

# Logarithmic differential operators and logarithmic de Rham complexes relative to a free divisor \*

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## Introduction

In the present work we prove a structure theorem for operators of the 0-th term of the  $\mathcal{V}_\bullet^Y$ -filtration relative to a free divisor  $Y$  of a complex analytic variety  $X$ . As an application, we give a formula for the logarithmic de Rham complex in terms of  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y$ -modules, which generalizes the classical formula for the usual de Rham complex in terms of  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -modules, and the formula of Esnault-Viehweg in the case that  $Y$  is a normal crossing divisor. Using this, we give a sufficient condition for perversity of the logarithmic de Rham complex. Now we comment on the contents of each part of the paper:

In the first section, we recall the concepts of logarithmic derivation and logarithmic form, as well as free divisor, all of them due to Kyogi Saito [14], and the definition of the ring  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  of logarithmic differential operators along  $Y$ .

In the second part, we study the logarithmic operators in the case that  $Y$  is free. We give a structure theorem in which we prove that the ring of logarithmic differential operators is the polynomial algebra generated by the logarithmic derivations over the sheaf  $\mathcal{O}_X$  of holomorphic functions. As a consequence,  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  is a coherent sheaf. Thanks to this theorem, we can prove the equivalence between  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -modules and  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules with logarithmic connections. Therefore, an  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module (or logarithmic  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -module)  $\mathcal{M}$  defines a logarithmic de Rham complex  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)(\mathcal{M})$ .

In the third part, we prove that the logarithmic de Rham complex is canonically isomorphic to the complex  $\mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{M})$ . To show this, we first construct a resolution of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  as  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module, which we call the logarithmic Spencer complex and denote by  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y)$ .

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Finally, we give a sufficient condition for perversity of the logarithmic de Rham complex, which is a perverse sheaf if the symbols of a minimal generating set of logarithmic derivations form a regular sequence in the graded ring associated to the filtration by the order on  $\mathcal{D}_X$ . This condition always holds in dimension 2.

Some results of this paper have been announced in [4]. We give here the complete proofs of all of the results announced in that note and other new results.

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## 1 Notations and Preliminaries

Let  $X$  be a complex analytic variety of dimension  $n$ , and  $Y$  a hypersurface of  $X$  defined by the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ . We will denote by  $\mathcal{D}_X$  the sheaf of linear differential operators over  $X$ ,  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  the sheaf of derivations of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ , and  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$  the sheaf of meromorphic differential operators with poles along  $Y$ . Given a point  $x$  of  $Y$ , we will denote by  $I = (f)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O})$  and  $\mathcal{D}$  the respective stalks at  $x$ . We will denote by  $F^\bullet$  the filtration of  $\mathcal{D}_X$  by the order of the operators and  $\Omega_X^\bullet[\star Y]$  the meromorphic de Rham complex with poles along  $Y$ .

### 1.1 Logarithmic forms and logarithmic derivations. Free divisors

We are going to recall some notions of [14] that we will use repeatedly:

A section  $\delta$  of  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ , defined over an open set  $U$  of  $X$ , is called a *logarithmic derivation* (or vector field) if for each point  $x$  in  $Y \cap U$ ,  $\delta_x(\mathcal{I}_x)$  is contained in the ideal  $\mathcal{I}_x$  (if  $I = \mathcal{I}_x = (f)$ , it is sufficient that  $\delta_x(f)$  belongs to  $(f)\mathcal{O}$ ). The sheaf of logarithmic derivations is denoted by  $\text{Der}(\log Y)$ , and is a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -submodule of  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  and a Lie subalgebra. We denote by  $\text{Der}(\log f)$ , or  $\text{Der}(\log I)$ , the stalks at  $x$  of  $\text{Der}(\log Y)$ :

$$\text{Der}(\log f) = \{\delta \in \text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}) / \delta(f) \in (f)\}.$$

We say that a meromorphic  $q$ -form  $\omega$  with poles along  $Y$ , defined in an open set  $U$ , is a logarithmic  $q$ -form along  $Y$  or, simply, a *logarithmic  $q$ -form*, if for every point  $x$  in  $U$ ,  $f\omega$  and  $df \wedge \omega$  are holomorphic at  $x$ . The sheaf of logarithmic  $q$ -forms along  $Y$  in  $U$  is denoted by  $\Omega_X^q(\log Y)(U)$ . This definition gives rise to a coherent  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\Omega_X^q(\log Y)$ , whose stalks are:

$$\Omega^q(\log f) = \Omega_X^q(\log Y)_x = \{\omega \in \Omega_X^q[\star Y]_x / f\omega \in \Omega^q, df \wedge \omega \in \Omega^{q+1}\}.$$

The logarithmic  $q$ -forms along  $Y$  define a subcomplex of the meromorphic de Rham complex along  $Y$ , that we call the logarithmic de Rham complex and denote by  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)$ .

Contraction of forms by vector fields defines a perfect duality between the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules  $\Omega_X^1(\log Y)$  and  $\mathcal{D}er(\log Y)$ , that we denote by  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$ . Thus, both of them are reflexive. In particular, when  $n = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 2$ ,  $\Omega_X^1(\log Y)$  and  $\mathcal{D}er(\log Y)$  are locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules of rank 2.

We say that  $Y$  is free at  $x$ , or  $I$  is a free ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ , if  $\mathcal{D}er(\log I)$  is free as  $\mathcal{O}$ -module (of rank  $n$ ). If  $f \in \mathcal{O}$ , we say that  $f$  is free if the ideal  $I = (f)$  is free. We say that  $Y$  is free if it is at every point  $x$ . In this case,  $\mathcal{D}er(\log Y)$  is a locally free  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module of rank  $n$ . We can use the following criterion to determine when an hypersurface  $Y$  is free at  $x$ :

**Saito's Criterion:** The  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $\mathcal{D}er(\log f)$  is free if and only if there exist  $n$  elements  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n$  in  $\mathcal{D}er(\log f)$ , with  $\delta_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(z) \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), where  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$  is a system of coordinates of  $X$  centered in  $x$ , such that the determinant  $\det(a_{ij})$  is equal to  $af$ , with  $a \in \mathcal{O}$  a unit. Moreover, in this case,  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n\}$  is a basis of  $\mathcal{D}er(\log f)$ .

When  $Y$  is free, we have the equality:  $\Omega_X^p(\log Y) = \bigwedge^p \Omega_X^1(\log Y)$ . Using the fact that  $\Omega_X^1(\log Y) \cong \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{D}er(\log Y), \mathcal{O}_X)$ , we can construct a natural isomorphism:

$$\Omega_X^p(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\gamma^p} \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\bigwedge^p \mathcal{D}er(\log Y), \mathcal{O}_X),$$

defined locally by  $\gamma^p(\omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_p)(\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p) = \det(\langle \omega_i, \delta_j \rangle)_{1 \leq i, j \leq p}$ .

## 1.2 $\mathcal{V}$ -filtration

We define the  $\mathcal{V}$ -filtration relative to  $Y$  on  $\mathcal{D}_X$  as in the smooth case ([10], [9]):

$$\mathcal{V}_k^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) = \{P \in \mathcal{D}_X / P(\mathcal{I}^j) \subset \mathcal{I}^{j-k}, \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z},$$

where  $\mathcal{I}^p = \mathcal{O}_X$  when  $p$  is negative. Similarly,  $\mathcal{V}_k^I(\mathcal{D}) = \{P \in \mathcal{D} / P(I^j) \subset I^{j-k}, \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , with  $k$  an integer, and  $I^p = \mathcal{O}$  when  $p \geq 0$ . In the case of  $I = (f)$ , we note  $\mathcal{V}_k^f(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{V}_k^I(\mathcal{D})$ .

**Definition 1.2.1.**— A logarithmic differential operator (or, simplify, a logarithmic operator) is a differential operator of degree 0 with respect to the  $\mathcal{V}$ -filtration.

We see that:

$$\mathcal{D}er(\log Y) = \mathcal{D}er_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \cap \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) = \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet}^1(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)),$$

$$F^1(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) = \mathcal{O}_X \oplus \mathcal{D}er(\log Y),$$

where the last expression is consequence of  $F^1(\mathcal{D}_X) = \mathcal{O}_X \oplus \mathcal{D}er_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ .

**Remark 1.2.2.**— The inclusion  $\text{Der}(\log Y) \subset \mathcal{G}_{\text{rF}\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$  gives rise to a canonical graded morphism of graded algebras:

$$\kappa : \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\text{Der}(\log Y)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}_{\text{rF}\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)).$$

Similarly, we have a canonical graded morphism of graded  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras:

$$\kappa_x : \text{Sym}_{\mathcal{O}}(\text{Der}(\log I)) \longrightarrow \text{Gr}_{\text{F}\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})), \text{ which is the stalk of } \kappa \text{ at } x.$$

## 2 Logarithmic operators relative to a free divisor

### 2.1 The Structure Theorem

We denote by  $\{ , \}$  the Poisson bracket defined in the graded ring  $\text{Gr}_{\text{F}\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  (cf. [12], [8]). Given two polynomials  $F, G$  in  $\text{Gr}_{\text{F}\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{O}[\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n]$ :

$$\{F, G\} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial F}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi_i}.$$

**Proposition 2.1.1.**— Let  $f$  be free. Consider a minimal system of generators  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n\}$  of  $\text{Der}(\log f)$ . Let  $R_0$  be a polynomial in  $\text{Gr}_{\text{F}\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ , homogeneous of order  $d$ , and such that there exist other polynomials  $R_k$  in  $\text{Gr}_{\text{F}\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ , with  $k = 1, \dots, d$ , homogeneous of order  $d - k$  such that:

$$\{R_k, f\} = fR_{k+1}, \quad (0 \leq k < d) \tag{1}$$

(we will say that  $R_0$  verifies the property (1) for  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_d$ ). Then there exist polynomials  $H_j^k$  in  $\text{Gr}_{\text{F}\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ , homogeneous of order  $d - k - 1$ , with  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $k = 1, \dots, d - 1$ , such that:

- a)  $R_k = \sum_{j=1}^n H_j^k \sigma(\delta_j)$ , where  $\sigma(\delta_j)$  denotes the principal symbol of  $\delta_j$ .
- b)  $\{H_j^k, f\} = fH_j^{k+1}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,  $0 \leq k < d - 1$ ). This is the same as saying:  $H_j^k$  verifies the property (1) for  $H_j^{k+1}, \dots, H_j^{d-1}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $A = (\alpha_i^j)$  be the square matrix whose rows are the coefficients of the basis  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n\}$  of  $\text{Der}(\log f)$  with respect to the basis  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}$  of  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ :

$$\delta_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} = \underline{\alpha}^j \bullet \underline{\partial}^t,$$

with  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , where we write  $\underline{\partial}$  instead of  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n})$ . We consider the ring  $\mathcal{O}_{2n} = \mathbb{C}\{x_1, \dots, x_2, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$ . Thanks to the Saito's Criterion, we know that the set

$$\left\{ \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi_n} \right\}$$

is a basis of the  $\mathcal{O}_{2n}$ -module  $\text{Der}_{\mathcal{O}_{2n}}(\log f)$ . So, as we have, for  $k = 1, \dots, d$ ,

$$(f) \ni \{R_k, f\} = \sum_{i=1}^n (R_k)_{\xi_i} f_{x_i},$$

where  $f_{x_i}$  represents  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}$  and  $(R_k)_{\xi_i}$  represents  $\frac{\partial R_k}{\partial \xi_i}$ , then there exist homogeneous polynomials  $G_j^k$  in  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ , of degree  $d - k - 1$ , or null, with  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $k = 1, \dots, d - 1$ , such that

$$((R_k)_{\xi_1}, (R_k)_{\xi_2}, \dots, (R_k)_{\xi_n}) = \sum_{j=1}^n G_j^k \underline{\alpha}^j.$$

Using the Euler relation  $R_k = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^n (R_k)_{\xi_i} \xi_i$ , and as  $\sigma(\delta_i) = \underline{\alpha}^i \bullet \underline{\xi}^t$ , we obtain

$$R_k = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n G_j^k \alpha_i^j \xi_i = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^n G_j^k \sigma(\delta_j).$$

By Saito's Criterion, the determinant of the matrix  $A$  is equal to  $uf$ , with  $u \in \mathcal{O}$  invertible. Let  $B = (b_{ij}) = \text{Adj}(A)^t$ . We have:

$$((R_k)_{\xi_1}, (R_k)_{\xi_2}, \dots, (R_k)_{\xi_n}) = (G_1^k, G_2^k, \dots, G_n^k) A,$$

so

$$((R_k)_{\xi_1}, (R_k)_{\xi_2}, \dots, (R_k)_{\xi_n}) B = g (G_1^k, G_2^k, \dots, G_n^k).$$

Now:

$$\begin{aligned} g\{G_j^k, f\} &= \{gG_j^k, f\} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_{x_i} \frac{\partial(gG_j^k)}{\partial \xi_i} = \sum_{i=1}^n f_{x_i} \sum_{l=1}^n \frac{\partial(R_k)_{\xi_l}}{\partial \xi_i} b_{lj} = \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^n b_{lj} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^2 R_k}{\partial \xi_l \partial \xi_i} f_{x_i} = \sum_{l=1}^n b_{lj} \frac{\partial(\{R_k, f\})}{\partial \xi_l} = f \sum_{l=1}^n b_{lj} \frac{\partial R_{k+1}}{\partial \xi_l} = f \sum_{l=1}^n b_{lj} (R_{k+1})_{\xi_l} = \\ &= f \sum_{l=1}^n b_{lj} \sum_{p=1}^n G_p^{k+1} \alpha_l^p = f \sum_{p=1}^n G_p^{k+1} \sum_{l=1}^n b_{lj} \alpha_l^p = fgG_j^{k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\{G_j^k, f\} = fgG_j^{k+1},$$

with  $k = 0, \dots, d - 2$  and  $j = 0, \dots, n$ . We conclude by setting  $H_j^k = \frac{1}{d} G_j^k$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, n$  and  $k = 0, \dots, d - 1$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 2.1.2.**— Let be  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n\}$  a basis of  $\text{Der}(\log f)$ . If a polynomial  $R_0$  of  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  is homogeneous and verifies the property (1) of the last proposition, we can find a differential operator  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{O}[\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n]$  such that  $R_0$  is the symbol of  $Q$ .

**Proof:** We will do the proof by induction on the order of  $R_0$ . If  $R_0 \in \mathcal{O}$ , it is obvious. We suppose that the result holds if the order of  $R_0$  is less than  $d$ . Now let  $R_0$  of order  $d$  verifying (1). By the last proposition there exist  $n$  homogeneous polynomials  $H_j^0$  of order  $d - 1$  such that:

$$R_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n H_j^0 \sigma(\delta_j), \quad H_j^0 \text{ verifies (1) } (j = 1, \dots, n).$$

By induction hypothesis, there exist  $Q_j \in \mathcal{O}[\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n]$  such that  $H_j^0 = \sigma(Q_j)$ . So

$$R_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma(Q_i) \sigma(\delta_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma(Q_i \delta_i) = \sigma\left(\sum_{i=1}^n Q_i \delta_i\right) = \sigma(Q)$$

and  $Q = \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i \delta_i \in \mathcal{O}[\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n]$ .  $\square$

**Remark 2.1.3.**— Really, the previous argument proves that if  $R_0$  verifies (1), then  $R_0$  is a polynomial in  $\mathcal{O}[\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)]$ .

**Theorem 2.1.4.**— If  $f$  is free and  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n\}$  is a basis of the  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $\text{Der}(\log f)$ , each logarithmic operator  $P$  can be written in a unique way as a polynomial

$$P = \sum \beta_{i_1 \dots i_n} \delta_1^{i_1} \delta_2^{i_2} \dots \delta_n^{i_n}, \quad \beta_{i_1 \dots i_n} \in \mathcal{O}.$$

In other words, the ring of logarithmic operators is the  $\mathcal{O}$ -subalgebra of  $\mathcal{D}$  generated by logarithmic derivations:

$$\mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{O}[\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n] = \mathcal{O}[\text{Der}(\log f)].$$

**Proof:** The inclusion  $\mathcal{O}[\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n] \subseteq \mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})$  is clear. We will prove the other inclusion by induction on the order of  $P_0 \in \mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})$ . If the order of  $P_0$  is zero, then it is a holomorphic function and the result is obvious. We suppose the result is true for every logarithmic operator  $Q$  whose order is strictly less than  $d$ . Let  $P_0$  be a logarithmic operator of order  $d$ . We know that:

$$[P_0, f] = fP_1,$$

with  $P_1 \in \mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})$ . So, there exist several  $P_k$ , with  $k = 0, \dots, d$ , such that  $[P_k, f] = fP_{k+1}$ . If we set  $R_k = \sigma(P_k)$ , in the case that  $P_k$  has order  $d - k$ , and  $R_k = 0$  otherwise, we obtain:

$$\{R_k, f\} = \{\sigma_{d-k}(P_k), f\} = \sigma_{d-k-1}([P_k, f]) = f\sigma_{d-k-1}(P_{k+1}) = fR_{k+1}.$$

By the previous proposition, there exists  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{O}[\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n]$  of order  $d$  and such that  $\sigma(P_0) = \sigma(Q)$ . As the order of  $P_0 - Q \in \mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})$  is strictly less than  $d$ , we apply the induction hypothesis to  $P_0 - Q$  and obtain

$$P_0 = P_0 - Q + Q \in \mathcal{O}[\delta_1, \delta_2, \dots, \delta_n],$$

as we wanted.

On the other hand, using the structure of Lie algebra it is clear that we can write a logarithmic operator as a  $\mathcal{O}$ -linear combination of the monomials  $\{\delta_1^{i_1}, \dots, \delta_n^{i_n}\}$ . The uniqueness of this expression follows from the fact that these monomials are linearly independent over  $\mathcal{O}$ . □

**Remark 2.1.5.**— As an immediate consequence of the theorem (see the previous remark), we obtain an isomorphism:

$$\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})) \stackrel{\alpha}{\cong} \mathcal{O}[\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)].$$

**Corollary 2.1.6.**— If  $Y$  is free at  $x$ , the morphism  $\kappa_x$  from the symmetric algebra  $\mathrm{Sym}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathrm{Der}(\log f))$  to  $\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D}))$  (see remark 1.2.2) is an isomorphism of graded  $\mathcal{O}$ -algebras. As a consequence, if  $Y$  is a free divisor, the canonical morphism

$$\kappa : \mathrm{Sym}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathrm{Der}(\log Y)) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$$

is an isomorphism.

**Proof:** Let  $x$  be in  $X$  and  $f \in \mathcal{O}$  a local reduced equation of  $Y$  at a neighbourhood of  $x$ . Let  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  be a basis of  $\mathrm{Der}(\log f)$ .

$$\mathrm{Der}(\log f) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}\delta_i \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}\sigma(\delta_i).$$

The symmetric algebra of the  $\mathcal{O}$ -module  $\mathrm{Der}(\log f)$  is isomorphic to a polynomial ring:

$$\mathrm{Sym}_{\mathcal{O}}(\mathrm{Der}(\log f)) \stackrel{\beta}{\cong} \mathcal{O}[\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)].$$

We also have the inclusion:

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathcal{O}\sigma(\delta_i) = \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}^1(\mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})) \subset \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^I(\mathcal{D})),$$

where  $\sigma(\delta_i)$  is the image of  $\delta_i$  by the morphism  $\kappa_x$ . Therefore we conclude that the morphism  $\kappa_x = \alpha^{-1}\beta$  is an isomorphism (see remark 2.1.5). On the other hand, the inclusion

$$\mathrm{Der}(\log Y) = \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet}^1(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) \subset \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$$

gives rise to a canonical graded morphism of graded  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -algebras (see remark 1.2.2):  $\kappa : \mathrm{Sym}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathrm{Der}(\log Y)) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$ , whose stalk at each point  $x$  of  $Y$  is the canonical graded isomorphism  $\kappa_x$ . So,  $\kappa$  is also an isomorphism. □

**Corollary 2.1.7.**—  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  is a coherent sheaf of rings.

**Proof:** By theorem 9.16 of [1] (p. 83), we have only to prove that  $\mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$  is coherent, but this sheaf is locally isomorphic to the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{O}_X[T_1, \dots, T_n]$ , which is coherent ([3, lemma 3.2, VI, pg. 205]). □

## 2.2 Equivalence between $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules with a logarithmic connection and left $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -modules.

**Definition 2.2.1.**— (cf. [6]) Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module. A connection on  $\mathcal{M}$ , with logarithmic poles along  $Y$ , (or logarithmic connection on  $\mathcal{M}$ ), is a  $\mathbb{C}$ -homomorphism  $\nabla$ ,

$$\nabla : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \Omega_X^1(\log Y) \otimes \mathcal{M},$$

that verifies Leibniz's identity:  $\nabla(hm) = dh \cdot m + h \cdot \nabla(m)$ , where  $d$  is the exterior derivative over  $\mathcal{O}_X$ . We will note  $\Omega_X^q(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) = \Omega_X^q(\log Y) \otimes \mathcal{M}$ .

If  $\delta$  is a logarithmic derivation along  $Y$ , it defines a  $\mathbb{C}$ -morphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Der}(\log Y) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E}\text{nd}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{M}), \\ \delta & \longmapsto & \nabla_{\delta} \end{array}$$

where  $\nabla_{\delta}(m) = \langle \delta, \nabla(m) \rangle$

**Remark 2.2.2.**— A logarithmic connection  $\nabla$  on  $\mathcal{M}$  gives rise to a morphism of  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -modules

$$\nabla' : \text{Der}(\log Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$$

which verifies Leibniz's condition:  $\nabla'_{\delta}(fm) = \delta(f) \cdot m + f \cdot \nabla'_{\delta}(m)$ . Conversely, given  $\nabla'$  verifying this condition, we define

$$\nabla : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \Omega_X^1(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}),$$

with  $\nabla(m)$  the element of  $\Omega_X^1(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) = \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{M})$  such that:

$$\nabla(m)(\delta) = \nabla'_{\delta}(m).$$

**Definition 2.2.3.**— A logarithmic connection  $\nabla$  is integrable if, for each pair  $\delta$  and  $\delta'$  of logarithmic derivations, it verifies:

$$\nabla_{[\delta, \delta']} = [\nabla_{\delta}, \nabla_{\delta'}],$$

where  $[\ , \ ]$  represents the Lie bracket in  $\text{Der}(\log Y)$  and the commutator in  $\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M})$ .

Given a logarithmic connection  $\nabla$  and the exterior derivative  $d$ , we can construct a morphism:

$$\nabla^q : \Omega_X^q(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \Omega_X^{q+1}(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}),$$

for each  $q = 1, \dots, n$ . If  $\omega$  and  $m$  are sections of the sheaves  $\Omega_X^p(\log Y)$  and  $\mathcal{M}$ :

$$\nabla^q(\omega \otimes m) = d\omega \otimes m + (-1)^q \omega \wedge \nabla(m).$$



The integrability condition is equivalent to  $\nabla^q \circ \nabla^{q-1} = 0$ , for every  $q$  (cf. [6]).

**Definition 2.2.4.**— Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module, and  $\nabla$  an integrable logarithmic connection along  $Y$  on  $\mathcal{M}$ . With the above notation, we call the logarithmic de Rham complex of  $\mathcal{M}$ , and we denote by  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)(\mathcal{M})$ , the complex (of sheaves of  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector spaces):

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\nabla} \Omega_X^1(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\nabla^1} \dots \xrightarrow{\nabla^{q-1}} \Omega_X^q(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\nabla^q} \Omega_X^{q+1}(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\nabla^{q+1}} \dots \xrightarrow{\nabla^{n-1}} \Omega_X^n(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow 0.$$

In the particular case where the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  is equal to  $\mathcal{O}_X$  and the logarithmic connection  $\nabla$  is equal to the exterior derivative  $d : \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow \Omega_X^1(\log Y)$ , the morphisms

$$\nabla^q : \Omega_X^q(\log Y) \longrightarrow \Omega_X^{q+1}(\log Y),$$

define the logarithmic de Rham complex of Saito.

We consider the rings  $R_0 = \mathcal{O}_X \subset R_1$  and  $R = \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} R_k$  ( $1 \in R_0 \subset R$ ), with  $R_k = F^k(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$ . The ring  $\mathcal{G}r(R)$  is commutative and verifies

(1) The canonical morphism  $\alpha : \text{Sym}_{R_0}(\mathcal{G}r^1(R)) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}r(R)$ , defined by  $\alpha(s_1 \otimes \dots \otimes s_t) = s_1 \cdots s_t$ , is an isomorphism (see Corollary 2.1.6).

With these conditions,  $R_1$  is an  $(R_0, R_0)$ -bimodule, and a Lie algebra ( $[x, y] = xy - yx \in R_1$ , because  $\mathcal{G}r(R)$  is commutative). Moreover,  $R_0$  is a sub- $(R_0, R_0)$ -bimodule of  $R_1$  such that the two induced structures of  $R_0$ -module over the quotient  $R_1/R_0$  are the same.

Let  $\mathbf{T}_{R_0}(R_1) = R_0 \oplus R_1 \oplus (R_1 \otimes_{R_0} R_1) \oplus \dots$  be the tensor algebra of the  $(R_0, R_0)$ -bimodule  $R_1$ , and let  $\psi : \mathbf{T}_{R_0}(R_1) \rightarrow R$  be the canonical morphism defined by the inclusion  $R_1 \subset R$ . We prove a reciprocal theorem of one Poincaré-Birkhoff-Witt theorem [13, theorem 3.1,p.198].

**Proposition 2.2.5.**— The morphism  $\psi$  induces an isomorphism:

$$\phi : \mathbf{S} = \frac{\mathbf{T}_{R_0}(R_1)}{J} \cong R, \quad \phi((i(x_1) \otimes \dots \otimes i(x_t)) + J) = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_t,$$

where  $i$  the inclusion of  $R_1$  in the tensor algebra, and  $J$  is the two sided ideal generated by the elements:

$$\text{a) } a - i(a), \quad a \in R_0 \subset R_1, \quad \text{b) } i(x) \otimes i(y) - i(y) \otimes i(x) - i([x, y]), \quad x, y \in R_1.$$

**Proof:** First, we check that the morphism  $\phi : \mathbf{S} \rightarrow R$  is well defined:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(a - i(a)) &= a - a = 0, \quad a \in R_0, \\ \psi(i(x) \otimes i(y) - i(y) \otimes i(x) - i([x, y])) &= xy - yx - [x, y] = 0, \quad x, y \in R_1. \end{aligned}$$

The algebra  $\mathbf{T}_{R_0}(R_1)$  is graded, so it is filtered, and induces a filtration on the quotient. The induced morphism  $\phi : \mathbf{S} \rightarrow R$  is filtered:

$$\psi(a) = a \in R_0, \quad \psi(i(x_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes i(x_t)) = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_t \in R_t.$$

So, we can define a graded morphism of  $R_0$ -rings.

$$\pi : \mathcal{G}r(\mathbf{S}) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}r(R),$$

$$\pi(\sigma_t(i(x_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes i(x_t) + J)) = \sigma'_t(x_1 \cdots x_t) = \overline{x_1} \cdots \overline{x_t},$$

where  $x_i \in R_1$ ,  $\overline{x_i} = \sigma'_1(x_i)$  is the class of  $x_i$  in  $R_1/R_0$ ,  $\sigma_t(P)$  is the class of  $P \in \mathbf{S}$  in  $\mathcal{G}r^t(\mathbf{S})$ , and  $\sigma'_t(Q)$  the class of  $Q \in R_t$  in  $\mathcal{G}r^t(R)$ . Note that  $\mathcal{G}r(\mathbf{S})$  is commutative: it is generated by the elements  $\sigma_0(a + J)$ ,  $\sigma_1(i(x) + J)$ , with  $a \in R_0$ ,  $x \in R_1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} [i(x) + J, i(y) + J] &= i([x, y]) + J, \\ [a + J, i(x) + J] &= i(ax - xa) + J = b + J, \quad b = ax - xa \in R_0. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, the image of  $R_0 \subset R_1$  in  $\mathbf{S}$  is exactly the part of degree zero of  $\mathbf{S}$ , and then we obtain a morphism of  $R_0$ -modules from  $\mathcal{G}r^1(R) = R_1/R_0$  to  $\mathcal{G}r^1(\mathbf{S})$  which induces a morphism of  $R_0$ -algebras:

$$\rho : \mathcal{S}ym_{R_0} \left( \frac{R_1}{R_0} \right) \rightarrow \mathcal{G}r(\mathbf{S}),$$

$$\rho(\overline{x_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \overline{x_t}) = \sigma_t(i(x_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes i(x_t) + J),$$

which is obviously surjective. The composition  $\pi\rho$  is equal to  $\alpha$ , and, by property (1) of  $R$ , we deduce that  $\rho$  is injective. As  $\rho$  and  $\pi\rho$  are isomorphisms,  $\pi$  is as well, as we wanted to prove.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.2.6.**— Let  $Y$  be a free divisor. Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module. An integrable logarithmic connection on  $\mathcal{M}$  gives rise to a left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -structure on  $\mathcal{M}$ , and vice versa.

**Proof:** A  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$  with an integrable logarithmic connection  $\nabla$  has a natural structure of left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module defined by its structure as  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module. Let  $\mu$  be the morphism of  $(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X)$ -bimodules:

$$\mu : R_1 = \mathcal{O}_X \oplus \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{M}), \quad \mu(a)(m) = am, \quad \mu(\delta)(m) = \nabla_{\delta}(m).$$

$\mu$  induces a morphism  $\nu : \mathbf{T}_{R_0}(R_1) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{M})$ , and, as  $\nu(J) = 0$ , we have a morphism

$$\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \simeq \frac{\mathbf{T}_{R_0}(R_1)}{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{M}),$$

which defines an structure of  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module on  $\mathcal{M}$ .

On the other hand, a left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{M}$  defines an integrable logarithmic connection  $\nabla$  on the  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module  $\mathcal{M}$ :

$$\nabla : \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \rightarrow \mathcal{E}nd_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{M}), \quad \nabla_{\delta}(m) = \delta \cdot m.$$

□

**Remark 2.2.7.**— A left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module structure on  $\mathcal{M}$  defines a logarithmic de Rham complex. In local coordinates  $(U; x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , with  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  a local basis of  $\mathcal{D}er(\log Y)$  and  $\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n\}$  its dual basis, the differential of the complex is defined by:

$$\nabla^p(U)(\omega \otimes m) = d\omega \otimes m + \sum_{i=1}^n ((\omega_i \wedge \omega) \otimes \delta_i \cdot m),$$

for any sections  $\omega \in \Omega_X^1(\log Y)$  and  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ . In the particular case of the left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module  $\mathcal{O}_X$ , defined as  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module in a natural way ( $P \cdot g = P(g)$ , with  $g$  a holomorphic function and  $P$  a logarithmic operator), this canonical structure of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  as left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module is obviously equivalent to the integrable logarithmic connection over  $\mathcal{O}_X$  defined naturally by the exterior derivative ( $\nabla = d$ ):

$$\nabla_{\delta}(g) = \langle \delta, dg \rangle = \delta(g).$$

### 3 The Logarithmic de Rham Complex

In this section,  $Y$  will be a free divisor.

#### 3.1 The Logarithmic Spencer Complex

**Definition 3.1.1.**— We call the logarithmic Spencer complex, and denote by  $\mathcal{S}p^{\bullet}(\log Y)$ , the complex:

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{n}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-n}} \dots \\ \dots \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-2}} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{1}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-1}} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X),$$

where

$$\varepsilon_{-p}(P \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p)) = \sum_{i=1}^p (-1)^{i-1} P \delta_i \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p) + \\ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (-1)^{i+j} P \otimes ([\delta_i, \delta_j] \wedge \delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta}_j \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p), \quad (2 \leq p \leq n).$$

$$\varepsilon_{-1}(P \otimes \delta) = P\delta.$$

We can augment this complex of left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -modules by another morphism:

$$\varepsilon_0 : \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_X, \quad \varepsilon_0(P) = P(1).$$

We call the new complex  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log Y)$ .

This definition is essentially the same as the definition of the usual Spencer complex  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet$  of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  (cf. [11, 2.1]) and generalizes the definition given by Esnault and Viehweg [7, App. A] in the case of a normal crossing divisor. We denote by  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y] = \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{D}_X} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet$  the meromorphic Spencer complex of  $\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y]$ .

**Theorem 3.1.2.**— The complex  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y)$  is a locally free resolution of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  as left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module.

**Proof:** To see the exactness of  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log Y)$  we define a discrete filtration  $G^\bullet$  such that it induces an exact graded complex (cf. [1, lemma 3.16]):

$$G^k \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \right) = F^{k-p} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \right) \otimes \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y),$$

$$G^k(\mathcal{O}_X) = \mathcal{O}_X.$$

We have

$$\mathcal{G}r_{G^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \right) = \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \right) [-p] \otimes \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y),$$

$$\mathcal{G}r_{G^\bullet}(\mathcal{O}_X) = \mathcal{O}_X.$$

As the above filtrations are compatible with the differential of the complex  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log Y)$ , we can consider the complex  $\mathcal{G}r_{G^\bullet}(\tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log Y))$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \right) [-n] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{n}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\psi_{-n}} \dots$$

$$\xrightarrow{\psi_{-2}} \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \right) [-1] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{1}{\wedge} \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\psi_{-1}} \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \right) \xrightarrow{\psi_0} \mathcal{O}_X \rightarrow 0,$$

where the local expression of the differential is defined by:

$$\psi_{-p}(G \otimes \delta_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_{j_p}) = \sum_{i=1}^p (-1)^{i-1} G\sigma(\delta_{j_i}) \otimes \delta_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta_{j_i}} \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_{j_p}, \quad (2 \leq p \leq n).$$

$$\psi_{-1}(G \otimes \delta_i) = G\sigma(\delta_i), \quad \psi_0(G) = G_0,$$

with  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  a (local) basis of  $\mathcal{D}er(\log Y)$ . This complex is the Koszul complex of the ring

$$\mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \right) \cong \mathcal{S}ym_{\mathcal{O}_X}(\mathcal{D}er(\log Y))$$

with respect to the  $\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma_F} \cdot (\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$ -regular sequence  $\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)$  in the ring  $\mathcal{G}_{\Gamma_F} \cdot (\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$ . Consequently, it is exact.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.1.3.**— For every logarithmic operator  $P \in \mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})$ , there exist, for each integer  $p$ , a logarithmic operator  $Q \in \mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})$  and an integer  $k$  such that  $f^{-p}P = Qf^{-k}$ .

**Proof:** We will prove the lemma by induction on the order of the logarithmic operator. If  $P$  has order 0, it is in  $\mathcal{O}$ , and it is clear that  $f^{-p}P = Pf^{-p}$ . Let  $P$  be of order  $d$ , and consider the logarithmic operator  $[P, f^p]$ , of order  $d - 1$ . By induction hypothesis, there exists an integer  $m$  such that:

$$[P, f^{-p}]f^m \in \mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D}).$$

Let  $k$  be the greatest of the integers  $m$  and  $p$ . It is clear that:

$$f^{-p}Pf^k = Pf^{k-p} - [P, f^{-p}]f^k \in \mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D}).$$

This proves the result:  $Q = Pf^{k-p} - [P, f^{-p}]f^k$ .  $\square$

**Remark 3.1.4.**— For every operator  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]_x$ , we can always find a strictly positive integer  $m$  such that  $f^mQ \in \mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})$ . Equivalently, for each meromorphic differential operator  $Q$ , there exists a positive integer  $p$  and a logarithmic operator  $Q'$  such that we can write:

$$Q = f^{-p}Q'.$$

Now we introduce several morphisms that we will use later.

**Lemma 3.1.5.**— We have the following isomorphisms:

1.  $\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \xleftarrow{\sim} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y]$ .
2.  $\alpha : \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y], \quad \alpha(P \otimes g) = P(g)$ .
3.  $\rho : \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \cong \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y], \quad \rho(P \otimes Q) = PQ$ .

**Proof:**

1. The inclusions  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X), \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \subset \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$  give rise to the previous isomorphisms of  $(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X), \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y])$ -modules. Locally:

$$af^{-k} \otimes P = af^{-k}P = aQ \otimes f^{-p},$$

with  $P$  and  $Q$  logarithmic operators such that  $f^{-k}P = Qf^{-p}$ . We have seen how to obtain  $Q$  from  $P$  (lemma 3.1.3), and we can obtain  $P$  from  $Q$  in the same way. On the other hand, we saw in the previous remark how to express a meromorphic

differential operator as a product of a meromorphic function and a logarithmic operator.

2. We have to compose the following isomorphisms of left  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$ -modules:

$$\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X \cong \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y].$$

3. We obtain this isomorphism of  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$ -bimodules from the composition of the following isomorphisms:

$$\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \cong \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \cong$$

$$\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \cong \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \cong \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y],$$

where the isomorphism  $\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y] \cong \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y]$  sends (locally) the tensor product  $g_1 \otimes g_2$  to the meromorphic function  $g_1 g_2$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.1.6.**– We have the following isomorphisms of complexes of  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$ -modules:

$$(a) \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet \cong \mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y].$$

$$(b) \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y) \cong \mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y].$$

**Proof:** (a) As  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet$  is a subcomplex of  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -modules of  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y]$ , and  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$  is flat over  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ , the complex  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet$  is a subcomplex of  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y]$ , (see lemma 3.1.5, 1.). But, by the third isomorphism of lemma 3.1.5, this complex is the same as  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y]$ . Hence, we have an injective morphism of complexes:

$$\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y],$$

defined locally in each degree by:  $P \otimes Q \otimes \delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p \mapsto PQ \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p)$ . This morphism is clearly surjective and, consequently, an isomorphism.

(b) We consider  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  as a subsheaf of  $\mathcal{O}$ -modules of  $\mathcal{D}_X$ . Using the fact that  $\mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er(\log Y)$  is  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -free, we have an inclusion

$$\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er(\log Y).$$

On the other hand, as  $Y$  is free, we have a natural injective morphism from  $\mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er(\log Y)$  to  $\mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$  (cf. [2, AIII 88, Cor.]). As  $\mathcal{D}_X$  is flat over  $\mathcal{O}_X$ , we have other inclusion:

$$\mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X) \quad (p \geq 0).$$

Composing both of them, we obtain a new inclusion:

$$\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er(\log Y) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathop{\bigwedge}^p \mathcal{D}er_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X),$$

for  $p = 0, \dots, n$ . These inclusions give rise to an injective morphism of complexes of  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -modules

$$\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{S}p^\bullet.$$

As  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$  is flat over  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  (see lemma 3.1.5, 1.) we have an injective morphism of complexes of  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$ -modules:

$$\theta' : \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet,$$

defined by:  $\theta'(P \otimes Q \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p)) = P \otimes Q \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p)$ . This morphism is surjective, given  $P$  local section of  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$ ,  $Q$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$  in  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O})$ , we have:

$$P \otimes Q \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p) = \theta' \left( (Pf^{-k}) \otimes Q' \otimes (f\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge f\delta_p) \right),$$

with  $k > 0$  and  $Q'$  a local section of  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  verifying  $f^k Q = Q' f^p$  (see lemma 3.1.3). Composing  $\theta'$  with the isomorphism of (a), we obtain the isomorphism:

$$\theta : \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y],$$

with local expression:  $\theta(P \otimes Q \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p)) = PQ \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p)$ .  $\square$

## 3.2 The Logarithmic de Rham Complex

For each divisor  $Y$ , we have a standard canonical isomorphism:

$$\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X} \left( \overset{p}{\wedge} \text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{O}_X \right) \overset{\lambda^p}{\cong} \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{p}{\wedge} \text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{O}_X \right),$$

defined by:  $\lambda^p(\alpha)(P \otimes \delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p) = P(\alpha(\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p))$ .

Composing this isomorphism with the isomorphism  $\gamma^p$  defined in section 1.1, we can construct a natural morphism  $\psi^p = \lambda^p \circ \gamma^p$ :

$$\Omega_X^p(\log Y) \overset{\psi^p}{\cong} \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes \overset{p}{\wedge} \text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{O}_X \right),$$

for  $p = 0, \dots, n$ . Locally:

$$\psi^p(\omega_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \omega_p)(P \otimes \delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p) = P(\det(\langle \omega_i, \delta_j \rangle)_{1 \leq i, j \leq p}).$$

with  $\omega_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ) local sections of  $\Omega_X^1(\log Y)$  and  $P$  a logarithmic operator.

Similarly, if  $\mathcal{M}$  is a left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module, given an integer  $p \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , there exist the following canonical isomorphisms:

$$\gamma_{\mathcal{M}}^p : \Omega_X^p(\log Y) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{O}_X} \left( \overset{p}{\wedge} \text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{M}_X \right),$$

$$\lambda_{\mathcal{M}}^p : \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{O}_X} \left( \overset{p}{\wedge} \text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{M} \right) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{p}{\wedge} \text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{M} \right),$$

$$\psi_{\mathcal{M}}^p = \lambda_{\mathcal{M}}^p \circ \gamma_{\mathcal{M}}^p : \Omega_X^p(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \left( \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X) \otimes \overset{p}{\wedge} \text{Der}(\log Y), \mathcal{M} \right).$$

Locally:

$$\psi_{\mathcal{M}}^p(\omega_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_p \otimes m)(P \otimes \delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p) = P \cdot \det(\langle \omega_i, \delta_j \rangle)_{1 \leq i, j \leq p} \cdot m.$$

**Theorem 3.2.1.**— If  $\mathcal{M}$  is a left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module (or, equivalently, is a  $\mathcal{O}_X$ -module with an integrable logarithmic connection), the complexes of sheaves of  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector spaces  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)(\mathcal{M})$  and  $\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{M})$  are canonically isomorphic.

**Proof:** The general case is solved if we prove the case  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ , using the isomorphisms:

$$\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \cong \Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{M},$$

$$\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{M}) \cong \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{M}.$$

For  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ , we obtain the right  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -isomorphisms

$$\phi^p = \psi_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}^p : \Omega_X^p(\log Y)(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) \rightarrow \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^{-p}(\log Y), \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)),$$

whose local expression are:

$$\phi^p((\omega_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_p) \otimes Q)(P \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p)) = P \cdot \det(\langle \omega_i, \delta_j \rangle) \cdot Q.$$

To prove that these isomorphisms produce a isomorphism of complexes we have to check that they commute with the differential of the complex. Thanks to the isomorphism (b) of the proposition 3.1.6,

$$\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y) \simeq \mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y],$$

we obtain a natural morphism of complexes of sheaves of right  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -modules:

$$\tau^\bullet : \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet[\star Y], \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]),$$

locally defined by:

$$\tau^p(\alpha)(R \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p)) = f^{-k} \alpha(P \otimes (f\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f\delta_p))$$

(for any local sections  $\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X))$ ,  $R$  of  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$  and  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_p$  of  $\text{Der}_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ ), where  $P$  is a local section of  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  such that  $Rf^{-p} = f^{-k}P$  (see lemma 3.1.3). The morphisms  $\tau^i$  are injective, because:

$$\alpha(P \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p)) = \tau^i(\alpha)(P \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p)).$$



Let us see the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\Omega_X^p(\log Y)(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) & \xrightarrow{j^p} & \Omega_X^p[\star Y](\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]) \\
\downarrow \phi^p & \# & \downarrow \Phi^p \\
\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^p(\log Y), \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) & \xrightarrow{\tau^p} & \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]}(\mathcal{S}p^p[\star Y], \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y])
\end{array}$$

for each  $p \geq 0$ , where the  $\Phi^p$  are the isomorphisms:

$$\Phi^p : \Omega_X^p[\star Y](\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]} \left( \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \otimes \bigwedge^p \mathcal{D}er_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X), \mathcal{D}_X[\star Y] \right),$$

$$\Phi^p((\omega_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_p) \otimes Q)(P \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p)) = P \cdot \det(\langle \omega_i \cdot \delta_j \rangle_{1 \leq i, j \leq p}) \cdot Q.$$

Given  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_p$  local sections of  $\Omega_X^1(\log Y)$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$  local sections of  $\mathcal{D}_X[\star Y]$  and  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_p$  local sections of  $\mathcal{D}er_{\mathbb{C}}(\mathcal{O}_X)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\tau^p \circ \phi^p)((\omega_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_p) \otimes Q)[R \otimes (\delta_1 \cdots \wedge \delta_p)] = \\
& f^{-k} \phi_p((\omega_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_p) \otimes Q)[P \otimes (f\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge f\delta_p)] = \\
& f^{-k} P \cdot \det(\langle \omega_i f\delta_j \rangle) \cdot Q = R \cdot f^{-p} \det(\langle \omega_i f\delta_j \rangle) \cdot Q = R \cdot \det(\langle \omega_i \delta_j \rangle) \cdot Q = \\
& \Phi^p \circ j^p((\omega_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \omega_p) \otimes Q)[R \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \delta_p)],
\end{aligned}$$

with  $P$  a local section of  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$  such that  $Rf^{-p} = f^{-k}P$ .

But  $\Phi^\bullet$ ,  $j^\bullet$  and  $\tau^\bullet$  are morphisms of complexes, and  $\tau^\bullet$  is injective, hence we deduce that the  $\phi^p$  commute with the differential and so define a isomorphism of complexes:

$$\phi^\bullet : \Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)(\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)),$$

as we wanted to prove. □

**Corollary 3.2.2.**– There exists a canonical isomorphism in the derived category:

$$\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)(\mathcal{M}) \cong \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{M}).$$

**Proof:** By theorem 3.1.2, the complex  $\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y)$  is a locally free resolution of  $\mathcal{O}_X$  as left  $\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -module. So, we have only to apply the theorem 3.2.1. □

**Remark 3.2.3.**– In the specific case that  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{O}_X$ , we have that the complexes  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)$  and  $\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{O}_X)$  are canonically isomorphic and so, there exists a canonical isomorphism:

$$\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y) \cong \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}om_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X).$$

**Remark 3.2.4.**— A classical problem is the comparison between the logarithmic de Rham complex and the meromorphic de Rham complex relative to a divisor  $Y$ ,

$$\Omega_X^\bullet[\star Y] \cong \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}\mathrm{om}_{\mathcal{D}_X}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y]) \cong \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}\mathrm{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}(\mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X[\star Y]).$$

If  $Y$  is a normal crossing divisor, an easy calculation shows that they are quasi-isomorph (cf. [6]). The same result is true if  $Y$  is a strongly weighted homogeneous free divisor [5]. As a consequence of theorem 2.1.4, if  $Y$  is an arbitrary free divisor, the meromorphic de Rham complex and the logarithmic de Rham complex are quasi-isomorphic if and only if:

$$0 = \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}\mathrm{om}_{\mathcal{D}_X} \left( \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O}_X, \frac{\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y]}{\mathcal{O}_X} \right) \left( = \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}\mathrm{om}_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \left( \mathcal{O}_X, \frac{\mathcal{O}_X[\star Y]}{\mathcal{O}_X} \right) \right).$$

## 4 Perversity of the logarithmic complex

Now we consider the complex  $\mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y)$ :

$$0 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{n}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-n}} \dots \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-2}} \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{O}_X} \overset{1}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log Y) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{-1}} \mathcal{D}_X,$$

where the local expressions of the morphisms are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_{-p}(P \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p)) &= \sum_{i=1}^p (-1)^{i-1} P \delta_i \otimes (\delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p) + \\ &\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} (-1)^{i+j} P \otimes ([\delta_i, \delta_j] \wedge \delta_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta}_i \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta}_j \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_p), \quad (2 \leq p \leq n). \end{aligned}$$

$$\varepsilon_{-1}(P \otimes \delta) = P\delta.$$

In the case that  $Y$  is a free divisor, we can work at each point  $x$  of  $Y$  with a basis  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  of  $\mathrm{Der}(\log f)$ , with  $f$  a local reduced equation of  $Y$  at  $x$ .

**Proposition 4.0.5.**— If  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  is a basis of  $\mathrm{Der}(\log f)$ , and the sequence  $\{\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)\}$  is  $\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ -regular, it verifies

$$\sigma(\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)) = \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})(\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)).$$

**Proof:** The inclusion  $\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})(\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)) \subset \sigma(\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n))$  is clair. Let  $F$  be the symbol of an operator  $P$  of order  $d$ , with

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \delta_i \in \mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n).$$

We will prove by induction that  $F = \sigma(P)$  belongs to  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ , with  $\sigma_i = \sigma(\delta_i)$ . We will do the induction on the maximum order of the  $P_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), order that we will denote by  $k_0$ . As  $P$  has order  $d$ ,  $k_0$  is greater or equal to  $d - 1$ . If  $k_0 = d - 1$ , we have:

$$\sigma(P) = \sum_{i \in K} \sigma(P_i) \sigma_i,$$

with  $K$  the set of subindexes  $j$  such that  $P_j$  has order  $k_0$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ . We suppose that the result holds when  $d - 1 \leq k_0 < m$ . Let  $F = \sigma(P)$ , with  $P = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \delta_i$  and  $k_0 = m$ . There are two possibilities:

1.  $F = \sigma(P) = \sum_{i \in K} \sigma(P_i) \sigma_i \in \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ , as we wanted to prove.
2.  $\sum_{i \in K} \sigma(P_i) \sigma_i = 0$ .

In this last case, as  $\{\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n\}$  is a  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ -regular sequence, if we call  $F_i$  the symbol  $\sigma(P_i)$  in the case that  $i \in K$  and 0 otherwise, we have:

$$(F_1, \dots, F_n) = \sum_{i < j} F_{ij} (0, \dots, 0, \overset{i}{\sigma_j}, 0, \dots, 0, \overset{j}{-\sigma_i}, 0, \dots, 0),$$

with  $F_{ij} \in \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  homogeneous polynomials of order  $m - 1$ . We choose, for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , operators  $Q_{ij}$ , of order  $m - 1$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , such that  $\sigma(Q_{ij}) = F_{ij}$ , and define:

$$(Q_1, \dots, Q_n) = (P_1, \dots, P_n) - \sum_{i < j} Q_{ij} \left( (0, \dots, 0, \overset{i}{\delta_j}, 0, \dots, 0, \overset{j}{-\delta_i}, 0, \dots, 0) - \underline{\alpha}_{ij} \right),$$

where  $\underline{\alpha}_{ij}$  are the vectors with  $n$  coordinates in  $\mathcal{O}$  defined by the relations:

$$[\delta_i, \delta_j] = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ij}^k \delta_k = \underline{\alpha}_{ij} \bullet \underline{\delta},$$

with  $\underline{\delta} = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)$ . These  $Q_i$ , of order  $m$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , verify

$$\begin{aligned} & (\sigma_m(Q_1), \dots, \sigma_m(Q_n)) = \\ & (F_1, \dots, F_n) - \sum_{i < j} F_{ij} (0, \dots, 0, \overset{i}{\sigma_j}, 0, \dots, 0, \overset{j}{-\sigma_i}, 0, \dots, 0) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $Q_i$  has order  $m - 1$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ . Moreover,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Q_i \delta_i = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \delta_i - \sum_{i < j} Q_{ij} (\delta_i \delta_j - \delta_j \delta_i - [\delta_i, \delta_j]) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \delta_i = P.$$

We apply the induction hypothesis to  $F = \sigma(P)$ , with  $P = \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i \delta_i$ , and obtain:

$$\sigma(P) \in \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n).$$

□

**Proposition 4.0.6.**— Let  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  be a basis of  $\mathrm{Der}(\log f)$ . If the sequence  $\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)$  is a  $\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ -regular sequence in  $\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ , the complex  $\mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log f)$  is a resolution of the quotient module  $\frac{\mathcal{D}}{\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)}$ .

**Proof:** We consider the complex  $\mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log f)$ . We can augment this complex of  $\mathcal{D}$ -modules by another morphism:

$$\varepsilon_0 : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)}, \quad \varepsilon_0(P) = P + \mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log f)$  the new complex. To prove that this new complex is exact, we define a discrete filtration  $G^\bullet$  such that the graded complex be exact (cf. [1, lemma 3.16]):

$$\begin{aligned} G^k \left( \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log f) \right) &= F^{k-p}(\mathcal{D}) \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log f), \\ G^k \left( \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)} \right) &= \frac{F^k(\mathcal{D}) + \mathcal{D} \cdot (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)}{\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly the filtration is compatible with the differential of the complex. Moreover:

$$\mathrm{Gr}_{G^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log f) \right) = \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})[-p] \otimes \overset{p}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log f),$$

and, by the previous proposition,

$$\mathrm{Gr}_{G^\bullet} \left( \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)} \right) = \frac{\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})}{\sigma(\mathcal{D} \cdot (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n))} = \frac{\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})}{\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot (\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n))}.$$

We consider the complex  $\mathrm{Gr}_{G^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log f) \right)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \rightarrow \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})[-n] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \overset{n}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log f) &\xrightarrow{\psi_{-n}} \dots \xrightarrow{\psi_{-2}} \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})[-1] \otimes_{\mathcal{O}} \overset{1}{\wedge} \mathrm{Der}(\log f) \\ &\xrightarrow{\psi_{-1}} \mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\psi_0} \frac{\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})}{\mathrm{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot (\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n))} \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the local expression of the differential is defined by:

$$\psi_{-p}(G \otimes \delta_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_{j_p}) = \sum_{i=1}^p (-1)^{i-1} G \sigma(\delta_{j_i}) \otimes \delta_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \widehat{\delta_{j_i}} \wedge \dots \wedge \delta_{j_p}, \quad (2 \leq p \leq n),$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_{-1}(G \otimes \delta_i) &= G\sigma(\delta_i), \\ \psi_0(G) &= G + \text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}) \cdot (\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)).\end{aligned}$$

This complex is the Koszul complex of the ring  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  with respect to the sequence  $\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)$ . So we deduce that, if the sequence  $\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)$  is  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ -regular in  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ , the complex

$$\text{Gr}_{G^\bullet} \left( \mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log f) \right)$$

is exact. So, the complex  $\mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})} \tilde{\mathcal{S}}p^\bullet(\log f)$  is exact too, and  $\mathcal{D} \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^f(\mathcal{D})} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log f)$  is a resolution of  $\frac{\mathcal{D}}{\mathcal{D}(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)}$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 4.0.7.**— Let  $Y$  be a free divisor. With the conditions of the previous proposition (for each point  $x$  of  $Y$ , there exists a basis  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  of  $\text{Der}(\log f)$  such that the sequence  $\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)$  is a  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ -regular sequence), the sheaf  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)$  is a perverse sheaf.

**Proof:** With the same conditions of the previous proposition, the homology of the complex  $\mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y)$  is concentrated in degree 0. All its homology groups are zero except the group in degree 0, which verifies:

$$h^0 \left( \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y) \right) = \frac{\mathcal{D}_X}{\mathcal{D}_X \cdot \text{Der}(\log Y)} = \frac{\mathcal{D}_X}{\mathcal{D}_X \cdot (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)} = \mathcal{E},$$

where  $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n\}$  is a local basis of  $\text{Der}(\log Y)$ . But  $\mathcal{E}$  is a holonomic  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -module because:

$$\mathcal{G}_{r_{F^\bullet}}(\mathcal{E}) = \frac{\mathcal{G}_{r_{F^\bullet}}(\mathcal{D}_X)}{(\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n))}$$

has dimension  $n$  (using the fact that  $\sigma(\delta_1), \dots, \sigma(\delta_n)$  is a  $\mathcal{G}_{r_{F^\bullet}}(\mathcal{D}_X)$ -regular sequence). So (using remark 3.2.3 for the first equality and teorema 3.1.2 for the last equality):

$$\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y) = \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{D}_X} \left( \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)}^{\mathbf{L}} \mathcal{O}_X, \mathcal{O}_X \right) =$$

$$\mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{D}_X} \left( \mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y), \mathcal{O}_X \right) = \mathbf{R}\mathcal{H}\text{om}_{\mathcal{D}_X} \left( \frac{\mathcal{D}_X}{\mathcal{D}_X(\delta_1, \dots, \delta_n)}, \mathcal{O}_X \right)$$

is a perverse sheaf (as solution of a holonomic  $\mathcal{D}_X$ -module, cf. [11]).  $\square$

**Corollary 4.0.8.**— Let  $Y$  be any divisor in  $X$ , with  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 2$ . Then  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)$  is a perverse sheaf.

**Proof:** We know that, if  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} X = 2$ , any divisor  $Y$  in  $X$  is free [14]. So, we have only to check that the other hypothesis of the previous corollary

holds. We consider the symbols  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$  of a basis  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$  of  $\text{Der}(\log f)$ , where  $f$  is a reduced equation of  $Y$ . We have to see that they form a  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$ -regular sequence. If they do not, they have a common factor  $g \in \mathcal{O}$ , because they are symbols of operators of order 1. If  $g$  is a unit, we divide one of them by  $g$  and eliminate the common factor. If  $g$  is not a unit, it would be in contradiction with Saito's Criterion, because the determinant of the coefficients of the basis  $\{\delta_1, \delta_2\}$  would have as factor  $g^2$ , with  $g$  not invertible, and this determinant has to be equal to  $f$  multiplied by a unit.  $\square$

**Remark 4.0.9.**— The regularity of the sequence of the symbols of a basis of  $\text{Der}(\log f)$  in  $\text{Gr}_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D})$  is not necessary for the perversity of the logarithmic de Rham complex. For example, if  $X = \mathbb{C}^3$  and  $Y \equiv \{f = 0\}$ , with  $f = xy(x + y)(y + tx)$ ,  $f$  is a free divisor such that the graded complex

$$\text{Gr}_{G^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y)) = K(\sigma(\delta_1), \sigma(\delta_1), \sigma(\delta_3); \mathcal{G}r_{F^\bullet}(\mathcal{D}_X))$$

is not concentrated in degree 0, but the complex

$$\mathcal{D}_X \otimes_{\mathcal{V}_0^Y(\mathcal{D}_X)} \mathcal{S}p^\bullet(\log Y)$$

is. Moreover, in this case the dimension of  $\frac{\mathcal{D}_X}{\mathcal{D}_X \cdot (\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3)}$  is 3 and so,  $\Omega_X^\bullet(\log Y)$  is a perverse sheaf.

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