

But this contradicts the regular sequence property of $\{f_1', f_2, \dots, f_n\}$. Q.E.D.

Step Three. The theorem now follows easily. Given $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$, we inductively choose a coordinate system so that

$$\bar{f}_i = (z_1, \dots, z_i, f_{i+1}, \dots, f_n)$$

has an isolated zero at the origin. Appealing to the nullstellensatz, we may take k_i sufficiently large so that $z_i^{k_i} \in I(\bar{f}_{i-1})$. Then $\text{res}_{\bar{f}_n}$ is nondegenerate by step one, and by the lemma

$$\text{res}_{\bar{f}_n} \text{ nondegenerate} \Rightarrow \text{res}_{\bar{f}_{n-1}} \text{ nondegenerate}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{res}_{\bar{f}_1} \text{ nondegenerate}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{res}_{\bar{f}_0} = \text{res}_f \text{ nondegenerate.}$$

□ Choose a coordinate system so that

$\bar{f}_i = (z_1, \dots, z_i, f_{i+1}, \dots, f_n)$ has an isolated zero at the origin. This is possible since $\text{codim } \{f_1 = \dots = f_n = 0\} = K$.

$\{z_1^{k_1}, f_2, \dots, f_n\} \subset \{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \Rightarrow$ Again by the nullstellensatz, since $z_1^{k_1}, f_2, \dots, f_n$ is a regular sequence,

$$z_2^{k_2} \in \{z_1^{k_1}, f_2, \dots, f_n\} \Rightarrow \{z_1^{k_1}, z_2^{k_2}, f_3, \dots, f_n\} \subset \{z_1^{k_1}, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$$

$\subset \{f_1, \dots, f_n\} \Rightarrow$ Continue this process, then we get the following:

$$\underbrace{\{z_1^{k_1}, z_2^{k_2}, \dots, z_n^{k_n}\}}_{I_n} \subset \underbrace{\{z_1^{k_1}, \dots, z_{n-1}^{k_{n-1}}, f_n\}}_{I_{n-1}} \subset \{z_1^{k_1}, \dots, z_{n-1}^{k_{n-1}}, f_{n-1}, f_n\}$$