,p}$ be a closed form of degree 2 such that $p > 2$. Then x has a bidegree $(3,3), (4,4), \dots$. By definition of $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$,

$$H^2(\mathcal{M}_X(1)) \rightarrow H^2(X)$$

is injective. But $\mathcal{H}(X)_2 = H^2(v) \oplus H^0(\tilde{D}^2) \oplus H^1(\tilde{D}^1)$ therefore $H^2(X)$ has the following decomposition.

$$H^2(X) = H^{2,0} \oplus H^{1,1} \oplus H^{0,2} \oplus H^{2,2} \oplus H^{1,2} \oplus H^{2,1}$$

Hence x must be exact.

Finally we have the following reduction lemma:

Lemma (5.7) Let V be a smooth projective variety such that $H^1(V; \mathbb{Q}) = 0$. Let D be a divisor with normal crossings. The 1-minimal model of $X = V - D$, $\mathcal{M}_X(1)$ is formal if each closed form $x \in \mathcal{M}_X(1)^2$ such that $x \notin \mathcal{M}_X(1)^1$ is exact.

We can show directly in the case of the non-singular model of plane curves,

the above x is exact, which completes the proof of the main theorem.

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